

# The Hero's Twelve Faces

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What path do you have to follow in order to develop your sense of individuality and a healthy ego?

The Sun in astrology points to the father archetype, the animus, the ego and the hero. As a symbol of the hero, it represents what you must fight in a conscious way to obtain its maximum expression, either bright or dark, in the sign it occupies.

The experience of the Sun is an important constructive factor for personal satisfaction, self-determination and will; it represents the conscious ego.

The Sun is a psychic impulse on the way of self-perception that can express its bright face with: self-confidence, determination, healthy ambition, independence, charisma, creativity, magnetism and leadership - or its dark face with: affectation, despotism, selfishness, ostentation, shyness, incompetence and insecurity.

The zodiac is an archetypal path of the hero's life; he goes through the stages of personal development in 12 steps in the

skin of: The Warrior, The Obstinate, The Messenger, The Protector, The Ruler, The Analytic, The Lover, The Reborn, The Adventurer, The Climber, The Reformer and The Inspired. The Sun in the signs has been telling our (hi)story on the search for the consciousness' development through the centuries.

Next we will depict each one of the twelve faces of the hero which correspond to the evolutionary path of the 12 signs in search of their own identity, the elements help in the comprehension of the spiritual (fire), material (earth), rational (air) and emotional (water) perspectives that the hero seeks to integrate into his personality.

## The Warrior – Sun in Aries (Fire)

The hero receives the call and initiates his brave journey. He gets ahead of his own life. The primeval energy manifests, he throws his seed. He does not know his limits, there is the ingenuity of youth. The natural impulsivity can give place to impatience and aggressiveness. He has an impetus in the beginning, but many projects can end unfinished due to the loss of the initial enthusiasm and the search for a next challenge.

## The Persevering – Sun in Taurus (Earth)

The hero now requires perseverance to take his projects to the end. The dispersed impulses from the Warrior need a direction. Earth needs to be taken care of so the seed can grow. At this phase he is an entrepreneur, determined and practical. He believes that life's natural order always brings good results, patience is his virtue. However, necessity for security and conservatism can restrict or slow down the hero.

## The Messenger – Sun in Gemini (Air)

Now, the hero needs to make contacts and get to know his environment, he moves with agility outside of his world of individual convictions. He manages to integrate a lot of information and gets involved with many interests at the same time, the world around him awakens his curiosity and catches his attention. He has a mental perception of the world around him, he rationalizes and loses a bit of depth. Much attention is given to the external world and the excess of impersonality threatens his balance.

## The Protector – Sun in Cancer (Water)

The hero needs to retract to the depth and security of his inner world. The personal development is experienced by the inner silence. He gets strong by getting in contact with his feelings, he gets to know and comprehend them. He becomes a good protector because he knows how to open a space for self-care and inner stability. With a personality aware of itself, the hero cannot stay reclusive; he needs to test himself in the social arena.



## The Ruler – Sun in Leo (Fire)

The hero feels that he has a lot to offer, he is aware of his own strength, he radiates energy and creativity. He has total confidence in his individuality and his right to rule, it seems that nothing can oust him from his place. The hero's great stability can result in determination and bravery turning him into: kind, courteous, magnetic and courageous. However, the arrogance at this stage can be a toxic danger and the hero can succumb if he becomes a victim of his own illusions.

## The Analytic – Sun in Virgo (Earth)

Now the hero experiences his own vulnerability and learns to investigate and know his own faults. This is the phase where self-improvement and self-criticism are important factors. He approaches himself in detail with great analytical skills. The desire for perfection is intimately linked to the feeling of uncertainty about himself and it helps him in his development. The hero's critical capacity prepares him for the participation in the world, with a partner.

## The Lover – Sun in Libra (Air)

The hero now finds a partner; it is a crucial point in his development. He/She is confronted with his/her shadow, his anima or her animus. He or she can deeply reflect on what is going inside of himself/herself through the encounter and tension of the opposites. The contrasts are going to be highlighted and an equilibrium of what is represented as conflicting will be searched. The hero hesitates, rationalizes, but in the end succumbs to the fatal fate; the intimacy, the fusion.

## The Reborn – Sun in Scorpio (Water)

The hero deepens and expands the relationship with a full delivery, in the extreme, in the experience of sexuality and in the emotional crisis.

Here the hero knows that the conflict with painful emotions results in a path of growth and transformation. The symbolic death was lived many times and brought rebirth. He can get dilacerated in the tension of the opposites, but if the search for the fundamentals beyond the appearances is accomplished, the enlargement of this experience awaits on the journey.

## The Adventurer – Sun in Sagittarius (Fire)

The hero wishes to throw himself at the world, discover universal principles. He now directs himself to both ways; internal and external. The limits of his personal sphere are surpassed. The hero now has the necessity to become a propagator, he wants to announce his truth therefore strengthening his own spiritual base. He feels part of a bigger whole and challenges himself to find a new place to call his in this whole. The hero cannot build castles in the air, he needs a solid ground where he can put his enthusiastic ideals.

## The Climber – Sun in Capricorn (Earth)

The hero has to proof that he is capable of surviving in the cold of winter and hit the top of the mountain. He has acquired plenty of skills, he found his balance, he was born again, he threw himself at the world with enthusiasm and now he is here, climbing his evolution, preparing to hit the top. He resists the



restrictions, necessities and frustrations in a patient way and hits his practicable and possible objectives. He counts with planning, discipline and perseverance on his efficient methods. However, every useless thing or thing that hasn't endured the trial must be abandoned.

## **The Reformer – Sun in Aquarius (Air)**

The hero is free and rises above appearances, he struggles to get free from the forms and to go beyond limits. After fighting for perseveration and stability the psyche is investigated and analyzed and what has become useless and outdated is eliminated. The reform is important for the hero, every elimination is lived with a propose of reconstruction. The hero is here a citizen of the world, he does not take sides, he is universalist, altruistic and humanist. He relates himself to humanity's ideals. However, the process can become rational with emphasis on thought.

## **The Inspired – Sun in Pisces (Water)**

Here there is an accumulation of final wisdom, the absence of form contains the union of the entire knowledge acquired during the process. Here there is a contemplative spirit, a subtle intelligence that pulsates with the universe in a lovely open donation. The hero prepares for a new cycle, he matured so much inside himself the personal and impersonal tension of the opposites, he dissolves in the ocean of the subconscious and is reconnected to the cosmos in the state of presence of the compassionate meditator. He leaves behind himself a fertile field where a new seed will be thrown at and the cycle restarts.