



Capricorn Sun Sign

The Individual and Personal Character of Capricorn

December 21 to January 21

CAPRICORN is the last of the cardinal signs, and also the last of the earthy triplicity and the first of what is well termed the serving trinity.

This is the tenth sign of the zodiac and the completion of the circuit from Aries to Capricorn. In this sign is contained the perfect number, and all the attributes of the perfect person are to be found concealed in this sign, which in a few words is conveyed in the expression " And whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant." This sign represents a high mountain on which a goat is seen to be steadily climbing towards the top; but many symbols could be used to portray the wonderful power that is concealed in this, the strongest of all the signs. If we were to trace the Sun in his journey from the first point of Aries which starts the spring, until the sign Capricorn was reached, and with it consider the unfolding of the life forces until maturity was reached, we should have in Capricorn a consummation of character that would be well-nigh perfect. The Capricornians, when individualized, are impartial, just and accurate, aiming to be precise, exact and constant, fulfilling all things with a persistent, persevering and industrious nature. They are assiduous, arduous and careful, zealous and diligent, ever enduring with a calm, earnest patience, and a grave reflective demeanor.

They seem to have brought the economy of Cancer to a kind of perfection, and they know how to be frugal and thrifty without being mean; when fully individualized they are very contemplative, reserved, deep and profound. They are always independent people, possessing a quiet self-reliance and determination, and when living up to their highest ideals are the true servants of humanity; but when not awakened, and living to the personal side of their nature, they pass through the extremes of all these virtues. They are always more or less self-conscious, and seem to know the state of consciousness they are in more readily than those born in the other signs. When personal they are melancholic, doubtful and skeptical, and inclined to be very indifferent and perverse; and when working on the lower levels they are constantly repining and expressing a heavy, morose, cold and distant nature, so that their despondency and gloom carry them into an obscurity that is painful to themselves and all who are connected with them. When very backward in their development they become miserly, avaricious, deceptive and dishonorable. Capricornian individuals are capable of attaining great heights, as they possess both ambition and endurance, and with their punctual attention to details, and their thrifty and acquisitive methods, they can build while others are dreaming of

the work. They make the most of all their opportunities, and being self-reliant they accomplish their ends.

It would seem as though all the ideals conceived of in the preceding sign become beautiful crystals when manifesting in Capricorn. With their practical conception of things, they know how to produce in the concrete the ideal that is in their minds.

All their ill-health appears to arise from despondency and melancholia, and they may gradually sink into a morbid condition from which spring numerous complaints which would appear to have their seat in the sympathetic disarrangement of their digestive system. Their counteracting medicine is hope and cheerful society, and a change of scenery and surroundings becomes essential when they have given way to their greatest enemy, despondency.

Many of those born in the sign Capricorn' rise in life through their own efforts and personal merit; they acquire wealth by a steady and patient industry. Great wealth is often found with this sign, and some of the greatest aristocrats have been born between the above-mentioned dates. They are successful in all land and building speculations, and are best adapted for general and practical work connected with the earth. They are successful in agriculture and in matters connected with the soil. They have great ambitions and are able to undertake very' large contracts with success; and the pursuits they are best adapted for would be builders, upholsterers, designers and decorators, and all professions of a scientific nature. They make good scientific researchers and writers; and in any avocation where steady application and industry are required, they are the persons to succeed. Large speculations, elaborate enterprises, and huge undertakings, are best conducted by the Capricornians.

Capricorns are ambitious, and the lives of those born under this sign are marked by a purpose, a pursuit of their destiny. Your motivating force is desire for success, money, status, position, authority, and (though you may not realize it) for love. Capricorn is both an earth sign and a cardinal sign, and the combination of practicality (earth) and initiative (cardinal) produces a personality geared toward leadership and power. In the zodiac Capricorn is linked to the Midheaven, the point at the top of the horoscope that represents high achievement. You're a born climber who's not content to poke along down in the valleys. As long as there is a top to get to from the bottom, you will persevere in your upward striving. Your symbol is the Goat, and everyone knows how goats bound up impassable terrain, finding footholds where no one thought they existed. You always carry with you the knowledge that there are tasks to be fulfilled and if you can't move mountains, then at least, like the Goat, you can scale the heights.

Your ruler Saturn is the planet of limitations, which includes the limitation of time. (To the ancients, Saturn was the symbol for Father Time.). You have a heightened sense of the value of time, which helps to make you a superb organizer and planner. Unlike those who don't look beyond next month, you will carefully examine your goal, separate it into all its necessary steps, and plot out a long-term timetable that often involves years. In the sign of Capricorn the

quality of patience reaches new heights. One of the hallmarks of your sign is that you learn to wait for things you want. You are willing to give up today's temptation for tomorrow's reward.

An aura of melancholy and sternness often surrounds you. Saturn has been called the Celestial Taskmaster, for it symbolizes responsibility, discipline, and restriction. As a child of Saturn, you need something to improve and to perfect. You are ambitious, practical, and, above all, determined. You are not interested in vague theory; you want to put any knowledge to use. Your active mind quickly grasps ideas, and you have an admirable ability to concentrate. You are precise and orderly, and generally don't trust others to look after details. When you give your word you stick to it, and when you undertake a task you complete it to the best of your ability. You tend to fuss over details and to make sure all contingencies are covered. It's your way of being in control.

Because of your diligence, people sometimes fail to give you credit for creativity. Yet you are highly creative, your skill is to link this to your talent for organization. You put dreams into action, and are especially drawn to the artistic arena and the performing arts.

You think of yourself as a real person in a real world that allows little time for idle pleasure-seeking. In certain ways, Saturn is an austere and strict parent that lives inside each Capricorn. Essentially, you feel you can depend only on yourself. The child in you feels unworthy—and your lifelong lesson is to shed this feeling and learn to love yourself. You do not need to be your own parent who disciplines and keeps you toeing the line. You yourself must allow the spontaneous part of you to play and run.

Your remoteness of spirit is often misunderstood by others; it has been described as cold passion. But you are not cold as much as self-sufficient. Because you need to organize and control your surroundings, on occasion you take a strong hand in other people's lives. To you, it's not meddling but handling things better. Beneath your reserve there is a sensitive and sympathetic person, and anyone who needs a strong shoulder to lean on needn't look further than Capricorn.

Certainly you do not deserve your reputation for being sober and gloomy. One of your more striking characteristics is a sense of humor. Your wit may be dry, incisive, but it is extremely funny and has a way of erupting when others least expect it.

As is your nature with everything else in life, you are cautious and conservative with money. Chances are you will amass wealth during your lifetime (usually in the later years), for you know how to make sound investments. In business your success is due to painstaking preparation. The journey of ten thousand miles may begin with a single step, but you know you can't get anywhere unless you first know where you're going. You may not size up a situation as quickly as some, but this can be an advantage, for it means you won't heedlessly plunge in. Instead, you will research, examine what others have done before, and gather all relevant data. Only then, with a thorough understanding of the details, will you begin to move. And then you won't be stopped until you reach your goal.

You are not comfortable with ambiguity. You seek certainty and tend to see things in black and white. Emotional gray areas are troublesome, and you turn away from them. To the unevolved Capricorn there is only one “right” way, which is his or her way. Capricorn can be closed-minded and critical, and put value only in power and success.

Your basic concern is for security. That goal comes first and you are usually materialistic. You can be spiteful toward those who stand in the way. You have a great sense of pride and will not forgive anyone who belittles or slights you. By the same token you will repay favors done for you. Scorpios also go out of their way to repay a kindness, but in their case it is done out of a sense of gratitude and fidelity. With you the motivation is pride that does not allow you to live comfortably under an obligation.

More than any other sign of the zodiac, Capricorns marry for money and prestige. In most relationships you must dominate, because when you are in control you do not feel vulnerable to another person’s power. In small ways you are continually testing the loyalty of those close to you. You are the loner of the zodiac, but have a great need to be loved and appreciated. Unfortunately, you won’t let this need be known, in fact, you are a past master at concealing it.

Underneath the mask, you wear still other masks, and it can take a long time to discover the real you. To others you may appear aloof, indifferent, and hard to reach because you are so self-contained. But the very elusiveness of your Capricorn personality can be hypnotically attractive. Like a riddle wrapped inside a sphinx, there seems to be a fascinating secret buried in your depths.

Anyone who cares enough to penetrate your shell of reserve will be greatly rewarded. Your affections and loyalty run deep, and you cherish and protect those you love. And you stick around when the going is toughest.

You don’t need anyone to convince you that life is serious business; you’ve known it all along. That’s what keeps you anxiously asking yourself: Am I fulfilling my responsibilities? Am I achieving as much as I should? Am I self-reliant enough? You know you have the persistence and strength of purpose to reach your goals. But you also have a deep need to connect on an emotional level in your relationships so that you won’t feel separated from those you care about. You worry about keeping all that’s valuable to you, which includes relationships. Despite your intelligence and the fact that you’re so determined, you often feel insecure. You’re a bundle of conflicting emotions. You require discipline and order; chaos drives you crazy and makes you doubt yourself and what you’re capable of. But maybe the gods meant for you to have some doubt; if you believed you’re as powerful as you really are, you’d be impossible to live with!

You’re often seen as an irresistible force and an immovable object. People put you in charge because you’re decisive; you’re famous for having a great sense of realism. When others need a rational head in a crisis, they call on you. In personal relationships, some friends will stand in line to unload their problems on you; others avoid you because they think your outlook is too

downbeat. Everyone agrees that it's difficult to divert you from your course when you've set a goal. Some people feel that in order to find the real you they have to strip away layers of secrecy, but most understand that your aloofness stems from a deep sense of personal privacy.

We may sum up the character of the persons born in this sign by considering them as truly Saturnian individuals ; and they range from all that is icy-cold, limited and barren, up to the calm, cool, contemplative mediator on things divine. A great number of persons born in this sign favor a concrete or ceremonial religion. They are always, more or less ambitious, and in some way or other are ever seeking to display their independence. Although some of the strongest characters are born in this sign and are thus able to serve the world to advantage, there are also many who ape humility. In studying Capricorn we may learn much from the nation which is said to be chiefly under its influence —the Indian race. In this country we find great learning, great wealth, great power, and great position ; but we have also great servility and, amongst the lower castes, a cringing humility which is distressing to those who can realize how low the mighty have fallen. In common with the earthy signs, those born under Capricorn can be extremely selfish; but their virtue lies in patience, contemplation and reflection.

