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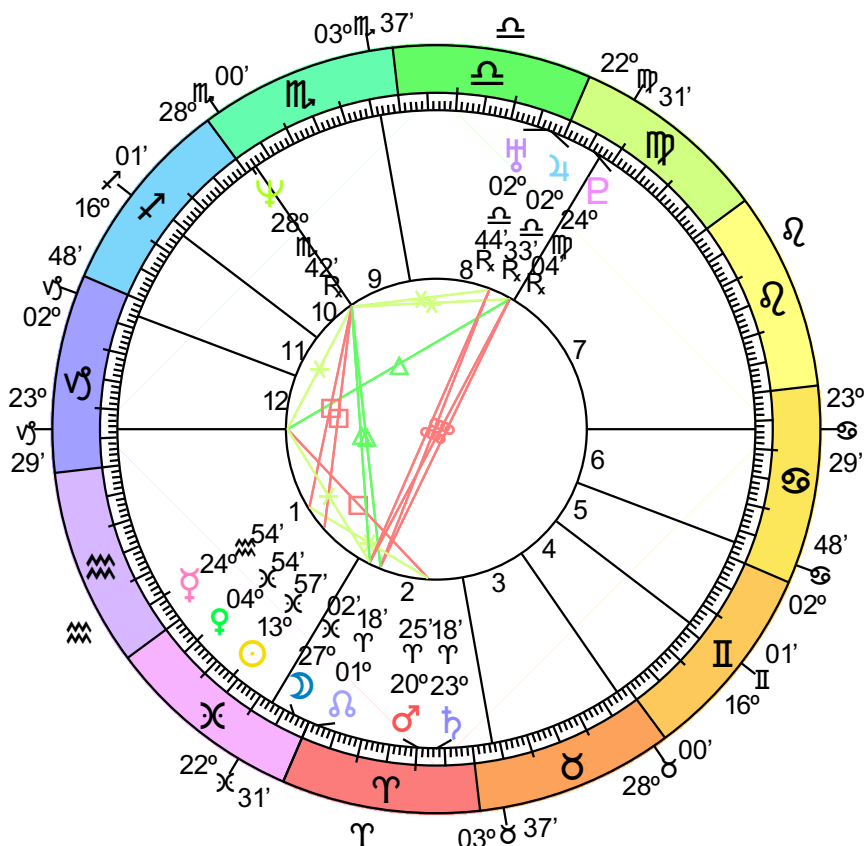
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## Your Composite Chart

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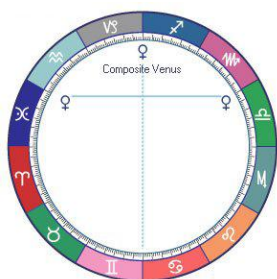
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### The Composite Chart

☾ 27° 02'	Moon in Pisces in the 2nd House
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☿ 24° 54'	Mercury in Aquarius in the 1st House
♀ 04° 54'	Venus in Pisces in the 1st House
♂ 20° 25'	Mars in Aries in the 2nd House
♃ 02° 33'	Jupiter in Libra in the 8th House
♄ 23° 18'	Saturn in Aries in the 2nd House
♅ 02° 44'	Uranus in Libra in the 8th House
♆ 28° 42'	Neptune in Scorpio in the 10th House
♇ 24° 04'	Pluto in Virgo in the 8th House
♈ 01° 18'	Node in Aries in the 2nd House
☊ 28° 00'	Midheaven in Scorpio
♑ 23° 29'	Ascendant in Capricorn

## Composite Astrology (Relationship Analysis)

Although most successful astrological techniques have long histories of usage which may go back as far as the ancient Greeks and Babylonians, the composite chart is by these standards brand-new. It probably has its origins in Germany in the 1920's, but it only came into use when John Townley introduced it in America in the early 1970's. Unlike the plethora of other new and often doubtful techniques which were being tried out during this period, the composite chart turned out to be so consistently and often brilliantly revealing that it was taken up by virtually every astrologer and a generation later has become a standard technique for analyzing personal relationships.



The concept is so simple it's a wonder no one thought of it earlier. A composite chart is simply a horoscope made up of the mutual midpoints between the natal charts of two different persons - the composite Sun is located at the midpoint between the two natal Suns, the composite Moon is at the midpoint between the two natal Moons, and so on. What results is a new, artificially-produced horoscope that literally describes the interface between the two personalities: the shoreline where one leaves off and the other begins. Like any coastline, it may be even and easygoing at one point and convoluted and forbidding at another. And, like any shore, it is subject to fair and stormy weather.

This astrological "weather" is the repeating transits of the planets and Lights which, as in the case of physical coastlines, have literally created the shape of the coastline to begin with. It is a mathematical phenomenon, described by the numbers themselves that are used to construct the composite chart to combine the two personalities. For instance, we know each person experiences regular daily, monthly, and yearly transits to his/her natal sun, giving that point a rising and falling rhythm. The composite sun is precisely that point where any of these rhythms shift over from one person to the other, shift from relative increase to decrease and vice-versa, one to another. It is really a critical, phase-shift, handshake point where one person (usually without knowing it) hands the ball to the other with a mutual shift of energy and responsibility. It is a point of mutual empowerment, the swing point where one gives over to the other at the most primal level. As the transits roll by, the individual solar rhythms continually recreate this transfer point establishing a separate, mutual rhythm unique to the relationship. This happens not only to the two individual's natal Suns, but to all their other natal bodies as well; and when you connect the points, you begin to describe this composite shoreline.

Like any natal chart, this physical/mathematical combo takes on a life of its own which may be quite different from that of the two individuals from which it has sprung. Two persons who both have easy aspects between the Lights may find they have a composite Sun/Moon square which may be quite difficult to deal with - difficult in ways with which the two are natally quite unfamiliar which makes them wonder just what is going on. Conversely, persons who may have quite a struggle by themselves in certain areas, may find that the relationship all by itself seems to magically free them to function better than either could alone. It is here that the relationship does indeed become revealed as more than the sum of its parts.

Since the composite chart (and by extension the relationship itself) is created by the combination of repetitive individual cycles and their mutual exchange, the longer two people are together, the stronger the effect of the composite chart as it ingrains itself and achieves a momentum of its own. This makes good aspects more reliable and makes bad habits repeat themselves and very much contributes to the long-term strengths and weaknesses of a relationship. Since both strengths and problems in most relationships tend to sustain themselves at an unconscious level and are thus often difficult to control or change, the composite chart becomes a matchless tool for throwing light on the workings of the relationship and opening it to conscious development and growth. It is probably the first thing both partners should look at when establishing a relationship. They should continually refer to it as time goes by during which they will become much more in control of how the relationship develops and will be less likely to be carried away by

circumstances outside of their understanding.

It may be said that some marriages or partnerships were meant to be and others not meant to be. Composite charts most certainly indicate this immediately, but using them to begin with gives both partners a kind of control they previously would not have had and enables them to fix to some extent that which should otherwise have been avoided and to maximize benefits that might otherwise have been taken for granted. It enables both partners, if they are willing to take the individual responsibility, not to be controlled by this strange third party, that a relationship itself becomes, but to step in and out of it to their mutual advantage. This is actually quite a modern, revolutionary idea, particularly where marriages are concerned. In the past, both partners have been considered to be slaves to the marriage which must by agreement dominate their lives, however well it is working out. The Reformation's message was: if it doesn't work out, divorce. This new view of relationships, in recognizing that any two persons are dealing with a powerful but manipulatable third party made up by the interaction of the two of them, allows both to slip out and become individuals when it is better to do so and to ride the power of the relationship when both will benefit. Just as the composite chart itself describes the subtleties of mutual empowerment, the use of the technique further empowers those involved and allows them further control over their lives which otherwise would have been unwittingly denied them. In astrology, as elsewhere, knowledge is power; blind fate is the child of ignorance, and destiny is an afterthought of what you should have considered (and acted upon) in the first place.

## Introducing the Players

When analyzing this composite chart, you will be looking at four different levels of understanding which represent four different sections or layers of the relationship. They are Planets, Signs, Houses and Aspects.

### The Ten Planets

The Planets include the eight known planets (besides Earth, Sun and Moon) are the driving wheels of the chart. They are the energy sources that interact to make up the dynamics of the relationship from which everything derives or modifies their natures and influence. Each planet has its own contribution to the whole: Sun gives life force, Mars gives physical energy, Saturn creates limits, and so on. If beneficially interacting or modified, their overall effect will be positive and in concert. If positioned poorly, they may conflict and detract from each other, causing problem areas in the relationship.

### The Twelve Signs

Signs may be seen as filters through which the energies and influences of the planets pass, giving them a particular stylistic twist and coloring the overall picture in characteristic hues. The Sun's rays and inner light, for instance, are consistent throughout the signs of the Zodiac; but as they pass through Gemini, they have a special lightness and clarity, through Scorpio, a darker and deeper coloration, and so on, each sign selectively letting more of certain characteristics than others pass through.

### The Twelve Houses

Houses are the personal landscapes onto which these influences are brought to earth. Whereas the planets and signs have more to do with energy and style, the houses are, by and large, quite physical and behavioral in nature. They cover physical areas like property, children, partners and behavioral areas like sex, travel, or recreation. Where the effects of the planets fall by house will be where you see them manifested in your immediate lives and surroundings.

### The Five Aspects

Aspects are the angles at which the planetary impulses reach earth and either combine, conflict, or pass each other by entirely. These largely determine the kind of action, or lack of it, you will experience in the relationship, because they are the motivating forces in interaction. Mars (energy) blending nicely with Saturn (limitation) can mean well-controlled and focused energy. The same two at odds with one another can

mean a debilitating energy drain or limits that are broken when they should not be. Add the signs and houses to these, and you'll find where it happens in life and with what kind of style and coloration.

Combine 10 planets with 12 signs, 12 houses, and 5 aspects and the number of possible blends becomes, appropriately, astronomical - a broad palette, indeed. Add further the Ascendant and the Moon's nodes, each having their own special place in the picture, and the possibilities are numerous and the knowledge you gain becomes exceedingly fruitful. In such an in-depth study many other factors that defy computer analysis come into play: integration of signature planetary patterns, interdependent midpoint structures, symbolic degree areas, elemental and proximity weighting, progressions, transits, cycle phases, and a host of other technologies that add enormously to the detail and background and in some cases may even contradict what a simpler readout might suggest. There is no substitute for human expertise.

The greater use you can derive from this kind of presentation, therefore, is an introduction to a host of intricacies of your relationship that you likely did not know were there. Once these intricacies are spotted, you have the opportunity to take better advantage of what is already going for you and more effectively grapple with problems that were hidden or only partially-revealed before. Perhaps the greatest benefit of all may be an expanded awareness of the structure of relationships and the realization that you have a great deal more power over how they proceed than you might previously have thought. Herewith are some of the most elementary tools for exercising that power; use them well and they will lead you on to higher planes of human interaction and personal empowerment.



## Your Composite Sun



The composite Sun, like the Sun in a natal chart, is the heart of the relationship and its primary drive and focus. The sign in which it falls will color the entire relationship, as many of the important events in the relationship will occur when transiting bodies are in this sign. If it is strong in its house position and supported by good aspects from other bodies, the relationship will have a solid center and will tend to sustain itself despite the buffets of adversity. If it is poorly aspected or in a difficult house position, the relationship will be easily damaged and difficult to repair as the natural cyclical transits will tend to reinforce negative qualities of the relationship rather than positive. The Sun's primary quality is restorative drive, the general impetus toward life and its sustenance, rather than any specific traits or areas of endeavor such as are represented by the planets. Therefore its placement will tell the overall thrust and style of the relationship and how well it bears up under fire, rather than give the details of just how it will do so. A badly placed Sun can mean a relationship that is almost certain to fail, because wounds to the partnership won't heal themselves. A very well-placed Sun can mean a relationship that sustains and resuscitates itself so well that it may even be difficult to get out of should either partner choose to do so (as might be the case if the planetary aspects were very difficult or if the two natal charts themselves were in great conflict). It is the driving engine of the relationship and everything else orbits around it and derives life from its energy.



Sun in Pisces

### Acceptance

The ability to sense your way to your goals, to go directly to the mark without having to get lost in words and concepts, can be the hallmark of this relationship, if you allow it to be. Sometimes the external pressures to verbalize and justify everything that you do may get in the way of following this native inclination, so you may have to just close your eyes and point, particularly if individually you incline too much toward the rational. Similarly, you may serve as a gateway of freedom to others who need help clearing out their mental clutter and following the interior thrust of events which you can more easily tune in to. Thus, as a unit, you are likely to be sensitive to coming trends around you and depending upon your individual talents, may be able to cash in on them, though together you may find your hunches difficult to implement tangibly. On a higher level, your relationship can lead you to better personal spiritual understanding of your place in the universe and the value of the non-material in this material world. Treasures, the greatest and longest-lasting, cannot be understood in the normal fashion, but they can be pursued instinctively. When you trust your feelings and act upon them with faith, the Force will be with you and others who travel your path.

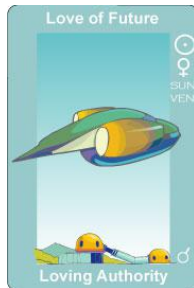


Sun in 1st House

### Adventurer

This relationship is likely to be a forceful one in which the inner drive of both of you is brought to the surface. It will require a certain amount of compromise to make sure that one or the other of you does not get dominated or swept away either by the other partner or by the relationship itself, which will tend to have a fairly high profile, especially in face-to-face situations. In business, this means the two of you working together can sell anybody anything with a minimum of effort, an inclination you may have to refrain from applying to each other. It will always mean that you tend to put your best (or at least, strongest) foot forward as a unit and will tend to be quite indomitable because of this. If there is any caveat here, it is that you may forget to allow the input of others in your eagerness to make your mark, which can engender resentment and also cause you to miss valuable contributions from other sources that could help you achieve what you set out to accomplish. In personal life, this position makes for the two of you acting very much in concert, but also can make the relationship itself seem more important than

those involved, because it provides such an energy boost. Remember where all that came from the whole may be greater than the sum of its parts, as here, but the parts are the bottom line.



Sun Conjunct Venus

### Love of the Future

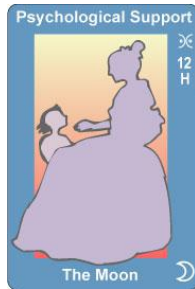
You have a natural level of affection for one another that will make whatever you do together easier and more enjoyable. Whether it's love or business, there will always be a certain charm present, brought on by the fact that at some basic level, whatever else may be happening to the contrary, you just like being together. This will always help you get along in some fashion even in the worst of times. When things are good they will be really good. Because of this fundamentally right situation on the inside, people will find something about you that is easygoing and you will be able to get what you want out of social situations effectively. Partially that is because you have a pleasing approach, and partially it is because you instinctively know what you want and are in a much better position to recognize it and take advantage of it when it comes along. The only possible problem with such an aspect is that you might identify too closely with your desires and thus become excessively disappointed when you don't get what you want. It may also lead you to be nice to those you shouldn't be, thus opening yourselves up to exploitation or just simple time-wasting. All in all, however, this is a fine indicator for good friendship professionally and in a marriage, deep and abiding love.

### Your Composite Moon



The symbolism of the composite Moon in a relationship is that of reflection not in the sense of intellectual deliberation or thoughtful rumination but much more literally, reflective like a mirror. Whereas the Sun represents the primal, outgoing energy in the relationship, the Moon shows how the relationship reacts to situations once they have been presented to it. When someone approaches you with an idea, do you react to it, criticize it, laugh at it or with it? Steal it? Ignore it? Expand upon it? Extending this logic, it, of course means how you feel about a situation, the process and style in which your emotions are stirred. The things to which you react include each other, so the position of the composite Moon will be critical to the emotional well-being and functionality of the relationship, independent of your individual natures. Thus, a well-placed and well-supported composite Moon can lend clarity and cooperation to the most confused and befuddled people who might never expect to get along; whereas an afflicted composite Moon can throw dissension and conflict into the lives of the most well-adjusted and easy-going persons who normally get along with everybody. This is, of course, because this reflective, emotional effect is largely subconscious, and because it does not emanate from either of you in the usual way, you are unfamiliar with its style and rhythms. This accounts for a lot of the magic - both good and bad - that is associated with relationships. On the positive side, it can mean a relationship that seems to heal one or both of you and just makes everything go right that didn't before. This is a marvelous feeling but one that can lead to a mistaken dependency on your partner as the source of the improvement when it is actually the relationship itself that should get the credit. On the opposite side it can lead to mutual blame for making things worse when the fault lies with neither of you but in the structure of the situation itself. The great advantage of having the details of the composite chart available to you is that you can better differentiate the strengths and weaknesses of the situation from those which may lie within yourselves. The former you will have to work around on the exterior, the latter you will have to work from within. In tandem with the Sun, the Moon and its position will make

or break most relationships. If the Sun and Moon are well-placed and well- aspected, the relationship is anything from a good bet to a sure thing, regardless of the other positions and problems that need to be worked out. If the Sun and Moon are badly positioned or afflicted, it will be an uphill fight all the way, and one that either or both of you may choose to set aside unless you feel compelled to spend a great deal of time, energy, and emotion rising to the challenge. Life is about choices, and here especially the composite chart can help supply the data you need to aid you in your selection.



Moon in Pisces

### Psychological Support

This relationship will very likely increase your mutual ability to understand each other at a very deep, spiritual-emotional level, sometimes to the extent of making you think you can read each other's minds. Intuition, and with it empathy and sympathy, runs very high and your innate understanding of the problems of others, particularly when they don't understand themselves, may even at times be painful. It may be a good idea to be careful not to bear others' crosses unnecessarily, despite the ease with which you might think you can do it. Not only can that weigh you down and distract from your own needs, it also can impinge on others who must bear the necessity, even if they don't want it, of solving their own problems. Shed a tear, and move on; sometimes that's the only way. On a rather exterior level, however, you can experience insights that go to the heart of a challenge, which can set you well ahead of the game if you can figure out how to take advantage of it (alas, knowing tomorrow's headlines doesn't always guarantee you'll have power over them). At an inner level, the relationship will have those qualities of soul mates who can communicate without words, love without touching; it will have that something special that transcends the ordinary physical world and penetrates the ineffable. It is, however, just another form of communication not so available to the rest of the world; make the most of it.



Moon in 2nd House

### Fertility

You may find that this relationship causes you to develop a considerable value and dependence on the physical trappings of life. When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping may have more than an ephemeral meaning to you. It will certainly heighten romance through its trappings, and not just if you have a gold credit card; for the simple gift of a rose or a box of candy can be colored for you with much greater meaning than it might have to others. Conversely, when it's no longer the thought that counts but the gift, you know you've gone too far! Where this inclination is well-balanced, it can give you a very fine-tuned sense of what things are worth aesthetically and financially, but if gotten out of hand it can make you too dependent on the physical side of things and slaves to your possessions instead of masters of them. On a brighter note, this moon position makes you draw deeply on your inner value systems, the sets of rights and wrongs which you have learned from an early age. To the extent that you are fairly self-aware of what they are and where they come from, will add great reliability and trust to the relationship. Where you have not questioned and tested your values earlier, however, can become a stockpile of prejudice as well, so be discerning. This relationship seeks solid ground at all times and works best when there is something to hang on to.





Moon Opposite Jupiter

### Experiencing

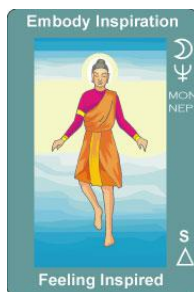
This is an outgoing, even boisterous aspect and will make yours a fun-loving relationship with a fondness for going places and doing things. Probably the more active you can be the better, and even when not physically on the go you will be emotionally wound up and enthused over one thing or another. Generosity and even extravagance will mark your style, and your popularity among others will rise accordingly. If there is a down side to this merry aspect, it is that you will not easily get serious or spend a lot of time pursuing sober affairs even if they are necessary for your welfare. Therefore, on the professional level, stay out of any business where having too much fun would cut into the profit margin. Regardless, it will be a good idea to take a look at what's in your wallet and how it's getting there, because if you don't keep your eyes open your generosity could be your undoing. Make sure there's always more where that came from, and then feel free to give it away. Tolerance of your mutual differences runs high and part of what you enjoy about each other is the fact that you truly complement each other. An aspect likely to give you much pleasure and little pain.



Moon Opposite Uranus

### Feeling Innovative

You may never know what is going to come out of this relationship, and it may not last long, but it surely won't be dull. The more either or both of you like the tried and true and the comfort of familiar ways, the more you're going to hate this relationship, which is going to trample on the sacred and sneak up behind you and go boo! On the other hand, if you like general weirdness, unexpected turnarounds, emotional hurricanes and lightning strikes, then you'll fit right in here. It will be a union of surprises which in the very act of being itself it may blow itself apart. It is not a relationship to cling to but to give lots of space and let it do its thing. It will most certainly get you into places and situations you never would have imagined yourselves before, not all of which may be pleasant, but most of which will be interesting and educating. Personally, if you have a wide-open relationship that allows you to do anything that comes along, this can be very rewarding. The bounds of traditional marriage probably won't hold it, so be forewarned. On the professional side, the same thing applies. Restrictive or repetitive businesses are not the way to go, though some forms of entertainment and sports might be ideal. Just make sure you've got plenty of room to maneuver and, if necessary, run.



Moon Trine Neptune

### Embody Inspiration

You will strongly respond to the call of your dreams in this relationship, and you will likely do so in a more successful and realistic fashion than is usually the norm. It is as if you have an innate understanding that to go too far is to plunge into illusion, while to go for the expedient will sell out your ideals. There is a middle ground which leads to realization of what you feel to be the best and you have the talent to find it together. In a love relationship this will mean that fantasies are followed right up to the point of perfection but are not forced on each other when they conflict and, more important, you sense when they do conflict. In the professional world you can combine the necessary with the morally and spiritually right, a difficult middle ground that gets business done while uplifting those involved in implementing it. The key to this is not going to extremes to realize that your highest spiritual goals may not be achievable even in this lifetime, but that the steps toward it most definitely are. It's best to know which ones can be taken practically, without inadvertently slipping backward in the process. Furthermore, you have the responsibility to propagate this newly-discovered ability (because it may not be innate to either of you individually) to each other and to those with whom you deal. With this gift, you must share.



Moon Opposite Pluto

### The Experience

This is a potentially very dangerous aspect and it carries with it the likelihood of fear, paranoia, and power plays that can be fueled by such negative feelings. There are all kinds of strategies in which one partner may attempt to dominate or control the other, some of them brutal and obvious, some of them sneaky and cowardly. This kind of behavior can only succeed if both parties let it. However, if either of you feel you are being used by the other, let loose a holler that will wake the neighbors and don't stop complaining until it is rectified. Only by getting all the dirty laundry out into the open can this sort of thing be dealt with. If you don't, resentment and hatred on both sides will build up to the point of explosion and emotional or perhaps physical violence. Even if the worst doesn't happen, the relationship will slowly poison itself. This principle applies in the way you deal with the outside world as well, where overstated worry about others' motives can lead you to questionable behavior that may be deliberately unfair or manipulative. It is fear that motivates it, and what you have to fear most is fear itself. That is what turns normally kind and caring people into monsters.



Moon Conjunct Node

### Feelings Are Accentuated

You can find that every time you turn around, you've gotten yourselves into a new agreement, made a new commitment, and generally tied yourselves down to responsibilities that are going to stay with you for a long time. Somehow this relationship makes you get into this sort of thing without a second thought, because it seems familiar, almost second nature to do so. It can certainly be easy to get tied together for a long time, but it will be wise to make sure that the urge to do so fits in with the individual plans you have for the future. A sense of fate can suffuse your decisions to take up long-term commitments, and that may indeed be the case, but don't give up freedoms properly reserved for yourselves without due and serious consideration as to whether it will truly serve you individually and together. The commitments made will be most important when they are emotional, not physical or financial, and they will require coming together again in the future, so do not take them lightly. Good advice; but these sort of decisions have a way of making themselves, so at least go in with open eyes, realizing there is more going on here than just the power of the two of you. Embrace what comes your way with a positive willingness to make it a path to growth and reward.



Moon Trine Midheaven

### Manage Emotional Stenghtening

The way you feel about any given situation tends to dovetail nicely into how you market yourselves and you can actually make mutual headway and even cash in on your initial emotional reactions. If it feels right, go with the instinct and make it work for you not only in your own personal lives but professionally as well.

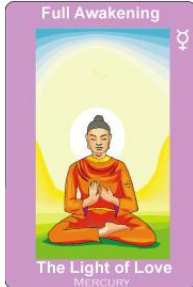


Moon Sextile Ascendant

### Feelings of Acceptance Arise

You naturally work well with each other, as you share the same way of reacting to a situation when you are together, even though you might react quite differently on an individual basis. You see things differently at an emotional level when you work in tandem, and there is a comfortable, predictable feeling about what you are likely to do next. You will also likely be very sociable together, whether or not you may have been loners individually. Friends will mean a lot to you, most importantly as emotional support, though their professional value will not be overlooked, either. The more outside backing you have to lean on, the more confident you will be in taking action yourselves, because you will feel less likelihood of conflict arising from your actions, and conflict is something, barring other severe aspects, that you would generally rather avoid. If you can ease in and out of a situation, you would prefer it, though this aspect also gives you the solidity and flexibility to field confrontations with aplomb and come up smelling like roses. If there is any problem to this essentially mellow aspect, it might be that it does not suit you for areas where aggression and competitiveness are the order of the day. However, like anyone else you can't have everything. You might be careful, however, that you make extra effort to rise to the occasion when opportunity knocks, as it can be very easy to just enjoy it as it passes instead of seizing it by the scruff of the neck. Sometimes being laid-back doesn't pay, and you should keep your eyes open for that kind of choice when it is presented to you.

### Your Composite Mercury



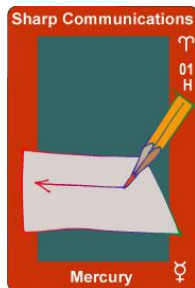
Mercury in the composite chart represents the mutual meeting of minds, or lack of it, between you. It also represents your ability to communicate to others as a couple or as individuals. In the first instance, in which the position symbolizes the shore between two intellects, it will be important to know what kind of communication goes on: by style, substance, and action (sign, house, and aspect). A well-placed Mercury will mean that you can put clearly into words what you mean to say to each other, and such a position can be of great help in alleviating emotional problems that may not easily come to the surface. If you can both say how you feel, you've gone a long way towards being able to change. On the other hand, a badly placed Mercury can have the opposite effect, stirring up emotional problems where there were none by simply getting communications wires crossed. In a professional relationship this can mean all sorts of pointless starts and stops because of faulty information, particularly in an increasingly information-oriented society. The position of Mercury therefore becomes increasingly critical in relationships in general. Its placement also describes how you communicate as a duo with the public at large, so herein lies further opportunities for good or ill. Well-placed, it will mean that you may be able to get yourself across to the world at large through the relationship rather than on your own. Where there are difficulties here, it may be better to speak your own piece and not let the relationship represent you. Nevertheless, knowing the situation in advance can help enormously, as you won't have to learn the communications value of the relationship by trial and error or blame each other for problems that arise from what is essentially a third party with its own horoscope, the relationship itself. Rather, you can take advantage of the best that it offers and avoid what looks like trouble by one or both of you pulling back on your own to handle problems the relationship does not cope with well.



Mercury in Aquarius

### Community Ideas

You will probably find that this relationship lends you an ability to verbally and intellectually cover all the bases and take into account all possible angles of a situation before coming to a conclusion. This broad spectrum will give you a wonderful overview and will let you be especially fair to all sides of an issue and to all who represent varying opinions on it. Whatever your individual views, together you can be a sort of joint ombudsman that can resolve disputes between warring parties. Avoid the temptation to take your final opinion as gospel or particularly enduring, however, as things change and you will have to repeat the process from time to time to keep it all up to date and in context. Ancillary to this, you will likely have the ability to keep track of a variety of ongoing sets of information simultaneously, kind of like playing a real-life fugue where everything is doing something different but you've got your fingers on all of them and they all come together in the end thanks to your ministrations. For computer fans, parallel processing. It's a good Mercury position for the dawning information age and thus makes for a good business relationship as well as a personal one, and may provide multiple channels of communication so that your lines are always open, even if a few of them fail.



Mercury in 1st House

### Sharp Communications

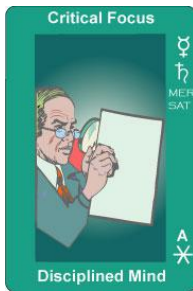
With this position your relationship should be very good at communication, with each other and in dealings with others. It should also mean that you will get the first word in and may often lead with your head rather than your heart. Overall, this is a good position, as it will allow you to get things across to each other in words that may be getting confused emotionally and thus defuse potential problems before they become too serious. You may even serve to put others' problems into words when they have difficulty. Having the first (and often the last) word is good in business in some situations, although it can cause you to overlook valuable things other people have to say because you were too busy expressing your own ideas. In the same vein, it can also make for bantering competition between the two of you which can actually prevent communication of a meaningful nature. So watch that you don't become too embroiled with words and forget the inner thoughts you had really meant to express. Nevertheless, the relationship will tend to emphasize what is bright, witty, and expressive in each of you. So whatever blind alleys you may occasionally be led down, your ability to get it clear and get it out will be a major benefit for you, the relationship, and those you are involved with.



Mercury Sextile Mars

### Critical Words

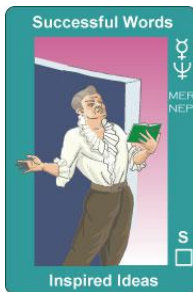
A subtle yet forceful ability to get yourselves across to others marks this relationship, which can put a lot of energy and impact into words and arguments without seeming to do so under stress. In a confrontation you can win without seeming to have vanquished, achieving triumph without humiliation, your adversary having admitted the rightness of your approach rather than merely slinking off, beaten, to fight again at the next opportunity. You can say things that need to be said in ways that make the point compellingly clear without offending or gratuitously contradicting others in the process. This same easy energy applies between you as well, and you will be able to get into the most animated conversations that could well turn into arguments without them ever doing so, in the process uncovering mutual revelations and growth on subjects that you might not have otherwise broached. Because there is good and reliable mental energy flow, this will make you work together well on long-term projects that need regular and steady follow through. This same stable mental pace and the energetic push behind it may make it difficult to attain stillness, however. Emptying the mind, which is sometimes desirable in removing stress and achieving higher states of consciousness, may be difficult for you when you are together, as when there is always something more to be said, it will be difficult to say nothing.



Mercury Sextile Saturn

### Critical Focus

There is a certain reticence of mind here that can make communication difficult to get underway spontaneously. It is as if you need the proper channels to go through in order to say anything meaningful to each other. That is a reflection of a generally careful and conservative approach to intellectual contact and interchange. It is not that you don't want to communicate quite the opposite, really it is just that you are very concerned that it be done correctly the first time. No wasted words, no mental energy dissipated. What you've got is mental focus, and that can take you a long way, especially in business dealings, where your ability to plan carefully can enable you to get the most out of the least in resources and personnel. Whether it be in science and technology or in the general business and professional world, these are qualities which you encourage in each other that will make you valued by your compatriots and likely put money into your pockets as well. On the emotional side, you would do well to push yourselves a bit, as it will be easy simply not to comment on hidden problems or resentments, as you feel it might not do any good or that the appropriate time hasn't come to discuss them. There is no time like the present, and the longer they lie around, the less appropriate any time will seem. In business less is often more, but in emotional expression, for you at least, more is more, so see that you attend to it.



Mercury Square Neptune

### Successful Words

Confusion and crossed wires can often surface here, primarily because of previously conceived ideas and expectations. Once you've got it wrong, one thing leads to another and you can find yourselves in left field before you know it and wonder how you got so far from reality. The worst of it can come when you feel that you must cover up earlier mistakes with falsehood, hoping it will all get forgotten in the end. What a tangled web we weave. . . It may sound silly, but just writing down what you say can be a serious remedy. A major enemy is your inability to recall what you said or agree on what went down in the past. When it's down in black and white, you have one less hurdle to overcome. You can still reinterpret a written document, but you can't reinvent it out of the whole cloth. It is a matter of constantly performing reality checks, taking nothing for granted and going over what you got right and what you got wrong until you achieve a gut-level sense of when you are balanced. This will not be an easy or a quick process, and early on in the relationship if you have to lean on firm opinions, you might do well to assign the responsibility to one or the other of you, whichever seems to be in closer touch with reality.

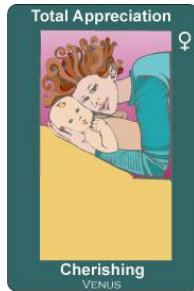
Mercury Square  
Midheaven

### Manage Mental Progress

Your inclination to get the first word in and be the most clever when together makes you appear witty but may actually lose you some ground where other people are concerned. Nobody likes a smart alec, so watch the tendency to be one when you're working together. Being brilliant doesn't always make you popular - though don't let that stop your brilliance from shining. Just put a shade on it so the glare doesn't get in people's eyes.



## Your Composite Venus



The planet Venus represents desire, attraction, what you physically and emotionally desire and as a composite position describes where your desires meet and either blend or conflict, or a bit of both. This is too often applied to love interests alone, although it covers them as well. It means everything you desire - money, position, beautiful things, property, friends, lovers, anything that you want and believe if you get it, will make you happy. It also has another side which is your ability to appear to provide just such fulfillment for others, thus symbolizing personal charm, beauty, attractiveness, wealth, and so on. It's the two-way wish fulfillment point where dreams are born. When this is viewed between two people as a composite point, it means how and whether you make each other's dreams, on a very basic level, come true. If badly placed, it can mean continual desire and constant disappointment. If strong by position, it will be a buttress to the relationship, as you know you will always get what you want when you come back to it. It is, of course, critical in telling how a sexual relationship will unfold and can spell repeated ecstasy or constant frustration, especially taken in tandem with composite Mars. It also represents how well the relationship as a whole will be able to realize its goals and desires, which will of course be directly connected with its ability to make itself desirable, both of which are described by this composite point. Thus, an afflicted composite Venus is a double indemnity, because it usually prevents either of you from getting what you want out of each other, and it means the relationship will not get what it wants, either. Conversely, a well-aspected composite Venus is like a gift from above, as it means mutual success and satisfaction all around. In judging the overall success of a relationship, this is indeed a very important position.



Venus in Pisces

### Selfless Love

Satisfaction for this relationship will be a lot less physical and a lot more spiritual and emotional than for most others. The stuff of the world is nice to have, but when you are together it will be the inner communication and connection with each other and with others that you value more than anything tangible you might acquire in the realm of the senses or the world of business and reputation. Although perhaps the greatest satisfaction of all, it can also be the most elusive, since there are few set formulas and prescriptions for how to go about achieving it. The more finely you can tune your sensitivities, the more likely you are to get where you want to go. It is a situation where you will find that you get more by giving rather than receiving. It will also mean that the relationship, if you allow it to, can be a source of uplifting energy to both of you and transform your individual goals into a larger unity that involves you on a deeper level with each other and with humanity and the universe at large. It is not a style of achievement that can be struggled for, but rather one which must be allowed to develop; and the more you can get out of its way, the more likely it is to make its appearance.



Venus in 1st House

### Direct Love

The appearance of grace and affection will favor your relationship as seen from within and without. Upon first glance you will seem to others as just the folks they would like to be around, partially because that is what you see in each other. An up-front Venus will tend to make you more aware of what it is you want out of a situation and more open about expressing it which, of course, is the most important first step in getting it. Therefore, you will be more likely to get the most out of your involvements, as you will be the first to claim your piece. Conversely, you will be seen by others as the most profitable persons to be around, which can feed a circle of good fortune and good times if you let it. Everyone likes a winner. This is not just a surface, opportunistic quality, as it goes hand in hand with a genuine sense of love and good feelings about the relationship. You can both get what you want here, and the sign and aspects of Venus and Mars will tell you in greater detail how. You can only go astray in pursuing and perhaps disagreeing upon the specifics, but let the basic good feelings about the situation rule and they will carry you through.



Venus Square Neptune

### Spiritual Progress

It may be quite difficult to figure out just what it is you want out of each other and this relationship. Further, it may be complicated by the possibility that you are really not aware that is the case. While you believe you know what's going on here, you may wake up one morning to find you had totally misconstrued each other and don't in fact provide each other with what you thought you had. That's not easy to guard against, because the very nature of the beast is that you can't see where it is. What you can do is make sure that you can both stand alone and don't make this relationship something that you will perish without. That's probably good advice for any relationship, but particularly important where you may have the rug pulled out from under you without warning. The other, simpler manifestation of this aspect can be that you honestly don't know what you want here, and the more you try to find out, the less informed you get. The same remedy applies, however, and that is to avoid the chase to begin with. When you don't chase something, it can't run away. If you just be yourselves individually and let whatever happens happen, you will find that the ground is a lot firmer under your feet and the pleasures that come from being together are derived in the moment of reality and not in the fulfillment of the expectations of either of you.



Venus Square Midheaven

### Manage Progress in Values

Take care that your mutual charm doesn't get in your way, especially where your good name is concerned. What you see as natural ambition may be interpreted as over-acquisitiveness, so make an extra point of sharing who you are and the natural attention that comes from just being together. Those who look good are not always well spoken of, so do what you can to deflect or redirect jealousy.

## Your Composite Mars



Mars represents physical and emotional energy, and as such the ability and inclination to get things done, to fulfill desire by taking action. By itself it is really just raw energy, and its placement, particularly in relation to the other bodies in the chart, describes where and how well this energy will be directed. As a composite point, it describes how your two energy directions mesh and whether they will reinforce each other or simply get in each other's way. It will tell whether sparks will fly, igniting random and destructive brush fires, or whether a controlled fire will blossom that will become the engine to power and fulfill your desires under your own direction. Its relationship to Venus, particularly in sexual relationships, is critical, as it will describe whether it will fulfill or deny your sexual needs. In both male and female it describes sexual drive as well as assertiveness and ultimately, aggression. Thus, a well positioned composite Mars allows the two of you to unite your energies naturally toward whatever goal you choose, while a difficult placing will put your efforts constantly at odds, wasting your efforts in mutual conflict or confusion when you should be utilizing them otherwise. As with Venus, this can be the greatest natural blessing or a terrible stumbling block. A strong composite Mars can energize and focus two people who are otherwise at sixes and sevens with themselves, and a troublesome one can throw the most balanced performers into disarray as they wonder what hit them to throw them so off balance. Thus, it will be wise to understand this position well so as to know whether to ride it or back off. It will also portray the power potential of the relationship as it exists in the outside world. A strong Mars has the energy to carry others along with it, whereas a disabled one will tend to break down already functioning operations in the relationships' social surroundings. None of this suggests that a difficult Mars means you should forget about the relationship, however, as if one of you is simply put in charge in certain areas, mutually compartmentalizing the energy flow; the ill effect can be largely disenabled, albeit at the price of local inequality. It is something to be considered with care and attention, however, as herein lies much of your self-empowerment and control over your lives.



Mars in Aries

### Direct Action

This relationship has a high burn level and through it you can implement your ideas and goals with great speed and energy. Where a fast, aggressive approach is needed the two of you can be leaders who are in there first with the most. Where love is concerned, a high level of physical passion is likely and you can reach peak levels of experience. But it is largely a matter of style, not content, so you have the choice of where to direct this energy, whether it be physical, emotional, or even financial. The style itself, although quick to spring into action, is also quickly done with it, so you may find that maintaining staying power once you get involved in a situation may become a problem. Enthusiasm and energy can wane rather suddenly, leaving you without interest in accomplishing what may have been your entire purpose just a little while earlier. Here you may want to assign one of you individually or a third party to pick up where the two of you together lost strength or interest so that prospects do not meet a premature demise. This relationship has just the right stuff to get the job done, but in matters requiring a more sustained approach it will serve you well to bank your fires a bit or have some relief to fill in while you take a breather.



Mars in 2nd House

### Urge for Growth

There will be a special focus on using what you've got in this relationship and not letting physical resources stand idle. When kept under careful control this can be great for business, as you will make the most of financial assets and because you will not let them sit still and gather dust. On the down side, you can become too spontaneous and buy and sell just for the sake of something to do, in which case assets can be wasted and opportunities missed for lack of the time and patience required to exploit them. Fundamentally, the desire is to take action, at least as far as the physical world around you is concerned. Emotionally, this means you will want tangible proof of affection and in a love affair sex will have high priority and intense expression. Although you will find great reward here, it will also be difficult to give up instant gratification for the sake of longer-term goals, both professionally and personally. Sitting around waiting for things to develop can be very frustrating indeed. Since what is important is that something tangible gets done, not that it be critical or earth-shaking, make sure you always have a physical outlet for your energy, even if it means just spinning your wheels to keep yourselves in shape. Keep extra projects available that take up time but not resources, so you'll have outlets available to keep you busy without draining you of what you will need for truly important missions when they arise.



Mars Conjoint Saturn

### Discipline Ideas

This can be a very troublesome or very useful position, depending upon where you manifest it. Mars is your energy and Saturn is restriction, so in areas where you need boundless amounts of energy expended quickly, this will be poor indeed. Bad for the 100-yard dash, but good for cross country. Where you need to have a carefully controlled flow, however, this is perfect. Doctors are known for this aspect, as for them precision and perseverance is required, both to train and to practice. Since Mars is closely associated with the sex drive, don't expect mad, blind passion, but a cooler, longer-lasting form of sexual affection and perhaps even overtones of emotional or physical bondage. This will be a relationship where you take yourselves perhaps too seriously, feeling that you should always be getting something important done, so it may at times be a good idea to try to lighten up a little. This doesn't detract from the impact of your mission, it just lets you have a little more fun along the way. Nevertheless, if you give yourselves time, yours will be a union that carves out an important and indelible mark along your timeline, because you are willing to deploy the energies to do just that. When others are flagging, you will still be in the fray, as long as you have not let contrary expectation take you off course or siphon off your needed energies to other projects or other relationships. This will be a demanding one, so be ready to go the distance.



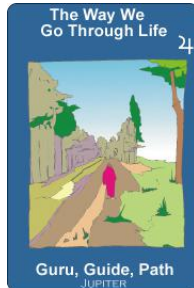
Mars Square Ascendant

### Progress Taking Action Arises

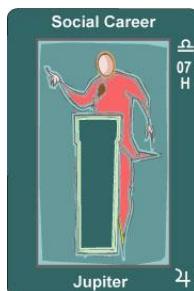
You have something of a tiger by the tail here, in that your energies may be difficult to contain and you will have to chase them all over the place to keep them in control. When this energy has no place to go in a focused fashion, it can break out into all kinds of trouble: annoyance, arguments, accidents, you name it. Therefore you will want to have something to do all the time, even if it is make-work, so that the excess energy will be soaked up safely. Keep it aimed outward, so you don't wind up firing at each other, and you will be OK. Ultimately, the name of the game is learning that you don't have to be doing something to be alive and that action doesn't necessarily mean that you're getting anything accomplished. Don't shoot at every thing you see in fact, wait until you see the whites of their eyes. This aspect is one of unfocused, physical energy churning along without a clear purpose, like a young martial arts student who has not yet learned to be still before striking. Ultimately, you will learn to be still, then strike; but in the meantime make sure you have available punching bags to take it out on and that the

punching bags aren't each other.

## Your Composite Jupiter



Jupiter in any chart represents the capacity for growth and expansion in relation to whatever it is connected. It means bigger, better, newer, faster, higher, and more developed. It is usually looked at only in the positive aspect, but it also has the potential to get out of hand if not checked and directed. The composite chart is the area that your mutual aspiration and inventiveness meet, a point where creativity is strong but which may or may not bring its potentials to fruition, depending upon its placement and how you handle it. Well-aspected it allows you to view realistically and act effectively upon what you determine together to make the relationship a spawning ground of limitless opportunity, more than either of you could manage separately. Debilitated, it can mean overblown expectations that come to nothing, biting off more than you can chew, situations that spiral out of control, and projects that perish under their own weight. But these ills aside, Jupiter usually does more good than harm and under most conditions it is the place to look for blessings. A solid composite Jupiter will mean that you can always look to the relationship to pull each of you up another step when you are stagnating and it will mean that others can look to the two of you for inspiration and new ideas. Where it is difficult, you will have to take the opportunity to restrain yourself now and again and develop only that which you think you can use at the time to avoid wasting your energies on unrealizable goals. It will show you where the big picture is and provide the kind of life overview which the relationship teaches that you might not have discovered on your own. It can be the force that carries you both away with each other and raises you to heights you didn't know you had. Its only danger is allowing the relationship to take over you as individuals. Use it as a resource for each of you to draw on, not the other way round, and it will always pay off for you.



Jupiter in Libra

## Social Career

The way in which your relationship will grow, and its success, will much depend on your ability to juggle varying factors and balance them out. Shed your inappropriate feelings and responses but strive for and nurture a balance between you. Any approach that favors one of you over the other can become easily unbalanced and upset the apple cart. The same goes for the way you develop outside efforts together: a trim ship is the order of the day and the watchword is don't rock the boat. Of course, in trying to stabilize a boat at sea, to take the analogy further, it's easy to rock it further and even capsize it by too quick and enthusiastic a motion. A certain forward-thinking evenhandedness is essential in getting the task accomplished. When tempted to heavily counterbalance an unstable situation, it's often better to go for the center and let things even out by themselves rather than overcompensate and wind up floundering. You will find this often to characterize the situations you get yourselves into, and moderation of movement, both emotionally and tactically, will usually be the solution when things get out of hand. Grow and change aggressively, but steer your course down the channel; the winds and waves of life will provide plenty of interest if you just stick to that and don't sport in them too thoughtlessly.





Jupiter in 8th House

### Business Career

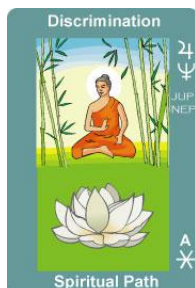
An innate talent for unraveling conundrums and solving mysteries will make this a relationship on a fascinating journey into the past, as well as into the future. Your personal growth together will be tied in with your ability to get to the roots of universal problems and to deduce how things got the way they are from the way they were. In a world given to facile and surface solutions, you will always want to go the extra mile to get to the heart of things, even if sometimes there is pain or controversial material along the way. Difficult truth will be preferable to (and more enjoyable than) easy fiction, though it may not be as quickly appreciated by those around you. This will apply on the personal as well as professional sides of your relationship. If a love union, sexuality will take on heightened meaning and will be indulged in not just for recreation but for revelation, for shining a light into your inner recesses to uncover feelings and drives previously unexplored. Externally, you will have an aura of intensity and depth that may seem a little fearsome at times, since you will insist on probing further when others have been satisfied with less. This makes you ideal for any undertaking that requires perseverance or understanding of hidden knowledge or resources, ranging from uncovering investment opportunities to sleuthing down political or social secrets that either need uncovering or knowledge of which can bring profit to you and your associates.



Jupiter Conjunct Uranus

### Independent Ideas

This relationship will be a voyage of discovery and self-discovery in the most positive fashion as long as you are willing to let it be so. In order to accomplish this you will need to give each other plenty of space and be willing to allow any direction or expression of growth, (however strange or off the wall) a chance to develop and prove itself. This is important, because often the wave of the future when it first appears is unrecognized or even seems distasteful or wrong, and if you try to smother it right off, you're just blocking progress and stand a good chance of having it roll over you farther on down the line. Fortunately, you are likely to sense this naturally and follow your instincts to favor the new and sometimes unusual places this relationship takes you. The place this will be most difficult to accomplish is in your personal life if this is a sexual relationship, as you will have to be tolerant of quirks that might be necessary for one person's satisfactory expression but can get in the way of the other's. Different strokes for different folks, but that can be hard advice to live by when you are both trying to row the same boat. Here you may have to stretch your tolerance and where you can agree to something together, leave the space to express it separately and come together in the spaces where you are both comfortable.

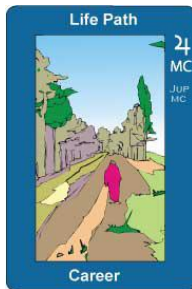


Jupiter Sextile Neptune

### Discrimination

You are particularly idealistic about the new directions you choose to take, and you feel responsible for growing in ways that have a universal sort of benefit. You can seem a little bit moralizing or preachy about it at times, but not so much as to be obnoxious or not to be taken seriously. Fundamentally, you achieve a balancing act between going for what you believe should be and accepting what you realize is the best that can be achieved in the circumstances. The direction, however, is ever upward, and small steps are often the surest way to make long-lasting change. Feelings between you will lean toward the spiritual if this is a love relationship, and the finer qualities of love and affection will be emphasized, even when most physically expressed. In the business world, this will be more difficult to manifest, as you will have to sacrifice immediate profits now and again in the interests of doing the right thing, which can put you at a temporary disadvantage with your competitors. If you use your natural inclinations for combining practicality with idealism, however, you can benefit from greater productivity of those around you who will feel like they are part of something greater and therefore join together and make more

out of less, thanks to the easing of internal tensions and competition. There is often more practical benefits from being right than short-term financial thinkers can imagine.

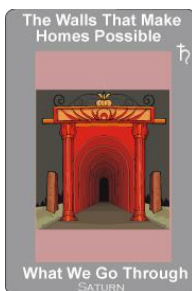


Jupiter Sextile Midheaven

## Manage Examining Career

There are a lot of good things to say about the two of you, and the word to that effect tends to get spread quickly, with a minimum of effort or self-promotion. People will take it for granted that you know what's happening and what's going to be happening without your having to tell them. Besides, you're too busy making it happen to waste words.

## Your Composite Saturn



Saturn is usually considered the bugbear among planets and has an evil reputation that it only partially deserves. It is associated with restriction, contraction, dearth, debilitation, and a host of other adjectives that add up to not getting what you want. That is, however, only partly true. It might be better to say that it describes extreme delineation, concreteness, and finality reality in the most concrete sense. Much of our lives are comprised of hopes, plans, desires, dreams, wishes, and expectation, and Saturn describes what actually becomes of them. So in such a goal-oriented, future-driven society as ours, what actually happens is all too often a disappointment, the result of failed unrealistic expectations. Thus, Saturn in the composite chart is where you both get down to brass tacks and determine (or have determined for you) what actually is to be. If this point is well-situated, it means that you can rely on each other and the relationship as something that delivers every time. It will lend solidity to the relationship and make it something you can lean on when either of you need to be backed up. It will also make the two of you a haven for others in distress. In a difficult position, it will mean that you tend to fail each other, to bring each other down, and to sap each other's energies physically or emotionally. In this situation it can highlight the insecurities of the relationship and mark for failure what might otherwise have succeeded. But in either situation, like any other planet, it will not touch every aspect of the relationship and so you are free to be selective if you know what areas it is either supporting or restricting. You want to know what the bottom line is everywhere, however; and that is what Saturn will tell you. But you don't have to invest in stocks you think are going to depreciate, either. If you recognize early what the downsides and the support pillars of the relationship are, you can use one to stand on while you either avoid or make repairs upon the other at your leisure. If you do not, ignorance is the ally of the dark side and it will have much greater power to pull you in and cripple you. Find your foundation stones early, so your house will not be built upon sand; and, in time, your temple will rise to the skies.



Saturn in Aries

### Obstacle: Energy

In this relationship you may find that together you have a very swift and aggressive form of attack. When you disapprove of something, there will be no doubt about it and no one left wondering where you stand. As long as you make sure you're right, then go ahead, this will be a very useful trait, but should you shoot from the hip you're likely to miss the mark and wound each other or someone else with comments that might be inappropriate or emotionally scathing. This applies to times when you are in the right as well. Criticism, especially when justified, is very difficult for most people to take and thus usually needs to be dealt with a delicate hand. When aggressive surgery of a business or even social nature is in order, this relationship has the style for it, but when more diplomatic moves are in order, it may be well to withdraw a bit rather than become identified as attackers. On the positive side, you will find that by exerting minimal, quick and positive action, you will achieve many good results. A good professional position, but one with cautions on the personal side.



Saturn in 2nd House

### Obstacle: Support

This is a difficult position for Saturn if you want to make a lot of money together, because it suggests that you will have to make the most out of the least. That actually means that if you persevere and act accordingly you can turn pennies into millions, but only after you get the technique, which might take some time in fine tuning. It can have a two-fold effect, in actual practice. It can make you very conservative about financial affairs and very penny-pinching, or you can go the opposite way and give up on the physical world and have little care for what you have or what you make. Probably a course somewhere in the middle is preferable but you're more likely to swing one way or the other in actual practice. In general, expect to develop strategies against not having as much financial resources as you would like. Is there a lesson here? Very much so boom or bust is very much a state of mind and not nearly so dependent on reality as you might think, something this position teaches. Often you will find that no matter how much you have, it is not enough, and it is your expectations that require trimming. Your interior resources are the ones you must eventually fall back on and be content with, whatever the state of your bank balance.



Saturn Square Ascendant

### Physical Progress Arises

You may feel that you have a difficult time painting a good front on this relationship and that somehow you feel less confident together than you do separately. This is a combination of reticence, shyness, and misplaced modesty that you will need to get over or you might as well give up appearing in public. Criticism of how you look together or the impression you give to others is likely to be open to a great deal of negative criticism which may seem warranted in the eye of the accuser but may not be justified in actual fact. This point of view's legitimacy or the lack of it is irrelevant to its crippling effect on your operations, however, and a bad self-image is a self-fulfilling prophecy that will inhibit your ability to influence others or to make your relationship a viable presence in the social world. It will be better to search out those parts of your relationship which you feel confident in and emphasize them or you will have a difficult time sustaining your relationship as time goes by. The causes for this can be varied, but fundamentally they can be traced to your individual self-images of how successful you believe partnerships can be. Where you feel that it is your duty to be the arbiter of each other's actions, nothing you do will be satisfactory and your joint ventures will be doomed to being undercut. Emphasize the positive and be proud of what you've got.

## Your Composite Uranus



Uranus is one of the three relatively recently-discovered outer planets, and all three are marked with a reality common to new experience and endeavor. They are not fully explored and thus not very much under our control. Uranus has been known the longest, (since 1786), and is a bit more familiar. It is associated with sudden events, shocks, realizations, discoveries, and other highly delineated events that sheer off quickly and completely from their previous states or surroundings. For creatures of habit, such as most of us are, this is usually upsetting and generally bad news. But it does not have to be. Your ability to use Uranus instead of letting it abuse you, is directly related to how flexible and quick on your feet you are. It also is linked to how willing you are to accept and welcome change as part of the nature of things. If you accept it grudgingly, then Uranus will always be a symbol of malice; if you welcome it with open arms, it will be a deliverance and an inspiration. In the composite chart, Uranus is where the two of you are repeatedly forced to rise to this occasion, and its contacts will tell in what areas of life it usually manifests. Well situated, it is a mutual window onto the future, flooding you both with light and clueing you into what is coming next. In such a position, it will make the relationship an eye-opener, which you come back to time and again for more. It will also tend to put you both ahead of the game emotionally and socially placing you in a leadership position among others where future thinking is concerned. In a difficult place, it will mean that you bring to each other incidents and accidents in areas where you are the most entrenched and you force each other to come to grips with ideas with which you refuse to deal. This can be a source of great mutual blame: You made me get into this. If it weren't for you, this never would have happened. . . and so on. This is particularly the case in sexual affairs in a society that is at heart so sexually conservative (even backward) and yet ruthlessly courts danger by flaunting it everywhere as if it were an everyday affair. Perhaps the only way to deal with this planet is to expect the unexpected, thus robbing it of harm and providing it with a welcome. If you are ready to harness it - like a wild horse - you can ride it far. If you turn your back, it will surely trample you. Where this occurs in the composite chart, keep your eyes wide open, your stance wide, and your tolerance level on maximum.



Uranus in Libra

### Freedom: Society

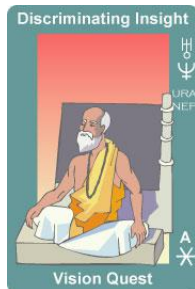
This relationship is likely to display a certain restlessness when it comes to seeking out the truth in how you really function together, especially when you have to break new ground. Once you have come to terms with some of the conflicts of style that you may have, you'll find that you need to do it again. Revelation about each other's nature will not be a one-time event but an ongoing process as you change along with the requirements of the relationship. In order to get to know each other's most personal idiosyncrasies, you will need to adopt an aggressive seek-and-find attitude, or else they will elude you, since they are likely to change with some degree of regularity. Keep a watchful and tolerant eye on each other and use areas of disagreement to come up with a synthesis of opinion. Similarly, in broaching new ground together in outside ideas or relations, do not look for single, abiding answers and solutions, but be prepared for an ongoing process that provides you with an ever-changing view of reality. Stay alert, work with the circumstances and each other and accept the results.



Uranus in 8th House

### Freedom: Business

Your relationship in some ways may be compared to a volcano. It will lie quietly dormant for a long while, then without warning sudden eruptions from deep within will rock the calm, bringing things to the surface you had no idea were there. This will apply both physically, in terms of the resources that are available and that you depend on, and emotionally, where strong feelings surprise you with their unexpected intensity. Financially this can mean sudden windfalls and shortfalls, so it's a good idea to stay away from the edge or you might find yourself pushed over when you least expect it. Keep a buffer between yourselves and bankruptcy at all times. Emotionally, and especially sexually, going off the deep end can be an exciting and enlightening ride, so you actually have more to learn than fear in this department, though like being on a roller coaster, those sudden plunges may evoke an hysterical scream or two. Because this house has to do with endings, when things finish up they will do so in a hurry, so be prepared to change horses in mid-stream when necessary and always have an extra mount nearby. Nevertheless, this is an interesting place for Uranus and because it is difficult to get at here, you don't run the dangers associated with trying to tame or resist its sometimes petulant influences. You're along for the ride, so enjoy it and make the most of it.



Uranus Sextile Neptune

### Discriminating Insight

This aspect happens in the sky only twice every 172 years, and the last time it occurred was in 1966-67, which means you were both born then or equidistantly before and after it in time. Thus, it has something of a generational tinge to it. Symbolically, it means a nice balance between your ideals (Neptune) and new discoveries about how they must be implemented (Uranus). Well, consider the year. It was height of the legendary 1960's when the post World War II baby boomers were coming into adulthood and idealism was in high favor. Revolutionary technology seemed to promise to make these youthful dreams a reality, and everything was very mellow for a few short years, spawning Sergeant Pepper and flower children. Alas, it was not to be, not then, not like that. Fixed in your composite chart, it gives you the talent to make just this sort of dream come true, to evenly balance the practical with the ideal, to match the technology with the dream. This can apply to your personal emotional and sexual growth, your social progress, and even your financial possibilities. Whereas in history this aspect has passed, not to repeat until well into the 21st century, for you it will not pass and is a lifetime opportunity. Perhaps the children of the flower children can make the flower child's dreams come true.



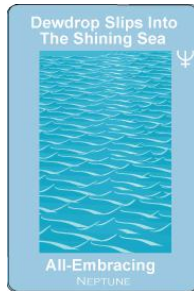
Uranus Sextile Midheaven

### Manage Examining Insights

You find the route to the original and new without fanfare or conflict, even to the point of others not actively noticing how you creatively rearrange them - and they wind up praising you for doing it. It's all done in increments, without rocking the boat, and it brings you good press and a box seat for the next game you want to get close to.



## Your Composite Neptune



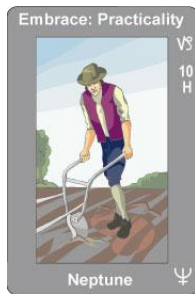
The effects of Neptune, another outer planet and a recent discovery, are often largely out of our control both by our unfamiliarity with its effects and the apparent nature of the planet which represents the uncertain, dreams, illusions, ideals, mystery, and the higher unexplored (and perhaps unexplorable entirely) plane of the spiritual world. Its nature is so uncertain, it's not even known exactly when it was discovered; various claims exist from 1810 all the way up to 1846, and we may never know for sure. It may be viewed from afar with a certain amount of analysis, however. When we find an area of mystery, it is our natural instinct to provide something to fill that void. Nature abhors a vacuum and our minds rush in to fill it with every kind of speculation and fantasy, if only to have something to act on in the area. Whatever is actually there will turn up eventually. In the meantime we provide ourselves with an image which may be close enough to the truth to better help us function or may be off in fantasyland and fail us utterly if we are unwise enough to lean on it. We know only in hindsight. Thus, in a composite chart, this point becomes the place where dreams, fantasies, hopes and ideals meet or clash, and inspire us or drag us down in confusion and conflict. Too many wars and personal battles have been fought over it needlessly, because none of these things actually existed until later. That's the crux of it: don't fight over what isn't there, at least not yet. Well placed, this planet will help you aspire to higher, more selfless goals but even they can make you take them more seriously than they are. Badly positioned, it can lead to lies, deceit, and mistrust based on mutual misreading of the unknown and the foolish action taken upon it. In the end, it is a gentle, diaphanous planet that can never be forced. Dreams and fantasies belong to each of you individually; and when they are similar enough to share, whether emotionally, sexually, spiritually, or even financially, they can be the greatest of joys. If one of you tries to enforce any of it on the other, however, everything will turn distasteful and there will be no dreams left; the mist will be blown away and only a charred landscape will remain. Where this point occurs, go gently, expect nothing, and everything will be returned to you.



Neptune in Scorpio

### Embrace: Business

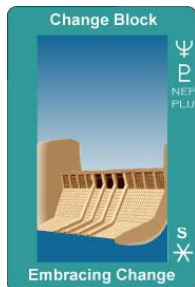
You will experience a certain dogged determination in making your dreams come true so there is a pretty good chance that they will. You, while keeping a fairly low profile so that others have less of a chance of interfering with your success, will tend to throw a lot of your power and ability here. As an initial strategy, this is a good one. As a lifelong approach, it can leave a lot out and cause you to miss some of your greatest potentials, so a little modification might be in order. It first might be well to consider that your aspirations and the ability to fulfill them are not wholly confined to you and your actions, either separately or together. It is the group experience of sharing your ideals that will give you the support to change and broaden them realistically and it will also give you the support to go on when your own specific expectations are not met. The good of one (yourselves) is much more dependent on the good of all. The more you confine your possibilities, the fewer results you will get. What you give away has the opportunity to come back tenfold, while what you keep for yourself stays where it is with only you to defend it. Retain your intensity, but let it circulate.



Neptune in 10th House

### Embrace: Practicality

It may be safely said that nobody (exterior to yourselves) knows what's really going on here, and everybody's version of who you are and what you want is somewhat of an illusion. This can be alternately troublesome and helpful. If you are in a professional situation where you need to create a clear and reliable image of yourselves, you're going to have a difficult time. Your intentions will be misinterpreted and your real achievements misconstrued or ignored. On the other hand, it will give you an innate camouflage and an ability to fool anyone you want to any time you desire just by spinning a reasonably believable yarn. It's a mix you will have to learn to deal with and manipulate with skill, or else you will be entirely awash when it comes to establishing and maintaining a professional presence. You will have to come to grips with another inclination here as well, and that is a propensity to believe that your public position which is to say, what people are saying about you and your social and business situation as a result is something of a matter of principle and ideals to you, a yardstick by which you will judge your beliefs and their validity. This may not be a realistic approach and you can find yourselves demanding more out of your surroundings and their reactions to you than can be reasonably expected. If you look at reputation as an illusion, you will more likely get tangible results than if you chase after a reputation that can continually escape your ability to stabilize. Follow what you think is right and let others sort it out according to their necessities.



Neptune Sextile Pluto

### Change Blocked

Neptune is associated with aspirations and ideals. It is, in short, a watershed period when a radical new arrangement of world order is being inexorably forced into being. This is a generational aspect, something you share in common with billions of others of your generation. Although in the sky it will have passed on, you will have it for life, which means it will be your inescapable task to be implementors of the new planetary culture born at this time. Therefore, where this is tied in to the rest of your chart by aspect and house, these will be the areas where you have to take your place in this order, to make your own personal contribution to what is perhaps the greatest transformation the human world has ever known. Heavy? Yes, but no different from everyone else your age. Do it well, knowing that you are the founding ancestors of an age undreamed of in human history. Your great-grandchildren will be looking back on you, hopefully with pride.



Neptune Conjunct Midheaven

### Manage Practical Spirituality

People tend to just make up whatever they want to about you, regardless of who you actually are or what you are really doing. That can give you great power or simply get you lost in the shuffle, depending upon how aware you are and how creatively you use it. Use their illusions, don't try to correct them, and you'll walk to the bank together like a blockbuster film.

## Your Composite Pluto



Of the three outer planets, Pluto is the most recently discovered (1930) and least subject to our control. As such, it is even considered the planet of power and control, ultimately because it so controls us in our attempt to overcome it. It is, of course, appropriately named after the ancient god of death, the thing which in the last analysis we cannot control; and at the most basic instinctual level, all the control we try to exercise in life is simply a ploy to cheat death a little longer. It is called the survival instinct. The point at which Pluto occurs in the composite chart is thus, at a deep level, where we meet in our ability to face death. But it doesn't manifest itself that way on the surface. Instead, it shows up as the methods we use to keep control in order to avoid the certainty of personal annihilation. Well placed, it will mean a partnership that simply doesn't worry about keeping in control of the situation, secure in the faith that things will take care of themselves and when it's time to go, you're in God's hands. In a bad place or aspect, it will mean continuous attempts to gain power over each other and the environment (according to aspect, sign, and house) and a penchant for compulsive behavior that easily gets out of control. Or, rather, it was never in control to begin with. In some instances, particularly sexual, this can be heightened to mystic proportions, and though it can be playing with fire it can also be very revelatory. Where prominently placed, for well or ill, it will give the relationship an aura of inescapability and predestination, something that sweeps over you both (like sex or death) and takes you out of yourselves. Similarly, you may find the relationship itself has something of this effect on others, giving you a greater power (a power which you must be careful not to abuse) over those around you. In the end, however, it is the willingness to relinquish control as well as take it that resolves problematic issues. In the meantime, the ability to step away from the relationship and out of its sway, at least in Pluto-affected areas, can be an important safety measure.



Pluto in Virgo

### Control: Care

The most fundamental issues, those that reflect your individual integrity and the survival of the relationship, tend to be quite specific and material in nature, and as such have to be handled with great care to avoid conflict of an entirely pointless nature. It is very easy to closely identify with the paraphernalia of life possessions, status, physical territory, personal surroundings and the methods of handling them and to defend them with a compulsive passion which they do not merit. When all is said and done, you can't take it with you, so don't try to defend more than you need at the moment. In good aspect this can make you both feel that you've got all you need, whatever that may be, and you will always have it, but when difficulties arise it can make you fight to the bitter end over issues that aren't important and which distract from the fundamental communicating and sharing that makes up a successful relationship. As difficult as it may be to remember sometimes, home is where the heart is, not where the house is, and if you look into your hearts, you'll find home. This is not to say that what you earn and possess is not imbued with a special value unique to yourself, especially the details of how you treat each other and your personal and physical exchange; most of these will pass while you still remain. Tend to that which endures and not what passes.



Pluto in 8th House

### Control: Business

The effect of Pluto here is to simply reinforce itself, so it will not be as likely to dominate the rest of your relationship as it would in other places. If this is a sexual relationship, it will be that much more intense and allow you to transform sexuality into a conduit to the spiritual of the first order if you choose to pursue that course. If not, it will remain dormant and not get in the way. In a professional context, this will make the use of financial resources from outside the relationship a matter of some contention, and it would probably be a good idea to be careful before you put your eggs in someone else's basket, because disputes over the control of them could easily prevent them from hatching. Where you have close connections to the past, yours or a generic connection to what has preceded you genetically or socially, they will have a compelling influence on you and you may find that this relationship opens up the key to your inner pasts in the most profound manner. You might be careful by not getting too involved with what you believe to be your personal or cultural past, however, as there can be great sensitivity here and you can feel threatened by what may be issues of a largely imaginary sort. What seems to be associated with karma, reincarnation, racial past, and other root issues can be more of a personal power and insecurity trip than you may imagine and you can cross swords with those who do not deserve the associations you may attach to them.



Pluto Sextile Midheaven

### Manage Examining Power

The subtle use of power and influence comes naturally here, and you don't have to push and shove to get people on your side. In fact, they're on your side because you wouldn't think of doing that, which makes you a natural praise magnet. Others rarely doubt those who don't doubt themselves - that's your mantra.



Pluto Trine Ascendant

### Conserving Power Arises

Your physical appearance and presence together may be a lot more commanding than you might at first assume. Pluto's forceful support makes you seem as if you really mean business and represent something there is no point in resisting. The relationship may have much the same effect on you as well, seeming to be something that was perhaps predestined or at least inescapable, something for you both to get wrapped up and lost in. Certainly it can have a transforming effect upon your lives, if only because it will definitely prove that there is something more to a relationship than just the two parts that make it up. The more you get into each other, the more this partnership will quietly take possession of the both of you and allow you to penetrate the deeper parts of your personalities, either physical, spiritual or a combination of both. It will also allow you to take charge of the immediate situation around you based on the powerful energies that are clearly lurking beneath the surface in what you have together. At times, this may be equal parts truth and illusion, based as much on your confidence level as what you can actually deliver in a pinch. If it works, why question it? Inside, you suspect that every bit is true and it's up to you to find out, one way or another.

## Your Composite Node

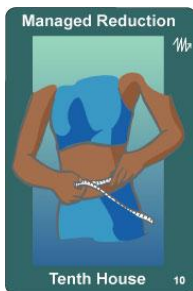


Node in Aries

### Path of Action

Together you have a more urgent sense of responsibility than you might have had individually, which can lead you both into taking on burdens eagerly but perhaps hastily as well. The immediate personal and social rewards for doing so seem especially great, but be careful not to bite off more than you both can chew.

## Your Composite Midheaven



Midheaven in Scorpio

### Manage Reduction

People say they can't figure you out even though you probably consider yourselves an open book -- and it may be that they just can't accept that what they see is what they get. Well, it can be hard to believe that anyone can be all things to all people, so the mystery will remain, even when there is no mystery at all.

## Your Composite Ascendant



Ascendant in Capricorn

### Very Practical

In many ways this relationship may be considered a test of both your abilities to have a relationship to begin with to hone and fine tune what it takes to get along with another human being. As such, it is both a joy and a challenge, but sometimes easy to take too seriously or to become discouraged about. Others will tend to see you as exclusive to each other, so it may be wise to make extra efforts to include them in your activities (if you really do care to have them around, that is) or they may just wander off and leave you to yourselves, thinking that is what you want. Although you may not be forthcoming with advice out of natural reticence, when you put forward your joint opinion it will be taken very seriously by those around you, so be careful to say what you really mean. If you have to be influential, make sure they clearly understand. Your inclination to omit needless words may interfere with communication, so rephrase when necessary. Just because you said something with preciseness and clarity doesn't mean it was understood. Since the focus of the relationship is internal, this may be cumbersome or annoying, but sometimes a well-chosen Clint Eastwood-ism isn't enough, as beautiful and laconic as it may be! In the end, the relationship will be its own greatest reward, something you felt from the beginning, anyway.