

DECAN WALK

Aries Decan I · 2 of Wands · Dominion

0°–10° Aries · March 20–30 · Cardinal Fire · Three rulership systems

THREE RULERSHIP SYSTEMS

CHALDEAN / EGYPTIAN

Mars

Ancient Hermetic lists; used in Thoth tarot. Mars rules this specific 10° band regardless of sign. Pure drive, initiation, the pioneer instinct.

DOROTHEUS TRIPPLICITY

Sun (day) · Jupiter (night)

Fire triplicity, first decan. Sun by day: identity illuminates will. Jupiter by night: generous vision guides the drive. From Dorotheus of Sidon.

SIGN-BASED SEQUENCE

Mars

Decan I = ruler of the sign itself. Aries is ruled by Mars, so Mars rules here too. Both Chaldean and sign-sequence converge - the station is unusually unified.

Why this station is so clear

Mars appears in both the Chaldean and sign-sequence systems, an unusual convergence that gives this station a singular, undiluted quality. The only nuance comes from the Dorotheus triplicity, where Jupiter steps in for night-chart births, adding a quality of generous vision and expansive possibility to Mars's raw drive.

Day births: Sun and Mars together - will illuminated by identity. Night births: Jupiter and Mars together - will guided by a larger vision. Both are expressions of the threshold energy of the 2 of Wands.

THE ARIES ARC

DECAN I · MARS/SUN/MARS

2 of Wands

Threshold. Will gathered.

DECAN II · SUN/JUPITER/SUN

3 of Wands

Launch. Identity forward.

DECAN III · VENUS/SATURN/JUPITER

4 of Wands

Homecoming. Earned, expanded.

CORRESPONDENCES - ALL THREE SYSTEMS

Tarot card	2 of Wands (Dominion)
Chaldean ruler	Mars - drive, initiation, the pioneer instinct, will at the threshold
Triplicity ruler	Sun (day chart) / Jupiter (night chart) - identity illuminating will; or generous vision guiding it
Sign sequence	Mars (rules Aries) - Chaldean and sign sequence agree, giving unusual clarity
Element / Mode	Cardinal Fire - the spark that initiates the entire zodiac

Colors	Scarlet, deep crimson; warm gold for day-chart Sun; deep cobalt for night-chart Jupiter
Stones	Red jasper, bloodstone, iron (Mars); citrine (Sun); lapis (Jupiter)
Scent	Black pepper, ginger, cedarwood - the heat of Mars; a touch of frankincense for Jupiter
Time of day	Dawn - the very first light, not yet warm
Body resonance	Head, forehead, eyes; heat rising in the chest; the gaze that scans the horizon
Season marker	Spring equinox - light tips into dominance; the year turns its face forward
Mythic figures	Ares / Mars; Apollo at dawn (day); Zeus before the journey (night)

CORE ENERGY

Ignition. The first spark before the first step. Will gathering itself into form. In all three systems, Mars and the Sun are the presiding energies - this is the moment before the door opens, electric, and certain.

SHADOW ASPECT

Dominance without direction. Restlessness that mistakes motion for purpose. Jupiter's night presence reminds us that the drive needs a vision larger than the itself to aim toward, or it will burn without illuminating.

THE CARD IMAGE - WHAT TO NOTICE

In the Rider-Waite tradition, a figure stands atop a battlement holding a small globe in one hand and a staff in the other. A second wand is fixed to the wall behind them. They gaze out over a vast, open landscape. The world is already in their hands - and they haven't yet moved.

- 1. The globe in the hand.** Not ambition but recognition of innate capacity. [Mars] The will is ready. [Sun/day] The identity already knows its direction. [Jupiter/night] The vision is larger than the self.
- 2. The fixed wand behind.** Past victories, past self. [Mars] The warrior's previous battles. Will they carry this experience forward or leave it planted?
- 3. The open landscape.** Vast, uncharted, patient. [All three systems agree] Vision precedes motion here. This is where Mars and the Sun stand together before the first step.
- 4. The battlement edge.** Built structure behind, open world ahead. [Saturn's shadow, visible even here] One foot is still on the wall.

STATION SCRIPT - SPOKEN ALOUD

Pause here. Plant your feet. Feel the ground.

We stand at the very first degree of the zodiac - the point where the wheel begins again. Three systems place Mars here, two place the Sun, and one gives Jupiter to those born at night. What they agree on is this - something is gathering. Will and vision are arriving at a threshold together.

The card is the 2 of Wands - called Dominion. Dominion is not domination. It is the clear-eyed knowledge of your own reach. The figure holds the world not as a trophy but as a possibility. They are gathering, not yet moving.

Where in your body are you holding gathered energy right now? Is there something ready to move but hasn't yet?

Examine any planets or objects that sit in this decan in your natal chart. If you were born during the day, notice whether Sun's quality is present - a sense of identity shaping the will. If at night, notice whether Jupiter is here - a sense of something larger than yourself that the will is in service to.

SOMATIC PRACTICE - THREE SYSTEMS IN THE BODY

- 1. Mars: ground and ignite.** Plant both feet. Press into the earth - Mars needs a surface to push against. Feel the upward force that meeting the ground produces.
- 2. Sun (day) / Jupiter (night): expand.** Day births: let the chest lift, and let your identity step forward into the light. Night births: let the gaze widen - feel the larger field that surrounds and guides the will.
- 3. The horizon gaze.** Lift your eyes to the farthest point you can see. Hold that gaze for three breaths without narrowing or focusing. This is the 2 of Wands posture - present in all three systems.
- 4. One deliberate step.** After the stillness, take one conscious step forward - not hurried, fully chosen. Feel the difference between reactive motion and willed motion.

REFLECTION PROMPTS - THREE SYSTEMS

Sit with one or more of these. Let the card hold the question with you.

- [Mars] Where in your life is will or desire gathered at a threshold - vision clear, but motion not yet begun?
 - [Sun / day] Where are you being asked to let your identity step into the light and lead?
 - [Jupiter / night] Is there a larger vision or purpose that your current drive is in service to? Can you feel it?
 - [All three] What does the globe already in your hand represent? What capacity have you not yet acknowledged?
 - [All three] What is the one step you would take if you trusted the gathering that has already happened?
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JOURNAL SPACE

Write freely. Notice which planet is speaking as you write.

Moving to Decan II

As you walk from this station, notice what changes in your body. Mars braces; the Sun opens. The Chaldean system will give us the exalted Sun at the next station. All three systems will converge on solar energy. The threshold is crossed - now comes the radiance.

Next: Aries Decan II · 3 of Wands · Sun / Jupiter / Sun · Virtue