

The 2/4 Profile

I shall tread softly, trying not to distract you too much. I have already noted the “Do Not Disturb” sign on the door and appreciate you are someone who likes your own sanctuary and hates being interrupted while focusing on something — even your favorite television show! But there is a mystery to crack here — and that mystery is you.

I suspect you can come across as something of an enigma, even to yourself. A 2/4 profile neither sees itself clearly nor projects itself easily. You are extremely shy and retiring one minute then bold and outspoken the next, interacting with the world in a bright and breezy manner, then disappearing behind a closed door into a self-made “cave.”

It is hard to pin down your moods from one moment to the next. Observers tend

to see in you more than you see in yourself, which probably explains why you seek your reflection in them, gleaning feedback. Without such feedback, you really can be oblivious to who you are. It's as if you need others around you to find essential support, strength, and purpose. In turn, this creates a propensity to give too much, as someone who is naturally submissive and cooperative.

If we were in conversation, I'd detect a natural, easygoing warmth and a big heart. You would listen intently to my responses, not because you'd be interested in me but because you'd want to learn something about *yourself* from my observations. Life is your eternal university, and all interactions form the basis of your teachings, inspiration, and guidance. You tend to derive identity from others. If someone you admire does something that enhances their life, you'll mimic it. If you witness inspiring advice on television, you'll adopt it. *Anything* that helps you discover who you are is

explored. This is who you are, so don't allow the mystery to get you down.

The one thing you might recognize (or not, because it's unconscious) is a certain vulnerability and fear of rejection. You are naturally heartfelt, with an abundance of love and giving, but this coexists with a wariness of exposing yourself too much, just in case you are misinterpreted and then cast aside. This probably explains why you prefer one-on-one interactions as opposed to great crowds of people. Walk into a room and the first thing you'll do is stand to one side, waiting to be approached. You are a social fisherman, throwing out an invisible line, throwing certain looks or odd remarks to lure people into a one-on-one interaction.

When riled or upset, you can display an unintended and reactive meanness. There is a latent irritability, and flashes of anger can erupt. In some cases, this anger can be explosive. An amenable nature can be pushed into an impressive

fury, especially when you are distracted from focusing on something that is mentally engaging.

One thing you certainly won't appreciate is that there is something of the genius about you, a special quality that people can't quite put their finger on. You also happen to be a highly creative being. When you are engaged in a pursuit or profession that comes naturally, you can excel and your creativity will shine when you throw your heart into it. You can pursue objectives with vigor and focused determination if they grab your interest. And the more success you embrace, the more you thrive.

Ultimately, your aim in life is to embrace your naturalness. When you are functioning naturally, without the complication of a preponderance of thought, you can soar. Being natural and honoring what comes naturally, be it an expression or deed, are important to your ability to shine. The more natural you are, the less fearful you become. Overexposure may

well feel daunting, but left to your own devices you run the risk of being left to your own devices forever! So learn to trust life — and yourself — more.

When you begin to feel more comfortable with the advice and knowledge you can impart, you can become one of life's great parents, wise sages, teachers, and instructors. So never limit yourself from the exposure to every experience life can offer — your heart and naturalness are a breath of fresh air in the modern-day world.

Relationships with a 2/4

You cannot help but love your 2/4 partner because he or she can be the sweetest, most gentle of individuals, with the biggest heart and a vulnerability that is irresistible. One thing you mustn't take advantage of is their natural tendency to give, give, give without honoring their need to receive. So however cooperative, submissive, or even malleable a

2/4 profile may seem, don't take them for granted — they have needs, too. And when they are pushed to the breaking point, their peace can turn to anger! The fragility of the unconscious fourth line requires them to be valued, and they'll quietly resent one-way traffic... until they blow. So it's important to strike a balance that appreciates their wants and needs.

FAMOUS 2/4 PEOPLE

Fred Astaire, Sandra Bullock, Princess Caroline of Monaco, Bill Clinton, Sean Connery, Miley "Hannah Montana" Cyrus, Johnny Depp, Cameron Diaz, John Lennon, Kylie Minogue, Liz Taylor, and Oprah Winfrey

They can be maddening to be around: carefree, oblivious, and bright one moment, sulking and brooding the next. There is also a propensity to share a conversation in which you are convinced they are listening, but then, the next

morning, they cannot recall its detail. 2/4 profiles soon discard information that they regard as trivial.

One thing to recognize is your partner's need to have solitude and space to retreat. And don't interrupt 2/4s; these are solitary people who decide when *they* are in the mood to engage. Don't ask me why — that's part of the curious enigma.

One thing I would say about 2/4 partners — especially if you are in the infancy of dating — is that their shyness means they take some time to warm up and be coaxed into a natural state of all-embracing intimacy. The good thing for partners of these people is that 2/4 profiles can be absolutely devoted when they find someone who answers all their questions about themselves and life and provides security. A relationship can soar when you reflect back to them a sense of worth and appreciation and put their needs on an equal footing with yours.