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## Ludovico de Angulo, Liber de figura seu imagine mundi French? Italian? end 15th century (after 456)

The full text of Ludovico d'Angulo's, Liber de figura seu imagine mundi with a fine series of highly-coloured drawings accompanying Book III. Variant names for several of the constellations appear alongside the figures and planetary glyphs are added to some of the stars, indicating astrological patronage.

## text

ff. 2r-139r Ludovico de Angulo, De figura seu imagine mundi. Ed. HUSTACHE 1980.
fol. $2 r$ Proemium: Cum secundum philosophum primo de anima omnium rerum - per suscedentia deo anxiliante.
fol. $2 r \quad$ Capitulum primum de creacione mundi in universe. Dixit plato tua esse principia rerum materiam formam et opificem (fol. 139r) Et hae fuit que promisi in principio huius libri qui perfectus fuit divina gratia auxiliante anno domini millesimo quadragentesimo quiquagesimo sixth xviii mensis decembris in civitate Lugdunesi.
ff. $2 v-15 v \quad$ Pars prima De creatione mundi ff. $15 v-82 v \quad$ Pars secunda De divisione terre et partibus eius ff. $82 \mathrm{v}-139 \mathrm{r} \quad$ Pars tertia De superiori spera celi et stellis fixis
n.b.: The colophon on 139 r is in a different hand and in black ink.

The illustrations of the constellations and decans appear in Book III, fol. 82v139r: Incipit tertia pars huius libri que trattat de superiori spera celi et stellis fixis etc. Sequitur tercia partsn que est - stellarum firmamentum qua terminant 12 signa et $x x x v i$ ymagines.
ff. $139 \mathrm{v}-143 \mathrm{v}$ astronomical tables and schemata (cf. Paris, BnF, Fr. 612, ff. 162v-166r and St Gallen Ms Vad. 427, ff. 122v-127r)

## illustrations





fol. 101v

fol. $102 r$

fol. 104 r

fol. $127 r$

fol. 137r
fol. 103v

fol. 127 v

fol. 139v
fol. $128 r$

fol. 140r
fol. 126 v

fol. 102 v

fol. 136 r

fol. 140v


An unfinished drawing of 5 concentric circles (Ptolemaic universe).
fol. 13r Diagram of men standing on the Earth with their heads in 4 directions (antipodes)
fol. $13 \mathrm{v} \quad$ Unfinished circular diagram
fol. $16 \mathrm{v} \quad$ Unfished circular diagram with the earth divided into 4 parts.
fol. 17r Diagram of the Earth divided into 4 parts oriens, septentrio, occidens, meridies (with south at the top)
fol. 17v
T-O diagram with Asia on the top
fol. 70r
Full-page image of an enthroned male figure with courtiers on the left and a woman on the right. BLUME/HAFFNER/METZGER (2016, II, 2, p. 917) note the
parallels between this image and the depictions of Abu Ma'shar that appear in the Fendulus manuscripts (such as Paris BnF, lat 7330, etc), but suggest that the inclusion of courtiers and a lady probably indicate that the portrait is intended to represent Réné d'Anjou, the dedicatee of the work. See, for example, the dedicatee listed in chapter II: Liber ad Seresissimus Principus Renatum Siciliae Regem.


#### Abstract

ff. 85r-93v Full-colour and highly-detailed drawings of 35 constellation groupings with stars marked with red circlets with yellow centres. Each constellation is heavily annotated with variant names for the figure as well as names for some of the individual stars. In some cases, the stars are also accompanied by glyphs for the planets, indication the planetary lordship of that star.


fol. 85 r DRACO INTER ARCTOS with the DRACO shaped like an ' S ' and placed horizontally on the page. He is green and yellow and has a dragon's head, pointed teeth, small round ears and his tongue is sticking out. The Bears are grey-brown with white and tan highlights placed back-to back, facing in opposite directions and both facing into the curves of Draco. The normal positions of Ursa Maior and Ursa Minor are reversed, with the Ursa Maior standing on Draco's neck, near the head, and Ursa Minor standing on the last part of the tail. Ursa Maior is larger than Ursa Minor. URSA MAIOR (labelled: Os maius, Arcturus, maior, maior helix, plaustra, arthofilax) is in the first curve and has its head lowered and his right front foot advanced. It has numerous stars. URSA MINOR (labelled: Alfortain, os primum, arcturus minor, helix minor, fenix) is in the second curve with its head lowered. It has 1 star in the head and 6 in the body.
fol. $85 v \quad$ HERCULES (labelled: Hercules vadens super policem, Incurvatus super genu, alamech) is nude and stands with his right leg bent to the left in a landscape. In front of him, there is a green snake is in its tree and its head comes out of the branches towards Hercules. Hercules holds the head of an ill-defined lion's skin, in his extended right hand, with its head visible and its body hanging like a coat. He holds a straight sword in his left hand, which he raises above his head.

CORONA BOREALIS (labelled: corona, dens (?) maxilaris, corona septentrionalis, corona adriadne (correction obliterates original label) and Stephaton) is depicted as a wreath with two ribbons at the bottom. It has 9 stars.

OPHIUCHUS (labelled: Alauge, Alfiechus, Serpentarius, Fasaham, Esculapius, perfectus medicus) is nude and stands facing the viewer, slightly to the left. He holds his hands out to either side, with his arms slightly bent at the elbows. The green-grey SERPENS is wound about him in a series of loops: rising over his right forearm, then behind his upper torso, curling once around his hips, then in front of his left forearm, before making a loop and ending at the right side. The Snake's head is to the left side and he looks at the man. Ophiuchus stands on SCORPIO, which faces to the left. It has 5 legs on each side and fish-hook tail.
fol. 86r BOOTES (labelled: Boetes, Tegnius, Nisus, dyabolus, gosinasin, Vociferan[is], plorans, latrans) is a farmer standing to the left on a hillock. He wears a loose, green exomis that exposes his left breast and is belted at the waist. On his head, he has a farmer's hat with a curved brimmed. He holds a sickle raised in his right hand at which he looks. He holds a long stick vertically in his left hand.

AURIGA (labelled: Agitator, Hircu, Auriga, Retinens habenas, Antaxu, Coralium, Erichtonius) is a man sitting in a two-wheeled wooden green and pink cart that is being pulled to the right by two oxen. He wears a short, blue tunic and holds a stick in his right hand and the reins in his left hand. He has two grey rabbits on his left forearm.
fol. 86v CEPHEUS (labelled: Zepheus, Inflamatus, Sucensus, Archas, Cecius, Custoplaustri, Senarturus) is standing slightly to the right, wearing a pleated, belted green tunic with a wide pink collar. He holds both his hands raised to shoulder height and has a money-bag tied at his waist. He wears a long, straight sword on his left hip.

CASSIOPEIA (labelled: Cassiopeia, Sedens in sede, habentas palmam delibutam id est non ablutam) is a young woman with long blonde hair seated on a rectangular chest. She is nude to the waist, with a grey-blue skirt on her lower half and she holds her hands out to her sides with her elbows bent.
fol. 87r PEGASUS (labelled: Equs genuem alle, Equs Pegasus) is a full, winged horse, lying down to the left. His hind quarters are tucked under him and his front legs are crossed.

ANDROMEDA (labelled: Andromeda, Uxor, Vidua, Mulier que non novit (?) maritum, Amica persei) stands suspended by her raised arms between two trees.

She has long blonde hair and a belted dress that it parted at the waist to reveal male genitalia
fol. $87 v$
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fol. 89 r

PERSEUS (labelled: Perseus tenens caput Algol Vel Gorgonis) is dressed in a full suit of armour, but without a helmet. He faces slightly to the right, while looking to his left. He holds a straight sword in his right hand above and behind his head, so that the tip points downwards and he holds a curved shield so that it covers the upper part of his left arm. He holds the bearded Demon's head (labelled: occ[ ] Algol, caput dyaboli) by its hair in his lowered left hand.

TRIANGULUM (labelled: Triangulum; delteron, delteros) is a gold triangle with a slightly longer base and 4 stars: 1 in each corner and 1 in the bottom of the base.

The PLEIADES (labelled: Galina, Herisum vel Hericius, Plyades, Vergilie) are depicted as a cockerel with a yellow and pink tail, a yellow breast and black body, with a pink comb and wattle, walking to the left.

LYRA (labelled: Lira) is a yellow, 'pig-nosed' psaltery lying on its side, with 3 sounding holes. It has 9 stars.

CYGNUS (labelled: Cynus) is a white swan walking to the left. It has 15 stars.

AQUILA (labelled: Aquila volans, Vultur volans) as a grey-brown eagle with its wings raised high, flying to the left. It has 5 stars.

AQUILA (lablled: Vultur cadens) is a stooping eagle seen from the back with his wings outstretched, with a yellow SAGITTA (labelled: Sagitta, Alhanose, Istius) in its claws. The head of the arrow points downward. The bird has 4 stars. The Sagitta has 4 stars.

CETUS (labelled: Cete, Leo marinus) is a large fish swimming to the left.

ERIDANUS (labelled: Eridanus, Fluvius, Gyon, Padus) is depicted as a figure nude male figure lying on his back in the water. He holds a 'pig-snout' psaltery in front of his chest with his left hand and his right hand rest in front of his genitals.
fol. 90r ORION (labelled: Orion, Sublimatus, Audax) is dressed in pink cuirass, a pleated skirt and grieves. He has a grey helmet on his head. He stands slightly to the left, with his right hand raised above his head and holding a long, straight sword. He holds a round shield in his left hand that covers all of his left arm.

CANIS MAIOR (labelled: Anticanis, Azere) is a white dog with pointed ears that runs to the left and has a yellow collar.

PISCIS AUSTRINUS (labelled: Pisces) are two equal-sized fish that swim belly-tobelly with both their heads to the left. There are 4 stars on the bottom fish and 8 on the bottom one.

ARA (labelled: Puteus) is depicted as a cylindrical altar. It is flanked on both sides by a winged angel whose top half emerges from clouds. It has 4 stars.

fol. 92r | CENTAURUS (labelled: Centaurus, Heumonius, Chiron) is depicted as a centaur |
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| trotting to the left. His human half is dressed is a tight-fitting pink top with a |
| large yellow collar. He holds a large arrow-like spear in his left hand with the tip |
| pointing downwards and there is an urn or a censer hanging from its upper end. |
| He holds his right hand out in front of him, with LUPUS (dog? rat?) lying on its |
| back with its feet in the air. Centaurus also has a long sword strapped to this |
| waist. Centaurus has 9 star and Lupus has 1 star. |

| fol. 92 v | HYDRA (labelled: Ydra), CORVUS (labelled: Corvus) and CRATER (labelled: |
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| Crater, Vas, Urna) are depicted as a single group. Hydra is a snake with a |  |
| dragon's head, facing to the right. He has 2 curls in its body and a knot at its |  |
| tail. Crater is a two-handled urn with 3 jets of water coming from its body and |  |
| Corvus stands on the very tip of the tail facing towards the front. Hydra has 29 |  |
| stars, Crater has 10 stars and Corvus has 7 stars. |  |

CANIS MINOR (labelled: Canis antecedens) is a small, short-nosed hound standing to the left wearing a yellow collar. It has 4 stars.
fol. 93r EQUUS SECUNDUS (labelled: ypos, Equimus) is a full winged horse, with wings on its feet, walking to the left, with its right front leg raised. It has no stars.

TARABELLUM (labelled: Tarabelum) is a fleur-de-lis.
fol. 93v VEXILLUM (labelled: Vexilum) is a flag with three pennants, the top end of the shaft is pointed. A second pole lies parallel to it. It has 4 stars.
ff. 94 r -104r Illustrations of the 12 zodiacal signs and 36 decans
fol. 94r ARIES (labelled: ARIES) walks to the right, but looks back over its shoulder and has its front left foot raised. It has long fleece and a long tail, with curled yellow horns. It has 21 stars.
fol. 94v First decan Aries: A dark-skinned nude man standing to the left with a white cloak over his head. He has his right hand raised in front of his face to his head and his left hand lowered over his stomach.

Second decan Aries: A well-dressed woman in a long, pink gown, standing to the left, combing her long blonde hair with her left hand and holding a mirror in her right hand.

Third decan Aries: A bearded man in long robes and a pink mantle walking to the right, holding a candle in his left hand. There are two mallets lying on the ground in front of him
fol. 95 TAURUS (labelled: TAURUS) is a full bull walking to the right. It has only in its front half.

First decan Taurus: a female figure in a long pink gown standing to the right, with her left hand raised in salutation.
fol. 95 v Second decan Taurus: A bearded, nude man sitting in a boat with a furled sails and two oars, and a rudder at the back, It sails to the right. The man holds a large key in his left hand.

Third decan Taurus: composed of two figures: 1) a figure that appears to be a composite of three elements: A human top half wearing a pink mantle; the forequarters of a lion; and the hind-quarters of a white cow. He faces to the right. The human half has a beard and he raises his right hand in salutation. 2) a young man standing to the right, wearing long robes, with a snake in his raised right hand.
fol. 96r GEMINI (labelled: Gemini) are depicted as Siamese twins, co-joined at the hip, sharing on pair of arms and 1 pair of legs. They are dressed in pink robes with individual tallow collars. The Right Twin raises their left hand.

First decan Gemini: a woman in a long pink robe, standing to the right and pointing to the right with her left hand.
fol. 96v Second decan Gemini: a young man dressed in leaves, walking to the right, playing on a long horn (schaum).

Third decan Gemini: a man dressed in armour with a comical hat on his head. He walks to the left with arrows in his left hand and holding a bow in his right hand. There is a lute hovering in the air behind him,

CANCER (labelled: Cancer) is a shrimp with 5 sets of legs and a flat, fan-tail, facing to the left.
fol. 97v Third decan Cancer: a female standing to the left in a pink gown with long
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fol. 99 v
fol. 98r
fol. 98 v
fol. 99r

First decan Cancer: a centaur, who runs to the right and holds both his hands slightly in front of his body. His human half wears a loose-fitting pink shirt.

Second decan Cancer: a woman in a pink gown and blue mantle standing to the right with a stick in her left hand. She has a crown on her head and raises her left hand in salutation. blonde hair, holding a sceptre in her right hand.

LEO (labelled: LEO) a lion standing to the left with a very full mane. His tail curled between his hind legs.

First decan Leo: a male figure in a short, belted pink tunic and green leggings walking to the left with his hands raised in a gesture of surprise.

Second decan Leo: a nude male standing on a yellow corbel, figure reaching for the sky with both hands.

Third decan Leo: a male figure dressed in a blue and yellow robe that is opened to expose his thighs. He rushes to the left, holding the handle of a cooking pot in his left hand and holding a piece of meat in his raised right hand. He also appears to have a hunk of meat in his mouth.

VIRGO (labelled: Virgo) is a winged female figure, dressed in a long pink gown and standing slightly to the right. She holds a palm branch in her right hand and is holding up her skirt with he left hand.

First decan Virgo: a female figure dressed in a pink gown with a blue and green mantle, seated on a square block, facing to the right. She hands a piece of fruit to a small child who approaches her from the right. There is a large star in the sky above their heads.

Second decan Virgo: a bearded man in a long grey robe with yellow trim, walking to the right. He holds a short stick vertically in front of him in his left hand.

LIBRA (labelled: Libra) are a set of scales with one circular and one triangular pan. There are 7 stars.
fol. 100r First decan Libra: a male dressed in long blue and yellow robe, holding the Scales in his left hand and holding a small white goat on his right shoulder.

Second decan Libra: a nude, eagle-headed and winged male figure with taloned feet, standing to the right. He raises his right hand slightly and holds the left one out to the side.

Third decan Libra: composed of two groups of figures: 1) a nude man standing with his back to the viewer, slightly to the right, and with his right hand raised and his left hand clasped to the top of his head in a gesture of despair; and 2) an older man with a cap and a younger figure facing each other with their arms intertwined, with a large crown floating in the air above them.
fol. 100v SCORPIO (labelled: Scorpius) a tadpole-shaped creature with two small front arms and 6 smaller legs and a tapered tail, facing to the left.

First decan Scorpio: is a man wearing a loose pink tunic, belted at the waist. He stands to the right, holding a javelin in his right hand above his head.
fol. 101v SAGITTARIUS (labelled: Sagittarius) is a centaur who leaps to the left, but turns back to the right to shoot and arrow over his back. He has a short pink tunic with yellow trim on his human half that covers the front half of his white equine part.

First decan Sagittarius: a cloven-footed centaur leaping to the right, shooting an arrow to the right. He has a very large nose. His human half is nude.
fol. 102r Second decan Sagittarius: a female figure in a pink dress, with a white scarf wrapped around her head like a turban. She seated on a camel walking to the right.

Third decan Sagittarius: a male figure in long tan robes with blue sleeves visible. He stands slightly to the right with his arms outstretched to either side and holds a candle in each hand.

CAPRICORN (labelled: Capricornus) is $1 / 2$ goat and $1 / 2$ curled shell, facing to the left and standing upright on his front legs. The front half has long grey fleece and straight horns.
fol. 102v First decan Capricorn: a male peasant in bending to the right. He holds a square net in front of him.

Second decan Capricorn: a woman in a long pink gown, seated to the right on a square seat. She points to the right with her left hand and raises the palm of her right hand.

Third decan Capricorn: An old woman in a long pink gown, standing slightly to the right, with her head covered with a white veil. She holds a distaff and spindle in her hands.
fol. $103 r$
fol. 103v Second decan Aquarius: A horse-headed human walking to the right in a pink doublet and blue hose, holding a bow in his right hand and an arrow in his left.

Third decan Aquarius: a horse-headed man standing to the right in a short tunic, holding a boomerang in his left hand. There is a tree in front of him.

PISCES (labelled: Pisces) facing in opposite directions, belly-to-belly, with their mouths attached by a cord.
fol. 104r First decan Pisces: a man stands facing to the left and dressed in long pink robes. He holds a set of tongs in front on him in his left hand to which he points with his right hand. He stands facing a stream in which there are fish. He has a money bag dangling from his waist.

Second decan Pisces: a female figure in a blue gown with a oink sash rowing a boat to the left.

Third decan Pisces: A bearded female figure wearing a long pink gown with a yellow belt. She is seated on a low box and slightly raises both her arms, pointing to the right with her left hand.

| ff. $126 \mathrm{v}-128 \mathrm{r}$ | Illustrations of comets |
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| fol. 136 r | Diagram of a lunar eclipse |
| fol. 137 r | Diagram of a solar eclipse |
| fol. 139 v | Diagram of celestial circles and the ecliptic |
| fol. 140 r | Diagram of zeniths and horizons |
| fol. 140 v | Diagram of the four sublunar elements |
| fol. 141 r | Diagram of the zones |
| fol. 141 v | Diagram of the length of the days/hours |
| fol. 142 r | Diagram of the 12 winds |
| fol. 142 v | Diagram of the orbs of the planets |
| fol. 143 r | A schematic mappamundi |
| fol. 143 v | Notes concerning the positions of the 28 lunar mansions (?) |

## notes

$255 \times 180 \mathrm{~mm}$, iii + 143 ff ; bastarda cursive with numerous notes and corrections in a second hand; Initials decorated with blue and red ink. Titles, epigraphs and calderones in red. Various Florentine style miniatures interspersed in the text. The fly-leaf describes mentions the name of an early owner, Martini Boisnet, and notes the inscription in the colophon.

The colophon stating the date and place of Lugduni, Anno Domini MCCC LVI, XVIII Decembris, does not refer to the origin and date of this particular manuscript, but of the original model from which all these copies have been drawn.

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Note the extensive reliance on illustrations taken from Michael Scot (esp. the older mss, such as Paris BnF 7408A and Edinburgh Cr 3 23), noting that often the depiction does not match the description offered in Ludovico de Angulo's text.

Say that the illustration of the decans do not come from Fendulus, but from an analogous model with paranatellonta illustrations.

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