

# Dianna

## **The Myth**

Dianna was The keeper of ‘Natural Law’, Goddess of the “open skies”, of natural, wild and uninhabited places.

Protector of wild animals and the hunt, she was known for her physical strength, her athletic grace and beauty. She was a “virgin” Goddess belonging only to herself. Her freedom was more important to her than being any man’s mate. Hunters would pray to Dianna for a good hunt so as to supply all their food requirements, even through winter.

Her beauty however, made her very desirable to men. In fact one man, Acteon, wanted her so much he disguised himself in deerskin and antlers. He then spied on her while she bathed. She was very upset by his apparent lack of respect for her way of life, and so she allowed her wild hunting dogs to tear him to pieces.

**Symbol:** Forests, The Sun and Crescent Moon

## **Archetypal Energy**

This energy manifests within us as:

Personal freedom and integrity – being yourself without compromise. That is - living life on our own terms without transgressing others’ boundaries and not letting them transgress ours.

The love of nature, the outdoors and animal life. The inner knowing, that that which we need for our survival, will be provided by the Earth or the universe, for that matter.

Confidence about our physical power and skill. Independence and ability to use our own inner resources as well as those made available to us. Self-reliance: being able to defend ourselves from intrusion of our person or life values. The ability to test the untried, the unknown and to explore within ourselves. Standing alone and apart so we can know and be ourselves. Standing apart when our wildness may be harmful to others.

It is explorative, untamed and uncompromising energy. It represents those aspects of ourselves that belong to no one else, which are as yet untouched by human values, codes or order or community. It helps us access and retain “the wild person” within.

## **The Dianna Individual**

These people are often athletic or physically very competent. They may be physically robust and imposing or lithe and graceful. This person knows when to wait for their needs to be met even though they are quite capable of hunting for them. They are likely to be a “greenie” or a nature activist and are not as civilised or “domesticated” as some people. Dianna is evident in most young people to some degree in their teenage and early-unwed years. Their sense of adventure and discovery of the physical world, work and relationships is as fresh and as new as the crescent moon.

The Dianna person may never have children because of their reluctance to lose their freedom. The Dianna woman is happiest being separate from men or when in competition with them.

## **At Home**

Keeping house is not a priority. A lush native or dense garden is a common feature. Pastels, flowers and pretty things are uncommon. Instead, robust ranch-like furniture makes a statement. Wooden furniture is unpolished and often features the original shape and patterns of the tree it came from. Pictures on walls may be of animals, forests and waterways. Rocks,

crystals, tribal carvings and plants are likely to be the only adornments.

### **Career**

Being on various consecutive projects to allow them a “new beginning” each time is a favoured option. Vets, animal rights activists and forestry workers, are also possibilities. They need a lot of freedom from their superiors. Dianna people are not team players.

### **Dress**

Minimal amounts, i.e. few garments or scanty, simple gear is favoured. Jewellery, perfume/after shave and a thought out wardrobe are unlikely. Fur-like materials may sometimes be liked, not from a glamorous point of view, but for warmth and as a reminder of the animals they love. Dianna women are unlikely to wear make-up, use creams or lotions and her hair may be long and untamed or short and boyish. She hates frills.

### **Relationships**

A soft voice and manner are unlikely. These people don't like to feel “too close” or confined in a relationship and if they do marry, she'll keep her maiden name whilst he will regularly want “adventure time” away from the marriage. They may seem inconsiderate or rough to those who adhere to the rules etiquette. Dianna women are not respectful of males and often prefer to be apart from them.

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