HOROSCOPE AS A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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Horoscopes have been used across the years to assign names and occurrences within the societies. Several communities across the world have drawn their belief systems from the Horoscopes. During their analysis and usage, the communities from the various societies gather to study the moon, stars and the other parts of the solar systems, as they try to relate the behavior of the sun at the different times of the seasons. Some of the seasons associated with the Horoscope activities include birth, harvest and wars.

For instance, several sun signs have been associated with the personality trait of different US presidents. Over the years, astrologists have studied all the personality traits of the 43 American presidents and tried to evaluate their personalities against the various birth dates. During these evaluations, trends were established and it was also realized that of the 43 US president’s studies, there seemed to be a common factor in personality traits. These leaders were found to be outgoing, ambitious and charismatic, based on their shared months (Saklofske et al., 1982).

However, horoscopes too have their own limitations and one cannot use them in whole to rely on the events surrounding their lives. According to Steyn (2011), some of the zodiac signs related to the personality traits of person’s birth dates have been discovered to be unreliable to a certain extent. While there seems to exist tangible evidence or real manifestation for the particular events surrounding a person’s life, there are equal cases where someone cannot associate their zodiac sign to the events surrounding their lives yet they were born on that particular date.

The Aries sign has been known to produce athletic and winner personalities. These are individuals who are determined to achieve their very best. They love to set trends and nothing seems to demotivate them no matter the circumstances that they are going through. Moreover, this may not actually work well for individuals who have been born in less privileged societies or families where they cannot achieve their full potential.

Taurus are known to be outgoing, reliable and stick to their plan. This zodiac is also found in personalities that do not trust the change process. Once they stick to a plan, it’s difficult to get them to change their minds. The limitation, however of this sign is its inability to harbor persons who are constantly changing their environments due to circumstances that they have no control over. Consider the case of a child who is constantly being moved from one home care to another after they have just settled.

Gemini love to share whatever is on their minds. Their emotions oscillate between the two ends of outgoing and reserved. These individuals interact well in the social settings. They fit well in the political, sales and public relations role. However, as a limitation for this kind of personality, they may sometimes get into trouble for freely airing out their views (Gauquelin, 1982). In another instance, they may not freely express their opinions if the existing administration at the time does not allow freedom of expressions.

The study and usage of the zodiac signs around the lives of people have been found to concur with their birthdates. Most of the personality traits, behavior, mannerism and expressions shown by individuals are consistent with their zodiac signs. However, there are limitations to the usage of these zodiac signs and these can be drawn from the external and unforeseen factors surrounding the individual. These factors act as hindrances to the individual from expressing themselves fully and not blocking their zodiac expressions.

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