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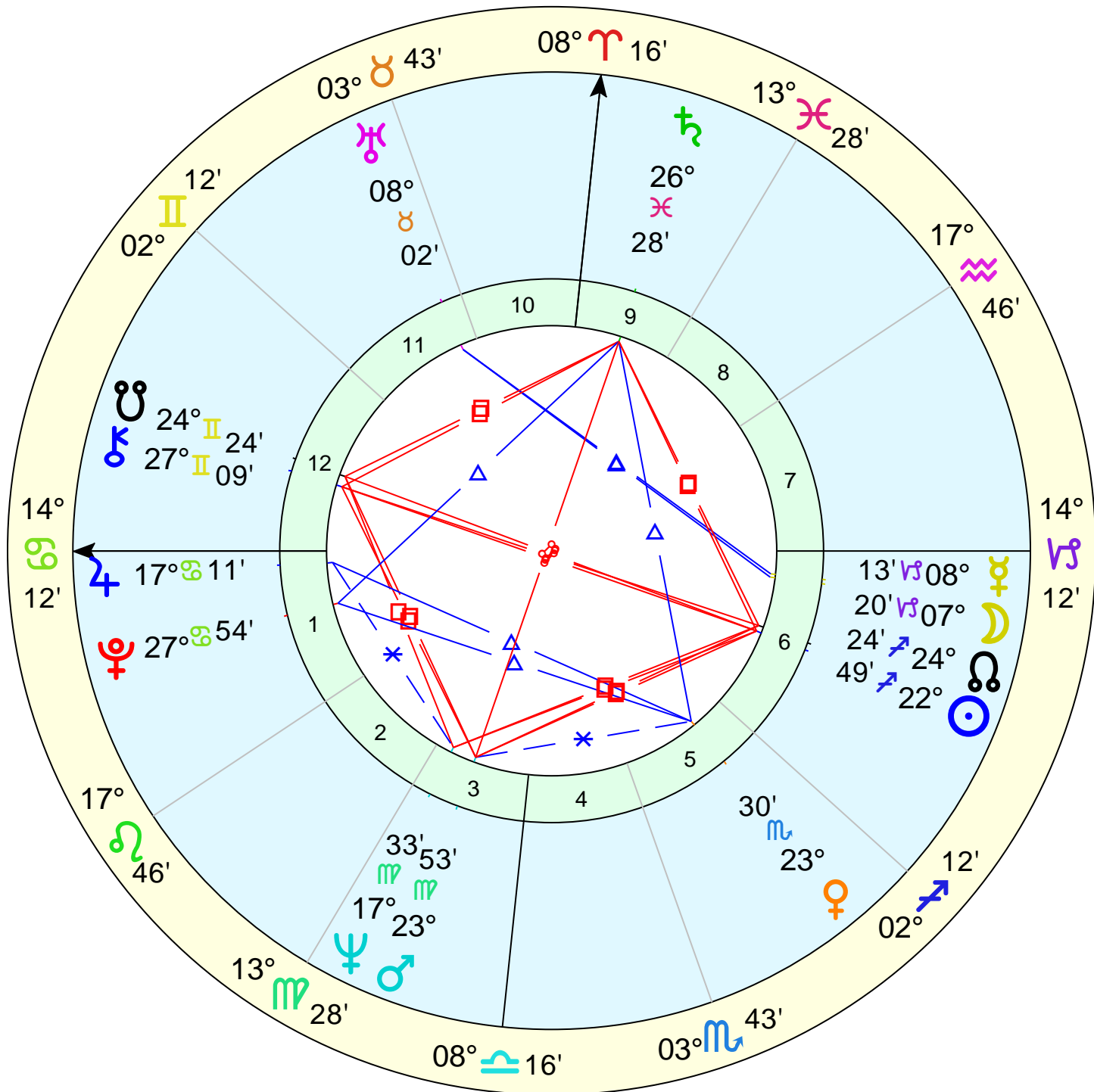
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Introduction



A well-known saying often ascribed to Aristotle suggests that ‘the whole is greater than the sum of its parts’. In essence, this is the nature of the Composite or Combined Chart, in that the alchemical combination of two individuals can create a relationship greater than the two. The secret is in working together to create this possibility. Hence, like the individual birth Chart, the Composite Chart holds the potential for fulfilment and each individual either takes hold of or rejects this potential. In many cases, the potential of the Composite Chart never manifests because the individuals involved are not working together to ignite the possibilities of their relationship. It’s also true that not every relationship is a positive one, much as this might be the wish. The Composite Chart can shed light on the true nature of each relationship.

Another way of describing the combined energies expressed in the astrological Composite Chart is by using the word “synergy”. Synergy is the dynamic force that is a result of working together to achieve something greater. The New Oxford Dictionary defines “synergy” as ‘the interactions or co-operation of two or more organisations, substances or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects’. This is the underlying premise of the Combined Chart; that the astrological combination of two horoscopes can generate cosmic alignments more powerful than the individuals separately. The interpretation of a Composite Chart is a means of engaging in this mystery.

Astrologically, a Combined Chart is calculated by taking an average, midpoint or mean amount between two or more horoscopes to generate a single Chart. This single Chart is often referred to as the Composite Chart and takes two or more individuals in a relationship and produces a single Composite horoscope to represent the soul or nature of the relationship. This technique can be useful in ascertaining patterns, challenges, and timing in the relationship itself. However, it does not describe each individual’s relationship needs. For instance, a Combined Chart may describe an intense synergy of two people. What happens when only one of the two people wishes for intensity? Conflict may occur or the relationship may simply dissolve. This report is intended by the authors to describe the potential of each combined duo, the alchemy. The choice of whether to pursue the “gold” in each relationship remains an individual one.

THE HEART OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP



“The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.”
-- C.G. Jung.

The Sun

There is only one Sun in our Solar System and it is the central focus. In every relationship, there are two, as each person brings their own Sun into the partnership. This might generate too much heat in the relationship unless a way is found to moderate and focus the intensity. This is the nature of the Composite Sun, which blends the two temperaments and shifts the centre of gravity away from an individual, placing its centre of attention on the relationship. As a couple begins to forge their commitment to the relationship, the focus shifts from ‘I’ to ‘We’, and from individuality towards connection. At the heart of every relationship is the central point which keeps the relationship alive and radiant. This is the Composite Sun.

As an image, the Composite Sun is the heart of the relationship, the planetary organ which provides the nutrients and life force to the relationship. It symbolises how the relationship remains vital, and how the couple can be more animated and lively. The Sun is also a symbol of identity and represents what is unique and especially characteristic of the relationship. It symbolises ideas and goals that are important to recognise for the wellbeing of those involved. As the heart centre of the Chart, it reveals the essence and purpose of the relationship. The encompassing question might be, ‘for what purpose has this relationship been created?’. On a more pragmatic level, it suggests factors that are important to identify as well as core issues in the relationship. The house position of the Sun will shine a light on what areas are of interest and importance to the couple; while aspects to the Sun highlight challenges to the vitality and resilience of the relationship, identifying other energies that need to be acknowledged in the relationship.

As an image of father or authority, the Composite Sun also suggests how the relationship is cultivated and promoted. Therefore, it is an important image for any couple to acknowledge as participation with this energetic quality develops the heart muscle of the relationship. However, like all Composite planets, there is often an irony

in the quality of the Composite Sun which is important to reiterate. The Composite Sun is often at odds with one or both partner's Sun signs. For instance, a Sun in Sagittarius involved with a Sun in Aquarius may have their Composite Sun in Capricorn. As individuals, their mutual recognition of freedom and wider vistas may need to find a more conservative focus in their relationship. When a couple locates their Composite Sun, their relationship shines; therefore, the house of the Composite Sun will suggest where the couple might metaphorically find more sunshine.

The Sun is in the 6th House

Astrologers generally state that this is a difficult combination for two people, that it can indicate an imbalance in your relationship or the fact that you find it difficult to share daily life with your partner. This can be true, but it is not necessarily so. It can also indicate a shared sense of duty. In other words, you and your partner both know how to be of service to each other. For whatever reason, you both feel that each day is a blessing. You acknowledge your esteem for each other daily and even know when to do those little things that cheer each other along the way. It is true that this is not a natural indication of a romantic liaison or marriage. It would be fair to say that unless there are other strong indicators in your relationship Astrology, you would be better advised to enjoy a friendship or a work association rather than form a strong romantic attachment. It can be an indicator for an association whereby one person is taking care of another. This relationship may also indicate a shared interest in animal husbandry, farming, medicine or any type of daily work. However, this can also be a deeply caring bond. It may not be a balanced union. One of you may feel that you take more care of the other, or one of you may be thrust into the role of caretaker. Nevertheless, sacred bonds are formed through being of service to another living being. Sometimes this can indicate a romantic bond that is misunderstood by family members, friends, and associates. While others may frown on your association, you both know that you share an understanding that serves you both well on a daily basis. You are happy from day to day, and that is more than a lot of people can say. So what if this relationship involves a little self-sacrifice, you both don't mind. You are happy to share chores, show your love in little ways and leave the grandiose gestures to others. Very occasionally, this placement can also indicate two people who share a strong bond because of their shared religious or spiritual rituals. In other words, they meditate, pray or commune with nature each day together.

The Sun is Square Mars

This is a difficult combination that may prove to provide a spark in the bedroom or boardroom but is unlikely to run the course of your association smoothly. For reasons that may or may not be obvious, the two of you clash. At times, you may wonder why you bother to argue, but one or both of you just can't seem to let matters slide. Unless there are other strong relationship indicators, you may both decide that it is easier to part ways rather than continue to bicker over non-consequential or perhaps very important matters. However, if you are in a committed personal or business relationship, then you may be serious about resolving differences of opinion. Eventually, you can find a path to a better understanding, if this is your joint goal. You must make sure that you are in agreement about at least one thing – how committed you both are to the process of conflict resolution. You may also benefit from taking part in a physical sports or activity together.

The Sun is Square Saturn

This is an unusual combination to have in your Combined Charts, mainly because it is a difficult one for a love union. The very heart of your relationship is under constraint from opposing forces. Perhaps you come from very different walks of life or perhaps you have opposition from external forces. Commitment and hard work can overcome even the hardest of opposition but you are going to need all of your joint resources, and some other positive astrological influences to succeed in keeping this bond true. If you are not careful one, or both of you, could feel that you cannot express your true selves when you are together. This can be frustrating. If you can both dedicate yourselves to ensuring that both of you can be your true selves whether together or apart, then you are more likely to succeed. Loyalty and steadfastness are called for to ensure that true love stands the test

of time.

The Sun is Square Neptune

This combination indicates an association that is both blessed and cursed with caprice. On the one hand, you are both drawn to an inexplicable quality in each other. Romance may be in the air or you share a dream for the betterment of the world or yourselves. Whether you have met through business or personal ventures, and whether you are acquaintances or intimate friends, you seek something illusive in each other. You recognise a kindred spirit when you see one. You know that destiny has played a hand, and if nothing else, that you are going to teach each other a valuable lesson. Somehow you feel that knowing each other has made this world a better place. The problem is, that unless there are other strong indicators in your Combined Chart, you are likely to feel somewhat frustrated at times. What you are yearning for is a deep and soulful connection with each other. However, just when this seems to be possible, something or someone else steps into the picture preventing true satisfaction. In other words, you experience disillusion. Once disillusioned you need to be wary of the way in which this relationship can deteriorate. If indeed the qualities that you seek are illusionary, then you are better to ease yourselves out of any serious commitment. This is true for both business and personal relationships. If you are married or looking for a commitment of marriage, then you need other astrological indicators to provide the glue for a strong bond. Otherwise, you could lose yourselves in an impossible search for love. Years can pass by because you both don't want to let go, and yet you also can't quite see a practical, daily commitment taking place. If you do have other clear relationship indicators, then you are likely to enjoy this relationship, feeling that it is a deep connection that helps you rise above daily problems. Sometimes this combination highlights a shared passion for the arts, charitable works, alternative therapies or spiritual pursuits.

The Sun is Opposite Chiron

Whenever Chiron is highlighted in an Astrology Chart, it signifies both a source of emotional pain and the opportunity for healing. In your case, Chiron is combining with the Sun indicating that this is a profound union with subtle undercurrents. In her book "Anatomy of the Spirit: The Seven Stages of Power and Healing", author and modern-day self-help guru Carolyn Myss espouses two people forming a bond based on their emotional wounds. She explains that one person reveals an emotional and hurtful experience, and the other person empathises. Through this empathy, two people form a union. Myss calls this being "wound-mates", not soul mates. Does this ring any bells? Perhaps you have met under similar circumstances, perhaps even through a group or cause that is close to your heart because of your personal experience. Many people have hurtful memories from the past. The vital factor in your relationship is that you help heal each other's painful memories rather than add to them. Compassion is a key factor in all communications. You need to keep a strong heart connection rather than focus on the intellect. If you speak from the heart then you are likely to nurture your bond. You may also benefit from coming together for a cause, or to heal or teach other people. These pursuits may provide just the platform for you both to gain understanding and self-expression in a safe and loving manner.

THE SOUL OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP



“Living together is an art. It's a patient art, it's a beautiful art - it's fascinating.” -- Pope Francis

The Moon

As the indication of attachment and the barometer of emotional security, the Moon is especially important in the Composite Charts of dependants, like mother-child relationships, couples with children, and/or long-term committed partners living together or even flatmates. In your relationship, the Composite Moon's House position suggests where you both might build the foundations for your emotional wellbeing, and where you share in the shelter of each other. Your Composite Moon signifies the emotional comfort levels in your relationship, and what is needed to help secure your relationship. It is where you find the feelings of belonging, and even the atmosphere and ambience needed in your home and private spaces, to help nurture and grow your relationship together. The Composite Moon represents the conditions that help you both to feel at home. For instance, are there many moves? a permanent address? Or could you live interstate or overseas? The Moon is instinctual; in your Natal Charts, it suggests the habits and familial themes you both bring into the relationship, but in the Composite Chart it suggests the innate patterns and rituals that are natural to your relationship. Do you fit together easily, ride the ups and downs of life together, or does the relationship falter at times of stress and difficulty? Is the relationship familiar and safe? These are reflective questions addressed by your Composite Moon.

The Moon reflects the many aspects of living in rhythm together. In a particular House, it describes what areas of life are necessary to cultivate in order that you both feel safe and secure in your relationship. By astrological Aspect, it suggests other forces that challenge and strengthen the security of the relationship. Ultimately the Moon is about emotional security and safety, and its position in the Composite Chart addresses these levels of your relationship.

The Moon is in the 6th House

With the Composite Moon nesting in your 6th House, the themes of work, health, and daily routines become important to the emotional security of your relationship. Therefore, what is important to recognise for the stability and security of your relationship, is routine. If that sounds too boring, let's use the word ritual or the rhythm of daily life. Continuity and coherence come first, and when they are secured, your relationship is able to branch

out. First, it is important to establish who's going to feed the cat, walk the dog, pay the bills, do the shopping, make the dinner, fix the fence, and water the garden. The Composite Moon is suggesting that for your relationship to feel secure and safe, the details of everyday life need to be acknowledged. They do not necessarily have to be perfect or fixed up, but they do need conscious attention. The relationship cannot feel safe if one half of it does not know when the other half is coming home. Therefore, communication and honouring the daily processes of your relationship is important.

Equally important, is how you share your day with one another. You may go your separate ways during the day, being actively involved and engaged in your work. How you leave that behind when you leave work and enter into your relationship is crucial to the health and wellbeing of your life together. You both need to debrief and share your personal experiences during the day so that each of you comes to know and understand the rhythms of your partner's daily life. Your partner is like a co-worker with whom you need to discuss important concerns and issues with. Work is a significant component of your relationship, and how you are able to work together and be of service to each other is vital to the lifeblood of your partnership. Ordering the domestic life and cultivating your time together is important work. Ironically you may have first met at work or mutually shared a common workplace; now it is time to make that workspace your relationship. Doing so makes you both much more secure and content.

The Moon is Opposite The Ascendant

Your Moon is highlighted as it is on an angle on your Composite Chart, suggesting the themes of care, dependency, security, and belonging are systemic to your relationship. The changing temperament and rhythms of moods, feelings, and reactions need to be anchored in the harbour of your relationship through your kindness and concern for each other. The issue of dependency is at the heart of your relationship as your composite Moon is setting on the Descendant. Therefore, the question of how your relationship meets your own private needs and the needs of others is an important consideration as your identity as a couple takes shape.

Having the Moon setting brings its own unique attachment style or way of bonding and feeling safe. The Moon is your safety net and nest. Being on the gateway to others, it is as if your front door mat had a 'welcome' greeting. You are hospitable and open to others, helping them to feel safe and cared for. Therefore, you are perceived as friends to many, and part of a wider social circle, but it is essential that your acquaintances outside your relationship do not interfere with your own intimacy. As a couple, how do you distinguish family from friends, and which friends belong to your family? Shared gatherings, dinner parties, and family occasions are part of the fabric of your relationship. As a team, you are like family therapists or co-counsellors, providing a refuge and sanctuary for others. However, it is imperative that you find sanctuary first in each other, and in your relationship. If yours is a business venture, then it's necessary to recognise the human factor in it, such as service, care, providing for others, and a safe working environment. When yours is an emotional and domestic relationship, it is important to keep the front door accessible to others, but create enough privacy and alone time to renew your affection and care for one another.

The Moon is Conjunct Mercury

When the fast-moving planets, the Moon and Mercury, combine in your Composite Chart, they alert us to the patterns and habits that are formed through the familiarity of being together. They leave a subtle imprint on your relationship; therefore, it is wise to be mindful of some of the involuntary and unconscious reactions that take place through your interactions and communications. The combination of the Moon and Mercury invite you to be aware of taking things for granted. Coming to know each other's tastes and habits is an aspect of every relationship: two sugars in the coffee, or chardonnay not sauvignon blanc! We become aware of our partner's allergies and vulnerabilities, and try to tend to them in the best way we can. But you cannot always take your partner's reactions for granted or be certain they will always respond in the way they have previously. We

cannot always interpret what they will be thinking, nor intuit their responses. While your relationship offers you the possibility to understand each other intimately, it is important to keep your dialogues open-ended to encourage conversation, especially about the way you each feel or are experiencing the matter at hand. You cannot necessarily always read the mood of the relationship; therefore, it is best to open it up for discussion.

Together, you have a knack for being able to get to the heart of the matter, discuss it, and then soothe over any sore points. It is important to recognise that this muscle in your relationship needs to be built through exercise. Therefore, it is important to set time aside to do different things together so your relationship does not become habitual and respond automatically to routine. It is important to keep the dialogue open so you do not assume the other's reaction or viewpoint. Underpinning your relationship, are discerning and insightful qualities that help you to make decisions as a team and feel comfortable about choices that have been made. Therefore, take advantage of this perceptive quality in your relationship by being a bit more spontaneous and ward off the automatic responses that build up over time with familiarity. In your relationship, it is important to recognise the moods and phases of the Moon by acknowledging your authentic feelings without judgment or rationalization.

The Moon is Trine Uranus

In your Composite Chart, the Moon shines its rays on Uranus, a planet outside the bounds of traditions, rituals, and habits. When your lunar need to belong is brought into aspect with this outer planet, the inclination to feel attached, safe, and bonded is challenged to find new and innovative avenues of expression. The atmosphere of your relationship, your living habits, and routines are distinctly different than conventional couples. Being atypical, your relationship is invited to find a way to integrate the unexpected and the uncertain aspects of life with your need for security and safety measures.

On one hand, your relationship is stimulating and exciting, attracting opportunities for growth and change. Yet on the other, this can be exhausting, since there may not be enough space for leisure or downtime. As a couple, you are invited to find ways to feel secure in the midst of change and to take advantage of opportunities as they arise without compromising your sense of place or safety. You need to experiment with your lifestyle to find what is best for your relationship; as a couple what eating, sleeping, and domestic patterns work best for you? The regularity of routines might work for others but they may prove impossible to you. Together you are on a journey to find home, which may be far away from where you started or it might be in the same place, but everything has changed. Your relationship affirms the old adage that the only security is change. If uncertainty is your only certainty then you are invited to create enough space for this in your life together. Allow yourselves to be surprised.

COMMUNING AND CONVERSING



"I know no ways to mince it in love, but directly to say 'I love you'."
-- William Shakespeare, Henry V

Mercury

Mercury moves faster than any other planet in our solar system; therefore, the ancients likened it to their many-faced and fleet-footed god Mercury. Similarly, the alchemists named the element known for its quickness of movement after him. Mythic Mercury had multifarious roles as a guide, boundary-crosser, the guardian of flocks and the shepherd of dreams, the messenger god, charmer, trickster, the god of commerce, healer, and guide. You might have felt his presence when you and your partner crossed paths. Where there's a trick, a chance meeting, sleight of hand or a hint of magic, Mercury is somewhere nearby. Astrologically Mercury is associated with the process of learning, objectifying thoughts, communicating, sharing ideas, and making conversation. It rules two signs, Gemini and Virgo, which reflect the duality and dexterity of Mercury's approach to the schoolroom of life. Mercury is never static, always in motion, and it is a priority when comparing horoscopes, for, without adequate communication and interchange, a relationship can falter and ultimately fail. Composite Mercury describes the intellectual aspect of your partnership; it is the meeting of minds, and your ability to both brainstorm together and mutually discuss important issues.

For the alchemy to have effect in your relationship, both communicating and listening are important. Each of you will bring your own ways of thinking into the conversation; therefore, whether you exchange a few words or many, what is important is that you each remain connected to the dialogue. We have forged the way we learn and listen earlier in life, and if we habitually respond to a tone in the voice, body language or facial expressions from these entrenched patterns, we might miss a great discussion. The Composite Mercury shows your tête-à-tête as a couple, the natural lines of communication and conversation as a duo.

In the Composite Chart, the aspects to Mercury reveal the lines of communication natural to your relationship. Aspects are important, as the planets in aspect to Mercury influence the nature of communication and the feelings of being heard and understood. Its house position tells us about the areas of life where communication for your relationship is natural and most effective, where you learn and communicate together, and what skills you might develop and draw on to improve your communication. Basically, Mercury in the Composite Chart is your language as a couple, how you speak and converse together, the ideas that you share as one, your joint

understanding or the disagreements that you need to focus on. When addressing Mercury in the Composite Chart, the astrologer is concerned with the how the ideas, communication, language, and plans of the relationship can be effectively shared and understood. Being dualistic by nature and willing to see both sides, the archetype of Mercury is skilful at relating. How you honour Mercury energetically in your relationship is through communication, movement, humour, and the expression of ideas.

Mercury is in the 6th House

When Mercury lands in the 6th House, as it does in your Composite Chart, he becomes a bit more analytical and particular. In other words, rather than dashing out to the shops when it feels right, there might be more planning and list-making before shopping. But what does this mean in the context of your relationship? Firstly, as a couple, it is important to express yourselves clearly to reach a consensus about what needs to be done. You cannot just work on instinct, hope or faith; you need a plan. Perhaps it does not need to be as itemised and particular as you might think, but a plan needs to be in place before you launch yourselves into the next contractual agreement or project. Secondly, communication is imperative before, during, and after, as you need to follow through and follow up on all your commitments and promises to each other. Regularity is important, so schedule a phone call each day to one another, text when you're running late or make some time over coffee in the morning to check things out. Thirdly, the art of conversation needs to be mastered in your everyday life. It is the simple things you need to share, especially on the threshold of leaving for work and arriving home from work. It is necessary to talk about who is going to do what and how that is going to happen. And it is especially important to the wellbeing of your relationship to discuss what went on during the day with one another. You are each other's sounding boards.

Listening is important. So is sharing the silences. When you are in sync with one another, you have an instinct of knowing how to share your space, how to be in time together, what to say, and even what not to say. A great gift in your relationship is knowing how to keep the communication lines open, to ask for the details and to listen to the advice. You also have the same attitudes and thoughts about work; therefore, it is so important to talk about your work with each other. You may find yourselves working on projects together and expressing similar views. Your partner is also your work buddy, a good ear with a clever trick or two up their sleeve. Your communication together can heal misunderstandings from the past and draft the formula for a successful life together.

Mercury is Opposite The Ascendant

Contact, communication, and connection become highlighted as you build your relationship. Together you create a Combined Chart that has Mercury angular, highlighting its importance. As the god of the road, he is your guide but is also a trickster when helping navigate your relational direction. Like the poet William Wordsworth once described, he is [ITALICON]'a guide into eternity, at least to things unknown and without bound'.[ITALICOFF] Mercury is a guide through the transitions of your life together. Mercury appears on your Descendant; therefore, he is at the heart of your relationship, showing the way forward. He may have been there right from the beginning. The first time you met may illustrate his presence; perhaps your first conversation, a shared interest, a mutual friend or enemy, a shared idea. Reach back to the first time you met, how were you able to connect and what was the common link that kept you engaged?

As a pair, you might be identical in the way you think things through or what interests you. Therefore, you might like the same books, DVD's or art. Perhaps you finish each other's sentences or know what the other is thinking. When you form a relationship, it is as if you are of one mind. Even so, it is important to check with each other before you make any choices or decisions for you both. It is important to feel you each have an equal say in things and that your voices are tuned to one another. Together you have the capacity to delve into the mysteries of life, perhaps explore alternate lifestyles or enjoy similar interests. You find a friend in one

another, a kindred spirit, a brother or a sister, and in this kinship and familiarity, you forge a durable connection that leads you in many directions and connects you to diverse and interesting others.

Mercury is Trine Uranus

When a non-traditional or slower-moving planet, aspects a traditional or faster-moving one, it brings an influx of new and innovative images and influences. In your Combined Chart, this is the case with Uranus and Mercury, which produce fresh and novel ways of thinking about your relationship and interaction together. As a couple, you think outside the square and have a more original view of life and relationships than your friends or other members of your family do. You are excited about the possibilities that arise from your partnership and together you are invited to find ways of exploring these without exhausting or wearing yourselves out in the process.

Underpinning your relationship is a kinship, albeit an uncommon one, but nonetheless vibrant and friendly. In fact, you are good mates and friends, which is why you are able to give each other a lot of space to explore and discover new things. It is important that you have the ability to offer each other the independence when needed, feeling secure in the relationship enough to let the other have their space if need be. Together you are interested in the unusual, the unexplored, and the unique. You jointly discuss, experiment, and learn about these interests together. If not, then you are leaving an exciting and stimulating aspect of your relationship unexplored and frustrated. It is important not to be ambivalent about your connection, especially when it lacks excitement, but find ways of reconnecting to the high spirits that underpin your union. Just begin a conversation, discuss a controversial news item or explore your ideas about quantum physics or astrology, then you will light the spark that animates your relationship. Find excitement in the diversity of your ideas and your mutual interest in the world beyond.

LOVE AND DESIRES



“Hear my soul speak: The very instant that I saw you, did My heart fly to your service.”
 -- William Shakespeare, The Tempest

Venus

Venus is the Goddess of Love. Therefore, her placement in a Combined Chart is one of the key indicators of a love relationship, depending on where she resides. This benevolent goddess also shows us where a partnership is happiest, whether it is a love bond, business partnerships, friendship or family tie. What do you enjoy doing together? Where can you find your pleasure, alleviate the hardships of life, and find solace in each other? Ardour can be sexual and based in love, but it can also be a shared passion for cause, activity, interest or making money. If the planet Venus is well placed in a Combined Chart, then a couple can enjoy sharing mutual interests and desires. However, if there is some astrological affliction, you may have difficulty satisfying each other's desires. In other words, this is a vital planet when it comes to assessing the success or otherwise, of any relationship. You are most happy when you remember the saying by author Jean Anouilh, *‘Love is, above all else, the gift of oneself.’*

Venus is in the 5th House

You are in love with the thought of love. Together you like to have fun, play, and create a romantic atmosphere. All is well at the start of your association. This is likely to indicate a lover-like union, but it can also depict an association of friends and colleagues in the arts, fashion or beauty industries. You feel that, through each other, you have more joy and fun in your lives. You may attend many parties, enjoy an active social life or you may create your own playful activities at home. It doesn't matter because when the two of you are together you feel that life is given a boost. The honeymoon period of this relationship is likely to go on for some time. Some warnings come with this placement of the planet of love because long-term relationships need a lot more than simply fun. The danger is, that once the romance has worn off, one or both of you may seek a little fun elsewhere. You need to look for other astrological indicators to judge the longevity of this relationship. Nevertheless, you enjoy each other's company, taking pleasure from trips to the cinema, outings to the arts, and socializing with friends. You may also come together, or deepen your bond later through the joy of children. Together you share a love of children and child-like activities. The patter of little feet, whether your own or other people's, are likely to feature in the pleasure that you gain from being together.

Venus is Trine Jupiter

You are a lively couple, with a strong desire to complement each other. You get much pleasure from each other's company. Life is more fun when you are together. This is a positive combination in any association, and it is especially auspicious in a close love union. You are equally comfortable in private and in social situations. As a couple, you are popular, perhaps seen as the 'it' couple among your peers. More importantly, you not only love each other, you also 'like' each other. The couple who plays together stays together, and you love to play. You agree on things connected to fun, love, and money. Your only challenge is to ensure that one or other of you does not take this union for granted. It may be easy, but if it is worthwhile then it needs both of your input and appreciation. Both of you can enjoy creating the romance that continues to spark your love. You can have fun thinking up new ways to be playful. You like to tease each other and laugh. Together you are light-hearted and full of life. You can share your goodwill with others. Those around you feel better in your company, inspired to be more good-natured themselves.

Venus is Trine Saturn

Any combination of the planets Venus and Saturn is likely to place limitations on a love relationship. In some cases, it can mean that the two of you prefer to live separately or that circumstance often keep you apart. In others, it indicates delayed satisfaction. In other words, you need to take this relationship seriously, working at it step by step in order to achieve a lasting union. When you first meet, and if you are considering a committed association, then you need to assess whether or not this union is worth the effort. Both of you need to believe that your bond is a strong one, worthy of commitment. If you do, then you can build the foundations of a solid partnership. You may even build a business or a work-related component to your association. Every now and then this combination can indicate an age difference. You share common values but are years apart. As a couple, you may tend to be serious. Your version of fun is quite restrained compared to other couples. It is important that you do not compare your relationship to other couples. You need to be realistic. As US Statesman Colin Powell said, *"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."* If as individuals you have strong desires then this union may be too constrained. Together you temper each other's desires in favour of long-term stability.

Venus is Trine Pluto

The good news is that this is a powerful union. Together you can transform each other's lives, and possibly other people's lives. There is a strong creative desire. If you are colleagues then you can work well together on intense projects. If you're in a more intimate relationship then sexual desire is likely to be potent. Together you experience much pleasure. The tricky part is that such intense love and creativity sometimes also herald strong emotions such as jealousy, envy, and perhaps even lust. Both of you feel more powerful through your connection. The trick is to acknowledge the strength of the bond and to avoid trying to have power over each other. You need to use your joint power wisely. You also need to ensure that this union echoes the highest octaves of love and co-operation rather than the lowest ones. This coupling provides an opportunity to move beyond negative relationship patterns towards profound love. Your lives can have more depth and meaning through being in a partnership.

"Profound desire, true desire is the desire to be close to someone."

-- Paulo Coelho

Mars

Mars's character is more individualistic, competitive, and combative, rather than other-orientated and co-operative. Mars represents the yang, masculine, outer-directed polarity, while Venus holds the yin, feminine, inner-directed pole of relating. In the Composite Chart, Mars suggests where a couple might need to focus energy, apply will, and assert desires. Astrologically Mars symbolises anger and libido, emotional and sexual

expression, and coaches you to reflect on ways your relationship might express these desires more functionally. Mars's domain is a volatile, yet exciting area, and one that needs to be acknowledged and respected in your relationship.

Composite Mars symbolises the objectives, goals and ambitions of the relationship; therefore, it is wise to consider what this force invites you to aim for as a team. But, as implied, Mars' independent and dynamic force is often more about separation than attachment. To consider Mars in a relational context suggests that when you combine your energies you can act in a potent and forceful manner to strive for what you want. Therefore, in a Composite Chart, harnessing Mars empowers you both to strive for what you want to achieve together.

Mars is in the 3rd House

Mars symbolises your desires in your relationship. In any union, there are desires and needs. Needs are non-negotiable. Desires or "wants" can be negotiated in a healthy relationship. The stronger your sense of self, the better you are able to negotiate from a position of clarity and compromise. Mars in a Composite Chart shows where your union is likely to experience a conflict of desires. When you are in sync then all is well. When one of you challenges the status quo, then two variant positions needs to be blended in agreement in order for your bond to strengthen. Your placement of Composite Mars in the 3rd House indicates a relationship where communication is a key factor, particularly when it comes to neighbours, siblings, and extended family. Together you expend a lot of time and energy relating to each other's siblings and extended family. As long as you are in agreement about how much time and energy to give to these members, then all flows smoothly and you enjoy a rich and mutually satisfying bond. If a disagreement occurs, then you need to explore conflict management strategies. It is important to avoid taking sides. When the two of you are of one mind, then you are a powerful couple. Others listen to what you have to say. As a result, you may excel at working together, particularly in a profession that is connected with communication. Working together in media, stationery supplies, transport, sales, training, counselling, and neighbourhood groups are some options. You may also enjoy debating topics of interest, researching projects together or simply sparking ideas off each other before pursuing your own interests. When you are together you are likely to be inspired to communicate your ideas to other people. The way that you communicate with each other is important in this union. Therefore, you need to choose your words with care. Your natural meeting of the minds does not automatically protect your emotions. In an intimate relationship, you have the advantage of the ability to communicate well. However, you also need to ensure that you listen to how each other feels.

Mars is Opposite Saturn

When unaware of this dynamic in your relationship, the Martian impulse to champion your desires and go after what you want together could be restrained by fear or doubt, the darker side of Saturn. This aspect highlights the need to be conscious of not letting your aspirations be dominated by authority or others' rules and regulations. Therefore, some questions are, how you best can define and structure want to want, and how you move towards your goals as a team. When you combine your wills and focus these on your goals, you are able to accomplish a great deal. Together you can work to a schedule to finish all the tasks in front of you. But when the engine of your partnership is not well tuned or you are critical of each other, the routines and chores of life can darken the atmosphere in your relationship.

Reflect on your shared goals and ambitions, and how best to accomplish these. Set realistic time schedules, leaving enough time for your own relationship. Support each other to be assertive, to express ambitions and champion desires, and as a team find ways to bring these to fruition. This archetypal combination builds over time amassing strength and drive; therefore, as a couple dedicated to working together for the long-term, this suggests the successful completion of your shared goals and plans.

Mars is Square Chiron

Your impulse to act in this relationship may be tempered with the fear of injury. This combination alerts you to the potential for spontaneity and risk-taking in your relationship to be tinged with anxiety or fear. Therefore, how can your relationship support curiosity and impulsiveness in a healthy way? Perhaps, first, it is wise to recognise that as a couple you may want a lifestyle that is different than most other couples. Your anxiety may be the fear of becoming trapped in the structure of the relationships that you see around you. This combination suggests the courage to be unique in your relating style, value what others may not, and appreciate your uniqueness, even if it is marginal to the world around you.

As a team, you work together to support your own distinctive desires. You do not want to run with the herd but are more content to be on the sidelines. Mars is the warrior and this aspect reminds us of heroes who were trained in the art of healing and warfare by Chiron. Therefore, rather than shying away from the inevitable clashes that arise in intimate relationships, healing occurs by participating and working through the conflicts. As a team, you also fight for the underdog, support the causes that are undervalued, and strive towards your spiritual integrity.

Mars is Conjunct Neptune

Mars and Neptune are not the easiest partners, yet when they work as a team there is a grace and elegance that can arise from their union. How you find the working partnership between these two energies in your relationship is your task as a couple. Perhaps themes in your relationship might be the struggle between feeling sensitive and being strong, being sympathetic but not surrendering, or being receptive but not passive. Ironically, for this archetypal pairing, strength is derived from vulnerability, understanding, and sympathy. Therefore, the key is to be open and listen carefully to one another, especially when there is a disagreement or misunderstanding. Since Neptune erodes the psychic boundaries between you both, confusion will arise between what each of you is feeling and wanting. Therefore, it is best to go slowly when working through these layers of feelings.

When desires are left unattended, the passion in the relationship becomes eroded by romantic and unrealistic images; therefore, it is necessary to keep the flame alight rather than have it extinguished by a flood of unexpressed feeling. Your relationship has an enormous creative potential, whether that is learning a language together, dancing in the dark, listening to music or repainting the house. Creative or spiritual tasks completed together are enormously satisfying and rewarding, as well as inspirational to all those who are watching!

GROWTH AND COMMITMENT



“My bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both are infinite.”

-- William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet

Jupiter

Relationships are a work in progress. The union of two people can never be taken for granted. A relationship is a process, a constantly changing one. Like a garden, relationships need tending. When attended to on a daily basis, a relationship grows, and love flourishes like the plants that thrive weed and pest free in the warm rich soil. Neglected relationships slowly fade away, like the garden in which weeds gradually take over and the plants wilt and die. Other planets in this report indicate the challenges, the work needed, and the strengths that can be relied on to foster your bond. The planet Jupiter is a much-welcomed indicator of growth and natural strengths that can be relied on to naturally encourage and nurture your union. Continuing with the gardening analogy, Composite Jupiter represents the enjoyment that comes from viewing your garden's growth and bounty. This generous planet shows in which areas of your combined lives you are satisfied, rewarded, and happy together. This is your story of the easiest path to growth and expansion. The planet Jupiter is your indicator of the gateway to abundance when you are together. If Jupiter is prominently placed in your Composite Chart, then you are likely to believe in the bounty of this union. Astrologers believe that a strong placement involves the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th Houses of your Chart. Even though Jupiter shines positive and expansive rays on one area of your combined lives, you do need to ensure that you do not take this area for granted. Appreciation and gratitude are required for the rewards that your relationship introduces into both of your lives. Keep tending the garden of your relationship and you both flourish.

Jupiter is in the 1st House

This is a strong placement for the bountiful planet Jupiter, indicating that good fortune accompanies your union. Together you are joyful, able to express yourselves fully and eagerly embrace each stage of life's journey. You know that you have found a companion who is able to support you and inspire you, no matter what life throws in your path. In some cases, you may be expecting the impossible from each other, but strangely enough, your optimism seems to be well rewarded, even if it is in the ability to laugh at yourselves. Laughter is prominent in this relationship, as you feel a sense of ease and expansion. Others are also inspired by your enthusiasm. You might be surprised by the extent of other people's support of your union. “Don't they realise that we have our

differences too?”, you may ask yourselves. Of course, you have your differences and difficulties, but you also have an innate understanding that you will grow closer and stronger through facing rough terrain together. Somehow you do not doubt each other’s fidelity. This may be because you share a strong value system, or you share an interest in something that serves humanity such as a religion, spiritual pursuit, philanthropic enterprise, cultural matter or sporting interest. Travel is likely to feature strongly in your union. You are likely to learn much and gain great joy from local or foreign adventures. If your individual natures are more introverted, then you may enjoy arMidheavenhair travel, the type where you watch travel or nature documentaries or inspirational foreign films. Of course, you could do all of the above together. This is fortunate placement indeed. Enjoy.

Jupiter is Conjunct The Ascendant

When Jupiter is on an angle of your Composite Chart, it is as if Chance, perhaps Lady Luck or Fortune stands ready to open the gate onto a particular sphere of life. In astrological tradition Jupiter has always been seen as the ‘Great Benefic’, the benefactor of luck and the energy of expansion. In your Composite Chart, Jupiter is rising on your Ascendant, which serves as your lucky charm when you begin projects or start new ventures. But both of you need to be enthusiastic and optimistic to be able to discover the boon that Jupiter is offering you. As a team how can you appreciate the blessings of your relationship more fully?

Perhaps the first way might be to let the world see how great you are as a team and not to hesitate about stepping out together as a couple. Next, recognise that as a duo you share in an abundant faith and positivity that opens up opportunities in your world. Thirdly, together you brighten up every room you enter so rejoice in the places where you find yourselves. Be present wherever you find yourselves. You travel well together and are well-equipped to share the adventures of life with one another. You also create a philosophy of abundance when in sync, which opens up new and exciting prospects. And while life can never guarantee that things always go your way, together your mutually positive attitude increases the odds a hundred fold.

Jupiter is Sextile Neptune

The combination of these two planets indicates an unusual alliance with a strong spiritual or artistic component. Together you encourage each other to broaden your horizons in the spiritual or artistic worlds. This can be inspiring or somewhat disconcerting, depending on your individual temperaments. If you are both open to discovering new vistas, then this can be a high-minded connection in which you both enjoy discovering new and boundless talents. One or both of you may have spiritual or artistic leanings and enjoy exploring these together. Together you can experience joyful and uplifting moments. There is a sense of ease that accompanies this relationship. Problems may arise if you become too idealistic, seeing the world through rose-coloured glasses. The trick is to enjoy learning new ways of interacting with each other and the world at large, while also maintaining your common sense. Risky activities are unlikely to augur well for the two of you. If you are unclear about whether or not to undertake a particular journey together, then you can seek advice from friends or professionals who are more likely to take a practical approach.

“The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment.”

-- Anthony Robbins

Saturn

Like Jupiter, Saturn is a social planet and moves through one sign of the Zodiac approximately every 2.5 years. Couples born close to each other may have the same Saturn sign. They will, therefore, share similar experiences of trends and fads, and also the same internal moral compass regarding laws, rules, and what is socially acceptable. In a Composite Chart, Saturn indicates the structure and backbone of the relationship, the need for agreed-upon rules, regulations, and boundaries.

Composite Saturn helps to illustrate the constraints and limits placed on your relationship through social and cultural conditions. As a couple, it is helpful for you both to be aware when boundaries are important to you, what areas of your shared life feel restrictive or controlled, as well as where insecurities and pressures originate. Saturn is symbolic of the skeleton of your relationship, where structure and organization are needed to support your partnership. It suggests what traditions and rules need to be respected. It also points to where rules, a lack of maturity and authority figures may become problematic if relational responsibilities and everyday tasks are not equally shared or well-managed. However, it also illuminates the areas of your shared life where solidity, stability, and longevity can be forged. By nature, Saturn represents the outermost limits of what is still within our control and jurisdiction. While it is often experienced as limits, it is the maturing force within the relationship that helps to secure and structure the relationship in the 'real world', bringing lasting success and achievement.

In relationship astrology Saturn is the 'glue' that holds the relationship together; it is commitment. In the Composite Chart, it shows in what areas of your life this commitment is necessary to forge and shelter your relationship. However, it also symbolises where stress may occur within the relationship. Yet the nature of Saturn is also highly rewarding, as with hard work and perseverance, rewards and acknowledgement are possible. Therefore, Saturn symbolises the area of your life together where hard work, determination, resolution, and responsibility pays off.

Saturn is in the 9th House

There are three ways we might think about Composite Saturn in your 9th House. Firstly, Saturn is the lawmaker, so it is wise to reflect on the rules of engagement within your relationship, especially when it concerns the area of cultural values and beliefs or ways of thinking about your future way of life. Secondly, Composite Saturn suggests where together you can cooperate on building the appropriate boundaries physically, emotionally, and psychologically. And thirdly, Saturn can symbolise your relational trials, perhaps even its Achilles Heel, so its House position can point us to where these might be located.

This area signifies where a big learning curve takes place, literally and metaphorically. This is the place where you conceive of your future together, cooperate on finding the right answers and strive to forge your own relationship values. Therefore, mutual respect, time, and patience are needed to help build the container for the larger values of your partnership. This might suggest that your relationship combines different social backgrounds, religious beliefs or cultural attitudes. Your task together is to find the midpoint between these different attitudes where you can cooperate and forge your way forward with combined and united viewpoints, yet honour equally your deeply held personal beliefs. As a team, you are capable of building a strong and lasting philosophy for life.

Your relationship becomes your own private university where you are learning the skills of negotiating a fulfilling and inspiring life. The 9th House is where you can reach beyond social stereotypes of relationship to build your own ideas and viewpoints. Together you can study, learn, and travel together to build your relationship. It is important that you are mindful that the attitudes you shape together are supportive of a wider and tolerant vision of others in your life. Even more important perhaps is that you continue to grow together in being open-minded and accepting of each other's opinions and ideas. As a partnership, you are potentially farsighted, so it is important for you each to support a bigger vision of life for your relationship.

Saturn is Trine Pluto

The two planets Saturn and Pluto are combined in your relationship chart. Astrologically, both planets have a reputation for being hard-hitting. By that, we mean, they confront us with the reality of life's difficulties and

stressors. On the other hand, they are resilient and strong, and when acknowledged and accepted, they are life-affirming; therefore, finding a way to acknowledge these energies in your relationship is wise. They will surface when there are difficult decisions to be made, an ending or loss is imminent or when your relationship hits an air pocket or rough patch. While there may be difficulty, negativity, even despair, it is important not to interpret these feelings as bad, but recognise and accept them as part of the cycle of life and your relationship. Like feelings, they pass when they are acknowledged, discussed, and honoured. Endings are a natural part of the cycle of relationship; therefore, in difficult patches, it is important not to jump to the conclusion that the relationship has ended. Rather it is a phase or a chapter in the relationship that has ended. This becomes essential to begin the new phase as free as possible from the clutter and complexity of the last chapter. Ironically, it will be in times of crisis, transition or loss that you can find the strength and depth of your relationship. When you accept and find a way to move through the difficulties, you also establish a firmer foundation and discover soul in your togetherness.

Saturn is Square Chiron

Your Composite Chart brings the two planets Saturn and Chiron together in a way that affects your relationship. Mythologically, they had a complex relationship, since after Saturn fathered Chiron, he abandoned him. These are archetypal themes, threads woven through the larger fabric of life, but motifs nonetheless, that are drawn into your relationship. While themes of fathering, abandonment, exile, exclusion or loss of inheritance may be in the atmosphere, in the mythic narrative, Chiron's abandonment was his calling. It was this complication that led him to his mentoring and healing vocation. Astrologically, the themes of exclusion and marginality may play their role in the alchemy of your partnership, yet we can also consider that this is the incentive for your relationship to find its own unique course. While difficulties and challenges always exist, this aspect suggests that these also contain relief and comfort as they can guide you in a more soulful direction. Therefore, it is important not to allow these feelings to obscure the bigger picture of being together. While the pain is most definitely personal, it has a higher purpose. Together you can find ways to accept feeling marginal or outside the system through acknowledging your spiritual connection. As a team, it is important to construct your own spirituality, which will support and foster your relationship. Most importantly you can mutually acknowledge that you have found a place to belong.

INFLUENCES



“Love is begun by time, And time qualifies the spark and fire of it.”
-- William Shakespeare, Hamlet

Uranus

Uranus spends about seven years in each Zodiac Sign. As it passes into each Sign, it brings its urge for reform and change along with it. Depending on the nature of your relationship it may be in the same Zodiacal Sign. For instance, schoolmates, siblings, first boyfriends or girlfriends probably share a similar Sign. But wherever it is, Uranus is not an energy easily integrated into a relationship, as Uranus's urge is to be separate. The more restrictive it feels, the more it reacts to find a way to restructure the status quo. Therefore, in the Composite Chart, Uranus suggest where a couple can find the space and freedom to be themselves, unbound by the pressure to conform.

Simply said, Composite Uranus shows where the unusual, extraordinary, as well as the rebellious inclinations of each couple, might be found. This area suggests where there need to be fewer rules and more spontaneity. Astrologically, Uranus has a reputation for the unexpected, often the unexplained. Therefore, it is wise to be aware of the House position and aspects to Uranus, as this may help you to be more prepared for surprise and discoveries together.

Uranus is in the 11th House

Together you can attract a wide and varied circle of friends. You may come from different circles yourselves, hence your combined social network is eclectic. On the other hand, together you may join associations which attract an unusual social set of friends. This can be liberating. However, you could also face friction from the varied groups. As a result, you may decide to socialize separately so that you can more easily embrace and accommodate different friends. You need to be careful that you don't have too many acquaintances, people who don't really get close enough to you to support you as a couple. The planet Uranus can attract like-minded people, but not necessarily those who can truly support you. Nevertheless, this can be a positive statement about being broad-minded in the wider community, and an ability to be leaders in social change. If you both enjoy reaching out in a way that challenges your perception of the world, then this is something that you can enjoy together. Your hopes, dreams, and wishes as a couple may be different from other couples, and this leads to new frontiers.

Neptune

The Planet Neptune spends 14 years in each Zodiac Sign and therefore its influence is subtle and linked to generations rather than individuals. Nevertheless, Neptune is seen by astrologers to be connected to the other world, the unseen world or the one often referred to as the other side of the veil. As such, it rules what is invisible, unseen, missing, vague, and inarticulate. Only through images and feelings can the true nature of Neptune be expressed.

For a couple in a committed relationship, Neptune is where both ideals and disappointments gather. Therefore, it is good to address the ideals, dreams, and fantasies that are part of the relationship, as well as name any disappointments without blame and judgement. In honouring Neptune, the couple can become more aware of any delusions that may erode the foundation of their relationship, as well as the dangers of misreading responses or overprotecting insecurities. Neptune in your Composite Chart is where there is sensitivity, and sometimes helplessness, but this vulnerability is shared, so it is not weak but ironically robust and potentially healing. The planetary position may also point to where misunderstandings and taking things for granted may occur. In this place, it is always wise to have reality checks about what has been said and what has been agreed upon.

However, Composite Neptune is also where you can explore your shared creativity and spirituality.

Neptune is in the 3rd House

Neptune by House is where the imagination that inspires your relationship is located. Here are the dreams that can be dreamt and possibilities that can be probabilities. It is also where shared meaning and understanding can be developed, which strengthens and reaffirms the love and compassion of each partner. This is a positive placement of the planet Neptune, indicating that you are like-minded, sharing an intuitive understanding of each other's thoughts. You are in sync, using your instincts to communicate. You may even find yourselves completing each other's sentences as you "just know" what your partner is going to say. You are likely to share an appreciation of fine arts, beauty, nature, and perhaps psychology. Neighbourhood groups and causes may also attract your attention as you share a love of communal living. The challenge with this placement comes when a misunderstanding occurs in your relationship. It is easy for misapprehensions to escalate. You may be surprised by the slippery downwards slope that occurs when one of you gets the wrong idea as it doesn't happen very often. The trick is to distract yourselves by a walk in nature, a soothing bath or a trip to the ocean. These soothing activities soon link you again. Words are not always necessary. Poetry, music, little love notes on a pillow, and drawings can be comforting. A shared sense of humour is also a delightful way to lighten any confused conversations.

Pluto

As the underworld God, Pluto is focused on what lies underneath the surface in the unseen world of your relationship. Therefore, in the Composite Chart, it addresses the issues that may be buried, yet potentially eruptive. It depicts the patterns that are hidden, yet still influence you both, even pressures from the past that haunt the current relationship. On one hand, it suggests where the relationship may be drawn into difficulty, yet on the other hand, the character of Pluto also represents the transforming and life-altering experiences that are available to your relationship. There is a soulful side to Pluto, as it anchors your relationship in a deeper and more authentic place.

Pluto helps illustrate how the power of your relationship might be best expressed. You can be either empowered or dis-empowered, depending on how your relationship is able to handle the voltage and power of the energy. The House position of Composite Pluto might address areas of your relationship where loss and emotional confrontations may be experienced. It also locates the area where your relationship can be rebuilt

and reborn through trust and intimacy. Pluto addresses the human experience of loss in a relationship, the deepest human emotions, issues of betrayal, and emotional control which engage the two souls involved in their relationship in a more intimate and trusting union. Alchemical texts depict the process of submerging two individuals in the cauldron of their relationship. When immersed together, alterations and revelations occur. In the context of your relationship, each of you will begin to become more vulnerable to one another in this area of your life. As well, greater patterns from both your families of origin may begin to emerge out of the shadows to be healed. This area of your life together will be profound in its capacity to heal past hurts, encourage authenticity and honesty to bring each of you closer together on a soul level.

Pluto moves slowly through the Zodiac, spending the least time in Libra and Scorpio, and the longest time in Aries and Taurus. Individuals born within the same generation will generally have the same Pluto Sign unless born near the cusp when Pluto was changing signs. With the same Pluto Signs, the Composite Pluto will be repeated in that sign. With a considerable age gap, two individuals may have differing Pluto signs. What is unique to your relationship, is Pluto's House position and its association with other Planets.

Pluto is in the 1st House

In mythology, the God Pluto lived underground and rarely came to the Earth's surface. When he did, he wore a helmet of invisibility so he remained unseen. Astrologically we generally describe the 1st House as what is surfacing, apparent, and visible. Therefore, as a couple, with Pluto located in your 1st House, you may feel ambivalent about how you present yourselves to the outside world or even conflicted about what to reveal or disclose about your relationship. The planet of privacy is in the sphere of personality and the two are mismatched. Therefore, as a couple, you may feel unmet, unknown, and even unwelcome. But this is how it feels, not what is happening. It is important to recognise, that as a couple you make an impression, as you emanate power, even intrigue. While you might be completely unaware of this, what others sense is something mysterious and magnetic. Therefore, they may feel unsure and hesitant when meeting you together as a team. As a couple, you are sensitive to this and feel judged, whereas it is generally just what it is – a reaction. Therefore, first impressions are difficult, and it is worth noting this and recognising that once you start to engage with others as a couple, people respond.

Well, most people respond. Those who are uncomfortable with themselves, masquerading or inauthentic, stay away in fear of you exposing them. So, take note and reflect on the power that you emanate as a couple. But also note how social functions, cocktail parties, and superficial chatter are difficult for you both to feel comfortable in. However, when you start to engage below the surface, then you find your territory. Therefore, as a couple, it is important to adapt and recognise this. Ironically, as individuals, you might have been quite outgoing; now as a couple, you prefer the warmth and depth of each other's company, rather than the shallow and superficial lights of others. As a team, you can make things happen, and when you consciously intend to make something happen, you can summon a tremendous currency of energy to direct towards the causes you desire.

DESTINY AND OPPORTUNITIES



"A heart to love, and in that heart, Courage, to make love known."
 -- William Shakespeare, Macbeth

Chiron

Chiron revolves between Saturn and Uranus in our Solar System. In your relationship system, you might also imagine it as a bridge between these two energies; one force wants to feel part of the system, while the other wants to be outside it. Composite Chiron may be a key to helping you understand where your relationship is not part of the normal scheme of things or whereas a couple you feel marginal, possibly excluded. It is the interplay between belonging and disassociating.

Since its discovery in 1977, astrologers have identified Chiron with wounding and healing. The wound is often the feeling of not belonging, while the healing is the acceptance of being an outsider or not feeling significant to the tribe. Therefore, in your Composite Chart, Chiron identifies where these feelings are located. Perhaps you, as a couple, feel excluded from your families of origin, neighbourhood or even society, but through your mutual acceptance, you begin to find a place to belong through your relationship. Chiron then becomes the healing balm that allows you to feel at home, belonging to each other through your commitment.

When the energy of Chiron is adopted by a couple, they will find themselves forging alliances with many different and varied individuals, other couples, and groups. As an energy in the relationship Composite, Chiron points to the wound that is apparent because of the relationship but also reveals the path for healing. It also locates where the relationship can find its own space, exclusive of the world and its demands. Therefore, it often represents the spiritual hub that unites the couple, a private place of intimacy or a meditative or remedial retreat that brings a sense of restoration and healing. In a way, Composite Chiron is the mentor and therapist embedded in the relationship.

Chiron is in the 12th House

Relationships are delicately balanced at the best of times. A loving and sound relationship offers the opportunity for healing of emotional wounds from the past, and personal growth and fulfilment. When two people relate in a loving way, working through emotionally difficult times, then Chiron is working at its best. At times in the relationship, one person may inadvertently trigger the other's hurt feelings. These feelings may be left over from your childhood or from a previous relationship. Either way, your current relationship is an opportunity to relate

differently. A loving union provides the chance to let go of the past and experience intimacy and true love now. This placement of Chiron in your Combined Chart indicates a strong subconscious connection. You are drawn to each other without really understanding why. This is your challenge. You need to understand this attraction before making a full commitment. If you are drawn to each other because you share a strong sense of empathy, then this can be the basis for a meaningful relationship. However, if one of you feels sympathetic to the other's dire circumstances in life, and wants to protect, or perhaps even subconsciously take advantage of the other, then this is a relationship to be viewed with caution. Either way, this union does provide you both with an opportunity to face and heal deeply held wounds from the past. In some cases, two people who have faced and risen above addictions can form a strong and supportive bond. Together you may discover a profound interest in the arts, music, poetry, and other such pursuits, or in healing or spirituality. Together you may benefit from meditation and retreat, as long as you also take part in practical and earthy activities. It is important that this relationship does not become one of supporting each other's addictions, wounds or need to permanently retreat from the world. This union needs to help one or both of you heal the past and move forward in a loving, safe and wholesome manner. As you find your own fulfilment, together you may work with other people, helping them to find peace and contentment.

"Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another."

-- Thomas Merton

The Lunar Nodes

The Nodes are not planets, but points in space where the orbits of the Earth around the Sun and the Moon around the Earth intersect. But, unlike the planets, their direction through the Zodiac is Retrograde (or backwards moving). Therefore, their nature is not bound by time or space in the same way the planets are. Nor are they material or visible in the sky like planets. The word 'karmic' is used in the context of the Nodal Axis to summarise the feelings of familiarity or foreignness, the attraction or repulsion, and the overwhelming sense that the relationship was meant to be. As an abstract construct in the heavens, we can consider them to be metaphysical by nature. Whereas planets are the symbols of human instinct, the Lunar Nodes symbolise the spiritual dimension of personal experience. Hence, the Lunar Nodes are often likened to the journey across time and space or through different lifetimes.

In your Combined Chart, the Nodes assist us to reflect on the purpose and spiritual dimensions of your relationship. The Nodal Axis will fall across a House polarity of your Composite with its northern pole in the House opposite its southern pole, highlighting the environment where destiny plays her role. Since the North and South Node are part of the same system, not separate, the movement between both Nodes in your Combined Chart is like a continuing dance through time. The North Node presents the qualities that need to be intentionally supported and developed in your partnership, while the South Node is a point of familiarity, the felt experience and innate recognition of each other, where you feel connected and secure in the larger picture of your relationship. Imagine this House polarity as a crossroads where you jointly encounter the more mystical dimensions of your relationship.

The North Node is in the 6th House

Destiny indicates that work might be a major theme which needs consideration in your relationship. With the North Node in the 6th House of your Composite Chart, the routines and rituals of your life together are brought into focus. A karmic imprint suggests that your relationship has inherited an abundance of possibilities, but it is discriminating and applying these possibilities where the effort needs to take place. Work is an aspect of the every day, and you may need to prioritise and concentrate on what needs to be accomplished so your relationship can be productive and satisfying. Balancing your time and energy in the relationship is important so that what must be done practically can be achieved. A communal diary, a schedule of shared tasks, and an agreed-upon budget are simple ways to remain mindful of the necessary routines of everyday life so that chaos

does not overwhelm the relationship. Coherence, direction, and productivity are important matters in the context of your relationship.

Being aware of time helps it to not slip away. Drawing on the reserves of your imagination, you find ways to work and produce together. Inherently, the nature of your relationship is that you are able to be occupied together at the same time. One of the fortunes of your relationship is that working together to accomplish mundane or routine tasks makes you both feel that you are in sync and participating with time. Whether that is cleaning the house, preparing a meal or walking the dog together, these routines become the sacred expression of a shared life being well lived. Establishing the security of your routines encourages you to feel the heartbeat of your relationship. While the creative and exotic will always be enchanting, the soul of your relationship is found in the routines of the everyday life.

The North Node is Conjunct The Sun

In a Natal Chart, this aspect would indicate being born near a Solar Eclipse. In the Composite Chart, this suggests that your relationship may be sensitive to the cycles of the Nodes and solar eclipses. Solar eclipses occur at least twice a year, so become acquainted with their pattern, as during the eclipse seasons there may be developments of importance for your relationship.

This aspect suggests that your relationship is vital and innovative, encouraging you both to be courageous and confident when it comes to forging your creative path together. As your system's source of light, the Sun shines its light on the path ahead, encouraging you to be aware of the potentials and possibilities inherent in your relationship. Your relationship grows in strength as you begin to identify that you are one team working towards the same goals, and remain confident in the direction it is heading. As a team, your confidence and friendliness radiate warmth and positive feeling, which brings opportunity and sponsorship.

The North Node is Square Mars

Composite Mars is at right angles to both the North and South Node. It may appear that Mars is at odds with the Nodes; however, it is changing direction from focusing on one to now focusing on the other. The challenge for you as a couple is to reconsider how you actualise the potential of your relationship. You might consider how, as a team, you have gone after what you wanted or expressed your desires, passions, and anger. What are the patterns in the past around your how you pursued your goals or worked together as a team? With Mars here, it may be wise to recognise that these need updating in your relationship. Your challenge is to revitalise and redevelop how you go about working together and creating a successful relationship.

Mars is not always comfortable in a team or a relationship, as it prefers independent action; therefore, it is wise to consider when you each need to act independently, and when you need to act as a team. The competitive aspects of your relationship need to be acknowledged, and these can become healthier by becoming conscious when your reactions are serving or harming the relationship. How your competitive instincts could be constructively integrated into your relationship is a key to energizing your relationship. One of the karmic imprints is to recognise that your relationship is always changing and that each of you needs to change with it. It is always of benefit to your relationship when you can work as a team together on making the changes necessary to move forward on your life journey together.

The North Node is Square Saturn

Astrologically Saturn has many faces and phases. Saturn's law is cause and effect. Unfortunately, in Saturn's domain, it is difficult to avoid reaping what we've sown. Therefore, one of the challenges of your relationship is to ensure that the choices you make and the actions you perform have been well thought through, and are in accord with what you both need and want. A revealing exercise may be to sit down together to detail the goals

and objectives you have together. Then discuss what the most authentic ways to achieve these results are and what a realistic time frame is. Where would you like to be in 12 months? 5 years? Being realistic with your time frames is very important, as Saturn is not about fast results but steady growth over time.

Under Saturn's influence, there will be challenges to the direction of your relationship. Some of these may come from your own lack of solidarity or cooperation. What becomes most important, is that not only others but each of you knows your goals and objectives are a joint effort. There is a potential for being split or separated which can be eased through your conscious collaboration. Part of the karmic pattern of your relationship is that your commitment will be tested through other's defiance. You need to strengthen your position together through mutual support.

The North Node is Opposite Chiron

In your relationship, there is an echo from the past, a recollection each of you shares about being unimportant, and/or feeling marginal. Some pain is awakened, some past memories are stirred, and stories are exchanged. Together, the soul of your relationship evokes the pain of being human. Ironically, it is through sharing and expressing this to one another that your relationship finds greater meaning and resolve.

Therefore, there is a therapeutic element to your relationship if you can each let your vulnerabilities and wounds be more transparent. From a karmic perspective, your paths may have crossed in order to help heal these wounds from the past. But since wounding and healing are so entwined, it is important to be aware that hurts and pain will still arise in this relationship. But the difference is that now they can be identified and addressed. Your relationship needs to draw on its deep reserves of spiritual understanding and compassion, to support each other and your relationship. At the soul of your relationship is an acute undertaking of the pain of the human experience, which fortifies and strengthens your partnership.

The North Node is Square Neptune

One of the challenges that arise in your relationship is creating the time and space to embrace the imaginative and spiritual aspects of your life together. With Neptune, the archetype of both inspiration and illusion, at right angles to your Composite Nodal Axis, your relationship is confronted with its presence. Without constructively utilizing Neptune, your partnership may feel adrift, lack inspiration or feel meaningless. Once you invite the spiritual and creative spirit into your relationship, you turn a corner in your relational life, bending towards feeling more mutually soulful and satisfied.

Neptune restores the vitality to the relationship, infusing it with a sense of purpose and direction. This can be accomplished through your joint effort to take time out of the routine and responsibilities of your everyday lives to find a space where your relationship can be renewed and reinvigorated. Attending to the soul of your relationship can be accomplished through quiet and meditative time together, sharing in artistic or creative pursuits or planning your dream holiday. Try not to think of it as an escape from the routines of your life together, but as a necessary part of your relationship. The spiritual aspect of your relationship seeks to be integrated into the every day to remind you both of the blessings of being together.

CONCLUSION

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