

Rising Signs

The Ascendant in Astrology

What are Rising Signs?

Your Rising Sign, otherwise known as an Ascendant, is the Zodiac Sign that was rising on the eastern horizon at the moment you were born. It can be abbreviated on a birth chart as ASC or AS. When you know the time you were born, your Ascendant Sign can be calculated to the exact degree.

It is believed that if the Ascendant falls closer to the beginning of the Sign, the stronger the effects will be felt in the individual. This is also held to be true if the Sun is in a weak position in the birth chart (such as if the individual was born at night). It's also thought to be weaker when the individual is born towards the end of the Sign's Ascendancy, just before the next Sign appears.

Rising Sign/Ascendant

Because the Ascendant Sign is specific to the time and place of the individual birth, it represents the environment and conditioning a person may be influenced by during their childhood and is considered as important and significant as the Sun and Moon Signs, because all other aspects on the chart are filtered through this Sign.

The Ascendant is said to be the mask one wears in public... it is the first impression we make when we meet new people. Often, if you are confused at how others have described you, it is because they are describing this aspect of your personality. The Ascendant takes part in your appearance and personality, going as far as influencing physical characteristics sometimes. The Sign becomes expressed in your image, style and mannerisms. It is also expressed in how you act. Some astrologists theorize that the Sign becomes weaker after a person reaches 30 years of age, as their confidence grows in who they are.

Rising Sun Your Rising Sign appears as the first personality traits you exhibit. It is your autopilot...it responds to your environment. Your Sun Sign gradually becomes more noticeable over time. The two Signs will eventually blend, creating an outer layer and an inner layer, enclosing the Moon Sign deep inside.

Like other Signs of the Zodiac, Rising Signs fall into fire, earth, air or water categories. Fire Signs like Aries, Leo and Sagittarius appear energetic, optimistic and enthusiastic. They usually appear friendly and non-critical, and they generally do well with others in social gatherings. Earth Signs like Taurus, Capricorn and Virgo come off as practical and secure. They may appear a bit shy, or cautious and serious. Air Signs like Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are good at communication. They are perceived as sociable and friendly, if a little independent or detached. The Water Signs of Pisces, Scorpio and Cancer are seen as emotional, intuitive and feeling. These people will usually hide their true feelings and feel a need to protect themselves from the world. How they present themselves to the world is done for effect so they do not feel they are at risk.

Aries Rising / Ascendant

Aries Ascendant

Aries Rising is quick and to the point. They act before they think, charging into the fray without a plan. While they are active, they are not aggressive. They just see what they want and go get it. While some may be competitive, most are putting all the pressure to get what they want on themselves. Everything is done quickly.

Those born with an Aries Ascendant are quick to anger and quick to let it pass. They don't hold grudges as a rule...they prefer to be straightforward and direct. They can't stand to sit still. They prefer to be active, and will not hesitate to stir something up to keep things interesting. They may have difficulty finishing their projects, because they would rather jump to something new.

Certain physical qualities are associated with Aries Rising. They may exhibit a swift walk, leaning forward with their head. They may be plagued by sinus and eye problems, and headaches, especially migraines, may be the bane of their existence. Some are plagued with rashes, insect bites and acne. Their complexion may be a bit ruddy...even if it isn't, they tend to blush easily or their face may turn red when angry. This Sign may show itself in broad shoulders and slim hips. These people are always quick to smile, and they retain youthfulness throughout their entire lives.

Children, with an Aries Ascendant, are known for being independent and often quite self-reliant. As adults, they remain the same. They are honest and fearless. Their courage and leadership is often called upon in challenging situations. They come across at times as impatient and rude. If this first impression is all people get from Aries Rising, they will be missing out, since a person's Rising Sign is only an outward mask. If they get even a slight glimpse into the deeper self, they will see an indomitable spirit, boundless courage and the willingness to fight for a cause this person believes in.

Passionate, Aries Rising will chase whomever they are interested in at the moment in affairs of the heart. The chase is part of the excitement. They can be charming and hard to resist. They are enthusiastic and adventurous, if a little bit overwhelming for some people.

The Aries Ascendant is oriented on success. They are ambitious and can be single-minded towards their own achievements to the point of selfishness at times. This usually stems from the fact they are so focused on their own goals that they forget that others may be involved or affected. They have a strong need to accomplish their goals, no matter how foolish, dangerous or far-reaching they may seem.

Aries Rising is enthusiastic and full of energy. When they get motivated, get out of their way! It is easy for them to get carried away and overestimate their own abilities. They may suffer from overwork. They tend to be informal and easy going. Sports and other competitions really appeal to this Ascendant. They are popular socially and usually in the center of all the action.

Taurus Rising / Ascendant

Taurus Ascendant

Taurus Rising is steady and capable. They are stable and responsible, and they are loyal to the core to those they love. They radiate presence... there is no doubting when a Taurus Rising is in the room. Resistant to change, it can be hard work to convince this sign to try something new. They have a strong stubborn streak and become set in their ways. Before they try anything they must feel it out. Security is the most important thing in the world to them, so they don't want to do anything that would jeopardize it.

Taurus Ascendant is careful and cautious. They can be inflexible and single-minded. Think more of the oak tree and less of the willow. They love the good things in life, and may tend towards the self-indulgent. Material possessions can be very important to them, and they may become collectors of some type of object.

Taurus Ascendant likes nice clothing with a soft feel to them. They prefer classic to overdone. Always appearing well dressed, they can look good when mowing the lawn. Physically, many of them are built sturdy and strong. Their love of fine food may work against them health-wise. This sign is also prone to throat problems, which in turn may extend up into the ear in the form of infections or earaches.

In relationships, Taurus Rising can be somewhat possessive, and they won't easily break up with someone they have given their heart to. Some even view their partners as their own personal property. They are loyal to the ends of the earth once they have given their hearts. Taurus Ascendant is also very sensual... they love all the physical sensations. They prefer the comforts found in a long-term monogamous relationship, and the passion that can be found there.

Taurus Rising is a comforting presence. They are soothing for their stability, and have an attractive inner peace. At the same time, they are rather passive and long-suffering. If you want a Taurus Rising to do something, coaxing works much better than pushing. They appreciate those who observe the rules of etiquette and enjoy socializing.

Taurus Rising wants to see their success. The easiest way for them to do this is to receive compensation. They may have artistic talents or tastes, and charisma is often a characteristic of this sign. Many born with this Ascendant are artists or musicians... their voices are usually very pleasant. They may show off their tastes with designer labels, a beautiful home and a tasteful vehicle. On the other hand, Taurus Ascendant can be very shy, rude or anti-social. They may appear desperate to hang onto their youth, or conversely, have no interest at all in their physical appearance.

Taurus Rising can put you in your place if you have opinions in an area they are well-versed in. They will remain polite, but you will definitely know their opinion of you. They can hold out for a long time if there is a goal in mind...they can be tenacious. Paired with an amazing amount of patience, Taurus Ascendant will wait as long as needed to attain their goal.

Gemini Rising / Ascendant

Gemini Ascendant

Gemini Rising loves to learn. Curious about everything, they are always on the lookout for something that will help them socially. If someone is pestering you with questions, they probably have a Gemini Ascendant. They are restless, and often appear impatient. Their cleverness can intimidate some people, especially if they are sensitive.

Gemini Rising has a wonderful talent with words which can serve them well, although they can get too caught up in their intellectual puzzles and forget about those around them. This can result in a lack of warmth when dealing with others, though this may just be a shield behind which Gemini Rising hides.

Being a Sign of duality, there seems to be two different styles of Gemini Ascendants: the bubbly, talkative, eccentric one that loves to have fun, and the cool, intellectual. The first is usually very interesting and loves to explain everything around them in a constant stream of chatter, while the second is witty and clever, but comes off rather harsh at times. Regardless of the style, they will analyze everything and try to make sense of what is happening around them. Witty and charming, they always have something on their mind. They are easily distracted because they are curious about everything, and their attention spans are not known for their longevity.

Their duality can show in other ways as well. Gemini Rising can appear differently to different people, both physically and intellectually. They also have a habit of saying what they think others want to hear. When they admire someone, they tend to mimic that person's personality traits or physical appearance.

Gemini Rising is the original model for multi-tasking. They can do several things at the same time, while appearing to not be paying attention to any of them at all. In the same vein, they can give the impression that they are listening and understanding when in reality they are not paying attention at all. When they are attentive, they do absorb a lot of information that they are perfectly happy to share with the next person who comes along. They make excellent teachers, writers, researchers and anyone else who utilizes information.

Gemini Rising does not like schedules, and they can seem to thrive in chaos. They are a natural social butterfly and will flit from one person to another at a party, mixing it up nicely. They do not allow too many people to get truly close to them because it is uncomfortable to let people into their inner circle.

Gemini Ascendants like their space and freedom. They also understand their partners may like a little space as well, and do not tend to cling. They like to debate and swap ideas with others. As much as they like to use their mind, they are also gifted with their hands. They may be good at crafts, especially those that also stimulate their mental capacities. A Gemini Ascendant may end up being a "jack of all trades, master of none" if they are not cautious in controlling their desire to move to something new.

Cancer Rising / Ascendant

Cancer Ascendant

Cancer Rising is a gentle soul. They feel like someone you have known a long time... they are familiar. They are sensitive to their surroundings, and get flustered easily, especially in crowds. When they feel threatened, their first instinct is to protect themselves. They are usually shy in new situations or when meeting new people. They will approach these situations with caution, and gradually allow themselves to warm up to the situation as they get a bit more comfortable. They are caring and sweet. On the opposite side, when a Cancer Ascendant has retreated so deeply into him or herself, they can be anything but sweet or approachable. They can appear moody, insecure or overly sensitive.

Cancer Rising wants structure in their life. Security is important to them and they are willing to give up some freedom to get it. They prefer a strong partner in life, along with emotional and financial stability. They like rules that are well-defined in their relationships so they always know where everyone stands. They are practical and matter-of-fact, and behave so even in marriage. They can create an amazing sanctuary at home for their family. Cancer Ascendant doesn't do well with casual relationships... emotions are always tied closely with intimacy. This Sign wants to satisfy their personal goals and ambitions, but may appear very vulnerable, so some may have difficulty determining whether Cancer Rising is strong enough to do the job. They may, on the other hand, be able to hide their vulnerability behind a façade of forcefulness.

Cancer Rising is imaginative and sentimental. They are a sympathetic listener and they enjoy a good conversation. This Ascendant relates strongly to the home. They are very sensitive to criticism, and love history. They may have an interest in genealogy. Comfort is important to them and they like to collect things.

Cancer Ascendant is a natural nurturer. They also enjoy being taken care of by others. They are easy to relax with. They are open to influence by others. They may choose to do something for social status rather than because it suits them. They may have skills or talents in architecture or in the kitchen. They like to help others improve themselves, not because they think you need improvement, but because they want you to be happy. They like to keep everything in its place, though luxurious items are not important to them. Cancer Rising prefers to save their money to spending it on unnecessary items. Don't ever attack something they feel emotional about, however...you will find out just how strong this ascendant really is.

When Cancer Rising gets upset, they have a tendency toward indigestion. They are creative, but may be insecure. When they finally feel secure, you will see their personality bloom as they let themselves get comfortable. They do best in the world when they have a secure home base to retreat to every night. This gives them a place to rejuvenate and prepare for their next foray into the world.

Leo Rising / Ascendant

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Leo Rising attracts attention. They have a personal magnetism that makes them stand out. Whether it is their charisma or their appearance, they never fail to make an impression. Leo Ascendant is self-aware and conscious of their effect on others. They are acutely aware of their personal "set dressing" ... that is who they are seen with, where they are seen and how they are perceived. They are always "onstage" even when they're relaxing at home.

Leo Rising is known for temper tantrums, jumping to conclusions and self-indulgences. They also have a lot of ambition, drive and idealism. They may appear bossy just because they want to be the driving force in their circle. Leo Ascendant makes a terrific manager or organizer.

Leo Rising tends to overestimate themselves a bit. They are naturally enthusiastic and get excited about new projects. They make excellent promoters and spokespersons. Leo Ascendant is very demonstrative, and they like drama and grand gestures. They may get caught up in exaggeration without realizing it, but they will do anything to get admiration.

Leo Ascendant has a strong constitution. They are very concerned with their appearance and how they behave in public. They like to dress in a youthful manner, and their bearing is strong with a sense of authority. They can pull all this off because they are just big kids at heart. This Ascendant is warm, generous and fun to be around.

Leo Rising is usually of sunny disposition, although they usually speak their mind. They can be extremely stubborn, and it can be challenging for them to break bad habits or behaviors. Their innate tenacity is one of their greatest assets, though. Even when everyone else is tired out and ready to give up, Leo Ascendant is still ready to inspire everyone to keep up the good work. Leo Rising is full of energy and enthusiasm. Once they are excited about something, they're ready to jump right in. Despite this, they may be inclined to lie back and watch the activity. Some negative aspects to this Ascendant may result in a manipulative, power-hungry person whose ego must constantly be massaged. With a slightly different angle, Leo Ascendant could be loud and aggressive, or overwhelming. They can be self-absorbed to the point that it is difficult for them to take advice from others. They sometimes think asking for advice is a sign of weakness.

Leo Rising is usually creative and may have talents in art, music or acting. They are prone to overwork, heart problems, anxiety and other ailments associated with overdoing everything. They are very competitive... it doesn't matter what the contest may be. Confidence is not a problem with Leo Ascendant. They exude it in gallons. Don't embarrass them, especially in public. Their dignity is of utmost importance.

Leo Rising is vital, courageous and full of pride. They can be impulsive, faithful and take risks others may cringe from. They love nice clothes and a nice environment to call their own. While their anger is quick to rise, they let it go easily once they've had their say. They are natural romantics and love to dream... the difference is they may have the drive to make them come true.

Virgo Rising / Ascendant

Virgo Ascendant

Understated, Virgo Rising is intelligent and reserved. They are shy in new situations and need time to warm up to new people and public events. Unfortunately, this can make them appear detached or critical. If you can get past this and get to know Virgo Rising, you will find a loyal and steadfast friend.

Virgo Ascendant is sensitive to any discomfort or other signs their body gives them. This makes many of them extremely alert to their health and they may enjoy activities that combine the body and the mind, like yoga. They may be picky eaters and be very careful about what they put into their bodies. Fastidious may be a better description.

Virgo Rising can worry a lot, especially when faced with new things. They are detail oriented and catch the finest little items that others may miss. They tend to attract or be attracted to those who need their help. This can put them in some uncomfortable situations at times, especially in relationships. They may not see their partners in a true light at times.

Virgo Ascendant is charming in a quiet, soothing way. They are loyal friends who will go out of their way to help you out, while being reluctant to take the credit. They may develop a feeling of inferiority due to being overly modest. They learn quickly and spend a lot of their time analyzing and evaluating everything around them.

They can adapt to changing circumstances, but the willingness to do so varies between individuals. They may complain while they adapt, however. They seek perfection in all they do, and sometimes find it difficult to accept less in others. They tend to criticize without thinking of the consequences to others, and they may need to learn how to be sensitive to the feelings of those around them.

Virgo Rising is practical and conservative. They don't like public displays of affection, but in private they can be very affectionate. They can be extremely organized in some areas of their lives, while terribly messy in others. They may like to gossip, and they are curious about everything around them. They are capable of absorbing huge amounts of information that they are only too happy to share with anyone who will listen.

Virgo Ascendant is dependable and they are always there for you in a crisis. They are often in service occupations like emergency personnel or police. They are also very good teachers. They may be a bit high strung at times. They are precise and careful, and dislike anything that is crude or coarse in nature.

Virgo Rising may like to collect things like recipes or other practical items. They may be prone to allergies or respiratory problems, and problems like anxiety may impact their life.

Virgo Rising likes to keep busy. They get irritable and nervous if they don't have anything to do. They like to have projects in the works every waking moment and appear dressed well at all times.

Libra Rising / Ascendant

Libra Ascendant

Libra Rising is pleasant and nice to be around... charisma is their middle name. They attract people to them easily. With their charming demeanor and gentle take on life, you'd think their relationships would be smooth sailing. This isn't always the case. Many times, Libra Ascendant will have many problems in their personal relationships. Despite this, they don't like to be alone. They really don't know what to do with themselves if their partner isn't with them. They often will do anything to preserve a relationship, because not only do they not want to be alone, they don't like conflict. At the same time, in times of crisis, Libra Rising will meet the challenge and then some.

Libra Ascendant usually looks good. They know the best way to walk, dress their hair, and what colors suit them best. They like physical comfort, personal luxuries and anything that is pleasing to the senses. This ascendant can be very persuasive, preferring to use a "soft sell" when they want to influence others rather than a heavy hand. They have a tendency to pass blame when they can so they can keep up the image of being nice. They make wonderful mediators and are very accommodating.

Libra Rising is attracted to those who are competent and active. They may argue a lot or compete with their partners until they learn it is okay to just be themselves. They can appear learned, even if they are not. Libra Ascendant is usually a fan of art, music and literature. They may have their own creative and artistic talents as well that reach beyond their appearance. Even though they are friendly, they may appear emotionally detached and shallow. If they sense an imbalance around them, they can get upset, demanding and even bossy until they feel all is in balance again.

Libra Ascendant is usually polite. Some may see them as insincere, but that isn't necessarily true. They feel most comfortable when they can grease the wheels to balance and harmony. Libra Rising is romantic and gracious. It is difficult to say no to this ascendant.

On the negative side, Libra Ascendant can be antisocial, rude or shy. They may be vain and obsessed with remaining young no matter the cost. They may be terribly indecisive. They may be stronger than you think. They may come across as soft, but behind that silky exterior is a will of iron. They are good at getting their own way through diplomacy.

Libra Rising is a social butterfly, and they have many friends and acquaintances. For all this, they can't help but see themselves through the eyes of others. This causes them undue amounts of worry that they don't come across at their best at all times. At the same time, Libra Rising has an amazing ability to reflect others back at themselves. They have a tendency to try to be all things to all people, which can make some people wonder if they have an opinion to call their own.

Scorpio Rising / Ascendant

Scorpio Ascendant

You know if there is a Scorpio Rising nearby...you can feel their presence. They have an aura about them that lets others know they are not to be pushed about. They command respect, and with some, even fear. They can be loud or quiet, but their determination always shines through.

Scorpio Rising rarely goes unnoticed...most people either love them or hate them. Some born under this Ascendant are rather confused by the strong reactions they get from others. They don't realize that they appear to look through another's façade, and see what is beneath the superficiality. Some people are intimidated by this, while others find it very interesting.

Scorpio Ascendant likes their privacy to the point of appearing paranoid. They need to control their surroundings and can strategize to their benefit. They move with care and deliberation, relying on their inner sense to figure out their situation and what others may do.

Scorpio Rising wants a partner who is down to earth and reliable. They want someone who is loyal and who wants a long term commitment. They want love to last forever, and if they are betrayed, they take it personally and the offending party will pay. They like others with magnetic personalities. They are often very accommodating and pleasant that you may not have a clue to what their real personality is like.

Scorpio Ascendant has the power to recover from economic, mental and physical problems that would be overwhelming for someone else. They have very strong defense mechanisms and don't like to make a decision unless they have all the pertinent facts. You won't learn much about Scorpio Rising's personal life until you've earned it. Once you've earned their trust, they are loyal friends...as long as you remain a loyal friend.

Socially, Scorpio Ascendant is soft-spoken and quiet, unless they're catching up with an old friend. They are passionate and creative.

Scorpio Rising will usually have a strong drive to succeed...whether it is to win a cooking competition or to become the CEO of a large corporation, if that is what they set their sights on, they will go all out for it. The intensity with which they can pursue their goals is rivaled only by their tenacity. They welcome competition.

Scorpio Ascendant has a real stubborn streak, and it is difficult to get them to change their mind once it is made up. They are emotional creatures, but they are rather adept at hiding this vulnerability. They are good at observing details and can be shrewd when it comes to taking risks.

Energetic and ambitious, Scorpio Rising seeks activities that are financially rewarding as well as challenging them physically or mentally. They are very resourceful and clever. In a crisis, Scorpio Ascendant will be cool, courageous and persistent. The worse the situation, the more quietly they work

at the task of seeing it through to the end.

Scorpio Rising is intuitive and sometimes psychic. This makes it imperative that they not give in to their sarcasm as it may strike deeper than they intend. They may have healing talents.

Sagittarius Rising / Ascendant

Sagittarius Ascendant

Sagittarius Rising is an enthusiastic adventurer who loves to explore. They are often restless and love to be active. It is almost like they are trying to grasp what is on the tip of their tongue...but can't quite recall what it is. While they can be very direct, most people like them enough to overlook any harshness that is perceived. Sagittarius Ascendant likes to talk, but they also have a lot to offer. Their insights are exciting and helpful, even if they aren't very detailed. Their natural optimism makes them appear happy even if they are in a foul mood. This can prove annoying to some of their friends at times.

Sagittarius Rising is very opinionated, and they are more than happy to share these opinions with everyone, whether they want to listen or not. They appear confident, even though some may think they are naïve. They manage to keep their sense of humor no matter what is going on. Their light-hearted manner is welcome everywhere. Their natural charisma makes them appear larger than life. They can be effective at encouraging opposing sides to get along.

They have a need for freedom and independence that often leads them into traveling lifestyle. They do best when they have a change of scenery. If they marry, their partner must understand this need and be willing to work with it. They are also not too attached to material things. Sagittarius Ascendant likes to see everyone around them having a good time, and they are a great person to have at parties. Many born under this ascendant prefer more casual relationships to a deep commitment, and may appear very superficial until they meet the right person.

Sagittarius Rising bores easily with routine, but they do like competition. This makes routine exercising dull for them, but competitive sports may be able to hold their interest. They have a natural aptitude for sports, especially anything to do with horses. They love good entertainment, food and drink, dancing and animals. Their natural wanderlust makes them a natural for any career that involves travel and excitement. For Sagittarius Rising, the journey is more important than the destination. They are often not punctual because they don't leave until the last moment. They may be talented artistically or be called to education, publishing or religion.

Sagittarius Rising is curious, and may tend towards spirituality or philosophy. They are generous and may be impressed by wealth and status. They are adaptable and flexible, as they must be to enjoy the amount of change they like in their lives. They can be very helpful in any situation except one where they must sit still. On the other hand, they can be considered rude, self-indulgent and pompous. They can also become cynical and sarcastic if they are not careful. At the same time, Sagittarius Ascendant must be cautious that their obsession with their own freedom doesn't come at the expense of their more caring personality. Sagittarius Rising must work on developing tact and concentration.

Capricorn Rising / Ascendant

Capricorn Ascendant

Capricorn Rising takes everything seriously. Even when they are playing a joke, they are deadpan. They have impeccable timing for this kind of humor. If there is one word that describes Capricorn Rising, it is competence. They are very conscious of the image they project, from the clothes they wear to the expression on their face. They think if they look successful, they'll be successful... and in general, Capricorn Ascendant makes this true!

Responsible from the day they could pick up their toys and put them away, Capricorn Ascendant is the one you want to have around when you need a responsible, reliable person. Beneath their smooth, unruffled appearance however, they are often questioning themselves. They often worry about the future and if they are doing all they can.

Despite looking like an overnight success, Capricorn Rising worked hard to get where they are. They will deny their wants and focus on their goal, no matter what it takes. The only indulgences they will allow themselves are the clothing they need to succeed and other status symbols that make them appear the way they want to be. All of their success is the result of a conscious effort on their part.

Capricorn Rising identifies with the material world, and they spend a lot of time managing their assets. They like the formalities of life because they add structure to social interactions. They may choose to be around those who make them look good without even realizing it. They may have had a restrictive childhood or a difficult birth. Capricorn Ascendant may not like certain aspects of their appearance or personality, and may exhibit unusual behavior when they are processing how they feel about these things. They are insecure and afraid deep down, and may plunge themselves into self destructive behaviors to combat these feelings. Capricorn Rising will most likely put forward a cheery face to the public, trying to compensate for their inner feelings of doubt. They don't hesitate to accept responsibility or hardships. Success is important to Capricorn Ascendant, whether it is in a career, marriage, their personal life or their social status. In marriage, this ascendant needs a partner who can protect them emotionally. When they seek a partner, the attraction begins with the first impression.

Capricorn Ascendant comes across as practical, restrained, conservative and reserved. Their health may have been delicate as a child, but by adulthood they are usually much heartier. When younger, they may be timid, shy or sensitive. Their inner drive to succeed helps them overcome these early adversities. Position and money are important to Capricorn Ascendant, and they will plan accordingly. They usually must pass trials during their life on humility and pride.

Capricorn Ascendant appears to be wise beyond their years. They don't break the rules and they don't disobey very much as children. As much as this appears like they are very stoic and boring...they are not! Capricorn Rising can have as much fun as the next person...they are just more rational about it.

Aquarius Rising / Ascendant

Aquarius Ascendant

Aquarius Rising is a unique individual, first and foremost, and they won't let you forget it! Many will seek them out for advice because they come across as intellectuals that are approachable. In fact, Aquarius Ascendant is very curious, and frequently very well educated. They may show interest in anything that advances the human race. They are humanitarian, idealistic, tolerant and impartial for the most part.

Aquarius Rising thinks they have seen everything, so it is difficult to shock them. Actually, they like to shock those around them. They really enjoy getting a response from others. They may have a quiet, irreverent sense of humor that others find endearing, if a bit offbeat.

Aquarius Rising is a likable person and very friendly to everyone they meet. They get along with people from all walks of life, easily accepting them all as equals. They are unique in that they can pull off appearing detached and aloof while also appearing kind and caring...it is a study in contradictions.

Aquarius Ascendant may feel "special" or "different" ...and they have felt that way their entire life. Sometimes they feel like they are excluded from everyone else, like they are outside the window looking in. They have the ability to observe and deduce what needs to be done. They are also very good at puzzling out how to get things to work. This talent also works with groups of people. This ability serves them well if they work as a manager or in some manner that facilitates people working together.

Aquarius Rising expresses their individuality clearly, but not in a way that makes them stand out oddly. For example, they may dress well, with an accessory that makes them stand out just enough to make them interesting. While they are very open to new ideas, they can also be extremely stubborn. They can be decidedly inflexible, and at times may try to force others to agree with their opinions. They may not see the small details, only the big picture, which may cause them to overlook the needs of those closest to them. They are independent. They are unaffected by status, wealth or power. When they take an interest in someone, it is for their own sake, not any outside influence. They easily attract friends, and acquaintances come like moths to a flame.

Aquarius Rising loves to play devil's advocate and take part in a good argument. They like personal freedom, so this can be a potential issue when they marry. Their restless nature can push them to seek a more stimulating environment if the one they are in isn't meeting their needs mentally or physically. Aquarius Ascendant can be unpredictable and may behave in a contradictory fashion.

Aquarius Rising is extremely interested in the future and the past, but they may get lost when it comes to the present. They may appear to be a bit out of step with their contemporaries. They are likely to be interested in music, design, science or sociology. They may have physical issues with their circulation or with arthritis.

Pisces Rising / Ascendant

Pisces Ascendant

Like their symbol, the fishes, Pisces Rising likes to go with the flow. They appear at first glance to be gentle, peace-loving artistic types, but the way they keep their hearts and minds open keeps them changeable and unpredictable. The typical Pisces Ascendant can seem to be a different person today than they were yesterday. Usually shy and quiet, tomorrow they may be passionate and exuberant. This allows them to blend in with many types of people. Pisces Rising is very impressionable, like the sand in the water. They are dreamy and soft-hearted. They are irresistibly charming and intriguing.

Pisces Ascendant sees the world through glasses tinted by their opinion, so they have a difficult time being objective. Decision making is difficult for them as well. They are so flexible that they don't want to make plans for anything in the future. They don't want to face any harsh realities. Organization is not their strong point.

Pisces Ascendant wants a stable, reliable partner. They need someone who is realistic and practical; who will help keep them grounded a bit. They are very emotional and compassionate... so much so that they can become their own victims due to their massive vulnerability. They can become their own worst enemy. They dislike confrontation, but are not above using manipulative game playing to get what they desire. A true romantic, the right pairing with a Pisces Ascendant can result in a creative romance worthy of a novel.

Pisces Rising is imaginative and creative. They may have artistic talents and psychic abilities to share. They may turn to spiritual matters or philosophy, and they have a great admiration for education, no matter what level they did or did not attain. Pisces Ascendant likes travel, sports and dancing. They can be very capable when they build up confidence in themselves.

Physically, they may be sensitive to anesthesia and other medications. Pisces Rising does not want to stand out in the crowd, and dislikes attracting attention to themselves. They are generous, sensitive and sentimental. On the other hand, they can manipulate others to feel sorry for them so they can benefit.

Some may see Pisces Rising as someone to take advantage of because they are so open and compassionate. They are sensitive to negative energy and criticism. It is difficult for them to shield themselves from either one. Pisces Ascendant may feel a deep lonesomeness that they can't do anything about. If they can utilize this alone time for meditation or other introspection, they may be able to use their talents to their benefit. They may do well in a career helping others, or a creative endeavor. Pisces Ascendant likes secrets. They use subtlety in life to ease their way. Their lesson in life is to learn to live their life rather than to dream it away. Pisces Rising may have many pets because they like having others to care for. Some may excel as animal communicators if they can develop their gifts to the point of being a reliable skill.