

title was first given to the star now lettered θ , the farthest in the Stream known by Arabian astronomers. For α Bayer had **Acharnar** *pro* **Achar-nahar** *vel* **Acharnarim**, and **Enar**; Caesius, **Acarnar**; Riccioli, **Acarnaharim** and **Acharnaar**; Scaliger, **Acharnarin**; Schickard, **Achironnahri**; while **Achenar** and **Archarnar** are still occasionally used.

This star is supposed to be one of Dante's **Tre Facelle**, notwithstanding its invisibility from Italy.

Chinese astronomers knew it as **Shwuy Wei**.

Ptolemy did not mention it, although he could have seen it from the latitude of Alexandria, $31^{\circ} 11'$,—a fact, among others, which argues that his catalogue was not based upon original observations, but drawn from the now lost catalogue of Hipparchos, compiled at Rhodes, more than 5° further north, from which place Achernar was not visible.

It culminates on the 4th of December, due south of Baten Kaitos.

β , 2.9, topaz yellow.

Cursa, 3° to the northwest of Rigel in Orion, is the principal star in this constellation, seen from the latitude of New York City.

The word is from **Al Kursiyy al Jauzah**, the Chair, or Footstool, of the Central One, *i. e.* Orion, formed by β , λ , and ψ Eridani with τ Orionis, and regarded as the support of his left foot; but in the earlier astronomy of the nomads it was one of **Al Udhā al Na'ām**, the Ostrich's Nest, that some extended to α^1 and α^2 .

The *Century Cyclopedia* gives **Dhalim** as an alternative title, undoubtedly from **Al Ṭhalim**, the Ostrich; but, although used for β by several writers, this better belongs to θ .

The Chinese called β **Yuh Tsing**, the Golden Well.

γ^1 , 3, yellow.

Zaurac and **Zaurak** are from the Arabic **Al Nā'ir al Zaurak**, the Bright Star of the Boat; but Ideler applied this early designation to the star that now is α of our Phoenix.

With δ , ϵ , η , and others near, it made up the Chinese **Tien Yuen**, the Heavenly Park.

η , 3.7, pale yellow.

Azha is supposed to have been the **Azhā** of Al Sufi, and the equivalent **Ashiyane** of the Persians, and was known by Kazwini as **Al Udhiyy**, being