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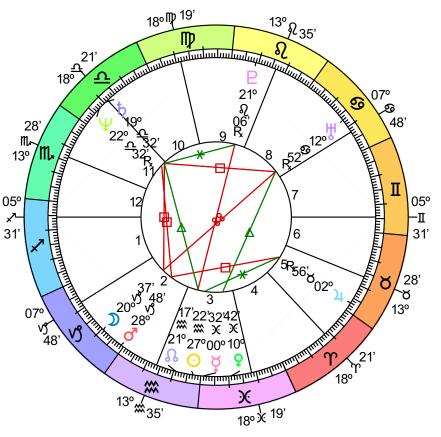
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The Composite Chart

- \mathfrak{D} 20° v37' Moon in Capricorn in the 2nd House
- \odot 27° \approx 22′ Sun in Aquarius in the 3rd House
- ♀ 00° ¥ 32' Mercury in Pisces in the 3rd House
- \circ 10° \times 42' Venus in Pisces in the 3rd House
- o[™] 28° v348' Mars in Capricorn in the 2nd House
- 4 02°856' Jupiter in Taurus in the 5th House
- ħ 19°≏32' Saturn in Libra in the 11th House
- ₩ 12°952' Uranus in Cancer in the 8th House
- Ψ 22° \pm 32' Neptune in Libra in the 11th House
- 2 21° 206' Pluto in Leo in the 9th House
- \mathfrak{s} 21° \approx 17' Node in Aquarius in the 3rd House
- № 18°™19' Midheaven in Virgo
- Asc 05° 231' Ascendant in Sagittarius

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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 Aquarius

Planner

This relationship is likely to broaden the perspectives of both of you, allowing you to see sides of each other and the world around you. It will also fill you with the realization that it is your responsibility to do something about it. Realization of the world is an impossible task to accomplish immediately. Rather, you need to take one situation at a time and button it down before moving to the next. The temptation is strong to analyze and reform everything you see and it is a major talent and challenge of the relationship. But only patience will see the job through. That is something you may both be short of, but tolerance is the best road to understanding, both inside and out. Therefore collecting information for your task will be a major direction for you. Analysis will be your major strong point, bringing both of your talents to bear on professional and emotional conflicts into accord with a happy ending for all concerned. When you have a really good grip on the whole picture, you will be able to take decisive action that will construct a single entity out of disparate forces and inputs. E pluribus unum may be considered your motto, whether dealing with exterior or interior issues, in business or in love.



Sun in 3rd House

Communication

You will find that you have a strong urge and ability to communicate well verbally and intellectually, and that can make this a very strong bond of friendship as a result. When in doubt, let it out will be easy advice for you to follow, at least as far as your thoughts and ideas are concerned. This is ideal in business, as nothing will escape one that the other doesn't pick up on and crossed wires will seldom be a problem, as you'll just mutually know what you're talking about as soon as you set to discussing it. In affairs of the heart, this is initially a plus as well, for it lets you get off your chests verbally what is going on inside of you. However, when that is as far as it gets, without going on to the emotional repairs decided upon, it will be in vain and can wind up dividing and trivializing the relationship. Action as well as talk is often the order of the day, and it can sometimes be easier to solve all your problems in theory without actually getting down to implementing a plan of action. Here you may find that one or the other of you may find it necessary to take the lead, so that the plans and details you have decided upon become a reality on a physical and emotional level.



Sun Conjunct Mercury

Teaching Ideas

In a special way, your heads and hearts are in the same place in this relationship, and you will naturally know what the other is talking about whether you verbalize or not. But when you do put it into words, it will be well-expressed as well as sincerely delivered. This is a talent that can be taken for granted. However, there can also be a tendency to assume you have said the right thing. You let your intentions take control over your expressions without seeing them through. On a moment-to-moment basis, this is not a problem, for as long as you're getting the message across to each other, it doesn't matter how it's done or how accurate or complete you are in what you verbalize. When others become involved, however, you can find they misinterpret what you say because you didn't go the distance in making it clear by addressing the other person's viewpoint. It's entirely a question of neglect, arising from applying assumptions you safely make between yourselves to others who don't share your background and information. Therefore, you may have to go out of your way to remember to say it all when you are addressing the outside world, especially when you have to put it in writing. Your communication skills have to be different for each person you are dealing with, something that is entirely within your reach.

Critical Success

Sun Sextile Jupiter

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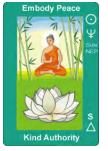
It's easy for you to roll into new projects together and think big but do not get in over your head. Growth is something that comes naturally and rising to a new occasion is something that seems to happen by itself. Expansion is second nature, but you don't feel compelled to push each other to go farther than you are comfortable with, so steady development will tend to be the order of the day. You also have the advantage of having less trouble thrown into your path than others do, so you don't burn up as much extra energy fighting environmental resistance along your path. That is a blessing, but sometimes there is another side to it, for when you assume that your plans will proceed according to your intent, a positive outcome will result only for so long. In other words, don't take your luck for granted, since without follow-up, the details that need attending will eventually escape you, tripping you down the line. Fortune has handed you a sound vessel for forging ahead, but it still needs maintenance, and if you let that slip down the line you will have a difficult time keeping up with the leaks. An ounce of prevention is all it takes at the beginning, so while the sun is shining, make something else as well as hay. Use your advantage to maintain it.



Sun Trine Saturn

Building Discipline

There is a very robust stability to this relationship, where the energy flows along very wellestablish lines and serves as a protection against the sudden buffets and abrasions of life. You will not need to throw a party to express your care and concern for each other and your friends, but quiet get-togethers which better display the kind of grace and dignity you want to express are the order of the day. There is a natural conservation of energy here as well, and you are more likely to be together for the long haul than for a quickie. By careful corralling of your internal resources and dissemination of them only where they are really needed, you will have a lot more stamina than most around you. This works well in personal or professional circumstances, though perhaps better in the latter, as the emotional element is somewhat restricted and channeled here and mad passion is less likely than good control and wise allocation of resources. Nevertheless, there is not much bad to be said about this very supportive aspect, which will not only shore up your own relationship but can also make you a joint shoulder to lean on by those who have their act less together. When you have the opportunity to share, try to do so, as it not only helps out others but keeps your survival skills well-honed so they don't get rusty on you down the road.



Sun Trine Neptune

Embody Peace

There can be a high spiritual flow to this relationship, as you can connect very comfortably on spiritual issues and tend to agree upon the dreams and ideals you pursue in life. Whereas others may tend to chase illusions and figments of their imaginations, you have pretty much got your feet on the ground in this respect, being able to sort out what can reasonably be achieved and what is just pipe dreams. Further, you feel quite strongly motivated to see that what can be done realistically, is. Communication can go on between you with great ease at a non-verbal level and frequently will, leaving others somewhat mystified about how you both know what's going on when they don't. It might be well to explain yourselves now and again, even if just for the exercise of putting what you feel into words so that others can share them also giving another view on your own reality. Natural talent for communications, like anything else, require keeping your techniques in trim and developing interchange with others to see how they do it, even though it is not as well as you do. What you make up for in ease of delivery, they may achieve through struggle and hard work, suffering illusions until the truth heaves into sight. Then your strengths become reborn and reinforced within yourselves.

Experience of Change



Sun Opposite Pluto



Sun Conjunct Node

Power struggles can be the most potentially damaging facet of this aspect, and you will need to strive to get them under control. If you let your guard down and allow yourself to lock horns with each other, it will become a full-time problem. This comes from subconscious fears you have of not being allowed to be independent, so your reaction is to restrict the other's independence to protect your own. A preemptive strike, in nuclear parlance. When you understand that it is the very independence of your partner that guarantees yours, then this aspect will not have such a negative effect. In fact, once you get really secure you can actually play with it, taking turns at being dominator and dominated so you can be more familiar with what you would be getting into if you took the game seriously. It would be a good idea to watch out for this same inclination when dealing with other people as well, because here it sets you at a special disadvantage. Playing power games for real should be done all the time or not at all.

Accent on You

There is an air of destiny about your relationship, as if you are taking on something that will be with you for a very long time, perhaps much longer than a single lifetime. That, in fact, is very likely the case, and you will find that you are willing to make commitments from the heart with great sincerity and meaning, ones which you have every intention of living up to. Remember, however, that once you get yourself committed to things in this relationship, it is for a long stretch. You will not be able to let go honorably even when the situation gets rocky from time to time. Further, you will likely not get the intended payoffs you desire until well along and you must be willing to cheerfully bear burdens for both your sakes. As long as you realize that, your commitments will have precisely the opposite effect and you will wind up with obligations you don't want to honor and perhaps no relationship at all, kind of like wrecking your car before you've paid for it. That is a worst case scenario, however, and it is likely the good feelings here will outweigh any difficulties rash commitments might bring.



Sun Square Ascendant

Self Progress Arises

You may find yourselves somewhat at cross-purposes when it comes to the focus of this relationship, particularly when you are relating to the outside world. It is as if having to maintain your image together in person is a distraction to your more important and fundamental reasons for being together. This is partially because you are more concerned with working on the substance of your relationship and how it affects your overall effect on your environment, and partially because the way you appear to others belies what you really are like and thus tends to get in the way of getting your real business done. The effect of this can make you on the anti-social side, especially when you are trying to get something accomplished and don't need the bother of constantly explaining yourselves to folks who don't seem to know what's going on. Nevertheless, you cannot escape from what you look like and part of what you will need to develop is the ability to represent yourselves more accurately while still keeping your minds on the task at hand. Although you cannot ignore your immediate environment, you can lean on your accomplishments to speak for you, and when you feel less obliged to explain vourselves, you will find it will also become less necessary to do so. Too often problems are exacerbated simply by trying to solve them. Out of sight can be out of mind.

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 wellsupported 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 welladjusted 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

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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 Capricorn

Practical Support

You have a great potential to reduce emotional response to its essence and waste no time on feelings extraneous to what the situation merits. This will lend great clarity to your relationship and considerable intensity as it concentrates emotions that might have been unclear or spread about too thinly. It also has an austere side that can leave you wondering if there isn't something more, until you realize that there was and you decided that what you have is what you wanted. Of course, you can go overboard with this, needlessly calcifying and perpetuating feelings that have had their day and are no longer appropriate, so take care to keep checking to see if there is more you would like to add to your palette now and again. This can be an excellent business relationship, as it inclines to a no-nonsense approach which cleans out deadweight and maximizes what is essential to achieve your greatest potential. It also allows you to make the most of lean times and can be greatly heightening in a spiritual sense as you cleave to the pure core of the matter and abjure the distractions that would otherwise obscure or detract from accomplishment of your final goals. Distractions are sometimes necessary, so take time out and spend some time in fun and frolic alone, as too tight a focus can be wearing and can actually sap your energy and drain you of the long-term stamina that would be your hallmark.



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 aift, 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 Conjunct Mars

Motivational Insight

This relationship can have its rough spots and you may often find yourselves jumping into situations you should have had the restraint to stay out of. A general tendency toward rashness comes from a high level of emotion and emotional reactions which are acted upon without first working them through. You will have strong feelings about each other and about things in general, and you will be very likely to express them strongly as well, which can cause disagreements if you are not careful, but it also means that when you care, there is no doubt about it and you don't hide it. Thus your relationship can sometimes turn into a firestorm of emotions; love, anger, passion, joy, all expressed in the extreme. Once you realize this, you should go to some lengths to be forgiving of the angry remark made impulsively or the inappropriate and embarrassing response that should have been suppressed. It's not done out of spite or foolishness, it's just that you bring on these sorts of things in each other and they have their good side as well as their bad, so take one with the other. Any way you look at it, in this relationship you're in for a ride, so fasten your seat belts and try not to run too many red lights!

Sign of Discipline

Moon Square Saturn

Sign of Discipline

There is emotional hesitancy in this relationship that is likely to put distance between you and cause you to pull your punches as a functioning unit as well. Part of this may be manifested in a natural reaction of criticizing first and asking questions later. When you accent the negative, it tends to be a self-fulfilling prophecy and things turn out as poorly as you expect. It will be good to look for the bright side and emphasize it, even if it seems like only a glimmer. Another problem may be a disinclination to give full emotional disclosure. When you hold back from each other, you won't be playing with a full deck and it will be easy to misjudge each other's motivations and difficult to cooperate. One remedy is to conscientiously go a second mile with each other. When you would normally stop whether it be in conversation, work, or even lovemaking pick up the pace and keep on going. You will be surprised how much you have left in you and what you have been missing out on by dying out too soon. The negative effect of squares is best counteracted by repeated efforts to correct the situation until you can see your trail of errors to a corrected and stabilized pattern of behavior. The desired effect here is to raise your emotional energy level and bring a quicker and fuller level of response to each other and to the world around you.



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 Square Neptune

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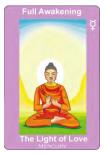
You are subject to a lot of potential misdirection and confusion here, so you will have to be extra careful and sure of what you are doing before you make decisions or take action together. Make sure you have both feet on the ground before you launch into anything that requires follow-through, as you are probably more unstable than you at first believe. This may be because you are kidding each other (or yourselves) about your real feelings and motivations, but it may equally well be that you just don't have all the information even though you think you do. Since that will not be a one-time error but a continuing trend, get into the habit of making things extra clear and looking before you leap. Circumstances have a way of eluding you, so the more hard-nosed you are about things (despite the decided lack of inclination to be so) the more likely you will avoid running into disaster down the road. Ask for outside opinions and try them out. This will give you a view from another angle which will provide an anchor to reality when you find yourselves adrift. The more you do this and practice readjusting yourselves to new information, the less confusion will plague you and the more in control of your lives you will be.



Moon Trine Midheaven

Manage Emotional Stengthening

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.



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

Your Composite Mercury

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 Pisces

Psychological Ideas

This Mercury position can be quite problematic or extraordinarily perceptive, depending greatly on other factors in the chart and how much time you spend on learning about and developing your communications skills. In order for the relationship to have effective internal and external interface you will have to learn to put your feelings and intuitions into words, something that is not always easy to do. With self-exploration and effort you will be able to bring to earth much of the ethereal and spiritual side of your existence and communicate with clarity the most important issues of life and death that anyone faces in this existence. Just let things go, and you will wind up with confused ideas and emotions misinterpreted or inadvertently left unexpressed, which will just jumble things up and hurt the relationship. In a way, if you stretch your abilities to articulate your intuition, you've got the future in your hands and, conceivably, could cash in on it in a very tangible fashion. But your best bet is to use it to heighten your mutual self-understanding, articulate your feelings of sympathy and empathy, and thus bring yourselves closer spiritually and emotionally to each other and to those around you. By lifting your eyes and bringing to earth what you observe, you elevate yourselves and all those who come in contact with you, and that is more reward than most ever get and you can take it with you.



Mercury in 3rd House

Communications

Mercury is in its most natural house position here, which lends a particular ease of communication to your relationship. It will be easy to put your thoughts and feelings into words and use verbal communication to bring you closer together. It will also serve you well in the outer world where the ability to think and express yourselves clearly is at an increasing premium. Where others may struggle for the right word or phrase, together it will come easily and naturally. This applies to more than just words, but also to the ability to manipulate and combine concepts into new ideas and inventions that can move you forward in business and personal life. This is literally the meeting of minds along that personality shoreline on a particularly pleasant and productive beach. If there is anything to watch out for, it is becoming too engaged in matters of the mind and inadvertently neglecting the matters of the heart. It can be easy to accept glib solutions to problems that may run much deeper and will take more that intellectual handling. So keep your eyes open, and your hearts as well. Nevertheless, your special ability to keep your minds open to solutions will enable you to move with the times and address the necessary challenges wherever they arise.



Mercury Sextile Jupiter

Critique

Mental and intellectual growth of a very natural sort characterizes your relationship, and you may find yourselves quite effortlessly reaching heights of development and breaking into new landscapes you wouldn't have come upon individually. Communication between you will always be available and usually on the increase, as if there is always something new and interesting to get into, bigger and better than before, which will be a constant support to your friendship. On the professional level, you will do well in any area where expansion and development are the main focus, as you will be able to spot new paths to take and larger markets to tap, along with methods for expanding management and control systems to cope with the burgeoning development. Avoid situations where you have to do much in the way of repetitive work or where you don't have the freedom to improve the situation you are in. Dead-end jobs are twice as deadly for you. Keep your eyes open to see if those around you are keeping up with what you are doing, however, since you don't make a big thing out of the progress you make together, its size and scope may go unnoticed by others who should be taking advantage and upon whom you may have to lean for support and background as you escalate your situation. When you take your own talents for granted, chances are so will everyone else, so don't be afraid to toot your own horn now and again.



Mercury Trine Neptune

Embody Dreams

Your rich and fertile idealistic tendencies are not the pipe dreams of others, but spring from an ability to size up what is desirable and what is expedient and express what you see as the middle road to achievement. Whereas you might not individually always know that elusive edge between fantasy and reality, when you are together you balance yourselves and not only recognize it but express it well enough to point it out to others. The highest of spiritual ideals tend to perish when they demand too much too soon and don't recognize the need to understand human frailties in achieving greater than human goals. You can visualize the kind of compromises necessary to make dreams become reality without sacrificing your ideals in the process. This is more than just an aspect that will give you growth and wisdom as the years progress, though it will surely be of great personal inner reward. It is also a teaching aspect, as when you have the natural ability to successfully thread your way through the labyrinth of human hopes and dreams, you will want to leave trail markers to make it easier for others less blessed to follow you. In an area where words so easily fail, you can bring them to success, so see that you leave them in safekeeping for the rest of the world to share.



Mercury Square Ascendant

Mental Progress Arises

A lot of thought goes into this relationship and you are constantly trying to analyze and reform your opinions on what you are about and where you are going. Particularly important to you will be the way you appear to others as a unit and what kind of impression you make upon them. The advantage to this position is that you will not lack in communication between each other and about each other. The disadvantage is that you can dissect your relationship until it lies in pieces and you are not sure how to put it back together again. Too much self-consciousness can paralyze your ability to act smoothly and effortlessly and can make you appear stilted and contrived, when that is the exact opposite of your intent. Similarly, too much intellectualization of how you function can disconnect you from the feeling side of your relationship, leaving the plethora of communication and information you have about yourselves largely useless because it is only half the story. You may find it more fruitful to spend your effort on other subjects and just let yourselves be yourselves. This does not mean abandon self-inspection, just don't make a compulsive habit of it and drop the subject when you start to repeat yourselves. The less you think about what you are doing, the smoother and

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more seamless a presentation you will give.



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 3rd House

Talk of Love

You may find that your relationship is blest with a charming gift of the gab, a natural ability to put positive expression into words, which makes you pleasant company and draws around you a pleasing circle of acquaintances. Personally it will give you good communication and the ability to always find something good to say about every situation, fueled in part by an innate enjoyment in finding out the best in everybody. You do best what you most enjoy. In a professional capacity, this will give you a leading edge in any field that requires a good face: advertising, public relations, diplomacy, or any form of business where personal relations has a high priority. It also allows you an ability to clearly express and articulate what you want and consider beautiful and desirable, which is a major step in getting it. This manifests on the emotional level as a natural ability to communicate your feelings in a positive and fruitful manner. It may only be problematical where you try to accentuate the positive in a manner that buries the unpleasant side of problems that require facing up to. Nevertheless, leading with the favorable side of issues is always the best start, and a spoonful of sugar does, indeed, make the medicine go down. Your relationship thus brings out the best in yourselves and in others, who appreciate you showing them their best side.

Venus Trine Uranus

Safeguarding

Although you may find that this relationship stimulates you to indulge in original and perhaps unusual tastes, you will also find it to be an eye-opening and rewarding experience which opens new worlds of personal satisfaction. It's like discovering a whole new cuisine and finding that eating is a new adventure again. For you that will extend to any kind of pleasure you choose to indulge in, which will make life a continually renewing quest for what refreshes the senses and gives you a bracing sense of life on the edge. But unlike those who take risks to get their thrills, you will know just how far to push it so that you get the most enjoyment with the least potential risk or conflict about what you are doing. This will mean a lot of mutual tolerance for different kinds of self-expression on both your parts, and that will be part of the natural equation that develops between you. It would be well if others could develop your technique for getting the most out of life, and anything you can do to pass along how you do it will be a deed well done which will come back to you in times ahead. Talents are more than gifts, they are responsibilities which can sometimes be overlooked, not out of selfishness, but because you don't realize how good you are at what you do.



Midheaven

Manage Experience of Appreciation

The primary goals and desires you share together may favor the home scene more than the professional one, and having to do business together may actually get in the way of pleasure, and vice versa, unless that business is done at home. Good publicity can be a sometimes thing, due mainly to inattention to or neglect of necessary outside contacts.



Venus Square Ascendant

Progress in Values Arises

It is likely there is little doubt that you like being together and that this relationship is something you really care a lot about. Although this is considered a hard aspect which afflicts with an inability to control the nature of the planets involved, here you have too much of a good thing: affection and desire. It's hard to complain about that. If this is love, it is love indeed, and if only business, then you think there is a lot to be gained here and enjoy the process highly. Is there a problem here? It's hard to criticize but there may be some things to watch out for. One is that getting tangled up with each other is likely to take up more attention than you estimate, despite its joys, so be prepared to jettison other priorities that would be making demands upon valuable resources. Another is that familiarity breeds contempt, and an overload of each other has the potential of cloying what would be a continually renewing pleasure when taken in small doses. Sometimes a little deliberate abstinence may refresh the relationship more than you might think, if you can manage a way to accomplish it. If not, not much harm is likely to ensue, though there may be some around you who will view you as somewhat self-obsessed. Perhaps vou have reason to be. You will believe that to be the case, but leave some space for the rest of the world.

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 aet 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 selfempowerment and control over your lives.



Mars in Capricorn

Efficiency Drive

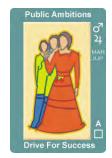
You will find this relationship lends to you a more careful method of accomplishing things, one that is at once very demanding but quite simple. Indeed, effectively simplifying the complicated is a talent difficult to find, one that you gain from the interaction of the two of you. When approaching a challenge, either interior or exterior, you will be best off when you stick to one thing at a time and do it well, rather than trying to spread your talents and dilute them in the process. It is a question of focus, and when you are tightly focused you do things better. Thus, you may find the relationship brings added clarity to your individual functioning and you work better as a team rather than separately, at least when there is a job to be done. In general, you will take a conservative approach, which is probably better in business than in private life, as feelings and emotions need more attention to change than do matters of the outside world. At this point you may do well to follow your individual, rather than joint inclinations, or the heart side of the relationship may tend to stagnate, preventing the continual flow of communication that is required. Nevertheless, you can depend on the tried and true in a pinch because you, of all people, will have gotten that right, and using that as a starting point can move on from time to time to fresh ground.



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 longerterm 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 Square Jupiter

Public Ambitions

You are likely to spend more energy on your efforts than you need to and also get yourselves into more commitments than you may be prepared to deal with. There is such an abundance of energy that you think you will never run out, so you will always be champing at the bit. It is not that you won't have the energy to do practically anything in fact, you can easily overdo it and beat a situation into the ground that only needed a little push to get going. The problem will be that with so much to spare you can get yourselves into more than you can manage, and things start to get out of control because you've got the power but not the sufficient knowledge to keep all your balls up in the air. Does this mean you should dampen your natural enthusiasm? No, only restrict the number of ways you choose to express it at one time. The problem here is that you compulsively expand without having nailed down the last move, so that eventually everything flies off the handle and you lose it all. The remedy is difficult, though simple. Just say no to new involvements when old ones aren't yet complete. It's difficult because you see opportunity knocking and immediately want to let it in, but in your case it will

knock more for you than for others, and your lesson will be in selecting who and what you let in the door.



Mars Square Neptune

Signs of Progress

Confusion may plague this relationship and you will need to be extra careful to look before you leap. Much energy and resources can be lost by misdirection and muddled implementation, so you will be wise to see your way clear and double-check it before you take action. It is not that you lack the get up and go to achieve what you want, it is just that your confidence can be easily undermined by uncertainty or misinformation which causes you to lose the focus required to get the job done. Sometimes you can do this to each other by throwing roadblocks in each other's paths once things are already underway, and sometimes it will just be external circumstances which conspire to throw you off course and get you lost on a back road. What you will need to do to counteract this is simply refuse to be confounded. If you suddenly think you are on the wrong road, keep your foot on the accelerator and proceed anyway. It is better to make a wholehearted mistake than to almost gain a half-hearted victory. Make thorough plans, then move unhesitatingly even if you get late news that contradicts your intentions. Know you're right, then go ahead, and when you fire, use up all the ammo.

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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 grea 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 Taurus

Productive Career

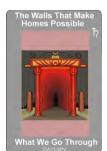
The growth processes within your relationship show a particularly regular and gradual quality which means you don't go through awkward phases of sudden spurts when you don't know exactly where you're at. It's really a good position for Jupiter, as it makes its burgeoning quality easier to control and plan. Conversely, you may chafe at its gradual pace and wonder if you're ever going to get there. Don't worry; you will. This applies to the inner evolution of the relationship itself and also to the style it presents to the rest of society as a resource for new ideas and invention. On the inner side, it allows you to be fairly confident that you know what's going on with each other, even as that changes, so vou can lean on the relationship with areater confidence. From the outer view, others will see that you can responsibly develop new directions and your original thinking is not too risky to be relied upon. The only place where this will put you at a disadvantage is where very rapid development and deployment of radical new concepts is required, in which case you might not be able to keep up with the vanguard but would have to serve more in a support position. Where your own individual schemes border on the far-out, the relationship will make for a nice reality check and allow you both longer rein because you have the good sense of the two of you to fall back upon when things get shaky.



Jupiter in 5th House

Expressive Career

Creativity will be its own motive and its own reward for you, and if you find yourself working on something you don't actively enjoy, you may be barking up the wrong tree. Spontaneity and the ability to laugh and not worry about the final outcome will assure the final outcome is the best possible, and inhibitions are likely to be few at least in major growth and development areas. Thus you will find that professionally you can do well in the creative arts or any other area where spontaneous development of ideas and actions are at a premium. As a love relationship, easy and fearless sexuality will likely hold sway, with an emphasis on fun and pleasure rather than an obsessive passion. Overall you will maintain a kind of innocence and clarity that comes from direct experience of life and where this is emphasized and optimized, you will find your most profitable areas both personally and professionally. The more you make contact with and develop the children inside of you, the more tangible benefits you are likely to receive in the outside world, as well as finding life a lot more enjoyable overall. If you set yourselves goals, rather than limits, your reach will not exceed your grasp and your own enthusiasm will provide the basis of your success. Your limitations are bounded by your imagination and that will be the primary wellspring of your growth.



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 Libra

Obstacle: Society

It will be very important that you deal fairly with each other at the most basic level for this relationship to have real stability. Occasionally you may have an advantage over the other but the small inequalities are inevitable and should not be allowed to get in the way. Rather, when all else is stripped away, if you both feel that you have equal input and control over what is going on at the most personal level, then everything else will tend to take care of itself. The extent that you succeed here will be your greatest strength and make you both quite impervious to outside interference or inequity. Know, however, that if one fails and the other attempts to gain the advantage, the relationship could be destroyed. In other words, you can survive hard times or unfair circumstances better than most, but mutual betrayal will be the hardest thing to recover from, if indeed it can be done at all. Thus, if you can be true to each other, all else can be ignored and endured. If you cannot, all the good in the world will not keep things together. So you should go into this relationship with fullest intent to keep it trusting and equal, or avoid it entirely. It may not be such a great responsibility or even a difficult one, but it will be essential.



Saturn in 11th House

Obstacle: Community

You may find that a certain reticence in sharing yourselves with others will tend to keep your circle of friends small, and exclusive. You will want to be sure about someone before entrusting your feelings and your special vulnerabilities which they open up. This can be a double-edged sword, depending on your real motives, which may be mixed. To the extent that you fear intimacy, you will have trouble expressing your own feelings for each other and subsequently any you may want to develop for others. To the extent that you want to make it special and not dilute it, you will find that it binds you closer together and makes your friendships stronger. Whichever your motive, you will want to be aware that you may be viewed as somewhat distant and difficult to get to know, which may put you further from the very people you would most like to befriend. Here you may take advantage of your individual styles which may be more outgoing to keep an eye open for those special friends you want to help build and reinforce your inner circle. This will also allow you outlet for those aspects of friendship which you do not share in style or substance and allow you to focus on what you share rather than what you do not.



Saturn Square Uranus

It Works!

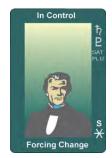
There will be a predisposition in this relationship to challenge authority and to break out of the bounds of the ordinary and expected. It is a feeling of escaping from bondage, defying the powers that be, and generally thumbing your noses at the establishment. It is an on-again off-again kind of inspiration and it feeds less on a search to find the truth beyond arbitrary restrictions and more on an arbitrary predilection for breaking restrictions. Thus you may find that once you have broken through a boundary, you don't make the best of the wide open spaces you have found, but go look for another boundary to break through. When you get rid of your affliction, you miss it. In fact, what you have found is not discovery through release from bondage, but discovery through conflict with it, which is why you will return again and again to the fray. That's OK, oddly enough, for in this case you will eventually get the knack of playing off restriction with inventiveness and develop something like the scientific method breaking out of the boundaries of ignorance and then establishing a new set of rules to subsequently break out of. Once you get it right, you have the best of both worlds. In the meantime, be willing to be in and out of struggles mostly of your own making without knowing exactly how or when they will commence or terminate.



Saturn Conjunct Neptune

Reality Visions

This aspect can be a vexing and troublesome one, as the usual solidity of Saturn is meshed with the uncertainty of Neptune. Where you think your strongest points lie, there you will have your greatest delusions and loss of control. At the same time, the negative side of Saturn can be washed away and put to pasture, so it really depends upon how flexible you are willing to be with each other. Here your enemies are expectations and if you don't lean too heavily on them having to turn out like you thought they would, you will learn to avoid the pitfalls of this aspect. Because it will be difficult to put your finger on your strengths and weaknesses, your best bet will be to play the game for its own sake and not for a win or a loss. Where insecurity and uncertainty raise their ugly heads, that is the place to stride most surely ahead and not be hamstrung by the ghosts of what might happen but hasn't yet. To borrow from FDR, fear itself is your main adversary, and if you can beat that, primarily by just setting it aside until it is justified, then you will discover unnoticed strengths in yourselves and each other. If you fall prey to your uncertainties and let them hobble your efforts, then this relationship can become something between a swamp and a prison. The ability and willingness to float free is the key to success here.



Saturn Sextile Pluto

In Control

There is a determination here that is hard as nails and can allow you to endure endless trials in order to finally come up with what you are determined to accomplish. It is a powerful belief that time is on your side and will eventually prove you out if you are willing to hang on long enough. This can see you through difficult times, though if misdirected it can cause you to hang on to a lost cause long after it is dead and buried. Much will depend on how the aspect contacts other planets and in what sign and house they fall. Fundamentally, these two planets represent slow but inexorable change, and in this aspect they are well-balanced to see that it happens for sure. In order for that to happen, it requires the total removal of one way of viewing things and the gradual ascendancy of another. Personally, it can mean intractable disagreements between you, with perhaps neither side coming up the winner, so when you spot these happening, try not to make them central issues in your lives but sideline them in favor of more fruitful issues you can agree upon and grow with, leaving the more difficult parts for time itself to sort out with no blame. Professionally, this will make you tough nuts to crack and formidable adversaries, so you will do well in areas where protracted confrontation is needed and not so well where flexibility and compromise are the order of the day.

To See Eternity In A Grain of Sand

Beyond The Physica

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 Cancer

Freedom: Family

Self-discovery can be a particularly private affair in this relationship and may cause difficulty in communicating those special parts that either need attention or require a change of attitude, from one or the other, to meet your needs. This has an inner and outer manifestation. Within, you will likely build up pressure by resistance to change until it forces itself on you rather harshly, perhaps incurring emotional injury in the process. Thus it will be important to respect each other's ideas and personal needs, however odd or even offensive they might appear at first. They are there because they are part of you, and if you intend to respect each other you must respect each part, even the troublesome ones. Trouble is just truth looking for a way to find you. Outside, you may find yourself hiding what you have uncovered from others and thus deny yourselves the opportunity for self-review from an informative third point of view. It can be easy to believe you have come upon something universal that may really be only specific to yourselves and should not be applied to dealings with others, leaving you to become victims of uniformed presupposition and its concomitant perils. Embrace the new with a disinterested (not uninterested) eye, and when you can't do that, find someone who can broaden your horizons on the subject.



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.

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 Libra



Neptune in 11th House

Embrace: Public

If there is any main, driving force in your hopes and dreams, it is that everything should be just right and everyone be happy with the way things turn out. It is a very unselfish drive and one which makes you strive very hard for the good of all and make every effort to make it come true. You are, in the nicest sense, idealists. The greatest challenge you face lifelong, therefore, is not formulating the best but coping with less than the best when it so often turns out that way. Life's like that, and some rejuvenate themselves to try some more, while others can become embittered and cynical by the experience and cease to believe in the power of hope and the ultimate impact of their ideals. Your inclination to keep moving will likely be indefinitiable, and it is the direction that it takes that will determine your happiness. When all does not turn out right, reshape your expectations based on your original vision and proceed further. Avoid the temptation to lower your standards, as to do so will simply lower the ultimate quality of your life. In the end, you're only as good as what you can envision and strive for, and the individual results are less important than the lifelong effect you have on each other and those around you. Don't let adversity, when it comes, get the best of you: just regroup and find another way to manifest what you believe to be right. When you keep your eye on the horizon, the bumps in the road become just a rhythmic accompaniment to travel on life's highway.

Embrace: Community

You are likely to put a high price and priority on friendship and the perfection of how it is expressed between each other and among your most special friends in the world at large. If it's good, it's got to be really good or it's not worth getting involved with. To a certain extent, this approach has validity and can produce results from applying a demanding set of standards upon you and yours around you. However, there is a great chance that you will not be able to live up to what you expect of what affection and closeness is about and therefore be less able to enjoy and benefit from what is actually available to you in the real world. So don't ask for so much! Easy solution. Well, that's difficult because you want absolute perfection for each other and it's hard to settle for second best. The fact is, you will need to keep your high standards and mix them with a reality factor that allows you to keep the best of what you produce without condemning yourselves for what you have not been able to achieve. You will be able to reach heights of unity and expression, but there will always be a firmament up above. It would be a dull world if you could get it all in a single sweep. Therefore look to what you can achieve and save a little for the next time around. Judgment Day will come soon enough, or perhaps never. In the meantime, you have each other.



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.



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 areater 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 Leo

Control: Creativity

There is a fundamental message that you share: you must make the world a better place to live in and get your message of how to do it across in a way that it will be heard. At its purest, this is a highly idealistic and laudable goal, but the methods of formulating and implementing it can be helpful and creative or negative and destructive, depending on how you handle it. Because the must do feeling is pervasive, it can be easy at times to believe it is your duty to enforce your opinion on others even when they don't want it, because you believe it is ultimately for their benefit. That, however, is not your decision or prerogative, and to do so is a fundamental violation not only of others but of your own contract with the Ultimate. The life and death issues you have to face (which are really just life and death, themselves) are individual to you and only you can meet them. If you can do that, it will be an achievement, so keep your own house in order and let others keep theirs. Where you can share these feelings, you will have great power and faith in each other and your personal destiny together. When you cannot, try to understand your differences, but above all, leave them be. Real change, such as it can happen to most of us (and that is less than we suppose), comes only from within and cannot be forced. The bottom-line issues and beliefs in life grow out of our own individual experiences, which by definition we can share only to a limited extent. Be content with that. There's more than a lifetime there for each of us to work on and where another welcomes it, share.



Pluto in 9th House

Control: Spiritual

Issues surrounding fundamental philosophical issues can be a major focus of power and perhaps dispute here. There will be little doubt that the two of you can blow away anyone who crosses you on general religious, political, or philosophical issues, not necessarily because you are correct in your opinions, but because you feel it is an important area that requires defending at whatever cost. The implication is, of course, that you may be taking this area too seriously and that practical considerations should be more closely considered than more general ones. Nevertheless, despite this being the actual case, the theory of what goes on can be quite as important to you as its practice and to the degree you care intensely about it you will be able to use it to dominate the ideas of others, and by proxy their actions as well. Although this sort of intellectual dominance can serve you well, it can also cause you to overlook the perhaps equally valid concepts of others, and should you use this talent against each other it might prove quite well to you that beliefs you consider crucial to your existence may be easily sacrificed in the interest of winning an argument with someone close enough to have your number. Here you may find the lesson that actions speak louder than words has real appeal, particularly when the most forceful words can bring you only a stalemate. Test your assertions with real world applications, and disputes will be settled.

Your Composite Node



Community Path

There is an instinct here to please everybody by throwing yourselves in as bankers to the cause, but you would do well to take extra care and select only what you know you can follow through upon. The keys to the kingdom are yours for the taking, but only if you choose the right heir to the throne to nurture over the years.

Node in Aquarius



Your Composite Midheaven

Manage Details

Your reputation for being meticulous may cause surprise when people actually get to meet you and find out you don't appear that way at all. You're not really sticklers about anything, except perhaps about sticking to the truth. But then consider, no one sticks to their story better than those who didn't make it up to begin with.

Midheaven in Virgo

Your Composite Ascendant



Ascendant in Sagittarius

Active Reception

This relationship is likely to breed a kind of warm and friendly atmosphere around it that makes you good company to be with. Moreover, you will be expected to be just that, even when you're not feeling all that sociable. Nevertheless, a kind of enthusiasm and bounce tends to come with the relationship that you can draw on even when neither of you is feeling terribly inspired, and together it will always be easier to look on the bright side. You will also be able to paint reality together with a broader brush and help others see the big picture as a whole when they (or you individually) might otherwise be lost in the details. Hesitation is not likely to be a joint affliction of yours, and together you'll be the first into the pool with a laugh. Oversight of details may sometimes be a problem, so check that there's water in the pool before you jump! An innate inclination to cover a lot of ground means this relationship has wide potential, as long as you remember to smell the flowers as you go. Don't rush past in your haste to reach new territory. A combination of enthusiasm, energy, and willingness to change means that this relationship will never want for friends, but will need to choose among them.

Your Composite Chart