

□ The constellations rarely if ever imply the shapes found in the zodiac, yet the sequence and the types have remained consistent from greatest antiquity to this day. The answer to the mystery behind the zodiac and its apparent narrative can be found in the ancient symbols themselves, their relation to each other and their correspondence to prophecy in the Bible.

□ Virgo, is depicted as a virgin in every ancient reference, holding in one hand a branch, and in the other a sheaf of grain, or seed, always associated with a child, "Shesh nu" in Egyptian, the desired son, the symbol of the incarnation of God on earth.

□ Libra, the scales or in the earliest zodiacs, an altar. Its meaning is the measuring of a price. One of its stars in Arabic means, "the price which is deficient", while opposite is a star whose name means, "the price which covers," or atonement. Libra symbolizes the price of the conflict, the deficient works of man compared to the perfect and finished sacrifice of Jesus accomplished on the cross.

□ Scorpio, with his claws reaching out to influence the scales, is crushed beneath the foot of Opheucus, the serpent holder, who in earliest times was depicted as an eagle. Opheucus's foot is stung by the upraised tail of the scorpion, his other foot is above the scorpion's heart. He restrains the serpent coiled around him from taking a crown. Opheucus depicts the earliest prophecy in the Bible, "I will put enmity between the serpent and the offspring of the woman, it will strike at his heel, and he will crush (the serpent's) head."

□ Sagittarius, in the oldest pictures of the zodiac is a cherubim. This symbol is situated 1/3rd of the way around the zodiacal circle. It had the body of both lion and bull with wings of an eagle and the head of a woman. Sagittarius is the symbol of the incarnation, both God and man, animals representing the four corners of the heavens and symbolizing the aspects of God's redemptive work on this earth, he is poised with his arrow drawn and pointed at the heart of the scorpion. Underneath him is the southern cross.

□ Capricorn, the goat with the tail of the fish. To the Hebrews, the goat was the sin offering, Capricorn is posed with his foot under him and his head bowed, as if in death. The second half of this symbol is the tail of a fish, the most prolific creature in nature, the fish lives in the waters, symbol of life and God's spirit. Out of the son of God's death, comes ever lasting life.

□ Aquarius, the water bearer, the one pouring out life giving waters that symbolize God's spirit, into the mouth of the fish.

□ Pisces, the fishes connected to the neck of the sea monster, one points to the center of heaven the other follows the ecliptic, the path of the earth around the sun. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

□ Aries, the lamb prepared from the foundations of the world, the unblemished sacrifice for mankind. with his foot poised to strike off the tether attaching the fishes to the neck of the sea monster. "He (Jesus Christ), came to set the captives free".

□ Taurus, the Bull. His horns, symbolizing God's judgment, are pointed to the earth, one stabs the heel of a shepherd "Aquila", who holds his flock, Christ the good shepherd, received in our place God's absolute judgment. In the bulls neck is the Pleiades, the congregating of the judges, who come back to earth after their resurrection to judge the earth with Christ at his second coming.

□ Gemini, the twins. Castor is the suffering redeemer, and Pollex is the king. Symbols of the first and second coming of Christ.

□ Cancer, the crab. Originally it was the fortress, the impregnable enclosure of protection. In Egypt it was a scarab, the beetle that hatched from the ground and flew to heaven, the stronghold of the saved.

□ Leo, the great lion. "The conquering lion of Judah", Jesus Christ, who will come again. The king that the apostle John traced back to that tribe of Israel. In his heart is the star called Regulus.

This is the whole story of God's atonement work on earth, its beginning and ending are symbolized by the sphinx.