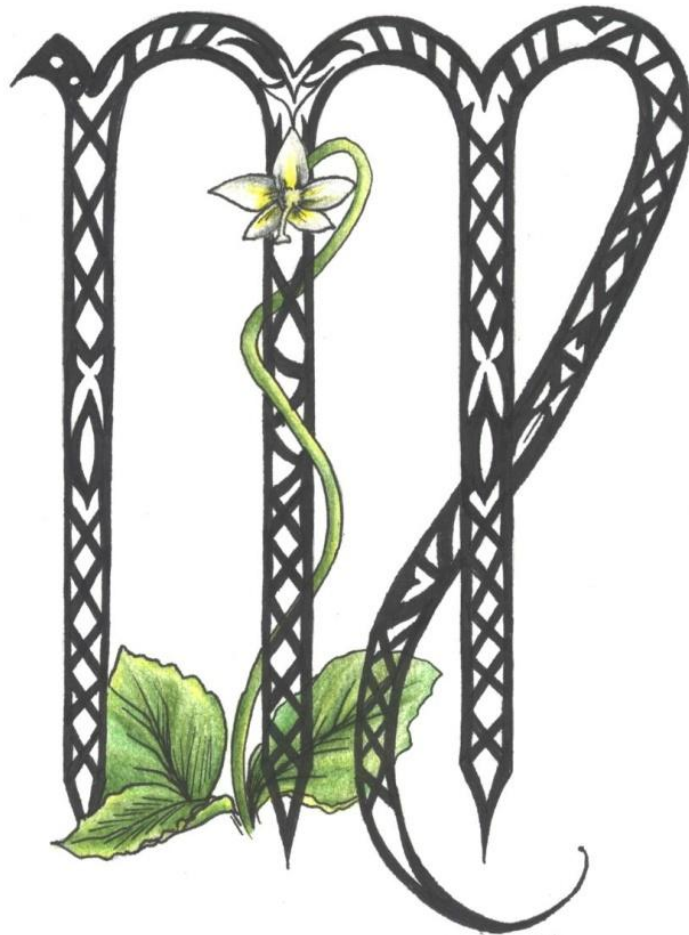

VIRGO

An Astrological Peek

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Virgo



22nd August – 23rd September

Element **Earth** ~ Quality **Mutable**

Charge **Negative** ~ Ruling Planet **Mercury** ~ Day **Wednesday**

Virgo is the *sixth sign of the Zodiac* and is ruled by **Mercury**, the planet of *swiftness and speed*. Mercury served as messenger to the Gods and **Thoth**, the Egyptian god of *Knowledge, Gnosis* and *writing* is ally to the archetype.

Those individuals born into the house of the Virgin have a remarkable eye for detail, *scrutinizing all forms and facets*. They are *practical, industrious* and very adaptable to changing situations and experiences. Theirs is a character which shines with *diligence and grace*.

When Virgo personages are down, they become *restless* and start to nit-pick just about everything. They see faults and shortcomings in all places, especially within their own modality of existence. Due to this trait, they *sharpen their skills* in being able to *critically analyse* life and meaning.

Colours associated with Virgo are *blue, yellow, grey, tan, navy, and lilac*. The birthstone of the maiden is the *sapphire* and favourite flowers and plants include the *aster, chrysanthemum, ivy* and *fern*.

Virgo is known as the '*Furrow*' constellation, dating back to the times of Babylon and representing the goddess Shala's ear of corn. One star in this constellation, **Spica**, is also the name in Latin for 'ear of grain.' Grain figured prominently as part of the harvest and for this reason became associated with *fertility*. The constellation was also known as *Absinnu*.

The Greeks and Romans associated Virgo with **Demeter-Ceres**, the goddess of wheat, who is the mother of *Proserpina-Persephone*. She was also identified as the virgin goddess **Justitia**, holding the *scales of justice* in her hand as the constellation Libra. Virgo is also associated with the *virgin Mary* as the bible story is an astro-theological tale of the adventures of Jesus, the Sun and Light of intellect and authentic living, as he journeys through the twelve houses of the Zodiacal realm, the beauty and majesty of mystery and ages past.

In Greek mythology **Astraea** is the virgin-goddess of Justice. During the Golden Age she dwelt upon the earth with mankind, but was driven away by the lawlessness of the later Bronze Age. Zeus then placed her amongst the stars as the constellation Virgo. She was closely identified with **Dike**, the goddess of justice, and with **Nemesis**, the goddess of *rightful indignation*.

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NOCTUA

HYDRUS

Libra
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Denebola

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Lucifer

CRATER

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