



## *Rising Sign in Virgo*

Virgo was rising at your birth; a sign belonging to the earthy element and to the common or mutable quality. This gives a disposition of quiet, retiring, modest and reserved. You are careful and prudent, and are capable of exercising much forethought before you act. You are sympathetic and kind, but you do not wear your heart on your sleeve; and although you are very adaptable and almost capable of being all things to all men, you seldom show your real nature openly, and are at times difficult to understand. You have good mental abilities, can learn readily and are of a studious nature. You have a logical mind, good reasoning faculties, and have much adaptability for scientific or literary pursuits; but you are able to develop a fair amount of practical ability also, and can attend to small details skillfully and methodically. You are apt at times to worry unnecessarily, and to vacillate and change your mind. You are diffident and lacking in self-confidence and are too ready to give way before difficulties. You are not sufficiently hopeful. You will work best and be most fortunate if you follow a leader and rely upon him. Virgo is the sign of the servant, not the master. Mercury is the ruling planet of the sign Virgo.

Virgo, like Gemini, is ruled by Mercury, which tends to make the Virgo ascendant also a 'mercurial' (mental) individual. Virgo rules the lower intestinal tract, which assimilates food for the body. Therefore, Virgo ascending is constantly assimilating, evaluating, criticizing 'food' for the mind. There is generally a liking for work but too much worry over any lack of perfection in the work that is done. This ascendant tends to endow the native with a self-critical attitude which tends to modesty and often a feeling of inferiority. The individual is basically conservative, diplomatic, tactful, and somewhat high-strung. There may be a good amount of shrewdness and a strong desire for money. Virgo ascending learns readily and quickly and has a deep desire to tell others how to improve themselves. They are often too inclined to 'tell it like it is.'

Virgo ascending indicates an analytical outlook. Though the degree of emotionalism depends on other influences in your horoscope, it is generally through the mind that you perceive the world. This is not to say you are cold and insensitive. Indeed, the opposite is true, for Virgo Ascendants have deep and tender emotions and care a great deal about others.

However, it is the process of thinking logically that gives you the deepest satisfaction. You appreciate the finely tuned mechanics of sifting through facts and information, finding the truth of the matter, introducing order and reason into almost any situation. Rising-Virgos are rather fixed in opinion, but not so inflexible that they will not change their minds upon careful review of opposing facts. To you, the cardinal sin is to be ignorant of one's ignorance.

A fault sometimes is your inability to put things in perspective, a proclivity for getting bogged down in minutiae and losing sight of the big picture. You magnify the importance of a petty detail and then become resentful if others fail to see its significance.

Work is important to you, and you usually accomplish a great deal during your lifetime. Often you are at war within yourself, both wanting things to come easily and needing to achieve solely through your own efforts. Control; both of self and of events; is what makes you feel secure. As it turns out, most Rising Virgos do gain through their own hard work rather than through the influence of others.

You have a charm and elegance that is difficult to pin down. You are not always easy to know intimately. Your shyness and aloofness (sometimes well disguised by a social veneer) must be penetrated by anyone who wishes to become truly close. Emotionally, it's hard for you to show your feelings, though a great deal is always going on under the surface.

As children, Rising-Virgos sometimes suffer from poor health. Happily, health improves the older you get. For many of you, a marriage partner brings property or wealth. Later in life Rising-Virgos frequently become property owners, often in a foreign country. Success for you is often linked to dealings in and travel to places far from home.

As a Rising-Virgo person, you tend to have a gentle, oval face, eyes that sweep around a room and take in everything, and a body that gives the impression of frailty but is actually very strong.

The planet Mercury, which rules Virgo, is very prominent in your horoscope. The influence of Mercury bestows a logical mind, acute powers of observation, an intellectual outlook, perception, and a flair for science and writing. It also encourages fussiness, a nervous temperament, sarcasm, fault-finding, and worry.

