

# **KINDRED SPIRITS REPORT**

## **A Solar Writer Report for Prince William**



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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Prince William

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Cancer	4°Cn57'	7th	
The Sun	Cancer	0°Cn06'	7th	
Mercury	Gemini	8°Ge58'	5th	
Venus	Taurus	25°Ta39'	5th	
Mars	Libra	9°Li12'	9th	
Jupiter	Scorpio	0°Sc29'	9th	
Saturn	Libra	15°Li30'	9th	
Uranus	Sagittarius	1°Sg29'	11th	
Neptune	Sagittarius	25°Sg32'	12th	
Pluto	Libra	24°Li09'	9th	
Chiron	Taurus	25°Ta16'	5th	
The North Node	Cancer	13°Cn19'	7th	
The Ascendant	Sagittarius	27°Sg30'	1st	
The Midheaven	Scorpio	2°Sc27'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Conjunction	The Sun	4°51'	Separating
The Moon	Square	Mars	4°14'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Jupiter	4°28'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	The North Node	8°21'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The Midheaven	2°30'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	Jupiter	0°23'	Applying
The Sun	Quincunx	Uranus	1°23'	Applying
The Sun	Opposition	Neptune	4°33'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	Pluto	5°56'	Separating
The Sun	Opposition	The Ascendant	2°36'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	The Midheaven	2°21'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Mars	0°14'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Saturn	6°32'	Applying
Venus	Opposition	Uranus	5°49'	Applying
Venus	Quincunx	Neptune	0°07'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	Chiron	0°22'	Separating
Venus	Quincunx	The Ascendant	1°50'	Applying
Mars	Conjunction	Saturn	6°18'	Applying
Mars	Square	The North Node	4°07'	Applying

<b>Planet</b>	<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Planet</b>	<b>Orb</b>	<b>App/Sep</b>
Jupiter	Conjunction	Pluto	6°19'	Applying
Jupiter	Sextile	The Ascendant	2°59'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	The Midheaven	1°58'	Separating
Saturn	Semisquare	Uranus	0°59'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	Pluto	8°39'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The North Node	2°10'	Separating
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	6°12'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°22'	Applying
Neptune	Quincunx	Chiron	0°15'	Applying
Neptune	Conjunction	The Ascendant	1°57'	Separating
Pluto	Quincunx	Chiron	1°07'	Separating
Chiron	Quincunx	The Ascendant	2°13'	Applying

## INTRODUCTION

*"Kindred Spirits are not so scarce as I used to think. It's splendid to find out that there are so many of them in the world."*

– L M Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

### Kindred Spirits and Soulmates

Anne Shirley, the heroine of the delightful "*Anne of Green Gables*", innately knew when she had met her soulmate, whom she endearingly referred to as a kindred spirit. It was not the person's age, sex, race, what they were wearing, their social status, income, physical appearance, charm or any other visible clue that gave her this sense of profound knowing. Nothing purposeful or intentional drew her to her soulmates. Her heart inexplicably knew that a divine grace brought them both together.

Such is the nature of the mysterious force that brings two soulmates into contact. Relationship is a sacred rite that brings us into a close encounter with the truth of our own heart and the elusiveness of our soul. True relationship cannot be arranged, figured out or fixed up. Any attempt to control a relationship flows against the current of our soul. The best that we can do is to enter into its mystery, engage in its paradoxes and know our selves intimately enough to be in relationship, whatever that might bring.

The term 'soul' has a long history and been used in various ways philosophically and non-philosophically, contributing to its confusing and ambiguous nature. In contemporary terms it often refers to an 'X' factor that brings a piece of music alive, renders a poem inspiring, animates a theatrical performance or makes work meaningful. When applied to a relationship it describes the mystery that unites two individuals and enchants and animates the quality of each one's life. It does not suggest that the pain of daily living subsides or that life is transformed. But it does bring a depth and resonance, allowing meaning, imagination and fantasy to re-animate life. We meet our kindred spirits throughout the course of our lives, first in the family then later as friends, colleagues, lovers, partners at work and play. Soul is not generally found in the lofty heights of idealisation and illusion but in the valleys of pain and despair.

Soul is also what gives life its value and is the lynch pin of our individuality. Our soulmates honour our individuality and allow us to become more of who we are. Paradoxically by nature the soul moves towards attachment, belonging and fusion with another; yet, it also strives for separation, individuality and freedom. Our relationships become a vessel where we submerge ourselves yet from which we also attempt to flee.

This report encourages you to reflect on what it means for you to love, to be a brother, a sister, a friend, a colleague, a partner and a lover. What does your soul need in these relationships? What patterns weave themselves into the nature of your intimate relationships? Astrology is a great ally of the soul, as the Horoscope has an abundance of rich images that help us reflect on and imagine our authentic self; imagination being the language of the soul. This report will strive to veer you towards reflection by illustrating images within your Horoscope, images that may reveal powerful patterns of relationship and bring you more closely aligned with your soul's intent. Astrology helps us focus on our personal view of the cosmos and soul. Therefore this report contains some standout astrological images that may help you reconsider your relationships in a different light.

**IN THE BEGINNING IS FAMILY**

*“It begins with your family  
But soon it comes round to your soul”  
- Leonard Cohen, “The Sisters of Mercy”*

**Lunar Legacies**

The very first relationship begins within family. No matter what your individual fate may be, your family is where you forged your earliest relationships, took your beginning steps and first experienced an attachment to someone else. Your earliest experiences of forming an emotional bond have a decisive influence on your capacity to feel safe enough to explore relationships beyond the foundation stones of your family. If you experienced a secure attachment then mastery over your environment as you grow up is a lot easier. This is because you were more aware of feeling safe and knowing you were loved. Human beings gain a greater sense of self, distinct from the family, in the shelter of a safe nest and with adequate protection. We learn to develop our individuality when we have developed a sense of belonging. In a perfect world the family matrix supports and secures our sense of self. Ironically, the deeper the sense of safety and belonging, the more capacity there is for individuality and forging intimate adult attachments.

Without an early sense of acceptance and attachment, feeling secure enough to forge bonds outside the family is more complex. In this case, later relationships can become a test of our sense of safety and acceptance. Also our family is a training ground for the ways that we view relationship patterns. Father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter are all relationships that are illustrated in your Horoscope not only as literal figures, but depicting the patterns of relationships. A helpful way of thinking about your mother or father is not who they are, what they did, how they behaved but how this impacted on you and hence created patterns of behaviour in your life.

In astrology this early bonding process is depicted by the Moon. The Moon symbolises what you need to feel accepted and loved. It indicates the nature of your home and your quest to belong. As the symbol of your deepest emotional patterns, it reflects how you nest and protect yourself. Therefore, through the Moon, you can see indications of your living space, eating patterns, and habitual routines. It also represents ‘mother love’, your ability to feel loved and your experience of being loved. It symbolises not only your earliest associations but also your adolescent and then adult relationships.

If your earliest experiences have not been life-enhancing then you may need to change some of your innate relationship expectations and patterns. Modern psychologists would emphasise the need “to re-parent” this part of yourself in adult relationships. The Moon can help in this process by indicating the ways in which you can find solace and comfort in the depths of yourself. It is important to recognise your own needs, so you are not subconsciously expecting your friends and partners to fulfill them. Unmet needs can contribute to feeling dependent and hinder your ability to enjoy true intimacy. The idiosyncrasies, habits and routines you bring into relationships are a function of the Moon. Ironically destiny challenges you in your adult relationships to find healthy ways to nurture your personal

needs. Therefore it is of prime importance to come to know your Moon as intimately and as respectfully as you can.

### *The Moon is in Cancer*

Your Moon is in Cancer, a Water sign. When you are born with your Moon in the Element of Water this suggests that you need to feel close to someone in order to feel secure. In astrology Water is the Element associated with emotions. This Element is, in a manner of speaking, considered to be closest to the depths of the soul. The Water signs (Cancer, Pisces and Scorpio) are all associated with crustaceans. Hard shells, crusts or scales, symbolising the protective persona of the watery element, cover the crab, the scorpion and the fish. However this also suggests the depth and age of these signs: primitive in nature, closest to the depths of the self. Hence feelings are often perceived as archaic, primitive and bothersome, yet ironically they connect us to the past and the depth of human experience. But most importantly water unites and merges, enabling the possibility of closeness, symbiosis, attachment and union. With your Moon in a Water sign you might assume that others also want to forge close bonds, feeling bruised when this does happen or recoiling at the first hint of separateness. You might feel that if others do love you they should know how you feel and also try their best to make amends. Not everyone has your depth of feeling and connection.

Cancer is the sign that represents the personal sphere, in particular bringing depth and intensity of feeling to family relationships and kinship. Hence from the earliest memory your Moon in Cancer instinctually sought attachment to your mother and caretakers. You needed to feel protected and part of a clan in order to feel secure. With this deep sense of closeness you were more likely to develop your ability to feel safe. Rather than retreating from the world or shying away from life you could feel a part of the family. You need to belong and when you do you are secure enough to express your tenderness and kindness. Having such vulnerability you need to feel safe enough to express your feelings without fear of being hurt or rejected. However, if this deep sense of safety and family was compromised in your early experience, so too is your ability to be open and vulnerable. If this is the case then you are likely to retreat into the hard shell that protects you.

Your family of origin and parents are associated with the sign of Cancer; therefore the Moon here suggests that you need a clan, a tribe, a group to belong to. Yes we do have hermit crabs, but that's probably not you. You need to belong and the instinctual response to this need is through nurturing, either by being cared for or caring for others. You bring your caring nature into your attachments, whether that is your family of origin, your family of choice, your friends, work mates or house mates. As a child you needed this sense of tenderness; as an adult you seek this sense of belonging through kindness, which can make it difficult when the world does not share your sensitivities. Cancer is a Cardinal sign suggesting the need to act on your instincts, hunches and feelings about others. As well as harbouring deep feelings you are probably quite expressive of these emotions, not able to hide how you are feeling. Laughter, tears, moods, all describe you. Therefore it is best to use these to your advantage. Sometimes just a simple act of kindness is all it takes.

In adult relationships love and care often are intertwined and it is best to be conscious of this. Since you forge deeply caring bonds, you need to be aware of how others lean on you and inhibit your own needs. What is the difference between nurturing and caring for others as opposed to unhealthy dependency? While dependency is a necessary aspect of your relationships it is always important to balance this with taking care of your own needs, expressing your true feelings and trusting your instincts.

Sentiment, the past and tradition are important to you and in relationship you need to feel you are part of something larger. Therefore family values become important to you and your partner needs to be your family as well.

### **Feeling Secure in an Insecure World**

Planets that affect the Moon need to be honoured and acknowledged in each individual's style of attachment, as they reveal an authentic way of being in relationship. When aspecting the Moon, planets influence your early development and your ability to be intimate in adult relationships. Hence planets aspecting the Moon influence our

capacity for closeness, comfort and trust in relationships.

### *The Sun is Conjunct The Moon*

When the Sun is forming an astrological aspect to the Moon, your parental relationship is emphasized. The Sun personifies your father while the Moon personifies your mother. The contrast between activity and passivity, doing and being, masculine and feminine is highlighted. It is likely that you learnt to bond and feel safe through being identified and mirrored by others in the family. Hearing the applause of your achievements and feeling supported in your development and identity instilled a sense of confidence and achievement. When this sense of support is missing or your parent has sought their own reflection through you, then your confidence may be at risk unless you are identifying with others or echoing their needs.

Astronomically you were born within 24 hours of the New Moon when the Moon is invisible, having lost her reflective ability by being so close to the Sun. Astrologically the planets are aligned; however, not necessarily allied psychologically, bringing stress into their relationship. This stress may actually be part of your experience of your parent's relationship. The conjunction is highly subjective and often internalised, suggesting you might feel the conflict between what you need and what you want, or what you want to do and what you feel, but are uncertain how to act. You are likely to undergo a lifelong learning curve of how to juggle both energies simultaneously. In adult relationships this could imply feeling confused between trying to identify what others want and your own needs.

When you are born near the New Moon this suggests that it may be difficult for you to discern what you need. A child learns to bond and feel safe through being identified and mirrored by others in the family. With the Sun and Moon so close together it is not an easy task to be objective emotionally. You may instinctively identify other's moods and feelings as your own. Hopefully your parents supported your development and identity through instilling a sense of confidence and achievement through active encouragement and applause. Without an active participation in helping establish a separate sense of self you would have been unable to fully separate from your mother and may well have been vulnerable to identifying her maternal moods and anxiety as yours. Like a barometer you might read the emotional atmosphere and unknowingly identify it as your own. Therefore in later relationships it is imperative to be cognisant of personalising other's reactions and learning to be more patient and objective in reading responses and feelings in your environment. Your parents may have been preoccupied with their needs, not fully aware of yours, resulting in you feeling you lacked an identity in the system, uncertain unless you were echoing the other. In later relationships it is imperative to fight off the compulsion to mirror others' needs at the expense of your own.

When the Sun and Moon occupy the same Zodiacal space, it suggests that your parents might also be aligned, unable to be easily differentiated in your experiences. In other words you might feel left out, not a part of their relationship. The feeling that you were not a part of the unit may underpin earlier feelings of safety. In later years you might feel like your own unit and therefore it takes a conscious attempt to feel you belong to your partner's unit. Fate might arrange it so you are challenged to find a way to belong to the systems of your friends and partners. You may unconsciously identify so personally with other's moods and feelings that you are no longer aware of yours. However your kindred spirits will let you know when you're taking it too personally and gently show you that what you heard is not what they meant.

### *Mars is Square The Moon*

When the feisty planet Mars combines with the emotional Moon, the tug-of-war between individuality and belonging is highlighted. This is because Mars stresses independence while the Moon favours dependence. There is a dilemma in choosing between activity and passivity, aggression and pacification even violation, and protection. Perhaps your family experience placed a strong focus on independence overriding the development of personal security. Concentration on self-sufficiency, standing up for your self, being tough and striving forward might be triggered as a reactive defence when you feel insecure. With this aspect you were highly sensitive to any antagonistic or hostile feelings that permeated the family atmosphere. Unexpressed anger, rivalry and ill feelings may have compromised your sense of safety. Therefore to protect your vulnerability a passive-aggressive pattern of behaviour may have



solidified to help you get what you wanted without ruffling any feathers. An aggressive and provocative personality is helpful in masking insecurities. However it also acts against your own needs by defending intimacy. With this difficult combination it is important to consider how you react when vulnerability or dependency is stimulated in your relationships.

If your attachment was secure, your parents have encouraged your expression of appropriate desires, self-assertion and how to use your will to achieve positive outcomes. You feel able to express your individuality and your anger and still feel that you are loved and that you belong. By feeling bonded, your capacity to explore outside the family would not be compromised by unresolved feelings of anger or rivalry. Therefore you are better equipped to differentiate between your own desires and the needs of others, not feeling that you need to act in the way others demand in order for you to feel safe and acceptable.

However, when attachment has been compromised, the family atmosphere of suppressing anger clouds your ability to express anger in a healthy manner and leaves you feeling you must go after what you want in a covert or under-handed way. You learn that that to be angry means love will be withdrawn. Your inability to sustain an enduring bond might be anchored in the early feelings of not being supported to be both independent and intimate. When caught in a fight-or-flight syndrome, you might indiscriminately react.

Your kindred spirits will understand your need for freedom and self expression without demanding concessions. They will also support your independent spirit and volatile reactions without threat of withdrawal. Because your attachment style may have shaped your vigilance and strong reactions, it does not mean that all adult relationships will demand you compromise your integrity or mask your negative feelings. Through your relationships you learn that the dual impulses of mastery and frustration, love and anger, freedom and intimacy can coexist.

### **Home is Where We Start From**

In astrology the 4th House signifies the environmental atmosphere of the family home. It is also the terrain of our innermost life where basic needs for emotional security and nurturing are first experienced. It is in this section of the Horoscope where we first experience feelings of belonging, being at home, and being connected. These experiences lay the foundation for security levels in adult relationships. When considering relationships with others, the 4th House symbolises our most intimate ties with family and those who support and nurture us. As well-respected psychotherapist D.W. Winnicott said "*home is where we start from*".

Planets in the 4th House describe the climate of your family home and the attitudes and influences of your family of origin. These attitudes shape your sense of inner security and the degree to which you feel safe enough to reach out to others. Because 4th House patterns are not always conscious, the planetary energies may not be fully known or understood until they surface in adult relationships as non-supportive habits and unclear behavioural patterns. A planet or planets located in the 4th House are bedrock and foundation for the security, inner strength and self acceptance that you later bring into your adult relationships.

Without planets in this sphere, the conditions of the House can be described in other ways such as the Sign on the Cusp and its Ruler. Planets, however, personify archetypal images and without a planet in the 4th, the astrologer's focus would be on the Moon to describe the attachment style moulded through the family. Take a moment to reflect on how you feel the level of emotional safety in your family influenced your relationship blueprint.

## PRIMARY RELATIONSHIPS

### Our Early Soulmates

#### Siblings, Cousins, Neighbours, Playmates and School Chums



*“One would be in less danger  
From the wiles of a stranger  
If one’s own kin and kith  
Were more fun to be with”  
- Ogden Nash*

### **The Third House**

The 3rd House significantly contributes to shaping relationship patterns, as this is where the first connection with peers is located. Initial experiences of these relationships make their impression on our attitudes towards companionship, partnership and friendship. Feelings, reactions, trauma, trust, freedom, love, fear, in effect the full spectrum of early relationships, lay the foundation for our adult attachments to friends and partners. This sector of the Horoscope is the storehouse where attitudes towards others that shared our early environment, mainly siblings, but also cousins, neighbourhood friends and primary schoolmates, are contained. Social interactions with partners, colleagues and acquaintances have their origins in these experiences, suggesting the 3rd House of the Horoscope reveals the template for relationship pattern.

The 3rd House is critical when analyzing relationships since it illustrates how we first experience peers and the impact they may have on future relationships. We first test the response from the world through the action or reaction of our siblings and early childhood playmates. The sibling relationship can extend to friends, classmates and others, particularly for only children. In many cases of an only child, fate arranges it so there is a replacement sibling: a cousin, a neighbour, a step-sibling or special friend.

When investigating the 3rd House it is important to recognise our position in the family. Our birth order, along with the number and gender of our siblings, has a considerable impact on personality. Birth order was often a theme in the myths, fairy tales, fables and biblical stories we grew up with. It is often enlightening to consider your birth position and how that impacts on your relationships. Expectations, patterns we repeat with partners and even our choice of mate may be more influenced by our siblings than we realise.

Following are some illustrations of your 3rd House energies which may help you reflect on your earliest relationships, especially those with siblings, cousins, neighbourhood chums, schoolmates, sports buddies and friends.

*3rd House Cusp is in Aries*

Aries on your 3rd House Cusp suggests that openness, individual freedom and spontaneity are primary qualities of any relationships that are important to you.

This also suggests that the fiery emotional nature of Aries may have been encountered early in your sibling relationships or friendships. Competition, rivalry, adventure and challenges may have confronted you with finding a way to be independent, yet engaged in your earlier relationships. Competition through games, play and adventure are a healthy way to be in relationship, as you may remain separate and focused on your best outcome, yet be in relationship. Or the other extreme may be that aggression and bullying harmed your sense of feeling accepted in relationship. Either way early experiences of opposition, competition and rivalry find their way into adult relationship in some form. Your task is to recognise that individuality and difference of opinion do not exclude relationship but contribute to a healthy, active and dynamic partnership.

Fate may dictate that in your early relationships you were confronted with your own independence and desires. With your siblings you might have learned to take a stand, have the courage of your convictions, argue and fight for your rights and share in the adventure and discovery of relating. It might have been a battle but you learned how to be yourself in relationship. Soulmates will dare you to be more of who you are, even more of who you might be. While the challenge might be tough you are up to it; the irony is that to be the winner in relationships you have to give your all, even if that is not compatible with the other.

**Being Kind to our Kin**

Another lens we can use to focus on early peer relationships is to look at planetary aspects to Mercury. Mythologically Mercury was a younger son determined to be noticed by his older brother and father and take his rightful place in the family. While he is a mascot for the younger sibling he also personifies the themes in sibling relationships. Rivalry, reconciliation, envy, companionship, separation, communication, support, loyalty and the bond of friendship are all elements of our first peer relationship with our siblings and early childhood sibling substitutes.

## KINDRED SPIRITS

### Friends, Acquaintances and Colleagues



*“Friendship is a single soul dwelling in two bodies.”*

- Aristotle

### **The Eleventh House**

The 11th House is where we hope and wish for a better future, not only for our loved ones and ourselves but also for our wider family. While the 11th House suggests participation with others outside our household we are still prone to recreating unresolved family and relational patterns in the groups, social circles and professional associations we join. Underlying the social relationships of the 11th House represented by friends, colleagues and associates are the primitive patterns and expectations from our earlier peer relationships. Friendship is one of the keynotes of this House and while we feel we have more choice in creating our friendships, we may also discover left over sibling rivalries. The ideal scenario is that we become greater than who we are on our own and in this way friendship helps to expand our boundaries and encourages growth and exploration. The relationships of the 11th House refer to those forged outside the family circle.

This House of relationship is where we meet the kindred spirits who we encounter in the world. Roles and positions have already been forged in our sibling and other relationships and we instinctively take these into our relationships in the broader community. Our impact on society and society’s impact upon us is interconnected with our primary experiences of relationship. In the 11th House we become citizens of a larger community and meet our soul friends.

Relationships feel familiar, as they are kin, allies who are kindred spirits. Hopefully, the spirit that inspires and infuses us is the common link in our friends and colleagues. We can find the sense of belonging to a larger family, being individuals in a larger collective. However, the groups of friends, the group of colleagues, and the organisations we join reawaken incomplete relationship experiences and rivalry once again is experienced. Our friends, close colleagues and kindred spirits can also be the healing agents that help us reconcile and heal the pain of our earlier relationships.

In ancient Greece the polis was not only a representation of the city but also the spirit of the city-state. Here was where democracy flourished, the rights of citizens were respected and the early experiments at sharing power and influence were attempted. The 11th House of the Zodiac is political in that it links the individual in a spirit of equal relationship to others in the collective. Your understanding of the 11th House will help you consider how you forge a democratic, equal and co-operative relationship with others. Impinging upon the success of this is your earlier experiences of relating, your trust in human relationships and your unconscious expectations that you still harbour in relationships. Here you meet your kindred spirits in the world, who share your passions, witness your successes and share your burdens. Both the Zodiac Sign on the Cusp of this House and the planets contained in this sphere will help you reflect on your friendships and group affiliations

### *11th House Cusp is in Scorpio*

The 11th House represents your community, the groups you encounter and belong to outside the family: groups that you belong to because of your interests, your passions and your professional affiliations. Eleventh House experiences include your first class photo, your circle of friends, Girl Guides and Boy Scout experiences, the school council; groups where you were part of the community without other family members. But this House also describes your friends and kindred spirits who share your hopes and wishes and contribute to making your world the ideal place to live in.

With Scorpio on the Cusp of the 11th House, it is natural for you to take your time forging friendships as you bring your deeply passionate and soulful side to your friendships. You want to be involved on a deep level, not superficially, and therefore you need friends to engage with your emotionality and power. You prefer intimate gatherings to large crowds and therefore are more prone to finding your kindred spirits within groups that are more serious and substantial.

Still waters run deep and you bring this depth, intensity and privacy to your friendships. This suggests your friends know you will be there when they need you, that you are trustworthy and will tell the truth when they ask you to be honest with them. Friendship is sacred territory and you respect the mystery and intimacy of your close companions. However the other side of the coin suggests that you might get caught up in triangles or intrigues with your friends. The intensity of feeling may be experienced through secrets and lies, which while uncomfortable, feeds your need for intensity. An intimate friend and a dangerous enemy could be the same. Therefore it is prudent to be aware that you unconsciously invest friendships with a power and potency that often ignites feelings and emotions amongst your circle of friends. It is also wise to use your faculties of discrimination when you give your trust to friends. Not all may honour that.

This combination is not as easy as you might wish, as you bring the power of emotion to the arena of equal friendship. Therefore it might be difficult for you to draw the line between intimacy and friendship. However you know when you stepped across the line. That's often why it is hard to be friends after you've been intimates. A friend and a lover are not the same, but you may have been prone to trying to bring them together. Hence you've learnt that emotional boundaries between friends and lovers are a necessity.

A handful of close friends is more appealing than a clique of acquaintances. You have a great capacity for deep and personal friendships that are enduring and supporting. Sharing personal crisis and tragedy as well as the successes and accomplishments with others binds you even closer to them. You urge to share your innermost feelings with your companions; hence your friendships are ultimately a very private affair. In your heart you hold them dear and you expect the same. Your kindred spirits are your therapists, confidants and your emotional barometers. With friends you have the opportunity to experience the depth of love.

### *Uranus is in the 11th House*

As the modern ruler of Aquarius and therefore the 11th House, the planet Uranus seems at home in this sphere. As a transpersonal planet in the collective sphere it suggests that you have a capacity to bring idealism, innovation and enlightenment into any group situation. While Uranus is rebellious by nature, being in the 11th House you have an innate understanding that unity comes through diversity and the capacity to understand, tolerate and accept other points of view. Uranus in the 11th symbolises a form of utopianism where all are equal; you are democratic by nature.

While kinship with others is important your Uranus in the 11th suggest you can also act out rebelliously within a group. If the group is too static, traditional or stuck in a rut you become the revolutionary that disrupts the status quo. Therefore this placement can also suggest that you might feel separate from the group, the outsider, the black sheep, the 'strange one'. Therefore your creative role in the group is the one who catalyses the group into change. You are the one who brings in another point of view, perhaps out of left field. You might shock and awaken the

group and its leaders out of its complacency, propelling the group into a new and liberated direction. As the agent of change it might be important to reflect on differentiating between the compulsion to change the system for change sake and the authentic need for revolution. With this placement you are able to sustain many different friendships. All become a part of the whole and it is necessary for you to cultivate different relationships and nourish the differing parts of your self that are brought out in exchanges with others.

Like lightning, Uranus strikes, then disappears. For you, group involvement may be sudden and unexpected and may not last. Friendships too may flare up and be unpredictable. While your role may be the one to stir things up, it is also important to recognise the difference between this and being disengaged and detached. With your Uranus in the 11th groups and friends are important yet it is necessary that you retain a sense of separateness and space, or you may unexpectedly separate from the group or leave the friendship. Your urge for space, distance and adventure may be experienced when you feel stifled by commitments. With Uranus here it is important that you have many varying outlets for your independence and individuality so you do not project the need for space and freedom onto the group and view every collective as smothering and limiting. With Uranus in the 11th the freedom to be who you are is found through associations with others in the community. Your kindred spirits recognise you as unique and allow you to be who you are on any given day.

## SOUL AND RELATIONSHIP

### Intimate Friends and Committed Partners



*“Love consists in this ... that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.”*  
- Maria Rilke Rainer

### **The Seventh House**

As the poet describes, loving and committed relationships are forged by the alchemy of two individuals. Soul is expressed through individuality and when its unpredictable and mysterious nature is brought into intimate contact with another, a genuinely soulful relationship is possible. The 7th House is the astrological site where individuality and relationship converge. Astrologically, it is the quintessential House of relationship and its process embraces the experience of being with an equal other in a committed and intimate way. From the soul's viewpoint this is the arena where mutuality, reciprocity and respect for individuality can work to fashion a soulful relationship that embraces the unique character of each partner. Seventh House partners are not just marriage or life partners, but also close business partners and others engaged with you in a committed relationship.

Traditionally this sphere was known as the House of 'open enemies'. Whereas traditional astrology might literally ascribe qualities to a partner, contemporary astrology sees these qualities as mirror images of what is innate in us. In remaining unconscious of your 7th House energies, you proclaim them as belonging to someone else, generally your partner. We enter a mystery where we are drawn to what appears as opposite and different, yet is only a partial reflection of what is not yet conscious in us. What we sense is kin, congeniality, familiarity, yet not from the system we have known. Destiny hovers on the threshold of the 7th House; therefore the Sign on the Cusp is very often prominent in your partner's Horoscope.

We can draw an analogy between the arrival of the partner and the birth of a sibling. Powerfully conflicted feelings of love and rivalry, fascination and anger, closeness and separateness are ignited in new relationships. But this is the nature of intimate relationships as strands of each soul are woven together. Astronomically the 7th House is where the sun prepares to set. It is twilight, when the light elongates the shadows and we prepare to meet the dark. Therefore it is the partner who awakens an earlier stratum of psyche where unresolved or incomplete issues and patterns from other relationships may enter into our current relationship.

Our partners are companions, kindred spirits and intimate others. But human nature inclines towards moulding our partners with the clay of our own unresolved patterns and complexes. The material we use for this is often our own projections, fantasies and ideals. Following is a description of your 7th House energies which might help you recognise your own ideals or those you carry for your partners. In reflecting on these and becoming more conscious

of underlying patterns, you can embrace these energies more fully in yourself allowing your relationships to be less focused on the past and more anchored in the present and, hopefully more soulful.

### *7th House Cusp is in Gemini*

Astronomically your 7th House begins on the western point of the horizon. Astrologically this is the sector of the Zodiac that was setting when you were born. This Zodiacal location is exactly opposite your Ascendant or Rising Sign. Your Rising Sign depicts your personality and independent outreach into life. Your descending Sign or Descendant, as it is known, represents “others”. Therefore the Ascendant-Descendant axis becomes vital in any relationship analysis. It describes the intimate dance between yourself and your partner.

Your Ascendant is Sagittarius; therefore the Air Sign Gemini is on your Descendant or 7th House Cusp.

The Air trinity includes Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. This triumvirate of signs is compatible, at least theoretically, with relationship. It is natural for Air Sign people to want to share ideas and experiences. The Element of Air is constantly seeking its other half through the process of relating. However, Air seeks a multiplicity of experiences and may share its ideas and experiences in many differing relationships, being indiscriminate about privacy and containment. Relationships may be an arena of curiosity, and often at the beginning of the getting-to-know-you phase Air's inquiring and interactive manner is mistaken for a deeper emotional or more intimate interest.

Although you love to relate, you also need ‘air’, space between and enough breath to feel invigorated. You are comfortable with the idea of equality, sharing and the theory of relatedness but you may have difficulty in the sphere of intimacy and emotional constancy. It is natural for you to experiment with a range of possibilities in any relationship, because you like to satisfy your curiosity and inquisitive urges. You need a great amount of space, emotionally, physically and psychologically before you are comfortable enough ‘settling down’. Changeability is natural, and without enough space, you feel stifled and unable to breathe, who may lead to restlessness, even anxiety within any key relationship. If the bond feels stifling, you are keen to escape. You really need to experiment within any relationship before an authentic commitment can be given. Also with you relationship with your siblings could be an indication of how you might explore ideas, relate, learn and adventure with another. A sibling is often experienced as the first partner you learned to relate to and gossip and experiment emotionally with. Communication on all levels within relationship is important, and if in the sibling system there was a lack of communication or sharing of ideas, this could adversely affect your outlook on adult relationships.

What you are first attracted to in others is their youthfulness, their versatility, the way they make you laugh when they mimic your friends or tell a joke and the way they make you think when they are telling you about their latest intellectual discovery. They're so adaptable and communicative and witty. However while you may attract these qualities in your quest for equal relationship, you will also attract the opposite of these qualities. The life of the party may now seem adolescent, the intellect doesn't have enough soul and you're not feeling as special as you want to be feeling. But any relationship can also help you to forge meaning and make sense of all your ideas. Your own intellectual and storytelling talents begin to emerge through the process of relating to someone significant. But most importantly you find the ability that ability to navigate duality and be both separate and together in your relationship.

Qualities you admire and are attracted to in others include versatility, intellect, communication, adaptability and the constant curiosity about life and the way it works. And it is these very qualities that a partner helps you find in yourself. So don't be surprised when your friends and constant companions are very Geminian or change their minds day to day.

### *The Sun is in the 7th House*

You were born as Dusk was approaching. The Sun was low on the western horizon preparing to draw in its light. Metaphorically this suggests your personal identity is reflective, aware of the interplay of shadow and light and prone to identify with others, seeing your reflection in their light. Comfortable with holding onto the light of your own self



you might be instinctively drawn to those who shine and dynamically.

You are drawn to the star quality in others. But you are likely to feel your own identity and confidence being eclipsed, experiencing your partner as more creative, more vital and certainly more self-assured than you are. Unconsciously you empower your partner with the qualities of strength, heroism and great accomplishments, leaving your own sense of self feeling weakened, uncertain, insecure, even powerless. You may feel diminished in the shadow of your partner, leaving you struggling to identify who you are.

By not embracing your pride and confidence in your creative self, you are vulnerable to attracting others who are always on stage. They shine brightly and you adore their creative flair. When you relinquish the desire to shine, while your partner does the star trip on stage, you are left feeling more and more frustrated. This prompts you to reclaim your own magnetism and charisma and find your identity, not through someone else, but through your creative self. If you remain unconscious of your creative needs or your urge to shine and perform, you get the partner who does that for you. While they are on stage, you politely applaud their achievements, but resentment and feelings of inequality are liable to expose your own unfulfilled creative desires. What you once found magnetic and irresistible in someone else now may seem loud and overbearing; or what once was hot has gone off the boil.

In the myth of Narcissus, Echo became drawn to the irresistible beauty of the young man. Yet as we know Narcissus was too mesmerised with his own reflection to be able to relate to her, leaving Echo only able to relate to Narcissus through reflection, draining Echo of any sense of her own self. You could unwittingly collude with a narcissistic partner by denying your sense of self, leaving yourself in the role of Echo who reflects back another person but loses herself. A partner's self absorption leaves no room for you to shine. An excessively egotistical or arrogant partner in your eyes is a good reason to ask if you are out of touch with your own star qualities. Do you want some of that glow of pride in yourself? Often that is the case and your partner exaggerates it for you. The more your qualities are repressed, the more these qualities in the other are exaggerated. It is important that you learn to be in a mutual admiration society; each partner taking a turn being the star. Supporting your qualities in your relationships means that you have your turn to feel some of the magnificence that you easily give away. Once the brilliance and creativity, so glorified in the partner, begins to wane, the shadow of self-absorption and narcissism appear. This is the signal that you need to reclaim some of your creativity, confidence and self-concept. Then you share the stage equally, demanding the right to be recognised and appreciated. Then you find your creativity and identity through the process of relating.

This placement may also suggest that unfinished business with your father may enter your adult relationships. Your chosen partner may unwittingly trigger incomplete father issues, especially issues of favouritism and the need to be seen and acknowledged. You were born with the Sun preparing to set. By nature the Sun is bright and shining but here it is preparing to withdraw its light. Metaphorically you too are in the psychological process of this task of withdrawing the spotlight away from your other halves onto your inner creative self. The sunlight is still warming and illuminating but now on an internal and creative level. When you find the balance between acknowledging and supporting your identity and the creative pursuits of your partner, your relationship becomes filled with the laughter and joy of the happy child. Relationships are your creativity and identity and with your partner you find yourself. Your kindred spirits always leave you feeling better about who you are.

### *The Moon is in the 7th House*

When you were born the Moon was preparing to set on the western horizon suggesting that you will be drawn to the sensitivity and empathy of others. Subtly those, who you are attracted to draw out your caring and nurturing qualities. However if you are not careful, you might end up in the midst of a mother-child dynamic, either you become the mother taking care of your partner or the dependant mothered by your partner. Both roles are interchangeable and unconscious, but often evident to others. While these poles might seem extreme, psychologically it might be close to the truth as the Moon in the 7th House suggests the issues of dependency, symbiosis and care taking subtly enter into the relationship.

Within a relationship you may unconsciously attract someone who will nurture and protect you and shelter you from the harshness of the outer world. Ultimately in an adult relationship this leaves you feeling dependent and childlike. While you project your lunar qualities onto another, you remain unconscious of your tremendous need to mother or be mothered, so you might attract partners who are often helpless, homeless or 'orphaned'. Unconscious of the emotional weight of your Moon, your partners may express the emotions you are not; leaving you feeling unsupported and unloved.

With your Moon in the 7th you need to reflect on the powerful image of the mother and how this may have influenced the way you relate. Your relationship with mother may be transferred onto your partner. Incomplete issues with mother may then dominate your current relationship. Unbeknownst to you, you might be unconsciously recreating mother's pattern of relating in your adult relationships. In being caught up in the roles of protector and nurturer, you have little time or inclination to pursue what is of importance for you. With the Moon in your 7th House perhaps a worthwhile reflective question might be: 'How can I mother and nurture my own needs rather than projecting these onto my partners?' By becoming more objective within your relationship, you are able to be more discriminating about the levels of empathy and understanding you immerse yourself in. Nurturing and caring for yourself and your partner equally is necessary. Learning to care for your self needs to be brought into perspective.

Your Moon in the 7th House suggests a high level of sensitivity to the other. So attuned are you that you are often able to know what someone else needs before they do, leaving you susceptible to becoming enmeshed in a co-dependent relationship where your life seems to depend on taking care of others. The shadow emerges when you feel either totally dependent on your partner or you have become the emotional provider. This is when you begin to demand more emotional support and interdependence. Often with the Moon in the 7th House you will have colluded with encouraging your partners to become emotionally dependant on you, leaving you feeling bereft of an emotionally equal relationship. To understand the pattern, consider what the trade off has been for you. While you may have been providing all the emotional support, you have given over power to your partner in other areas of your life. Your Moon in the 7th House wants an interdependent relationship where you feel supported and emotionally protected, but not to the extent of feeling smothered or helpless.

When you are able to feel confidence in supporting yourself emotionally and financially, then you are more capable of seeing the true partner. With the Moon in the 7th you partner an emotionally supportive companion, one whom you can share your home life and soul with. But to be in the right vicinity when the soulmate arrives, you need to disentangle yourself from emotional situations where you are not being supported or nurtured. When you meet your partner you will know as he or she feels so familiar as if you've known him or her all your life. Your kindred spirits care for you and are supportive in every way they can be. They are your family.

## PLEASURE, PASSION AND LOVE

### The Joys of Venus and Mars



*“There is only a single magic, a single power, a single salvation and a single happiness, and that is called loving.”*

- Herman Hesse

### **Venus and Mars**

To the ancient mythmakers, Venus and Mars were consistently paired together as companions, either lovers or close sibling allies. In Roman mythology they are the deities who preside over the Empire. To the Greeks Aphrodite and Ares were deeply attached passionate lovers or siblings. In the story of *“The Odyssey”* they are caught in a golden web woven by Hephaestus who wove the fine filament in order to entrap Aphrodite in bed with Ares. Their relationship is an erotic one. In Homer’s earlier epic *“The Iliad”* their relationship is depicted as less magnetic, yet just as close. Aphrodite refers to him in this epic as ‘dear brother’. Their relationship is devoted and warm-hearted. When we imagine these gods we think of them as eternal lovers, sometimes married, other times not. They represent two layers of soulmates: erotic and emotional intimacy as well as companionship. In psychological terms they represent our inner orientation to pleasure and passion, while in astrological terms they help identify what qualities attract us to others, what we value and desire. Physiologically they are our scent and libido, the innate attractive and active forces that draw us towards companionship.

In term of compatibility and conflict in relationship, Venus and Mars play a leading role. The complete picture of their placement in your horoscope can be fully assessed by a professional astrologer. For this report we are only analysing the planetary sign which signifies qualities and essences important in your intimate relationships.

Venus is pleasure and beauty. Both in body and in spirit, Venus symbolises what you find attractive and the values you place upon your relationships, what you need to feel partnered and your own inner sense of worth and value that wants to be appreciated, honoured and respected. Your Venus sign is a metaphor for those qualities you need in relationship to feel complete.

Mars is passion and desire. Whether spiritual, physical, intellectual or emotional Mars symbolises how you express your desires, frustrations and energy. In terms of relationship it suggests how you assert yourself, deal with conflict and make your desires transparent. Your Mars sign describes how you might express yourself, go after what you want and how you may deal with anger in relationship. In essence it is a symbol of how your life force naturally

seeks expression.

Being opposite in nature, Venus and Mars are naturally attracted to one another and often a highlight of your soul mate's astrological constitution. Therefore take note of the sign placements of both Venus and Mars and how they are reflected in the horoscopes of intimate others. Use these descriptions to reflect on your values and desires. Venus themes in relationship focus on shared values, feeling loved and appreciated, money and pleasure, affection and sensuality while Mars brings themes of sex and desire, independence and individuality, dealing with conflict and the sharing of goals out into the open. By nature Venus is feminine and Mars is masculine; therefore gender wise Venus might be more integrated into the personality for women while Mars might be more accessible for men. That *"Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus"* thing again. Hence a man's Venus might be a fair description of women he is attracted to while a woman's Mars often describes the men she attracts.

### *Venus is in Taurus*

*Aromatherapist seeks Banker for exchange*

While this advertisement might never show up in the personal column of your local paper, there may be some truth in it for you, as two elements of a relationship that are important are illustrated here. You like to be sensual with your kindred spirits whether that's wearing pleasing perfume or chic clothes, listening to music, sharing a meal or exchanging a tender touch. And let's be honest you do like to be comfortable, so a little luxury won't go astray. This takes money; however, that is not the motivating factor in any relationship. It helps, but what is more important is tenderness, loyalty, consistency and stability. So, yes there is an inner sensualist and banker that need expression in your relationships.

You also value quality time in relationship. While functional aspects of life can be dealt with quickly, the pleasures of life do not fit easily into a busy schedule. Therefore you value the slow burner, not getting heated up all at once, but slowly. The sensual world is where you take in your pleasure and you need to share this with your loved ones. Venus is at home in this sign. This is her earthy domain where she embodies the pleasures of sharing tastes, sights, smells, sounds and feelings with those she loves.

You invest a lot in your relationships and you want to be sure it pays off. Well some might say you are a little possessive, but you can't help wanting that special love all to yourself. So you don't want to be pushed into relationship. But when you are attracted to some one you feel it in your body; a tingle, sometimes a torrent. But it takes time to know if they feel the same, are compatible and share the same passions. Not all will be, but those who are will appreciate your sensual and creative sides. Kindred spirits are just a hug away.

### *Mars is in Libra*

How you assert yourself in your relationship and take the courage to be your own person is the domain of the Planet Mars. Being in airy Sign of Libra, what motivates you is often paradoxical and how you express your desires is often contradictory. Sound confusing? Well it often is to others. They question your decisions: *"You said that you wanted to do your own thing, but now we are going out together"*. Your ambivalence is confusing for others. But if you're not sure of what you want, how can you express that to others? It's great at mediation and reconciliation when you're not emotionally involved, but when your heart is implicated, then it becomes tricky. Classical astrologers see this placement as difficult, since the urge to act for the self is coloured by the quality of compromise. Therefore if what you want is at odds with what others want, you have the tendency not to express your desires. It's frustrating and can cause you to actually act against your own wishes.

For instance you've been known to befriend your enemies at the expense of estranging your loved ones. When confronting an unpleasant situation, you try and find a resolution that is pleasant, rather than one that is decisive. While you might think you are being altruistic, you're being passive aggressive. Sometimes your way of dealing with anger is to forget names, show up late, if at all, or ignore those trying to get your attention. Your difficulty in confronting unpleasant emotional truths leaves you speaking in riddles when something important needs to be said.

Eloquent and lucid, you can say a lot without saying anything at all. Like Tweedledum (in Lewis Carroll's, "*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*") you can pride yourself in being logical; however you haven't actually dealt with the problem! *"if it was so, it might be;  
and, if it were so, it would be;  
but as it ain't, it ain't.  
That's logic."*

On the other hand being in relationship with you is extremely rewarding, as you are able to intuit what others want. You know what they like to wear, want to do and where to go. You might be in two minds about what you want but you are fairly clear about what others want. And herein is the redemption. You do desire a relationship and strive to be a considerate and caring partner. You bring romance, grace, understanding and a great deal of love into your relationships and you desire this in return. You're just learning to be more direct.

## CROSSING PATHS

### Close Encounters with Kindred Spirits



*“Lovers don’t finally meet somewhere. They’re in each other all along.”*  
- Rumi

### **The Nodes**

You won’t meet your kindred spirits accidentally. In the chronicles of the soul, there are no accidents, only meaningful coincidences; therefore your soulmates are already familiar to you. Whether you come across them in the sacred circle of your family, the playgrounds of your childhood, in your adult establishments or your elderly neighbourhoods, they are already part of you. Whether these relationships last a minute or a lifetime, are filled with happiness or conflict, they are destiny’s design woven into your life’s intricate tapestry. Therefore it is inevitable that at some time your path will intersect the paths of your soulmates.

But when? Well this is the riddle of relationship. Whatever arrangement or timing brings you into alignment with your kindred spirits is the inexplicable mystery of the soul. Astrology is a great aid in this regard as it can bypass layers of rational minds to explore timing in relationships. Astrology’s timing techniques are invaluable in helping to focus on major and meaningful passages in relationship. Consulting a professional astrologer to explore these questions can be highly revealing and rewarding. Within the limits of this report we can draw on an aspect of your horoscope that will help you reflect on your encounters with kindred spirits. This is the House position of the North Node, a signpost that points to where soul may be encountered in relationship.

The House positions of the Nodes illustrate environmental factors that shape and influence your fate, including relationship. This is where the inner and outer worlds lead us to a rendezvous with soul. North Node experiences are out of the ordinary, since its nature is both subjective and participatory with the spiritual world. Therefore the House position of the North Node locates one of the settings where engagement with the spiritual self occurs. The South Node is in the opposite House and describes a familiar place, an area of safety, and a comfort zone that supplies an anchor for our relationships. However it is also a place where we can become fixed, caught in the safety zone of our complacency and neglect the invitation of the North Node. That would be a shame as it is at this pole where you might cross paths with a kindred spirit.

Considering this one image in your Horoscope invites you to feel more masterful in participating with your soul’s journey and more receptive to close encounters with kindred spirits.

### *The North Node is in the 7th House*

Close encounters with kindred spirits are an important feature of destiny's design for you. They are on the horizon of your life but you need to become more aware of them. One of your spiritual tasks is to shift the spotlight away from self towards others. As you begin to feel less self-conscious and more expressive you will begin to see a different horizon filled with the possibility of relationships. You are innately adventurous but the adventure is now in the unexplored terrain of relationship. This is where you need to take a risk and be a warrior.

With your North Node in the 7th House of your birth chart and your South Node in the 1st House, the arena of personal relationships is highlighted, as the polarity of these houses is the axis of self and other. While you may feel more inclined to do your own thing rather than follow others, compromise and co-operation are your life lessons. Your path leads in the direction of others. Whether you are aware of this or not, your life focus is on being fulfilled and complete in relationships, whether they are intimate others, close friends or business partnerships. What a task to navigate this complexity of needs, desires and expectations.

To feel that you are an independent soul, free of the need to be involved with others, is an unhappy deception and encourages a false sense of security. Naturally you have a strong spirit and a well-developed independent streak, but your task is to place effort and conscious will into forging relationships. Interestingly your time invested in others will be rewarded with realisations into your self. The pathway in front of you naturally veers towards close encounters with others, which will bring out more of your own authentic self. Don't worry – you won't become co-dependent or lose yourself completely.

Independence, freedom and adventure are innately aspects of your character; therefore you will never lose these traits, unless of course you do not value them. The task is to recognise that rewarding and fulfilling relationships encourage your individuality and champion your visions. Through relating and the interchange with others you discover the missing link to your sense of selfhood. Interpersonal relationships are the key to your expression of individuality and through your associations you are able to make an impact on the wider community. You love a contest, and the challenge now is to master relationship.

Interactions and close personal relationships help you to develop and recognise your leadership and entrepreneurial skills. With your kindred spirits you may take on a managerial or leadership role, as you have an innate sense of being able to take risks and confront difficulties. However managing others is not necessarily relating to others and effort is needed to remain involved personally. When you find the path that feels right for you, be assured that your soulmates will also journey along that same track. One thing consistent with this nodal axis is that you will recognise your kindred spirits when they cross your path, as there will be something so familiar and accessible about them that you feel you have known them forever. Just remember kindred spirits come in all shapes and sizes with both endearing and annoying traits! Perfection comes later.

## CONCLUSION

*“Love to some is like a cloud, to some as strong as steel  
For some a way of living, for some a way to feel  
And some say love is holding on and some say letting go  
And some say love is everything, some say they don’t know.”  
-John Denver, Perhaps Love*

Songwriter John Denver’s lyrics capture the paradoxical nature of love for each individual. Every relationship whether it is familial or formal, professional or personal, intimate or casual is an invitation to self-discovery. We bring our hopes, secrets, expectations, resources and desires to our relationships and through the alchemy of interaction come to better know ourselves and others. Soul does not strive to work out or control relationship but inspires us to consider what is being asked of us; what is the fate of this relationship? In this way astrology is a unique tool in helping us reflect on the purpose and patterns of our relationships, not to fix or control them, but to understand their complexity and place in our lives.

Kindred spirits are relationships in which a deep bond is present, not inspired by the teachings of a self-help manual but through the soul’s grace. And that is a mystery which astrology helps us to consider. I have written this report to promote a spirit of inquiry into the patterns and purposes of soul in your relationships. Like soul there may be contradiction and confusion, as it seeks understanding not clarity. Also the report is limited in its nature to explore the more detailed and intricate patterns of your horoscope. However it is the author’s sincere hope that it provides an initial step to your reflection on relationships. Perhaps love in the end is what we are willing to bring to it, like the poet Ovid implied in *“The Art of Love”*: *“If you’d be loved, be worthy to be loved”*.

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