



Cancer Sun Sign

The Individual and Personal Character of Cancer

June 21 to July 21

The sign Cancer begins the maternal trinity. It is the first of the watery triplicity and the second of the cardinal signs. This sign governs the breast and stomach. It is one of the most sensitive signs of the zodiac, and belonging as it does to the maternal trinity, it governs all home and domestic affairs in which feelings play a prominent part. Persons born in this sign are characterized as being slow but sure. They are best described by the crab, whose tenacity is proverbial; this creature moves forward by going backward, and it has come to be looked upon as a sign of retrogression. The main feature, however, of this sign is the power of retentive memory. The Cancer individual has the most remarkable memory of any given by the twelve signs, and it is no difficulty for them to recall minute incidents of the past. This makes them somewhat antiquated, as they love to dwell on past events, or to go over in their memory through past occurrences, and through this they often become somewhat limited and hindered, particularly where attachment to family is prominent in their life. Their highly sensitive nature makes them feel very keenly about everything that affects the other members of the family, and for them domestic affairs become a kind of brake on their own individual progress. They are rather approbative, love to be approved of, and always yearn for the sympathy of others. They are very timid, reserved, and shy, and fear ridicule or disapproval very much, and this makes them somewhat conventional, with a great dread and fear of public opinion. This binds them to clan or sect and makes them studious of "Caste." When attached to the Catholic faith they are very sincere and earnest in all ritualistic observances. They are also fond of banding together into sects, and when moving along the higher lines of conventionality, men become freemasons and members of occult and secret communities, and women are drawn to mystical and occult meetings. When fully individualized these persons are remarkable for their imagination, when running to the personal side of their life they become very fanciful, romantic, superstitious, and fond of the unseen. From sensation they work through feeling to the highest emotional, and it becomes very difficult to find harmonious persons born in this sign; on the side of feeling they are truly wonderful people, but this feeling may carry them into the worst forms of sensationalism or upward into the plane of the emotions. Being exceedingly sensitive, their feelings are very easily wounded. They possess a psychic gift in their feelings, being able easily to feel the impressions around them. They are economical and very fond of saving, which trait runs into almost all the details of their life, as they are very fond of saving letters, books, and all kinds of curios. They hoard up curios to a remarkable extent, being fond of all that is antique and connected with age and the past. They can become very conservative and certainly respect age and custom. They are persistent and exceedingly tenacious; they are apt,

however, to live more in the personal side of their nature than is good for their well-being and that of those around them, but they possess a certain amount of tact, which assists them considerably. When fully individualized these persons possess a great love of power, and once having gained it they seem to have the ability to hold it. They are not as ambitious as they are lovers of fame and public recognition, and this they desire, as they seek a world-wide approval. They can rake up from the past things that others have long forgotten. When acting along personal lines only they are inactive and inclined to be indolent and somewhat grasping.

As this sign governs the stomach, this organ will be a sensitive part of the system, and when the personal element is strong, we shall find these persons suffering from weak digestion and gastric troubles. They require being careful in diet, there being a tendency to suffer from fermentation in the stomach. Worry and anxiety with them are frequent causes of indigestion, which produces a defective circulation, and brings in its train constipation, congestion, rheumatism and chronic disorders. They are liable to suffer from fancied ailments, and to become hypochondriacs.

They are always nervous when ailing, and generally fear the worst results of any functional disorders, and in this respect they become so fearful that they actually produce the illness they imagine themselves suffering from. Their cure is a healthy imagination and freedom from all anxiety, especially with regard to domestic affairs.

A Cancer person is best adapted in life to those pursuits which embrace the catering for the masses, and they should be engaged in professions in which the general public is largely concerned. They make splendid historians, being able to write up the past with a comparative accuracy. As the Aries types would do well as leaders in the military world, as captains, generals, etc., so will the Cancer types do well as naval captains' and in all professions connected with the sea. They succeed best in all matters of a fluctuating and public nature, in commodities that change hands often, and in matters of small profits and quick returns.

No one has ever said Cancerians are easy to understand. You may appear gentle, kind, sympathetic, and a patient listener. Then someone asks for advice, and you turn cranky, snappish, and appear to be completely indifferent to anyone's problems. Turn another page of the book and suddenly you are back being helpful, solicitous, and ready to do anything asked of you. More than any other sign, Cancer is a series of contradictions. You prize security above all else, yet love new adventure. You are the soul of caution but you're also a courageous initiator who goes out of your way to push over obstacles with your driving personality.

Cancer, which is ruled by the Moon and has water as its element, they can be likened to the moving tides of the oceans. Cancer is the sign of powerful forces moving under the surface. That surface, however, is quite difficult to penetrate, for Cancerians tend to build up an elaborate array of defenses to hide their deep feelings and extreme sensitivity.

Complex, fragile, unpredictable, temperamental, the typical Cancerian needs constant support and encouragement. They want desperately to be loved and approved of. Cancer's big lesson

is to recognize the hidden anger you carry within you and not allow this to corrode the relationships that give you the emotional support you seek. Happily, when you get what you need, you give the best you have in return. Those who make you feel secure command your undying loyalty. When you really care for someone there is nothing anyone can say about that person that will make the least bit of difference. You have a real blind spot when it comes to seeing a failing in those you love.

If you could wave a magic wand and do the one thing that would make you happiest, it is to crack open that Crab shell and venture out into the world of possibility. Staying enclosed emotionally and psychically keeps you fearful.

Cancer's fears are based on the fact that you have a difficult time trusting. You don't trust others or the universe or yourself. One Cancer told me recently, "We've been sold a bill of goods by the stories we were told as children. There is no joy or happiness in life. Life is just plain hard." It's hard to see the kindness in loved ones or the generosity of strangers or unexpected luck in an arduous situation if one has decided from the start that it's a dog-eat-dog world.

Yet most contradictory of all is the fact you're such a nurturer who gives unselfishly to anyone who needs you. Your greatest impact is in human relationships; you have an instinct for making others feel cared for and understood. Among your most endearing traits is your loyalty.

You tend to be a worrier and a silent brooder. People may pour out their hearts to you, but the flow never goes in the other direction. You are cautious about revealing too much of yourself; you guard your secrets well. If offended, you do not strike back directly. Your method of retaliation is to sulk, and it is often very effective.

Cancer's symbol, the Crab, has a hard outer shell that protects soft, vulnerable flesh underneath. The same is true of Cancerians, who are often crusty, gruff, and grumpy, but possess a proverbial heart of gold. Beneath your tough exterior you are a sentimental softie who will make any sacrifice for someone in need. If someone asks for a favor, your first reaction will probably be no, but the final answer is always yes. You should be judged not by what you say but by what you do.

You are possessive. Anyone who becomes part of your life will never again be entirely free. You try to stay in touch with friends, and business associates, persons you knew as children. Cancer is the cosmic collector, if you let anyone go out of your life; it is unwillingly and never completely gone. This reflects your preoccupation with the past. An aura of nostalgia dwells about you; the events and people of bygone years continue to inhabit your memory and usually grow dearer to you as time goes by. You are devoted to family and home and continue to believe in the old-fashioned idea that marriage is forever, even if the events of your own life contradict this.

It is hard to deceive you, for you can spot the tiniest nuances of behavior. In fact, you are almost psychic in your intuitions. A photographic memory added to intense powers of observation makes you extremely canny about divining other people's inner motivations.

Cancerians are crablike in their indirect approach to an intended target. Observe a crab moving on a beach and you will notice its strange sidewise movement toward a goal. People born under the sign of the Crab never take the direct approach. You step to one side, then step to the other side, and sometimes go completely around. But you get where you intend to go. If channeled in the right direction, your enormous sensitivity can be a great source of strength. Once you overcome your shyness and touchiness and master your turbulent emotions, your intellect and imagination enable you to become a success in almost anything you undertake. You have the ability to dig into your own inner life and turn creativity into practical ideas.

Contrary to the impression you often give, you can be shrewd and canny in business. Cautious, conservative in your approach, you possess an antenna that quickly gauges public taste and opinion and senses new trends in the making. You're also an on-the-mark judge of people. You are artistic and creative, and have formidable intellectual talents. This instinct for business combined with imagination is magical for acquiring financial security, and Cancer is called a "money sign" because of its ability to attract wealth. Cancer people hold on to money as tenaciously as they do to everything that belongs to them. To you money spells security, yet no matter how much wealth you accumulate you never feel really secure. That is true of your emotional security also. A Cancerian never gets enough love and approval; you always need more. It is very easy to fall in love with this loyal, devoted, affectionate, and protective Moon-child.

On the surface you're the picture of calm and strength, but underneath you tend to feel insecure and inadequate. You are positive that other people know what they're doing while you're just winging it. You also imagine the worst outcome to a scenario, never the best. You are a very emotional person; you are constantly feeling. Hearing a song on the radio makes you feel sentimental, and a particular scent, flower, or picture can jar your memory. You are also extraordinarily in sync with other people's feelings. In fact, you get almost as involved in your friends' problems as you do in your own. When you're close to someone, you believe you are supposed to help that person. Harmony is important to you, any kind of conflict or quarrel leaves you feeling depressed. However, you're definitely not wishywashy; you have the courage of your convictions and the strength to stick up for what you think is right. You don't welcome change, and are hesitant about going ahead with something untried, yet this doesn't stop you from doing what has to be done.

Those in your circle think of you as the one who tries to fix other people's problems and make sure everyone is happy. They like your concern for their well-being and cherish your wise counsel, but they think you're controlling and don't want to be a puppet on your string. They also think you're moody.

In summarizing the character of the Cancer portion of humanity, we may best illustrate the character of this type by observing that they are seeking to become perfectly individualized, and for this purpose tenacity is one of their chief characteristics. They are very reserved and sensitive, sympathetic and tenacious, persistent and impatient, impressionable and emotional. It is necessary for them to become at times what the world calls selfish that they may protect their individuality, but when this has been attained they are self-possessed, self-reliant and strong characters, in which power becomes the marked feature. This sign completes the first four signs in the zodiac, in which the four triplicities, fire, earth, air and water, co-mingle.

