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Zodiac Tales

Eminent astrologer narrates the story behind the zodiac symbols.

Aries

The symbol or glyph of the Zodiac sign Aries is the simplified image of a ram, a type of sheep, depicted through its long face and two horns. Many schools also suggest that the symbol represents the eyebrows and nose structure, the head region of the human face. The glyph also symbolizes the upward flow of spirit, a sprouting seed which eventually grows into a tree.

The Aries people, like the animal, are ambitious, indefatigable and keen to do things their own way. Aries are bestial, symbolized by four-footed animals, as they can lack the social niceties and polite manners and therefore they are tempted "ram" their viewpoint down other's throat and can hardly tolerate opposing views. They are fearless, competitive and only too eager to butt heads with anyone standing in their way in their drive to succeed.



Taurus

The established symbol for the zodiac sign Taurus is a simple representation of the round face of the bull, with its horns. Taurus is Latin for bull. In Greek mythology, Taurus was associated with snowy white bull whose form Zeus took to abduct legendary Phoenician princess Europa, whom he lusted for. This mythological tale is symbolic of passion, transformation, strength, virility, and fulfillment. Also, Taurus is seasonally associated with the flourish of spring which is a time when earth experiences her renewal.

The bull represents force and power and Taureans, like their glyph, tend to be strong-willed and stubborn. They are lovers of peace and don't like to pick up a fight, but once roused can be as ferocious as a raging bull. Bulls also symbolize fertility, growth and power to procreate.



Gemini

The symbol of Gemini, "the twins", is represented by two vertical and horizontal lines like the Roman numeral II. It owes its origins to ancient Greek mythological characters of Castor and Pollux, sons of queen Leda. As Castor lay on his death bed, Pollux asked Zeus to let him share his immortality with Castor and thus, they were transformed together into the Gemini constellation for eternity.

Gemini, Latin for "twins", represents the forms of dualism - twins, black and white, light and dark, optimism and pessimism. Therefore Gemini persons have the ability to relate to both sides of an issue, simultaneously. They have the exuberance and energy of the youth as well as the objectivity and rationality of the old. Due to the same reason, they are often considered to be restless and moody and can be considered fickle-minded and indecisive by people around them ←

