



Virgo Sun Sign

The Individual and Personal Character of Virgo

August 21 to September 21

THE sign Virgo is the second of the earthy triplicity, the second of the mutable signs, and the turning point from the northern to the southern signs. This sign is specially characterized for its selfcontaining qualities; it is out of this sign that wisdom is to be born for the majority of individualities. Belonging to the earthy triplicity, we might suppose that too much of the earthy element would come into their makeup, but this sign represents the virgin soil, the spirit-matter, as it were, which yields the most readily to the harmonics passing through it from the other signs. The individuals born in this sign are constructive and able to make the most of their conditions; they are more generally found in the business world, particularly in pursuits which provide for the general welfare of the whole of the community. As characters they are philosophical, and nearly always seem to blend the ideal with the practical in a marvelous manner, this makes them very discriminative, giving them large reasoning powers and very ingenious methods of working.

They are the most critical of all individuals, but they usually turn this criticism also upon themselves. They are self-analytical, and seem to be always taking themselves to pieces. They are careful and cautious, and usually act somewhat methodically, or with much apparent forethought. They are very industrious, persistent, and tend more toward the practical than the ideal. They are usually precise in details, and can readily put right any errors and defects in their own character, but they are also extremely sensitive, not from a sympathetic standpoint, but more from a mental attitude. They are very introspective, and may be said to know themselves much better than those born under the other signs. They possess that keen intellect which comes from experience more than from education; they have remarkable tact and ingenuity, but they are usually fully aware of all their attainments, and are inclined to be somewhat proud of them. When running along personal lines, these persons become more selfish than those of the other signs, since they are always alive to their own interests; they then become rather materialistic, and tend to carry the practical too far into skepticism and doubt, while they expect from others what they are not willing to give; they then seek to absorb all the good things in life for themselves, and may attain great worldly success, as they possess all the ability to enable them to attain their desired altitude.

They may be said to have many faults when running to the personal side of their nature ; and they become very domineering, using their good intellectual abilities to the detriment of others, and a certain hardness takes possession of them, which causes them to identify themselves almost exclusively with the external world; but when living more in their individuality, or

becoming what is termed more self-conscious, they are really very splendid people, becoming discriminative and wise, and often possessing the power to psychometrize and sense the psychic conditions from a higher standpoint. They are capable of making wonderful progress in spiritual development and usually seek to live the most chaste lives, becoming like their symbol, a virgin in purity. This sign acts to the maternal trinity in exactly the same way as Gemini acts to the intellectual, seeking to express in itself the union of Cancer and Leo.

Those born in this sign possess great recuperative powers. They are rarely sick or ill, and may attribute much, if not all, of their ill-health to their own habits of life; being natural students of the laws of hygiene, they know how to live properly. They should always avoid drugs of every kind, as, being very sensitive physically; they readily absorb the poisons of drugs into their system, which speedily affect their circulation. They are more sensitive to the harmonics around them than persons of other signs; they feel the changes in atmospheric conditions almost directly when they begin, and their bodies act like barometers, expressing to the sensitive soul within every change that takes place in their surroundings. Their best medicine for all disease is to be alone with Nature and to have around them harmonious conditions. They may do well to study diet and to be particular with regard to foods and the conditions surrounding them.

The real drama of Virgo's personality is interior. To the world you may give an impression of calm authority, but you are aware of your own nervous, restless, controlled intensity, the desire to be up and doing, rearranging, improving. You can exhaust yourself more by simply sitting still than others do moving around.

The planet Mercury, which rules both Virgo and Gemini, inclines its subjects toward constant activity. However, in Gemini the nervous energy is directed primarily toward stimulation and adventure, while in Virgo the ceaseless drive is to accomplish and perfect. It's impossible for Virgos to put off until tomorrow what might be done today, or to do later what might be done now. You are, in a word, organized. Your idea of taking it easy would seem like hard work to most people. You are not a daydreamer; you're a day-doer.

Your emotional life is a constant striving to bring order out of chaos. Although you have a great capacity for love, love alone is not enough for you to be happy. You need more than a mate, home, children, and friends. You must justify your life, conduct yourself as a good bookkeeper keeps a ledger—always ready to give a reckoning on whether there's a profit or a loss. You're ambitious, but not just for money. You want to know more, to gain in wisdom, and put this wisdom to practical use. Your astrological symbol of the Virgin tends to be misunderstood. It does not mean you're a prude or lack sensuality. The Virgin stands for purity of purpose. You're not in the game of life to cheat or extract from others. You have higher motives. You want to be of use. In ancient times Virgo was the sign of the harvest, and the symbolic meaning of the Virgin holding a sheaf of wheat is that Virgo people take what has been sown (knowledge, information, skills) and harvest this energy to do something of practical benefit. In the same way wheat is turned into bread to feed our bodies, you want to utilize the gifts you were born with to nourish the world.

Intelligence is the hallmark of your sign. You have an excellent memory, an analytical mind, and are known for crystal-clear thinking. You also have a keen ability to probe into human motivations. People like to check their plans with you before putting them into action because you have microscopic vision when it comes to detecting a flaw. Your superb logic cuts through muddled thinking like a laser beam. You instantly zero in on a problem, take apart difficulties, and put them back together in proper order. Because you believe life should be approached rationally, you are without peer in solving knotty problems or tangled disputes. You are convinced that a reasoned presentation of the facts will carry the day. Until you have the facts before you, you are reluctant to make a decision; you want to know why and how a thing will work. Your faith is not in Chinese fortune cookies but in facts, and you distrust vague ideas that don't stand up to critical appraisal or people who make emotional judgments.

Yet it would do you a world of good to have a little more faith in general and to trust in reality, that certain events occur or people connect for a fortuitous reason. Your important life lesson is to expand your vision, to look at things in larger terms and believe in the power of faith. Virgo is ruled by Mercury, the planet of thought and mental perceptions, and your ideas form your reality. If you hold on to a negative attitude, then your reality will also unfold negatively. You tend to have difficulty getting in touch with your deeper feelings because your mechanism of denial is so firmly set in place. Saying you feel "okay" covers a lot of messy feelings you'd rather not examine.

Also, you often don't see the forest for the trees. A preoccupation with neatness and precision sometimes limits your breadth of vision. That estimable faith in logic also confines your imagination and leaves you a little shy on inspiration, too dependent on established practices and methods. Your nature is to look back and analyze rather than push forward in a new direction. You must know the why and how of everything. Virgo is a mutable sign, however, so you can adjust easily to change once you find a way of fitting the new situation into your routine.

You may run into difficulty because of a tendency to complicate everything. No problem is ever simple for a Virgo. For every answer you've got a question, and making mountains out of molehills is one of your specialties.

Your nature is shy and reserved; it's hard for you to relax, to make small talk or be gregarious with strangers. You prefer one-on-one encounters, in which you can offer the full benefit of your sharp insights and discerning opinions. That's also when people discover how well-read, perceptive, charming, and witty you are.

The first thing you learned about money matters is that money does matter. Although you tend to downplay your own ability in financial affairs, no one is better than you at staying within a budget. You aren't tempted into foolish ventures. Your bank balances usually jibe to the decimal point. You want the finest but rarely overpay, and you have a built-in resistance against self-indulgence. A highly developed sense of discrimination may lead you to be

hypercritical. You are unsatisfied with things as they are and continue to analyze situations and people in the hope of finding a way to make them better. At times your finely tuned sensibilities can even make you unhappy, for they give you a heightened awareness of the world's imperfections. However, you resist criticism of your faults from others. It's a rare Virgo who takes criticism well or who can admit to being in the wrong.

You are health-conscious and try to make sure you get enough vitamins and go for regular checkups at the dentist. However, in this as in other areas, you can't help being a worrier. As a result you are prone to tension and nervous ailments. Hypochondria are common among Virgos.

A warm, loving relationship brings out the best in anyone born under this sign because basically you are kind, devoted, and very loyal. When your affections are engaged you tirelessly try to serve loved ones. They will never have to worry about who's going to keep the checkbook balanced or look after them when they are ill.

You have plenty of willpower and dedication, and you work harder than anyone to make sure something is perfect. Why? Because if you can't do everything superbly, you begin to fear that you're failing. You are much too critical of yourself. Actually, you're an enigma that no one has quite figured out. You hold back with people you don't know well and are reserved even with those you love. Inwardly, though, you feel very deeply. Intensity and extreme sensitivity are part of your secret self. You like looking after others, giving advice to friends, feeding stray animals, tending sick plants—but you need to be appreciated for the kind things you do. Above all, you want to be useful because you truly care about people.

You're regarded as a real go-getter. People trust you to handle any job. They think of you as a person who can analyze almost any problem in a logical way. Others come to you when they want their own actions explained to them, or are feeling confused about relationships. You are valued for your ability to set priorities and to create order out of confusion. Because you're both discriminating and truthful, people trust your judgment on books, theater, and clothes. However, you don't wear your heart on your sleeve, and as a result others often perceive you as haughty and cold.

The Virgo type may be summed up as retiring, ingenious, discriminative, active and mercurial; they always seem to have their wits about them, and are generally self-possessed; they seem, however, to be capable of extremes of good and so-called evil, being much smarter than the majority of those around them; and when living only for themselves they are capable of outwitting others for the sake of personal gain, but they generally act with a full consciousness of what they are doing. This arises from their inventive genius, and being alive to all the advantages and disadvantages, they can so readily adapt themselves to the requirements of those around them that they make excellent entertainers and splendid social companions, and when they succeed in letting go the personal element they are really very beautiful people. Persons born in this sign can readily adapt themselves to almost any environment, but they have their best success in life in the business world. All commercial affairs succeed under their

ingenious management. They are good providers, and do remarkably well in all matters connected with food stuffs. They are natural chemists; therefore succeed in all matters connected with chemistry. They have also a fondness for general literature, and have success in literary pursuits from author to printer. They make excellent agents, and in fact are quite ready to follow any avocation in which activity and general mental ability help them to succeed in life; but their greatest success is to be found more in business than the professional world. They like to handle solid materials, and to deal in merchandise' allows their mental discrimination full scope for all its activities.

