

Mars in Leo

The sign that Mars occupies shows the language you speak to experience and express anger, and also to define and express your “little s” self. The element of the sign is the dominant language and gives specific guidance about how and why you take action. The sign itself is a dialect of that language and provides additional, more specific information about what you desire, why you take action, and how you encounter anger.

JOURNAL QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

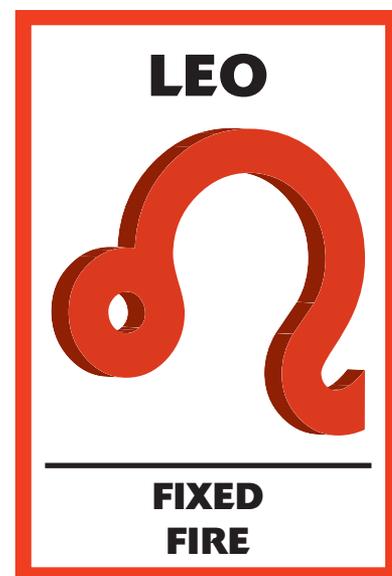
Read the descriptions below, and then go back and revisit each of the earlier journal questions. Review your answers, and then expand on them, incorporating the new information about the language you speak. Focus on how and why you express Mars.

Mars in Fire Signs

With Mars in a Fire sign, you connect with your ego and your “little s” self on the spiritual plane. You are inspired to reveal your conscious truth. Your personal identity is based on a collection of external, conscious ideas that are also subjective and personal. You are aware of how you appear, and how others view you—specifically based on your actions and self-expression—and you form associative connections to create an inner context of your personality.

Your desires are immediate and of the moment. You first notice the external, expressive appearance of something, and then you make subjective, associative, personal connections to it, which results in the desire to obtain, acquire, or embody that experience. You care about the truth of the experience, but because you mainly recognize the external qualities, when you get what you want, you may be disappointed when the external appearance doesn't represent the essence.

Your anger is subjective, personal, and associative, and based on abstract, external appearances and thoughts. This can make your anger quite volatile because the personal associations allow it to jump from one idea to another, spreading like wildfire. The external, expressive qualities of the language of Fire mean that you will need to vent your anger, directing it at the outside world, even though the true cause of your anger is within you.



Mars in Leo

Mars in Leo acts to express the true, authentic nature of your “Big S” Self. Every action Mars in Leo takes expresses warmth, generosity, and a flair for the dramatic. What Mars in Leo wants more than anything is to be loved and to be appreciated for his actions. Failing that, Mars in Leo will settle for being noticed. When Mars in Leo is called upon to defend you, he puffs up with pride, hoping to avoid a confrontation with an apparent display of superiority. It’s easy for Mars in Leo to become trapped at this level of consciousness, resulting in selfish, self-centered action that ignores the needs and concerns of others. If forced to attack or defend, Mars in Leo opts for shock and awe. Whatever action he takes will be big, loud, dramatic, and impossible to miss. The impact, however, is often disappointing, because all of the energy went into the special effects.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mars in Leo, you take action from your heart. Everything you do is an authentic expression of your “Big S” Self. You are aligned with your Personal Standards of Integrity, and because of this, your actions are powerful. You have tremendous charisma and personal magnetism, but you balance this with humility, which prevents your “little s” self from being seduced by pride. It’s nice when others appreciate your actions, but gaining approval or attention is never what motivates you to act. What you care about is being true to your unique, personal, creative vision. You know that your actions have worth because they are expressions of your “Big S” Self. Whether others recognize this worth or not is none of your business. While you have a flair for the dramatic and know how to make an impression, you appreciate that less is often more. True power doesn’t need to be noticed. You are so secure of your own worth that you devote much of your energy to helping others to express themselves, and be recognized for their gifts.

When you are out of alignment with Mars in Leo, you have the uncanny ability to make everything about you. You mask your core insecurity and doubts about your self-worth by becoming the center of attention in every situation. You believe that there is a limited supply of love, and so every situation is a competition to you. Whatever you do, it must be bigger, better, and more impressive than what anyone else has done. If you can’t compete in one arena, you will change the focus to an arena where you can. You are trapped at the level of pride, and this causes you to boast and brag, hoping to make your accomplishments look more impressive than they actually are. You spend so much time tooting your own horn you’re in danger of running out of air. You are forced to defend your position, which means that you can never back down from a fight or resist a challenge. No matter how much credit you get, it’s never enough. Your actions are not expressions of your “Big S” Self, and you know they lack integrity. The more praise you receive, the more insecure you feel. You act in order to earn other people’s love and respect, and yet you never feel truly loved or respected.