

7-1985

Whimsical Look at Accounting Through the Zodiac

Ruth H. Doumlele

Follow this and additional works at: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/wcpa>



Part of the [Accounting Commons](#), and the [Women's Studies Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Doumlele, Ruth H. (1985) "Whimsical Look at Accounting Through the Zodiac," *Woman C.P.A.*: Vol. 47 : Iss. 3 , Article 8.

Available at: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/wcpa/vol47/iss3/8>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Archival Digital Accounting Collection at eGrove. It has been accepted for inclusion in Woman C.P.A. by an authorized editor of eGrove. For more information, please contact egrove@olemiss.edu.

A Whimsical Look at Accounting Through the Zodiac

By Ruth H. Doumlele

Trained in analysis and structured by procedures, accountants of today are among the movers and shakers in the professions. Mercury rules the astrological sign Virgo and, in the study and practice of astrology, Mercury rules accounting. It is the fastest moving planet in the heavens. Its speed is exceeded only by the Sun and the Moon and it strongly affects the manner in which one practices accounting.

Not all accountants are Virgos and not all Virgos are accountants. They are found in all twelve signs of the zodiac and basic traits of the different signs have an effect on the manner in which an accountant practices.

Let's examine how this may work by looking at the twelve signs of the zodiac.

Aries is the initiator of action and new directions. The Aries accountant may design an effective accounting model or procedure. However, the details of implementing it will be left to someone else while Aries goes on to something new.

Taurus is the money-oriented accountant par excellence. The Taurean accountant constantly strives for cost effectiveness, working diligently on tax shelters and profit sharing plans.

Taurus will be certain up front that there is enough money in a job to be well paid.

Gemini excels at writing and analyzing theory. Gemini scrutinizes FASB pronouncements and looks for the tax loopholes. The Gemini accountant probably conducts tax seminars, explaining myriad details. And of course, Gemini will always have an alternate method if the first one doesn't work to advantage.

Cancer is involved in nurturing the client, even subconsciously considering each client or company a favorite child to be advised and directed. A Cancer accountant probably mothered (or fathered) the concept of employee benefit packages. Cancer works well with companies related to food or homes.

Leo is the star of the accounting field. The Leo accountant wants to be in the limelight and on panel discussions. A Leo accountant does well in broadcast or motion picture accounting, but also wants business associates to be personal friends. Watch Leo's feelings which may become downcast if proposed policies are not adopted.

The Virgo accountant loves the detail and procedures in a practice and

wants to be certain each function is implemented in impeccable manner. Virgo is content to allow others to have the limelight, so long as the established tests have been adhered to. A Virgo accountant may work on such health care provisions as the cafeteria plans and does research on GAAP and FASB.

Libra is the social butterfly of the zodiac. Its sign is the scales or balance, so Libra is meticulous in seeing that all bases have been covered and the debits and the credits do indeed balance. But how about a little partying into the night after the job has been completed? The Libra accountant may choose a field of cosmetics or beauty products.

Scorpio is the detective/accountant of the zodiac. Here the natural tendency to examine all aspects of a transaction pays off, when the Scorpion is in internal accounting or looking for computer fraud. Few deviations escape the keen eye of the Sherlock Holmes of accounting.

Sagittarius is the publisher or the academician in accounting. The Sagittarian accountant is always ready for the overseas assignment, or is in process of writing for accounting journals. This is the accounting philosopher.

Capricorn may be the future president of the corporation. This accountant builds a strong base, cultivates the proper people and is willing to wait for the payoff. Her or his method almost always succeeds.

Aquarius is the humanitarian and views accounts as her or his world. The Aquarian accountant will be great in not-for-profit organizations or in businesses which are involved in ecology. Here the compensation is not as important as the service.

Pisces views the world as a means of helping others. The Pisces accountant has a personal as opposed to a business responsibility to all clients. Pisces becomes involved in health field accounting and may become the controller of a hospital.

If the described sun signs traits do not apply to you as an accountant, bear in mind that Mercury, the accounting planet, is capricious. In your astrological chart it may be making either reinforcing or altering aspects to planets in other signs, blending your accounting skills with those of another sign. ♀