

Composite Relationship Report

for
Bill & Hillary Clinton

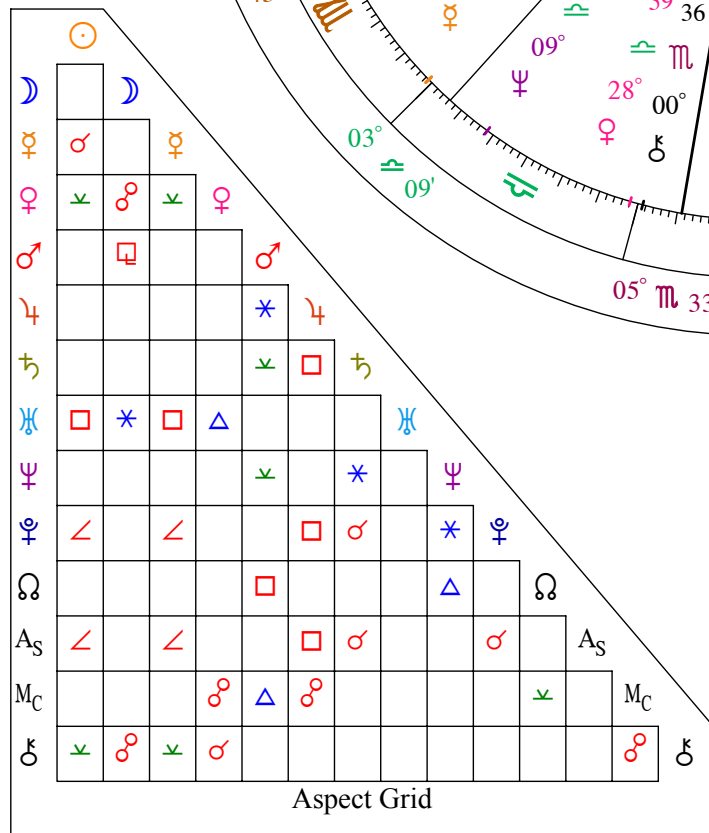
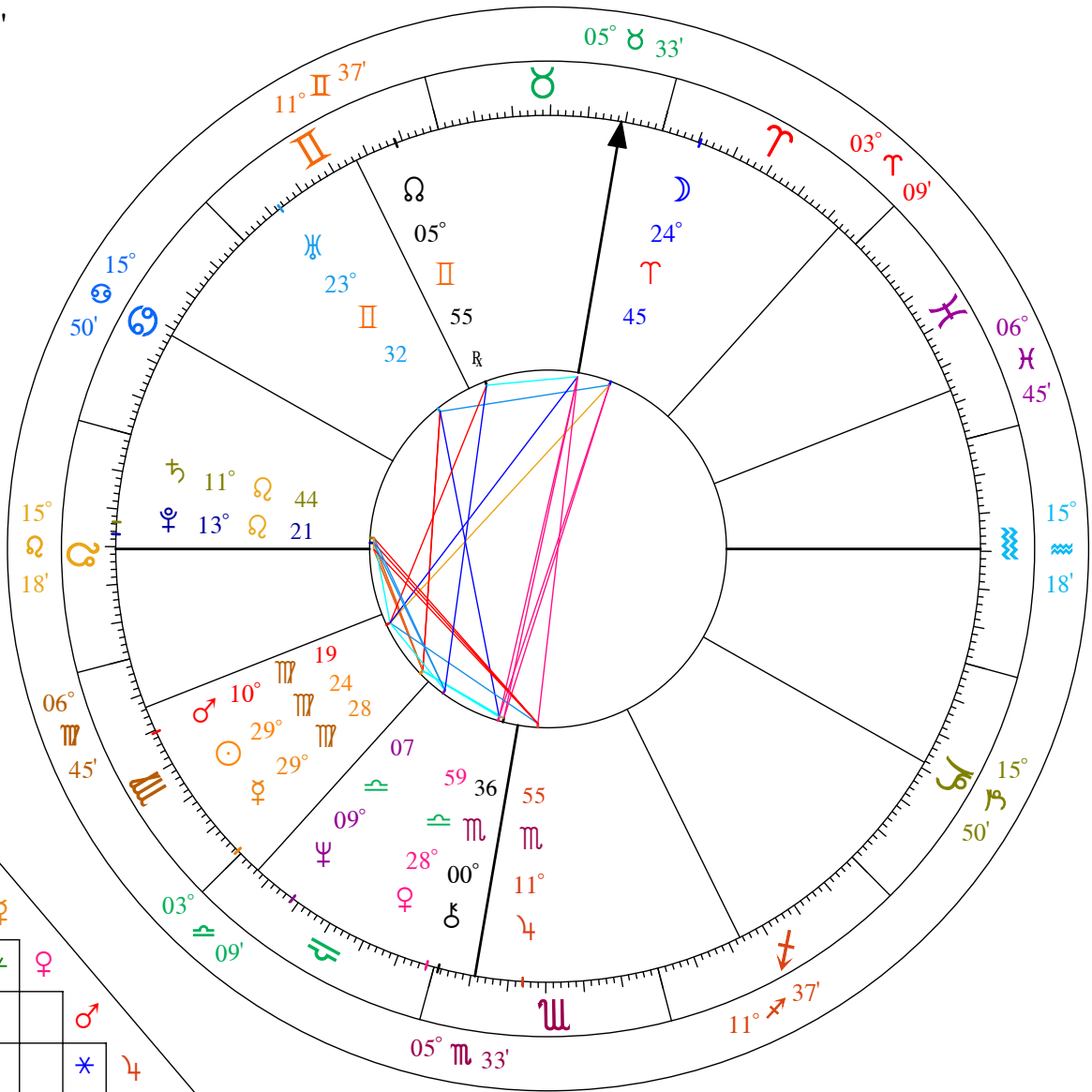
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Derived Composite Chart for
 Bill & Hillary Clinton
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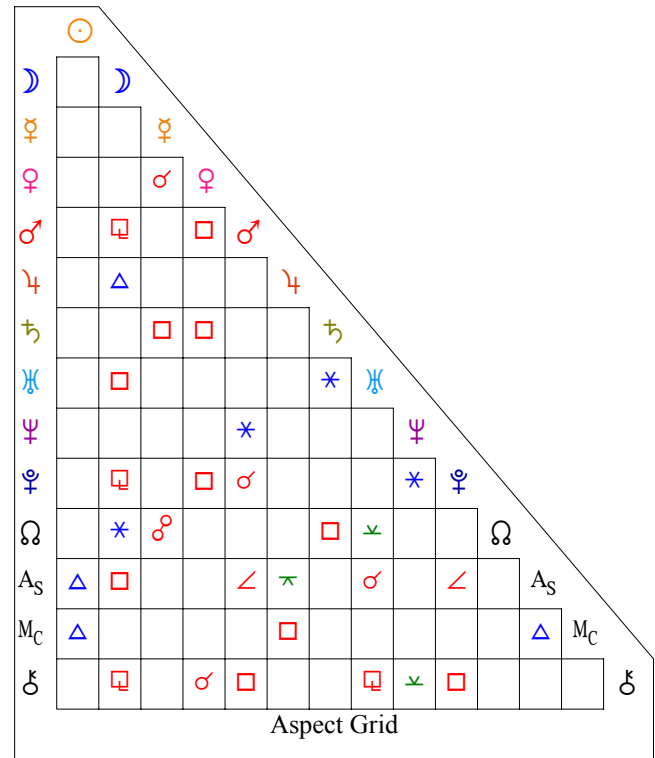
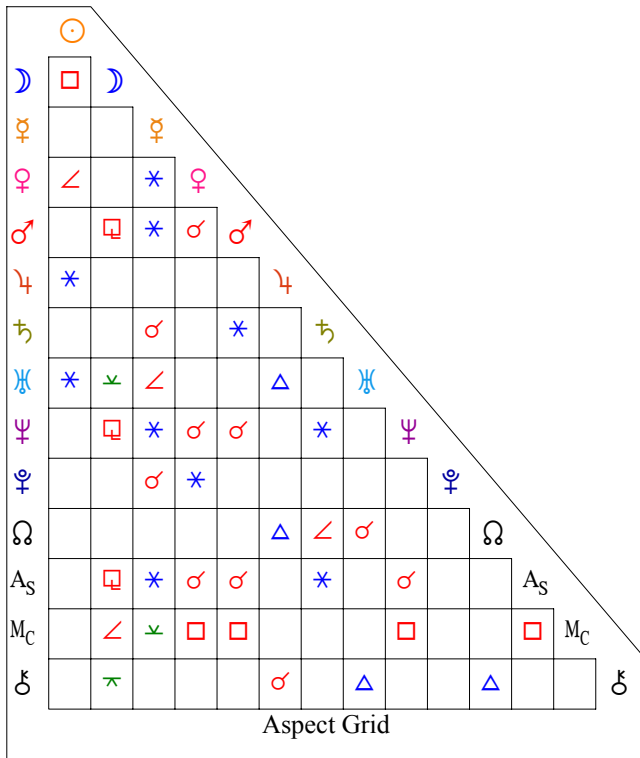
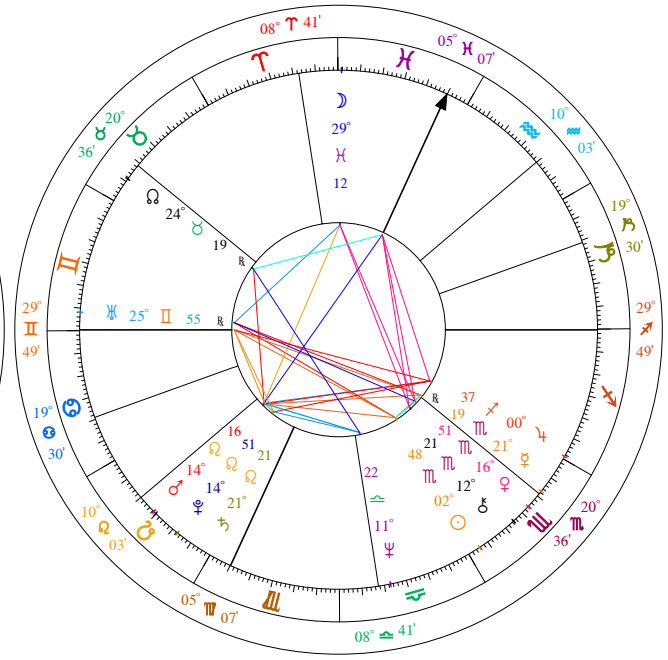
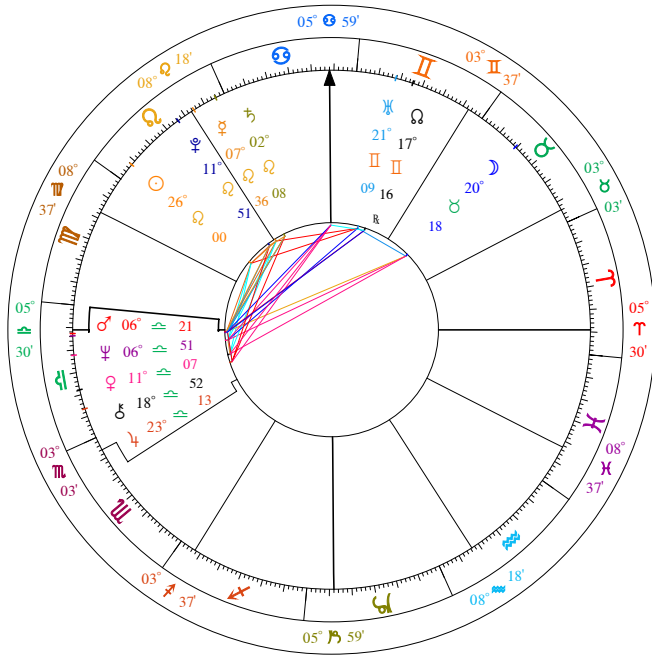
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 Hope, Arkansas
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 Oct 26 1947
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Composite Chart Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♍ Virgo	29° 24' 14"	+12° 51' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♈ Aries	24° 44' 55"	+15° 32' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♍ Virgo	29° 27' 50"	+17° 18' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♎ Libra	28° 59' 05"	- 5° 07' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♍ Virgo	10° 18' 33"	- 2° 08' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♏ Scorpio	11° 55' 06"	- 8° 00' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♌ Leo	11° 44' 22"	+19° 56' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♊ Gemini	23° 31' 54"	+23° 13' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♎ Libra	9° 06' 36"	- 1° 23' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♌ Leo	13° 21' 19"	+23° 22' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♊ Gemini	5° 54' 55"	+22° 56' 00"
♌ Ascendant	is in	♌ Leo	15° 18' 26"	+16° 15' 00"
♍ Midheaven	is in	♉ Taurus	5° 32' 49"	+13° 22' 00"
♄ Chiron	is in	♏ Scorpio	0° 36' 26"	- 7° 51' 00"

Composite Aspects

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☾ Moon	is	♃	Sesquiquadrate	♂ Mars	The orb is 0° 34'
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♂ Mars	is	♌	Semisextile	♆ Neptune	The orb is 1° 12'
♂ Mars	is	☐	Square	♎ N. Node	The orb is 4° 24'
♂ Mars	is	♅	Trine	♁ Midheaven	The orb is 4° 46'
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Composite Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire	: ☽ ♃ ♀ A _S	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 8
Earth	: ☾ ♀ ♂ M _C	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 10
Air	: ♀ ♃ ♀ Ω	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 4
Water	: ♃ ♂	Total = 2	Weighted Score = 1
Cardinal	: ☽ ♀ ♀	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 6
Fixed	: ♃ ♃ ♀ A _S M _C ♂	Total = 6	Weighted Score = 9
Mutable	: ☾ ♀ ♂ ♃ Ω	Total = 5	Weighted Score = 8

Weights Used Above

Sun = 3	Moon = 3	Mercury = 2	Venus = 2
Mars = 2	Jupiter = 1	Saturn = 1	Uranus = 1
Neptune = 1	Pluto = 1	N. Node = 0	Ascendant = 3
Midheaven = 3	Chiron = 0		

A Comparison of Your Charts

This astrological report takes a look at your birth charts to see how the two of you would be likely to interact in dating, a love affair, or, especially, in a long-term partnership like marriage. Its purpose is to make you more conscious of what's really going on between you. In the pages that follow, you'll get a better appreciation of what each of you wants and needs when you pair off with another person.

Regarding your relationship with this particular partner, you'll see strengths that you can cultivate, and also be alerted to 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. We include some common ways in which astrological combinations are misused, but you may never experience the negative sides. Much depends on other things in your chart and on the way you're using what has been given 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 close-up 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 your section, he or she may better understand your overall approach to life and the way you go about relating to people.
- *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
☉ Sun	is in	♌ Leo	26° 00' 07"	+12° 51' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♉ Taurus	20° 18' 17"	+15° 32' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♌ Leo	7° 36' 26"	+17° 18' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♎ Libra	11° 07' 07"	- 5° 07' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♎ Libra	6° 21' 13"	- 2° 08' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♎ Libra	23° 13' 16"	- 8° 00' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♌ Leo	2° 08' 08"	+19° 56' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♊ Gemini	21° 08' 41"	+23° 13' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♎ Libra	6° 51' 04"	- 1° 23' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♌ Leo	11° 51' 23"	+23° 22' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♊ Gemini	17° 15' 58"	+22° 50' 00"
♌ _{As} Ascendant	is in	♎ Libra	5° 30' 23"	- 2° 11' 00"
♋ _{Mc} Midheaven	is in	♋ Cancer	5° 58' 44"	+23° 19' 00"
♄ Chiron	is in	♎ Libra	18° 52' 08"	- 7° 51' 00"

Bill's Style of Relating

Bill, 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.

Bill's 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.

You have a natural warmth, and tend to be generous. 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 had been asked to wash the windows, you might never have done it.

If your relationship needs improving, you have a 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.

Bill's Axis of Relationship

The horizontal line that separates the upper half of your chart from the lower half represents 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. Any discussion of your rising sign (you) implies your setting sign (the partner who will complement you).

The following description assumes that you've given your actual time of birth quite precisely. If you haven't, and the degree that your chart shows on the Ascendant is near the beginning or end of the sign (0 or 29 degrees), it's possible that the adjacent sign would describe you better.

You have Libra rising.

Most likely, 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 partners.

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 where 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.

Having planets in the Eighth House contributes yet other themes to your lovemaking needs and style, and makes this area of your life even more important.

Your Moon is in the Eighth.

Sex is more closely intertwined than usual with your basic emotional nature. To enjoy sex, you absolutely must be emotionally aroused. Also, the feelings you express tend to be a barometer of your sex life. If all is going well, you can be openly tender and loving. If you're having problems, you can have emotional outbursts. There may be fluctuation in this area of your life, 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 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 and emotionally gratifying.

Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton's Chart Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♏ Scorpio	2° 48' 22"	-12° 27' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♓ Pisces	29° 11' 34"	- 4° 14' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♏ Scorpio	21° 19' 14"	-20° 48' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♏ Scorpio	16° 51' 04"	-16° 38' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♌ Leo	14° 15' 54"	+17° 59' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♐ Sagittarius	0° 36' 57"	-19° 40' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♌ Leo	21° 20' 37"	+15° 15' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♊ Gemini	25° 55' 07"	+23° 31' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♎ Libra	11° 22' 09"	- 3° 08' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♌ Leo	14° 51' 15"	+23° 06' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♉ Taurus	24° 18' 45"	+18° 51' 00"
♈ Ascendant	is in	♊ Gemini	29° 49' 16"	+23° 27' 00"
♊ Midheaven	is in	♓ Pisces	5° 06' 54"	- 9° 38' 00"
♄ Chiron	is in	♏ Scorpio	12° 20' 44"	-14° 02' 00"

Hillary's Style of Relating

To figure out your own personal relationship needs, Hillary, we're first going to look at your basic personality type with both its strengths and its weak points. This can show you what you have to contribute, and what you need from someone else. The better you know your own nature, the more successful you're likely to 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.

Hillary's 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, and instead feel empathy for 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 sense of rhythm which could be used to dance, sing or play an instrument. Art can provide a channel for your emotions, and a way to keep your imagination busy so that you won't misapply it to your relationships.

Another way to express your non-material nature could be to get involved in spiritual or mystical activities. When it's hard to deal with the material world, spirituality can help you to cope much better. Developing your connection with 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.

Hillary's Axis of Relationship

And now we get to your "axis of relationship," which is formed by the Ascendant (or rising sign) and the Descendant, which is always directly opposite. While the zodiacal sign that was rising when you were born describes the way that you present yourself to others, the opposite sign signifies the sort of partner you'll be drawn to and who will make you feel more complete. Any discussion of your rising sign (you) implies your setting sign (the partner who will complement you).

The following description assumes that you've given your actual time of birth quite precisely. If you haven't, and the degree that your chart shows on the Ascendant is near the beginning or end of the sign (0 or 29 degrees), it's possible that the adjacent sign would describe you better.

You have Gemini rising.

Most likely, 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.

The Fifth House is traditionally the house of courtship, love affairs and romance. Also associated with risk-taking, this is the area in your chart where you 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 take the risk of asking someone out on a date? Will the blind date be a delight or a disaster? This is one of the reasons 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. 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. Itself 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.

Having planets placed within your the Fifth House emphasizes the importance of pleasure and play in your life, and adds yet other requirements for you in the area of romance.

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 want 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 that 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're 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.

Using This Comparison of Your Charts

We've now 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 hopefully there are also 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 that provoke the crises 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 own up to 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, and 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 all the composite planetary positions. Your composite houses can be made up from the midpoints between the house cusps of each individual, but a better way is to calculate the houses for the place on earth where the two of you are living now. This means that the houses are not set for life. If the house positions of your composite planets don’t seem to be working, you may be able to change your relationship for the better by moving to a different city, state or country.

Your composite 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 just see whether there are any particularly dominant themes.

There are few or no planets in Earth signs.

It is probable that the two of you tend not to make your decisions or plan your actions based on down-to-earth information. In fact, elaborate details are likely to bore you, and material goals do not offer an incentive to get you moving. You may be viewed as impractical. This has its advantages in that you probably are not asked to be in charge of projects that require organization and long-term commitment.

Though you are capable of taking care of your physical needs, your interests lie elsewhere. You may have to convince yourselves that tending to your material requirements will enrich you in other ways, or find someone outside of your partnership to handle these matters for you.

There are few or no planets in Cardinal signs.

With few or no planets in Cardinal signs and/or houses, you and your partner may not be looked upon as initiators, and in reality you may prefer that others direct the show. However, a lack of cardinality does not mean that you never initiate or that you always stand on the sidelines. It just means that before you join in, you want to size up a situation and see what others are doing. It might take the two of you a while to get moving. People may not think of you as forceful or ask you to lead them, but because you take your time, once you do act, you’ll make fewer mistakes than those who are more impetuous.

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.

You and your partner will not be a shy, retiring couple. Your warmth, enthusiasm and outgoing ways will be noticed, and you might often find that you are the center of attention—a position you should enjoy. You may sometimes wish you had more privacy, or think that anonymity would be refreshing. But if you were ignored and lacked an audience for too long, you would probably look for ways to be noticed. You seem to bring out the performer in each other. There is something in your interaction that triggers the dramatic presence in both of you, and if no one else is on the scene, you will each perform for the other. However, an audience of one will not be satisfying for long, and together you could actively seek out others who you believe will appreciate of you.

Yet the individuals to whom you are drawn as a couple may not be as exuberant or demonstrative as the two of you. They probably are objective and possibly somewhat aloof. Their aloofness can be an asset because it means that they will not wish to vie with you and your partner for a position on center stage. And if their objectivity includes approval of you and occasional applause, that is all that is needed. Should they seem to disapprove, you might at first try to win them over, but in attempting to gain their approval you become louder and more dramatic and that could drive them away. Or you might tire of the challenge and because the attachment is not too tightly formed, you can leave them and look elsewhere for the approval you need.

Sun is semisquare the Ascendant.

Although you and your partner want to use your shared personality to attain ego gratification, you could sometimes get in each other's way rather than cooperating. One partner might focus on visibility and pleasing other people. So he or she does not consider the partner's needs or what is best for the relationship. And the other partner may think that personal gratification is more important than the wishes or opinions of others. So there is no attempt to please the world. This could cause you to be critical of each other, doing little to improve your joint personality. And if you do not look good to each other, you certainly will not look good to the world. So the praise and rewards you want may remain out of reach. As long as you continue to complain about each other ego gratification will undoubtedly allude you. Try to find one goal you both want that will be worth presenting a united front. When you accomplish what you set out to do, it will probably be a little easier to join forces the next time.

Mercury is semisquare the Ascendant.

Communications are an important part of the joint personality that you and your partner project. But, with this aspect, although you will be noticed for your communications, you might not always be viewed favorably. You might talk too much about yourselves so you bore others. Or you could be too outspoken and be considered tactless. The advantage of this combination, however, no matter what their aspect, is that you should be able to talk to each other and to the world. You each can speak your minds when you are together. You might sometimes become upset with what your partner says to you. But it is better out than bottled up. And because of the openness, resentment will probably not build between you. In addition, if you talk about yourselves when you are alone with each other, you should be able to find more interesting topics to discuss when you are out in the world.

Jupiter is square the Ascendant.

You and your partner could find that you often seem to over-indulge yourselves when you are together. This over-indulgence can take different forms. You might spend too much money, eat or drink too much or over-extend yourselves physically—to name just a few. If any of this happens too frequently, you should be aware that there are alternatives. What you really want is to expand together and have a good time doing it. Keep this in mind as you interact with your partner and, as a couple, with others. Then, before you get involved in an activity figure out how you can grow from it. And, finally, after you begin and as you continue your involvement, ask yourselves two questions. Are we broadening ourselves? And are we enjoying what you are doing? If the answer to either question is no, move on to something else. Thus you may avoid excesses and extravagances. But if you are growing having a good time doing it, a little extravagance may be tolerable.

Saturn is conjunct the Ascendant.

In your shared personality, you and your partner will be serious and responsible. You also may each believe that it is your duty to take care of each other. This means that each of you can count on the other to provide security. Or perhaps the close scrutiny might make you feel restricted. And chances are that you will experience both. There are advantages to having a partner you can count on being there for you, and it may be worth feeling a little restricted. But there are ways to minimize the limitation. Be honest and clear with each other. Explain to your partner what you are doing and why. Then neither of you will tend to hover over the other. So your relationship might lack spontaneity, but you and your partner will always know where you stand with each other. And this should maximize the security you feel with each other, and make the limitations less important.

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. The two of 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 as a couple you fight with others, this will probably just dissipate your energy so that there's less to use 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 provide power for everyone.

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 the composite Midheaven, which, fittingly enough, is situated at the very top of your chart wheel. Your Midheaven also 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, the 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.

Venus is conjunct Imum Coeli.

With Venus at the bottom of your chart conjunct your career and home axis, charm and sociability are connected with career or public image. However, with this aspect it is necessary to balance these two facets of your shared personality. This means that, as a couple, there could be times when you either indulge yourselves to the detriment of your joint public image, or focus on how the world sees you and forget about your personal pleasures. Should either of these scenarios be true, they can be easily handled. You might plan and carry out pleasurable activities in the home or in some facet of your private life. This can give you the personal enjoyment you both want. And with these needs having been met, you can operate in the world in a more serious manner, knowing that your social skills are in the background to use when needed. Then when the world gets a little oppressive, you can always escape and indulge yourselves in your private life. You can operate 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 Imum Coeli.

Although expansion and career or public image are connected in your relationship, the two of you should not try to combine the two too closely. If either of you attempts 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 used the narrow scope of career and public opinion within which to grow, you would be more limited in what you learn. And you would also probably 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 get you 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 and you do not want to feel that you can only get ahead on someone else's coattails. So you should sometimes look for ways to get these individuals to follow your lead. If they direct part of the time and you and your partner direct part of the time you should all move forward and feel as though you are all leading some of the time.

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 going 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 your share and your input is just as relevant as your partner's. So this can be easily solved. However, when you are communicating with others, if the two of you only talk about your goals and life direction, you might find that you are considered self-centered. If you find that people get annoyed with your emphasis on yourselves, you could use your energetic communications on many topics. So 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.

Ego gratification and individuality can be shared in your relationship. However, with this aspect, there could be tension between the two of you in regard to 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 forms of behavior. So you might take turns in each role. Or possibly you join forces and go from one extreme to the other as a couple. These two attitudes will bring you neither ego gratification nor a sense of independence. Therefore, you should make an effort and try to manifest this combination creatively. You could produce something which might be considered original and, at the same time, bring you ego gratification. It might be hard work. But it could remove the embarrassment and frustration. And that should be worth the effort.

The Sun is semisquare Pluto.

Although power and ego gratification are connected in your relationship, you could find that it is often difficult for you to agree on how to assert power or how to attain ego gratification. Or possibly either or both of you feel that your partner is trying to overpower you or overshadow you. If this is the case, you might feel it necessary to challenge your partner in order to get what you want. But this is your joint personality and if you do not cooperate individually, ego gratification and power will be elusive for you personally and as a couple. Instead of fighting for position, sit down together to analyze what you want and how to get it. You should be able to find one goal to share. Next 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 your joint confidence will make you a more powerful as a couple in the world.

The Way You Demonstrate Feelings

Your composite Moon governs the emotional expression of you as a couple toward the outside world. It can also indicate the tone of your emotional interactions with each other and the way your 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 your 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 sesquare Mars.

Emotions and sexual gratification are connected with each other in your relationship. If all is going well, you share tenderness and passion. But you can also bring out anger and upset in each other even to the point where there is more anger than tenderness. If this happens, focus all that feeling and energy on physical activity. You might work out together, do strenuous tasks, or use all that energy to share sex. 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 provide emotional gratification. Who could ask for more?

The Moon is sextile Uranus.

You and your partner naturally share an air of electricity when emotions are involved, and no matter how long you have been together, the spark of excitement which exists between you can always easily be ignited. In fact, it is ignited frequently because each of you wants to help the other to be more creative and to express emotions freely. You might sometimes take routes that could be viewed as strange. Therefore, you could see your partner as occasionally behaving erratically which could make you feel emotionally insecure. Your response may then be inconsistent. And consequently the world will see you as a strange couple. However, when you do awaken the creative side of each other and the two of you let the energies flow freely, you will experience excitement between you. And, as a couple, the world will find you exciting as well.

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 would 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 no misunderstandings nor any 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, your criticism could be turned 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, even 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 not like the way your partner spends money. 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. So you may disagree on money and values, but at least you will not keep your ideas to yourselves. And by talking about the issues it is possible that you could find agreement on some of them, which could form a foundation that eventually will lead to 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.

This placement could indicate that you and your partner, as a couple, are adept at the art of communications. This might manifest as a talent for writing or speaking that you share because you are together. Or it may be that you demonstrate facility in social communications skills. So at a neighborhood gathering or some other type of social activity, you can talk easily to those around you. This can also mean that the two of you enjoy talking to each other wherever you may be. Your discussions might lack depth, so they may be judged as light or shallow. But, the lightness will probably keep you from being overbearing or controversial. And the two of you are undoubtedly considered pleasant company which should certainly be an asset in a social situation.

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 as well as to 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 you can be non-conforming when it comes to love and affection. But both these facets are part of your joint personality, and both need to be satisfied. Therefore, you could be perceived as inconsistent by the outer world, and possibly even by each other. But if you concentrate on the freedom to express affection or not, as you choose, you will find that the excitement of the 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 Second House.

This is an excellent placement for salesmen because you can aggressively convince people to spend their money. However, if the two of you choose not to pursue the field of sales, you will still be able to use your energy to earn money. Or you could find that you are very active in spending money instead of earning it. Since the emphasis is on action rather than analysis, either or both you may make purchases without considering the cost or the practicality. If both of you spend in this manner, you could find yourselves over-extended financially. Or possibly only one of you spends money recklessly and the other gets angry about. So, because only one of you is a spendthrift, you may not financially over-extend yourselves quite as much, but you could spend a great deal of your time fighting about money. If you put your efforts into making money instead of spending it, you could have more cash and less time to spend it. Therefore, you will have one fewer subject to argue about.

Mars is sextile Jupiter.

Together you and your partner have energy and enthusiasm which you share with each other. You also want to help each other to grow and develop. And you are both capable of initiating the ideas of your partner. So you are always there to stimulate each other to grander goals. And 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. And you may not even take the time to determine if your schemes have true merit. Therefore, you might urge each other to attempt to accomplish more than is feasible, or possibly end results could 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. And this may help you to achieve goals that not only seem impossible, but that many other people cannot achieve.

Mars is semisextile Saturn.

Action and organization are connected with this combination. However, one of you may want to initiate, and the other may want to clarify situations before acting on them. But, if you were only to pay attention to taking the initiative without any forethought, you would find yourselves frequently in difficult situations, possibly coming to a standstill. So you accomplish little and frequently have to start all over again. However, if you were always clarifying and organizing, you might never do anything. The appropriate approach is to alternate taking the initiative with clarifying and planning. One of you can create a plan which you then carry out as a couple. Next analyze the results of your efforts together and one of you then initiate again. If you incorporate both planning and action in what you do, and you each get a chance to lead in both ways, you will each feel part of the total process. Then, you will feel well-organized and effective rather than restricted by your partner or by circumstances.

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 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, 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 both enrich and be enriched by what you encounter. Your composite Jupiter is the key to optimism, prosperity, and good times together learning, traveling, acquiring, entertaining and 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.

If you and your partner share a home, you would want it to be large, or perhaps you prefer a great deal of land, with or without the size of the house being relevant. You will also consider your home a place where you can share pleasure, and an arena in which you can expand and develop. To enhance your pleasure and expand your knowledge, you might like to have a large number of people around you in the home, either as part of your household or as occasional guests. If you entertain at home you will probably do it lavishly, and if you have a great deal of money you can do it without too much of a drain on your finances. However, if you frequently over-extend yourselves by spending too much on your parties, focus more on sharing information rather than overindulging your guests. You could discover that the amount of money you spend does not necessarily equate with the degree of pleasure you receive. And you may find that activities which are free or cost little, can be as much fun as expensive ones.

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, and you each can play either role. So you may have the same complaints about each other. Neither of you should 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 slow 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. Whereas, 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. And the power and expansion are supposed to be shared. If you analyze your situation with your partner before you assert your power or take action toward personal growth, your relationship will probably improve. This is because you are cooperating, and as you cooperate with each other, 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 you can 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 either you, or your partner or both of you might feel restricted by the other. However, you may not be able to explain how or why this is happening. Probably no specific words are spoken to announce disapproval, you just sense it. You might try harder to please, but this may be difficult because you do not know what you have done wrong. Or you could be defiant and not change at all. So, no matter which choice you make you will probably still feel the limitation. There is another possibility, however. Although the impact of Saturn in the twelfth house will be subtle, it need not be restrictive. It can represent a feeling of security, knowing your partner is responsible and committed to the relationship. The way to develop this feeling is to show each other that you are dependable by consciously tending to your partner's needs. Then a sense of security can replace the feelings of restriction. You still may not be able to explain why, but it is the end result that is most important.

Saturn is sextile Neptune.

Your practical and spiritual worlds are probably closely aligned in your partnership. And with this aspect, you both want to enrich your partner in each area. So you can each work hard when you take on responsibilities or are trying to achieve goals in the material world. But it may not seem so hard because you cooperate with each other and because you have faith that your partner is always going to be there for you. You can also 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 help each other so well, 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 period of time and return when you are ready to assume your commitments again.

Saturn is conjunct Pluto.

With this combination, authority and power are closely connected. So you and your partner can be leaders when you are together or you can vie with each other to determine who is in charge. But, however you choose to use this combination, it will be difficult for you to fade into the background. And others will be aware of your presence when you are interacting in the outer world. People may look to you for leadership, or they could feel threatened by your power and challenge you. You will not, however, be seen as timid or weak. If you both have this aspect in your birth charts, you should have no difficulty adjusting to this role you play together. If you are individually subdued, it could take some adjustment. But the longer you are together, the easier it is to accept. You should also discover that you will be more effective in the world if you cooperate and share your power and authority rather than battle each other to be in charge in your relationship.

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 and your partner probably prefer not to join groups. Attending regularly scheduled meetings or the thought of seeing the same people all the time and listening to the same types of conversation might be enough to deter you from becoming involved. It is possible, however, that you could be drawn to groups under certain circumstances, or for particular reasons. You may be attracted to groups that are creative and/or have unusual members—people you find stimulating. Or you might participate in an organization that needs to be changed. Under these circumstances you and your partner would become the resident rebels. And you would stay as long as you felt you were needed to alter the group. Finally, you could join a group that is formed for a specific reason and for a short timespan. Should either of you feel deprived of the company of large numbers of people, you could use the foregoing criteria to become involved. Or perhaps an occasional party would be enough to satisfy the need.

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, and 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.

You and your partner may be very imaginative in your communications when you are operating as a unit. This could mean that you can mesmerize people with what you say. Or perhaps you lack clarity when you talk or write. Possibly both are true, so you might sound wonderful but sometimes people are not sure what you mean. This could also happen when you and your partner are conversing with each other. Either or both of you might find your partner eloquent and convincing, or vague and confusing. However, you could avoid the latter if you choose to express your shared imagination. You could write stories together. Or you could use your talent to be convincing in sales. If you try either of these directions, you would be using your abilities productively and might even make money doing so.

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 both strength and a powerful shared belief system.

Neptune is trine the North Node.

You and your partner are probably naturally drawn to people with whom you can share spirituality and/or creativity. But since the qualities that attract you are intangible, these individuals may not be oriented outward toward society. They could be so focused on becoming spiritually evolved or on expressing their artistic talents that they ignore mundane issues and are seen as "spacey." However, these are not the criteria by which you will judge these people. If the purpose of the interaction is spirituality and all of you are sharing a belief system that is helping you to become more evolved, that is more important than noting whether or not your companions are grounded. If the purpose is to cooperate in developing creative skills or artistic talent, that, too, takes precedence over conformity. As long as everyone is profiting from the interaction, you should continue to associate with each other.

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 awesome 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 sexy 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 something subtle about the way you and your partner express your joint power. 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 could extend to interaction between the two of you. You would undoubtedly rely on covert expression of power rather than overt confrontation. So manipulation may be the route either or both of you choose. If your shared power is used (or misused) in this way, the manipulated partner(s) will feel ineffectual. And, if you are weak as individuals, you will also feel this way as a couple. Therefore, 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 life.

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 whole new level of closeness.

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