

# Mars in Libra

**T**he 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 Air Signs**

With Mars in an Air sign, you connect with your ego and your “little s” self on the mental, social, and intellectual plane. Your personal sense of self is a collection of ideas, abstract concepts, and stories, and these guide how you take action and expend energy in the world. Because the language of Air is so concerned with outer appearances and conscious reality, words are extremely important to you. You define yourself through labels, and you behave accordingly. Your ego relies on the world being objective and rational, presenting you with clear, unambiguous choices. You care about content but not context, and this can be challenging.

Without context the objective reality is that there are always multiple options. And the moment you choose option A, you have to relinquish option B. This wouldn't be an issue if you truly desired either option A or option B, but most of the time what you desire is having options. You prefer having options to making choices. But Mars needs to focus to function. There's a limit to how long you can keep your options open before you're forced to make a choice.

Your anger is also abstract and intellectual. You will be triggered by ideas and ideals rather than by emotions or experiences. In part because your ego identity is comprised of abstract concepts and definitions, you will defend your perceptions. Your battles will be on the mental,



social, and intellectual plane, and words are your weapons. You need to prove that you are right, that your perceptions and observations are correct, and that other people's are wrong.

## Mars in Libra

Mars in Libra wants to act to maintain balance and justice. He acts with a powerful awareness that he is accountable for the consequences of his actions. Before making a choice, Mars in Libra always considers the outcome: both how it will affect him, and how it will affect others. When defending, Mars in Libra always looks for a negotiated settlement. If forced to act, his intention is to move his opponents towards a peaceful resolution. Mars in Libra will rarely initiate an attack; however, when attacked, he will defend in kind. Once Mars in Libra is dragged into combat, his philosophy is literally an eye for an eye. He will strike back to maintain parity, and then attempt to negotiate a truce. Mars in Libra can become too concerned with how other people feel, and create attachments to being validated and liked. This makes him vulnerable to shame, believing he is bad and unworthy of being loved. To avoid this pain, you may step into "Other People's Business," and become trapped at the levels of anger and pride.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mars in Libra, you easily take authentic action. You choose your path, and are secure in the knowing that you have chosen wisely. You do not worry about the road not taken, because you stay anchored in the Present Moment. Each action you take is in service to your "Big S" Self. You consider each situation, and separate out what is real from what is true, and then act in service to the truth. You are completely accountable for your choices and their consequences. However, you do not accept responsibility for how others feel about your choices, because that is not your business. Maintaining balance in your relationships is important to you, but you recognize that true balance is dynamic, not static. You must express yourself fully as you pursue your Good, and your partners must do the same. From these positions of power and integrity, you negotiate the terms of the relationship. Justice is important to you, and you accept that sometimes what is just does not seem to be fair.

When you are out of alignment with Mars in Libra, you are so concerned about the consequences of your actions that you find it difficult to act at all. Because you identify with your "little s" self, you project into the future. Everywhere you look, you are faced with choices, and you are terrified that you will choose the wrong path and be punished. You are acutely aware that every argument has two sides, and you mistakenly believe that this means there will always be a winner and a loser. Somehow, no matter which side you're on, you lose. What you want more than anything is to be loved, and you believe that the way to insure this is to avoid conflict and please your partners. If you win an argument, you might lose love and appreciation. You often capitulate, giving up your own needs to keep others happy. This betrayal of yourself makes you angry, but anger is unacceptable because it always leads to conflict. You repress your anger, keeping it hidden and even denying that it exists at all. This often results in passive-aggressive behavior. You refuse to choose or to act, and manipulate your partners into making all of the decisions and accepting all of the responsibility. This moves you even more out of integrity with yourself.