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## Taurus April 20th - May 20th

Taurus is the first earth sign in the zodiac journey and is ruled by the planet Venus. The goddess of love bestows on Taurus the appreciation of the physical creature comforts, such as food, art, textiles, and entertainment. Basically, Taurus loves all things that please the senses, which in the sign of Taurus, usually manifests sort of like that song by Jack Johnson called Banana Pancakes. If you don't know it, go listen to it. After I heard that song for the first time, I remember thinking that Jack must be a Taurus. He is, and that song should be the Taurus theme song, in my opinion. Ha!

Venus also rules money and beauty, so it is common for our Taurus friends to have lavishly pretty homes. They will probably have house plants and lush furnishings if they can afford it. My Taurus daughter wakes up each day, makes her bed, straightens up her room, and turns on her battery-powered candles if she is going to be home all day. Her room is always put together and pleasant. It smells nice and there always seems to be a cat snuggled up on the bed. Sometimes there is also soft music wafting out of her bedroom to boot! This is not genetic; I have no idea how this happened. I was a monster when I was a teenager, and my oldest daughter, well let's just say she's much more like me.

My husband is a Taurus and so is my youngest daughter. They are both incredibly sweet and nurturing people. They are always giving me hugs and bringing me food and drinks. This is one of the best things about this sign. There is also a silent strength to them. They can sit still for hours in a meditative state if they are comfortable and relaxed. Touch is immensely important to a Taurus as well. If you have a Taurus child, they need hugs and kisses. It is their love language. If your mom or dad is a Taurus, they probably were always giving you hugs or feeding you treats while you were growing up. They were most likely, stable, straightforward, and really comforting.

It's common for Taureans to bring you little gifts just because. For example, my husband always brings me some kind of greenery or some small treat every time he goes to the store. It could be a tiny aloe vera plant or candied nuts, and he does it just because. My daughter always brought me the first dandelion of the season when she was little. These little gifts are often symbols of great love.

Taurus isn't a talker; think the strong, silent type. They will talk once they decide that they have something to say, but watch out, once they start speaking, they won't appreciate interruptions. Taureans aren't like air signs who love talking like butterflies, fliting, and dancing all over the place. Nope. There is a point to what they are saying and there is a beginning, middle, and end. Wait until the end to say a word in response and definitely don't imply with your body language that it's taking a long time for them to get to the point. Taurus is notorious for speaking quietly and slowly. Sitting still and not fidgeting while my husband gets to the point can be painful. It's worth it usually, as Taureans, for the most part, have little to say but pack a punch when they do.

Did I mention stubbornness before? Well, I don't like to be negative, so I'll just say, stubbornness can be a good thing, right? A Taurus isn't going to give up when things are tough; they will push through like the bulls that they are. For example, Taureans don't usually like to spend money on things they feel are not worth it. My husband has no problem dropping dollars on things he feels are valuable, but home improvement projects... If he can do it himself, then why would he need to hire someone? Thank God he's stubborn.

Once, he decided that instead of hiring someone to excavate the crawlspace in the basement, he'd just do it himself. Our home was built in 1909, and the crawlspace was a horror show straight out of a 1980's horror movie. That man dug out his threadbare clothes that could still be worn (no reason to throw them away, they used to be his favorite in high school), got every available receptacle, and began methodically removing the dirt from the crawlspace. This project took this man two years to finish.

Each weekend he would throw on his old clothes, head down into the basement with his headlamp on, and roll around in the pits of spider hell just to save a dollar. He finished it and now the crawlspace can fit a grown man and there is no more soil touching wood or weird places for mice to sneak in. That story pretty much sums up the Taurus spirit. Slow and steady wins the race. Count yourself lucky if you have a Taurus in your life, but remember, don't talk too much about frivolous stuff. Food is serious business, and definitely remember that once a Taurus comes out of their shell, NEVER, no matter what, even if the house is on fire, interrupt them. Just kidding (sort of)!





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Zodiac symbol: The Bull

Keyword: I Have

Polarity: Scorpio

Part of the body: Neck & Throat

Chakra: Anahata/ The Heart Chakra

Magical Stone: Emerald

Magical Color: Light Blue

Flower: Violet

**Animal:** Cattle

Strong - Dependable Sensual - Sentimental Tenacious - Loyal - Stubborn Patient - Creative - Nurturer Healer - Romantic

