



Scorpio Sun Sign

The Individual and Personal Character of Scorpio

October 21 to November 21

Scorpio is the third of the fixed signs and the second or middle of the watery triplicity. Its symbol is known as the scorpion, whose sting becomes the most prominent feature in evolving through this sign. We may find people born in this sign from the lowest and most degraded to the highest and most exalted, and in this sign there appears to be more scope for extremes of personal character than in any other.

The Scorpio character is somewhat decided and unmistakable, being rarely, if ever, vacillating or feeble. It would seem as though there were two types, the evil and the good, evolving within this sign. It is the eighth sign of the zodiac and marks the higher octave, as it were, after the balance has been turned. It would seem as though the worst products of Scorpio were the failures from the preceding seven signs, whereas the strongly individualized types would be those who had succeeded in learning the mystery of this sign.

The sting of the scorpion must be extracted before real progress onward through the other signs can be successfully accomplished. When living the purely personal life, living only for the self, the Scorpio types of humanity are very uncompromising and exacting beings, and their vindictiveness and faultfinding tendencies can be carried to abnormal degrees. Lust and ignorance mark the character of the undeveloped Scorpio nature

This sign governs the generative system, and when the life forces are scattered and wasted through excesses of sensuality, these characters become like devils, working mischief far and wide, regardless of the suffering which they cause to others. When evil; they are unmistakably evil, and with the thoroughness characteristic of the 'fixed signs,' they plunge into sin with a delight that those born under other signs are incapable of, but when they are regenerate or self-conscious, they may reach a great height of exaltation. The generative force within them may be turned into psychical faculty, the "vril" with which they abound is turned into shrewdness and penetration, and they become the true mystics whose awakening vision quickly senses the future possibilities that lie before the soul. They become gifted with what is called second sight, or clairvoyance, and plunge into occultism with a zeal and earnestness that is unequalled. Those who are individualized in Scorpio are remarkable for their keen judgment; they can criticize perfectly and impartially, and they are able to give their judgment in a decisive and clear manner. They are very quick in thought, and can at once see the purpose and meaning of the things they are criticizing. When awakened there are no better types of humanity than those born in this sign, for they then realize what they may become ;

but when unawakened they criticize for, the sake of criticism, and thus become the most exacting and undesirable persons ; when running along the lower levels they are always mixed up in some tragedy or disastrous affair. They can be very jealous, severe, hard and cruel, but when all this force is turned upward and the passions have been conquered and temperance learned, they are a benefit to others through the great magnetic power they have for healing.

A great deal might be said of Scorpio that would be extremely difficult for the majority to understand. The few that are awakened alone can appreciate the wonderful possibilities of this sign. They have remarkable powers of attachment and seem to contain in themselves the silence of Pisces and the tenacity of Cancer, Scorpio's companion watery signs. They are generally marked for their very dignified manner, and though always affable and courteous, they are ready at any moment to stand upon their dignity. They can be very abrupt and brusque when they wish, but they are always amenable to approval. They have the power of self-control to a very considerable extent, even to the power of controlling the whole of their sex nature, turning it into the highest spiritual development; they are then as it were a huge engine with steam up, all ready to start upon a very long journey, but these persons are powerless to move or make any progress until they have overcome their very tiresome and trying personality.

The ill-health of the persons born in the sign Scorpio arises out of the nature of the fixed and watery signs, which gives rise to inflammatory complaints. They suffer from peculiar and uncommon disorders, which usually affect them in some secret part. They are liable to gout and affections of the heart, but the whole of their disorders may be corrected by conserving their life forces, as they possess unbounded vitality and the power of recuperation to a very marked degree.

As magnetic healers and doctors they find their best outlets to gain success. They make good surgeons and dentists, also detectives, and are well fitted for employment where nerve and pluck are required. They possess the dramatic ability common to the fixed signs.

This is the sign of extremes. Scorpio people are variously described as powerful, weak, independent, clinging, passionate, and cold. Clearly, you are a bundle of contradictions encompassing the best and worst in human nature.

The key to your personality is intensity. You do nothing by half-measures. Magnetic, emotional, capable of exerting tremendous force, your strength is hidden in the depths. In the sign of Scorpio the element of water is fixed, an image that suggests an iceberg or a bottomless well. You may appear impassive, sometimes unapproachable, but turbulent passions are always roiling underneath, invisible on the surface.

You live on many levels. While you present a calm and smiling face to the world, you're ferociously persistent and extremely strong-willed. You're also flexible when it comes to working out solutions. When thwarted, you don't just accept defeat. You're extremely agile when it comes to sidestepping obstacles and figuring out a dozen new ways to get to your

goal. In a wonderful paradox, flexibility is one of your most effective methods of controlling situations.

Scorpio is the most misunderstood sign in the zodiac because of its complications and convolutions. Basically, you always have a hidden agenda. You're someone of incredible depth and brilliance, and your inner psyche is a labyrinth of wheels within wheels, boxes within boxes. Even when you seem to be at ease and relaxed, you are always evaluating, figuring out your moves, working out strategy. Much of this has to do with control, which is what you are all about. For Scorpio to be out of control is to be in psychic danger. Nothing is worse for you than to feel swept away by outside forces. When you control you are safe. Your Scorpio evolution is the journey toward controlling in positive ways, putting order into chaotic situations, being of use to others and therefore meeting an unfulfilled need, arranging your personal environment so it works smoothly for you. The unevolved Scorpio tries to control other people and manipulate situations for its own greed. Thus, as you see, the forces of light and dark continually oppose each other in your turbulent psyche.

What you need is to transmute your fervor into positive relationships and meaningful work. It is very easy to waste yourself on what is unworthy of you, and then your feelings turn inward, become imprisoned, at times even destructive. More than natives of any other sign, Scorpios live at a high pitch of emotion. Its negative aspects are brooding, jealousy, resentment, even vengefulness. The positive aspect is your unswerving dedication once your emotions are engaged. The Scorpion energy, drive, and endurance are legend. Above all, you seek to give your life a meaningful pattern, to find a deeper purpose.

You have a philosophical turn of mind and may become interested in religion and the occult. Your sixth sense enables you to intuit things before they happen. You are blessed with a native understanding of the human heart and a great awareness of life's secrets. All the water signs (Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces) tend to be psychic, but you Scorpios delve into the powers of the mind that others are afraid of. This is the zodiacal sign of birth, sex, death, and regeneration, areas of human existence in which a person confronts the mysteries of the universe. Many Scorpio natives are brilliant doctors, surgeons, scientists, and spiritual leaders. Jonas Salk, Christian Barnard, Marie Curie, and Martin Luther are among them.

The complexity of your mind makes it difficult for you to skim the surface; you must uncover what lies beneath. Whether you are studying a new subject, learning a language, hunting down a fact, or just reading for amusement, there is a quality of penetration in the way your mind works.

Your finest attributes—and your worst—are revealed in relationships. With Scorpio, relationships are usually complicated. This is not surprising when you consider that you can be simultaneously generous and affectionate, violent and unpredictable; in your sunniest moods there is always a hint of an imminent change in the weather. You are deeply loyal to friends but are also intensely jealous and possessive. You cannot tolerate the thought that anyone you

love might have a yearning, or even a simple yen, for anyone else. With you, it is usually all or nothing at all. Moderation, restraint, and certainly casual are not in your emotional vocabulary.

You never forget a kindness and will try to repay it handsomely. Conversely, you never forgive an injury and will wait years to get even. In fact, most of the time getting even isn't enough, you want vengeance. It is strictly not advisable to do harm to any Scorpion. You make a dangerous enemy, for you are as subtle and deadly as the symbol of your sign.

You are a fierce competitor, though often you manage to conceal this from others. You file away pieces of information, facts, and names, and don't hesitate to use what you know if the occasion arises. When you spot a weakness in a rival, you move in quickly for the kill.

You are adaptable, able quickly to channel your formidable energies into new paths and to embark on an entirely different career. Confronted with disaster, you will try to turn it into success. Practical and shrewd, you believe in tangible immediate goals, and your single-minded concentration on getting what you want is formidable.

Clever with money, conservative about spending it, you have an excellent chance to amass wealth. In business, you tend to accomplish things first and announce them second. By the time an opponent is aware of your progress, it is a fait accompli.

Your nature makes you subject to obsessive drives that can be resistant to reason. You will dominate and control anyone who lets you. Suspicious and wary, you are reluctant to trust your heart to anyone. But once you do, you love deeply.

Too many astrologers, in describing the sign of Scorpio, forget to emphasize how loving, generous, kind, loyal, even gentle a Scorpio can be. Many idealists who adhere to high principles and are a great positive force for helping others are born under this sign.

What all Scorpions have in common is intensity of feeling. Emotion not only rules, it characterizes you. You are passionate in love, and passionate about everything in which you become involved: work, relationships, hobbies, causes. You are an individual painted in vivid colors; there is no such thing as a pastel Scorpion.

You have great strength, determination, and willpower. But no matter how calm and cool you appear on the outside, you've got a well of seething emotions underneath. For the most part, though, you keep your intensity under control by channeling it into useful activities. You're a high achiever, and you seem to "get" things in a flash, with powerful psychic feelings you've learned to trust. Your instincts tell you that you're destined to do something important and you're not going to let yourself fail along the way. When you latch on to a new opportunity, you explore it in great depth before going ahead. Deep inside you is a gladiator spirit, and if you channel this fighting energy into positive goals (your continuing lesson), you will always be one of life's great winners. At times, however, you feel you are a lone warrior in a harsh world. You're a complex person who can't always express how you feel, but one thing is certain: The things you want, you want badly.

It's probably your secretiveness that makes people so interested in finding out what you think. You're often the guru in a group, the one with uncanny hunches about the future and piercing insights into other people's motivations. Many believe that even your humor contains the barb of truth. People are aware of your reputation for sensuality and fantasize about you as a lover. You're frequently viewed as over-controlling and too ambitious, even power-hungry—but also as someone who can be trusted, because you never make false promises.

We might sum up those persons born in the sign Scorpio as very determined, reserved, tenacious and secretive. They are firm and somewhat proud, and capable of unmistakable traits of character that cause them either to be very much liked or very much disliked. Their somewhat suspicious nature causes them to be distrustful, but amidst all their apparent evil traits of character, they have that grit and backbone which enables them to make higher attainments than those born in the other signs. The wisdom of the serpent lies concealed in this sign, and they may become so discreet, wise and prudent as to possess a genius that is extraordinary. It has been said "the greater the animal the greater the man," and it may be that in the animal passions there lie the germs of the spiritual force, which, when sent upwards, may achieve great and mighty things. That which seemed latent will and desire in the sign Taurus becomes, in this sign, expressed energy. The Scorpio's desires are potent and charged with the power to attain the object of their desires, but when the desires are subservient to the will, there are none more powerful or determined. As stated, more could be said on this sign, but that is reserved for another chapter; in conclusion, it may be said of them that they have reached the point that decides their future progress.

