
CAPRICORN

An Astrological Peek

Pyreus



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23rd December – 20th January

Element **Earth** ~ Quality **Cardinal**

Charge **Negative** ~ Ruling Planet **Saturn** ~ Day **Saturday**

Capricorn, the fabulous *half goat* and *half fish* is the tenth sign of the Zodiac and is ruled by **Saturn**, the legendary planet and archetype of *Occult Law and Knowledge*. Saturn's inhibitory nature teaches *structure in reality*, an understanding of *limits* in all areas of life.

Mars, the planet of *energy and vitality* exalts within Capricorn's nobility, adding richness to the *divine motif*. The emblem of the **sea goat** symbolizes the *death of the lower mind* and the *birth of the spiritual facet* of the cycle of life, journeying beyond the material realm into the kingdom of *ether and rhythmic beauty*.

Individuals born into the House of Capricorn hold *traditional values of the heart*, are persons of *highly creative means, sensitive, patient, realistic and responsible*. They have a great sense of *wit and humour*, can be trusted to *keep a secret* and are loyal associates and *faithful friends*. Their *genuine kindness* is a delicate flavour of morals.

Patterns of thought stem from *rationality* and holding *pragmatic* and goal-oriented views on behaviour and etiquette. Persons of Capricorn are *tenacious*, *logical* and endowed with the capacity to *work hard and long*, always assessing the possible worth of any given situation and bringing *fruits to harvest*.

Just as the goat is a *sure-footed, methodical climber* who heads for the top of the mountain with perseverance, these traits emanate from the aura of Capricorn persons. There is a *determination to succeed* no matter the cost.

Capricorn individuals can be *possessive* and even rather *jealous* at times when life brings the shallows. They can be very *lazy*, hold *grudges* and succumb to fits of *selfishness* and *moodiness*.

Capricorn rules the *bones and joints, knees, teeth, and skin*. Colours are *chocolate brown, royal and navy blue, dark green, charcoal grey* and *red*.

Capricorn rules *metallic lead*, while the birthstone is *red garnet*, which protects against accidents and falls.

Flowers of Capricorn include the *camellia, orange blossom, red carnation, baby's breath, and magnolia*.



The constellation **Capricornus** has one of the oldest mythological associations, having been consistently represented as a hybrid of a goat and a fish since ancient times. The marvellous sea goat was explicitly recorded in the Babylonian star catalogues as **Mulsuhur-Mas** before 1000 BC. The constellation was a symbol of **Ea** and marks the *Winter Solstice*.

In Greek mythology Capricornus is identified as **Amalthea**, the goat that suckled the infant *Zeus* after his mother Rhea saved him from being devoured by his father *Cronos*. The goat's broken horn was transformed into the **cornucopia** (horn of plenty), symbolizing the Sun '*taking nourishment*' while in the vicinity of the constellation, in preparation for its climb back north.

It is also said that when the goat-god **Pan** was attacked by the monster *Typhon*, he dove into the Nile and the parts above the water remained a goat, but those under the water transformed into a fish.

In Sumer, the constellation was associated with the god **Enki**, who brought culture out of the sea to humankind.

"The symbol of the goat rising from the body of a fish represents with greatest propriety the mountainous buildings of Babylon rising out of its low and marshy situation; the two horns of the goat being emblematic of the two towns, Nineveh and Babylon, the former built on the Tigris, the latter on the Euphrates; but both subjected to one sovereignty."





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