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SCORPIO - October 23 - November 21



SCORPIO – *The Intense One*
Very energetic. Intelligent.
Can be jealous and/or possessive. Hardworking. Great kisser. Can become obsessive or secretive. Holds grudges.

Attractive. Determined. Loves being in long relationships. Talkative. Romantic. Can be self-centered at times. Passionate and emotional.

The Topaz is the stone for the month of November

In the 19th century topaz was discovered in Russia. It was so coveted that only the Czar, his family and the persons he gave it to could possess it. Rubbing or gently heating topaz electrifies it, causing it to attract small particles like bits of hair or paper. It was believed that if you wore topaz on your left arm or hung it around your neck it could break all enchantments that may have been cast upon you. Topaz is rumored to improve vision give life security, protect one from poverty and remove adversity, misfortune and melancholy. The Egyptians believed topaz was colored by the golden glow of the sun god Ra; thus it was used as a powerful amulet to protect them from harm. When Thomas Jefferson heard of the marriage of William Clark (of Lewis and Clark), he sent the bride a necklace, two bracelets, earrings, a pin and a ring, all made of pearls and topaz

November 16

You are intellectual, capable and discerning, fond of good literature and are a convincing and fluent talker. You have a deep and spiritual nature, are orthodox in your views and spend little time in unknown fields. Your love is strong and deep and you will receive a true devotion in return.

1901 Jesse Stone, rhythm and blues musician and songwriter (Money Honey), is born in Atchison, KS.

1904 (Benjamin) Nnamdi Azikiwe, first president of Nigeria, is born in Zungeru, Nigeria.

1915 Alphonse 'Bois Sec' Ardoine, accordionist specializing in Cajun music, is born in Evangeline Parish, New Orleans.

1924 Israel Meyer Augustine, Jr., first African American district judge in Louisiana, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1930 (Albert) Chinualumogu Chinua Achebe, novelist (Things Fall Apart), is born in Ogifi, Nigeria Protectorate.

1931 Hubert Charles Sumlin guitarist and singer as a member of Howlin' Wolf's band, is born in Greenwood, MS.

1933 Garnet Mimms, singer (Cry Baby), is born in Ashland, WV.

1940 John Ryanes, singer with The Monotones (The Book Of Love) is born in Newark, NJ. 1943 Winfred "Blue" Lovett, singer and composer of the opening rap in the song Kiss and Say Goodbye with The Manhattan, is born.

1951 (Herbert Lee) Herb Washington, Major League Baseball player and owner/operator of numerous McDonald's restaurants and minor league professional hockey franchise is born in Belzoni, MS.

1952 Glenn Lawrence Burke, Major League Baseball player is born in Oakland, CA.

1956 (Artis) Wayne Cooper, National Basketball Association player is born in Milan, GA.

1956 (Mabon Lewis) Teenie Hodges, rhythm and lead guitarist and songwriter (Love and Happiness) is born in Germantown, TN.

1947 Darine Stern, first African American model featured on the cover of Playboy magazine alone (1971) is born.

1950 Harvey Banks Martin, National Football League player is born in Dallas, TX.

1952 Glenn Lawrence Burke, Major League Baseball player is born in Oakland, CA.

1959 Vernon B. Parker, mayor of Paradise Valley, Arizona is born in Houston, TX.

1963 Zina Lynna Garrison, professional tennis player is born in Houston, TX.

1963 Bernard Wright, funk and jazz keyboardist and singer is born in Jamaica, Queens NY.

1964 Dwight Eugene Gooden, Major League Baseball player is born in Tampa, FL.

1967 Craig Marcus Watkins, first African American district attorney in Texas is born in Dallas, TX.

1967 Lisa (Michelle) Bonet (Lilakoi Moon), actor (The Cosby Show) is born in San Francisco, CA.

1969 Chenoa Maxwell, actor (Hav Plenty) and photographer (Introspection: India) is born in New Rochelle, NY.

1969 Bryan Abrams, singer with Color Me Badd is born in Oklahoma City, OK.

1972 Olanda Anderson, Light Heavyweight boxer on the 2000 Olympic Team is born in Sumter, SC.

1976 Egypt Sherrod, HGTV host (Property Virgins) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1977 José Acosta, Negro and Major League Baseball player dies in Havana, Cuba.

1978 Daniel Lawrence Graham, National Football League player is born in Torrance, CA.

1978 Orshawante Bryant, Arena Football League player is born in Riverside, CA.



(Benjamin) Nnamdi Azikiwe

1980 (Overton Vertis) O.V. Wright, singer (That's How Strong My love Is) dies in mobile, AL.

1981 (Ositadimma) Osi Umenyiora, National Football League player is born in London, England.

1982 Amar'e Carsares Stoudemire, National Basketball Association player is born in Lake Wales, FL.

1987 Derek Newton, National Football League player is born in Utica, MS.

1988 William Coleman, professional basketball player (Basketball Bundesliga) is born in Columbus, GA.

1995 Cliff Alexander, National Basketball Association player is born in Chicago, IL.

1995 Charles Edward Gordone (Fleming), actor and playwright and the first African American to receive a Pulitzer Prize for Drama dies in College Station, TX.

1995 Noah Gray Cabey, actor (My Wife and Kids) is born in Chicago, IL.

1996 Benjamin Arthur Quarles, educator and author (The Negro in the American Revolution) dies in Baltimore, MD.

2000 (Robert Earl Davis, Jr.) D.J. Screw, creator of the screwed and chopped deejay technique dies in Houston, TX.

2000 Hosea Lorenzo Williams, minister, scientist and politician dies in Atlanta, GA.

November 17

You have good judgment, are a careful manager and a shrewd manipulator. Your ideas are practical and you consider all details before entering into any undertaking. You are affectionate, tender and dependable. Your friends rely on your judgment and have absolute faith in you..

1904 William Henry Hastie, judge, is born in Knoxville, TN.

1932 Charles Waddell Chesnutt, lawyer and author (The Conjure Woman) dies in Cleveland, OH.

1943 (Morten Avery) Specs Clark, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1944 Samuel Younge, Jr., first African American college student to be killed as a result of his involvement in the civil right movement, is born in Tuskegee, AL.

1945 Elvin Ernest Hayes, National Basketball Association player, is born in Rayville, LA.

1955 (James Price) Jimmy Johnson, pianist and composer (Charleston), dies in Jamaica, Queens NY.

1955 Yolanda King, first born child of Dr. Martin Luther King, is born in Montgomery, AL.

1960 (Andre Charles) RuPaul, actor drag queen, model, author and singer-songwriter, is born in San Diego, CA.

1961 (Charles Harrison) C.H. Mason, Pentecostal Holiness and denominational leader of the Church of God in Christ, dies in Detroit, MI.

1962 Ray Chadwick, Major League Baseball player, is born in Durham, NC.

1963 Adrian Francis Branch, National Basketball Association player, is born in Washington, DC.

1964 Susan Elizabeth Rice, US National Security Advisor, is born in Washington, DC.

1967 Howard Griffith, National Football League player, is born in Chicago, IL.

1967 Ronnie Boyd DeVoe, Jr. singer with New Edition and Bell, Biv, DeVoe, is born in Roxbury, MA.

1969 Rebecca Walker (Leventhal) (daughter of Alice Walker), writer (To Be Real: Telling the Truth and Changing the Face of Feminism), is born in Jackson, MS.

1971 David Ramsey, actor (Dexter), is born in Detroit, MI.

1971 William Edward McMillon, minor league baseball manager and Major League Baseball player, is born in Alamogordo, NM.

1972 Leonard Roberts, actor (Drumline), is born in St. Louis, MO.

1973 (Ricky Dunigan) Lord Infamous, rap artist and co-founder of Three 6 Mafia, is born in Memphis, TN.

1978 (Reginald) Reggie Wayne, National Football League player, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1980 Israel Idonije, National Football League player, is born in Lagos, Nigeria.

1983 (Anthony Ike) Tony Ugoh, Jr., National Football League player, is born in Houston, TX.

1983 Chike George Lindsay-Akidia. Muay Thai kick boxer, is born in Atlanta, GA.

1983 Reggie Corner, National Football League player, is born in Canton, OH.

1991 Katherine Chandler Turner, founding member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (nursing), dies in Washington, DC.

1992 (Audrey Geraldine) Audre Lorde, writer (The Black Unicorn), dies in Saint Croix, US Virgin Islands.

1998 Esther Rolle, actor (Good Times), dies in Culver City, CA.

2003 Arthur Conley, singer (Sweet Soul Music), dies in Rururo, Netherlands.

2006 Ruth (Alston Weston) Brown, singer and actor (Black & Blue), dies in Henderson, NV.

Birthdays: Leslie Ming, drummer with B.T. Express (Do It Until You're Satisfied)

November 18

You are conscientious, ambitious, accurate and just. You do not act hastily, but are steady and reliable. You always finish whatever you undertake. You are both artistic and musical and have ideals. You are jovial, hearty and fun loving, and will be happily married.

1949 Tina McElroy Ansa, teacher, journalist and novelist (Baby of the Family), is born in Macon, GA.

1951 Will Vodery, composer, conductor and vocal arranger for Ziegfeld Follies, dies in New York, NY.

1952 Delroy George Lindo, actor (Get Shorty), is born in Eltham, London England.

1952 Steven Curtis Henderson, Major League Baseball player and coach, is born in Houston, TX.

1953 Johnny DuPree, mayor of Hattisburg, Mississippi, is born in Fort Benning, GA.

1954 Michael B. Coleman, mayor of Columbus, OH, is born in Indianapolis, IN.

1956 (Harold) Warren Moon, National Football League player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1957 (Julius Caesar) J.C. Watts, Jr., Congressman from Oklahoma and Canadian Football League player, is born in Eufaula, OK.

1959 Cindy Blackman (Santana), jazz and rock drummer, is born in Yellow Springs, OH.

1961 (John Byas) Jazzy Jay, hip-hop DJ and producer is, born in Beaufort, SC.

1962 Michael Felder, Major League Baseball player, is born in Vallejo, CA.

1963 (Leonard Kevin) Len Bias, National Basketball Association player, is born in Landover, MD.

1967 Thomas Gordon, Major League Baseball player, is born in Sebring, FL.

1968 Darrell Lamont Whitmore, Major League Baseball player, is born in Front Royal, VA.

1968 Gary Antonian Sheffield, Major League Baseball player, is born in Tampa, FL.

1969 (Samuel James) Sam Cassell, National Basketball Association player, is born in Baltimore, MD>

1969 Daphne Rubin-Vega, actor (Rent), is born in Panama City, Panama.

1969 (Raghib Ramadian) Rocket Ismail, National Football League player, is born in Elizabeth, NJ.

1970 (Michael Elliot) Mike Epps, comedian and actor (Friday), is born in Indianapolis, IN.

1971 Junior Parker, Memphis blues singer and musician (Feelin' Good), dies at Blue Island, IL.

1975 David Americo Ortiz Arias, Major League Baseball player, is born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

1977 (Micah LaVar) Pastor Troy, rap artist and member of D.S.G.B. (Down South Georgia Boys), is born in Augusta, GA.

1977 (John David Jackson) Fabolous rap artist (Can't Deny), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1978 (Chukwunweze Sonume) Chucky Okobi, National Football League player, is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1979 Cato Nnamdi June, National Football League player and high school football coach, is born in Riverside, CA.

1979 (Christopher T.) Chris Baker, National Football League player, is born in Queens, NY.

1979 Nate Parker, actor (Red Tails), is born in Norfolk, VA.

1982 Damon Wayans, Jr., actor (Happy Endings), is born.

1983 (Jamila Aiko Chilombo) Mila J, rap artist, dancer and singer (M.I.L.A.), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1985 Allyson Michelle Felix, 2012 Olympic gold medal winner, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1988 Jeffrey Michael Jordan, Nike Inc.'s management-training program (oldest son of Michael Jordan), is born in Chicago, IL.

1989 Arthur Hobbs, National, Arena and Canadian Football League player is born in San Diego, CA.

1989 Bria L. Murphy, model and oldest daughter of Eddie Murphy, is born in Long Island, NY.

1994 (Cabell) Cab Calloway, III, singer and bandleader, dies in Hockessin, DE.

1996 (Charles Lenard) Charlie Neal, Major League Baseball player, dies in Dallas, TX.

1998 (Harold Edward) Hal Davis, songwriter and record producer (I'll Be There), dies.

1999 (Jehosie) Jay Heard, Negro and Major League Baseball player, dies in Birmingham, AL.

2006 (William) Willie Grace, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Erie, PA.

2011 (Walter Raphael) Walt Hazzard, Jr. (Mahdi Abdur-Rahman) National Basketball Association player, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2013 Thomas Arquis Howard, National Football League player, dies in Oakland, CA.

Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.