

Cancer

Symbol: The crab is a sea scavenger who mothers the bottom of the ocean by keeping the waters clean. Its hard outer shell and sharp claws are its protection for their soft interior against any harm. Their tentacles are their antennas for the world around them. It is by way of their tentacles that they process their surroundings-as they (above all constellations) are most sensitive and in-tune to what's done and undone-said and unsaid.

House & Motto: "I feel" therefore I am: your home, heritage, family life, inner securities and psychological foundations of life. I am subjective qualities with "motherly" instinctual patterns.

I am the FOURTH house, the adolescent who is going through puberty and various emotional changes within my heart and mind. For that reason, what I feel plays a big part in how I behave and react to my environment and because of this, everything I feel is my reality.

Element: Water (a liquid) is: flowing, and able to change its shape rapidly without separating under pressure. It is absorbent and takes up all parts of itself.

Alone, water is tranquil, calm, serene, placid, quiet, still, and free from emotional disturbance or agitation. It is motionless, steady, and even. Still waters run deep. Water absorbs its environment by way of intuition. Its temperament manifests itself into any vessel or container that will hold it-because it is formless.

Water is intuitive, secretive, reflective, sensing, feeling, as well as strategic and responds through emotion and sensitivity.

(The moon): EMOTIONS, FEELINGS, FLUCTUATION, RESPONSE, INSTINCT, SUBCONSCIOUS, RECEPTIVITY and INTUITIVE POWERS-it is past, retentive and good memories, shrewd in business matters, subconscious needs, receptivity, emotions, empathy, sympathy, passivity, patience, imagination, sensitivity, reveals the feminine side of man and the mother/woman in women. Instinctive, nurturing, maternal, curious, stimulating and influential, accessible, improviser who assimilates experiences in detail, perfectionist, considerate, alert, quick respondent, resilient, receptive, vivid imagination, fluent, aware, fastidious, intolerant, pre-occupied with self, cynical, skeptical, thorough but undemonstrative, fears insecurity, introspective, inquisitive, observant, shrewd, discerning, strongly opinionated, analytical, discriminating, anal retentive, attentive to detail, dexterous, rational, subtly affectionate, picks friends with care, unconscious, associated with seduction and psychic ability, spells and magic. Is moody, hypercritical, diffident, forgetful, high-strung, a pedant, interfering, clannish, narrow-minded, frivolous, worrier, anxious, hysterical, stress-suffer, submissive, self-deceptive, indecisive, prejudiced, escapist, inconsistent, vain, careless, touchy, confused, diffusive, unstable, vulnerable to alcohol and drug abuse, restless, dependent, needy, selfish, greedy, error-prone, vulnerable, insecure, unreliable, gullible, over-defensive and reluctant to forgive.

Plight: "Feminine": reactive upon being provoked, non-aggressive, magnetic, withdrawn and passive.

Energy: Strategic energy is indirect and understands what is needed to

attract it. It faces the world timidly and yieldingly. It is introverted, reflective, reserved, nurturing, clinging, cringing, overemotional, mean-spirited, vindictive, fussy, intuitive, and non confrontational.

Quality: Pessimistic, realistic, negative and melancholic in nature, less-confident, depressed, opposed, contrary, inimical, at odds, dissident, doubtful, dubious, unwilling, unenthusiastic, bleak, dark, fatalistic, jaundiced, gloomy, sober, mushy, contemplative, pensive, meditative, solemn, heavy-hearted.

Disposition: Typically, even numbered signs are introverts. Introverts tend to focus their energies on things in and of the world for themselves, and do not thrive on or require energy *from* it (in order to contribute *to* it). They do not like a lot of action and are usually non-verbally expressive and not a very sociable people. Introverts are most often quiet, retiring and introspective. They dislike parties and (by their selection and choice) have few friends and are reserved and distant except when in the company of those intimate friends. They prefer to be less “active”-less active in that they like to “study” the world and all that is in and of it without having to be active in it (because they tend to dislike excitement and hustle and bustle). Introverts are typically not risk takers and instead, are very calculating rather than impulsive. They are slow to answer, and prefer to do any kind of concentrated efforts alone. They are not very easy-going and carefree with everyday matters in life because they tend to take life matters *very* seriously. They prefer working alone rather than in groups and prefer an organized and systematic way of life.

Instinct: Subjective (feelers) are receptive to the *subject* rather than the object. They form opinions first, based on how they *feel* about an object and then they observe (think) about the object-later. They react on what they feel rather than what they think, as “feeling” is priority over thinking-to them. They do not process objective thinking with ease, therefore it is easy for them to cope with feeling and emotion rather than thought and deliberation.

Cancer feels indirectly and subtly, through intuition, and eliciting reaction from their surroundings.

Dark Side: changeable, moody, insecure, oversensitive, manipulative, hypersensitive, touchy, snappy tempered, hard exterior that hides a weak/cowardly interior, self-pitying, unforgiving, too easily flattered, untidy, emotionally unstable, clinging, paranoid, overbearing, needy, over-emotional, dependent, messy, stingy, irritable melancholic, possessive, emotionally insecure, too hermit-like, terrible possessive of their kids when they grow up.

Light Side: tenacious, sensitive, sympathetic, caring, sustaining, nurturing, patient, kind, powerful imagination, strong maternal or paternal instinct, solicitous, protective, cautious, shrewd, emotionally resourceful, an excellent homemaker, thrifty, non-threatening, nurturing, empathetic, intuitive, reassuring, receptive imagination, immensely psychic, tender, careful, soothing, warm and sensitive lover, home-loving, marvelous parent.

Virtue: Intuition

Vice: Moodiness

Nature: Receptivity & emotion