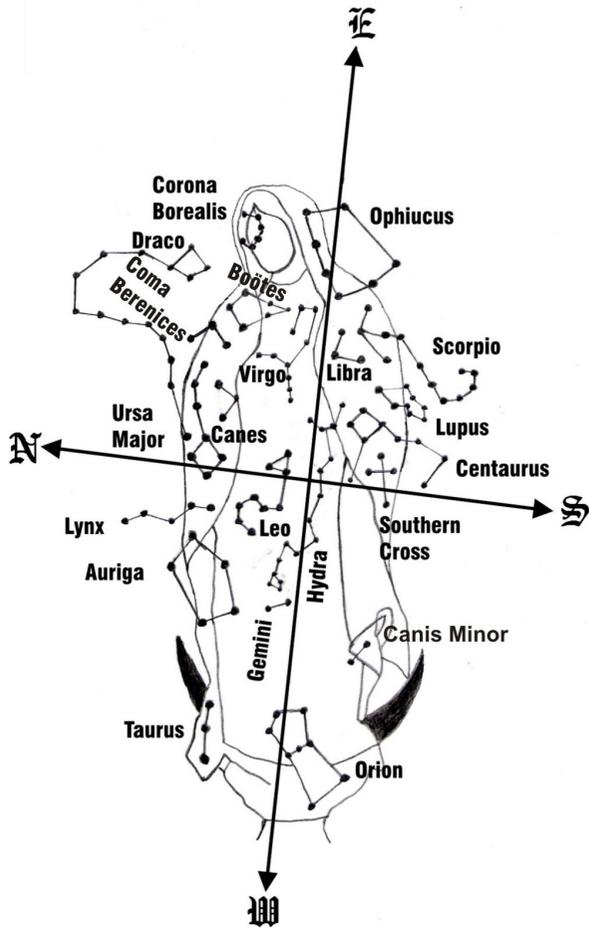


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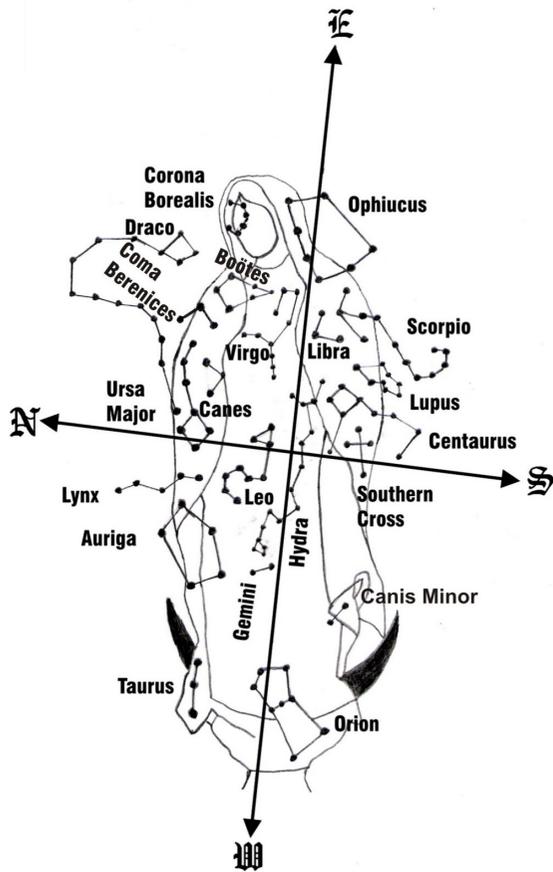
Significance of the Stars on Our Lady's Mantle



On the right side of the Virgin's Mantle (as you look at the Image, not the actual right side of the mantle), the Southern Constellations are seen. At the top are four stars that form part of the Ophiuchus constellation (sometimes referred to as The Serpent Holder) Below it to the left, one finds Libra, and to its right, at what seems an arrow point, is the beginning of Scorpio. In the middle are the constellations of Lupus and to its left, an end point of Hydra. Further down, one can clearly see the Southern Cross; above it appears the slightly inclined square of the Centaurus constellation. Thus, in their totality and proper places, the 46 most brilliant stars that can be seen on the horizon of the Valley of Mexico are identified.

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On the left side of the Virgin's mantle one sees the northern constellations. At her shoulder, a fragment of the stars of the Herdsman constellation; below it and to the left is the Great Bear. To its right is Berenice's Hair; below it, Hunting Dogs, and to its left, Thuban, which is the brightest star of the Draco constellation. Below the two parallel stars (which still form part of the Big Bear), one finds stars from another pair of constellations: the Auriga, and at the bottom, three stars of Taurus. Thus, in their totality and proper places, the 46 most brilliant stars that can be seen on the horizon of the Valley of Mexico are identified

The Image of Our Lady is actually a Pictograph which was read and understood quickly by the Aztec Indians.

1. THE LADY STOOD IN FRONT OF THE SUN - She was greater than their dreaded sun-god "Huitzilopochtli".

2. SHE STANDS ON A BLACKENED MOON - She had clearly overpowered the moon goddess Coyolxauhqui who became blackened with loss of power.

3. THE STARS STREWN ACROSS THE MANTLE - She was greater than the stars of heaven which they worshipped. She was a virgin and the Queen of the heavens for Virgo rests over her womb and the northern crown, Corona Borealis, upon her head.

4. THE BLUE & GREEN HUE OF HER MANTLE - She was a Queen for she wears the colour of royalty.

5. THE BLACK CROSS ON THE BROOCH AT HER NECK - Her God was that of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ her Son.

6. THE BLACK BELT - She was with child for she wore the Aztec Maternity Belt.

7. THE FOUR-PETAL FLOWER OVER THE WOMB - She was the "Mother of God." The flower was a special symbol of life, movement and deity - the centre of the universe.

8. HER HANDS ARE JOINED IN PRAYER - She was not God, clearly there was one greater than her.

9. THE DESIGN ON HER ROSE-COLOURED GARMENT - She is the "Queen of the Earth," she is wearing a map of Mexico telling the Indians exactly where the apparitions took place.