

Report for **Catherine & Michael**

# TOGETHERNESS



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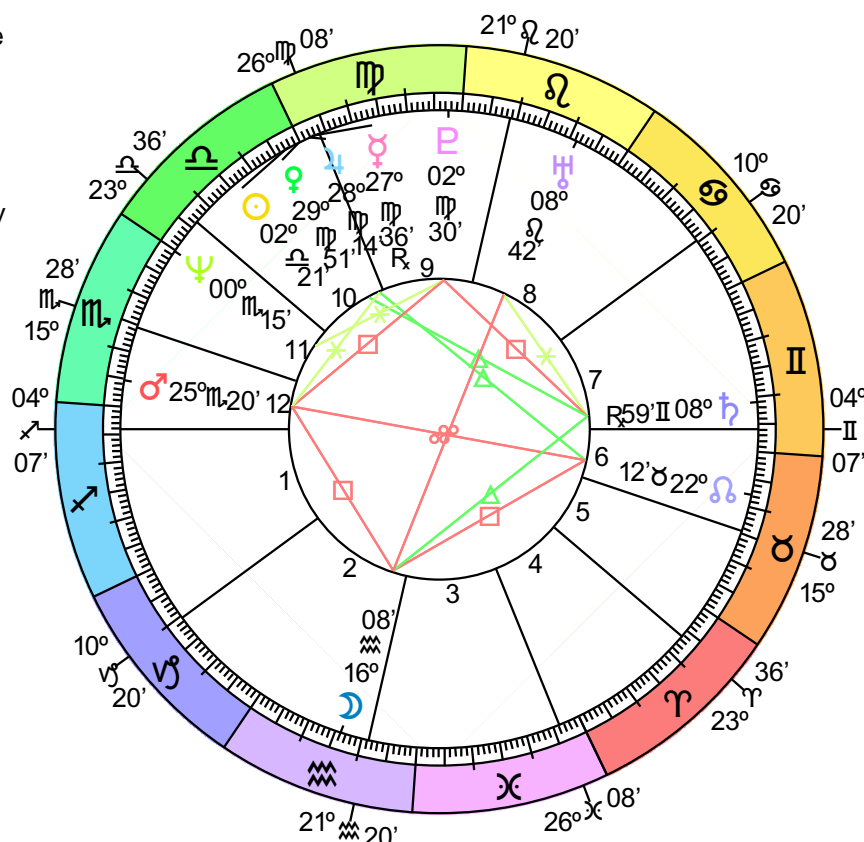
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## Your Composite Chart

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Watching these transits, you can spot a host of intricacies in your relationship that you likely did not know were there. Once spotted, you have the opportunity to take better advantage of what is already going for you and more effectively grapple with problems that were hidden or only partially-revealed before.



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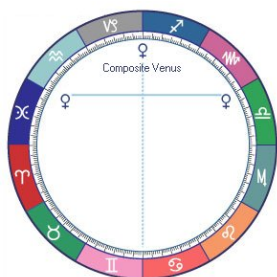
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### The Composite Chart

♌ 16° 08'	Moon in Aquarius in the 2nd House
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♍ 29° 51'	Venus in Virgo in the 10th House
♏ 25° 20'	Mars in Scorpio in the 12th House
♏ 28° 14'	Jupiter in Virgo in the 10th House
♊ 08° 59'	Saturn in Gemini in the 7th House
♌ 08° 42'	Uranus in Leo in the 8th House
♏ 00° 15'	Neptune in Scorpio in the 11th House
♏ 02° 30'	Pluto in Virgo in the 9th House
♉ 22° 12'	Node in Taurus in the 6th House
♍ 26° 08'	Midheaven in Virgo
♏ 04° 07'	Ascendant in Sagittarius

## Composite Astrology (Relationship Analysis)

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



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

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

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

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

It may be said that some marriages or partnerships were meant to be and others not meant to be. Composite charts most certainly indicate this immediately, but using them to begin with gives both partners a kind of control they previously would not have had and enables them to fix to some extent that which should otherwise

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

## Introducing the Players

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

### The Ten Planets

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

### The Twelve Signs

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

### The Twelve Houses

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

### The Five Aspects

Aspects are the angles at which the planetary impulses reach earth and either combine, conflict, or pass each other by entirely. These largely determine the kind of action, or lack of it, you will experience in the relationship, because they are the motivating forces in interaction. Mars (energy) blending nicely with Saturn (limitation) can mean well-controlled and focused energy. The same two at odds with one another can mean a debilitating energy drain or limits that are broken when they should not be. Add the signs and houses to these, and you'll find where it happens in life and with what kind of style and coloration.

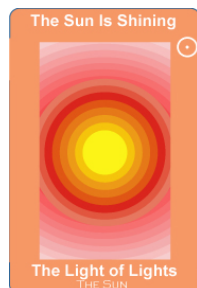
Combine 10 planets with 12 signs, 12 houses, and 5 aspects and the number of possible blends becomes, appropriately, astronomical - a broad palette, indeed. Add further the Ascendant and the Moon's nodes, each having their own special place in the picture, and the possibilities are numerous and the knowledge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

The greater use you can derive from this kind of presentation, therefore, is an introduction to a host of

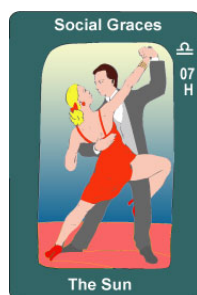
intricacies of your relationship that you likely did not know were there. Once these intricacies are spotted, you have the opportunity to take better advantage of what is already going for you and more effectively grapple with problems that were hidden or only partially-revealed before. Perhaps the greatest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



## Your Composite Sun



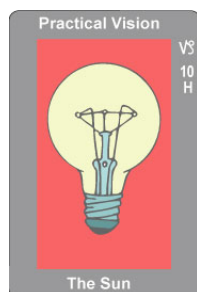
The composite Sun, like the Sun in a natal chart, is the heart of the relationship and its primary drive and focus. The sign in which it falls will color the entire relationship, as many of the important events in the relationship will occur when transiting bodies are in this sign. If it is strong in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



Sun in Libra

### Social Graces

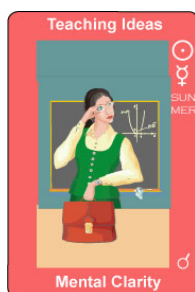
This sun position can give this relationship a commanding position in the midst of life's fray or can make it a fray unto itself that will be difficult to escape from. Its critical watchword is involvement and both partners need to keep on their toes to see that they don't fall asleep at the wheel for a moment. Where others are concerned, this relationship can be a great arbiter of problems, a perceptive advisor, and a wise counselor. But where you are concerned, this may be the most difficult sort of role to play - adhering to the principle, Physician, heal thyself. Judges don't judge themselves very well, and you should avoid doing just that, as it will lead to conflict, not resolution. Neither does it help to seek outside arbitration, as you will not trust them because you already know all their tricks. Better to practice extreme tolerance, one to the other, so that the balance you seek comes as the result of natural forces and not meddling on either of your parts. When things are going well, people will see you as the perfectly matched pair, but when conflict looms, part company until its over and you'll have reason to be on good terms again. The essence of this behavior is balance and equality, and a war between equals usually means mutual annihilation.



Sun in 10th House

### Practical Vision

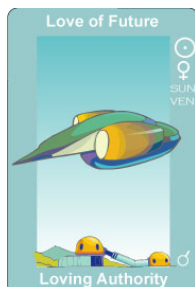
With this solar position it is likely that you will have, or at least strive for, a fairly high public profile together, and it is likely that you will be talked about no matter what you do or how you go about it. This, of course, is a two-edged sword, as it gives you the natural ability to get your message out when you want to, but it also keeps the door constantly ajar when you would just as soon close it all the way. It can be very beneficial personally to the extent that it makes for a relationship where you've got nothing to hide (because you can't!), but at the same time it can take the edge off intimacy which may be more rewarding when it is properly hidden. This kind of sorting interior and exterior priorities will be a running feature of the relationship, testing your abilities to judge what comes from within and what comes from without. Are you the makers of your reputation or do you let your reputation define you? Never an easy call, but here quite often a prevalent issue. This very challenge also will tend to mold you together as you become more self-conscious of what makes you a partnership because of the exterior feedback that you must deal with as a matter of course. Thus you must work more closely together in order to be seen as what you are: a step further than just being yourself without having to explain or articulate it.



Sun Conjunct Mercury

## Teaching Ideas

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



Sun Conjunct Venus

## Love of the Future

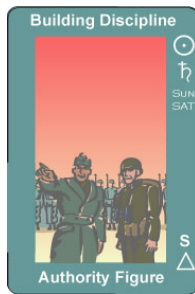
You have a natural level of affection for one another that will make whatever you do together easier and more enjoyable. Whether it's love or business, there will always be a certain charm present, brought on by the fact that at some basic level, whatever else may be happening to the contrary, you just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



Sun Conjunct Jupiter

## Ideas for Success

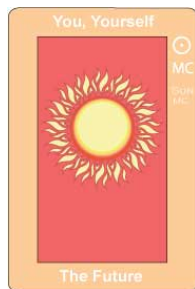
Your relationship has a wonderful, expansive feeling about it that makes you feel you could take on just about anything. The fact is, you probably can, and you will certainly be willing to give it a try. You are likely to be the eternal optimists, and by simply having a positive attitude you will make things go right for you. Generosity and good-heartedness are never in short supply, and you will always volunteer to go that extra mile without ever being asked. Professionally this is a very good position as it favors creativity and growth even during hard times. If there is any problem here, it might be a penchant for overdoing things or not knowing when to quit because everyone else has run out of steam. Do remember that others may not be quite so fortunate or filled with enthusiasm as yourselves, and that your own physical stamina may not be as great as your emotional readiness to keep on going. But with that one caveat, you can pretty much depend on this relationship being a special resource for both of you to enliven and rejuvenate yourselves with every time you are together, though for the aforementioned reasons, you may also need to take a rest from time to time and catch your breath.



Sun Trine Saturn

### Building Discipline

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



Sun Conjunct Midheaven

### Manage Ideas About You

Just being together gives you a higher profile that you would have separately, so you've got a great combo for career and fame in general. In fact, it may be hard to keep your joint secrets, since sometimes even unintentionally they tend to get run up the flagpole where everyone promptly salutes them. When in doubt, you can assume someone is paying attention, so if you want privacy, pull down the shades and draw the curtains, both.

### Self Examination Arises

A certain warmth and friendship is apparent in your relationship, not just to yourselves but to others. It is clear that close interaction with others is important to you, and when you make others aware of that, you become important to them. That is the basis for the formation of a network of friends and associates that you gather around you. This is not only a pleasure to pursue and experience, but will become a resource for you to draw upon when you need backup and support for your views or for a project you cannot cope with single-handedly. It will also serve to build your image professionally and feed you continually renewed opportunity. The only price you pay is that you reciprocate. That may seem obvious, but it can be very easy to simply lay back and let things flow in, spending your time in tending to what you receive and letting slip opportunities to return the favor or to develop opportunities to spread and enlarge your sphere of acquaintance. If you don't keep things in balance, eventually this valuable underpinning which you naturally attract can dry up or at least shrink to less than its optimum possibility. In your case, to give is to receive, and you are fortunate that it is easier for you than most and more than well worth the effort.

Sun Sextile Ascendant



## Your Composite Moon



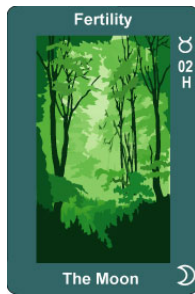
The symbolism of the composite Moon in a relationship is that of reflection not in the sense of intellectual deliberation or thoughtful rumination but much more literally, reflective like a mirror. Whereas the Sun represents the primal, outgoing energy in the relationship, the Moon shows how the relationship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



Moon in Aquarius

### Community Support

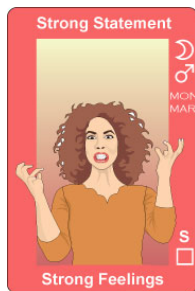
You have a very broad-based emotional potential which allows you to sample anything you choose before deciding in exactly what manner you wish to respond to each other or to a given situation. You are likely to be very conscious of what is fair which can be an ultimate blessing but may keep you at odds in the short run until you have decided exactly which path to take. Taken together, you will have considerable inclination and possibly the ability to negotiate and come to a fair conclusion, both for yourselves and on behalf of others, though it may take some prompting to overcome an initial reserve born of respect for another's position. Because of an innate inclination to be all things to all people, however, you may spread yourselves too thinly or be seen as taking all sides on a matter without real conviction of your own. Although this is not really the case, you can use your individual feelings and reactions separate from the relationship to dispel any such illusion that you do not really care when, in fact, you do. However, anything you can do to combat creeping emotional conservatism, which you are heir to, will be of help in keeping your hearts open to new emotions and to the needs of each of you individually. If you just shoot from the hip every now and then, you might be surprised at the new territory you discover.



Moon in 2nd House

### Fertility

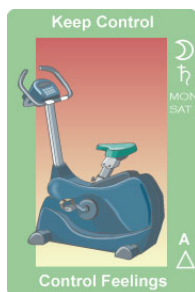
You may find that this relationship causes you to develop a considerable value and dependence on the physical trappings of life. When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping may have more than an ephemeral meaning to you. It will certainly heighten romance through its trappings, and not just if you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



Moon Square Mars

### Strong Statement

In this relationship the most difficult thing for you to do is to keep from getting into arguments. Strong reactions come naturally to you, but they can easily get out of hand and spiral into much more than was ever intended. The problem is not necessarily hostility or combativeness, but speed of response. When you jump in with both feet before considering precisely what is really happening, you create a vicious circle where you need to defend your hasty entrance in the face of resistance. One thing leads to another until it has escalated into a serious confrontation. If you hesitate a moment longer, you may find that there is no need to respond or a totally different response is in order. The difference of a few seconds' pause can make all the difference and save an enormous waste of energy and emotion. The square aspect notoriously affects and upsets the sense of timing and where you might normally take that natural sense for granted, here you must make an extra effort to keep it under control. What seems appropriate at first glance needs a second look, not just once but continually. When you force yourself to do this often enough, not only will it become a habit, but you will begin to get a feel for the readjusted sense of timing which this relationship requires in order to keep the peace between you.



Moon Trine Saturn

### Keep Control

There is an emotional steadiness here that will live on throughout the years if you are willing to pursue it. There is a feeling that there is something long-range here which you can take your time in pursuing and have as a reward a long way down the line. This is not instant passion, but deep, abiding emotion which you may not get off on in the short run but can depend on in the long run. What you feel strongly about you will defend to the end, and fickleness is something you will never be accused of. Once committed, you will stand by your man/woman as a faithful friend and committed partner. Your pace will be slow and even, however, which can be ideal if you are individually in need of stabilization and very frustrating if what you need individually is immediate stimulation and action. On the other hand, you also can be a rock of stability for others to lean upon who have less ability to control and channel their emotions and tend to get out of control without being able to help it. It is not that you can lecture them into a better way of life, but you can teach by example that instant gratification is not the only goal in emotional relationships, it can be the opposite of what is desired, given the circumstances. What is lasting, albeit less intense, may be the best thing to go for.

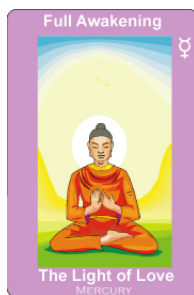


Moon Opposite Uranus

## Feeling Innovative

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

## Your Composite Mercury



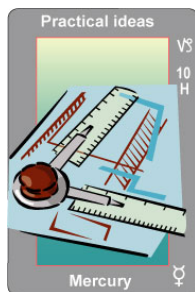
Mercury in the composite chart represents the mutual meeting of minds, or lack of it, between you. It also represents your ability to communicate to others as a couple or as individuals. In the first instance, in which the position symbolizes the shore between two intellects, it will be important to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



Mercury in Virgo

### Caring for Ideas

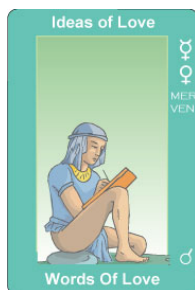
When together, you will likely find your powers of perception and fine-tuning capabilities heightened, making you much more able to pick up every stitch. Virgo is a good position for Mercury, as its natural communications ability is enhanced here by an added talent for picking up all the details, thus avoiding missing crucial bits of information. Conversely, you may find yourself getting tied into knots by trying to follow too many threads at the same time. Try to limit your input to one project at a time so you have the time and space to do the job the way you truly can. Similarly, you should be forgiving of the small mistakes of others (and each other), which can upset you more than it might others. Do not expect the perfection in others that you are likely to demand in yourselves when working as a unit. It may be impossible and can make for needless disappointment. The same goes for mutual expectations. Compliment achievement and correct errors without blame. Do one thing at a time, and everything will fall into place. Once around these possible pitfalls, you will find that the precision and keenness you lend to each other will be a benefit for you in implementing factors in business and in providing an endless pageant of diversions should this turn into a romantic relationship.



Mercury in 10th House

### Practical Ideas

It is likely that people will pay more attention to what you say than you might expect, so it may be well to assume you may be quoted when you least expect it (so watch what you say!). Like a flag at the peak of a ship's mast, your ideas will go ahead of you and are seen and heard long before the two of you come into view. Therefore, you may have some difficulty at times resolving the perceived differences between what you have expressed and what you appear to be in person. This is a strong professional placement as well, which will mean you are likely to take each other very seriously, partially because others do. Here you will need to be careful to sort out what you are really serious about from among the thoughts and ideas others would choose, as you are in a way public figures due to the nature of the relationship. This is a gift for achieving personal and professional success that should be welcomed, whatever the responsibilities it may bring. Many who are not so fortunate would like to be in your shoes. You should exercise these talents with care as they will affect not only yourselves but those around you who choose to take their cues from you and, hopefully, will profit from them also.



Mercury Conjunct Venus

### Ideas of Love

If either of you had any difficulty getting a good word in, this relationship should fix it. The ability to phrase things perfectly tailored to the situation, is innate to the combination you create. You manage to improve each other's ability to express yourselves with grace, and also to master the techniques of creating what is beautiful. Therefore, in the professional world you will find yourselves blessed with advantage in any area that requires combining artistic and intellectual or technical enterprises: photography, design, music or film production, and so on. Intellectual charm and a charming intellect. But it is more than that. You really care that things around you should be well-formed and you have a very clear eye for just how to do it, which may not be innate in either one of you but comes together when you are together. Smart and good-looking. Not bad. Needless to say, this is a really nice aspect and a good reason to be together and take advantage of the special talents you bring out in each other. On a personal level, this also gives you the ability to address each other with sensitivity and love, so there will be little likelihood of accidental offense when you're trying to get a point across. If anything, there would be a problem in communicating real difficulties or unappetizing truths, as a result of an innate inclination to sugar-coat the pill, however bitter.

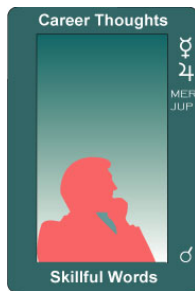




Mercury Sextile Mars

### Critical Words

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



Mercury Conjunct Jupiter

### Career Thoughts

This relationship will bring to you both a sense of ever-expanding intellectual awareness and it is likely to be an adventure to get together and discuss things, as one thing always leads to another and before you know it you're breaking new ground and have another totally new angle on whatever subject it is you've gotten into. No communication problems here, at least as far as getting things out in the open is concerned. Not all communication is verbal however, and some non-verbal emotional needs may get overlooked or lost in the shuffle because of the high value placed on articulation and intellectual communication. Professionally this can be a very inventive combination. Anywhere you have to get things into words and across to a customer or colleague you can bet that you will have the upper hand and have tangible benefits from being together. The only place this will put you at a disadvantage is where verbal restraint is required and where a few well-chosen words have to suffice. You have so much to say and so many ways to say it that it will be difficult to compress your thoughts and distill them into a single, succinct expression of intent. But where elaboration and extemporization are required, you will be in your element and can cook up an intellectual feast starting with a minimum of ingredients and serve it up with flare.

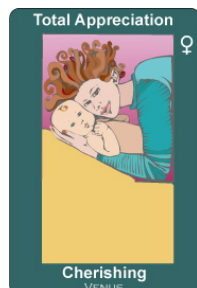
Mercury Conjunct  
Midheaven

### Manage Practical Ideas

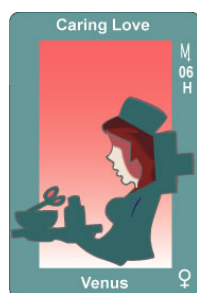
This relationship is a natural broadcast station, which enables you to get your message spread far and wide without much effort at all. In fact, information will just naturally disseminate from you to the extent of making it hard to hide the parts you'd like to keep classified. When in doubt, always have a cover story, especially when you want to keep things covered up.



## Your Composite Venus



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



Venus in Virgo

### Caring Love

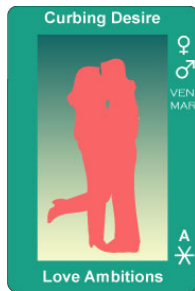
Very specific and often demanding tastes will characterize this relationship, and depending on how you handle it these might be called critical and discriminating, or hard-to-please. It will be good to try to be as tolerant of others' styles as possible, even if you don't think much of them, being too critical invites attack against your own well-thought-out judgments. In pursuit of your goals, concentrate on one at a time and do it well, rather than to spread yourself too thinly. If it isn't perfect, you won't like it once you get it. Emotionally and sexually, this can allow you to mine a lot of out the detailed fulfillment of fantasy you must be careful to stick to the letter once decided upon or they will lose their punch. It also lends what seems to be a materialistic overlay to the relationship, but there is really more because you care about getting it right and become so absorbed in the physical aspects that it seems like that's all you care about. In the abstract, it's the principle that counts, but in the end the implementation must be perfect or it spoils the ideal and fails to fulfill what you set out to achieve. You'll have to tolerate a few sloppy steps here and there or you'll never make it to first base.



Venus in 10th House

### Practical Love

You are likely to love being in the limelight, and as a result find yourselves there. We are not talking Hollywood here, but simply being noticed and talked about by the folks in your professional or social community. You will do well here, partially because you shape your desires around what you believe people will want and partially because you will find yourself a leader in developing those expectations. One feeds and shapes the other. This is usually a good success indicator, unless one of you is a particularly private person, as your needs and desires are likely to be made public whether you want them to or not. It really depends on your definition of success. There is nothing wrong with being well-spoken of, and most people spend a lot of time trying to achieve it. You will only have to cope with the responsibility of dealing with it. This will not be inconsiderable, as your goals will be held up as an ideal to others who may or may not live up to it. Nevertheless, you have an advantage here that you can use especially in the public arena, though it may cramp the private parts of the relationship a bit in the process of fulfilling your unasked-for public duties.



Venus Sextile Mars

### Curbing Desire

In a love relationship, this is one of the best aspects you can have, as it means that the two main physical sexual indicators are in harmony, which will save you all kinds of conflict in this area so gratuitously strewn with problems. Mars is physical sex drive, and Venus is desire, and when the two are at odds, it can be difficult indeed. Here they move easily hand in hand, so when you feel like it, you have the opportunity and the wherewithal to do it, and vice-versa. This is not a madly passionate position, however, but one where love and friendship can blend easily and there is a quiet feeling that everything is going to go right with each other. Even in a strictly professional relationship, this means that you will get along well and that each will tend to provide what the other needs at the appropriate times and your energies will more easily blend into a unified effort. This has the additional benefit of attracting others to you because you move well together and the apparent lack of conflict makes you look like winners. If there is any deficit here, it can be in taking this sort of natural cooperation for granted and not understanding why it doesn't always work that way for others. Thus, even though you may find that things go easy, spend some time investigating how you do it and how others don't, so you can articulate the keys to your success and better blend it with those who have inherited a harsher reality in this respect.



Venus Conjunct Jupiter

### Career Ideas

Love, affection, desire and a propensity for happiness abound in your relationship, and with this position you are likely to go far. You will not only be in agreement about what you want out of each other and the relationship, you will also be full of plans for how to make it bigger, better, fuller and more satisfying. Because of this warm and optimistic attitude, your dreams are more than likely to become self-fulfilling prophecies so this is a good combination for any sort of relationship. In business, you will tend to create success and money out of nowhere as you will just naturally be attracted to it, compounded with a natural ability to make it grow once you've got your hands on it. In love, you will have an aura of warmth and affection that will only grow over the years, bringing you more and more satisfaction. Because of this kind of glow you give off, you will also find others attracted to the two of you because there are plenty of good vibes to be had. In some respect this is likely to be a financially successful union, as you will always have resources around you to take advantage of and include in your expansionist plans. You are sufficiently focused on the positive and what can be developed out of it, so flaws are easily forgiven and transformed into assets.

Venus Conjunct  
Midheaven

### Manage Practical Values

You tend to be a compliment magnet together, giving a new meaning to the word complimentary. People tend to hear the best about you, even when it's not true, so your challenge may be in keeping up in person with the reputation that precedes you. We should all be so blest, however, and this gives you a Teflon quality in the marketplace as well.

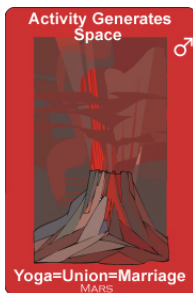


Venus Sextile Ascendant

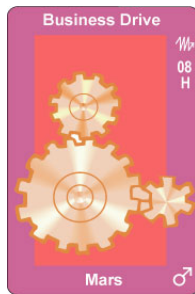
## Examining Values Arises

This is likely to be a very friendly, indeed loving, relationship, and one for which the sharing of love and friendship will come easily and naturally. Social interaction will likely figure largely in your lives, simply because when together you do it so well, however shy or unsociable one or both of you might be by yourselves. You would go out of your way to please each other or your circle of friends, but you don't have to because the occasion consistently arises to do so effortlessly. You are very much at one with your support network and may be asked to represent them in special situations where charm and tact are particularly important. Indeed, in the professional world you could do well at any job which requires diplomacy, poise, and skillful handling of other people: social directors, liaison officers, professional hosts, in-person public relations, and the like. Similarly these same talents can find a rewarding place in the arts, especially the performing arts where physical grace and elegance are at a premium. However you choose to express it, whether in the privacy of just the two of you behind closed doors or out in the limelight where your talents benefit not only you but all those around you, this aspect will be personally and professionally rewarding as long as the world is fond of beautiful people.

## Your Composite Mars



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



Mars in Scorpio

### Business Drive

Mars in this sign is very strong and very contained, giving your relationship great power to make itself felt both in the long and short run. Yours is a fire that burns hot and intense, but well-banked enough to see you through to the finish. Because of this, you may find your efforts give you more than an ordinary power over others, especially as you are likely to deploy this power so carefully so as not to lose any advantageous position you may have. When you are one up on someone, it's important not to take undue advantage, but to use it positively for the good of all of you. The same goes particularly for your treatment of each other, which at times can become scheming or even confrontational, not necessarily from intent on the part of either of you, but because of the style the relationship overlays on the two of you. It will be a good idea to point that sort of thing outward, not toward each other. Barring these sorts of complications, you will find that the relationship is very reliable and that not only you but others as well will come to depend on you. It is good for your reputation and good for doing business with each other and as a partnership. You will be a source of personal power to those whom you permit, and after a trial period, they come within the bounds of your affection.



Mars in 12th House

### Urge to Accept

This is not a good position for Mars and causes your energy levels to require extra attention in order to get your rhythms together. Where you can make mistakes, especially where sex is concerned, you will, and your best bet is to welcome them with humor and learn from experience. When you are ready to address problems by putting the relationship ahead of your individual personalities, you will make serious headway. That, however, is not always the best thing for each of you alone, and thus you will find that you often have to make choices between personal priorities and those of the relationship. All in all, it will be an uphill battle that may in the end have great reward, but only if you are willing to accept failure and difficulty until you really get things right. Expect to shoot from the hip and miss at the beginning and refine your mutual aim until age and experience have provided you with the judgment to pull it off with the first shot. If other indicators in the chart are kind, then this will simply mean energy wasted until you've got a handle on it. If the rest is not so rosy, a problematic Mars can be the very thing to shoot it all down. This is a decision that you will have to feel out as you go along, reserving the greatest level of tolerance for your own mistakes in the process.

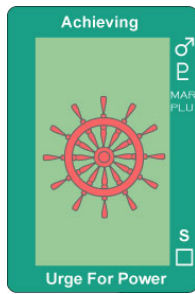


Mars Sextile Jupiter

### Sublimation

An expansive energy pervades your relationship which will go a long way to bring you growth and good fortune both internally and externally. Whenever you get involved in something new, you get on an energy high that enables you to push your intentions to their logical conclusions. There is a reservoir of optimism and enthusiasm that in itself leads to good fortune, because others see you as the happening thing and climb aboard, providing the support and assistance you need to bring it on home. It's not all luck and happenstance, however. Because you will have continual follow-through on what you cook up, you can always be looked to for something new taken as far as it can go. The same is true of each other, and you will be constantly opening up new vistas to each other and then jointly diving in to explore them. Just the sheer joy of cooking up something together sets you off on new tangents which themselves unfold into further roads to explore. Whether this is love, or strictly business, it will be a pleasure doing it with each other and it will also be enjoyable to be in the vicinity when it's happening. If there is a warning, it will be to make sure you have the backup to secure what you have already accomplished before you follow the call to move on.





Mars Square Pluto

### Achieving

Undue and unrelenting force can too easily have a part in this relationship, and you will do well to avoid it at all costs. When either of you don't get your way, forcing the issue will be the first and worst response. The internal motivation here is a fear that one of you will somehow be invalidated and inactivated by the other, so it is better to strike first and ask questions later. The results will just be a pointless and escalating conflict which will do no one any good and could cause serious harm. Rather, treat each other with a mutual respect bordering on dread, based on the assumption that if you don't give each other plenty of room for self-expression, all hell will break loose. In fact this is a good approximation of the case, and keeping this sort of attitude in mind will be the very method of keeping things cool, calm, and collected. You may find the same inclination in dealing with the outside world, where it will be easier to provoke confrontations than come to a compromise. Although you may feel a sense of power with this aspect and have a serious inclination to use it, just keep in mind that the other guy may be just as well armed and a cooler and more deliberate shot.

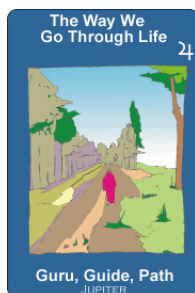


Mars Sextile Midheaven

### Manage Accepting Action

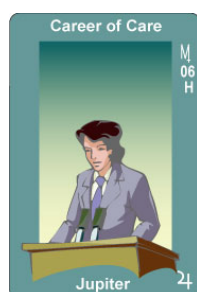
Hard work and success come hand in hand for this combo, and it doesn't even really seem like that hard a job, really. That's because enough praise comes for a job well done to make the next one even better, and so on it goes. It's as easy and natural as breathing, so you kind of take it for granted, which greatly helps bind the relationship without either of you particularly noticing.

## Your Composite Jupiter



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

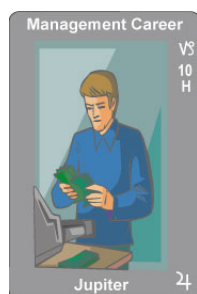




Jupiter in Virgo

### Career of Care

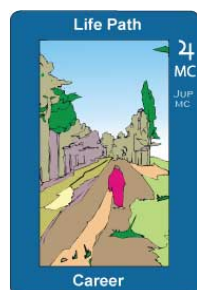
You build your world together with the multiplicity of a geodesic dome, a vision that has a magnificent whole but which is dependent upon each detail of its structure to make it succeed. Thus, you may find that as you grow you will need to pay attention to every part of your personal edifice because you know that the whole thing can crumble as the result of one weak link. Whether it be the way in which you personally deal with each other and your evolving feelings or whether it be new, large-scale commitments you both make together, you will want to tend to as much of it yourselves as you possibly can. The more intimately involved you are with the day-to-day progress of your growth, the more successful it will be. This makes it inadvisable to delegate authority lest you lose sight of what is going on and with it the kind of quality control which you demand. Therefore, tailor the extent of what you intend to accomplish so that you will have the time and resources to do this. If you overshoot, you will find yourself swamped. Better to underestimate your abilities, surprise yourself and get it absolutely perfect. When you are self-reliant and know it, your impact is greatly increased and your level of self-satisfaction will be richly enhanced.



Jupiter in 10th House

### Management Career

This has much potential for being a high-profile relationship with great professional success, as your most creative energies will be focused on widespread concerns of others. Although as a professional union it would carry you far in the public eye, it is likely you'll find yourselves thrust into the limelight even if yours is strictly a private affair. This Jupiter position tends to make things go public, so you might do well to lock your doors and draw the blinds if you don't want interested parties to have a look. Exterior success and reputation will always be a major motivator for you, not just because they are innately desirable, as they are for many, but because their courtship is something you will enjoy doing and find personal as well as professional growth in pursuing. Just being out there and striving for position and recognition has a tonic effect on the relationship, whether or not final tangible gain is the result. In a way, instead of playing to win (though you may), it's more important to win often enough so you can keep on playing, learning, and developing. Because of the exterior considerations here, you may also be under some greater pressure than others to display ideal or exemplary personal lives, which along with the positive aspects of this position may become an imposition. Everybody else gets to make mistakes, why not us? Here, it may just have to go with the territory.

Jupiter Conjunct  
Midheaven

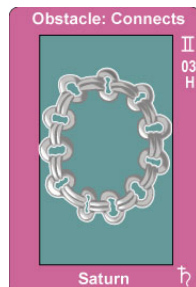
### Manage Career Overview

When you get together people immediately start talking you up as the latest thing, the duo with their fingers on the pulse. For this reason among others, this can be a good professional as well as personal partnership, though the challenge may lie in living up to the more or less continuously-heightened expectations around you.

## Your Composite Saturn



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



Saturn in Gemini

### Obstacle: Connects

Much of the security you find in this relationship will depend on how fail-safe your communications systems are. It will be important to speak the same language and agree on exactly what it is you say and say exactly what you mean. It would, indeed, probably be of great use to actually write down agreements between yourselves in more detail and more often than you might with others. Handshake agreements will be honored, but the loss of their detail from failed memory later could bring great harm and frustration later.

Take the time to set it down, during which you'll find you sort out critically important details ahead of time. Clear communication, of a sparse sort, will generally highlight your relationship, though you might find that what is perfectly clear to the two of you takes repeating to others who like to hear things rephrased until they get what you mean.

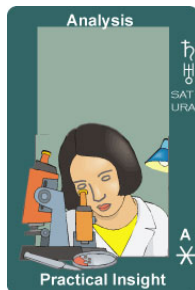
Nevertheless, you will probably find that once you have gotten a concept or direction down, it will be written in stone and others will have little to add to improve upon it. When you lay it down, there it remains. Until, of course only you decide it needs improvement. Thus, you may find that your relationship becomes a resource not only to yourselves but to others for clarifying issues and setting communications upon a firm foundation.



Saturn in 7th House

### Obstacle: Society

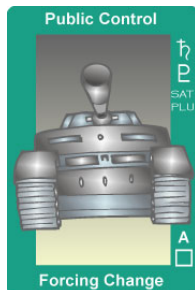
Saturn gets very mixed reviews here, and it can either cement a relationship and make it solid as a rock or cause it to become sufficiently restrictive that you would rather avoid it completely. Or it can sometimes become a relationship that is excellent but rarely manifests itself. In the first case, you can find yourselves together because you are willing to impinge as little as possible on each other and thus show bottom-line respect for each other's personalities. This was frequently the case in older traditional marriages where the separation of lives within the relationship was so extreme that inequalities of partnership were circumvented (a rerun of *Life With Father* is a perfect example). In the second case, where you may for other reasons force a very equal relationship on each other in detail, it will more than likely be near-impossible and raise a lot of frustration and hostility in the process. In the third case, you may have the tightest of relationships during those few times you see each other and a fast though distant friendship comes to endure over the years. In all cases, the bottom line to success here will be letting each other be each other, rather than being overly possessive. Respect rules over affection, and good fences will make good neighbors and good friends. Just don't push each other.



Saturn Sextile Uranus

### Analysis

This is an aspect of precision and endurance, which will cause you to get rid of extra cargo and steer right down the middle of the channel. Depending on its contact with the rest of the chart, this may have direct impact on the personal side of your lives or it may be associated mainly with the way you handle yourselves professionally. Personally, it is likely to restrict your emotional flow, holding down spontaneity until it breaks out and flies off the handle. Human feelings just aren't that precise and don't take sharpening the way a knife blade does. On the professional side, however, this can be the ultimate in straight shooting. It's ideal for science, engineering and technology of almost any sort, as it represents a kind of carefully controlled discovery, getting down to the bare bones of the truth without any extraneous information on the side. It allows you to accept the best of the new, but only the proven best, and also allows you to act upon it once you have it, with complete confidence that it will not fail you. Thus, organization and implementation will be your high points, though in what areas will depend upon where this aspect falls and what other planets are involved. It will mean guaranteed, though limited, achievement and unmitigated respect for your opinions from those who give them proper consideration.



Saturn Square Pluto

### Public Control

You may find you are too accepting of forcible restrictions laid on you either by each other or by circumstances at large. Confrontations tend to perpetuate themselves and grow into institutions when in any other situation they would pass away with time and be forgotten. Memories tend not to fade because they are fueled by constant reminders of problems and possibly imagined wrongs that somehow resurrect themselves and perpetuate the down side of things. If either of these planets is connected by difficult aspects with other points in your composite chart, you may well find yourselves fighting an implacable negativity which can suppress much of your other potentials. If not, there will still be a kind of weariness and worldliness that lurks behind the scenes, like a second opinion waiting to be expressed. Like the dark side of the Force (for Star Wars fans) it will be waiting to pull you under if you give it the chance. Yours is the option to put it away and follow your dreams rather than your nightmares, but you will have to elect to do so openly and forswear the urge to trade the insecure joys of the present for the lonely security of the fortress.



Saturn Opposite  
Ascendant

### Physical Experience Arises

This is a very restrictive aspect and will work out for you only if you are happy about keeping your relationship moving along very definite and unwavering lines. This can mean that you each individually take precedence over the relationship so that it takes a back seat whenever there is another priority. Or it can be that the relationship takes precedence over both of you, but only in closely prescribed areas. Or, it may be that the possibilities of the relationship are restricted by age, class, wealth, debility, and so on. In any case, there will be a distinct air of limitation involved and it will depend on your individual characters as to how or whether this will work out. If you need space and freedom, then you won't have much use for this and it may be a union of convenience seldom frequented. If, however, you need to be held back and have discipline imposed from without, then this can provide a sense of security and may be a refuge from the uncertainties and vagaries of individual existence. Thus, it can be a partnership that can be quite enduring or one which both should avoid from the outset, but in either case it still retains the same qualities; those of austerity, restraint, and certain rigid composure. More than most composite aspects, this one is decidedly a matter of personal taste above and beyond the influence of the composite itself.

### Your Composite Uranus



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





Uranus in Leo

### Freedom: Creativity

This is a good position for Uranus and it can help you encompass broad areas of change that might be more difficult for others in the same situation. Self-discovery can be a joy which can greatly broaden your potential together and increase opportunity by recognizing and grasping the new. It can be a little too tempting to swallow things whole without carefully looking them over and determining what is really useful and what may just be interesting because it's something you haven't tried before. Similarly, you may try to adopt sweeping changes in attitude or direction that may be difficult to integrate and perhaps ought to be taken one at a time. Changes often go deeper than they seem and the forces that fight them inside and out need to be dealt with continually until a new path is well-established. This will often take a good deal of patience and concentration and will suffer if neglected because of too much on your plate. From an outside point of view, you can be seen (sometimes accurately) as perhaps insisting on imposing unwelcome, but perhaps correct, ideas upon those not yet prepared to go along with them and who are not as tolerant as you would like them to be. Much of the joy of discovery is in the personal pleasure it brings, and if you radiate that and let others come to you in their own time, you can be a source for vision and development, not only to yourselves but to the world at large.



Uranus in 8th House

### Freedom: Business

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



Uranus Trine Ascendant

### Conserving Insights Arise

This can be a highly entertaining and stimulating relationship which will allow you to break the bonds of the ordinary and find new and original ways of approaching each other and life in general. Others will find that you are a breath of fresh air to be around, as you will always be promoting something new. Actually, it's all in the presentation, and you have a way of picking the right idea and the right time to bring it up so that it seems like the logical thing to do. The same idea at a different time might be positively threatening. This way you will always get the best out of what you get yourselves into, however adventurous, because you have the knack of pulling it off safely. You will naturally give yourselves some extra space to maneuver, as when you don't exactly know what's coming up next (and that's half the fun) you will need plenty of room to dodge and reverse direction if that is where things suddenly lead you. You will also need to let each other go separate ways when it doesn't work out for both of you at the same time. Simply be safe in the confidence that you will return again when the time is right, the better off for having been allowed the experience.



## Your Composite Neptune



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



Neptune in Scorpio

### Embrace: Business

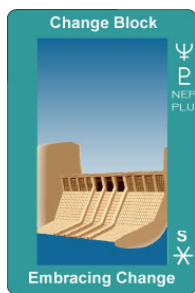
You will experience a certain dogged determination in making your dreams come true so there is a pretty good chance that they will. You, while keeping a fairly low profile so that others have less of a chance of interfering with your success, will tend to throw a lot of your power and ability here. As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



Neptune in 11th House

### Embrace: Community

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



Neptune Sextile Pluto

### Change Blocked

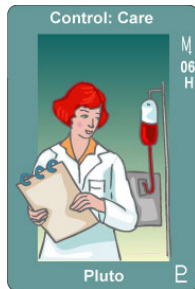
Neptune is associated with aspirations and ideals. It is, in short, a watershed period when a radical new arrangement of world order is being inexorably forced into being. This is a generational aspect, something you share in common with billions of others of your generation. Although in the sky it will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

## Your Composite Pluto



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

relinquish control as well as take it that resolves problematic issues. In the meantime, the ability to step away from the relationship and out of its sway, at least in Pluto-affected areas, can be an important safety measure.



Pluto in Virgo

### Control: Care

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



Pluto in 9th House

### Control: Spiritual

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

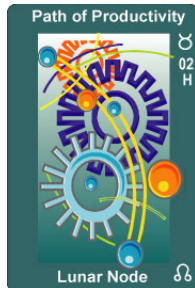


Pluto Square Ascendant

### Objective Power Arises

It can be very easy to get into conflicts of personal power and dominance in this relationship, which can be quite destructive to one or both of you, and it may be quite difficult to prevent yourselves from getting into such entanglements. There is an unrealistic fear that one of you is going to have to be top dog, so you might as well get it over with and decide who's boss. Unless one of you is extraordinarily pliable, it just won't happen that way and a continual competition will ensue which leaves neither the total victor and both emotionally wounded and paranoid. Although there is not a sure way of avoiding some of this, you may find it can work out if you divide up territory so that both of you get to be rulers or you can take turns calling the shots if you can settle on a mutually acceptable timetable. In a sexual relationship, you can even work this as fantasy role-playing where you get the best of both worlds from it and it doesn't creep into serious confrontation in your everyday life. In any case, over time you will learn to spot and check this trend with increasing accuracy and effectiveness once you have learned how counterproductive it can be.

## Your Composite Node

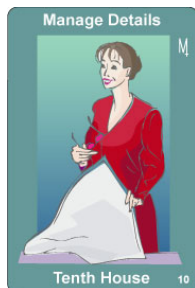


Node in Taurus

### Path of Productivity

Solid choices and responsibilities appeal to you and though you may take more time in deciding where to make joint commitments than you might do individually, you will have added staying power and follow-through as a result of the ability to spell each other. The rewards for this approach come to you behind closed doors, but are the more enjoyable for their private intensity.

## Your Composite Midheaven

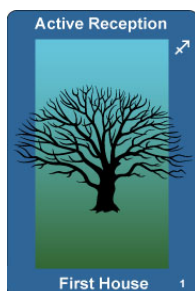


Midheaven in Virgo

### Manage Details

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

## Your Composite Ascendant



Ascendant in Sagittarius

### Active Reception

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