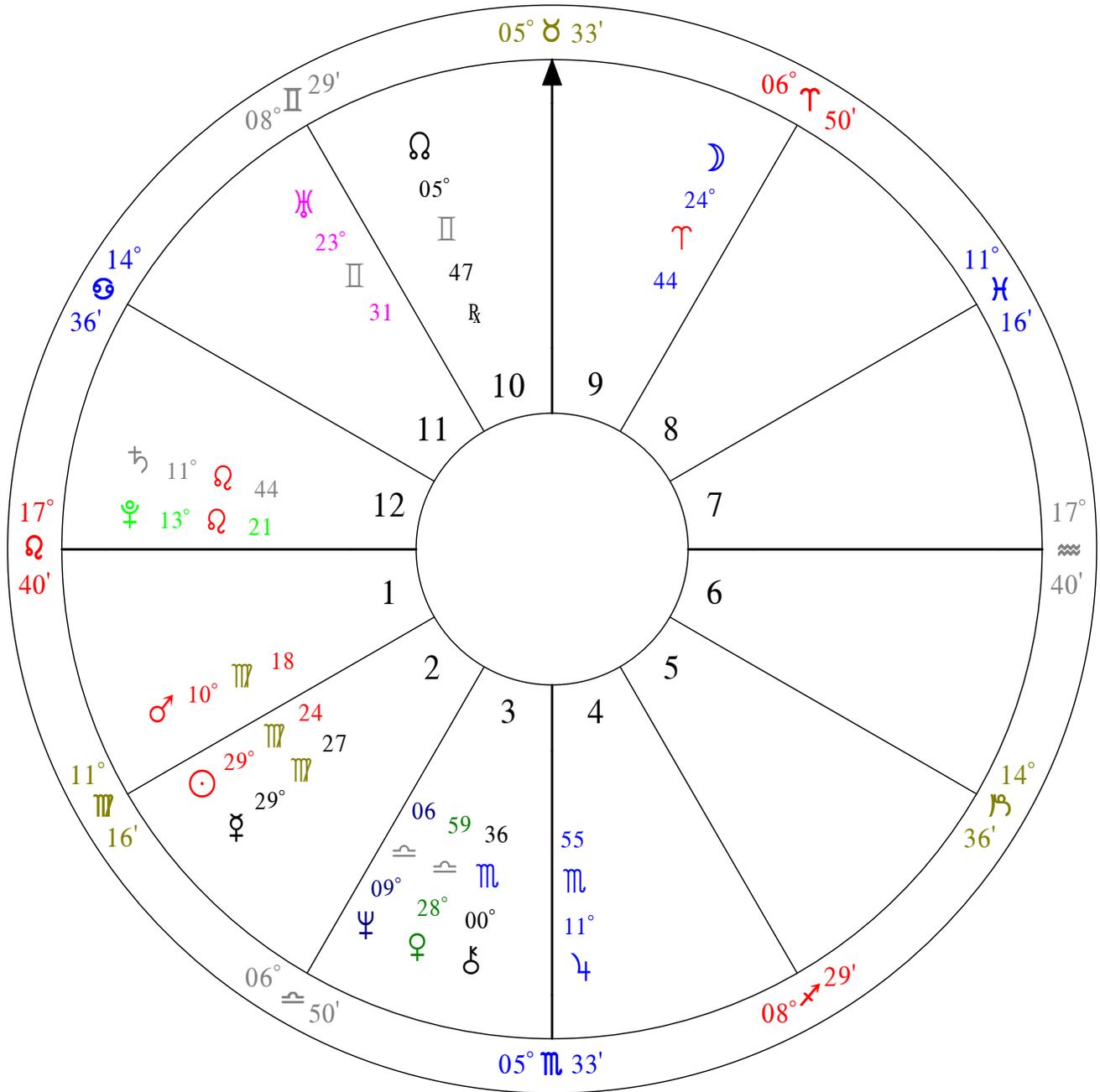


Complete Relationship Report: Synastry & Composite

for
Bill & Hillary Clinton

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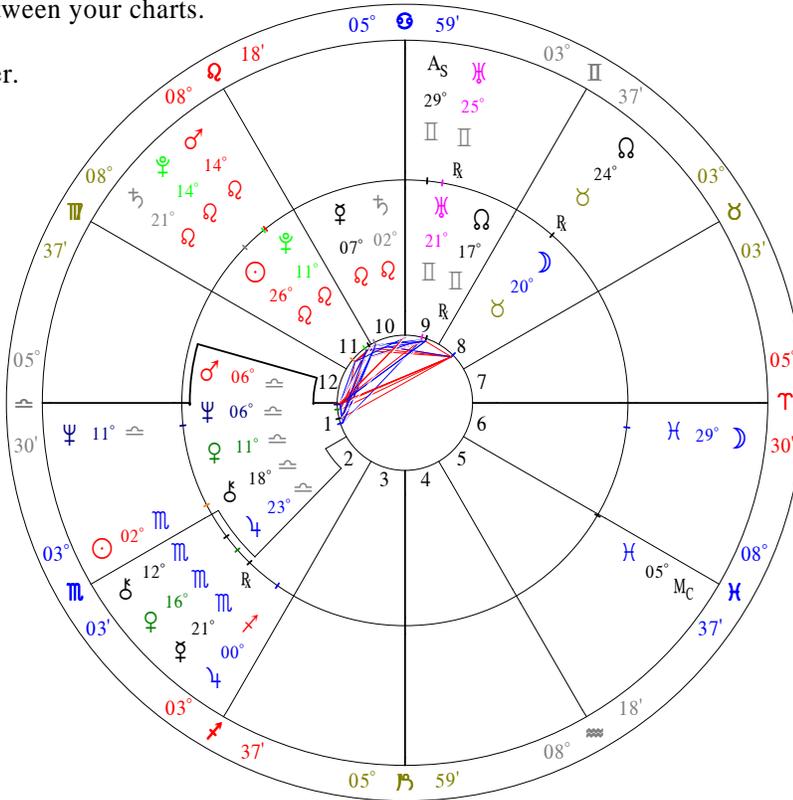


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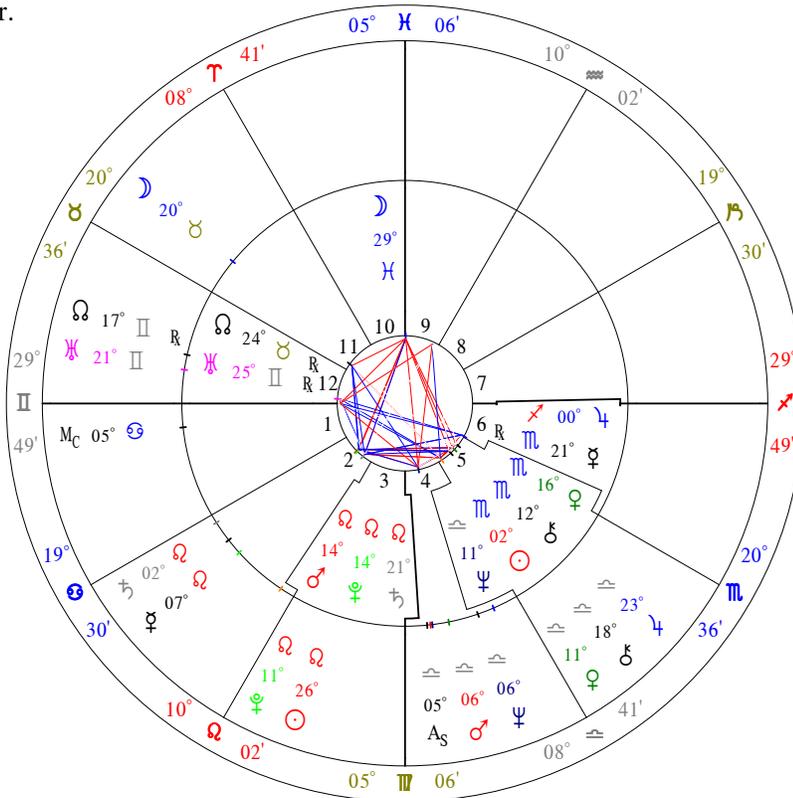
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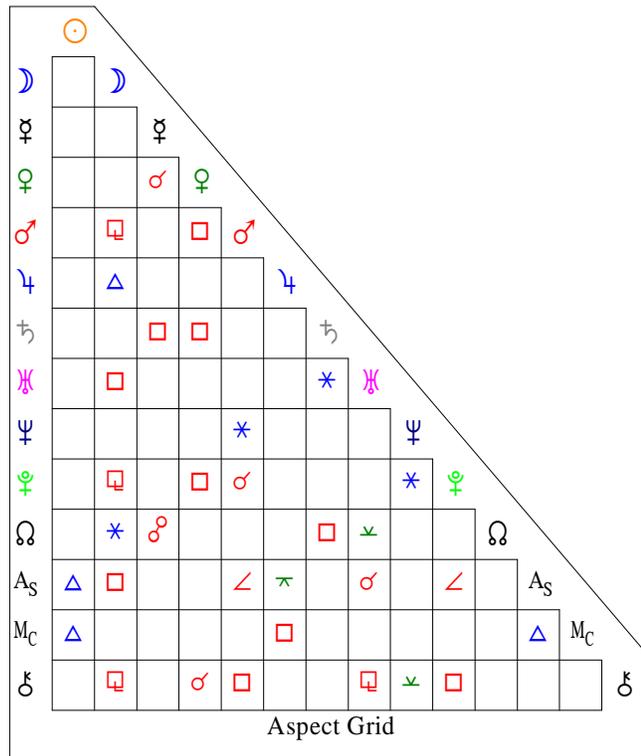
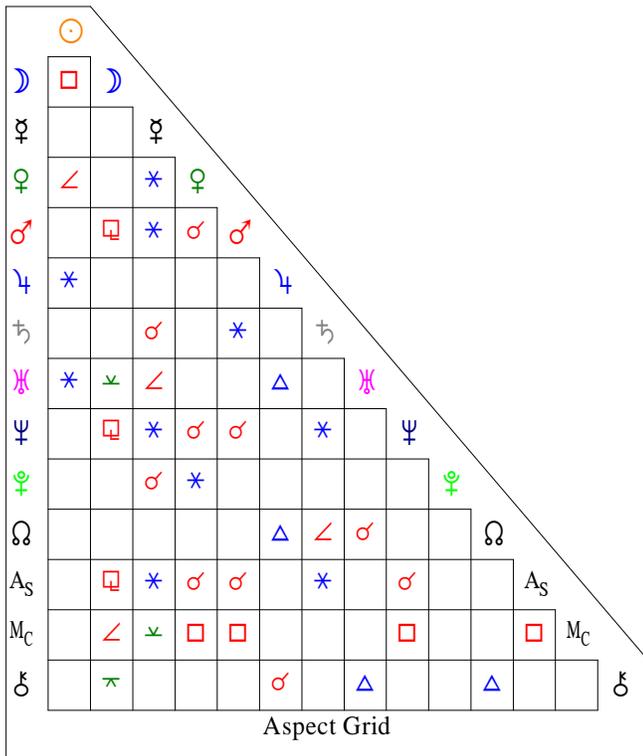
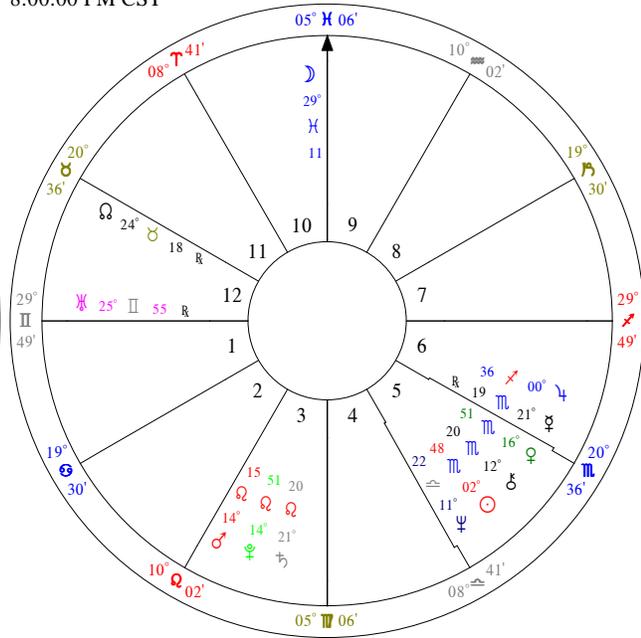
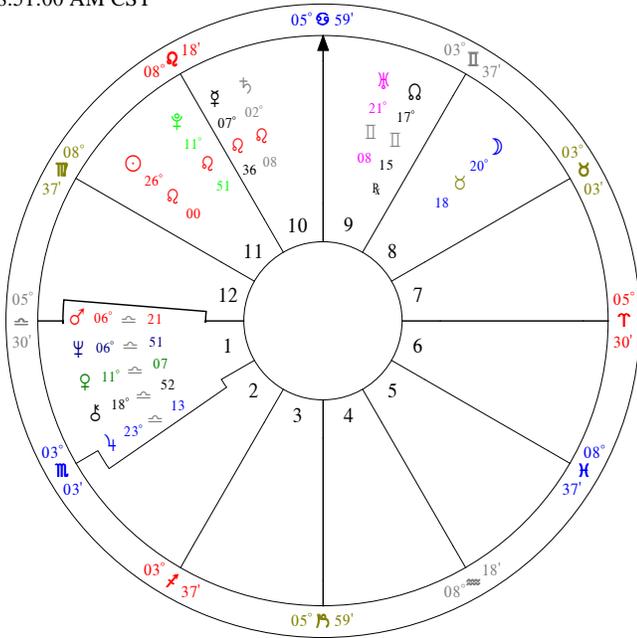
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Composite Chart Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
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♀ Venus	is in	♎ Libra	28° 59' 05"	- 5° 07' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♍ Virgo	10° 18' 33"	- 2° 08' 00"
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A Comparison of Your Charts

This astrological report looks at your birth charts to see how the two of you will tend to interact in dating, a love affair, or -- especially -- in a long-term partnership like marriage. Its aim is to make you more conscious of what's really going on between you. As you read, you'll get a better appreciation of what each of you wants and needs when you pair off with someone else. Regarding your relationship with this particular partner, you'll see strengths that you can cultivate, and also learn about the possible problems that could get in the way of your happiness.

If you read about problems, don't worry. Almost every astrological combination has both positive and negative possibilities. You'll read about the ways people tend to misuse various astrological combinations, but you may never experience these negative sides. Much depends on other things in your chart and on the way you're handling what's been given to you.

The important thing is to be aware of your choices. As you read, you'll see that when faced with virtually any so-called problem between the two of you, you can choose a desirable or an undesirable way to act. This report will try to show you where the problem is coming from, and suggest constructive things that you can do. It will also alert you to the strengths that you can build upon to create an increasingly strong and satisfying relationship.

In this report you'll find sections on:

- *Your Styles of Relating.* We'll first look at each of you as individuals. We'll start with your basic personality type, and then look more closely at your needs and attitudes regarding romance, partnership and sex. Your section is addressed to you as an individual, but if your partner also reads it, he or she may better understand your overall approach to life and the way you go about relating to people.
- *How You See Each Other.* For each of you, we'll explore how the way you see your partner is shaped by the lens of your own horoscope.
- *The Dynamics between You.* Here we'll look at the kinds of dramas that tend to occur when the two of you are together. The aspects that link a point in your chart to a point in your partner's chart will show both the assets and the potential problems in your relationship.
- *The Chart of the Relationship Itself* Finally, we'll analyze the relationship itself by combining the birth charts of each of you into a single "composite chart." When your relationship is well established, the composite chart shows how you as a couple approach the rest of the world, and how you're viewed as a result of being together.

Bill Clinton**Bill Clinton's Chart Positions**

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
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♂ Mars	is in	♎ Libra	6° 21' 12"	- 2° 08' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♎ Libra	23° 13' 15"	- 7° 59' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♌ Leo	2° 08' 07"	+19° 56' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♊ Gemini	21° 08' 41"	+23° 12' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♎ Libra	6° 51' 03"	- 1° 23' 00"
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♁ N. Node	is in	♊ Gemini	17° 15' 58"	+22° 50' 00"
♈ Ascendant	is in	♎ Libra	5° 30' 47"	- 2° 11' 00"
♊ Midheaven	is in	♋ Cancer	5° 59' 10"	+23° 18' 00"
♄ Chiron	is in	♎ Libra	18° 52' 08"	- 7° 51' 00"

For Bill: Your Style of Relating

To find someone who's right for you and then form a happy and lasting relationship, you first need to have a sense of who you really are and what you need and want. A look at your own birth chart will show where your strengths are and what you tend to lack. It can give you perspective on your own nature, helping you to make allowances for the blind spots that can harm your interactions with others. It can also give clues about what sort of love partner would make you feel most happy and complete.

Your Basic Character

You have few or no planets in Earth signs or houses.

An overall lack of the Earth element in your horoscope suggests that you are either impractical or not very interested in the material world. Thus you may be bored by down-to-earth details, or not able to handle them. In either case, it's helpful to have someone who can take care of the details for you. A partner who is too earthbound could be tiresome, but you, with your lack of Earth, may be able to add a spark of inspiration. Anyway, try to be grateful for your partner's diligence, which allows you to feel less burdened.

You have few or no planets in Water signs or houses.

An overall lack of Water symbolism in your chart suggests that you seldom rely on your intuition to guide you through life. Also, because you don't easily express emotion, you may not seem very sensitive to others. Contrary to popular belief, however, you do have feelings. You just don't have universal compassion, nor are you comfortable in emotional situations. Therefore, emotional outbursts are not the way to reach you. In fact, if someone tries to get your attention with tears or anger, you'll quickly turn off. If you pick a compassionate partner, you may have to tolerate a little demonstrativeness, but you also may learn to express your own feelings better.

You have few planets in Mutable signs or houses.

You usually either want to do things your way (if you predominate in Cardinal signs) or prefer to take root where you are (if your planets are mostly in Fixed signs). Whichever is the case, you're not very adaptable. In fact, you sometimes don't even want to hear someone else's point of view. This tendency to stay mired or to move in your own direction without consultation could be upsetting to a partner. In order to create good relationships, you may have to make a special effort to be flexible and pay attention to what the other person says.

Your Sun is in Leo.

Your Sun in Leo reinforces the idea that you probably aren't the shy and retiring type. Whether or not you're literally on stage, you're a natural actor, and all you need is an audience of one. If you're performing before those who applaud and sing your praises, you'll tend to be warm and outgoing. If you feel ignored or disapproved of, you may seek attention by becoming louder and louder, and may shout your own praises in hopes that others will realize that you're worth liking. (Your partner can always bring out your best side by telling you and others how wonderful you are!)

Your saving grace is a natural warmth and generosity. You enjoy bestowing gifts on others and can be so proud of what you're doing that you announce it to the world. This could be embarrassing for the recipient. Refusing to accept gifts from you might be too subtle for you to understand, however. The person involved would be wiser just to say thank you, and tell everyone what you've done. This way, you won't have to brag about it, and the other person will get to keep the gift.

Also, you're likely to prefer fun to work. Menial tasks are for peasants!. You'd rather have a good time than work hard. But you'll perform even the most arduous task if your partner makes a game out of it. For example, your partner might say, "I wonder how long it will take to wash all the windows on the first floor." Hearing that challenge, you'll get out your stopwatch and squeegee, and, before you know it, all the windows will be washed. Whereas, if you'd been asked directly to wash the windows, you might never have done it.

If your relationship should need improving, you can rely on your capacity to introduce fun and joy. When you're planning to do something that's fun, take your partner along. Though you tend to resist change, there are things you can do without doing anything drastic. One is simply to treat your partner as you'd like to be treated. Instead of always being concerned with what others think of you, pay compliments about what your partner does well. This shows that you've noticed and are appreciative, and it could lead to some of the same for you.

Your Moon is in Taurus.

You are steadfast in your feelings and would probably not be viewed as moody. This doesn't necessarily mean that you're sweet-tempered (though you may well be!). It's just that your responses are predictable. When it comes to the emotions, you're a creature of habit, whose reactions to particular situations tend to be similar time after time. The advantage of this is that your partner will know what to expect from you. The disadvantage is that it will be obvious how to push your buttons.

If your partner often hurts you or makes you angry, there may be a problem between you that should be examined. Your intuition may help you to unearth the real cause. Once you find a practical explanation for emotional behavior, you're capable of changing not only your mood, but also your attitude and ultimately your response. When you do make changes, the world may think that they're spontaneous, but actually the process has been gradual and has involved a great deal of thought.

When dealing with negative feelings, it's natural to wallow a bit -- to want to lash out in anger or lick your wounds. While everyone has these urges, the longer you indulge in them, the more time it'll take to change your pattern. The sooner you begin to make sense out of your feelings, the sooner order will be restored. To make this happen faster, your first step is to figure out what you need to do to feel emotionally gratified. That's your best incentive for change. It may sound selfish, but if you're happy, chances are that your partner will be happier as well.

Another quality of the Moon in Taurus is dependability. Once you form an emotional attachment, it's not easily broken, and so your partnerships tend to be long-term. You'll be loyal and trustworthy and will expect these qualities from your partner as well. As long as there's mutual trust, your eyes probably won't stray, and even if you suspect disloyalty from your partner, you'll tend to require strong, practical evidence before you take action.

Another Moon in Taurus tendency is to treat your partner as an extension of yourself. This means that you'd take care of your partner's emotional needs as you would your own, which is fine if your partner does have similar needs. It also means that you could view your partner as one of your possessions, which may or may not feel good to your partner.

Your partner may enjoy your dependability and be content with the relationship. If this is the case, just continue what you've been doing. However, if your partner complains about your possessiveness or about feeling smothered, you might want to try a different approach. Bestowing gifts on your partner is one comfortable way to show that you care. Another is to listen to what your partner wants from you. If you can reconcile these wishes within the framework of your own needs, you should be able to accommodate them without much difficulty.

Your Axis of Relationship

The horizontal line that separates the upper half of your chart from the lower half symbolizes the horizon. It suggests two arms reaching out, and it is in fact your “axis of relationship.” On the left-hand or eastern side of your chart there is the Ascendant (or rising sign), which signifies you and the way that you present yourself to others. On the right-hand or western side there is the Descendant, which signifies the sort of partner you’ll be drawn to and who will make you feel more complete. The two work together: any discussion of your rising sign (you) implies your setting sign (the partner who will complement you).

If the birth time for your chart is accurate, you have Libra rising. This means that one-to-one may be your favorite way of relating, and that having a partner is high on your list of priorities. You operate best when you have a partner who’s your equal -- someone with whom you can converse and share your ideas and experiences. Also, because you need peace and harmony, you may bend over backwards to please that significant other in your life.

Strangely, the partners you’re drawn to will tend to be independent and even bossy. They may also seem argumentative, and in their rush to do their own thing they may forget the rights and feelings of others. This is because they’re acting out a side of you that you tend to suppress. Before you become upset by them, remember that they can be an asset when the world requires more assertion and adventurousness than it’s natural for you to muster.

Actually, your Libra-rising attributes make you ideally suited to dealing with such partners. Your urge for fairness and equality will tend to keep your partner from running over you rough-shod. While you can be generous to a partner, it won’t be to the point of total self-sacrifice. Something inside you objectively notes when you’ve done enough and it’s time to restore the balance between you. Also, your objectivity and your penchant for intellectual debate will make it possible for you to air your differences openly and hammer out a fair solution to them.

To deal with a partner’s possibly hot temper, you have the advantage of your charm, diplomacy and inclination to resort to reason. This, and your desire for peace, would tend to stop you from displaying anger or making forceful demands. You’ll probably be not only more comfortable but also more convincing if you use these innate social talents. In these cases it’s possible that your partner could comply without even recognizing what you’re doing or consciously knowing what you want.

If you don’t get what you want quickly, it may be due less to your partner’s resistance than to your own lack of decisiveness. Actually, although you may not view it that way, when you need to make up your mind, it can be advantageous to have a direct and forceful partner. However, because an equal relationship is so important to you, you could resent it when your partner takes charge.

If this is causing a rift between you, consider the facts objectively. From your partner’s perspective you may seem totally inert, and he or she may be making decisions for you simply out of impatience with your seeming procrastination. Recognizing your contribution to the situation may help you to remedy it, or at least make you see things from your partner’s point of view so that you feel less angry.

You may be able to regain equality in your relationship by striving to make decisions faster. Or you could appreciate your partner’s taking charge because it takes the pressure off you. No matter which route you follow, note that, because of your relationship, you are probably accomplishing much more than you’d ever have accomplished by yourself.

Dating and Romance

To take a look at your specific approach to romance, partnership and sex, we're now going to look at the houses that govern these areas in your chart. These houses describe both what you have to give to a relationship, and also what you probably want from your partner.

Relationships start with a period when you're checking each other out, and aren't yet really committed. This stage is covered by your Fifth House, which also has to do with amusements and self-expression. In a romance, the Fifth House shows how you wine and dine each other in the dating stage. Having fun together in a romantic setting helps you to get the relationship off the ground.

When you're married, this area of your chart turns into the place where you refresh and renew both yourself and your relationship. To keep the spark glowing, it's a good idea periodically to let go of your duties, play, be romantic and even a bit outrageous. If you neglect this essential human need, it can be filled by romances outside of marriage, risky activities like gambling, or escapes like drinking or drugs, which are other less satisfactory ways that this house can find expression. For longevity and happiness in any relationship, you need to keep the fun, romance and playful element alive.

On a deeper level, the Fifth House is where you come to establish yourself as an individual. Through being brave and taking risks, through finding what activities and people make you happy, through games and role-playing, and through expressing yourself (all Fifth-House activities), you come to know who you really are. Only after you've done this are you really ready to commit yourself to a Seventh-House relationship such as marriage.

Each house brings in a variety of symbolic themes, as shown by the sign on the beginning or cusp of the house, other signs falling within the house, planets within the house, and the planet that traditionally "rules" the sign on the cusp. For your relationship to find its fullest expression, it's important that, in your interactions together, both of you try to express as many of the following themes as possible.

Aquarius is on your Fifth-House cusp.

For you, romance is strongly connected with friendly social exchange. You may fall in love with someone who is in your circle of friends, or you may go out on double dates or consider group activities to be one of your favorite ways of having fun together. Conversation is likely to be your favorite form of flirting.

There may also be something oddball in your romances. One-of-a-kind romantic partners may have a special appeal, or in your courtship you may like to defy convention. At any rate, you need to express your own individuality, and you don't like to bend to the will of your partner. Indeed, you require a certain degree of detachment and objectivity, so that each of you remains a distinct individual.

Pisces is within the Fifth House.

If you're sufficiently able to establish your independence in the relationship, at some point in your courtship you'll feel an urge to merge. You may have started by evaluating your relationship objectively, but eventually you're flooded with romantic feelings which you want the other person to reciprocate. Fantasizing more about your romance, you may start to idealize your partner unrealistically, or you may make some self-sacrificing gesture that only embarrasses the other. If your partner is not behaving according to your ideal, it can be easy to delude yourself that all is well when it isn't. If all does go well, however, fantasy and imagination can bring an unparalleled richness and tenderness to your romance, and you may feel yourself merging on an exalted level of emotion.

Saturn, the ruler of your Fifth House, is in the Tenth

The planet that's traditionally associated with the sign on the Fifth-House cusp brings in additional considerations. Placed in the Tenth House, it means that for you there's a connection between courtship and the outer world. Public opinion may be important to you, and so you don't tend to hide your romantic partners in a closet. So that you can be proud to be seen with them, you may be attracted to those who are successful and/or look good. Without the judgment of others, however, you can see these people realistically. Even if there are other indications in your chart that you don't always view a romantic partner realistically, ultimately the truth of the real world seeps in. You might find yourself sometimes wishing for more excitement in this area, but excitement or romance without a degree of security will not be satisfying to you.

You don't have any planets in your Fifth House. All this means is that dating and romance may take a less crucial role in your life than they might for someone else. The good thing is that your requirements are less specific, so that you can select from a wider range of potential playmates.

Becoming Partners

The Seventh House is traditionally the house of marriage. It covers any relationship in which you pick one partner, face each other directly, and work out a relationship of equals that will endure over time. The Seventh also signifies any relationship where you confront each other one-on-one or where you're yoked together and asked to pull as a team.

To do this successfully, you need to adjust your own energies so that they find a balance with your partner's, and neither person is dominated by the other. This means finding the right balance between self-assertion and compromise. To achieve happiness together, you need to deal with differences and resolve power struggles in a way that respects the rights and individuality of you both. Open communication is essential. There can be battles along the way, but the goal is an enduring relationship in which the two of you know each other thoroughly, each get your fair share, and develop mutual trust and respect.

Aries is on your Seventh-House cusp.

You tend to seek out a partner who is assertive and shows initiative. But while you admire those who can take charge, you don't want to be bossed around. At times you may want to take the lead yourself. This could provoke heated disagreements, and you may then wish for some peace and quiet. However, you'd be bored if your life together were too peaceful. You'd also have little respect for a partner who didn't stand his or her ground and allowed you to be the sole decision-maker.

Actively discussing alternatives may make you each feel that you're sharing the leadership in the relationship. You might decide that one of you should be in charge on some types of issues, and on other issues the other should run the show. You might actively negotiate still other issues. If your discussions make either of you extremely angry, you could more easily make compromises if you walk and talk rather than sit and glare at each other.

Taurus is within the Seventh House.

You also need a partner with whom you can share sensual pleasures. Problems can arise when one of you is being totally self-absorbed and self-indulgent without considering the other. If you're feeling neglected, never *order* your partner to think about your needs. That would be like waving a red flag in front of a bull, and it'll produce the exact opposite of what you want. Instead, suggest two or three things that you'd like to do or to see happen, and allow your partner to choose among them. In this way, your partner will have made the decision, and you'll be satisfied as well. If you feel that you're the one who's been taking the other for granted, and your partner seems unhappy, plan some pleasurable activities that you can enjoy together. Practical considerations and possessions can figure large in your life together, and you may enjoy your joint ownership of beautiful things.

Mars, the ruler of your Seventh House, is in the First

In your chart the planet that is traditionally associated with the sign on your Seventh-House cusp is placed in the First House. This suggests that you want your partner to seek you out initially, and also to make the first move in proposing marriage or initiating a more permanent relationship. When married, however, you need to keep a sense of yourself as a separate, autonomous being. Only then can you enter into a relationship of true equals, in which neither partner dominates. In relating to your partner, it suits you to take an active role at least half of the time, and you want to be just as well-known to the world as your partner. Submerging your individuality or leaving it up to your mate to deal with the outside world is simply not for you. As long as you remember this, marriage can bring you great benefits.

Every planet that a person has in the Seventh House would indicate at least one additional requirement for them in a close one-to-one relationship. You have no planets here, however. For you, close partnerships may not be the all-consuming concern that they might be to someone who has a full Seventh House. This means that you could actually have an easier time finding a marriage partner. Your requirements in a partner are apt to be looser, and so you can be open to a greater variety of people.

Entwining Souls

Ideally, in the Fifth House you gained a sense of who you are and who you want, and in the Seventh you learned how to enter into a partnership without sacrificing your individuality. In the Eighth House you're called upon to surrender that self so as to merge with your partner fully.

This surrender commonly takes the form of sex, but it can be other forms of deep involvement as well. On a material level, it can mean pooling your possessions and finances. Essentially, this house is where you loosen your grasp on what you once thought necessary, and in doing so, merge into a deeper and larger self that goes beyond your own individuality.

The Seventh House allowed you to work out power struggles through open communication and adherence to the rules of fairness. Eighth- House power struggles are sneakier because they arise from unconscious depths. They often result in an attempt to force surrender rather than allow the other person to render it up freely. To resolve these struggles, you need to open yourself to your own deepest emotions and those of your partner. When emotion is respected and given its due in a non-violent way, Eighth-House struggles can eventually lead to relationships of enormous tenderness and depth.

Regarding sex, most people have more than one sign influencing their Eighth House, and many also have one or more planets in the Eighth. This multiplies possible avenues for sexual expression. Finding ways to combine all these energies can lead to the kind of sex that most satisfies you.

Taurus is on your Eighth-House cusp.

Sensual enjoyments are very important to you, and you're likely to savor every moment of such experiences. Moreover, you're loyal to your partner and expect loyalty in return. Since you tend to be habit-oriented in this area of your life, if there is a change in the routine, you could begin to question your partner's trustworthiness. Then jealousy and possessiveness could enter the picture and disrupt your sex life.

If this happens, together you should reestablish your routine. It also will help if your partner shows that he or she cares. Practical evidence of devotion may be preferable to physical or emotional demonstrativeness. Showering you with gifts could produce the desired results more quickly than a hug or a kiss.

Gemini is within the Eighth House.

Though you may start by being routine-oriented, at some point you'll probably want some variety in your sex life. You might find this with a versatile sex partner, or by having more than one. If you're bored with a partner who always performs in the same manner, you might look elsewhere for new and interesting sexual experiences. That search could bring unnecessary complications into your life. An alternative to wandering would be to talk to your partner about your feelings. This might either bring about change in your physical sexual activities or suggest other new and interesting channels for pleasure.

Venus, the ruler of your Eighth House, is in the First

The placement of your Eighth-House ruler in the First House suggests that although sexual gratification is important to you, you won't subjugate yourself to a sexual partner. You need to express your individuality in sexual matters, and don't want to be treated as a sex object. To you, being respected is just as important as sexual gratification. Because you play an active role in defining your sexual activity and don't just follow your partner's lead, you may feel that it's your fault if something goes wrong. This could affect your self-confidence. Remind yourself that there are two people involved, and that you share not only responsibility for the successes but also blame for the failures.

Your Moon is in the Eighth.

For you more than most people, sex is closely intertwined with your basic emotional nature. To enjoy sex, you absolutely must be emotionally aroused. Also, the feelings that you express tend to be a barometer of your sex life. If all is going well in bed, you can be tender and loving in other areas of your life. If you're having sex problems, however, you can be prone to emotional outbursts. Also, your libido tends to be cyclical, so that when it comes to sex you may feel as if you're on an emotional roller-coaster. If you become upset, your partner can usually calm you with a bit of nurturing. Not only will you feel better, you'll also probably nurture your partner in return. Then your sex life will feel more even, dependable and emotionally gratifying.

How You See Hillary

No matter how objective you think you are, the way you see others is always affected by your own necessarily limited point of view. Becoming conscious of your own possible biases in viewing your partner can often be very helpful in overcoming misunderstandings and in avoiding thwarted expectations.

One of the main things that will describe your own personal way of seeing Hillary is the way her planets fall into the houses in your own chart. The houses show how the heavens looked from the spot on earth where you were born. Not only do they provide the framework through which you experience your own planets, they also provide the structure through which you'll view Hillary's planets as well.

When one of Hillary's planets falls into a particular house in your chart, you will tend to associate her expression of that planetary energy with the department of life represented by that house. This may or may not agree with how she views that planetary energy in herself.

Looking at it another way, you could think of Hillary's planets as "lighting up" your houses, bringing additional energy to the areas of life that those houses deal with. By filling in the empty houses in your chart, she may make you feel more complete. By adding planets to your already-filled houses, she can further emphasize those areas of existence. By adding different planets to a house, she can introduce new possibilities into those areas of your life. Besides suggesting how you will experience Hillary and how you will feel about her, looking at her planets will suggest the functions that Hillary will tend to take on in your total scheme of things.

Houses, of course, divide the chart into twelve specific areas. Before getting into that much detail, we can check out your overall perception of Hillary simply by the way her planets are clustered in the main areas of your chart.

The fact that Hillary's planets fall mostly into the left-hand side of your chart suggests that, no matter what she's really like, *you* tend to put her into the role of the initiator. She may in fact have a natural tendency to take the lead (especially if most of her planets fall into the left-hand side of her own chart, or she has a lot of planets in Fire or Cardinal signs). If so, you could be delighted to have a partner who takes charge. On the other hand, if you have a strong need to do some of the initiating yourself, you could get into conflicts about who is going to lead. If this happens, try to work out some rules by which the two of you take turns being the one who takes the initiative.

Alternatively, it's possible that, despite what you expect her to be, Hillary actually tends to be a responder in most situations. (This would be true especially if her planets were mainly placed in the opposite half of her own chart, or were chiefly in Fixed or Mutable signs.) Your assumption that Hillary is good at doing something that's not really one of her dominant skills may well inspire her to develop this recessive part of herself. Then, through her relationship with you, she may come to feel more rounded and complete. But if you have overly high expectations about her initiating abilities, the results may fall short of what you want. In this case, instead of feeling that it's her fault that you never do anything as a couple, it would be best if you accepted her basic character and, at least some of the time, seized the initiative yourself.

With more of Hillary's planets falling into the bottom half of your chart, you will probably tend to see her as introverted. To you, she may seem to keep a lot inside, and not be inclined to share it with you or anyone else. You may also see her as a non-conforming person who lives by an inner standard and is not particularly interested in what society thinks. Trying to influence her by pointing to what others believe is right or wrong may not work. Whether or not Hillary is really as introverted as you think, you may be more successful if you appeal to her integrity and inner ethical sense rather than to externally imposed standards.

How Hillary Affects Specific Areas of Your Life

For more detailed information, let's now look at specific planets in specific houses. The houses that will probably be most important in forming your view of Hillary are those that contain her Sun and Moon.

Hillary's Sun is in your First House.

With Hillary's Sun lighting up your First House you may find that her ego or underlying life direction has a direct impact on the way that you interact with the world. It could be what initially attracted you to her, and it will most likely continue to be appealing as long as your relationship continues. Also, having Hillary's visible support may give you the energy to pursue your personal goals.

If you get into a conflict of interests, however, you could find that Hillary's ego becomes a hindrance rather than an asset. If this happens, let her know how important her support is to you. Say things like "I couldn't do it without you." This should make her feel more needed and less threatened by your success. In addition, you might look for ways to help her feel good about herself. In this way, you can support rather than hinder each other.

Hillary's Moon is in your Sixth House.

You may feel appreciated because Hillary is emotionally supportive and understanding of all the work you do. On the other hand, when you try to work together, emotions might run high or be inconsistent. For example, your emotions could be triggered by a difference of opinion on how to do a certain task. You may think that it's Hillary who's having the outburst or is pushing your emotional buttons, but she may be just as convinced that you're the unstable one. To avoid such problems, you could work separately instead of together, either doing different tasks, or the same tasks at different times. Then, instead of the flack, you might get the support and appreciation that this placement promises.

Hillary's Mercury is in your Second House.

Hillary may enjoy talking about finances, especially yours. If the advice about spending or investing your money is good, you'll probably listen attentively. But if don't like the advice you're getting, or she only criticizes you for the way you deal with your money, you'll probably want to change the subject. You could instead turn the conversation toward a discussion of values. You may not agree on this subject either, but at least it will not cost you any money. Another possibility with this placement is to find a way to incorporate your partner's communication skills into the way you earn a living.

Hillary's Venus is in your Second House.

You could enjoy spending your money on Hillary, possibly giving expensive gifts or providing lavish entertainment. Or maybe she encourages you to spend money on anything that's pleasurable. Before buying a costly gift for your partner or laying out for an expensive diversion that you can share, try putting some money away. Try and have a good time together, but do it without overextending yourselves financially. Basically, this placement is most likely connected with money going out rather than coming in. An exception to this would be if you enlisted your partner's charm or artistic ability to bring you income.

Hillary's Mars is in your Eleventh House.

Through Hillary's energies, you'll probably have more of a social life, because either her impetus or something about her spurs you to join groups and pay more attention to friends. You may see her as someone who can motivate and energize groups of people, and in fact she may find it easier to do this when she's with you. She may also spur you on to realize your hopes and wishes, or to derive extra income from your career. She could give you just the bit of extra drive that you need to attain these things.

All this can feel very good to you -- as long as the heat and impulsive quality of this planet stay properly harnessed. With a Mars in overdrive, your partner could pick fights with your friends, or get bossy, nagging or generally obnoxious in any of the above areas. If you find that this becomes a problem, you can restore some harmony in your relationship by redirecting all that hot energy toward some constructive end. Encouraging her to play sports with friends, join athletic groups, spearhead work toward a cause, or accomplish some Herculean task with others could well absorb the jagged edges of the Mars energy. Then, what's left of it can just add a bit of welcome spice to your life. If you feel nagged to make more money or to actualize your dreams, letting your partner do some of the work toward reaching these goals can stop the nagging and harness some of that excess steam to the advantage of you both.

Hillary's Jupiter is in your Second House.

Hillary could advise you on expanding your financial horizons, but could also just help you to spend more money. If she has some ideas as to how you can make more money, do listen, because these ideas will most likely be interesting and creative. If they do lack substance, however, you need not follow this advice. If your partner has big plans as to how you should spend your money, remember that it's your money. You can spend it if you choose to, but ultimately the decision should be yours. Will the expenditure be worth the pleasure or rewards that you'll receive?

Hillary's Saturn is in your Eleventh House.

Hillary may bring older or more serious friends into your social life, and she may make it more regular, secure and predictable. At parties and other gatherings you may feel secure because she gets you there, takes care of your needs in group situations, and makes sure that you get home safely. While she might not be exactly the life of the party, you may have confidence that she'll be there for you and that she won't flirt or otherwise leave you in the lurch.

All this can feel reassuring, but in some ways she might make your social life more restricted. You might feel inhibited in social situations because you think that you don't live up to her standards or to the standards of her friends. Or she could feel uncomfortable with your acquaintances. Possibly she just needs more of your undivided attention, and feels insecure when, for example, your conversation with her is interrupted by a friend's long phone call. The solution is to call your friend back later and, at least some of the time, to see your friends when your partner is doing something else.

Alternatively, your social life could be limited simply because you're so wrapped up in your relationship with each other. At some point, however, having friends outside of your relationship will provide some fresh input that enlarges your perspective and keeps things lively and interesting.

Hillary's Uranus is in your Ninth House.

Hillary may have revolutionary ideas, especially on topics like religion, philosophy, politics or higher education. her ideas may well shift depending on who she's speaking to at the time. The appropriate phrase for this placement is "independent thinker," so that when your partner is communicating with conservatives, she may express radical views, and when she'd dealing with liberals, her opinions may come out as conservative. One thing that you can probably count on is that she can and will play the devil's advocate when any of these subjects are brought up. While you may experience your partner as argumentative, you must admit that it makes for stimulating discussions.

Hillary's Neptune is in your First House.

You find Hillary charismatic, and could place her on a pedestal, although you may not fully understand why. Complete understanding, however, is not always necessary, because the mystery is likely to be one of the main things that attracts you. Besides, if you could clearly define your partner, you might find flaws, and then begin to criticize, hoping to re-create the image that you originally had. But the more you criticize, the less likely it is that the image of perfection will return.

Instead of trying to figure out what Hillary is really like, it may be better simply to prolong the illusion. Participate in the myth that you helped to create, and enjoy it to the hilt. Having a person with whom you can escape from the real world is one of the things that can help you to deal better with the realities of life.

Hillary's Pluto is in your Eleventh House.

You may see Hillary as a group leader -- someone who tends to take charge when three or more people get together. You might admire this macho attitude and bask in its power. Or you could resent it because you yourself want to be in charge, or be embarrassed because your partner is so pushy. If you're upset, you could try to find ways to share the power, or stop going to this group together and find your own group to rule. Then you won't personally see the behavior that bothers you, and you'll have satisfied your own need to be in charge.

Hillary Clinton**Hillary Clinton's Chart Positions**

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♏ Scorpio	2° 48' 22"	-12° 26' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♓ Pisces	29° 11' 33"	-4° 14' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♏ Scorpio	21° 19' 14"	-20° 47' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♏ Scorpio	16° 51' 03"	-16° 37' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♌ Leo	14° 15' 53"	+17° 58' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♏ Sagittarius	0° 36' 57"	-19° 39' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♌ Leo	21° 20' 36"	+15° 15' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♊ Gemini	25° 55' 06"	+23° 31' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♎ Libra	11° 22' 09"	-3° 07' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♌ Leo	14° 51' 14"	+23° 06' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♉ Taurus	24° 18' 45"	+18° 51' 00"
♈ Ascendant	is in	♊ Gemini	29° 49' 15"	+23° 26' 00"
♍ Midheaven	is in	♓ Pisces	5° 06' 54"	-9° 38' 00"
♄ Chiron	is in	♏ Scorpio	12° 20' 44"	-14° 01' 00"

For Hillary: Your Style of Relating

To figure out your own personal relationship needs, we're first going to look at your basic personality type with both its strengths and its weak points. This can show what you have to contribute, and what you need from someone else. The better you know your own nature, the more successful you'll be in your relationships. You can more easily make allowances for your own blind spots, and you can more consciously select a partner who will bring you happiness.

Your Basic Character

You have few or no planets in Earth signs or houses.

An overall lack of the Earth element in your horoscope suggests that you are either impractical or not very interested in the material world. Thus you may be bored by down-to-earth details, or not able to handle them. In either case, it's helpful to have someone who can take care of the details for you. A partner who is too earthbound could be tiresome, but you, with your lack of Earth, may be able to add a spark of inspiration. Anyway, try to be grateful for your partner's diligence, which allows you to feel less burdened.

You have many planets in Water signs or houses.

All this Water symbolism in your chart suggests that you operate primarily by intuition and instinct. What's most important to you is probably how you feel about things, and so when making decisions you may not be prone to considering the "facts." While your intuition may be good, if you allow your emotions to run your life, you may sometimes find yourself in difficult circumstances. Try not to jump to conclusions. Instead, meditate on your situation and allow your feelings to search the recesses of your mind. (Or at least count to ten before you respond!)

You're also likely to have a lot of empathy and compassion. You're attracted to those who stir your feelings and with whom you can sympathize. But once you begin to identify with these people, you can lose your objectivity. You can become so fiercely loyal that you refuse to listen to anything negative about them. Sometimes your loyalty might be misguided, so it's a good idea periodically to take off the blinders and analyze your relationships objectively. Your intuition is one of your most valuable assets, but occasionally it can be helpful to balance this with a more reasoned and objective approach.

You have few planets in Cardinal signs or houses.

Before acting, you prefer to see what others are doing first, and like to size up a situation before you take the lead. Because you don't move quickly, you may feel bullied by those who do. It may, however, be advantageous to join forces with someone who's already aggressively moving in the direction that you want to go.

If you look to the house where Mars falls in your chart, you may find that it's easiest for you to take the initiative in the department of life signified by that house. To show a person who's trying to push you that you really are capable of initiative, you can begin by taking some small action in that area.

Your Sun is in Scorpio.

Your Sun in Scorpio reinforces the idea that you tend to be highly focused. When you have a goal in mind or a direction in life to pursue, you move deliberately and with intensity. You like to analyze deeply before you make a decision, and once you make up your mind, it's difficult (if not impossible) for others to change it. You can also work long and hard to achieve the results you want.

Your intensity can be extended to your interaction with people. If you find someone who attracts you, you can pursue that individual unfalteringly, whether or not you receive encouragement. Your persistence will usually wear down any resistance.

You don't take your commitments to people lightly. You can be counted on to stay with a relationship through thick and thin and, in some cases, much longer than you should. The ultimate reason for your ending a relationship is often discovering that your partner is untrustworthy. Once you're sure of this, you can terminate the partnership and rarely will you return to it. So, the good news is that if your partner wants to maintain the relationship, being loyal may be the way to do it.

Once you've connected with a partner, you have the ability to make that other person feel very significant. You'll probably try intently to fulfill your partner's wishes, and you can concentrate on making, or at least helping to make, your partner's needs and desires a reality. This may be exhausting for you, but it can be very flattering for your partner.

Because you give so much to those you care about, you probably don't have enough energy to spread your attention to too many people. This can mean that you form few close attachments, but when you do become involved in a serious relationship, your partner can rely on your loyalty.

It's possible that your partner could feel a bit stifled and may prefer not to have so much of your attention. Should this occur, it might be a good idea to analyze the situation together. If you recognize that your need for loyalty from your partner may be the cause of your hovering, your partner could find ways to reassure you of his or her fidelity, and you in turn might be able to give your partner a little more space.

Whether you're discussing your personal problems or the state of the world, your conversations are usually not light. You have a talent for analyzing deeply no matter what the subject is, and will not be satisfied with a superficial answer. Your greatest difficulty may be getting conversations started. You could hold feelings inside for too long. If you can learn more quickly to bring up issues that bother you, the solutions may come faster as well.

Your Moon is in Pisces.

You are a very deep-feeling person, and when you're involved with others, you go way beyond feeling sympathy. Instead, you empathize with them. When someone you care about is happy, so are you; and when that person is having problems, you feel as if the problems are your own. This can make you extremely selfless, both in the sense of generosity and also in the sense of giving up your own rights.

Your tendency to give so much may cause others to have the warm feeling that you think of them first, but it can also create problems for these same people. They may feel guilty or resentful because they don't give you as much as you give them. Or when you become too closely aligned with them, they may feel trapped by you and eager to escape. Also, if you identify with them so closely that you think you know what they need or want, you may not consult with them before you take action. Then they may feel that you're an interfering busybody, especially if you're trying to push them in a direction where they don't want to go. You may be able to empathize with anyone, but those you're closest to may be the ones who are most in danger of feeling smothered.

To avoid these pitfalls in your relationships, you first need to cultivate awareness of your tendency to identify too closely with the significant others in your life. Next, be alert to reactions of annoyance, anger or guilt in those you're trying to help. This shouldn't be difficult, because you're already highly intuitive. Then, if you sense any of these feelings in them, stop whatever it is you've been doing. Another thing you can do to give your partner a bit of relief is to spread out your altruism and find some other people to help.

Also, be aware of a tendency for your imagination to be vivid, so that in dealing with your partnerships you could ignore your intuition and replace it with imaginings and rationalizations. If, instead of applying it to your partnerships, you were to use your imagination as part of your personal development, you might be surprised at the results. One possibility is to get involved in the arts. You have a strong musical sense which could be used to dance, sing or play an instrument. Art can provide a channel for your emotions, and it can give you a way to keep your imagination busy so that you won't misapply it to your relationships.

Another way to express your non-material leanings could be to get involved in spiritual or mystical activities. When it becomes hard to deal with the material world, spirituality can help you to cope. Developing your connection to a higher power can give balance and perspective in your life, and by using visualization, affirmations or meditation you may be able to change your attitude and help to create a more pleasurable reality.

Your Axis of Relationship

And now we get to your "axis of relationship" -- your Ascendant (or rising sign) and, directly opposite it, your Descendant. Together, these say a great deal about how you relate. While your Ascendant describes the way you present yourself to others, the Descendant tells the other side of the story. It suggests the sort of partner you'll be drawn to and who will make you feel more complete.

If the birth time for your chart is accurate, you have Gemini rising. This means that when you're dealing with others you tend to be quick, versatile, and interested in a wide variety of subjects. However, you may have neither the patience nor the inclination to investigate things thoroughly. You tend to know a bit about many matters, but pursue few, if any, in depth.

You might be quite happy just to skim the surface, and have a sincere belief that if you can't learn it quickly, it isn't worth knowing. At some point, however, you might start to feel that something is missing. If you do yearn to go more deeply into things, you're very likely to be unconsciously drawn to a partner who will tend to investigate matters more thoroughly than you.

You and your partner will probably find it easy to converse with each other. While you're more interested in gathering a smattering of information, your partner will tend to have a more philosophical point of view that connects up and makes sense of the many disparate facts that you've gathered. Your minds are likely to be complementary, so that each of you adds a perspective that's new and interesting to the other. Also, anyone else with whom the two of you share your information will probably come away understanding the subject in a great deal more breadth and depth.

In social situations, neither of you is likely to be at a loss for words. Because you more naturally try to fit into a group and take on the qualities of those around you, you'll tend to be seen as more the more tactful one. Your partner, on the other hand, may tend to be rather outspoken, and could be so intent on expressing his or her own point of view that there could be an insensitivity to the feelings and opinions of others. If this embarrasses you, you might want to pull back a bit from mingling in groups with your partner, and instead find your own people to talk to. With your innate tact and sensitivity to the group, however, you can probably make a good foil for your partner in social situations. Your own skill at small talk and your genuine curiosity about the lives and opinions of others can do much to lighten up your partner's probably interesting and informed, but also perhaps strongly stated, opinions.

Other qualities that the two of you are likely to share include adaptability, an enjoyment of pleasure, and a desire for a certain degree of freedom. All of these can make for a stimulating relationship with a great deal of energy and sparkle. However, the two of you could be so adaptable that you have difficulty deciding what to do, or so busy having fun and being free that neither of you takes on any responsibility for tending to the dull but necessary duties that keep life and relationships going. If you find yourselves getting into such difficulties, you can take turns being the responsible party, keep responsibilities short-term, and schedule periods when you both have time off. You may both particularly enjoy taking time off to travel, sometimes alone and sometimes together. You may prefer short trips and your partner long ones, but since you both tend to be quite adaptable, compromise should be quite easy.

Dating and Romance

To see what you specifically want and need in romance, partnership and sex, we're now going to look at these areas of your chart in detail.

We'll start where relationships begin -- in the house of courtship, love affairs and romance. This is the Fifth House, which, interestingly, is also associated with risk-taking. Not surprising when you consider that romance is often where you have to take the plunge and throw yourself open to chance! Will Mr./Ms. Right cross your path at the mixer dance or singles bar? Will you gather your courage to ask someone out on a date? Will that blind date be a delight or a disaster? This is just part of the reason that the Fifth is the place where love relationships begin.

Once you've started to date, the Fifth House's recreational side emerges. Fifth-House activities like dinner out, plays and movies, museums and sports provide a pleasurable atmosphere to encourage a budding acquaintance to flower into something more. Sometimes called the house of self-expression, the Fifth also rules self-display, as you each put on your finest feathers to attract the other. Dating in the Fifth leads to marriage in the Seventh House and sex in the Eighth, and then the cycle begins again with children, which are also shown by the Fifth House and its association with self-expression and play.

There are a number of different signs and planets associated with your relationship houses, and each of these contributes its own symbolic themes to that area of your life. The more that you both try to express the various qualities that are symbolized in these key relationship areas of your charts, the happier and more complete your relationship is likely to feel.

Libra is on your Fifth-House cusp.

Your ideal romantic partner is likely to be someone who is attractive and charming, or at least someone who wants to please you as much as you want to please him or her. In a romance, you prefer harmony and decorum, politeness and beauty. Graceful gestures and social niceties make any partner that much more endearing to you. On your dates you may like to socialize with others, or engage in one-on-one contests like chess or tennis.

It doesn't have to be all hearts and flowers, though. Sometimes you may fight, but you fight fairly and expect your partner to do likewise. At the core, what you're really trying to achieve in a romance is a balance whereby you commit fully to each other while still maintaining your integrity.

In fact, your romances can have a married quality. Even in a casual relationship, the ideas of sharing and togetherness appeal to you. You like the feeling of partnership and see courtship very much as a prelude to commitment.

Scorpio is within the Fifth House.

With Libra in the Fifth House, you may have entered a romance mainly with the idea of shared enjoyment, but, with Scorpio also here, just having a good time will not satisfy you for long. Even when you're still just dating, you'll feel the urge to go beneath the surface and get involved with your partner on a deeper level. Sex may become very important to your romance, or in order to make your relationship work, you may start analyzing the other person with a Scorpionic intensity. Even when the relationship is supposedly not yet a committed one, one of you may become possessive and possibly even obsessive.

If it all stops being fun, Libran gestures such as flowers and politeness, or an appeal to Libran fairness and good taste, can help restore balance and preserve the essentially playful nature of romance.

Venus, the ruler of your Fifth House, is in the Fifth

The planet that's traditionally associated with the sign on the Fifth-House cusp brings in additional considerations. If placed in the Fifth House of your chart, it reinforces Fifth-House themes, making courtship and romance especially important in your life. You tend to want a partner who is demonstrative. This could take the form of open affection or lavish gifts, or possibly both. As long as you receive attention and the setting is just right, the relationship should flourish. If, however, you feel ignored or taken for granted, dissatisfaction will set in. If this occurs, you need not just sit back and complain. You can create your own scenario. To pique your partner's interest, try instilling a little mystery into the relationship. You'll be putting your talents to work, and you could have fun doing it.

Your Sun is in the Fifth.

With your Sun in the Fifth, romance is at the core of your being. In your love relationships you want to be seen and appreciated. Also, you'll be attracted to those who make you look good. You may take pride and bask in the glory of your romantic partner's accomplishments, but you'll not relinquish your identity, nor will you be subservient. One concern you may have is that you could be taken for granted. If this occurs, it could be because you're being self-centered. Perhaps you're concentrating so much on your own needs that your partner feels neglected. So show your magnanimous side, and shower your partner with attention. It may well be reciprocated.

Your Venus is in the Fifth.

Venus in the Fifth means that you may quite possibly be in love with love. Love is a recreation and an exhilarating risk, and through it you can express yourself more fully. When you get involved in a romance, you do it with creativity and grace.

When you begin a relationship, you take special pleasure in your partner's appearance and superficially attractive qualities. If you're just dating, this can be fine. At this stage all you need to do is enjoy each other and have a good time. If and when a more permanent relationship becomes a possibility, you might want to look more deeply into your potential spouse's underlying character.

When you're already committed to each other, you may look to this placement again for its ability to bring a little pleasant, uncomplicated romance back into your life. Whenever you're having a good time, peace, harmony pleasure and each other's attractiveness are qualities that you may especially want to share.

Your Neptune is in the Fifth.

This is one of the "in love with love" indicators. You want perfection in romance, and you have the ability to pretend that it's there. In fact, because of your vivid imagination, you may not be able to evaluate a romantic partner realistically. You're more likely to see what you want to see.

If you spend a lot of time with any romantic partner, there will probably be periods when the flaws become glaring, and you won't always be able to rationalize them away. You might then tend to become overly critical and get disenchanted with the relationship. It's good to remind yourself that there's no such thing as a perfect relationship. If they're not too numerous, try to accept the imperfections, and focus on the lovelier things that you have together. If, however, the romantic haze lifts only to reveal that the assets are few, you might want to consider changing or dissolving the relationship and endeavor to start over with a more realistic approach.

Becoming Partners

Through the pleasures, risk-taking and self-expression signified by the Fifth House, you gain a sense of your own individuality and develop a robust identity of your own. You need this before you can have the true relationship of equals that is the essence of the Seventh House.

Traditionally the house of marriage, Seventh House signifies the way you make a serious commitment to another, and the way that your commitment is recognized in the social sphere beyond your relationship. Even when your relationship doesn't result in marriage, this is the house where you learn to blend your individualities without submerging them, and, for better or for worse, to deal as a team with the ups and downs of life. It's also the place of head-to-head confrontations, where you encounter both your similarities and your differences, and you each negotiate your fair share in disputes.

Sagittarius is on your Seventh-House cusp.

Your ideal partner is one who can help you to develop as an individual. Therefore, you're drawn to those who are intelligent and have information to impart. You would also like to help your partner to grow. If you spend too much time with your partner, however, you could become bored with each other. In order for you each to have something to give to the other, you have to work on your personal development outside of the relationship. Then you can get together to share.

You do need at least one activity in which you participate together. Otherwise, you could eventually lose interest in each other, because if you don't share any activities, ultimately you'll have nothing in common. If you keep all of this in mind and act upon it as you move through life, you both can feel enriched as individuals and will continually grow as a couple.

Capricorn is within the Seventh House.

In addition, you want a partner who is reliable and possibly already established in the world. Therefore, your partner could be older than you. Or *you* might play the responsible role in the relationship, which could mean that you're drawn to a partner who is younger and/or needs to be taken care of. It is not absolutely necessary, however, that there be an age differential in your partnership. The matter of responsibility is more important. Actually, what you need is a partner who will share in the responsibility and the commitment. If either of you tries to do it all alone, the responsible partner could feel burdened, and the irresponsible one could feel restricted. You'll be far happier if you shoulder the responsibility together.

Jupiter, the ruler of your Seventh House, is in the Sixth

In your chart the planet that is traditionally associated with the sign on your Seventh-House cusp is placed in the Sixth House. This suggests that you could marry a job-mate, or you could work side by side in your marriage, as in a family business. This work might be in the service sector or the health field. Alternatively, your marriage may just focus on taking care of the practical business of life, like paying bills and doing errands. If this is so, make sure that your soul gets the sustenance it needs, or you may find that your marriage will eventually center instead on health problems. One way to feed your soul is to do these tasks in the spirit of service to the one you love. Another way is to make an effort to give other houses their due, for example, together cultivating the creativity and joyousness of the Fifth House or the spirituality and intellectual adventure of the Ninth. You may also find happiness in sharing the care of your pets.

Every planet that a person has in the Seventh House would indicate at least one additional requirement for them in a close one-to-one relationship. You have no planets here, however. For you, close partnerships may not be the all-consuming concern that they might be to someone who has a full Seventh House. This means that you could actually have an easier time finding a marriage partner. Your requirements in a partner are apt to be looser, and so you can be open to a greater variety of people.

Entwining Souls

Joined into a single entity in the Seventh House, you become ready to transform each other in the Eighth. To do this, you need to relax your grip on whatever you felt necessary to maintain yourselves as separate individuals. Then you need to take a leap of faith, and trust that the essentially benevolent forces of life will pull you through. If you emerge from this trial successfully, you will be transformed and renewed.

This, of course, is the essence of sex, which is one of the areas that the Eighth House stands for. The Eighth also depicts the other sorts of deep emotional bonds that arise in relationships, as you shed the shells of your individuality to merge into a larger whole. On a material level, the Eighth depicts the merging of property and finances, where you each need to give up what is yours and contribute it to the common pool.

With the high emotional intensity of the Eighth House and its lack of objectivity, power struggles are possible. Any impulse to do harm must always be contained. The key lies in developing compassion for your own emotional state, in letting go of tightly held positions, and then inviting powers out of your conscious control to lead you in the right direction.

Regarding your sexual self, all the signs and planets influencing your Eighth House describe possible avenues for sexual expression. Combining or alternating these themes will keep you from falling into stale and confining routines.

Capricorn is on your Eighth-House cusp.

You may look to sex for a sense of security. You could also sometimes view it as a duty you must perform, which could interfere with your pleasure. However, looking at sex as a challenging pinnacle to scale is also in keeping with your nature, and it'll probably make sex much more fun for you. Use your considerable endurance to practice and improve, and you'll then have a sense of accomplishment as well as feel more secure and satisfied.

Aquarius is within the Eighth House.

As a sexual relationship continues, you'll find yourself increasingly expressing your individuality. You may feel more free and uninhibited, or you might declare your independence by assuring yourself that you're no one's sex object. You may want to be the partner who determines when and where sex happens. You could also combine the two possibilities, feeling liberated and unrestrained in sex, but only when you yourself are in the mood for it.

Saturn, the ruler of your Eighth House, is in the Third

The placement of your Eighth-House ruler in the Third House suggests that for you sex is closely intertwined with communication. You may enjoy discussing sex, and could even find talking about it more exciting than doing it. Or you might get aroused by conversation before or during sex. Another possibility is that you want your sexual partner to notice your mental agility or your adeptness at socializing more than you want to be appreciated for your body or your sexuality. Or you might complain if you spend more time in bed together than socializing with others. If you have any of these problems, you'll be more prone than most to discuss them, and this can help you find solutions.

Because you have no planets in your Eighth House, your requirements for sex and deep emotional bonding are simpler than they might be. If one or more of your partner's planets falls into your Eighth, however, it can add some different themes as well as additional energy to your sex life.

How You See Bill

To see how you experience Bill, what he means to you personally, and the biases you may have when dealing with this important person in your life, we're now going to look at the way his planets fit into the houses of your birth chart.

You could think of Bill's planets as "lighting up" your houses, bringing more energy to the areas of life that those houses deal with. His planets can activate underactive areas of your life, making you feel more complete. Or they may increase the activity in areas that are already emphasized in your own chart. They may repeat problematic themes in your horoscope so that you're finally forced to deal with them, or give you the added push to make the most of assets that you already have. All this influences the way you feel about him, and suggests the functions that he will take on in your life.

First, however, before looking at specific houses and planets, it can be revealing just to look at the overall way Bill's planets are grouped around your chart wheel.

With more of Bill's planets falling into the bottom half of your chart, you will probably tend to see him as introverted. To you, he may seem to keep a lot inside, and not be inclined to share it with you or anyone else. You may also see him as a non-conforming person who lives by an inner standard and is not particularly interested in what society thinks. Trying to influence him by pointing to what others believe is right or wrong may not work. Whether or not Bill is really as introverted as you think, you may be more successful if you appeal to his integrity and inner ethical sense rather than to externally imposed standards.

Bill's planets are quite equally distributed between the right-hand and left-hand sides of your chart. This means that you probably see him as able to be both an initiator and responder. The advantage of this is that you'll feel neither the necessity always to take charge, nor the expectation that your partner will always do so. The disadvantage is not knowing when you should initiate and when you should respond.

To deal with this, you may always follow your partner's lead, or always try to take the lead yourself. A better course is to consciously decide who's in charge of what, and have each of you doing the decision-making in a different area. It's also helpful to consult frequently, so that each of you is advised of the decisions and plans that the other has made.

How Bill Affects Specific Areas of Your Life

And now for particular planets in particular houses. Pay special attention to the houses that contain Bill's Sun and Moon, because these are likely to represent focal areas in your relationship with him.

Bill's Sun is in your Third House.

You may see Bill as an outstanding communicator. Others might seem to notice his energy and effervescence. This could make you feel somewhat overshadowed, and possibly cause you to stand in the background in social situations. This is less likely to happen if communication flows easily between the two of you. What might interfere with this from your perspective is that Bill seems to be self-centered, focusing on himself. If, however, you bring up subjects in which you have expertise or if you talk about him, you could find that he not only joins in but does so in a warm, energetic manner. That should make you feel better about your ability to communicate and give you more confidence in the social situations you share.

Bill's Moon is in your Eleventh House.

You may feel reassured in the social arena because you can rely on Bill for moral support in groups. Just being at his side could make you feel safe and secure, or he may act as a buffer with people you don't know.

It could also be that your partner gets easily upset when interacting with groups, and that this embarrasses you. To avoid this, you might go only to parties where he knows the people and feels at home, or avoid going to any parties together, or distance yourself from him at parties and pretend you came alone. More constructively, the two of you could get involved in some humanitarian cause through which your partner would be able to express emotion. Here, feelings could be an asset. This could take the place of public emotional outbursts that are inappropriate. If your partner gets emotional because you've neglected to discuss important issues, however, you had better start talking together.

Bill's Mercury is in your Second House.

Bill may enjoy talking about finances, especially yours. If the advice about spending or investing your money is good, you'll probably listen attentively. But if you don't like the advice you're getting, or he only criticizes you for the way you deal with your money, you'll probably want to change the subject. You could instead turn the conversation toward a discussion of values. You may not agree on this subject either, but at least it will not cost you any money. Another possibility with this placement is to find a way to incorporate your partner's communication skills into the way you earn a living.

Bill's Venus is in your Fifth House.

Bill is likely to add pleasure and grace to your romantic life, and might be the type who showers you with gifts. In his penchant for making everything beautiful and agreeable when he's romancing you, however, he could suppress anything negative, so that his words of endearment may not always be totally sincere. It's wise to allow for this, but also wise to be grateful for your pleasant times together, and to savor every minute of them.

Some of this fun and relaxation that Bill brings into your life may be through social activities or an appreciation of art. Together you may enjoy entertaining, viewing what's beautiful, or yourselves creating beautiful things. If you have children, Bill will probably enjoy them, but might also overindulge them a bit.

Bill's Mars is in your Fourth House.

Bill may be particularly energetic at home, or you could see him as the one who directs activities in that area. As long as the two of you are working together, you probably won't resent being directed, but if your partner bosses you around and/or doesn't help with the chores that you're being ordered to do, you could view him as a dictator and become angry. You might thrive on such arguments, but if you don't, the key to righting the situation hinges on both of you keeping busy at home. There will be less inclination to fight, and your house will be in better condition because of the work you've each done.

Bill's Jupiter is in your Fifth House.

Since this house represents children, creativity and romance (among other things), Bill could have a strong impact on any or all of these parts of your life. If you have children, he could either over-indulge them or help them to grow. In terms of creativity, he could give you wonderful ideas, or possibly overwhelm you with too many suggestions or plans that are too grand. Or he could be lavish in courting you -- to the point where it runs up debts.

If the negative begins to outweigh the positive, remember that none of these excesses is likely to be really serious, and turn your search for a solution into a game. Start by calling a stop to what's happening, and then go out and have a good (but inexpensive) time together, or a pleasant change of scene.

Bill's Saturn is in your Second House.

Bill may seem to be more concerned and careful with your finances than with his own, telling you precisely how you should spend your money and/or admonishing you if you spend too much. If you tend to be unwise about expenditures, his caretaking may benefit you. However, whether you need the guidance or not, you could at times resent it. Should resentment occur, you might permit Bill to handle your finances, except for a sizable allowance that you alone are in charge of. Another way is to keep apart some money that is entirely your own, so that you have a nest egg in reserve in case the money isn't forthcoming from your partner. In either case, you'll feel less limited, and the burden of totally taking care of your own money will be shifted to someone who enjoys the task.

Bill's Uranus is in your Twelfth House.

Outwardly, Bill may be quite conforming, but you may see him as a closet rebel or as someone who can instigate a revolution from behind the scenes without seeming to be involved. Or possibly he triggers your own need for independence or individuality, and brings out the rebel in you, but you may not realize that this is what's occurring. Instead, you may have the erroneous notion that you have to be the revolutionary for both of you. If you want relief from these subtle mind games, encourage Bill to express his own individuality. When your partner is no longer repressing his individuality, it's likely that you'll both feel a lot freer.

Bill's Neptune is in your Fourth House.

Bill could either bring confusion to your home environment, or help to make it a sanctuary, or do both. Whatever happens, one thing is clear: Your partner probably won't operate well under rules and regulations in the home. Instead of being defiant or consciously trying to break the rules, he may just seem to lack awareness that they exist. Your partner's talent in the home is in helping to create a haven where you can escape. So instead of fighting the chaos that may sometimes occur, join in the fantasy as often as you can, and you'll both be happier.

Bill's Pluto is in your Third House.

You may see Bill as a powerful communicator, speaking profound words that people sit up and listen to. Or it may be that he can simply out-shout everyone. If you're enthralled by his eloquence, continue to enjoy it. But if you feel ignored or beaten down when you try to express your ideas, tell your partner how you feel. Through discussion you can thoroughly analyze the implications, and together find ways to make you feel better.

The Dynamics between the Two of You

Now we're ready to look at some typical kinds of dramas that can play out between you. These are suggested by the way the planets in one person's chart relate to those in the other.

The different planets in your chart are like little characters who are interacting with each other inside your psyche. They also interact with the little characters inside other people. For example, Mars, the little warrior inside you, could be having a hot and heavy affair with your partner's sultry, come-hither Venus. This could take the form either of cozying up in bed together, or fighting most of the time. Or these two little characters could be constantly on each other's mind, but somehow at cross-purposes or never quite on each other's wavelength. The basic quality of each planet, plus the aspect, or kind of angle, that is formed between them, determines how well those parts of the psyche will get along with each other, and what the nature of their alliance or conflict will be.

Below, the aspects between your charts are arranged roughly in order of how important they'll be to you personally. Take special note whenever you see aspects involving the same pairs of planets next to each other in the list. If you see, for example, not only your Venus conjunct your partner's Mars, but also your partner's Mars making an aspect to your Venus, you can be sure that Venus-Mars themes such as sex, or some other sort of very creative, productive activity, will be of overriding importance in your life together.

Because we're dealing with double the number of planets here, the number of possible aspects is greatly increased. We'll therefore consider only the interaspects that are quite exact.

Meshing Your Personalities and Goals

Aspects involving your Ascendant or Midheaven depend not only on the day you were born, but also on the exact time. They therefore make you different from most others born on the same day, and have a particularly personal significance.

The Ascendant is the place where a planet would rise from the inner realm below the horizon to the outer world above. As such, it symbolizes the interface between the inner you and the outside world. This is your personality -- the face you put on, your body and manner, your habitual way of dealing with others.

The Midheaven is the highest point a planet can go in your chart. As you might expect, it signifies the most universally visible part of you -- your career goals, your most public self and your reputation. Aspects involving the Midheaven of one or both partners can therefore be among the most powerful indicators of how one partner relates to the other's reputation, career and overall life direction.

Because the Ascendant and Midheaven move so fast (on average, a whole degree in only four minutes of time) their correct positions depend on whether you know your birth time accurately. Aspects between these points and your partner's horoscope can say very important things about your relationship. If you're unsure of your birth time, however, it's best to take any interpretations of aspects from your Ascendant and Midheaven with a grain of salt.

Bill's Sun is sextile Hillary's Ascendant.

Not only are you attracted to each other, you also both want to help bring out and reinforce the best in your partner. In fact, you might concentrate so hard on helping each other that, as a couple, you could ignore the needs of others with whom you interact. Then you and your partner might be viewed as self-centered. It's wonderful that the two of you appreciate each other and enjoy being together, but try not to ignore others, or they might not be there for you when you need them. Besides, sharing your great joint personality with these individuals might not only be beneficial for them, it might make your partnership even better than it already is.

Bill's Uranus is conjunct Hillary's Ascendant.

Being together adds an extra element of excitement to your lives. Often you'll do things that surprise your partner (and sometimes you as well!). Bill tends to make Hillary feel more adventurous and individual, and Hillary tends to ignite his creative spark. While Bill may seem like the instigator, it's actually the interaction between you that can make you both so zany and unpredictable. If it isn't overdone, this aspect can add a lot of zest and fun to your lives, and the surprises that it brings can keep your relationship fresh and alive. If sometimes it all seems too exhausting and unstable, however, it's OK to withdraw a bit to recover your sense of balance. Fortunately, this aspect imparts a high degree of independence when you need it.

Hillary's Moon is opposite Bill's Ascendant.

There's a strong personal tie and attraction between you, but there's also a possibility that Hillary could overwhelm Bill with emotion, or the face that Bill puts on for the world could interfere with Hillary's emotional satisfaction.

To deal with these problems, you each need to find a way to take care of your own personal needs while balancing them with the needs of your partner. For example, Hillary shouldn't always depend on Bill to meet her needs for closeness and nurturing. Sometimes she should give Bill a bit of emotional support, especially if he's having problems with his appearance, health or relations with others.

For his part, Bill should find a few arenas in addition to this relationship where he can relate to people and express his personality. At the same time, he should always be ready to support Hillary's emotional needs when needed.

If you do things like this to nurture both yourself and your partner, you'll help each other to become stronger and more confident individuals. This can only benefit your relationship.

Hillary's Mercury is semisquare Bill's Ascendant.

Communications are important in your relationship, and sometimes they may cause friction. While you could communicate about intellectual matters, you're more likely to talk about yourselves and your immediate environment. During these rather personal conversations, Hillary might sometimes get the impression that Bill is trying to direct her manner of speaking, or Bill might feel that Hillary is telling him how to look and behave. The good thing about this aspect is that if you feel criticized by your partner, it'll be natural for you to discuss this together. With a bit of effort, you should be able to understand each other's feelings. As long as you remain courteous, your urge to be in constant communication with each other will keep your relationship close.

Hillary's Jupiter is sextile Bill's Ascendant.

Joining forces makes both of you happier and more self-confident. Hillary naturally helps Bill to feel good about himself, and Bill's personality helps Hillary in her process of personal growth. As a couple, you're always broadening your horizons. Occasionally you might try to do too much, and then feel overwhelmed rather than enlightened. But because you're so focused on helping each other, you'll find it natural to assist your partner when he or she gets overwhelmed or over-committed. This kind of cooperation will not only help you to grow as individuals, it will also bring you closer together as a couple.

Hillary's Saturn is semisquare Bill's Ascendant.

Hillary's sense of responsibility and commitment has an influence on Bill's appearance, manner, and way of dealing with others. Hillary may make Bill feel very secure, but she may also make him feel confined or restricted. And this might work both ways. If either of you feels hemmed in by your partner, let your feelings be known and try to work out a solution together. If you do this, you'll be better able to enjoy the sense of security that is the upside of this aspect.

Hillary's Neptune is conjunct Bill's Ascendant.

There's a tie between you which you feel deeply but which defies verbal description. The harder you try to explain it, the less clear it becomes. Because of the nebulous quality of this attachment, you may be aware of it but not always understand its total impact. You could experience it as magnetism, or as a spiritual connection. If this is all that you feel, continue your relationship as it is. However, subtle manipulation is also a possibility, so you could sometimes feel that your partner is taking advantage of you. If this happens, remember that this is a shared combination, and that you therefore have the ability to influence your partner just as much as your partner influences you.

Bill's Ascendant and Hillary's Ascendant are in square.

The personalities of you and your partner are definitely connected, but with this aspect you could grate on each other. Flaws might seem more evident than good attributes, and the two of you might spend more time criticizing than looking for ways to cooperate. Constantly picking at each other can erode both your relationship and your personal self-esteem. Since you're together, each of you was obviously attracted to the other, so you should be able to find at least one quality that you admire in your partner and try a little praise. In this way you'll cultivate your partner's more redeeming features, and the negative sides will bother you less.

Bill's Ascendant is quincunx Hillary's Midheaven.

Bill's personality is connected with Hillary's career or public image, and with this aspect some adjustment may be required. If Hillary always insists that her public image or career is more important than Bill's expression of self, Bill could begin to develop an inferiority complex. And if Bill insists on expressing his personality without regard to Hillary's public concerns, Hillary's worldly success could be jeopardized.

To ease things, take turns being in the foreground, with Bill sometimes using his personality to support Hillary's career, and Hillary sometimes providing her career as a place for Bill to exhibit his personality. Then the two of you may discover that you're not only happier individually, but also more successful in the outer world.

Hillary's Ascendant is conjunct Bill's Midheaven.

With this combination, Bill's public image, reputation or career is connected with Hillary's personality. For example, Hillary's personality may have an effect on Bill's career such that either promotions or professional problems often seem to coincide with Hillary's influence or appearance. Or Bill's career may have an impact on Hillary's personal image, so that Hillary's self-opinion is dependent on Bill's professional successes or failures.

If you ever disagree about things like how Hillary should behave when interacting with Bill's business associates, or about what professional moves Bill should make, keep in mind that your successes and failures are closely aligned. It's therefore especially important to select routes that will benefit both of you.

Bill's Mars is quincunx Hillary's Midheaven.

As a couple, you could appear to the outer world to be sometimes obnoxiously aggressive and sometimes constructively assertive. And in your interaction with each other, Hillary could feel that Bill unwelcomely pushes her career, and then later feel that he constructively directs it. Or Bill might believe that at one moment Hillary uses her profession or public image to subdue him, and at the next instant Hillary helpfully provides an arena in which he can take the initiative.

To make your relationship work, you should consciously strive to give each person a turn at taking the lead while the other follows and lends wholehearted support. Bill should be allowed to initiate without constant instruction. Hillary should be allowed to act in the outer world without Bill pushing her too hard. If you try this, you should have an active, exciting relationship that makes a favorable impression on the world.

Bill's Neptune is quincunx Hillary's Midheaven.

With this combination, it could be difficult to blend Bill's spirituality with Hillary's career or public image. Bill might confuse Hillary by trying to share his faith or spiritual beliefs, and Hillary could upset Bill by attempting to force a more realistic view of the world on him. Instead of wasting your time trying to convert your partner, you should each take turns pursuing your goals, with your partner totally adjusting to you during those times. Hillary can sometimes focus on career goals, with Bill's spiritual support. And Bill can sometimes concentrate on spiritual development, with Hillary throwing the force of her public image behind his efforts. Then the two of you can share the best of both worlds.

Hillary's Sun is trine Bill's Midheaven.

Hillary's personal needs work hand in hand with Bill's public image, and so you and your partner are able to make a favorable impression on the world with very little effort. It should be easy for each of you to enhance the image of the other, and also to attain the goals that you want as a couple. You just need to determine your direction and goals, and then let the energy flow. This combination makes you very visible, however, and so it will be difficult to conceal yourselves. Keep this in mind whenever the two of you are dealing with the public, and at those times be sure to put your best foot forward.

Hillary's Mercury is sesquare Bill's Midheaven.

In your relationship, career and communications issues are strongly connected, but Hillary might talk too much or tend to interfere verbally with Bill's career goals, and Bill could concentrate so hard on his career that Hillary feels that her words are being ignored. It may take effort to discuss such complaints with each other, but once you start, the words should come flowing out. You might then discover that in matters of career and communications you can become assets rather than liabilities to each other.

Hillary's Saturn is semisquare Bill's Midheaven.

Hillary may add substance to Bill's career or public image, and Bill may use his career or public image to give Hillary tangible support. Although this arrangement can provide mutual security, you'll have to work at it, and you may feel restricted by each other. Also, you may not agree on where responsibility lies or what constitutes worldly success. Nevertheless, you can make this aspect work in your favor if you can find ways to tangibly show your partner that you're on the same side and willing to lend your support. You can then build on this foundation to improve your position in the world.

Hillary's Neptune is square Bill's Midheaven.

With this aspect, the spiritual (Neptune) and material (Midheaven) worlds are connected, but you could have tension rather than cooperation. Bill could feel undermined or confused by Hillary's nebulous qualities, and Hillary might be disappointed or feel limited by Bill's conformity to society or his focus on career. Accept the fact that your ways of dealing with the world are different. Rather than battling each other, Hillary should develop spirituality and Bill should concentrate on career. You may still tell your partner what you think of his or her way of handling the world, but as long as you're each focusing on what you want, you'll both stay on track. And an occasional suggestion might work to improve each of your approaches to life.

Bill's Midheaven and Hillary's Midheaven are in trine.

This combination emphasizes your interaction as a couple with the outer world, either through your careers or other roles that you perform in public. Your ideas and direction probably fit well together, enabling you to present a united front. Although the two of you are in agreement, this does not mean that society-at-large necessarily agrees with you or responds favorably. However, since your views and ways of dealing with the public are compatible, you may be able to win over anyone who disapproves. If this is impossible, seek out people who have a world-view similar to your own, and you'll then be more favorably received.

Balancing Your Separate Egos

The Sun has to do with your inner life direction and also with your conscious conception of yourself. In close relationships, one of the chief issues the Sun will bring up is each person's ego, and how the other partner does or doesn't support it.

Since the Sun is such a central part of the horoscope, aspects involving the Sun of one or both partners are likely to be among the major keynotes of your relationship. Aspects between one person's Sun and the other's Moon are particularly important, as they have proven to be one of the strongest possible attractors between two people, especially in a long-term relationship like marriage.

Bill's Sun is square Hillary's Mercury.

This combination can be helpful when Bill brings light and clarity to what Hillary is trying to say, and Hillary gives valuable input about Bill's path and life direction. However, the two of you tend to communicate with so much energy that sparks may sometimes fly. Your special hot spots could include ego needs, life direction or social interactions. Your conversations will go better if Bill remembers to be receptive and really listen what Hillary is saying, and if Hillary takes special pains to give Bill plenty of appreciation.

Bill's Sun is square Hillary's Jupiter.

You might find that there's friction between you because Bill feels that Hillary is too extravagant, and/or Hillary believes that Bill is too self-centered. You may never have stopped to think about this, but it's possible that each of you has helped to create these traits in the other. If you feel neglected by your partner, you may resort to thinking only about your own needs. Perhaps if you showed each other a little support and appreciation, with Hillary occasionally applauding Bill's appearance or efforts, and Bill sometimes praising Hillary's intellect, it would lessen the difficulties between you.

Bill's Sun is conjunct Hillary's Saturn.

From Bill's perspective, Hillary can provide either stability and structure, or frustration and limitation. On her part, Hillary might view Bill as someone to guide and protect. This may be either a duty lovingly performed, or a burden of too much responsibility.

If either of you feels restricted by your partner, you can relieve this feeling by defining your life direction, getting organized, creating a plan and then taking action. It may not be easy and it certainly will not be spontaneous, but there is something to be said for knowing where you stand and what you're doing. With this combination, you may discover that your relationship enables you become noticed for your achievements. You may even receive rewards, and that should make the hard work worthwhile.

Bill's Sun is sextile Hillary's Uranus.

This can be an extremely exciting and creative combination, because it encourages Hillary to help Bill find self-satisfaction, while it stimulates Bill to help Hillary express her individuality and independence. By exploring new avenues of creativity together, you can stretch your personal boundaries. Just don't get so carried away by your enthusiasm and desire to help each other that you forget about your goals. Keep a steady eye on what you want to accomplish, and then your creativity will bear real fruit.

Bill's Sun is semisquare Hillary's Neptune.

Conflicts between ego satisfaction and spirituality may sometimes get you annoyed with each other. For example, Hillary might get upset by Bill's pursuit of his own self-interest, and Bill might distrust Hillary's motivations because he finds them hard to understand. As difficult as it may be, it would be best to face such issues squarely. Then Bill might discover that Hillary is essentially supportive and trustworthy, and Hillary might find that her partner is just as open to spiritual values as he is to the value of creating a self.

Bill's Sun is square Hillary's Nodes.

Interacting with others, especially with the people that Hillary brings to the partnership, could become a bone of contention between you. Bill's presence is definitely going to be noted by these people, and there are a number of complaints that Hillary might register. Hillary might feel either that Bill is obnoxious with the friends, or is too well liked by them, or is some mixture of the two. Alternatively, Bill just might not like Hillary's friends, or may feel that they disapprove of him. You may sometimes find it necessary to appear together with these people, but at other times you may be able to minimize the friction if Hillary sometimes sees her friends without Bill, and Bill looks to other acquaintances for appreciation and personal gratification.

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Hillary's Sun is square Bill's Saturn.

This combination gives a potential for providing each other with security instead of just limitations, but you may have to work to achieve this. What could happen is that while Bill concentrates on being organized and setting guidelines, Hillary focuses on self-satisfaction. Whenever Bill tries to set the rules, Hillary feels restricted. Hillary may then find it hard to shine without great effort, and as a consequence feel inhibited or insecure. Also, Bill may want security for himself, and feel that Hillary is ignoring his needs.

If you recognize yourselves in this scenario, remember that giving each other a bit of added attention could lessen the friction between you. Ideally, Hillary can learn to give Bill vitality and energy, and Bill will be able to provide a secure framework in which Hillary can shine.

Hillary's Sun is sesquare Bill's North Node.

Areas such as getting personal gratification and interacting with others could become mild sources of irritation in your partnership. Hillary could dislike Bill's acquaintances, or they could complain that Hillary is obnoxious or self-centered. Unfortunately, Hillary cannot hide in their presence. If you must be with these people, there will be less friction if Bill tries whenever possible to interact with them by himself, and Hillary seeks appreciation and personal gratification from another set of friends.

Dealing with Each Other's Emotions

The Moon has to do with your unconscious, receptive side, the part that reacts emotionally to life. A primary significator of the mother, it also indicates how everyone, regardless of gender, nurtures, feeds and protects both others and the self. The Moon also has a lot to do with being comfortable and feeling at home with your partner.

Bill's Moon is opposite Hillary's Mercury.

You and your partner may think that you have a telepathic connection, and there is some truth in this. But it's possible that Bill doesn't always wait for Hillary to complete a sentence and jumps to inaccurate conclusions about her meaning. Or Hillary may get upset because Bill isn't responding in an appropriate manner to what she is saying. Instead of attempting to force the mental telepathy, try talking to each other and listening as well. You may then discover that you're beginning to understand each other better, and that emotional upsets are becoming fewer.

Bill's Moon is opposite Hillary's Venus.

There's a connection between Bill's nurturing and Hillary's expression of affection, but your needs in these matters are different. If you try to merge these qualities too closely, you could feel a rift forming between you. Instead, you should each be there to balance the behavior of the other. It could be that one of you tends to be demonstrative, and the other more intellectual. So discussion might help keep the feelings of one partner in control, and the modified demonstrative behavior might make the intellectual partner warmer. Another possibility in regard to feelings and affection could be described as practicality versus emotionality. In this case, the practical partner can keep the emotional partner from getting carried away, and the emotional partner can help the practical partner to show feelings a little more openly. So if you're each there as a backdrop for the other rather than trying to totally change your partner, your emotional life will probably be very gratifying.

Bill's Moon is square Hillary's Saturn.

This aspect often produces an emotional distancing or inhibition between two people that periodically erupts into a crisis. For example, when Hillary has a need for clarity and order or an urge to tend to life's practical details, she might sometimes feel blocked by Bill's emotionality. And Bill might sometimes feel that Hillary's focus on being "sensible" and "practical" gets in the way of his free emotional expression. Because the exchange of emotions is such an essential part of closeness, learning to deal with this aspect in a more constructive way could greatly increase your happiness together. Increasing each other's security level is a start. You'll be less likely to inhibit or undermine each other if Bill concentrates on providing Hillary with some extra nurturing and emotional security, and Hillary offers Bill some material security without demanding anything in return. To feel really natural about giving without attaching any strings and accepting your partner just as he or she is, you may first have to work on accepting yourselves just as you are.

Bill's Moon is square Hillary's Pluto.

Emotions are a powerful force between you, but they can materialize either as shared passion or as a weapon that you use against each other. Possibly fighting each other is just a prelude to passion. If that's the case, just continue on your current course. But if instead of passion you usually just feel manipulated or overpowered by your partner, it would help to try to analyze what's going on. When you do this together and face the situation openly, there's less likelihood that either of you can get away with undermining the other. Then you can take the tremendous energy that this aspect can bring, and use it to transform your relationship.

Bill's Moon is conjunct Hillary's North Node.

Emotions and an urge to nurture may play a prominent part in the relationships that you as a couple have with others. You may judge these people not by logic, but by feelings and intuition, and may be easily upset by what they say or do. It's also possible that your interactions with these people may have an emotional impact on your feelings for each other. You might see your partner through the eyes of these people, and if the impression is unfavorable, it could create a rift between you.

You probably spend more time with your partner than with these other individuals, so before you try to make drastic changes in your partnership, try to cultivate people who think that both you and your partner are great human beings. You might then discover that you have no problem at all.

Hillary's Moon is opposite Bill's Mars.

There's probably a strong sexual attraction between you, but there's also a danger of Bill trying to direct Hillary's feelings, and of Hillary too strongly prodding Bill to take the initiative. The result could be anger rather than passion. What's needed is for you to provide a balance for each other's emotions. Hillary should express her feelings without interference until they begin to get out of hand, and then Bill should be permitted to direct the show until he becomes too forceful. Then, in turn, Hillary can subtly guide Bill's actions. As you each express yourselves more freely, your frustration should lessen, and you should be more inclined to share emotional and sexual gratification.

Hillary's Moon is trine Bill's Saturn.

You tend naturally to support each other when feelings and/or the material world are involved. For example, Hillary may offer emotional support for Bill's goals and handling of life's practical details, while Bill may provide material support for Hillary's emotional needs. Even under the best of circumstances, however, Moon-Saturn combinations can sometimes restrict emotional expression. This can work in your favor when the situation calls for emotional self-control, but it can also create an unwanted distance and formality between you. If either of you occasionally feels inhibited or frustrated by your partner, it may help to concentrate on making your partner feel more secure. A feeling of emotional or material security can often provide a safe space for the free expression of emotion, and this in turn can ensure that your partnership stays close and emotionally alive.

Hillary's Moon is opposite Bill's Neptune.

With this combination there is a connection between emotions and spirituality. But if you consciously try to combine the two, you and your partner could both become confused. Hillary should express her feelings while trusting that Bill will balance these emotions with spiritual support. And Bill should pursue his own spiritual goals with faith that Hillary will be emotionally supportive. It is difficult for either of you to produce tangible proof of support, but having trust and faith in each other will keep you from becoming suspicious and resentful of your partner. As your partner's cooperation helps you to you achieve what you want, the emotional bond that you share will grow magically stronger.

Keeping Communications Open

The planet Mercury has a key importance in your relationship because it signifies your own style of thinking and perceiving, and also the way you convey your thoughts and feelings to each other. When the two of you have good Mercury connections, you're able to communicate easily, and your chances of ironing out any differences between you are greatly increased.

Bill's Mercury is sextile Hillary's Neptune.

You may share a telepathic connection, so that you often know what the other is thinking before a word has been said. This can be a great asset in your relationship. You also probably stimulate each other's imagination and assist each other in creating bigger and better fantasies. These fantasies can provide a wonderful temporary escape from the real world. Just be careful not to get carried away so that you start to believe your own fairy tales. When reality sets in, you might be in for a rude awakening! However, if you set aside certain times to create and enjoy your fantasies, you will probably find that you can have the best of both worlds.

Hillary's Mercury is semisquare Bill's Mars.

You and your partner stimulate each other to talk (Mercury) and to take action (Mars). But this stimulation may more often come out as annoyance toward each other than productive energy. Of course it may feel better periodically to get the annoyance out of your system than to keep it in until you explode. But if you end up doing little except antagonizing each other, it's time to try a different approach. Think of a physical task that needs to be done, and do it together. Then, as you work, talk to each other. As you burn up that excess energy doing something useful, you may find yourselves actually having some enjoyable conversations, and you'll also be accomplishing something worthwhile.

Hillary's Mercury is semisextile Bill's Jupiter.

You and your partner have the ability to broaden each other intellectually. Neither of you, however, should try to force your viewpoint onto your partner because this could lead to exaggeration or fuzzy thinking. Instead, you should each take turns throwing your total support behind your partner and allowing the other to express ideas without interference. Hillary should sometimes be permitted to communicate on a social level, with Bill only adding philosophical remarks to enhance the quality of the conversation. And Bill should have time in the spotlight to wax eloquent, with Hillary only translating things into simpler terms when it's necessary for understanding. By taking turns adjusting to each other in this way, both of you will improve your communications skills.

Hillary's Mercury is quincunx Bill's Uranus.

Communication between you is probably very stimulating, and you may think faster and more creatively together than either of you does individually. However, too much stimulation can lead to overload, and the result could be that you don't take time to weigh your words or think your plans through.

With this aspect it's best if, instead of blending the energies, you are each allowed to express yourself while your partner adjusts to your needs. Sometimes Hillary should be allowed to communicate in a manner that's comfortable for her, while Bill only adds a little excitement or emphasis to her thoughts. Sometimes Bill should be allowed to be creative and original, with Hillary only verbalizing his ideas and explaining his behavior. By adjusting to each other in this manner, each of you will be able to express your own thoughts and originality without being inhibited by your partner. This will tend to make you more creative, both as individuals and as a couple.

Hillary's Mercury is semisquare Bill's Neptune.

While you may tune into each other on a non-verbal level, you might also find that you experience a lack of clarity when you try to communicate with each other in words. If you often seem to confuse each other or feel that you're misunderstood when you try to express your ideas, it may help to enhance the telepathic connection by learning to meditate or following a spiritual path together. You may still occasionally have concerns about deception or confusion, but as you learn to tap more and more into what each of you is thinking, these problems could be alleviated and your faith restored.

Encouraging Affection and Pleasure

Like a flower that attracts bees, Venus rules anything that attracts through beauty or pleasure, anything that engenders desire. She can also signify whatever you think is beautiful or valuable or attractive. In your relationship, Venus reveals the quality of affection that draws you together, the esteem you have for each other, the enjoyment that you feel, and the beauty and pleasure that you can create around you.

Bill's Venus is sextile Hillary's Mars.

With this aspect, love and pleasure are closely connected with sex, so there's obviously a strong attraction between the two of you. Bill wants to help Hillary satisfy her sexual needs, while Hillary wants to make Bill feel loved. However, because of all this help and attention, Bill could occasionally seem self-centered, and Hillary could sometimes seem a bit too aggressive. Since you obviously care about each other and find each other appealing, a bit of self-absorption and aggressive behavior should not be that hard to tolerate.

Bill's Venus is conjunct Hillary's Neptune.

There's an ethereal quality to the love that you and your partner share, which may make you believe that your union is perfect. Because this belief is based on feelings and not on tangible facts, you need to have faith in it. If you try to give practical reasons for how you feel, you might become confused by your relationship or disenchanted with your partner. A more constructive way to use this aspect would be jointly to become involved in developing your spiritual life, or in doing something artistic or creative. Or you may find it more fun, and just as effective, to combine your imaginations and occasionally escape together into a fantasy. Then, when you return to the everyday world, you'll still be able to look at your partnership through rose-colored glasses.

Bill's Venus is sextile Hillary's Pluto.

You and your partner are strongly drawn to each other, and easily show your affection. You also want to help each other to express that love, and the more you show your partner that you care, the more the other person will reciprocate. If the passion that you feel for each other gets to the point where it seems overwhelming, don't keep your feelings inside, because that will only compound the problem. Let your partner know what you're experiencing. He or she may be feeling the same way. By analyzing the situation together, you can clear the air, recognize that you're on the same side, and go back to enjoying the love and passion that can be such an important part of your life together.

Bill's Venus is sesquare Hillary's North Node.

When you're out socializing together, irritations may arise. Bill might not feel appreciated by the people Hillary brings to the relationship, or they might see him as too flirtatious, shallow or self-centered. This could cause Hillary to feel torn between her partner and her friends. To ease the situation, you might want to seek out other people with whom you can interact as a couple, and you might want to let Bill do most of the choosing. The same type of situation might repeat itself, but if it does, you can just keep moving from group to group. If you don't spend a lot of time with any one set of acquaintances, there may be enough contact to have a good time but not enough time to form complaints.

Hillary's Venus is square Bill's Pluto.

While this aspect indicates that you and your partner could share a deep and unbounded love, you may first need to overcome some obstacles. One issue that could arise between you is power. Either of you could become concerned about your partner trying to control you, and this could interfere with your desire to show affection.

If you more often vie for position than make love, you may want to try and change your approach. Implicit in this combination is the possibility of transformation. So, if you and your partner analyze the situation together, you could find ways to change your relationship. And, when you're expressing your passion for each other instead of waging war, you'll know that it has been worth the effort.

Hillary's Venus is quincunx Bill's North Node.

The ideas that you and your partner have about socializing and the people that you select to interact with may be quite different. If you always try to force your views and your friends on your partner, your relationship could run into problems. Instead, take turns adjusting to each other. Socialize with your partner's friends sometimes, and act just as your partner would like you to act. At other times, let your partner do the same for you. Then, when you're socializing together, you'll each enjoy yourself at least half the time. And the fact that you honor each other's wishes will show each of you how much the other cares.

Getting Things Done Together

Mars signifies the way you direct the life energy of the Sun. This you could use to assert yourself, go after what you want, or meet threats and defend yourself from harm or annoyance. In your relationship it can show where anger may erupt, but it also indicates your energy level and your ability to accomplish things as a couple. It also has a lot to do with your sexual assertion and desire.

Bill's Mars is semisquare Hillary's Saturn.

You could feel limited by each other because when Bill wants to keep moving, he may feel that Hillary slows him down. This may be because Hillary wants to understand and organize her partner's activity. And Hillary could be uncomfortable when Bill tries to press her into action. The result could be a stalemate, with neither of you able to move forward, and both of you feeling frustrated. It may help to try working separately first, and then combine your efforts. It would be natural for Bill to initiate the plan, and for Hillary to work out the details of what to do. Once the initial plan is in place and Bill can act without restriction, the two of you can gain momentum together. Then there will be fewer disagreements and more accomplishments.

Bill's Mars is conjunct Hillary's Neptune.

When you try to accomplish something as a couple, you may find it difficult to get started or to complete the task. This could be due to a feeling of fatigue, of not having much energy when you're together. Or you could experience indecisiveness or difficulty in agreeing on a course of action, because together you have a lack of clarity on what needs to be done.

While Mars-Neptune is ordinarily a difficult combination, you may be able to get it to work in your favor if you use the artistic and spiritual rather than the debilitating side of Neptune. Consider tackling mundane tasks individually, and save your efforts as a couple for artistic or spiritual pursuits. When you're jointly involved in a creative, spiritual or altruistic endeavor, you could find that your energy is boundless and you produce something really worthwhile.

Hillary's Mars is conjunct Bill's Pluto.

When you're together, you generate a greatly heightened level of energy. If, by yourself, you're a gentle and not very high-energy person, you may, at least at first, find this new level of power overwhelming. Even if you personally have a lot of energy and are accustomed to being in charge, you may still have to adjust to this stepped-up feeling that your actions have vast possibilities to change things. Either or both of you might also be concerned that your partner might challenge you, defeat you, and then seize control.

Remember that there's enough power and energy here for both of you to use. The lesson is to learn to accept your power and to work out ways to share it with your partner. If you cooperate instead of battling, you can empower each other, and the strength that you develop as a couple will enable you to move mountains.

Hillary's Mars is sextile Bill's North Node.

With this combination, energy and the ability to take the initiative (Mars) are connected with relationships (the Nodes). This applies especially to the relationships that Bill brings to the partnership. It may be natural for Hillary to take a leadership role in interactions with these individuals. Because you're together and the energies flow so easily between you, Bill will be able to share this directing position (even if he was more passive with these people before you were a couple). Without much effort, you can jointly take the lead. Nevertheless, the people you're directing may not always appreciate you. If they complain about the two of you being too pushy, or if you just tire of making all the decisions, find others who can fill your shoes and then throw your support behind them.

Stretching Your Boundaries

With Jupiter you start to move out of your personal sphere to where you interact with the larger world around you. This could mean the way you relate to social institutions, religions, philosophies and ideas, or to foreign cultures. In your relationship, Jupiter also has much to do with the way the two of you grow, develop and make plans for the future. Jupiter is the principle of expansion, and so it's also one of the planets (along with Uranus) that can signify the need that each of you may sometimes have for elbow room.

Bill's Jupiter is sextile Hillary's Saturn.

In general, you and your partner blend the principles of expansion (Jupiter) and contraction (Saturn) quite well. It's true that once in a while Bill may have impractical ideas about development, and Hillary may try to feel more secure by resisting change and maintaining the status quo. But the strength of this aspect is that Hillary can easily bring reality into the situation and keep Bill within bounds. And Bill can effortlessly assist her to expand so that she doesn't stagnate. When Bill's wonderful ideas are brought into reality, it'll benefit both of you, and you'll continue to grow and develop as a couple.

Bill's Jupiter is trine Hillary's Uranus.

In your relationship, one of you is stimulated to expand (Jupiter), and the other is stimulated to be as individual as possible (Uranus). It may be hard to understand how these qualities in two different people could merge into unity, and yet, with this aspect, they do. Instead of triggering each other's need for individual freedom, you stimulate each other to concentrate on mutual growth. Therefore, you can be a very creative and adventurous couple. Others may see you as liberal or even radical, and together you may take chances that others might not take. But you'll probably also accomplish more than other couples, and you can be sure that your relationship will rarely, if ever, be boring.

Bill's Jupiter is quincunx Hillary's North Node.

As a couple, you and your partner want to interact with individuals or groups who will help you to grow and develop. But you may find that you tend to adjust to their needs much more often than they adjust to yours. For example, you might see that you're always involved in activities that *they* choose, or that you end up treating them and they rarely, if ever, treat you. If you often feel taken advantage of, next time suggest something that *you'd* like to do, and don't pick up the check. Then see what happens. If you get a positive response, good. If not, you might look for other friends who will once in a while consider what you want.

Hillary's Jupiter is trine Bill's Saturn.

When it comes to expansion and contraction, you and your partner are likely to have a natural system of checks and balances. While Hillary may have lots of ideas for development and growth, they may lack practicality, and so it's good that Bill will probably excel at determining the feasibility of these ideas. Also, while Bill may tend to be conservative and not want to take chances, Hillary will tend to expand his horizons. It's true that occasionally Hillary could feel restricted by Bill's close scrutiny, and Bill could be a bit unnerved by Hillary's disregard for boundaries. But the more that Bill's direction helps Hillary's ideas materialize, the more you'll realize what a good team you really are.

Staying On-Track and Committed

Saturn, the principle of structure and solidity, is needed to give a relationship permanence. While it can symbolize hardship and restriction, it also shows how you handle responsibility, fulfill obligations, keep organized, and together tackle the practical aspects of life.

We've already considered Saturn in connection with the faster-moving, more personally significant planets in your charts. Saturn's aspects with the slower-moving planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto usually have more to do with your generation and the wider social sphere. Exceptions to this are when these outer-planet-only aspects are either extremely exact, or the planets in these pairs are also being aspected by the Ascendant, Midheaven, Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus or Mars. Then these generational aspects may become more tied into your personal lives.

Hillary's Saturn is sextile Bill's Uranus.

You and your partner easily combine creativity (Uranus) with structure (Saturn), and you each want to help the other to express his or her assets. Without this mutual assistance, Bill might have marvelous ideas without being able to make them materialize, and Hillary might provide structure and organization but not produce anything creative. However, when you're working together, Hillary has the potential for adding substance and practicality to Bill's creative ideas, and Bill can lend his originality to Hillary's pursuit of material goals.

Occasionally Hillary's need for organization might make Bill feel somewhat limited, and Bill's stretching of boundaries might make Hillary feel a bit uncomfortable. However, such difficulties are likely to be minor. Your cooperation and the rewards that you can accrue from it will probably make you view your situation as more structured than limiting.

Hillary's Saturn is semisquare Bill's Neptune.

In some contexts Hillary may tend to view life in more practical terms, while Bill is more idealistic and spiritual. This may become a source of friction if either of you tries to change the other's viewpoint. Then you could block each other or just cause confusion.

Accept the fact that neither approach is right or wrong, and think about what you can contribute to each other. Instead of constantly pushing each other's buttons, try cooperating. For example, Hillary could concentrate on helping Bill's dreams come to fruition, and Bill could put Hillary more in touch with her feelings and fantasies.

Hillary's Saturn is sextile Bill's North Node.

Those whom Bill brings to your partnership may see Hillary as the teacher or authority figure, and as long as you are partners she assumes such roles without effort. And, because the two of you are connected with each other, Bill could also easily begin to accept the role of authority figure. You may both enjoy having people look up to you, but if either of you begins to feel burdened with responsibility, you have an alternative. Since you're the authority figures, you can delegate some of your duties to others and get some temporary relief.

Keeping the Spark of Spontaneity

When things get too dull and locked-up under Saturn, along comes Uranus to poke holes in Saturn's structure and let in a breath of fresh air. While Uranus can signify sudden, destabilizing events or a rugged individualism that can put stress on your togetherness, it can also bring new life, zest and creativity to your life as a couple.

The more personally important Uranus interactions between you will have been discussed in the sections on the faster-moving planets and points in your charts.

Bill's Uranus and Hillary's Uranus are conjunct.

Creativity, originality and individuality are important issues in your relationship. If you respect these qualities, you'll allow yourself and your partner to express them without interference. If the two of you share your originality, you can be far more creative as a couple than you'd be individually. And if you disagree on how to express these qualities and rebel against each other, it may be unnerving, but it'll also be exciting. This combination may not indicate stability, but your life together will seldom be dull.

Hillary's Uranus is semisquare Bill's Pluto.

In your two charts, the planet of individuality, freedom, change and revolution (Uranus) is connected with the planet of power and transformation (Pluto). This could mean that when you're together the two of you are capable of making great changes. However, instead of easily combining your forces, you may tend to interfere with each other. In an attempt to avoid being controlled, Hillary could attack Bill and end up only feeling more restricted. Or Bill could put out so much energy trying to keep personal control that he just ends up feeling ineffectual. Instead of battling each other, it may help to turn these energies outward and apply them to an external cause that you can get involved in together. Hillary may then feel freer, and Bill more empowered.

Honoring the Spiritual Dimension

Neptune signifies a dimension that lies beyond ordinary reality. It has to do with dreams and fantasies, and your relationship with the ineffable world that is beyond words. While Neptune can weaken structure and dissolve your most practical plans, it can also bring an unexplainable sort of closeness and an ethereal bliss. Often it is channeled into artistry, particularly music and dance.

In preceding sections you may already have read about most or all of the Neptune contacts between your two charts.

Bill's Neptune and Hillary's Neptune are conjunct.

One of the chief associations of the planet Neptune is with spirituality. Neptune moves so slowly in the sky that this aspect is one you would share with everyone born within two or three years of your birthdate. Therefore, it is considered a transpersonal or generational aspect, one that describes the attitude of your whole age group toward spirituality. In and of itself, it does not explain the personal connection or attraction between you, but it can be an asset because it would give you a subject on which you can generally agree. In giving you a similar kind of faith to share, it can help create a foundation on which you can develop your relationship. This contact can also signal an agreement between you on artistic tastes, especially in music.

Hillary's Neptune is sextile Bill's Pluto.

Neptune and Pluto have been roughly in sextile since the early 1940s, and so you both probably have this aspect in your own natal charts as well. Having this aspect between each other's charts just reinforces a combination with which you're already comfortable. It's likely that your concepts of spirituality and power are compatible, and that you want to help each other to develop these factors further in your lives. Although you could easily manipulate each other, it's more likely that Hillary would enhance Bill's power, and Bill would add power to Hillary's spiritual beliefs. Together you could create a powerful belief system.

Hillary's Neptune is trine Bill's North Node.

With this combination, the spirituality and artistic creativity of Neptune are connected with relationships, especially the ones that Bill brings to the partnership. So, the people with whom you interact as a couple may be very spiritual and/or artistic. How or why the two of you interact with these individuals may not be clear to outsiders. Because it's based on feelings, not facts, you yourselves may find it hard to describe precisely what you get from the interaction. But it's really not necessary to explain the relationship. As long as you feel that the interaction is artistically stimulating or is helping you to become more highly evolved, stay with it. If the involvement benefits all parties, it doesn't matter what outsiders think.

Coping with Power and Change

Pluto is an inexorable force that works slowly in the background to create what you eventually realize are profound and all-encompassing changes. It's also the energy that sweeps away what's dying or outmoded so that new life can begin. In relationships, Pluto usually signifies power, also known as the ability to create change. This could be the balance of power between you, or the power that you as a couple exert on the outside world. Because Pluto deals with mysterious natural forces such as sex and death, there can be a certain smoky charisma and sexiness about it.

Because there are no slower planets for Pluto to make aspects to, you may find most or all of the Pluto interactions between you discussed at the ends of the sections on other points in the chart.

Bill's Pluto and Hillary's Pluto are conjunct.

Pluto moves so slowly (taking about 245 years to go around the zodiac) that all people born within a few years of each other will have Plutos that are conjunct. When this aspect is very exact and/or Pluto is also aspected by other planets, however, your mutual Pluto conjunction may have a more personal significance. Then, power could become a focal point in your relationship. Although your views on the subject may be similar, neither of you wants your power usurped by the other nor, for that matter, by anyone else. Because you look at power in a similar way, however, it is easier for you to join forces and protect yourselves as a couple from outside invasion.

In your dealings with each other, you have to be careful that power does not become a weapon. If either of you tries to control the other, you can expect retaliation. And with this kind of challenge, ultimately you may both feel weakened. You'll both be strongest when you're cooperating on power issues. If you feel threatened by your partner, analyze your feelings together. Once you get to the bottom of the matter, you can transform the situation.

Hillary's Pluto is sextile Bill's North Node.

With this combination, Hillary's power will manifest in the relationships that Bill brings into the partnership. Because you're together, you could both be looked upon as authority figures, even if neither of you ordinarily plays this type of role individually. With these aspects, you can jointly assume a position of authority quite easily, and the other people will not only expect this to occur, but will probably accept it without question. This can be particularly surprising to Bill if he hasn't played this role previously with these individuals. However, you may not always want to be the couple in charge. If you tire of being the powerful duo, you can either delegate your duties and share the power with others, or find new people with whom to interact.

Relating to Others as a Couple

No couple functions in isolation, and the contacts that you have with the rest of the world can have a lot to do with the happiness that you experience together. The way that you as a couple relate to other people is in large part shown by the lunar Nodes -- the two moving points in the zodiac where the Moon's orbital path crosses the Sun's apparent path through the sky. Being themselves a sort of Sun-Moon connection, the Nodes signify connections in general, particularly with other people. The North and South Nodes are always 180 degrees apart, so when we talk about aspects to the North Node, we're implying aspects to the South Node as well.

Using This Comparison of Your Charts

We've just taken a brief look at the birth charts of you both, and a closer look at how your individual charts relate to each other. Perhaps now you have a little more clarity about what you personally need in a relationship, how you see each other, and how your partner's needs relate to yours. And perhaps you better understand some of the main themes and dynamics that you've been given to deal with in your life together.

Hopefully, your relationship has many islands of bliss and comfort where you can relax and just be yourselves. But may there also be enough challenges to keep your life together dynamic and ever-evolving!

Remember that it's not realistic to expect perfection in each other. It's true that it may be easier to be happy and to function well with some partners than it would be with others. However, we tend to attract partners who bring with them the crises that we need to grow. When there's an unresolved issue that we need to work on, the relevant partner magically appears. A partner's foibles can teach us much, for they are mirrors of what we have within ourselves and may not otherwise be able to see. When we solve a problem and learn what it has to teach us, we are then permitted to move on -- in most cases to a more fulfilling relationship with the same person, although sometimes we may need to strike out on our own. Usually, it's better to work with what we're given. But either way, when we step up to any challenge with open eyes, we grow in wisdom and power.

The important thing is to claim our own responsibility in a situation, and to refrain from hiding behind a protective wall of blame. When we open ourselves to the truth, we see that both we and our partner are human and lovably imperfect. Then our hearts become free, and we have space in which to expand. We're no longer confined within our own being. When you let down your boundaries and merge with another, the two of you become one larger being with *more* than double the wisdom and humanity.

To complete this relationship analysis, we're now going to move on to the new entity that is formed when the two of you stay together for any length of time. This is not either one of you, but a new "being" that you create together, and which is greater than the sum of its parts. This is the relationship itself.

A Chart for Your Relationship

When people stay together for any length of time, they change each other. As a couple they start to show traits and actions that they did not show as individuals. To get at this “joint personality” of a couple, astrologers combine the charts of the individuals into one single entity known as the “composite chart.”

Your composite chart is made up of the midpoints between the natal charts of each of you. For example, the position of the composite Sun is mid-way between the Sun in your birth chart and the Sun in your partner’s chart. And so it goes for the other composite planetary positions.

This combined chart shows the way that you as a couple relate to the world. This may or may not be the way you would each act as individuals. It also supplements your chart-comparison reading by giving further insights about your interactions with each other.

The Overall Balance in Your Composite Chart

Before looking at each individual point in your composite chart, let’s see whether there are any particularly dominant themes.

The Water element is underemphasized.

This lack of emphasis in Water signs does not indicate that you and your partner have no feelings. Quite the contrary. You do, and you may even occasionally express them, both within your relationship and to others. It is just that you tend not to be very comfortable in emotional situations or with emotional individuals. You may find yourselves avoiding people who, in your opinion, are overly demonstrative. Universal compassion is not your strong suit. Instead, the two of you are selective when choosing those upon whom to bestow your sympathy.

A lack of Water can also mean that when you operate as a unit you do not usually rely on your instincts and intuition. Even if you follow your hunches as individuals, this will not be the case for you as a couple. Your intuition may often prove accurate after the fact. You could promise yourselves that next time you will listen to it, but since something in your interaction with each other causes you not to trust your intuition, chances are you will disregard your hunches once again.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable energies are quite evenly balanced.

This balance means that, as a couple, you and your partner can initiate (Cardinal) when it is appropriate, continue on in a particular direction (Fixed), or be adaptable (Mutable) if a situation warrants it. In other words, you have a choice of how to handle circumstances. This can be a great advantage when you learn to determine which approach is best for each set of conditions as they arise.

Your Basic Style of Relating

Assuming that both you and your partner have given relatively accurate birth times, the Ascendant of your composite chart is one of the most powerful indicators of the quality of your relationship. The sign on your composite Ascendant gives important clues about how you as a couple relate to the outside world, the type of people you’re drawn to, and how others perceive your relationship. It can also show how you relate to each other. Any planet conjunct or in some other close aspect to the composite Ascendant is likely to symbolize one of the strongest themes in your life together, at least in the location where you are living now.

Your composite Ascendant is in Leo.

As a couple, you're unlikely to be shy and retiring. People notice your warmth, enthusiasm and outgoing ways, and you may often find that the two of you are the center of attention. Though you usually enjoy being in the limelight, if it gets excessive, you may sometimes wish that you had more privacy, or think that anonymity would be refreshing.

You seem to bring out the performer in each other. Something in your interaction triggers the dramatic presence in both of you, and if no one else is on the scene, you'll perform in private. However, an audience of one will not be satisfying for long, and so together you'll actively seek out the appreciation of others.

People to whom you are drawn as a couple may not be as exuberant or demonstrative as you are. They will tend to be somewhat objective and aloof. Their aloofness can be an asset, because it means that they won't want to vie with the two of you for center stage. What you need from them is approval and occasional applause. If they disapprove, you might at first try to win them over by becoming louder and more dramatic, and that could drive them away. Or you might tire of the challenge and simply look elsewhere for the approval you need.

Jupiter is square the Ascendant.

Basically, this is a constructive energy, one that makes you want to broaden your horizons together and have a good time. It's just that in your case, it's a little over the top. When you're together, there's a danger of overindulgence. For example, you might spend too much, eat or drink too much, or overextend yourselves physically.

As long as you're really enjoying yourselves, a little extravagance is probably worth it. Just try to keep the excesses within reasonable bounds. Before you get involved in an activity, ask yourselves whether and how you can grow from it. Once you're under way, again consider whether you are in fact broadening yourselves and enjoying what you're doing. If the answers are No, then move on to something else.

Saturn is conjunct the Ascendant.

This aspect makes the two of you act in a more serious and responsible way when you're together. You may each believe that it's your duty to take care of the other, and thus feel that your partner can be counted on to provide security. At the same time, the responsibility and the close scrutiny from your partner might make you feel restricted.

There are ways to minimize the hemmed-in feeling while still feeling secure. Be honest and clear with each other. So that neither of you will feel the need to hover as much, explain to your partner what you are doing and why. Even if your relationship lacks spontaneity, at least you will always know where you stand with each other. This should maximize the security you feel, and make a bit of limitation seem more worthwhile.

Pluto is conjunct the Ascendant.

The two of you could project a powerful image to others, but you might have to solve some problems about control. You could vie for power, or one of you could dominate while the other fumes. Alternatively, as a couple you could have power imbalances or vie for power with people outside your relationship.

If you get into fights with your partner or fight with others, this will probably just dissipate your energy so that there's less available for constructive purposes. Instead of fighting, try sitting down with your partner and analyzing your situation. Try to understand fully what is occurring so that you can make changes that will give everyone his fair share of power.

Public vs. Private Life

Your public image as a couple, and the reputation that the two of you have in the outside world, are symbolized by your composite Midheaven. Situated at the very top of your chart wheel, your Midheaven signifies the highest point of your trajectory in life -- the goals that you're striving for together.

At the other end of the Midheaven axis is the lowest point in your composite chart (known to astrologers as the Imum Coeli or I.C.). As you might expect, this symbolizes your base of operations -- the kind of home, family and private life that you will experience as a couple. Anything that affects your public self will also affect your home life, and vice-versa.

Venus is conjunct the Imum Coeli.

Your public image as a couple involves pleasure, charm and sociability, but there could be times when you either indulge yourselves to the detriment of your joint public image, or forget about your personal pleasures while you obsess about how the world sees you.

Should either of these scenarios be true, they can be easily handled. You might plan and carry out pleasurable activities in your home or other area of your private life. This can give you the personal enjoyment that you both want. Then, you can operate in the world in a more serious manner, knowing that your social skills are in the background to use when needed. In turn, when the world gets a little oppressive, you can escape by indulging yourselves in your private life. You can alternate indefinitely in this manner, continuing to enjoy the best of both worlds.

Mars is trine the Midheaven.

You and your partner easily energize each other in your interaction with the public. You can also be decisive. And you tend to assume leadership roles because you are able to take action when you are together. Yet you may not appear aggressive or assertive to the outer world. But when something needs to be accomplished you often are on the scene to take charge. You probably do not want to be in a position of authority on a long-term basis. You prefer to be spontaneous. So you step in when you want to and/or when you feel it is necessary. If other people are in charge, your direction might be resented. But the two of you have the energy to push forward and you can win challenges and arguments should they arise. However, if you prefer to avoid combat, you could simply move away from those who are challenging you and look for people who will appreciate you and what you can do.

Jupiter is conjunct the Imum Coeli.

Although issues of expansion and your career or public image are connected in your relationship, the two of you should not try to combine the two too closely. If you attempt to force your partner to use your ideas to develop professionally, this could be viewed as interference rather than assistance. It is better to balance growth and public image rather than thinking of them as a unit. It will probably be more gratifying for both of you to focus on growing as a couple without concern for your public image or careers. As you develop as a couple on the personal level, you will be so enriched that you will undoubtedly make a more favorable and knowledgeable impression on the world. Whereas, if you use the narrow scope of career and public opinion within which to grow, you will be more limited in what you learn. And you might miss out on a great deal of the pleasure your development can provide.

The North Node is semisextile the Midheaven.

You and your partner will undoubtedly find yourselves frequently in the company of people who are connected with your career(s) and/or your public image. However, it could be that you feel as though you are always bowing to the wishes of these individuals. You may do this because you think it will help you get ahead. Yet you could resent always acquiescing to their wishes. If your professional position or joint public image is improved by this practice, you might continue on, even with your resentment. But these aspects suggest that there needs to be some adjustment so that you occasionally are allowed a leadership role. Look for ways to get these individuals to follow your lead. Even if you are not always in that role, your successes will allow you to let go of resentment and improve your relationship with your professional associates.

Your Conscious Identity As a Couple

Just as the Sun by far makes up most of the mass of the solar system, the astrological Sun is the center of gravity in any chart. The composite Sun is no exception. The sign and house that it falls into are, like the signs of the Ascendant and Midheaven, likely to signal dominant themes in your relationship.

The ruler of daytime and our primary source of light and energy, the Sun symbolizes our own life energy. In terms of our psyches, it symbolizes the conscious side, and hence has much to do with our egos, our conscious sense of who we are, and the nature of our central mission in life.

Your composite Sun is in Virgo.

As a couple you and your partner can get ego gratification from working hard and being of service. In fact, it is easier for you to work than to play. You will strive to attain practical goals, but it is essential that you earn those goals, and so you may mistrust rewards that come too easily.

When you are together, you tend to be perfectionists. Naturally discerning flaws, you may be critical of yourselves, each other, and others around you. It is admirable to want to improve yourselves and others, but if you spend too much time carping, you may not attain your goals. It would be more efficient (and efficiency should appeal to the two of you) and productive (another good Virgo word), to create a practical game plan to acquire what you want.

Another quality that you share because of your relationship is that you are detail-oriented. You will undoubtedly take this into consideration when you create a game plan, but you should remember to provide detailed information in all your dealings with each other. If you do this from the beginning, you could avoid asking or being asked a multitude of time-consuming questions that could interfere with attaining your goals.

The Sun is in the Second House.

Ego gratification for both of you could well be based on money or possessions, or on the mental values that you share. If you earn a living together, your visibility could take a crucial part in bringing the money in. Or perhaps you focus on spending money to make yourselves look good or feel worthwhile. If the emphasis is on values, you would concentrate on developing a value system that determines your shared goals and life direction. This shared value system should supersede your personal value systems. If problems arise because either of you is being self-centered, look for values on which you can agree, and then act upon them. Otherwise you may vie for who will shine the brightest, and shared ego gratification could be elusive.

The Sun is conjunct Mercury.

You and your partner could energetically communicate with each other and be visible to the outer world as communicators as well. Among your favorite topics could be your ego gratification or the life direction the two of you are taking, or would like to take. If you talk to each other a great deal about these matters, it may always be interesting to you unless one of you is doing all the talking and the other all the listening. Should you be the disgruntled partner doing all the listening, you need not continue to suffer. Speak up. After all, this is an aspect you share, and your input is just as relevant as your partner's is. So this can be easily solved. However, if the two of you only talk about your goals and life direction when you are communicating with others, you might find that you are considered self-centered. If you find that people get annoyed with your emphasis on yourselves, you could talk about what others are interested in discussing, and you may be more appreciated, which is, after all your ultimate goal.

The Sun is semisextile Venus.

You and your partner are obviously attracted to each other and, as a couple, you can be viewed as charming by those with whom you interact. However, if the two of you are only thinking about your own ego gratification or your own pleasure, this could detract from the pleasant impression you make. Or, if individually neither of you considers your partner's needs while satisfying your own, you could each see your partner as selfish. Should self-centeredness create difficulties between you and your partner, or between the two of you and the outer world, you could alleviate the problem by take turns adjusting to each other. Share love and pleasure on the one hand, and offer praise and applause on the other. You could also sometimes try to acquiesce to the wishes of people with whom you interact. Thus, you look better and may make others happy in the process. And the two of you will still be able to get ego gratification and enjoy yourselves.

The Sun is square Uranus.

While ego gratification and individuality can be shared in your relationship, there could also be tension about such matters. One partner might embarrass the other by asserting individuality, and the other partner could worry so much about appearances that the freedom-oriented partner feels inhibited.

You are probably each capable of both kinds of behavior, and possibly you take turns in each role. Or you might join forces and go from one extreme to the other. These two attitudes will bring you neither the ego gratification nor the sense of independence that you need.

With a little effort, you can manifest this combination creatively. For example, together you could produce something that is considered original and that will bring you both ego gratification. Even if it turns out to be hard work, if it removes the embarrassment and frustration, it will be worth the effort.

The Sun is semisquare Pluto.

In your relationship the themes of power and ego are connected, but you could find it hard to agree on how to assert power or how to attain ego gratification. Or you could feel that the other is trying to overpower or overshadow you, and find it necessary to challenge your partner in order to get what you want.

Unless you can cooperate, ego gratification and power will be elusive for you both personally and as a couple. Instead of fighting for position, sit down together and analyze what you want and how to get it. You should be able to find at least one goal to share. Then determine what power you can each wield individually to reap that joint reward. Continue in this manner. As you succeed in attaining goals, you will feel more personally confident, and this will make you a more powerful couple in the world.

The Way You Demonstrate Feelings

The composite Moon governs a couple's emotional expression toward the outside world. It can also indicate the tone of their emotional interactions with each other and the way their nurturing and nesting impulses are expressed.

Your composite Moon is in Aries.

When operating as a unit, you and your partner express emotions forcefully and directly, both between the two of you and with others. You ordinarily respond quickly and instinctively. Your true feelings are evident, so that no one need wonder what you mean. It is unnecessary to probe for hidden motivation, because there is none.

With responses that are rarely subdued, you may exhibit tremendous anger, an abundance of tears, or uproarious laughter. Then, once your emotions are expressed, they are gone. You yourselves bear no grudge, but if you've hurt others in the process, remember that they might not forget so quickly. Also remember that the speed with which your emotions disappear may make some people question your sincerity.

You would prefer that others take you at face value and not become upset with your emotional expression. But disapproval from others is not as earth-shattering as resentment between the two of you. As long as you both accept the fact that you bring out direct expression of feelings in each other and you continue to be honest, you should be able to work out any problems that arise.

The Moon is in the Ninth House.

You and your partner could have strong feelings about religion, politics and/or possibly higher education. Another possibility may be emotional attachment to a foreign country. If you agree on any or all of the above subjects, you will be able to present a united front when you are involved with activities connected with those subjects, and you can have a profound impact on others because you are able reach them on an emotional level. However, if you disagree you could become upset with each other. You might think that you can convince your partner that your point of view is the correct one. However, this will depend on the approach you use. If you present objective facts you are bound to fail. You may be practical on these subjects individually (depending on your natal charts), but not so when you are together. The best way to reach each other is to tap into your partner's feelings. The one who has the greatest emotional appeal will probably have the strongest impact. And when you agree, you can be very effective in influencing others.

The Moon is opposite Venus.

You and your partner want to share love, affection and other emotions with each other. But your individual needs might be quite different. And if you treat your partner in a manner that you would like to be treated, neither of you would probably be happy with the results. Then, because your personal needs are not being met, you will not have the inclination to show your partner love or affection. Instead, either or both of you could become emotionally upset. Or you might totally disregard your partner's needs and be focused only on your own. Neither mode of behavior will be conducive to sharing affection. However, instead of ignoring what you partner wants, you should each be allowed to express your desires. And the partner should try to meet those needs within the structure of his or her own emotional needs. Understand that you are different and balance the differences as best you can. Then possibly you will each get what you want and maybe even a little extra.

The Moon is sesquaire Mars.

In your relationship your emotions may be strongly tied to your sex life. If all is going well, you share tenderness and passion, but you can also bring out anger, upsetting each other to the point where there is more anger than tenderness.

If this happens, focus that abundant feeling and energy on physical activity. You might work out together, do strenuous tasks, or get more active in bed. You will soon find the anger and upset diminishing. Completing projects will give you a feeling of accomplishment, the exercise will improve your physical health, and the sex will give you emotional fulfillment.

The Moon is sextile Uranus.

When your emotions are involved, you and your partner naturally share an air of electricity. No matter how long you've been together, the spark of excitement that exists between you can always easily be ignited. In fact, it tends to be ignited frequently, because each of you wants to help the other to be creative and to express emotions freely.

You might sometimes take routes that could be viewed as strange. Thus occasionally you might see your partner as behaving erratically. This could make you feel emotionally insecure, so that your responses become inconsistent or unpredictable. When you do awaken each other's creative side and let your energies flow freely, you will probably enjoy a feeling of zest and adventure. The world could sometimes see you as a strange couple, but they, too, may be caught up in the excitement that you are capable of generating together.

How You Communicate

As a couple you develop a style of communication that differs from what you might use alone. Whether you're direct and blunt or subtle and quiet, each of these styles has drawbacks that you should be conscious of, as well as strengths that you can be proud of and use to your advantage.

Your composite Mercury is in Virgo.

You and your partner may notice that your communication style is quite analytical. The object of your analysis can be anything from the most common chore to the conversation you had with a co-worker. You excel in finding efficient ways to handle issues, especially if you discuss what must be done ahead of time, so that each of you knows what your task will be. If you have not planned for and agreed on specific tasks in advance, you could easily find yourselves criticizing each other during the process. Neither of you is likely to be happy with that. So, be sure and discuss the details of what you will be doing and how it is to be accomplished. Then, there will be neither misunderstandings nor unnecessary picking at each other.

In social situations, others will notice that you have a very natural and pragmatic way of communicating and that you tend to pay attention to nuances and details. This placement would work particularly well if your mutual involvements or projects require keeping accurate records, writing skills or multi-tasking. The two of you would be great at understanding the structure of systems and at any sort of quality-control activity.

There is a critical tendency associated with this position, which would best be used in service work for the community or for any cause or project that captures your fancy. However, if either of you becomes annoyed you may focus your criticism t on the other partner. To prevent this, make sure that you have enough projects to occupy your time, so that you will be too tired to carp at your partner.

Mercury is in the Second House.

If you and your partner are in business together, you might be in the communications field. But whether or not this is so, writing and/or talking will be an integral part of your jobs. However, if you do work together, money and/or values will undoubtedly be popular topics of conversation you share personally with each other. You may just enjoy discussions about these subjects, or you could focus on these topics because they are problematical. You may see your partner as too frugal or too extravagant and feel compelled to talk about it, or you could feel that your value systems are in conflict and, therefore, it requires discussion. Even though you may disagree on money and values, at least you won't keep your ideas to yourselves. By talking about the issues it is possible that you could find agreement on some of them, and this could create a foundation for finding viable solutions to your differences.

Mercury is semisextile Venus.

With this combination pleasure can be connected with communications. Therefore, you and your partner probably enjoy talking to each other. However, with this aspect there is a need for an adjustment of some kind. Either or both of you could feel that the other talks too much and/or talks only about him or herself. If one of you is always in the foreground and the other must always adjust, you will not be able to use this combination effectively. You should each be allowed time to take the lead in conversation with the partner only adding charm to what is being said. And you should each also be permitted time to sing your own praises with the partner adding a little wit. Alternating focus in this manner will make you both feel appreciated and supported by your partner. Then you will not be vying for attention and you can enjoy each other more. And your shared enjoyment can have an impact on how others see you. In other words, the world will find you just as charming as you find each other.

Mercury is square Uranus.

Your relationship stimulates mental quickness and original, creative thinking, but it may not give you the patience to listen. And people might see some of the ideas that you hatch together as being bizarre rather than creative. You might want to count to ten before you interrupt someone, or find those who think and talk as quickly as you do. And you might want to keep your odder ideas just between you and your partner. If you use your wit and cleverness when you're presenting your ideas, however, people may be more inclined to accept them.

Mercury is semisquare Pluto.

You and your partner could have a powerful impact on the world when you are communicating. However, with this aspect, you could find that you more often vie for power than share it. You could try to out-shout or verbally overpower each other in order to take control. But this will probably only make you each weaker and cause you to appear argumentative in the world rather than powerful. Instead of fighting, talk to each other. You should be able to analyze your situation and find at least one issue on which you agree. Then join forces. It may take effort and control. But Pluto can provide the control. And, if you perform as a unit, and communicate your ideas to the outer world, you may be surprised as to just how much influence you can have on the public. Then, as you experience more and more success, it will become easier and easier for you to wield joint power in the world.

Relationships and Pleasures

Among other things, your composite Venus shows your veneer, the ingratiating surface through which the two of you carry on your relationships with each other and the outside world. It also shows your relationship to all that is beautiful and pleasurable. As such, it can be a key ingredient of your joy in being together.

Your composite Venus is in Libra.

As a couple, you are probably seen as calm, poised, charming and gracious. Because you tend to focus on others' needs, concerns and interests, you can be a popular pair at social gatherings or in any situation where people skills are required. You may find yourselves called upon to act as mediators or negotiators in your various social or religious groups. In time, because of your strong social skills, as you develop your partnership, you will also gather interesting people around you. A main characteristic of your partnering is that you are well connected with a strong network of social contacts. Together, your focus will be on balance and harmony in all your interactions. Being fair will often be on your mind or reflected in your conversation. You prefer to socialize with people who have manners and are as considerate of others as you yourself would strive to be. Crudeness tends to turn you off. With this placement, you can also be romantic and capable of setting a scene that is both beautiful and pleasurable to the senses.

Privately, you seek a continuation of the love that originally brought you together. Maintaining and creating romantic times will be a priority. If one of you is busy, the other will plan the latest romantic escape. In functioning as a partnership, you rate high on compromise and the ability to negotiate. When you have disagreements, applying those skills will tend quickly to defuse tensions. You are both committed to maintaining balance. Just be sure and negotiate for what is important to you rather than merely compromising for the sake of peace.

Venus is in the Third House.

As a couple you are likely to be adept at the art of communication. This could manifest as a shared talent for writing or speaking, or as ease when communicating in social situations. As well as enjoying your conversations together, the two of you will probably converse easily with those in your neighborhood. Your discussions might lack depth and be judged as light or even shallow, but they will probably cover a wide range of topics and you're unlikely to be considered overbearing or controversial. Instead, the two of you are apt to be considered very pleasant company.

Venus is trine Uranus.

There may always seem to be an air of spontaneity and excitement in the love that you and your partner share. You should be able to express your feelings freely with each other, and with those whom you care about as a couple. However, you may not always want to show your feelings. There may be times when you simply need to enjoy being independent. So in matters of love and affection, you may be seen as non-conforming.

You need to love in your own style, so don't worry about what others think. If you concentrate on the freedom to express affection or not, as you choose, you will find that the excitement of your relationship far outweighs the inconsistency. And you can continue to share a sense of newness in your love for each other as long as you are together.

Energy, Assertion and Effectiveness

Your collective level of energy and the way you go about taking action are shown by your composite Mars. Here also is the key to how abrasive or timid you might be. Fortunately, your Mars position also shows how you can manage anger most effectively and find either outlets for excess energy or remedies for a lack of it.

Your composite Mars is in Virgo.

Together you generate an energy that's, at best, discriminating and, at worst, picky. The two of you notice details, and you can have special skill in analyzing situations and creating step-by-step plans. You are practical, helpful and industrious, and will rarely be accused of being lazy.

What most motivates you is the chance to make a clear difference in a situation, to make it better than it was before. And so you'll always try to do your best.

It's important, however, not to get carried away by always trying to leave things more perfect than you found them. When you feel compelled to improve something until it's absolutely perfect, and you continue to work even though you're tired, you'll just run down your energy and feel stressed and unhappy. You'll also be less productive if putting an unnecessary degree of polish on one thing interferes with producing an adequate amount. Of course perfection is something to aim for, but it's not a reality that anyone can fully attain. If you can learn to live with some imperfections in yourself, in your partner, and in others, you'll be consistently happier. Also, your efforts will be more likely to pay off in terms of material rewards.

Your obsession with efficiency can easily drive people away. Or the reverse may be true -- you forget or neglect a very important detail that can make a whole system malfunction. Glitches in your daily routine may be the most frequent cause of arguments between you. Either of you can forget or neglect a detail that then adversely affects the rest of your schedule and your mood toward each other. If you're the one who's at fault, you'd do well to take responsibility, remedy the situation as best you can, and then simply move on.

To maintain or restore your energy, you have an especially strong need to be aware of your physical and spiritual balance. In other words, make sure that your life together includes a balance of exercise and quiet times, a good diet, and adequate sleep.

Mars is in the First House.

As a couple you may be aggressive, argumentative and/or simply very energetic. Not only do you tend to initiate, you also prod others into action. Because you don't couch your actions in diplomacy, those whom you prod could look upon the two of you as bullies or nags. But they could also think of you as courageous leaders. Their attitude will depend on their motivation before you began to push them.

It is also possible that you raise the energy level in each other. If you find that this extra energy just makes you more prone to arguing, look for a physically strenuous task that needs to be done. As you work together to complete it, not only will you accomplish something, your anger will tend to dissipate.

Mars is sextile Jupiter.

You share a lot of energy and enthusiasm and want to help each other to grow and develop. You can initiate ideas in each other, and are always there to stimulate each other to grander goals. Plus, you have enough energy and enthusiasm left over to stimulate other people as well.

Although you probably are never at a loss for ideas on how to grow, you may not have the patience to organize your ideas into a practical course of action. You may not even take the time to determine whether your schemes have real merit. Therefore, you might urge each other to attempt to accomplish more than is feasible, and your end results might sometimes fall short of expectations. But your energy level is high enough and your support for each other strong enough to keep pushing you forward. This may help you to achieve goals that not only seem impossible, but that many other people cannot achieve.

Mars is semisextile Saturn.

In your minds, action is connected with organization. However, when one of you wants to jump into action, the other may want to stop first and consider things. If you were always clarifying and organizing, you might never get around to doing anything, and if you were always jumping in without forethought you would often find yourselves in difficult situations, possibly coming to a standstill, accomplishing little, and having to start all over again.

For the two of you, it would be better not to try to combine taking the initiative with getting organized. You need both, but it's best to fulfill these functions at different times. For example, first one of you could create a plan. Next, you would carry this plan out as a couple. Then, you would together analyze the results of your efforts before initiating again. In this way, your desire to jump into action will be tempered by well-thought-out planning, and you'll have the best of both worlds. If each partner gets a chance to both organize and initiate, you will both feel part of the total process. Then, instead of feeling frustrated and restricted by circumstances or each other, you'll both start to feel well organized and effective.

Mars is semisextile Neptune.

Either you or your partner could feel that the other saps your energy or interferes with your artistry or spirituality. The reason is that this combination connects the physical action of Mars with the less tangible qualities of Neptune. And when you try to combine the two too closely this leads to feeling ineffectual and/or being confused as a couple or as individuals because of your partner. To make the most of this aspect you need to alternate the taking of physical action or making concrete decisions with performing artistic tasks or developing the spiritual side of your relationship. What you will discover if you take this route is that your energy level becomes higher when you are together and your relationship becomes deeper because of your shared spirituality. You might even discover that you each help the other to recognize and express your own artistry.

Mars is square the Lunar Nodes.

You and your partner want to be involved with people who are active. But you could find yourselves drawn to those who irritate you because they do not move the way you want them to, or they try to tell you what you should do. So you try to direct them. This could make these individuals angry or frustrated. So they begin to argue with you or order you around even more. They could challenge your orders and counter them with orders of their own. You certainly do not want relationships that are too peaceful because of your joint competitive nature, but you may spend more time arguing than being physically active. Heated discussions could keep you interested in these relationships, but there are more productive ways to use the energy. You might find that being involved in physical activity is more gratifying than just battling each other. You and your partner should look for a group that is already physically active and simply join in. If you expend your energy this way, you may not have the need to argue nor to boss others around -- at least not so often.

Broadening Your Horizons

For any relationship to stay alive, the partners need to grow together, and become more than they were. The composite Jupiter shows the way you can do this. It shows how you can reach out and connect with the world, how you can enrich and be enriched by what you encounter. Your composite Jupiter is the key to optimism, prosperity, and good times together -- whether they be spent learning, traveling, acquiring, entertaining or bestowing gifts. It can also alert you to areas of dangerous excess, such as overspending, exaggerating or overeating.

Technical note: Jupiter moves slowly enough that the sign that it's in is more an indicator of your generation than of you personally. Since most couples are born not too many years apart, their own natal Jupiter signs will be close together if not the same. We therefore concentrate on the house position and aspects of composite Jupiter, as well as of the even slower-moving planets Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto that follow.

Your composite Jupiter is in the Fourth House.

The two of you may want a large house or a big spread of land. You will consider your home arena in which you can expand and develop, grow and share the pleasures and bounties of life. To make this possible, you might like to have a quite a few people around you, either as part of your household or as guests. Maintaining a large establishment and entertaining lavishly may bring you great satisfaction, but in some cases it could put a strain on your finances. If this gets to be a problem, you may be able to gain similar satisfaction by using your home to gather and share information and to grow and improve yourselves.

Jupiter is square Saturn.

With this combination, expansion and contraction are closely connected in your relationship but with this aspect, one of you might feel that your partner gets in the way when you try to develop. Don't give up trying to expand. Keep creating your plans. The limiting partner is not averse to development. He or she just wants to make sure that the ideas are practical. When you investigate the feasibility of the ideas together, you can first determine if goals are practical. Then you can figure out appropriate steps to take. You may be slower in attaining goals but if you try to move ahead without consultation, not only will your partner be likely to point out the error of your ways and restrict you, but you may also encounter obstacles on your own. With planning and careful action you can broaden your horizons and attain material rewards.

Jupiter is square Pluto.

There is the potential with this combination for you and your partner to expand each other's power base and to project a powerful impression to the outer world. However, you may have to deal with some obstacles, at least initially, or possibly periodically. One of you might try to be controlling without thinking of your partner's wishes in terms of personal development. Or one of you could usurp your partner's power so that you can grow as an individual. And each of you could take either position. The problem with both of these scenarios is that the individual is more important than your partnership. But, since power and expansion are supposed to be shared, you could analyze the situation with your partner before you assert your power or take action toward personal growth and your relationship will probably improve. Because you are cooperating, you will feel stronger as a couple and have a greater impact on the world as well.

Handling Setbacks and Responsibilities

Being yoked together in any committed relationship implies that you are in it through the difficulties as well as the good times. Your composite Saturn can indicate how to use these difficulties to strengthen your relationship and make it more strong and solid. Saturn shows the sense of limitation that can come from being yoked together, but it also shows how you can deal with this for a happier, more lasting time together.

Your composite Saturn is in the Twelfth House.

With this placement you might feel restricted by each other, but not be able to explain how or why this is happening. There may be no words of disapproval, but you sense it anyway. You might try harder to please, but this may be difficult, because you don't know what you've done wrong. Or you could be defiant and not try to change at all.

Although the impact of Saturn in the twelfth house will be subtle, it need not be restrictive. It can represent a feeling of security, an unspoken certainty that your partner is responsible and committed to the relationship. The way to develop this feeling is to show each other that you are dependable. You do this by consciously tending to your partner's needs.

Saturn is sextile Neptune.

In your partnership your practical and spiritual worlds are likely to be closely aligned, and you want to help each other in these areas. This enables you to work hard when you take on responsibilities or are trying to achieve goals in the material world. You also easily share your spiritual beliefs, clarifying anything that may not be clear so that you both have greater understanding and can utilize your spirituality in your everyday life.

Because you cooperate so well and have faith that your partner is always going to be there for you, others may look to you for leadership. Therefore, you could occasionally feel that you are heaped high with responsibility. However, if this happens you could periodically disappear for a short time and return when you are ready to assume your commitments again.

Saturn is conjunct Pluto.

In your relationship authority is closely connected with power, so that you and your partner could well be leaders when you are together. Alternatively, you could vie with each other to be in charge. However you choose to use this combination, others are likely to be aware of your presence, and it will be difficult for the two of you to fade into the background. People may look to you for leadership, or they could feel threatened by your power and challenge you. Either way, they will not see you as timid or weak.

If you both have supporting aspects in your birth charts, you should have no difficulty with this role that you play together. If you are individually subdued, however, it could take some adjustment. But the longer you are together, the easier it will be to accept. You should also discover that you are most effective in the world when you cooperate and share your power and authority rather than battle each other to be in charge.

Spontaneity and Surprises

In many ways Uranus provides relief from the solemn confinement of Saturn. Just when life seems too dull and regular, just when cabin fever is at its height, Uranus comes along to crack a joke, poke a hole in the wall that Saturn has erected, and let in some fresh air. Your composite Uranus shows how the two of you will handle individuality and eccentricity, and where irresponsibility or unpredictability might become an issue.

Your composite Uranus is in the Eleventh House.

As a couple, you may prefer not to join groups. Attending regularly scheduled meetings, always seeing the same people, and listening to the same types of conversation could be enough to deter you from becoming involved. You might, however, be drawn to organizations under certain circumstances or for particular reasons. You could be attracted to groups that are creative or have unusual members whom you find stimulating. Or you might find an organization that needs to be changed and become its resident rebels. You would probably stay only as long as you felt that you were needed to alter the group. Groups also may be tolerable to you if you stay with them only for a short time. Possibly an occasional party may be all that's necessary for you to satisfy your needs for group participation.

Otherworldly Aspirations

Neptune offsets the limited, earthbound quality of Saturn in a different way, by ascending to a completely different plane of reality. Coming from a place that shimmers just beyond our reach, it carries with it a charismatic veil of glamour, which can either enhance or muddle your relations with the world and each other. The good thing is that Neptune can keep things softened and alive, so you don't get entrenched in Saturnine positions. It can elevate the nitty-gritty to a lofty and beautiful plane, creating gentleness and a spiritual quality. The bad thing is that it can make communications unclear, paralyze action, obliterate separate identity and make you anxious about whether you can even function in this world. If you listen to what Neptune is trying to tell you, though, it can make your relationship sublime and can promote your joining at a soul level, enabling you to communicate wordlessly.

Your composite Neptune is in the Third House.

When you're operating as a unit, your communications tend to become more imaginative. This could mean that you mesmerize people with what you say, that you lack clarity when you talk or write, or a little of both. You might sound wonderful, but later people may wonder exactly what you meant. This could also happen in your conversations with each other. If too often you cross signals and find your partner vague and confusing, try absorbing the energy of this placement by consciously developing your imagination together. You could together write stories, or even make money from your talent by being convincing in sales.

Neptune is sextile Pluto.

Neptune and Pluto have been roughly in sextile since the early 1940s. Therefore, if the two of you were born in the 1940s or after, your birth charts both contain this aspect. If the two of you were born within a year or so of each other, the position of the planets in your composite chart are in pretty much the same zodiacal positions as in your natal charts. Thus you and your partner may be dealing with a combination that's already familiar to you.

The concepts of spirituality and power that you each hold should be quite compatible, and you'll want to help each other to develop these areas of your lives further. While you could easily manipulate each other, it's more likely that you would add force to each other's spiritual beliefs and use your faith to enhance each other's power. Used correctly, this aspect can give you strength and a powerful shared belief system.

Neptune is trine the North Node.

The relationships that you and your partner share as a couple probably involve people who are spiritual, creative or needy. There is also the possibility that these associates are confused or confusing. If you often feel that those with whom you interact take advantage of you or confuse you, you can back away from them and look for those with whom you can broaden yourselves spiritually. Or you might instead choose to interact with creative people whose talents you can appreciate and who can help you to develop your own creativity.

If you and your partner still feel taken advantage of by your friends, each time a demand is made on you make it a practice to ask for something in return. If you get something back, you will no longer feel victimized. If you get no response, move on to another group.

The Power to Develop

In every relationship there is the potential for a power struggle, and for deeply felt emotions that can either bring about great schisms or move the two of you into profound changes and growth. These great unconscious forces are ruled by Pluto. The house where your composite Pluto resides can alert you to the areas where you are most likely to play out your struggles for dominance. Pluto's house can also show where the two of you are likely to exert your collective power on the outside world. More information about these struggles and how to deal with them will come from the aspects that your composite Pluto makes. You'll find most of Pluto's aspects above in connection with earlier-mentioned planets.

While Pluto can be experienced as disrupting, there's also something very transformative about it. Once you understand what's going on, Pluto can bring about the most profound changes and renewal.

Your composite Pluto is in the Twelfth House.

There is an element of subtlety in the way that you and your partner exert power together. You are probably capable of running the world, but you would like to do it from behind the scenes. You would have no difficulty giving the orders, but you prefer that someone else be the figurehead.

Your subtlety in dealing with power probably also extends to the way you deal with each other. Instead of open confrontations, you may prefer subtle manipulation and other covert expressions of power. Remember that a manipulated partner may feel ineffectual, and that if you cause each other to feel weak as individuals, you will also feel this way as a couple. Instead of trying to take advantage of each other, analyze your situation together and find ways to express your joint power. As you achieve the ends you desire, you will gather strength inwardly. You will still be subtle in your expression of power, but you will feel more in control of your lives.

Using Your Composite Chart

Just as relationships develop and have their ups and downs, composite charts also develop over time. This happens as the composite chart constantly receives transits from the currently moving planets. It also happens as the natal charts of the two people involved move forward by progression, constantly creating a new progressed composite chart.

The natal composite chart described in this report will, however, always describe the basic tone of your relationship. You can change the houses and the positions of the Ascendant and Midheaven by moving to a different place, but the signs of the planets and the aspects between them will remain the same. So take them seriously, and know that in astrology every problem carries within it its own unique wisdom or solution.

Hopefully, this analysis has given you some new insights about both the strengths and the possible problem areas of your relationship. If you agree that any of these typical kinds of problems apply in your case, please don't be daunted by them! The key to happiness is first to recognize and be thankful for whatever you already enjoy about your partner. The more attention you place on these areas, the more these enjoyable parts will grow. And if there are problems, think of them not as impossible obstacles, but as sources of useful information. When you understand what your problems are trying to tell you, you'll see what they're asking you to do. Then you may see problems as the gifts that they are -- opportunities to grow in wisdom and to achieve a new level of closeness.

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