

The Number Eleven: A P.S. Numerological Account

The Serpents have a long history of studying the numerological significance of the number eleven, which the parasite revealed to us over a hundred years ago. As we all know, the parasite appears once every eleven years. The room surrounding the parasite contains 121 objects (11×11). That room was discovered by eleven people whom we now call "The Eleven." This numerological significance extends to the organization of P.S. itself, which includes precisely eleven Reticulites at any given moment.

Since 1896, P.S. has tracked the number eleven far outside of its own world:

- Since its founding, eleven has been the official secret number of the University of Chicago. It is not a coincidence that quarters at the University Chicago are eleven weeks long. The founder of the university "Rockefeller" has eleven letters in his name. There are eleven million volumes in the University of Chicago library system. The Divinity School at the university has eleven areas of study. Even before the founding of P.S., the first ever class at the University of Chicago took place on October 1 ($10+1=11$), 1892. If one continues to look, the streak of elevens continues.
- For many, eleven is the number of new beginnings, that which is ever renewing and perpetuating. In some cultures, it is a sign of the most virtuous of excesses: excess of time, excess of truth, excess of the senses. The reason for this is that the number ten represents a complete cycle. By adding one, eleven becomes a symbol of exaggeration.
- In so many ways, eleven is a most auspicious number. It was on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 (one of the years in which the parasite appeared) that World War One was finally brought to an end. It was the second day of the ninth month ($2+9=11$) that World War Two ended. Thus, eleven is a herald of peace.
- "The eleventh hour" suggests urgency. Before the clock hits twelve, this is the final hour to complete a task.
- In Basque, hamaika ("eleven") also means "infinite", probably from amaigabe, "endless", as in "Hamaika aldiz etortzeko esan dizut!" ("I told you infinite/eleven times to come!").
- In some traditions, eleven is considered a symbol of rebellion.
- It is not insignificant that Aleko Konstantinov died on May 11, 1896.
- The most dominant sign among P.S. members is Sagittarius, the eleventh sign of the zodiac.

- “Enrico Fermi” has 11 letters. I cannot say anything more about this point.
- In Tarot, eleven is the card of Justice.
- In Windows, the F11 function key activates full-screen mode; in MacOS, F11 hides all open windows. Thus, eleven serves as the ultimate mark of OS difference.
- Apollo 11 was the first manned spacecraft to land on the moon. Don’t get me started on the additional elevens within the larger moon landing mythology.
- Eleven is the smallest two-digit prime number within the decimal base.
- As any good P.S. member knows, there is an 11 CTA bus.
- Chicago’s 11th street is only two blocks long, no one is certain why that is the case.
- Pokemon number 47 is named “Parasect” and the sum of its numbers is eleven ($4+7=11$)
- There is a *Stranger Things* character named Eleven, enough said.

These facts only scratch the surface of our archive of public elevens. Of course, there are elevens that are only known to P.S. itself. We invite Serpents to learn about these instances.