

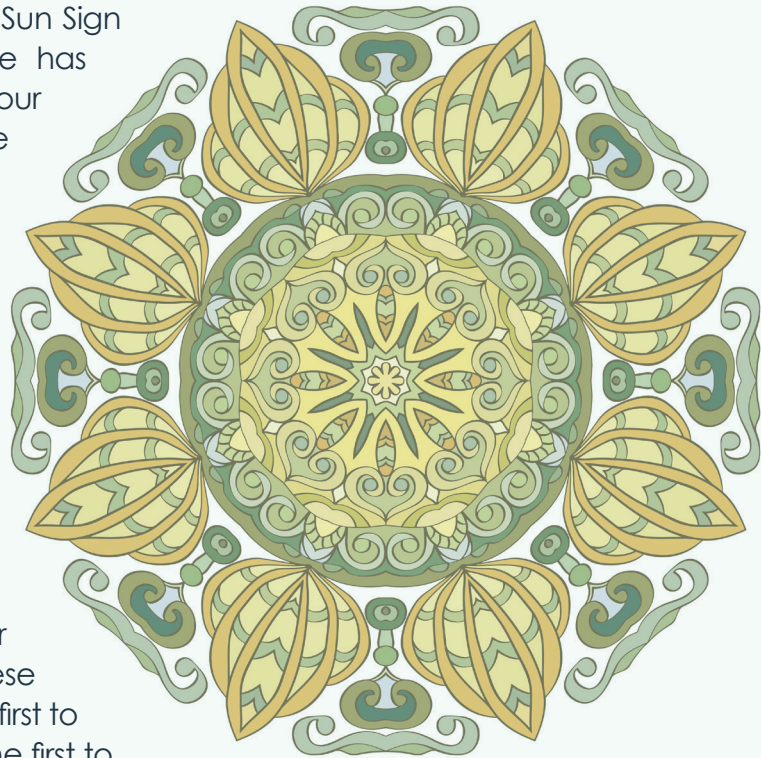
SUN SIGNS – STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Now let's look at some of the drawbacks of your Sun Sign and how to turn them into strengths. Everyone has weaknesses. One of life's challenges is to accept our weaknesses, and then to see how they are a flip side to our strengths. We can then be our authentic selves. And as such, we can trust that a higher power is guiding us to use both our weaknesses and strengths for a higher purpose.

Your **Aries** Sun means that you are a real go-getter. You love to be first. This can lead to a game of "one-upmanship" where you always have to be one step ahead of others. Anyone with strong Aries in their chart, likes to be top of the class. You are competitive, and perhaps rash, by nature. Obviously, these traits can be seen as negative, in that you could trample over others in your attempt to be top or first. However, these same traits are also your strengths. You can be the first to establish new organisations and businesses, and the first to pioneer new inventions, and the first to explore new territories.

John D Rockefeller III was an Aries, and he was a real pioneer, the first in many areas of philanthropy. The rash side of your nature can be tempered and transformed into the ability to take calculated risks that forge the way for others to follow. Once again, think of motor racing legend Sir Jack Brabham. The name Brabham is synonymous with Grand Prix motor racing. To this day Sir Jack Brabham remains one of motor racing's all-time greats. He certainly turned his innate love of all things fast, rash and first into a life-time achievement!

As a **Taurus** you love security. This is both your weakness and your strength. If you approach security purely from a monetary point of view, and from a poverty mentality then you and those around you are likely to be stressed. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy. The good news is that you can change your mindset. Security is so much more than dollars and cents (or your currency). Emotional and spiritual security can underpin your life. And as you change your attitude then your strength becomes manifesting exactly what you need, and more! Taurus is one of the great manifestors of the Zodiac. Imagine the scene described in the Christian Bible as Jesus faces a hungry throng of followers. He asks for food and receives five loaves and two fish. He prays, offers them up to God and manifests enough, and more, to feed everyone. You, too, can tune into the spiritual Law of Manifestation and create some magic! And have you been called 'stubborn' in your life? This is, of course, a weakness if you are stubbornly refusing to budge. But your very determined nature can also move mountains. You are able to achieve success in your life through the Taurus strength of perseverance.



"Variety is the spice of life" is a saying that seems to be formulated just for **Gemini**. You love to have strings to your bow. This is both your weakness and your strength. Much of the time you are juggling too many activities and have difficulty focussing on just one. Indecision and scattered energy create a chaotic life. And yet if you can learn to prioritise, then this is also your strength as you have the ability to come up with ideas and see the many options available. Your ideas make you a valuable contributor to any team. Once you start connecting the dots in your own life, you can prioritise, delegate, and create valuable networks. You are adept at linking friends with common interests and work colleagues with similar skills and agendas. Your sense of humour is also a powerful, personal tool supporting you and those around you. So, your light-hearted attitude becomes a strength that lifts and connects all around you.



Cancer, you are a born nurturer. You love nothing better than taking care of your loved ones, young children, small animals and even co-workers. Your innate gift for nurturing can be viewed as a weakness if you rescue others, rather than enabling them to be stronger. You also need to be wary of neglecting yourself in your attempt to look after others. Another drawback can be that your home, and familiar circumstances, become a safe haven but also can be limiting. Every living creature needs to learn and grow, including yourself. Your loving nature can become a strength when you learn to encourage growth. In other words, at times you may need to apply tough love. Once you adopt an understanding of how to apply your loving nature positively, then you and those around you can blossom. You gain a spiritual understanding of love and see Mother Earth and all of its wonders as your true home. Then you are free to nurture your own soul, and the soul of others. The esoteric mantra for Cancer is: I build a lighted house and therein dwell.

Leo, your weakness and your strength is your ego. You truly know who you are and what you want, and you have the charisma to achieve your desires. Others love your confidence and your enthusiasm. They easily follow your lead. And you love being the leader of the pack. Your ego is encouraged by the praise of your followers, and fans. And herein lies the problem. If you become focussed on your own ego, then you can lose your very strength. Your self-confidence and self-knowledge become clouded by too many 'yes' men. You become egotistical. Your strength lies in your ability to know yourself and yet focus on your soul's path. You need to remain true to your higher purpose, to the greater Ego if you like. When you know that your strong personality is driven by a will higher than your own, then you are truly strong. Your creative flair can flow, and you are in sync with creation.

Virgo, one of your key words is 'critical'. You are a discerning, critical thinker. You can assess a situation, analysing the pros and cons with an agile mind. This is your strength as long you temper it with compassion. If you are too detached from your emotions then you can be critical in the negative sense of the word, setting standards that are too high for yourself or anyone else. You risk becoming isolated in your own self-righteous world, having made up your mind that the rest of society is wrong, not you. You are fault-finding not judicious. Your analytical skills become a superpower when you apply yourself to being of service. Humility can help you connect with others and can go a long way to helping you connect with those who you consider foolish. And love can go a long way to softening any hard edges connected to your rational mind.

Libra, you are an adept mediator. Your natural ability to see two sides of any argument is a gift that helps you step in and mediate. Your Zodiac symbol, the scales, is a strong signal of your need to keep things in balance. This can be both a blessing and a curse. When things are out of balance, then you can struggle. Your ability to see more than one solution can also lead to procrastination. You can be a professional fence sitter, so to speak. You can negotiate peace for others, and the trick is to find peace within yourself. You can do this by tuning into your higher self. You are well able to experience flashes of inspiration. Esoteric astrologers associate the inspirational planet Uranus with your Zodiac Sign, meaning that you are a strong creative spirit which can guide you when you listen. Your esoteric astrology mantra calls on you to 'choose the way that leads between the two great lines of force.' When you do this then you are a powerful force indeed. You can create, reconcile and bring the strongest opposing forces into line.



As a **Scorpio**, you are astute. The word 'astute' is defined as 'having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage'. Your ability to be astute is often accompanied by strong feelings. After all Scorpio is a Water Sign and emotions are a powerful influence. When you are at peace then you can use your intelligence well in situations that demand shrewd action. Crisis management, conflict resolution, medical and psychological analysis and research are just a few areas in which your strengths shine. However, you need to ensure that you are soul-centred. Sins, to use an old-fashioned word, such as envy, wrath and lust need to be avoided. In other words, you need to use your insights for the good of others, as much as for yourself. Then any weaknesses are overcome and become strengths that empower you and those with whom you connect.

Sagittarius: You are impulsive, enthusiastic and optimistic. These traits can lead you into unknown territory and easily become weaknesses if you are rash or reckless. When you are on your high horse then wreckage can occur. You are a natural teacher, but you have a tendency to follow your own beliefs which can be a drawback if you don't recognise other ways of being. All of your traits can be strengths as long as you are tolerant of other people's views and ways of life. When you are inclusive then you have the ability to motivate others through teaching, preaching, writing, publishing and other forms of dissemination. Your enthusiasm and optimism become a powerful force. You can help people set goals and reach for the stars. Think of US film producer and entrepreneur Walt Disney. He helped multitudes 'wish upon a star' through his visionary skills. All you need to do is remember the Sagittarius tarot card 'Temperance'. This word originates in Latin. 'Temperare' means to restrain.

Capricorns are steady, reliable and stoical. These are positive traits, right? Yes, when they are tempered with love and warm feelings. However, you do have a tendency towards rigidity and coldness. Your very strengths become weaknesses if you listen only to your head and not your heart. You are dutiful and believe that you act with integrity. The questions to ask yourself is: 'Am I being too judgmental?' and 'Am I adhering to my principles too rigidly, and lacking compassion?' As a Capricorn, you are focussed on building a good life for yourself and for those who come under your wing. You are head down, industrious. The trick is to stop every now and then and turn your

face towards the light. Tune into your soul and let yourself be a little lost in the wonder of spiritual matters. This way you are sure to use your traits for the betterment of humankind, as you are likely an advanced soul who can build long-lasting legacies.

Aquarius, you are a natural advocate. You enjoy networking, sharing ideas with like-minded people and you are inquisitive. These traits are positive when you keep an open mind. However, you have a tendency to make up your mind and then adhere to your own opinions. You can become fixated, determined to prove others wrong. And you love a cause. This is where your traits can be strengths. You are well able to stand up and be counted when it comes to something that you truly believe in. Environmental causes, human rights and political oppression can be areas where you can use your stubborn determination for good. Your challenge is to remain focussed on what serves the greatest good, rather than being single-minded about a particular pathway. Remember your Zodiac symbol, the water bearer. You have been singled out to pour water on issues that help others, that heal rather than stir up trouble.

Pisces, you are well aware that you are swimming in the huge ocean of humanity. Your sensitive nature means that you are empathetic and tuned in to the undercurrents of human frailty. You may, at times, be confused as to why others are not aware of the vulnerability of planet Earth and living creatures, in the vast universe. This is both your strength and your weakness. Your sensitive nature means that you can often feel overwhelmed by the feelings that threaten to engulf you. You would love to heal the world, or create a lovely escape from all of the hardships in life, but you don't know where to start. And herein lies the solution. Start you must. But not in a practical way. You can dance, sing, act, paint, draw, sculpt, pray, write, heal, counsel or begin anything that sings to your soul. You need to tune in and create. It doesn't really matter what. You can trust that your lovely sensitive nature and gifts are appreciated and uplifting far more people than you realise.

