



## *Rising Sign in Taurus*

With Taurus rising at your birth; it is a fixed earthy sign. In disposition you are loving and affectionate, fond of pleasure, and an admirer of beauty in all things. The sign Taurus often gives a love of music or art, with good taste in color, in melody, in dress, in ornaments, and elegance generally. You are cool, self-contained, firm, and strong-willed; a lover of peace, quiet, and harmony. You are also practical and desirous of putting everything to the test of practice and experience, and you value persons, things, and ideas largely for the use to which they can be put. You have much perseverance and quiet firmness, are somewhat reserved and self-centered, and you can show great obstinacy upon occasion. You do not change very easily, and are a little lacking in adaptability. Your course of life tends to move from day to day and even from year to year in its accustomed channels with comparatively little alteration. You are not easily influenced by other people, but are a persistent and patient worker in your own way and according to your own ideas. You are slow to anger but are apt to harbor resentment. You have fixed opinions, keen feelings and desires, and are capable of strong passions; but are also good-natured and fond of comfort and repose. Venus is the ruling planet of the sign Taurus.

Taurus rules the throat. Therefore, it is expected that Taurus ascending would place emphasis on this area of the individual. There may be some talent or at least more than a passing interest in singing and public speaking. These individuals are endowed with great self-reliance, generally are easygoing, but possess a strong persistent and rather stubborn determined nature. Taurus ascending is highly attuned to practical and material matters; money and their possessions. They are basically kind and loving but inclined to frequent stubbornness, and jealousy. They greatly enjoy the seeking of pleasure. Tempers are not too easily aroused, but they can be violent if pushed too far. They are usually patient and willing to wait for their projects to succeed.

There is steadfastness, and a basic calm about a Taurus Ascendant. If you have Taurus rising; you tend to be placid and easygoing. You also have charming social manners and a strong artistic bent, for the sign of Taurus is ruled by Venus, planet of love and esthetics. You want to create beauty and harmony in your life, and many Taurus Ascendants have a flair for writing, decorating, or composing music.

Taurus-Rising people don't push their opinions on others. On the other hand, once you make up your mind (after due deliberation), you rarely change it. You hold on to your opinions and can be very stubborn and obstinate. You are also quite set in your ways, though this is not always apparent at first. It's the little clues that give you away; you may eat the same breakfast day in and day out; if you are fond of a particular color (possibly in the blue or rose family, which are Taurean colors), you may use it repeatedly in your clothes and throughout your

house. Doing things the same way you've always done them gives you a sense of stability, and this is a fundamental need.

Taurus-Rising people have a reputation for laziness that is not entirely deserved. It is true that you love creature comforts, elegance, luxury, physical ease, and lots of leisure. However, you can and do work very hard, especially if motivated by the promise of money or by the approval of someone you love. Determined, persistent, and strong-willed, you possess endless patience to see a thing through, to make it a success.

Taurus is the sign of wealth and material possessions, both of which are extremely important to you. You have a tendency to brood about your future security: Will there be enough to keep from starving? Are you going to be able to pay the rent next year? The fears and worries do not require a basis in reality. In fact, though you may have to struggle for money when you are young, Taurus-Rising people tend to accumulate wealth as the years roll by. Owning things can sometimes become a mania; you covet possessions and once you own something you guard it jealously and are heartbroken should you lose it. You never resign yourself to the fact that things break, tear, wear out, get lost, and are stolen.

In relationships, as well, you tend to be jealous and possessive, although you are adept at hiding this. One of your weak points is your vanity, and you rarely forgive anyone who ridicules you. Having to cope with rivalry is hard for you. You may try to pretend the prize is not worthy of your talents.

As a person with Taurus rising, you tend to have an unusually good-looking face, large round eyes, and clear skin. Often your neck is short and thick, and your body gives the impression of weight and sturdiness. Becoming overweight is a problem, especially in later years.

The planet Venus, which rules Taurus, is very prominent in your horoscope. The influence of Venus bestows grace; charm; a love of pleasure, art, and adornment; and social awareness. It also encourages overindulgence, superficiality, jealousy, and conceit.

