



# SOLAR WRITER

## COMPOSITE

A SOLAR WRITER REPORT  
for Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville West

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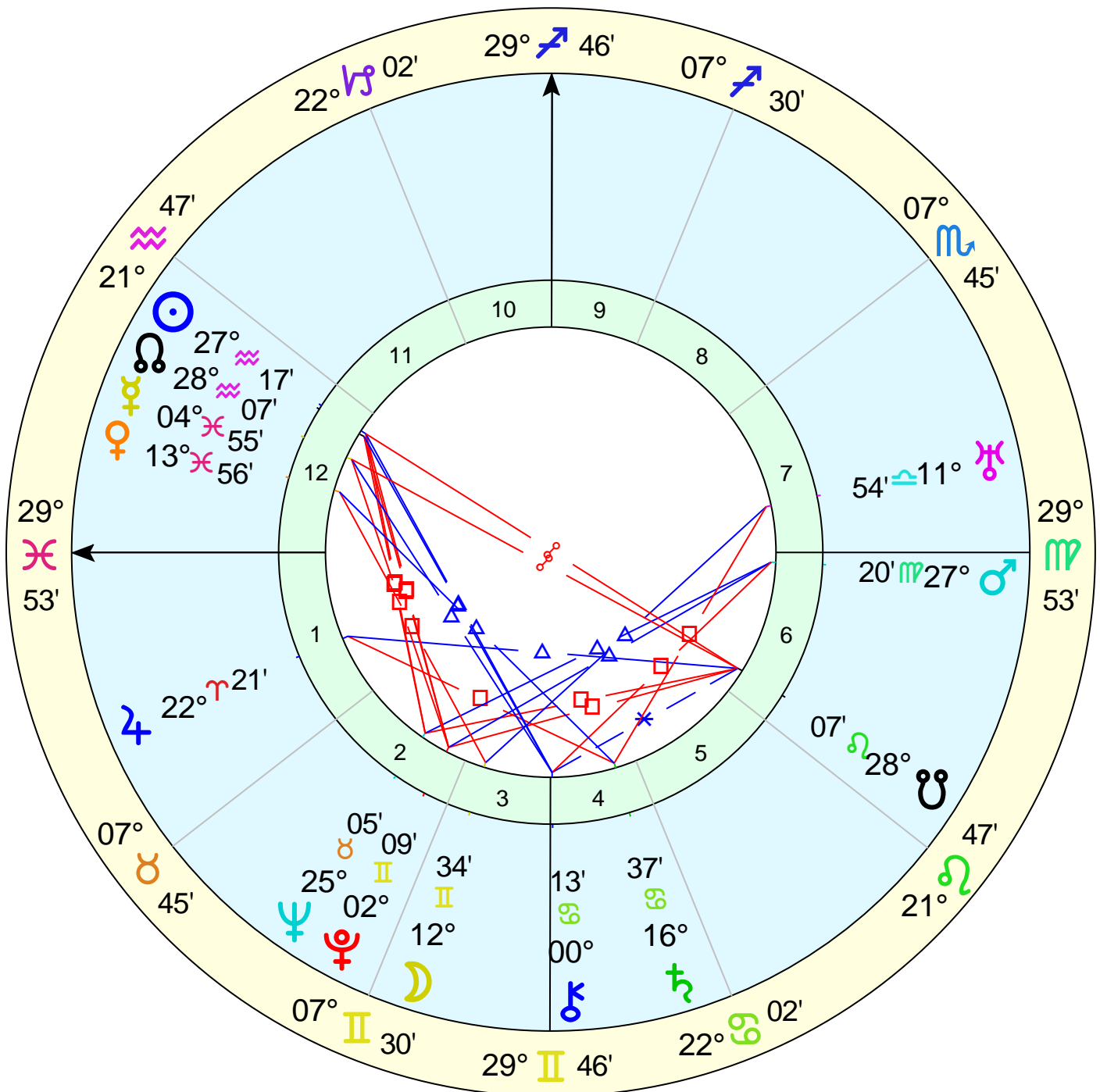
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# Virginia Woolf Vita Sackville West Composite - Midpoints

*Tropical  
Placidus*



## Astrological Summary

### Chart Point Positions: Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville West

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Gemini	12°Ge34'	3rd	
The Sun	Aquarius	27°Aq17'	12th	
Mercury	Pisces	4°Pi55'	12th	
Venus	Pisces	13°Pi56'	12th	
Mars	Virgo	27°Vi20'	6th	
Jupiter	Aries	22°Ar21'	1st	
Saturn	Cancer	16°Cn37'	4th	
Uranus	Libra	11°Li54'	7th	
Neptune	Taurus	25°Ta05'	2nd	
Pluto	Gemini	2°Ge09'	2nd	
Chiron	Cancer	0°Cn13'	4th	
The North Node	Aquarius	28°Aq07'	12th	
The South Node	Leo	28°Le07'	6th	
The Ascendant	Pisces	29°Pi53'	1st	
The Midheaven	Sagittarius	29°Sg46'	10th	

### Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	Venus	1°21'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	Uranus	0°40'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	7°38'	Separating
The Sun	Square	Neptune	2°12'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Pluto	4°52'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	Chiron	2°55'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	The North Node	0°50'	Separating
The Sun	Opposition	The South Node	0°50'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	The Midheaven	2°29'	Separating
Mercury	Square	Pluto	2°46'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Chiron	4°42'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	The North Node	6°48'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	The South Node	6°48'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Saturn	2°41'	Separating
Mars	Trine	Neptune	2°15'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Pluto	4°48'	Separating
Mars	Square	Chiron	2°52'	Separating
Mars	Opposition	The Ascendant	2°33'	Separating
Mars	Square	The Midheaven	2°26'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	Saturn	5°43'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	The South Node	5°46'	Separating
Saturn	Square	Uranus	4°43'	Applying

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Neptune	Square	The North Node	3°02'	Separating
Neptune	Square	The South Node	3°02'	Separating
Pluto	Square	The North Node	4°01'	Applying
Pluto	Square	The South Node	4°01'	Applying
Pluto	Sextile	The Ascendant	2°15'	Applying
Chiron	Trine	The North Node	2°05'	Applying
Chiron	Sextile	The South Node	2°05'	Applying
Chiron	Square	The Ascendant	0°19'	Applying
Chiron	Opposition	The Midheaven	0°26'	Applying
The North Node	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°38'	Separating
The South Node	Trine	The Midheaven	1°38'	Separating
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	0°06'	Applying

## Introduction



A well-known saying often ascribed to Aristotle suggests that 'the whole is greater than the sum of its parts'. In essence, this is the nature of the Composite or Combined Chart, in that the alchemical combination of two individuals can create a relationship greater than the two. The secret is in working together to create this possibility. Hence, like the individual birth Chart, the Composite Chart holds the potential for fulfilment and each individual either takes hold of or rejects this potential. In many cases, the potential of the Composite Chart never manifests because the individuals involved are not working together to ignite the possibilities of their relationship. It's also true that not every relationship is a positive one, much as this might be the wish. The Composite Chart can shed light on the true nature of each relationship.

Another way of describing the combined energies expressed in the astrological Composite Chart is by using the word "synergy". Synergy is the dynamic force that is a result of working together to achieve something greater. The New Oxford Dictionary defines "synergy" as 'the interactions or co-operation of two or more organisations, substances or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects'. This is the underlying premise of the Combined Chart; that the astrological combination of two horoscopes can generate cosmic alignments more powerful than the individuals separately. The interpretation of a Composite Chart is a means of engaging in this mystery.

Astrologically, a Combined Chart is calculated by taking an average, midpoint or mean amount between two or more horoscopes to generate a single Chart. This single Chart is often referred to as the Composite Chart and takes two or more individuals in a relationship and produces a single Composite horoscope to represent the soul or nature of the relationship. This technique can be useful in ascertaining patterns, challenges, and timing in the relationship itself. However, it does not describe each individual's relationship needs. For instance, a Combined Chart may describe an intense synergy of two people. What happens when only one of the two people wishes for intensity? Conflict may occur or the relationship may simply dissolve. This report is intended by the authors to describe the potential of each combined duo, the alchemy. The choice of whether to pursue the "gold" in each relationship remains an individual one.

## THE HEART OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP



*"The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed."*

-- C.G. Jung.

### *The Sun*

There is only one Sun in our Solar System and it is the central focus. In every relationship, there are two, as each person brings their own Sun into the partnership. This might generate too much heat in the relationship unless a way is found to moderate and focus the intensity. This is the nature of the Composite Sun, which blends the two temperaments and shifts the centre of gravity away from an individual, placing its centre of attention on the relationship. As a couple begins to forge their commitment to the relationship, the focus shifts from 'I' to 'We', and from individuality towards connection. At the heart of every relationship is the central point which keeps the relationship alive and radiant. This is the Composite Sun.

As an image, the Composite Sun is the heart of the relationship, the planetary organ which provides the nutrients and life force to the relationship. It symbolises how the relationship remains vital, and how the couple can be more animated and lively. The Sun is also a symbol of identity and represents what is unique and especially characteristic of the relationship. It symbolises ideas and goals that are important to recognise for the wellbeing of those involved. As the heart centre of the Chart, it reveals the essence and purpose of the relationship. The encompassing question might be, 'for what purpose has this relationship been created?'. On a more pragmatic level, it suggests factors that are important to identify as well as core issues in the relationship. The house position of the Sun will shine a light on what areas are of interest and importance to the couple; while aspects to the Sun highlight challenges to the vitality and resilience of the relationship, identifying other energies that need to be acknowledged in the relationship.

As an image of father or authority, the Composite Sun also suggests how the relationship is cultivated and promoted. Therefore, it is an important image for any couple to acknowledge as participation with this energetic quality develops the heart muscle of the relationship. However, like all Composite planets, there is often an irony in the quality of the Composite Sun which is important to reiterate. The Composite Sun is often at odds with one or both partner's Sun signs. For instance, a Sun in Sagittarius involved with a Sun in Aquarius may have their Composite Sun in Capricorn. As individuals, their mutual recognition of freedom and wider vistas may need to find a more conservative focus in their relationship. When a couple locates



their Composite Sun, their relationship shines; therefore, the house of the Composite Sun will suggest where the couple might metaphorically find more sunshine.

### *The Sun is in the 12th House*

“Handle With Care” could be the motto associated with this placement. The combination of two people’s Sun signs has a dynamic and powerful impact on any relationship, whether you are friends, family members or lovers. This is never truer than when your Combined Suns reside deep within the murky waters of the 12th House. Those in the New Age culture would call this a strong, karmic connection. Emotional bonds form quickly and deeply and can be volatile if not handled with care. Family members and friends may share memories of the same or similar emotional journey. You recognise similar challenges, responses, reactions, and outcomes. Together you can battle your demons, and hopefully transform. Growth is possible, but only when each person recognises and respects each other’s individuality. This is the challenge of this placement – discovering a sense of individuality in the face of an overwhelming connection. Lovers are likely to experience an intense attraction. Chemistry is instant. In this case, the chemistry may be a volatile mix, threatening to overwhelm one or both of you. Chemicals can be dangerous when wrongly mixed or handled with disrespect. A healthy respect for each other is vital in this intimate relationship. Sexuality, passion, fire, and sensuality can easily become lust if the emotional bond is not deeply respectful. It is vital that any past personal wounds are handled with care. Otherwise, they are likely to affect the behaviour of each person in this relationship, seemingly rising from nowhere to break the bond. Any wrongdoing by either of you is likely to blow this relationship apart. Therefore, you are likely to have a deeply transformative effect on each other, changing the course of your lives. This can be a positive, redeeming, and regenerative relationship if you are both interested in an intense connection with another person. If you prefer your relationships lighter and more fun-filled, then you are likely to eventually be repelled by the other person’s need for deep intimacy. However, if you do enjoy intensity, this relationship can be a constant source of joy as you feel deeply connected to another human being on this planet.

### *The Sun is Conjunct Mercury*

There is an instant rapport when you are together. It doesn’t matter whether you are in an intimate personal relationship, work together as business colleagues, are family members, or perhaps enjoy a student and teacher bond. Whatever the nature of your association you can be assured that your heads and hearts are simpatico. You understand each other without words being spoken. You have common interests, share the same outlook on life and enjoy each other’s company. Other factors will help determine the true nature of this union but you can be assured that clear communication lines are a vital factor to relating on any level. Therefore, you are likely to continually be drawn to spending time together. This is particularly true when the planet Mercury is in the same Zodiac Sign as the Sun in your Combined Chart. You may also both share similar talents and enjoy expressing them as a couple. For this reason, you are likely to work in a similar field or visit similar locations, and perhaps work on projects together. Others are likely to note the ease with which the two of you move through social occasions, mixing and mingling as a couple. They may comment on the fact that the two of you seem to belong together. This is because you are both confident in each other’s company, knowing that one has the other one’s back covered, so to speak. You are aware of each other but are not likely to cling or cramp each other’s style. There is a light-hearted, almost mischievous sense of fun when the two of you are together. You may disagree on some matters, but you are both in agreement that together you can solve all problems, and even enjoy the problem-solving process. The planet Mercury is a bit of a trickster and so you need to be a little wary of the instant attraction provided with this combination. The initial rapport is likely to be strong, and the association can certainly last long term, but you need other factors in your astrology for this association to be considered deeply intimate and committed.

### *The Sun is Square Neptune*

This combination indicates an association that is both blessed and cursed with caprice. On the one hand, you are both drawn to an inexplicable quality in each other. Romance may be in the air or you share a dream for the betterment of the world or yourselves. Whether you have met through business or personal ventures, and whether you are acquaintances or intimate friends, you seek something illusive in each other.

You recognise a kindred spirit when you see one. You know that destiny has played a hand, and if nothing else, that you are going to teach each other a valuable lesson. Somehow you feel that knowing each other has made this world a better place. The problem is, that unless there are other strong indicators in your Combined Chart, you are likely to feel somewhat frustrated at times. What you are yearning for is a deep and soulful connection with each other. However, just when this seems to be possible, something or someone else steps into the picture preventing true satisfaction. In other words, you experience disillusion. Once disillusioned you need to be wary of the way in which this relationship can deteriorate. If indeed the qualities that you seek are illusory, then you are better to ease yourselves out of any serious commitment. This is true for both business and personal relationships. If you are married or looking for a commitment of marriage, then you need other astrological indicators to provide the glue for a strong bond. Otherwise, you could lose yourselves in an impossible search for love. Years can pass by because you both don't want to let go, and yet you also can't quite see a practical, daily commitment taking place. If you do have other clear relationship indicators, then you are likely to enjoy this relationship, feeling that it is a deep connection that helps you rise above daily problems. Sometimes this combination highlights a shared passion for the arts, charitable works, alternative therapies or spiritual pursuits.

### *The Sun is Square Pluto*

This is a life-changing union. No matter what the nature or length of your relationship, you are both inextricably changed by your association. This is indeed a profound connection. The force that draws you together is potent, how you deal with this is in your hands. The more that you both communicate the truth, the more profound this union is likely to be. By coming together, you have both committed to the process of personal growth within this relationship. If one, or both of you, strays away from the centre of this bond then you could both find the results confronting. If you want to be in a transformative and profound relationship, then this union is life-giving.

### *The Sun is Trine Chiron*

Whenever Chiron is highlighted in an Astrology Chart, it signifies both a source of emotional pain and the opportunity for healing. In your case, Chiron is combining with the Sun indicating that this is a profound union with subtle undercurrents. In her book "Anatomy of the Spirit: The Seven Stages of Power and Healing", author and modern-day self-help guru Carolyn Myss espouses two people forming a bond based on their emotional wounds. She explains that one person reveals an emotional and hurtful experience, and the other person empathises. Through this empathy, two people form a union. Myss calls this being "wound-mates", not soul mates. Does this ring any bells? Perhaps you have met under similar circumstances, perhaps even through a group or cause that is close to your heart because of your personal experience. Many people have hurtful memories from the past. The vital factor in your relationship is that you help heal each other's painful memories rather than add to them. Compassion is a key factor in all communications. You need to keep a strong heart connection rather than focus on the intellect. If you speak from the heart then you are likely to nurture your bond. You may also benefit from coming together for a cause, or to heal or teach other people. These pursuits may provide just the platform for you both to gain understanding and self-expression in a safe and loving manner.



## THE SOUL OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP



*"Living together is an art. It's a patient art, it's a beautiful art - it's fascinating." -- Pope Francis*

### *The Moon*

As the indication of attachment and the barometer of emotional security, the Moon is especially important in the Composite Charts of dependants, like mother-child relationships, couples with children, and/or long-term committed partners living together or even flatmates. In your relationship, the Composite Moon's House position suggests where you both might build the foundations for your emotional wellbeing, and where you share in the shelter of each other. Your Composite Moon signifies the emotional comfort levels in your relationship, and what is needed to help secure your relationship. It is where you find the feelings of belonging, and even the atmosphere and ambience needed in your home and private spaces, to help nurture and grow your relationship together. The Composite Moon represents the conditions that help you both to feel at home. For instance, are there many moves? a permanent address? Or could you live interstate or overseas? The Moon is instinctual; in your Natal Charts, it suggests the habits and familial themes you both bring into the relationship, but in the Composite Chart it suggests the innate patterns and rituals that are natural to your relationship. Do you fit together easily, ride the ups and downs of life together, or does the relationship falter at times of stress and difficulty? Is the relationship familiar and safe? These are reflective questions addressed by your Composite Moon.

The Moon reflects the many aspects of living in rhythm together. In a particular House, it describes what areas of life are necessary to cultivate in order that you both feel safe and secure in your relationship. By astrological Aspect, it suggests other forces that challenge and strengthen the security of the relationship. Ultimately the Moon is about emotional security and safety, and its position in the Composite Chart addresses these levels of your relationship.

### *The Moon is in the 3rd House*

Do you remember your first conversation together? The first time you said, 'I love you' or the first time you said, 'I don't like you'? Together you share lots of memories and it is important to treasure that first love letter, the risky email, and the spontaneous weekend away. With your Composite Moon in the 3rd House, engaging in conversation is so important, whether it's just chitchat or a D&M (deep and meaningful). In your relationship, the subtle meaning of communicating and conversing comes alive. Communicating is having communion with one another, conversing is to make poetry (or jingles) together, both sacred and creative aspects of your relationship. One of the foundation stones for the security of your relationship is to talk things through. Sometimes what is not said can hurt even more than what is said. So, it is best to consciously recognise how you both need to talk it over rather than assume or take for granted that the

other agrees. Telephone or text, email or in person doesn't matter, what matters is the link and the connection. Your relationship needs communication and familiarity to grow strong.

It also needs mobility and you may find yourselves changing neighbourhoods or locales. Even though you might not personally like change, when you settle into the relationship you find that you can be comfortable with changing locations and homes as needed. Your home could change frequently, whether that's because opportunities arise, someone joins or leaves the household or because you both feel the need to change rooms in the house. Your relationship has a strong sibling component; in other words, you might feel like a brother or a sister as well as a partner. Being friends is important to you both and you might share a passion for similar things. And when you don't, well that's OK too because a real sibling might fill in. Your Composite Chart suggests that emotional security builds with familiarity and communication, and the more you share and communicate the stronger your foundations are. You don't need to be still to feel secure but you do need to be reading the map together, or at least talking about what's on the map with one another. After that comes variety, mobility, possibility, and most importantly companionship.

### *The Moon is Square Venus*

The combination of the feminine Moon and Venus suggests that values from your families and childhood experiences, including the likes and dislikes of your parents, might influence your relationship. The Moon inclines towards dependency, while Venus is more independent. Therefore, be aware that your relationship might swing between caring and loving. Perhaps domesticity might overshadow relating, or pleasure-seeking might obliterate security. You may also juggle being public and private, needing to be in the world as a couple; yet also wanting your own private space.

Sentiment and romance can become confused. Home and place are important parts of any relationship, as are family values and traditions, which are different for each partner. The relationship is challenged to merge your two different backgrounds to find your own values and security. While there is an ample reservoir of love and devotion in your relationship, the secret is how and when to express this love; when do you each need to let the other do their own thing and find their own way, versus when do you support each other unconditionally?

### *The Moon is Trine Uranus*

In your Composite Chart, the Moon shines its rays on Uranus, a planet outside the bounds of traditions, rituals, and habits. When your lunar need to belong is brought into aspect with this outer planet, the inclination to feel attached, safe, and bonded is challenged to find new and innovative avenues of expression. The atmosphere of your relationship, your living habits, and routines are distinctly different than conventional couples. Being atypical, your relationship is invited to find a way to integrate the unexpected and the uncertain aspects of life with your need for security and safety measures.

On one hand, your relationship is stimulating and exciting, attracting opportunities for growth and change. Yet on the other, this can be exhausting, since there may not be enough space for leisure or downtime. As a couple, you are invited to find ways to feel secure in the midst of change and to take advantage of opportunities as they arise without compromising your sense of place or safety. You need to experiment with your lifestyle to find what is best for your relationship; as a couple what eating, sleeping, and domestic patterns work best for you? The regularity of routines might work for others but they may prove impossible to you. Together you are on a journey to find home, which may be far away from where you started or it might be in the same place, but everything has changed. Your relationship affirms the old adage that the only security is change. If uncertainty is your only certainty then you are invited to create enough space for this in your life together. Allow yourselves to be surprised.

## COMMUNING AND CONVERSING



*"I know no ways to mince it in love, but directly to say 'I love you'."*  
 -- William Shakespeare, Henry V

### Mercury

Mercury moves faster than any other planet in our solar system; therefore, the ancients likened it to their many-faced and fleet-footed god Mercury. Similarly, the alchemists named the element known for its quickness of movement after him. Mythic Mercury had multifarious roles as a guide, boundary-crosser, the guardian of flocks and the shepherd of dreams, the messenger god, charmer, trickster, the god of commerce, healer, and guide. You might have felt his presence when you and your partner crossed paths. Where there's a trick, a chance meeting, sleight of hand or a hint of magic, Mercury is somewhere nearby. Astrologically Mercury is associated with the process of learning, objectifying thoughts, communicating, sharing ideas, and making conversation. It rules two signs, Gemini and Virgo, which reflect the duality and dexterity of Mercury's approach to the schoolroom of life. Mercury is never static, always in motion, and it is a priority when comparing horoscopes, for, without adequate communication and interchange, a relationship can falter and ultimately fail. Composite Mercury describes the intellectual aspect of your partnership; it is the meeting of minds, and your ability to both brainstorm together and mutually discuss important issues.

For the alchemy to have effect in your relationship, both communicating and listening are important. Each of you will bring your own ways of thinking into the conversation; therefore, whether you exchange a few words or many, what is important is that you each remain connected to the dialogue. We have forged the way we learn and listen earlier in life, and if we habitually respond to a tone in the voice, body language or facial expressions from these entrenched patterns, we might miss a great discussion. The Composite Mercury shows your tête-à-tête as a couple, the natural lines of communication and conversation as a duo.

In the Composite Chart, the aspects to Mercury reveal the lines of communication natural to your relationship. Aspects are important, as the planets in aspect to Mercury influence the nature of communication and the feelings of being heard and understood. Its house position tells us about the areas of life where communication for your relationship is natural and most effective, where you learn and communicate together, and what skills you might develop and draw on to improve your communication. Basically, Mercury in the Composite Chart is your language as a couple, how you speak and converse together, the ideas that you share as one, your joint understanding or the disagreements that you need to focus on. When addressing Mercury in the Composite Chart, the astrologer is concerned with the how the ideas, communication, language, and plans of the relationship can be effectively shared and understood. Being dualistic by nature and willing to see both sides, the archetype of Mercury is skilful at relating. How

you honour Mercury energetically in your relationship is through communication, movement, humour, and the expression of ideas.

### *Mercury is in the 12th House*

Your Composite Mercury in the 12th House suggests that your lines of communication are buried or set deeply beneath the everyday landscape of your life. One way of thinking about this is that you both are attuned to each other in subtle ways; for instance, this could mean that the potential for telepathic communication between both of you is high and that you are sensitive to reading each other's thoughts and feelings. However, on the other hand, this could also mean each of you misinterprets your impressions and read into the situation what might not be there. It feels like the truth and the answer, but it's not. You are susceptible to fantasies, imagination and wishful thinking getting in the road of communication. Like Mercury, it's tricky. So, both of you need to take a few deep breaths, a step backwards and start talking it through. Although finding the right words or clarity of expression might not be easy.

We suggest supporting each other to express your fantasies, your wishes, and your dreams and not hold each other accountable for them or feel that you have to make them happen. Encourage each other to express yourself in the relationship through poetry, song, dance, and a joke. Involve yourselves in creative projects together, like the design of your garden or painting the bedroom. Share not just in the dreams of life, but share your nocturnal ones as well. Buy each other a dream journal to record your dreams and share them each morning. In other words, encourage the imagination in your relationship. Your first language together is an imaginative one; so, let each other use hyperbole and metaphor, sign and symbol language to express, without having to interpret it literally. Be attuned to slips of the tongue, subtle impression, signs and omens, as these will be much more truthful than manufactured words. So, take note that there might be misinterpretation, silence, and exasperation but don't interpret that as the relationship not working. That's your prompt to find your own unique language that supports and binds the two of you together. That well-worn aphorism, 'a picture is worth a thousand words', is so true in your relationship.

### *Mercury is Square Pluto*

In myth, one of the gifts given to Mercury was his exclusive role as the leader of souls in and out of the underworld, the domain of Pluto. Given that these planets Mercury and Pluto are in aspect in your combined chart, this mythic image resonates with the challenges inherent in your relationship. Together you are called to confront the challenges that arise because of your merger, by being mutually supportive and honest. You build trust with each other and your relationship through the integrity and sincerity you each bring to your altercations. This aspect suggests a deep and intense connection which includes the facility to address what may appear negative or difficult, as well as discuss the more profound, perhaps taboo, layers of life. Therefore, it is important to know that your relationship may constellate what has been previously hidden or unknown, uncovering what is concealed in order to bring it back to conscious life. This powerful amalgam not only challenges your authenticity as a couple but also those with whom you are mutually engaged. Aldous Huxley once referred to words being like X-rays. When used properly they could pierce through anything, an important reminder of the power of words and their impact. Together you have this capacity to use words and language to influence and pierce through things; therefore, it is important to be mindful of this attribute.

In this way, your relationship is highly therapeutic, as together you have the capacity to discuss and reflect on the past and let that go. When the past presents itself, it is always best to be as open and authentic with each other as possible, since integrity and truthfulness are the hallmarks of your interaction. Secrets held back from each other undermine your connection, and may well become apparent anyway. Therefore, your relationship is a challenge to each of you about what needs to be shared and what needs to be kept private. Underpinning your union is a deep bond forged by honouring and respecting each other's privacy and confidentiality. As a team, you can discuss and let go of your losses, but you both are able to recreate and reconstruct your resources after the loss. This transformative aspect of your relationship is not only helpful psychologically, but also materially in your teamwork when investing your resources, renovating a home or overhauling a business.

### *Mercury is Trine Chiron*

Like many others, William Shakespeare recognised the healing power of words when he said, “give sorrow words” since bottling up grief and loss weighs heavy on the heart. Given that Mercury, the power of the word, and Chiron, the amalgam of wounding and healing, are in aspect in your Composite Chart, this notion is central to your relationship. It is important as a couple to recognise this power of language to both hurt and heal. Therefore, be wise about how you communicate with one another. You are invited to develop the art of listening, hearing each other’s pain and hurt without judgement. It is also important not to try and fix each other, but to assist by witnessing. While this is mutually painful, it is also healing. Together you can develop a language that is reflective and empowering to support the culture of your relationship. This is important, as you may feel marginal or outside the mainstream in your beliefs and your ideas. A purpose of your union is to support and authenticate each other in your opinions and views.

As a couple, you can validate each other when feeling excluded or holding points of view that clash with the establishment. In this way, you establish a healing space at the centre of your relationship, as well as creating your own lifestyle by promoting and affirming your ideas and beliefs to one another. It is as if you mutually discover your own unique scriptures or words of wisdom to live by. In the comfort of your friendship, you can find a soul mate who appreciates and empathises with your worldview. And more importantly, you both can share and discuss this in a way that confirms the wisdom of your union.



## LOVE AND DESIRES



*"Hear my soul speak: The very instant that I saw you, did My heart fly to your service."*  
-- William Shakespeare, The Tempest

### Venus

Venus is the Goddess of Love. Therefore, her placement in a Combined Chart is one of the key indicators of a love relationship, depending on where she resides. This benevolent goddess also shows us where a partnership is happiest, whether it is a love bond, business partnerships, friendship or family tie. What do you enjoy doing together? Where can you find your pleasure, alleviate the hardships of life, and find solace in each other? Ardour can be sexual and based in love, but it can also be a shared passion for cause, activity, interest or making money. If the planet Venus is well placed in a Combined Chart, then a couple can enjoy sharing mutual interests and desires. However, if there is some astrological affliction, you may have difficulty satisfying each other's desires. In other words, this is a vital planet when it comes to assessing the success or otherwise, of any relationship. You are most happy when you remember the saying by author Jean Anouilh, *'Love is, above all else, the gift of oneself.'*

### Venus is in the 12th House

Love knows no boundaries with this placement of the planet Venus. You are either experiencing the heights of passion and romantic love or the depths. Herein lies the difficulty – finding the right balance. One or both of you tend to idolise the other. As a result, the expectations are high. Whether or not this is a romantic union depends on other aspects of your astrology. However, you can be assured that intense feelings of love abound. The problem is that disappointment is likely because neither one of you can live up to the expectations being placed on this relationship. In fact, you can drive yourselves to the edge of reality trying to become the personification of each other's love. This is obviously not healthy. If the bond is deep and you are both committed to working through the myriad of almost inexplicable misunderstandings then you can form a deep and lasting bond. However, your relationship is like a garden that constantly needs tending. You cannot afford the weeds to grow or little else will bloom. Counselling may be beneficial at times, to help you to sort through the emotional quagmire. If you like intensity then you may thrive in a relationship that is full of drama, but you may also find relief in deciding to end the interactions. This association can indicate a couple who comes together to work in an institution, for the betterment of humanity or in a spiritual community. Here you are both free to explore deep and meaningful pursuits and enjoy a sense of purpose.

### Venus is Trine Saturn

Any combination of the planets Venus and Saturn is likely to place limitations on a love relationship. In some cases, it can mean that the two of you prefer to live separately or that circumstance often keep you apart. In



others, it indicates delayed satisfaction. In other words, you need to take this relationship seriously, working at it step by step in order to achieve a lasting union. When you first meet, and if you are considering a committed association, then you need to assess whether or not this union is worth the effort. Both of you need to believe that your bond is a strong one, worthy of commitment. If you do, then you can build the foundations of a solid partnership. You may even build a business or a work-related component to your association. Every now and then this combination can indicate an age difference. You share common values but are years apart. As a couple, you may tend to be serious. Your version of fun is quite restrained compared to other couples. It is important that you do not compare your relationship to other couples. You need to be realistic. As US Statesman Colin Powell said, *"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."* If as individuals you have strong desires then this union may be too constrained. Together you temper each other's desires in favour of long-term stability.

*"Profound desire, true desire is the desire to be close to someone."*  
-- Paulo Coelho

### **Mars**

Mars's character is more individualistic, competitive, and combative, rather than other-orientated and co-operative. Mars represents the yang, masculine, outer-directed polarity, while Venus holds the yin, feminine, inner-directed pole of relating. In the Composite Chart, Mars suggests where a couple might need to focus energy, apply will, and assert desires. Astrologically Mars symbolises anger and libido, emotional and sexual expression, and coaches you to reflect on ways your relationship might express these desires more functionally. Mars's domain is a volatile, yet exciting area, and one that needs to be acknowledged and respected in your relationship.

Composite Mars symbolises the objectives, goals and ambitions of the relationship; therefore, it is wise to consider what this force invites you to aim for as a team. But, as implied, Mars' independent and dynamic force is often more about separation than attachment. To consider Mars in a relational context suggests that when you combine your energies you can act in a potent and forceful manner to strive for what you want. Therefore, in a Composite Chart, harnessing Mars empowers you both to strive for what you want to achieve together.

### **Mars is in the 6th House**

Mars symbolises your desires in your relationship. In any union, there are desires and needs. Needs are non-negotiable. Desires or "wants" can be negotiated in a healthy relationship. The stronger your sense of self, the better you are able to negotiate from a position of clarity and compromise. Mars in a Composite Chart shows where your union is likely to experience a conflict of desires. When you are in sync then all is well. When one of you challenges the status quo then two variant positions need to be blended in agreement in order for your bond to strengthen. In your case, Mars highlights the everyday rhythms of your relationship and how, as a couple, you find your place in the chaos and activity of daily life with each other. Since Mars is the urge to champion and triumph, it suggests your relationship needs to find its way of being successful in the world together. This could imply that you actually work together or are in the same line of business or share in similar routines. In a way, it is suggesting that you are heading in the same direction, but need to be aware of how best to channel your collective energies into working on something mutually rewarding. We have often seen this placement in the Composites of people working in the same company, co-workers or boss-employee, as it suggests the striving together to be productive, industrious, and accomplished. Or perhaps you met at work, or work was how you first met. With this placement, the issues of daily life such as work, well-being, and routines are central to its success.

So, if you are in a personal relationship, think of yourselves as co-workers on a mutual project. Agree on the project, its timeline, and the most efficient and economical way for this to be rewarding and of value. Of course, your project together is your relationship, which you can craft into an enduring and satisfying partnership. But it demands work, dedication, and drive. Your routines together are important; these include the everyday rituals of sleeping, eating, relaxing, and daily chores. Your agreement on what is optimum for

the health of your relationship is also essential; what activities can you do together to improve your connection? How can you best serve each other to strengthen your being together? and how can you assist each other in debriefing each day so you can relax and enjoy your downtime? Think of your relationship as one that has strength and force to create an optimum lifestyle for each of you and your relationship. Place it in the context of the every day and mutually honour the daily rituals of life. Then your relationship thrives.

### *Mars is Square Chiron*

Your impulse to act in this relationship may be tempered with the fear of injury. This combination alerts you to the potential for spontaneity and risk-taking in your relationship to be tinged with anxiety or fear. Therefore, how can your relationship support curiosity and impulsiveness in a healthy way? Perhaps, first, it is wise to recognise that as a couple you may want a lifestyle that is different than most other couples. Your anxiety may be the fear of becoming trapped in the structure of the relationships that you see around you. This combination suggests the courage to be unique in your relating style, value what others may not, and appreciate your uniqueness, even if it is marginal to the world around you.

As a team, you work together to support your own distinctive desires. You do not want to run with the herd but are more content to be on the sidelines. Mars is the warrior and this aspect reminds us of heroes who were trained in the art of healing and warfare by Chiron. Therefore, rather than shying away from the inevitable clashes that arise in intimate relationships, healing occurs by participating and working through the conflicts. As a team, you also fight for the underdog, support the causes that are undervalued, and strive towards your spiritual integrity.

### *Mars is Trine Neptune*

Mars and Neptune are not the easiest partners, yet when they work as a team there is a grace and elegance that can arise from their union. How you find the working partnership between these two energies in your relationship is your task as a couple. Perhaps themes in your relationship might be the struggle between feeling sensitive and being strong, being sympathetic but not surrendering, or being receptive but not passive. Ironically, for this archetypal pairing, strength is derived from vulnerability, understanding, and sympathy. Therefore, the key is to be open and listen carefully to one another, especially when there is a disagreement or misunderstanding. Since Neptune erodes the psychic boundaries between you both, confusion will arise between what each of you is feeling and wanting. Therefore, it is best to go slowly when working through these layers of feelings.

When desires are left unattended, the passion in the relationship becomes eroded by romantic and unrealistic images; therefore, it is necessary to keep the flame alight rather than have it extinguished by a flood of unexpressed feeling. Your relationship has an enormous creative potential, whether that is learning a language together, dancing in the dark, listening to music or repainting the house. Creative or spiritual tasks completed together are enormously satisfying and rewarding, as well as inspirational to all those who are watching!

### *Mars is Trine Pluto*

This powerful combination in your relationship alerts you to take advantage of the strength and force that you can muster together to overcome difficulties and be successful where others have failed. As the traditional and modern rulers of Scorpio, both planets share an instinctual understanding of the underworld. This aspect in your Composite Chart, suggests your relationship is highly therapeutic and transformative, having the ability to utilise what others have discarded or repressed to your advantage. Together you are a formidable force and can challenge the odds and be triumphant. But it takes the courage of your convictions and a trust in your relationship.

As a team, you may feel threatening to others since together you can be driven and focused. Pluto invests Mars with power, which needs to be used wisely and discriminately in your relationship. Start constructing your goals slowly. As one, you are compelling, and others will put their faith and trust in you; therefore, together you are a force of creation which can take you to places you might not have imagined possible. But

remember too, you both need down time; enough time to contemplate, and to value your losses as well as your gains. Collectively you need to find the time to be alone long enough to renew your promise to one another.

### *Mars is Opposite The Ascendant*

Mars is considered by astrologers to be 'Angular' in your Composite Chart, emphasising its importance in your relationship. Mars is an image associated with injecting energy and adrenalin into your relationship. Being active, exploratory, and daring, Mars potentially vitalises ways of being together. Since it is facing west, you are challenged to sustain and direct your joint energy in an appropriate direction, one that not only challenges you both but creates openings and opportunities to move forward together. This suggests finding the goals and challenges that are conducive to your relationship and making sure they are directed by you, not others. When your dynamic energy is shaped and twisted to fit other's expectations, then your relationship loses focus and direction. Your task as a couple is to be united in what you desire. In fact, it may be your similar desires and shared passions that brought you together in the first place. Therefore, it is important to return to the original impulse and attraction that drew you together.

As a business team, you can be formidable when you align your interests and energies in the same direction. Especially adept at start-ups, troubleshooting, innovation, and short-term enterprises, as well as marketing or ventures where you are challenged to think on the run. As close friends, you are co-adventurers, and as a couple on the tennis court, you are champions. As lovers, your alchemy is erotic; that is, lots of desire, fire, and passion. It is important to recognise that underpinning all this energy is a lot of emotion, often frustration or anger, sometimes jealousy. It is best expressed immediately before it becomes bottled up, only to explode later. One of the best ways is through physical exertion or exercise. One of the dilemmas in any relationship will be how to manage it in the long term. Since Mars is more focused on now, rather than later, it takes a concerted mutual effort to plan for rainy days.

## GROWTH AND COMMITMENT



*"My bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both are infinite."*

-- William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet

### *Jupiter*

Relationships are a work in progress. The union of two people can never be taken for granted. A relationship is a process, a constantly changing one. Like a garden, relationships need tending. When attended to on a daily basis, a relationship grows, and love flourishes like the plants that thrive weed and pest free in the warm rich soil. Neglected relationships slowly fade away, like the garden in which weeds gradually take over and the plants wilt and die. Other planets in this report indicate the challenges, the work needed, and the strengths that can be relied on to foster your bond. The planet Jupiter is a much-welcomed indicator of growth and natural strengths that can be relied on to naturally encourage and nurture your union. Continuing with the gardening analogy, Composite Jupiter represents the enjoyment that comes from viewing your garden's growth and bounty. This generous planet shows in which areas of your combined lives you are satisfied, rewarded, and happy together. This is your story of the easiest path to growth and expansion. The planet Jupiter is your indicator of the gateway to abundance when you are together. If Jupiter is prominently placed in your Composite Chart, then you are likely to believe in the bounty of this union. Astrologers believe that a strong placement involves the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th Houses of your Chart. Even though Jupiter shines positive and expansive rays on one area of your combined lives, you do need to ensure that you do not take this area for granted. Appreciation and gratitude are required for the rewards that your relationship introduces into both of your lives. Keep tending the garden of your relationship and you both flourish.

### *Jupiter is in the 1st House*

This is a strong placement for the bountiful planet Jupiter, indicating that good fortune accompanies your union. Together you are joyful, able to express yourselves fully and eagerly embrace each stage of life's journey. You know that you have found a companion who is able to support you and inspire you, no matter what life throws in your path. In some cases, you may be expecting the impossible from each other, but strangely enough, your optimism seems to be well rewarded, even if it is in the ability to laugh at yourselves. Laughter is prominent in this relationship, as you feel a sense of ease and expansion. Others are also inspired by your enthusiasm. You might be surprised by the extent of other people's support of your union. "Don't they realise that we have our differences too?", you may ask yourselves. Of course, you have your differences and difficulties, but you also have an innate understanding that you will grow closer and stronger through facing rough terrain together. Somehow you do not doubt each other's fidelity. This may be because you share a strong value system, or you share an interest in something that serves humanity such as a religion, spiritual pursuit, philanthropic enterprise, cultural matter or sporting interest. Travel is likely to

feature strongly in your union. You are likely to learn much and gain great joy from local or foreign adventures. If your individual natures are more introverted, then you may enjoy arMidheavenhair travel, the type where you watch travel or nature documentaries or inspirational foreign films. Of course, you could do all of the above together. This is fortunate placement indeed. Enjoy.

### *Jupiter is Square Saturn*

This combination is ideal for a business partnership or a working association which is focused on building something worthwhile. If this is a lovers' union, then you are likely to slowly build a worthwhile bond. Steady movement in the same direction leads to a commitment. Unmet promises, on the other hand, are likely to damage the basis of this union. Working together on common goals brings its rewards. This relationship is more about building a lasting and strong bond rather than aiming for short-term gratification. In some cases, you could find yourself at odds with each other. One of you is wanting to move the relationship faster than the other, or one of you is wanting to pull away and experience other adventures while the other is wanting commitment. If this is the case, then you need to reach an agreement that suits both of you. The danger is that one person tries to control the other. To avoid this, you need to agree on the nature and direction of this relationship.

*"The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment."*  
-- Anthony Robbins

### *Saturn*

Like Jupiter, Saturn is a social planet and moves through one sign of the Zodiac approximately every 2.5 years. Couples born close to each other may have the same Saturn sign. They will, therefore, share similar experiences of trends and fads, and also the same internal moral compass regarding laws, rules, and what is socially acceptable. In a Composite Chart, Saturn indicates the structure and backbone of the relationship, the need for agreed-upon rules, regulations, and boundaries.

Composite Saturn helps to illustrate the constraints and limits placed on your relationship through social and cultural conditions. As a couple, it is helpful for you both to be aware when boundaries are important to you, what areas of your shared life feel restrictive or controlled, as well as where insecurities and pressures originate. Saturn is symbolic of the skeleton of your relationship, where structure and organization are needed to support your partnership. It suggests what traditions and rules need to be respected. It also points to where rules, a lack of maturity and authority figures may become problematic if relational responsibilities and everyday tasks are not equally shared or well-managed. However, it also illuminates the areas of your shared life where solidity, stability, and longevity can be forged. By nature, Saturn represents the outermost limits of what is still within our control and jurisdiction. While it is often experienced as limits, it is the maturing force within the relationship that helps to secure and structure the relationship in the 'real world', bringing lasting success and achievement.

In relationship astrology Saturn is the 'glue' that holds the relationship together; it is commitment. In the Composite Chart, it shows in what areas of your life this commitment is necessary to forge and shelter your relationship. However, it also symbolises where stress may occur within the relationship. Yet the nature of Saturn is also highly rewarding, as with hard work and perseverance, rewards and acknowledgement are possible. Therefore, Saturn symbolises the area of your life together where hard work, determination, resolution, and responsibility pays off.

### *Saturn is in the 4th House*

There are three ways we might think about Composite Saturn in your 4th House. Firstly, Saturn is the lawmaker, so it is wise to reflect on what rules and enforcement need to be brought to this area, which focuses on your home base, level of emotional security, and family. Secondly, Composite Saturn suggests where together you can cooperate on building the appropriate boundaries physically, emotionally, and psychologically. And thirdly, Saturn can symbolise your relational trials, perhaps even its Achilles Heel, so its House position can point us to where these might be located.



Being in the Combined Birth Chart House that is the most private and innermost sector in the horoscope, highlights the importance of your emotional and psychological stability. One of your most important tasks as a couple is building a solid foundation which provides a ballast for your relationship. Symbolically, a house and a family were the images of this, but each couple will find their own unique approach to building their base camp. Therefore, as a team it is important to know each other's need for emotional stability, and how your relationship can create its own private sanctuary. If it were a house what would it look like? If it were a family what would that family unit be like? Together you are constructing your own family and secure base for the future. The sense of feeling emotionally safe and stable is a high priority in your partnership.

Your privacy as a couple is also in need of attention. Therefore, how as a couple do you make your own boundaries and close the door on the world, especially the demands and expectations of your own families? It is important to ensure that your own relationship is not managed or controlled by other family members. Part of what creates your sense of security and stability is knowing that your relationship comes first and you will support each other in directing and managing it, not anyone else. Laying the groundwork to your relationship together by providing a constant, secure, and settled atmosphere provides the surety that your journey together will be able to develop and flourish. The success of your relationship rests on these foundation stones.

### *Saturn is Square Uranus*

Your Composite Chart draws the two planets Saturn and Uranus into aspect. Mythologically it is like the battle of the Titans, two substantial and opposing forces vying for your attention. The Titans were mythic giants, so metaphorically speaking you need to honour this potential split that may be inherent in your relationship. Astrologically, the forces set in opposition are the urge for security and predictability with the impulse for change and adventure. Therefore, when it comes to the big decisions in your relationship, be aware that there may be ambivalence and difficulty choosing which direction to take. It is hard for you both to be down-to-earth and idealistic at the same time. You learn together how to consider only one at a time. Recognise that your relationship may come to a standstill now and again when making big decisions. At these times, you need a strategy. Rather than let the opposing forces divide your relationship, acknowledge both sides of the equation and work your way through them. For instance, try the two-chair technique. One partner sits in Saturn's chair taking the pragmatic and practical side of the argument, while the other partner takes Uranus's chair supporting the riskier and non-conventional approach. Discuss and make a case for your points of view from the chair you occupy. Now switch chairs as well as points of view. When you have finished, both sit on the couch together focusing on resolving the way forward. While it is never easy, choices can be made through your conscious and sincere approach together.



## INFLUENCES



*"Love is begun by time, And time qualifies the spark and fire of it."*  
-- William Shakespeare, Hamlet

### Uranus

Uranus spends about seven years in each Zodiac Sign. As it passes into each Sign, it brings its urge for reform and change along with it. Depending on the nature of your relationship it may be in the same Zodiacal Sign. For instance, schoolmates, siblings, first boyfriends or girlfriends probably share a similar Sign. But wherever it is, Uranus is not an energy easily integrated into a relationship, as Uranus's urge is to be separate. The more restrictive it feels, the more it reacts to find a way to restructure the status quo. Therefore, in the Composite Chart, Uranus suggest where a couple can find the space and freedom to be themselves, unbound by the pressure to conform.

Simply said, Composite Uranus shows where the unusual, extraordinary, as well as the rebellious inclinations of each couple, might be found. This area suggests where there need to be fewer rules and more spontaneity. Astrologically, Uranus has a reputation for the unexpected, often the unexplained. Therefore, it is wise to be aware of the House position and aspects to Uranus, as this may help you to be more prepared for surprise and discoveries together.

### Uranus is in the 7th House

The planet Uranus can be liberating or disruptive. It is connected more closely with separation and individuation rather than intimacy. Therefore, it is unusual to find it in the 7th House of marriage, contracts, and treaties. Mostly this placement indicates a union which is fleeting, a catalyst for change. However, if other astrological influences provide the glue for this bond, then you are both likely to be stimulated by this union, discovering a whole new way to be in a relationship with each other. The key to success is to give each other lots of freedom. Each of you must be able to fully express your individuality. Otherwise, the union threatens to implode and then combust. You are like-minded, but intimate unions require sharing of feelings, as well as ideas and minds. You both need to find ways to connect on an emotional level, even when physical and mental distance is required. The mantra for this relationship is, 'let it go, let it go, let it go' because the key is to be flexible, embracing change, and letting go of expectations. This way you maintain the excitement, the sparks that attracted you in the first place.

### Neptune

The Planet Neptune spends 14 years in each Zodiac Sign and therefore its influence is subtle and linked to generations rather than individuals. Nevertheless, Neptune is seen by astrologers to be connected to the

other world, the unseen world or the one often referred to as the other side of the veil. As such, it rules what is invisible, unseen, missing, vague, and inarticulate. Only through images and feelings can the true nature of Neptune be expressed.

For a couple in a committed relationship, Neptune is where both ideals and disappointments gather. Therefore, it is good to address the ideals, dreams, and fantasies that are part of the relationship, as well as name any disappointments without blame and judgement. In honouring Neptune, the couple can become more aware of any delusions that may erode the foundation of their relationship, as well as the dangers of misreading responses or overprotecting insecurities. Neptune in your Composite Chart is where there is sensitivity, and sometimes helplessness, but this vulnerability is shared, so it is not weak but ironically robust and potentially healing. The planetary position may also point to where misunderstandings and taking things for granted may occur. In this place, it is always wise to have reality checks about what has been said and what has been agreed upon.

However, Composite Neptune is also where you can explore your shared creativity and spirituality.

### *Neptune is in the 2nd House*

Neptune by House is where the imagination that inspires your relationship is located. Here are the dreams that can be dreamt and possibilities that can be probabilities. It is also where shared meaning and understanding can be developed, which strengthens and reaffirms the love and compassion of each partner. This placement of the Planet Neptune does not augur well for any association connected to finances. Neptune dissolves. In your case money and possessions are affected. One or both of you stands to lose financially in this union. It is possible that one of you comes into the partnership with debts, no money or possessions, or less than the other. If this is the case, then it is likely to continue. The partner with more monetary sense needs to accept that the partnership is likely to remain imbalanced. Martyrdom is not necessary, but a real appraisal and acceptance of the situation is. Even if you are equal in the monetary stakes, the nefarious Neptune is likely to cast a web of confusion over your fiscal affairs. It is possible that you share a value system that negates monetary security. If this is the case, then it is possible to share a lifestyle that is not reliant on steady incomes. For instance, you may live as artists or actors with an unsteady stream of revenue, or you could choose to live as missionaries with stipends. In fact, you would be well advised to aim for common ground when it comes to your personal proceeds. Material ambitions need to be set aside in favour of charitable, artistic or spiritual ones.

### *Pluto*

As the underworld God, Pluto is focused on what lies underneath the surface in the unseen world of your relationship. Therefore, in the Composite Chart, it addresses the issues that may be buried, yet potentially eruptive. It depicts the patterns that are hidden, yet still influence you both, even pressures from the past that haunt the current relationship. On one hand, it suggests where the relationship may be drawn into difficulty, yet on the other hand, the character of Pluto also represents the transforming and life-altering experiences that are available to your relationship. There is a soulful side to Pluto, as it anchors your relationship in a deeper and more authentic place.

Pluto helps illustrate how the power of your relationship might be best expressed. You can be either empowered or dis-empowered, depending on how your relationship is able to handle the voltage and power of the energy. The House position of Composite Pluto might address areas of your relationship where loss and emotional confrontations may be experienced. It also locates the area where your relationship can be rebuilt and reborn through trust and intimacy. Pluto addresses the human experience of loss in a relationship, the deepest human emotions, issues of betrayal, and emotional control which engage the two souls involved in their relationship in a more intimate and trusting union. Alchemical texts depict the process of submerging two individuals in the cauldron of their relationship. When immersed together, alterations and revelations occur. In the context of your relationship, each of you will begin to become more vulnerable to one another in this area of your life. As well, greater patterns from both your families of origin may begin to emerge out of the shadows to be healed. This area of your life together will be profound in its capacity to

heal past hurts, encourage authenticity and honesty to bring each of you closer together on a soul level.

Pluto moves slowly through the Zodiac, spending the least time in Libra and Scorpio, and the longest time in Aries and Taurus. Individuals born within the same generation will generally have the same Pluto Sign unless born near the cusp when Pluto was changing signs. With the same Pluto Signs, the Composite Pluto will be repeated in that sign. With a considerable age gap, two individuals may have differing Pluto signs. What is unique to your relationship, is Pluto's House position and its association with other Planets.

### *Pluto is in the 2nd House*

Together, you have the potential to be resourceful. Pluto was known as the God of wealth, because in the ancient world what lay underneath the surface was of great value. Great treasures were buried in tombs and graves; however, it was in the underworld where the seeds of life germinated and took root. Therefore, with Pluto in your Composite 2nd House, destiny has arranged that your relationship needs to dig deep and look below the surface of things to find the buried resources and values embedded in your bond together. Soul in your relationship is partially revealed through your honest confrontation with one another about what is of worth, how you share your resources with one another, and what you need to feel resourceful and financially secure. In a world obsessed with money and things, your task is made even more difficult, yet the unearthing of what you feel is of value to you both will set you free to know what will truly secure you. First and foremost, your relationship demands an honest and depth encounter with your values. Sharing and open exchange of your resources are necessary for the channels to the underworld wealth to be opened.

The barometer of intimacy in your relationship is gauged by the currency of your feelings of being financially secure. Together you have the power to be creating the resources you need to sustain your relationship. It is a team effort. Fate may throw a few curves designed to help you recognise your enormous power over resources. In other words, feeling powerless to create enough resources in your life together is one way you might become conscious of tapping into the hidden power of your relationship. Sometimes, you might have to lose your resources just to know you can build them back up again. Astrologically, your resourcefulness and ability to transform your relationship financially and resourcefully are being highlighted; therefore, it is up to you as a team to excavate the hidden treasure as well as plant some new seeds of life. Invest in your relationship and its values, and returns will be inevitable.

## DESTINY AND OPPORTUNITIES



*"A heart to love, and in that heart, Courage, to make love known."*  
-- William Shakespeare, Macbeth

### Chiron

Chiron revolves between Saturn and Uranus in our Solar System. In your relationship system, you might also imagine it as a bridge between these two energies; one force wants to feel part of the system, while the other wants to be outside it. Composite Chiron may be a key to helping you understand where your relationship is not part of the normal scheme of things or whereas a couple you feel marginal, possibly excluded. It is the interplay between belonging and disassociating.

Since its discovery in 1977, astrologers have identified Chiron with wounding and healing. The wound is often the feeling of not belonging, while the healing is the acceptance of being an outsider or not feeling significant to the tribe. Therefore, in your Composite Chart, Chiron identifies where these feelings are located. Perhaps you, as a couple, feel excluded from your families of origin, neighbourhood or even society, but through your mutual acceptance, you begin to find a place to belong through your relationship. Chiron then becomes the healing balm that allows you to feel at home, belonging to each other through your commitment.

When the energy of Chiron is adopted by a couple, they will find themselves forging alliances with many different and varied individuals, other couples, and groups. As an energy in the relationship Composite, Chiron points to the wound that is apparent because of the relationship but also reveals the path for healing. It also locates where the relationship can find its own space, exclusive of the world and its demands. Therefore, it often represents the spiritual hub that unites the couple, a private place of intimacy or a meditative or remedial retreat that brings a sense of restoration and healing. In a way, Composite Chiron is the mentor and therapist embedded in the relationship.

### Chiron is in the 4th House

Relationships are delicately balanced at the best of times. A loving relationship offers the opportunity for healing of emotional wounds from the past and personal growth and fulfilment. When two people relate in a tender way, then it is possible to provide the greatest opportunities for healing, rather than more hurtful experiences. Working through emotionally difficult times is when Chiron is working at its best. At times in the relationship, one person may inadvertently trigger the other's hurt feelings. These feelings may be left over from your childhood or from a previous relationship. Either way, your current relationship is an opportunity to relate differently. A loving union provides the chance to let go of the past, and experience intimacy and true love now. This placement of Chiron in your Combined Chart indicates that relatives and families play a significant role in your relationship. Families can be a source of comfort and support. Alternatively, they can

be a cauldron of simmering emotions and hurtful experiences. Your challenge, as a couple, is to provide a safe and supportive home for yourselves and your loved ones. You may need to come to terms with painful events from the past in order to do this, but once achieved, your safe haven is a launching pad for deep personal satisfaction and a profound love union if this is what you want.

### *Chiron is Opposite The Midheaven*

When any planet is placed prominently in a Horoscope, it is highlighted and stands out. Its theme becomes more prominent in a person's life or in this case in your relationship. Chiron stands out in your Composite Chart as it is placed high in the 10th House. Relationships are delicately balanced at the best of times. A loving and sound relationship offers the opportunity for healing of emotional wounds from the past and personal growth and fulfilment. When two people relate in a loving way, working through emotionally difficult times, then Chiron is working at its best. At times in the relationship, one person may inadvertently trigger the other's hurt feelings. These feelings may be left over from your childhood, or from a previous relationship. Either way, your current relationship is an opportunity to relate differently. A loving union provides the chance to let go of the past, and experience intimacy and true love now. This placement of Chiron in your Combined Chart means that this relationship can be life-changing. Together you can help change the course of each other's lives. Whether your lessons are painful or happy, you learn much from being in each other's orbit. You may also have an influence on the lives of others, as you show by example, how a loving couple can communicate, forgive, and bless each other's lives. On the other hand, you may, together, choose to teach or work in a way that is physically, emotionally or spiritually inspirational. It is important when Chiron is placed here, that you both carefully negotiate, as much as you can, the goals that you have in life. For instance, do you agree on the type of marriage ceremony that you would like? Do you both want to become parents? Do you agree on the style of parenting? Etc. If you address these types of questions early in the relationship, then you may avoid conflict later. It is important that you both speak your truth, not what you think is expected. The emotional truth will surface sooner or later when Chiron is placed here.

*"Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another."*

-- Thomas Merton

### **The Lunar Nodes**

The Nodes are not planets, but points in space where the orbits of the Earth around the Sun and the Moon around the Earth intersect. But, unlike the planets, their direction through the Zodiac is Retrograde (or backwards moving). Therefore, their nature is not bound by time or space in the same way the planets are. Nor are they material or visible in the sky like planets. The word 'karmic' is used in the context of the Nodal Axis to summarise the feelings of familiarity or foreignness, the attraction or repulsion, and the overwhelming sense that the relationship was meant to be. As an abstract construct in the heavens, we can consider them to be metaphysical by nature. Whereas planets are the symbols of human instinct, the Lunar Nodes symbolise the spiritual dimension of personal experience. Hence, the Lunar Nodes are often likened to the journey across time and space or through different lifetimes.

In your Combined Chart, the Nodes assist us to reflect on the purpose and spiritual dimensions of your relationship. The Nodal Axis will fall across a House polarity of your Composite with its northern pole in the House opposite its southern pole, highlighting the environment where destiny plays her role. Since the North and South Node are part of the same system, not separate, the movement between both Nodes in your Combined Chart is like a continuing dance through time. The North Node presents the qualities that need to be intentionally supported and developed in your partnership, while the South Node is a point of familiarity, the felt experience and innate recognition of each other, where you feel connected and secure in the larger picture of your relationship. Imagine this House polarity as a crossroads where you jointly encounter the more mystical dimensions of your relationship.

### *The North Node is in the 12th House*

A karmic imprint of your relationship is that the ordinary and the extraordinary become interlinked through



your being together. While your paths may have crossed at work or in being involved in a project or job, there is a larger purpose in your paths intersecting, as together you can create a more enchanting atmosphere, where the normal is transformed into something special. You might share a similar skill or faculty, yet together this can become mutually creative and engaging. It is as if the synergy of your union transforms what is ordinary into what is exotic; what once was routine may become more interesting together. The fortune in your relationship is that magic can be mined from the mundane when you work together.

As a couple, you may feel drawn to the rich world of the imagination, the spiritual, or the artistic sharing some creative abilities together. Therefore, it is important to not get caught up in criticism or scepticism but enjoy your mutual exchange and collusion. Much of your relationship remains intensely private, as what you explore together cannot always be understood by others. Therefore, it is important to know when and what to share about your relationship, so you do not leave yourselves open to criticism and judgment. This sense of containing your privacy builds a sacred and special relationship that has its own spiritual essence. And while to others, your relationship might seem chaotic and perplexing, there is an innate order and rhythm that beats at heart of your partnership. It takes a special team to make an ordinary life extraordinary. The rituals and routines of the everyday life that you share together are soul-making to your relationship.

### *The North Node is Conjunct The Sun*

In a Natal Chart, this aspect would indicate being born near a Solar Eclipse. In the Composite Chart, this suggests that your relationship may be sensitive to the cycles of the Nodes and solar eclipses. Solar eclipses occur at least twice a year, so become acquainted with their pattern, as during the eclipse seasons there may be developments of importance for your relationship.

This aspect suggests that your relationship is vital and innovative, encouraging you both to be courageous and confident when it comes to forging your creative path together. As your system's source of light, the Sun shines its light on the path ahead, encouraging you to be aware of the potentials and possibilities inherent in your relationship. Your relationship grows in strength as you begin to identify that you are one team working towards the same goals, and remain confident in the direction it is heading. As a team, your confidence and friendliness radiate warmth and positive feeling, which brings opportunity and sponsorship.

### *The North Node is Conjunct Mercury*

Mercury, the astrological CEO of communication, transportation, and exchange of data, is an important guide on your relational journey together. This could suggest a lot of movement and changes of direction in your life together. Therefore, this signature also suggests that adaptability, curiosity, and connection are important characteristics to be mindful of together. Keeping the lines of communication open between you both is also an imperative.

What might have brought you together were similar interests or a mutual connection. But what wants to be developed in your relationship together, are your intellectual pursuits, perhaps simply stated would be learning about life together. You are two for the road and together can share the discoveries that the journey of life offers you. All Mercury asks of you is that you remain flexible, open to the possibilities that change brings, and most importantly that you communicate with one another as clearly and honestly as you can. Your karmic connection might feel like you are siblings, close friends, colleagues and confidantes; therefore, you make a good team, even though there may be differences and rivalries. As partners, imagine walking side by side.

### *The North Node is Square Neptune*

One of the challenges that arise in your relationship is creating the time and space to embrace the imaginative and spiritual aspects of your life together. With Neptune, the archetype of both inspiration and illusion, at right angles to your Composite Nodal Axis, your relationship is confronted with its presence. Without constructively utilizing Neptune, your partnership may feel adrift, lack inspiration or feel meaningless. Once you invite the spiritual and creative spirit into your relationship, you turn a corner in your



relational life, bending towards feeling more mutually soulful and satisfied.

Neptune restores the vitality to the relationship, infusing it with a sense of purpose and direction. This can be accomplished through your joint effort to take time out of the routine and responsibilities of your everyday lives to find a space where your relationship can be renewed and reinvigorated. Attending to the soul of your relationship can be accomplished through quiet and meditative time together, sharing in artistic or creative pursuits or planning your dream holiday. Try not to think of it as an escape from the routines of your life together, but as a necessary part of your relationship. The spiritual aspect of your relationship seeks to be integrated into the every day to remind you both of the blessings of being together.

### *The North Node is Square Pluto*

With Composite Pluto in a challenging aspect to your Nodes, it is wise to be mindful of its association with what is darkened or buried. Pluto's desire to is to penetrate what lies beneath the surface; therefore, its nature is to expose what has been concealed. Therefore, your relationship may feel intense, as together you leave no stone unturned searching for the truth. At times, you may feel intruded upon by others who want to discuss the intimate details of your relationship or drawn into a triangular situation with your partner. Therefore, one of the most important objectives for your partnership is the building of trust and honesty so that you both know your relationship is not affected by others' negativity or dishonesty. As a couple, you do not want to be manipulated into something which is not mutually beneficial.

Your relationship builds confidence over time, not just through having endured difficulty together, but through feeling supported, loved, and emotionally protected. Therefore, it is important you are open and honest with one another and face each hardship as a united front. Then you understand the transformative power of being together and the rewards that follow on from this. When focused on mutual goals together, your intensity and resolve yield prosperous and profitable results. No doubt your relationship will go through cycles, but when you turn towards your goal, you can create an intense force together that sees you through to the end of the process.

## CONCLUSION

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