



## *Leo Sun Sign*

### *The Individual and Personal Character of Leo*

*July 21 to August 21*

LEO is the middle sign of the maternal trinity, the second of the fiery triplicity, and also the second of the fixed signs, therefore it may be said to hold the central point in the zodiac, and when joined with the next sign it certainly contains the essence of the whole twelve signs. Leo governs the heart; therefore it will be from this centre that the character of those born in this sign must be judged.

Standing, as this sign does, in the centre, we shall sometimes find the forces of the heart running upward or downward, but only in those who are fully individualized, or, as it is termed, self-conscious, we find the consciousness centered in the heart; generally speaking, the emotions are fully active in the Leo characters. They are forceful and highly magnetic, and possessing an abundance of vitality, they carry with them an aura that is beneficial to all. They are genuinely kind, warm-hearted and loving, but usually like to express their love in action, their emotional nature being deep and of the heart. They can be impulsive and diffusive, but it is usually the impulse of a generous nature. They possess a very attractive individuality and are always decided characters. They are usually very practical with regard to their ideals, as they prefer to live them rather than talk of them. While the Aries nature usually spins wonderful ideals in thought and ever seems to be straining after the unattainable, the Leo types are silently and quietly seeking to make them realities. This comes from their wonderful faith, which they inherently possess, and their motto is generally, "Whatever is must be best," but this comes when the Leo nature is awakened and the desire has been sent out to unify the individual will with the Supreme Will. Being the centre of the fiery triplicity they possess a very strong love nature, which makes them very ardent and sincere in their affections. As the second of the fixed signs they have more unity of will and desire, and in contrast with the Taureans, act more on the side of will than that of desire. The Leos love to rule, but it is more from the heart and motive than from the head. They are philanthropic and always obey the impulses of the heart where sympathy is concerned. This sign produces individuals who are more thorough than any of the other signs, and they seem to combine the practical with the philosophical and the ideal with the real. When self controlled they are wonderful individuals, being able to influence great numbers. They have the power to send their thoughts to any distance, and when conserving their energies, heal through sympathy. They seem to radiate from their centre a beautiful warmth like the Sun, which is ruler of their sign. But when turning their forces downward and living to the personal side of life they are very amative, with very

strong passions. It is sometimes found that the weakest and the strongest individuals come out of this sign.

The weakest are those who are easily led through their feelings, which is often caused by associating with those who take advantage of their Leo nature; they then fall into dissipation and may become dissolute characters, but within, the true spiritual fire is ever burning, and phoenix-like they rise out of the dead ashes of themselves to greater and nobler things. This sign is known by astrologers as the house of the Sun, and it is through this sign that the rays of the Sun become more powerful and more fully charged with potent life and energy. When these persons seek to become self-conscious they seem to make more rapid strides in this direction than those born under other signs, and possessing as they do such very sensitive natures, they are able to readily respond to spiritual influences; their faith then becomes marvelous, and the whole of their life seems to be devoted to doing good to others.

Leo governing the heart, causes this part of the system to be the centre, most easily affected when the character is inharmonious and the life running to discord and disorder instead of peace and progress; they then suffer through the circulation, which sets up many troubles of a more or less feverish nature, and this in turn reacts upon the mind, bringing gloom and despondency. It is essential for the well-being and perfect health of all Leo persons that they have a certain time, if only a few minutes each day, when they can be quite alone and at perfect rest. This enables them to start the machinery from the heart at an even and harmonious rate of vibration. Their best medicine is love, peace, and harmony.

All Leo persons succeed best where they have authority, or hold some high and responsible position. They would also make excellent musicians and poets. Although they possess great strength and vitality they are not fond of laborious work, and they can only be really happy in positions of trust and management.

Your loyalty is beyond question. You are devoted to yourself. All Leos possess a kingdom. The kingdom may be big or small, it may be your home or a lover or a piece of creative work or your whole career. But whatever it is, you are unquestioningly ruler of this kingdom. While others wait in the wings, you bask in the spotlight. Whatever you do, you do with a flair for the dramatic, everything about you is theatrical. You don't have to look for a role to play in life. You've found it. You are the monarch of all you survey.

Witty, vivacious, a fluent talker, you are a born entertainer who can lend spice to any occasion. Your energy is electric, and people gravitate to you as steel filings to a magnet. Your Sun sign confers a great flair for drama and an instinct for getting attention. Because your nature is flamboyant and expansive, you despise the humdrum, the ordinary, and the dull. When real life does not supply all the excitement you need, you try to create your own. You are born to do things in a really big way.

If you invite people to your home, you entertain them royally. You are a splendid host. Others may become reconciled to accepting second best. Born under the most royal sign of the zodiac, there is absolutely nothing Leo people can think of that's too good for them. Luxury is as vital to you as breathing. You want to enjoy the good life, and never mind what it costs. You are not a good haggler or bargainer because basically you want what you want when you want it.

Your public image is very important to you. When a Leo woman's checking account is down to two figures somehow she will find the means to buy a glorious new dress, and when his credit cards are overdrawn a Leo man will still make reservations at the best restaurant in town. Leos are the most lavish spenders in the zodiac (Librans run a close second).

Generous, kind, and openhearted, you find it hard to believe ill of others. If injured, you strike back quickly, but you also forgive easily and never hold a grudge. The Sun is your ruler, and you always bring some sunshine into the lives of others. Obviously, this is one of your most endearing traits. In many ways you are like the Sun itself, life-enhancing, radiating energy and magnetism, burning with steady fixity. Astrologers call Leos eternal children, for you take pleasure from the moment and are uninhibited in giving affection.

No one could ask for a better friend. If approached in the right way, you will do almost anything, but you expect praise and appreciation and admiration in return. Pride is your Achilles' heel. Your ego demands not respect but adoration, not compliments but flattery, and when you receive lavish praise you never stop to wonder if it is insincere. Despite your self-centeredness, you need others to give to if only to get back their appreciation. Because you're too proud to ask for appreciation, you often suffer silently from a wounded ego. Your hidden secret is you need to be needed.

In business you are the one in command. Another sign that gravitates toward authority is Capricorn, but its natives steadily climb toward a high position. Leos simply assume that they were born to high position. One of your most useful assets in career is an unerring instinct for getting along with people who are in a position to be helpful. You know the value of socializing and work best in group enterprises rather than solitary pursuits. You're an order-giver, not an order-taker, but you're usually so cheery and enthusiastic others don't mind taking orders from you. You are also a hard worker who doesn't ask more of anyone else than you do of yourself. You won't quail before a challenge or flinch from a confrontation. You will do the thing that scares you because to do otherwise spells failure to your eyes. You are ambitious, but not ruthless. All you ask is to be in the limelight.

Among your most striking characteristics is a refusal to be hampered by petty rules. Day-to-day routine quickly leads to boredom and makes you desperately unhappy. Your unhappiness doesn't last long, because you simply won't put up with it. You have an unshakable belief in your luck and quickly bounce back from despondency.

It is difficult (though not impossible) to dislike a Leo. True, you can be bombastic and overbearing at times. True, you love to give advice and tell people how to run their lives. Like your symbol, the Lion, you can be quite indolent and lazy; you like to sit back and bask in your own glory. But your great warmth and sunny disposition is very hard to resist. The world would be much less fun without Leos.

You have larger-than-life emotions; whether you're experiencing joy, despair, excitement, or love, it might as well be playing on a giant movie screen. You feel you have an important role to play in life and you're going to find it. You need to be involved in the world; in fact, you tend to think of any plan or project that you're part of as an extension of who you are. You believe in taking action. Your immediate reaction to any problem is to do something about it rather than sit around pondering it. But you're extremely sensitive and you try to hide this fact under a lot of bravado. It's very important to you to get others' approval. What makes you special, though, is that in spite of all your inner qualms, you stick out your chin and walk head-on into any challenge. You have a deep-seated need to prove your worth, not to others but to yourself. You'll tackle any job just so you can say, "I wasn't afraid to try."

You have a regal quality, a way of standing out in a crowd. The unique combination of the excitement you project, your sense of style, your way of speaking, and your laugh is what draws people to you. They're also seduced by the fact that you think big, which feeds their own fantasies of success and power. They're attracted to your energy and enthusiasm and your take-charge attitude. They assume you'll take a leadership position. But some people dislike what they consider your king sized ego. They think you hog the spotlight and that you're performing even when you're perfectly serious and sincere; they question your sincerity. Others regard you as a showoff who merely talks a big game. And there are those who think you have the temperament of a demanding, spoiled child.

We may sum up the Leo person as a firm and self-controlling individual and one who is ever aiming at high and noble things. They are all born with a nobility of character which can only be counteracted by contradictory planetary influences. They are generous to a fault, faithful, sincere and earnest, and although somewhat ambitious and persevering, it is nearly always turned in the direction of self perfection. This sign gives the intuitions of the heart, and as the centre of the maternal trinity it holds and binds all the others by the power of love.

