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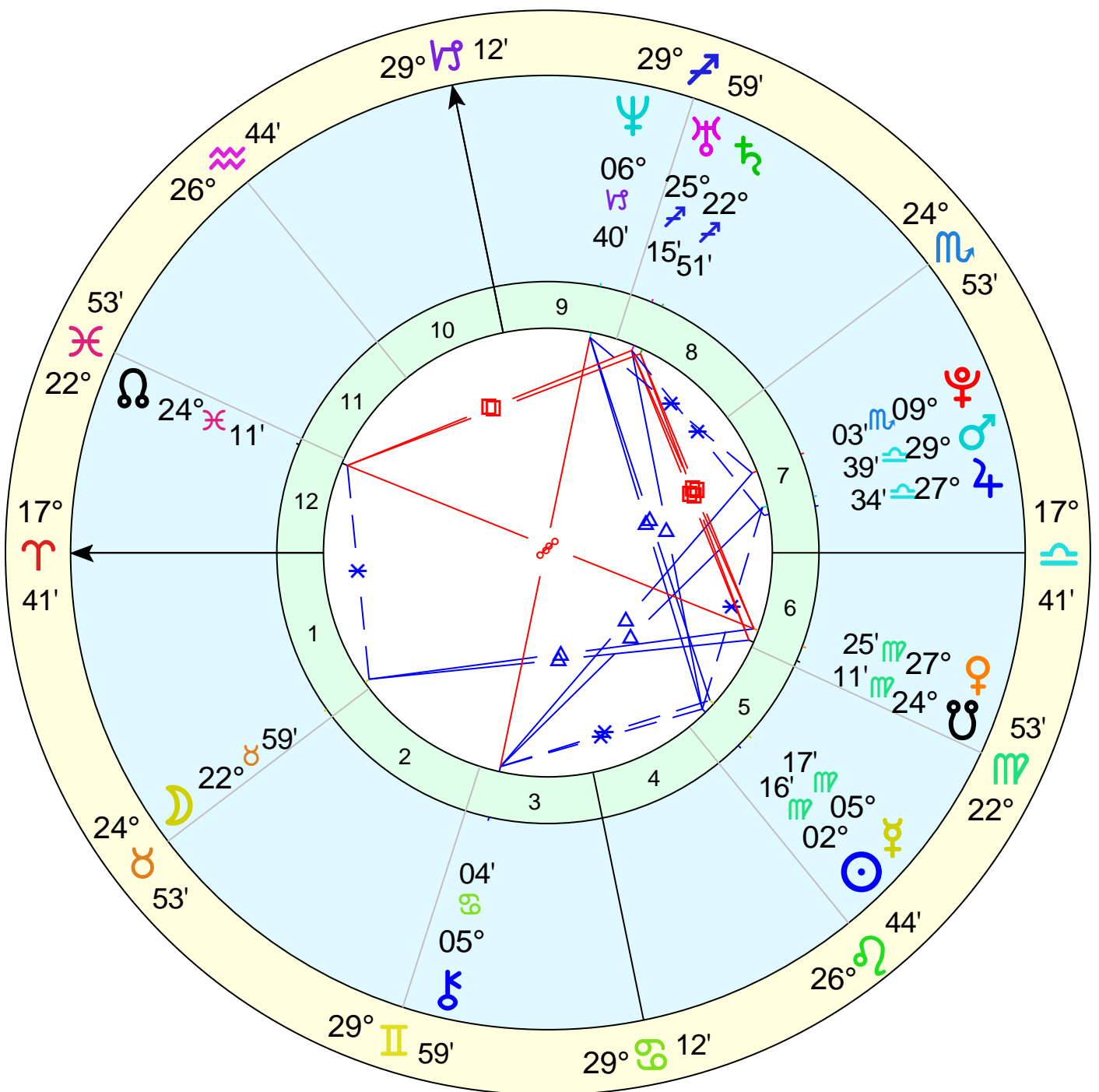
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Harry, Prince of Wales Meghan Markle Composite - Midpoints

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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 5th House

Fun and laughter can abound in this relationship. You are likely to discover and seek each other's company through an enjoyable pastime. This is a light-hearted bond, which may or may not develop into something more serious. You simply need to sit back and enjoy the ride and see if it has the ingredients needed for longevity. Meanwhile, you are like-minded individuals who know how to socialize, share romantic occasions, and enhance each other's lives. This combination does not necessarily indicate a romantic relationship. It can bring two people together as friends, or with the common aim of caring for children. It can also indicate an association with a fellow artiste, someone with whom you intend to work with on a creative project. However, it is more than likely that this bond will tend towards romance. You are likely to develop feelings for each other. Whether you pursue these feelings, is of course, up to you. Nevertheless, the spark ignites and it may be difficult to ignore. Therefore, if one or both of you are already committed to another person, you would be well advised to walk away from this union. Otherwise, you may find yourselves tempted by a tryst. Pleasure in each other's company is best sought if you are both free to pursue what is on offer. This can be the placement of instant gratification. So, it is also best if you pursue safe and worthwhile pastimes. On the whole, this is a positive placement for any relationship that is focused on fun, romance, children or any artistic project.

The Sun is Conjunct Mercury

There is an instant rapport when you are together. It doesn't matter whether you are in an intimate personal relationship, work together as business colleagues, are family members, or perhaps enjoy a student and teacher bond. Whatever the nature of your association you can be assured that your heads and hearts are simpatico. You understand each other without words being spoken. You have common interests, share the same outlook on life and enjoy each other's company. Other factors will help determine the true nature of this union but you can be assured that clear communication lines are a vital factor to relating on any level. Therefore, you are likely to continually be drawn to spending time together. This is particularly true when the planet Mercury is in the same Zodiac Sign as the Sun in your Combined Chart. You may also both share similar talents and enjoy expressing them as a couple. For this reason, you are likely to work in a similar field or visit similar locations, and perhaps work on projects together. Others are likely to note the ease with which the two of you move through social occasions, mixing and mingling as a couple. They may comment on the fact that the two of you seem to belong together. This is because you are both confident in each other's company, knowing that one has the other one's back covered, so to speak. You are aware of each other but are not likely to cling or cramp each other's style. There is a light-hearted, almost mischievous sense of fun when the two of you are together. You may disagree on some matters, but you are both in agreement that together you can solve all problems, and even enjoy the problem-solving process. The planet Mercury is a bit of a trickster and so you need to be a little wary of the instant attraction provided with this combination. The initial rapport is likely to be strong, and the association can certainly last long term, but you need other factors in your astrology for this association to be considered deeply intimate and committed.

The Sun is Trine Uranus

A relationship that respects both individual's authentic personalities is a treasure. You have found this together. You are both able to express your individual needs, thoughts, and personalities, knowing that the other person respects your individuality. In fact, you both enjoy the fact that you can express yourselves, knowing that it adds to the spice of life and helps keep your relationship alive. You are in agreement that intimacy also requires independence. You are able to strike a good balance between togetherness and the freedom to pursue your own personal goals.

The Sun is Trine Neptune

This combination indicates an association that is blessed with caprice. 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 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. Alone, this aspect does not indicate a strong bond, but if you 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 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 1st House

From the vantage point of your family and friends, their first impression was that you both felt safe and snug together, and they wanted to help make sure everything was OK. In fact, at the beginning, people asked you that a lot, 'are you both happy together; is everything all right?' Now they just comment on your ups and downs. With the Composite Moon in the 1st House, the distinctiveness of your relationship is your emotionality and the way you feel together. What happens in the mix is that any emotional undercurrents, anxieties or stress comes to the surface of your relationship and the emotions can just pour out. What you might not know is that your relationship makes an impression on others. So, it is important to know where and with whom you feel safe, and where you need protection, as your relationship is vulnerable to the emotional currents of the family and the collective that surround you.

You need to know that when you open the front door and walk out into the world you feel safe and secure with each other, even in the face of adversity or threat. Family is an important thread in the fabric of your relationship, and together it is important to address the issues of familial obligation and pressure, whether that is in your family of origin or the family you are creating. From an insider's vantage point, you both might struggle with the concept of 'we', or trying to be together rather than separate. However, you probably have found out that what hurts your relationship hurts you, or when your relationship is content, you are too. So 'We' and 'I' are simpatico; it's just a matter of learning to trust that when you feel something deeply, you are feeling it for both of you, and for the safety and well-being of your relationship. Both practice saying, 'We feel like...' and build your security on the foundation stones of emotional honesty and integrity. Understanding that your relationship needs emotional anchoring allows you both to feel supported in what you need to do in the world.

The Moon is Trine Venus

The combination of the feminine Moon and Venus suggests that values from your families and childhood experiences, including the likes and dislikes of your parents, might influence your relationship. The Moon inclines towards dependency, while Venus is more independent. Therefore, be aware that your relationship might swing between caring and loving. Perhaps domesticity might overshadow relating, or pleasure-seeking might obliterate security. You may also juggle being public and private, needing to be in the world as a couple; yet also wanting your own private space.

Sentiment and romance can become confused. Home and place are important parts of any relationship, as are family values and traditions, which are different for each partner. The relationship is challenged to merge your two different backgrounds to find your own values and security. While there is an ample reservoir of love and devotion in your relationship, the secret is how and when to express this love; when do you each need to let the other do their own thing and find their own way, versus when do you support each other unconditionally?

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 5th House

If you were uncomfortable expressing your ideas and opinions before you met your partner, then it is likely that's changed considerably. Together you come up with all kinds of ideas and creative projects, and love to discuss them and fantasise about their possibilities. Your mutual love is expressed through playfulness by stirring each other up, having a joke, and spontaneously taking a risk with one another. However, it is also necessary to recognise that youthful Mercury's sleight of hand or joke might also be an effective way to avoid a serious discussion on the more critical areas of your relationship when there is tension between you both. Therefore, it is important to intimately know each other's style of relating to discern a joke from the truth, and a throwaway line from an important detail. When your intellects combine, a theatre of possibilities opens up and you will discover your mutual enjoyment of the arts, sport, and all things that help recreate your passion together and give you something to share and discuss.

As a team, you have a creative flair, and together we imagine that you regale your friends with entertaining stories of your life together, and amuse the neighbourhood children with quizzes and games. Your intellectual curiosity has been aroused, and to bring out the best in your mix, why not throw yourselves into some dance classes, a creative writing course or a theatre group. Find the avenue for your creative selves to come alive. If children are part of your life, you will be very interested in their development and education. You'll see the school teacher arise in both of you, taking interest in their education and helping them with schoolwork. Take heart in the fact that your relationship need not be dull when you enter into a shared creative space. Participate in writing a storybook; one of you is the writer, the other the illustrator. Or a plain old book will do; one of you is the writer, the other is the editor. However, you decide to express yourselves together, wonder-working Mercury is on your side.

Mercury is Trine Neptune

When a non-traditional or slower-moving planet, aspects a traditional or faster-moving one, it brings an influx of novel and creative images and influences with it. In your Combined Chart, this is the case with Neptune and Mercury, which produce imaginative and inspired ways of thinking about your relationship and interaction together. As a couple, you illuminate the spiritual, artistic, and creative realms, which are situated at the heart of your companionship. Therefore, it is beneficial for your relationship to discover your creative path together, whether that be through the joys of learning a new craft, watching your favourite videos, participating in spiritual endeavours or having your own private book club. Your relationship comes alive when you share music, art, and images together, discuss the finer things in life, or mutually marvel at the wonder of life.

Yes, together you can be highly idealistic. That's why a cautionary note about the way you communicate with each other is essential, as you may gloss over your difficulties by either not discussing the issue or by denying its impact. A helpful way to dodge the difficulty is to forget. Unfortunately, the forgetting can morph into apathy, leaving your relationship at sea. Rudyard Kipling likened words to the most powerful of drugs, an interesting turn of phrase for your relationship since it is very important for you both to be as clear and lucid as you can be about significant issues. Therefore, it is vital to recognise that confrontation and addressing contentious issues may be difficult. How can you imagine ways to be creative with your disagreements without dampening your dreams? One way is returning to the ideals, beliefs, and visions that brought you together, and start again to mutually discover why you may have wandered off course. But what always revitalises your connection is your mutual participation in the spiritual and the more profound aspects of your life.

Mercury is Sextile Chiron

Like many others, William Shakespeare recognised the healing power of words when he said, "give sorrow words" since bottling up grief and loss weighs heavy on the heart. Given that Mercury, the power of the word, and Chiron, the amalgam of wounding and healing, are in aspect in your Composite Chart, this notion

is central to your relationship. It is important as a couple to recognise this power of language to both hurt and heal. Therefore, be wise about how you communicate with one another. You are invited to develop the art of listening, hearing each other's pain and hurt without judgement. It is also important not to try and fix each other, but to assist by witnessing. While this is mutually painful, it is also healing. Together you can develop a language that is reflective and empowering to support the culture of your relationship. This is important, as you may feel marginal or outside the mainstream in your beliefs and your ideas. A purpose of your union is to support and authenticate each other in your opinions and views.

As a couple, you can validate each other when feeling excluded or holding points of view that clash with the establishment. In this way, you establish a healing space at the centre of your relationship, as well as creating your own lifestyle by promoting and affirming your ideas and beliefs to one another. It is as if you mutually discover your own unique scriptures or words of wisdom to live by. In the comfort of your friendship, you can find a soul mate who appreciates and empathises with your worldview. And more importantly, you both can share and discuss this in a way that confirms the wisdom of your union.

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 6th House

Intimate, loving relationships work best when each person contributes equally. This placement of the planet Venus indicates that your association is not equal, but rather that there is an imbalance with one of you serving the other. This is not conducive to a marriage of equals. However, it could be an ideal placement if one of you is the employer and the other the employee. Work, employment, duty, schedules, and other such mundane matters are highlighted, again emphasizing employer/employee association. The planet Venus loves serving others when placed in the 6th House of your Combined Chart. Therefore, your association can be strengthened through the joy of servitude. In other words, you can enjoy a healthy relationship if both of you are serving a common cause, a shared spiritual pursuit or missionary-like work. Otherwise, this placement is likely to be a challenge in a romantic liaison. If you are trying to pursue a light-hearted romantic tryst then you are likely to strike obstacles on the path to true love. Hard work seems to block the path or duty calls. Your courtship is strewn with interruptions as one or both of you try to juggle other demands. Sometimes two people can agree that one is the leader and the other the follower. If you are happy to strike up such an emotional agreement then you can do well in your marriage. However, you may discover that the relationship strains in due course as one of you strains against the yoke of servitude. In some cases, this astrological placement indicates an arranged marriage, a partnership that you both agree serves you well. Once again, the arrangement needs to suit both parties to be able to stand the test of times. On the other hand, this can be an ideal placement for a working partnership, one in which roles are clearly defined and joy can be gained from the end result. It is also conducive for work associations that involve the arts, beauty,

and fashion industries. Together you can enjoy the contribution that you make as a couple to humanity.

Venus is Square 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 Square Uranus

Chemistry is the name of the game. When you are together something exciting happens. Desires that you may not have even realised that you had suddenly surface. This can be exciting or disconcerting, depending on your individual natures. Tension can arise if you do not agree on matters such as intimacy, commitment, how to have fun, and how to spend your money. You also need to be in sync when it comes to seeking pleasure. Sexual tension is positive when it signals chemistry but not if your sexual needs differ. This could be a deal breaker in a romantic liaison. If in doubt, perhaps you could recall your first impressions. These are likely to be accurate.

Venus is Opposite The North Node

This is a significant combination indicating that you are destined to meet and form a relationship. Your bond is most likely a lovers' union in which you both feel a strong attraction. Together you experience a heightened sense of pleasure, romance, and appreciation of what is good in life. When you meet for the first time you may have an uncanny feeling that you have known each other for a long time. There is something familiar when you look at each other. It is possible that your paths have crossed before. When the timing is right you form a strong and fated connection. In some cases, this relationship can spark a latent talent or interest in the arts, beauty or fashion in one or both of you. Together you are eager to explore these pastimes. As you enjoy the riches that life has to offer, others are attracted to your glow. As a couple, you draw people to you. You are popular, pleasant company and may find yourselves on the end of many social invitations and the centre of many communal events. You seem to be in the right place at the right time.

“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 7th 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.

Medieval astrologers thought of the 7th House as a place where you could recognise your enemies. Your Composite Mars is in this House; therefore, we might imaginatively follow-on to wonder if you may be your own worst enemy, that is, as a team, you need to act for the relationship, not against it. While this is common sense, it might not be so common an action, as each one may be accustomed to doing my own thing, rather than doing our thing. This suggests that each one’s desires and personal will to achieve their goals needs to be tempered and aligned with relationship goals. Finding out what these might be is the first step. You both are learning to be a team so why not do some teamwork. Play tennis as a double, not as a single, plan a trip with other couples or forge a project that you can share equally to its completion.

Certainly, the 7th is the quintessential House of relating, connection, and equality; therefore, these qualities are worth fighting for in your relationship, whether that is with each other or the world outside. It is critical for your relationship, to find ways to express conflict within your relationship, not outside it. Potentially relational frustration and anger could spill out into the public domain by discussing it with others outside, rather than with the protagonist, who is your partner and probably the source of complaint! Therefore, it is important to strive for openness, transparency, and mutual support within your relationship, as there will always be enough discord to deal with outside, and you need each other to champion you and your relationship. Your learning curve seems to centre on finding the balance between being independent and being part of a team. Both are possible and this is the adventure that awaits; forging a passionate relationship where you each feel free enough to be who you are with each other and others in your world.

Mars is Conjunct Jupiter

Two potent masculine planets are combined in your Composite Chart. Adventurers, competitors and trailblazers are images arising from this merger; therefore, there is a lot of energy to be channelled as a couple. All this dynamism can be focused physically through sharing sporting interests, exciting activities, travel or ambitious entrepreneurial pursuits. If not, it might seep out aggressively and act against your own best interests. Therefore, it is in the relationship’s best interest to be competitive and driven, supporting each other and the relationship along the way.

As a team, it is important to forge your shared philosophies: What is the ‘right action’ or what is ‘the right thing’. What steps need to be taken to ensure your agreement on ethical and moral issues? As this combination indicates an abundant desire for adventure and experimentation, this can also apply to the nature of your own relationship. You may experiment with the boundaries of your relationship, expanding them as far as you can. Therefore, it is important to take risks, without being reckless, and adventures without being foolhardy.

Mars is Trine 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.

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 7th House

This is a strong placement of the bountiful planet Jupiter. Riches and rewards abound when you join forces. You believe in this relationship, and enjoy this union because you are both able to expand your lives. Your goals are enhanced through this connection. This placement of the planet Jupiter is a powerful indicator of a significant relationship, either marriage or a business partnership. Either way, you are both able to benefit from this association. Together you feel that you can conquer the world. You may travel, explore religious or spiritual realms, or publish works together. Your love for each other lifts you above the daily grind of the workaday world, and you enjoy exchanging ideas and philosophical thoughts. You like to escape together and enjoy the fruits of your labours. You feel more upbeat in each other’s company. Others note your union and are inspired by the nature of your joint talents and teamwork. In fact, you may have quite an inspirational story about how the two of you met and joined forces. This is a creative and bountiful union and one that needs to be appreciated and nurtured to ensure that the rewards keep flowing. Your only divisive threat would be permitting other primary relationships or business partnerships to infringe on or take advantage of

the joyous nature of your union. In other words, fidelity in all areas ensures a long and constructive union.

Jupiter is Sextile Uranus

Although not a major influence, this combination imbues excitement into your relationship. Together you are more spontaneous, ready for mini-adventures. Your sense of humour comes to the fore and you are both more aware of life being a journey. The process of things, rather than the results, is important when you are together. You enjoy discovering new things, trying out hobbies, joining in pastimes with a difference. You may both feel more able to be your authentic selves when together. You are accepting of each other's foibles and encourage each other to accept other people's differences. As a couple, you value the truth and seek to surround yourselves with others who share this value.

"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 8th House

There are three ways we might think about Composite Saturn in your 8th House. Firstly, Saturn is the lawmaker, so it is wise to reflect on what rules and enforcement need to be brought to this area which focuses on your combined resources and your deeply personal and intimate bond. 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.

The 8th House territory is often presented as an enigma, as it involves us in the deeper aspects of the human soul. In traditional astrology, the 8th House was known as the idle place, as planets here were seen as ineffective since they were lowering in the western sky. While 8th House planets may appear idle, they certainly are not inactive; perhaps more internal or interior, but not inoperative. On an emotional level, this could suggest a difficulty expressing closeness or affection to each other but this becomes easier over

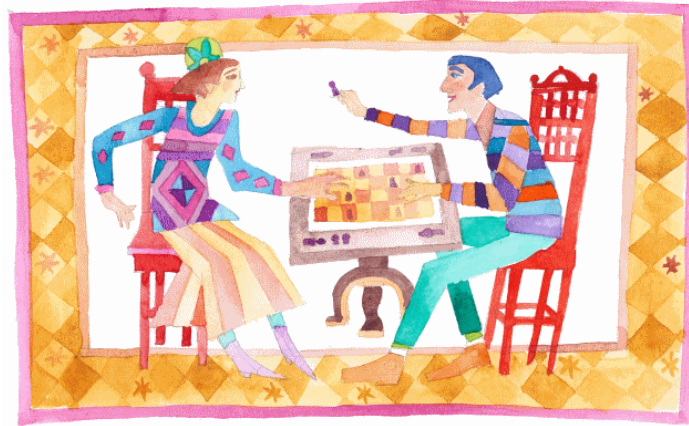
time. On an economic level, it could point to fears about not having enough or being able to support the relationship financially. Saturn responds to tasks; therefore, it suggests the relational need for appropriate emotional boundaries that protect the privacy and innermost sanctity of your relationship. It also suggests how important the mutual understanding of your financial security is. Trust is the key. As it builds over time, so does your ability to share freely in the resources of your relationship.

What are the inheritances you both bring to your relationship? There may be consequences from how the family has expressed emotional closeness and financial values. Uncertainties about intimacy, sex, sharing resources or emotional closeness are the taboos you may face together, which are legacies from your families of origin that you can confront together. Another task of your relationship is how you manage your combined resources and how safe you feel spending these joint investments. Intimately your wealth together is not indicated by the quantity in the bank but the intimacy and love that you share together over time. This becomes your most valuable joint asset.

Saturn is Conjunct Uranus

Your Composite Chart draws the two planets Saturn and Uranus into aspect. Mythologically it is like the battle of the Titans, two substantial and opposing forces vying for your attention. The Titans were mythic giants, so metaphorically speaking you need to honour this potential divide that may be inherent in your relationship. Astrologically, the forces set in opposition are the urge for security and predictability, with the impulse for change and adventure. Therefore, when it comes to the big decisions in your relationship, be aware that there may be ambivalence or difficulty when choosing which direction to take. At the heart of the dilemma these energies are endeavouring to work together, so honour both. Respect the Saturnian side of the aspect by taking your time, being responsible, considering the option, and weighing up the possible outcomes. Value the Uranian part by being open to change and/or taking a risk, disconnecting from what no longer is working, and honouring your ideals and visions. Together you can work your way through the struggle and fears by recognizing that both security and change are possible, not always in opposition.

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 8th House

This placement is not common in an intimate long-term partnership. In a personal relationship, you are likely to meet, experience intense chemistry, and then part ways. This depends on other astrological influences as well. A business partnership is likely to be based on something electrical or avant-garde, or it is erratic indeed. The 8th House of a Chart is one of intimacy, sharing things that are life-changing such as deep emotions, sexuality, and money. The planet Uranus is an erratic one. Hence the challenge is to maintain a tension which is honest and yet constantly changing. You experience flashes of understanding and empathy, but it is more likely that this bond is an awakening of some kind. You gain insights into your own and each other’s most private natures, but maintaining the intensity is a challenge indeed. This union is not for those who like predictable outcomes, snug unions, and secrets. The more that you can go with the flow and accept the changes that catapult you both forward through this joint venture, then the more that you are likely to enjoy the roller coaster ride. You also need to be very cautious about any joint financial investments. It may be wise to keep your resources separate unless you are investing in something cutting edge and agree that the risk is worth any possible loss.

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 9th 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. Together you inspire each other to explore new ideas, beliefs, and possibilities. When you are in sync, your imaginations soar. This can be positive, in that it enables you to delve into the universal truths of religion or create inspiring works of art. Your imaginations can soar. It is also possible that one of you has a talent to share with the world, and your partner is the muse. Another possibility is that together you embrace a philosophy which prompts much soul-searching together, and perhaps an urge to help make the world a better place. Religion, philosophy, philanthropy, and spirituality can inspire you as a couple, as long as you keep an open mind. Compassion and acceptance are the keys to your successful quest for knowledge. The trick is for you both to aim high, seek, and learn, but not to reach for the impossible. To quote the lyrics of Joe Darion, *"To dream the impossible dream, To fight the unbeatable foe ... To reach the unreachable star. This is my quest To follow that star."* Together you are on a quest for understanding but you do not need to "bear unbearable sorrow". Neither should you try to reach for the unattainable. If you adjust your expectations and share a vision, then you can enjoy the journey.

Neptune is Sextile Pluto

This combination is not a major influence, but it is an indicator of the importance for the two of you to act with integrity when together. Any form of dishonesty, no matter how seemingly innocent, is likely to undermine the strength of your relationship. You each need to act with the utmost integrity, share your innermost world, and trust each other. If this is not possible, then you may be well advised to walk away from an intimate bond. Both of you need to feel safe when in each other's arms and lives. If you do, then much can be accomplished, particularly in areas where others may fear to tread. Knowing that you have each other's backs, you are able to walk a true path that empowers both of you, and those who cross your path.

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 7th House

Pluto is setting in the 7th House of your Composite Chart. This suggests that the nature of your relationship can be intense and that you are both deeply engaged with one another. Pluto seeks honesty and commitment. Therefore, emotional experiences may arise either through power struggles or possessiveness in your relationship. Pluto is the "till-death-do-us-part" type of intensity, and with this planet in the sector that defines relationship patterns, feelings of insecurity, issues of trust, emotional control, and power, are bound to play some role in the foundation of your relationship. Learning to share power is necessary, especially when dealing with the resources you share together. Sometimes you might feel you are involved in therapy rather than a relationship; however, this is what brings you closer together and what is necessary to make you feel connected and involved. Over time, your relationship builds an indelible core, built on trust and intimacy, and it is this innermost part that helps you both to weather the crises and dramas along the way.

As a couple, you will probably attract powerful people into your lives, or others who you feel try to control or manipulate you both in some way. Therefore, it is important that together you are discriminating about who you choose as your trusted friends, colleagues or any other business partners. As a team, you exude a charisma. While you may be unaware of this, others are attracted to it. However, it is your privacy and intimate time together that you need more than socializing with others who you do not feel that connected to. Without this bonding time, your relationship may feel stressed by life's pressures, especially demands by others in your lives. Quality time together, both being involved in things you are passionate about, and having space for a retreat or getaway is essential for soul-making in your relationship. Together you can work through any crisis or difficulty; but first, you need to invest in the time to get to trust one another and know each other on an in-depth level.

Pluto is Trine Chiron

Your Composite Chart draws the two planets Pluto and Chiron into aspect. Officially speaking they are not planets, rather they are minor ones or dwarf ones, which is perhaps a bureaucratic way to say they are not part of the legitimate system. Both energies are marginal, yet in their 'otherness' they offer respite from the demanding world, an acceptance of the past, and medicine for emotional and psychological wounds. In the context of your relationship, this suggests that together you can help each other accept what cannot be changed, and celebrate the freedoms that come from not being trapped in a system of someone else's choosing. Together you can forge your own spiritual beliefs and wellbeing routines, as well as develop trust in your values, even though others may not choose to live by them. As a team, you may challenge what is accepted and taken for granted, bringing consciousness to bear on the way others think, and the lifestyles

they choose. But ultimately, as a team, you have the gift of healing, and it is your choice about how you will apply that.

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 3rd House

Relationships are delicately balanced at the best of times. A loving relationship offers the opportunity for healing of emotional wounds from the past, and personal growth and fulfilment. When two people relate in a tender way then it is possible to provide the greatest opportunities for healing, rather than more hurtful experiences. Working through emotionally difficult times is when 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 that the manner in which you communicate with each other is significant. Listening becomes a vital tool when Chiron is placed here. Are

you both able to listen to each other's thoughts and feelings? Most people avoid the use of sarcasm, putdowns, and verbal abuse. However, perhaps one or both of you have some painful memories from childhood. It is possible that one or both of you has been belittled at school, or by siblings or because of your gender. As a result, you may feel ashamed of your own thoughts, or perhaps you do not fully believe in your own intellect and opinions. This relationship offers the potential of healing the past and moving beyond your limitations. The world is your oyster when it comes to communications, learning, and exploring your environment, as long as you feel safe and supported within this relationship. Encouragement, praise, and personal recognition all need to flourish in this union. As a result, you may, as a couple, study or teach side by side, knowing that you have found a true soul companion.

"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 12th House

A karmic imprint of your relationship is that the ordinary and the extraordinary become interlinked through your being together. While your paths may have crossed at work or in being involved in a project or job, there is a larger purpose in your paths intersecting, as together you can create a more enchanting atmosphere, where the normal is transformed into something special. You might share a similar skill or faculty, yet together this can become mutually creative and engaging. It is as if the synergy of your union transforms what is ordinary into what is exotic; what once was routine may become more interesting together. The fortune in your relationship is that magic can be mined from the mundane when you work together.

As a couple, you may feel drawn to the rich world of the imagination, the spiritual, or the artistic sharing some creative abilities together. Therefore, it is important to not get caught up in criticism or scepticism but enjoy your mutual exchange and collusion. Much of your relationship remains intensely private, as what you explore together cannot always be understood by others. Therefore, it is important to know when and what to share about your relationship, so you do not leave yourselves open to criticism and judgment. This sense of containing your privacy builds a sacred and special relationship that has its own spiritual essence. And while to others, your relationship might seem chaotic and perplexing, there is an innate order and rhythm that beats at heart of your partnership. It takes a special team to make an ordinary life extraordinary. The rituals and routines of the everyday life that you share together are soul-making to your relationship.

The North Node is Opposite Venus

An exercise you can do as a couple is to make a list of the resources of your relationship. Take an inventory. Record all the resources whether they are material, emotional, psychological or spiritual. Then discuss how these can be invested wisely to continue to create wealth in your relationship. With Venus on your Composite South Node, your wealth is not purely material or physical, but spiritual and heavenly as well. Perhaps the asset of greatest value in your relationship is your love for one another, and that is the resource that needs to be invested wisely to secure the continuity of your partnership.

While love may seem everlasting, even shatterproof, it can die through neglect and carelessness. Given that your relationship is blessed by Venus, it is important to nurture and attend to your love together. The South Node often feels as if this was in the past or we can take it for granted; however, it is unwise to become complacent about your love and relationship. It is in the renewing and replenishing of your love and commitment that your relationship is enhanced and filled with pleasure. Part of your karmic contract is to value the love that you share. In turn, the bond of love enriches your life 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 Square Uranus

The planet of unexpected changes, Uranus, is influencing your Nodes and suggesting a change of direction. Needless to say, the symbol speaks to you about the natural, yet often surprising and sudden, changes that are part of the karmic pattern of your partnership. Therefore, you may be challenged with sharp turns, unexpected detours or sudden accelerations along your relationship path. While these may appear disruptive, there is often a concealed opportunity that is part of the change. At critical moments in your relationship you will be faced with a choice; follow the traditional trail, or take the road less travelled. As a team, your challenge is to welcome the unpredictable, as therein lay chance.

Part of your karmic pattern is that as a couple, you are now faced with the unexpected and unimagined. How you respond is the key to your future. The alchemy of your partnership has created a new dynamic in your life. While you may have imagined a more stable path together, the irony is that what may seem to be disruptive is an essential part of the journey towards securing the future of your relationship. It is in the disorder that you both may find the opportunity you have been seeking.

CONCLUSION

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