Subject : HOW DID THE ZODIAC SIGNS APPEAR? Origin.

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These constellations appeared to be similar to animals, so the constellation belt is known as the zodiac of the Greek word zodiac with the circle of animals.

The 12-window division of the sky dates back to the Sumerian civilization and the 60 personal systems of numeration and astronomy of ancient Babylon. As a result of the adoption of the Babylonian system by the ancient Greeks and was born 12 signs of the zodiac by the number of constellations.

Each sign of the zodiac corresponds to its own legend of the origin of ancient Greek myths.

Aries The first sign of the zodiac in Aries myths always appears a courageous, mobile and energetic animal, able to overcome obstacles.

Associated with this sign , the ancient Greek legend Titanid not Fell, saving their children from the evil stepmother planted them on a golden ram, which was supposed to carry them into colchids, but on the way the girl did not keep on her back and fell into the sea, where she drowned, and the boy, on his arrival to safety, sacrificed this beast, which Zeus himself took and carried the beast to heaven, creating the first constellation of the ram.

The second sign of the zodiac Taurus is an animal that always symbolizes strength and sexuality. According to legend, the ancient Greek god Zeus was in love with the Phoenician girl Europa to possess her, he turned into a white Taurus and kidnapped her, he carried her to the island of Crete, where he possessed her, and the head of a huge Taurus reflected on the sky and became the constellation Taurus.

Twins The third sign of the zodiac and the symbol of which are humans, they are animals. According to legend, Zeus had two sons, who were given birth to him by Princess Leda. Their names were Castor and Pollux. They were mighty and brave brothers who had done many feats, but when one of the brothers died, the other asked Zeus to take his immortality from him, so that he could be reunited with his brother Zeus, and so he did by putting the two brothers in heaven.

The fourth sign of the zodiac is depicted as a Cancer, inhabitants of water bodies that can also move on land. Cancer is known to have appeared in the zodiac about 500 years before the beginning of our era. The name is connected with the second feat of Heracles, when Heracles fought inWith a line of hydra in his leg Rak, because of which Heracles weakened, but he immediately killed Cancer and still managed to finish the fight in his favor. However, the goddess Hera, who did not like Heracles, considered this cancer a very brave animal. And took it to heaven. So this constellation appeared.

The fifth sign of the zodiac is represented by the lion king of the beasts. The first feat of Heracles was to destroy the fierce and fearless Lion, who lived in the German valley. No human weapon could have pierced his skin. Heracles tried to kill Leo with arrows, but this technique also failed. The hero decided to defeat the Lion with his bare hands, possessing incredible power, he managed to squeeze his fingers around his neck and strangle him. The constellation of the lion perpetuates the courage of Heracles during a single fight with the mighty German Lion.

The Virgin of the Sixth Sign of the zodiac and the second symbol of which is a man, not an animal. It is known that the Virgin symbolizes the goddess of fertility Demeter. The sign is a symbol of innocence and purity with the appearance of the constellation of the maiden, associated with the myth of the pandora’s box. Pandora brought to the ground a box that she was forbidden to open. One day, succumbing to curiosity, she lifted the lid after she, against Zeus' orders. I opened that box, and all the misery and human vices at the bottom of the box were scattered. Then came the dark times and the gods left the earth one by one. The last flew away astrea, goddess, innocence and purity. She’s been living among the stars ever since, becoming the Virgin Constellation.

The scales of the seventh sign and the only symbol of which is not man or animal. The scales represent balance, justice and harmony. Ancient Egyptians scales of justice alone possessed the god Anubis. Anubis stands at large scales, with the help of which weighs the heart of the deceased. On one side is the human heart, and on the other is the feather of the goddess Maat. Which symbolizes truth according to the beliefs of the Egyptians, if man’s heart is balanced with truth, he can find a second life in Greek mythology.

The eighth sign of the zodiac is represented by the Scorpion, paralyzing its prey with poison. The name is associated with a quarrel, Artemis and the hunter Orion. When the latter sent Scorpius to poison him with his poison. After Orion’s death, Zeus created two constellations, Scorpius and Orion.

Sagittarius is the ninth sign of the zodiac. Sagittarius is a centaur mythological creature half male half horse. According to legend, he is a wise Charon who possessed many arts. He was able to heal, hunt, play musical instruments and predict the future. Heracles once wounded Charon with a poisoned arrow, but since the wise centaur was immortal, Heracles promised to find a way to relieve his suffering, and when during his exploits Heracles found the wretched Prometheus whose Zeus buried on a rock where the eagle devoured his liver, The centaur Charon agreed to take his place and so Zeus rewarded him for his nobility by placing the centaur among the stars. So he became the constellation Sagittarius.

The tenth sign of the zodiac Capricorn is an animal with strong hooves that climb up the mountain ridges clinging to each ledge. The image is connected with the great god Mesopotamia Ea, who brought these peoples knowledge and culture. In the time of the ancient Greeks, Capricorn became associated with the god Pan a merry and lustful creature.

The god Pan jumped into the river to escape the monster Typhon, but before he could complete the transformation, the part that remained under the water became a fish tail and the top part remained like a goat.

The symbol of the eleventh sign of the zodiac Aquarius is a man with a pitcher from which water flows. In the ancient Greek epic Aquarius is associated with the myth of the only person who did not suffer during the great flood, when after the rains, the only surviving righteous Devkalin and his wife Pira founda refuge on Mount Parnassus, Zeus ordered the water to recede, then he ordered both to collect as many stones as possible and throw them without turning over their heads. Devkalion and Zhena did so and the stones that abandoned Pir turned into women, and that Devkalion threw into men. So Devkalion became the progenitor of humanity.

The twelfth sign of the zodiac is depicted as two fish tied to each other, but swimming in opposite directions. Two fish in the water symbolize opposing emotions. Legend. Once upon a time, the goddess of love Aphrodite and her son Herotwalking along the river bank. Suddenly there grew before them a huge fire-breathing monster, Typhon, which had been torn apart by the roar of a bull, the snarling of a lion, and the hissing of snakes. Aphrodite’s fears fell to her father Zeus, who turned them both into two fish, which jumped into the river and thus managed to escape.

As we see, the formation of the zodiac signs took place gradually and all the signs that the ancient Greeks received from the Sumerians they combined with their world-sense and managed to create such a system that has survived to the present day.