

Professional Relationship Report

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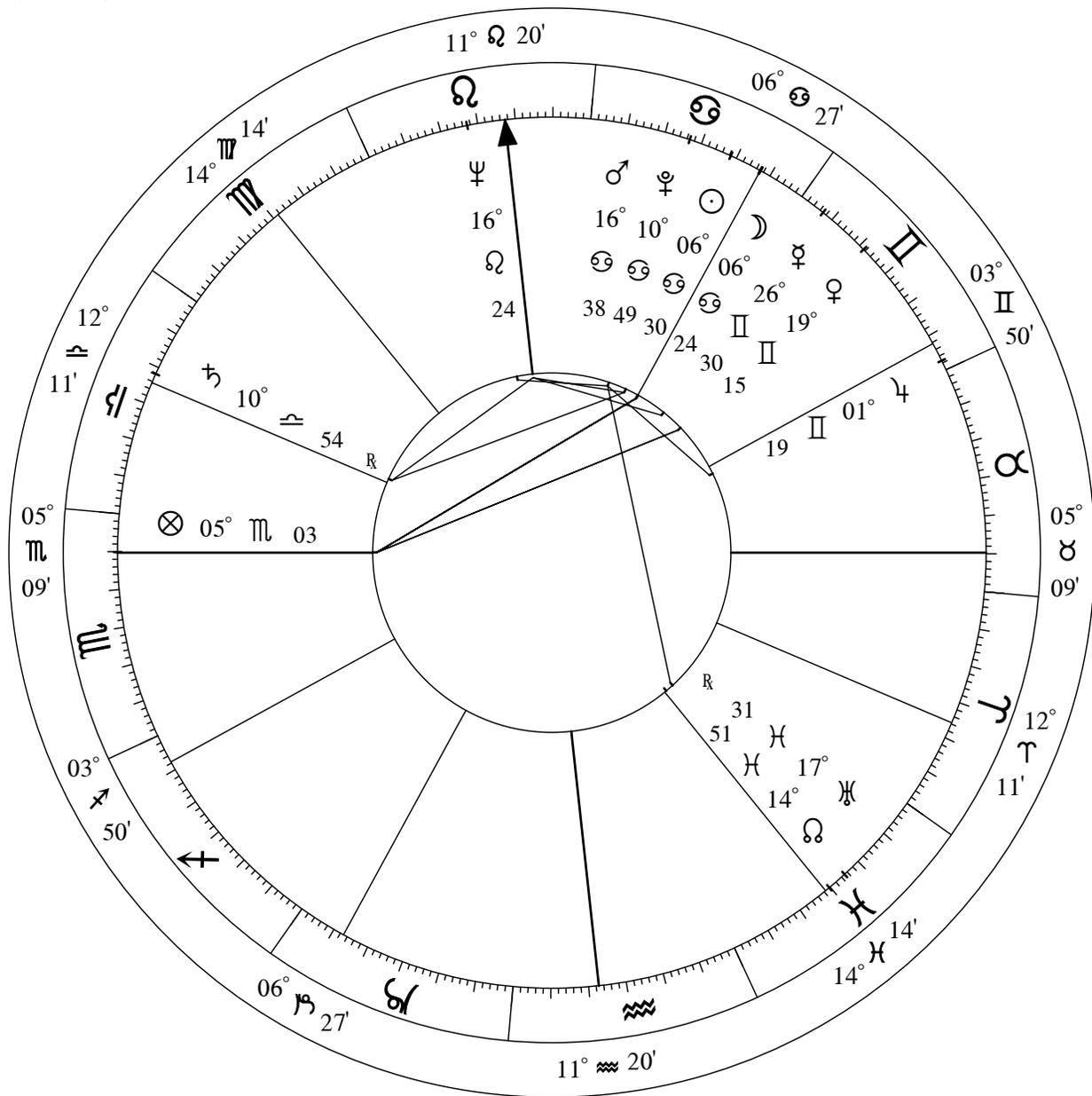
Jacqueline & John Kennedy

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Composite chart for
 Jacqueline & John Kennedy
 Washington, DC
 40°N 53'03"
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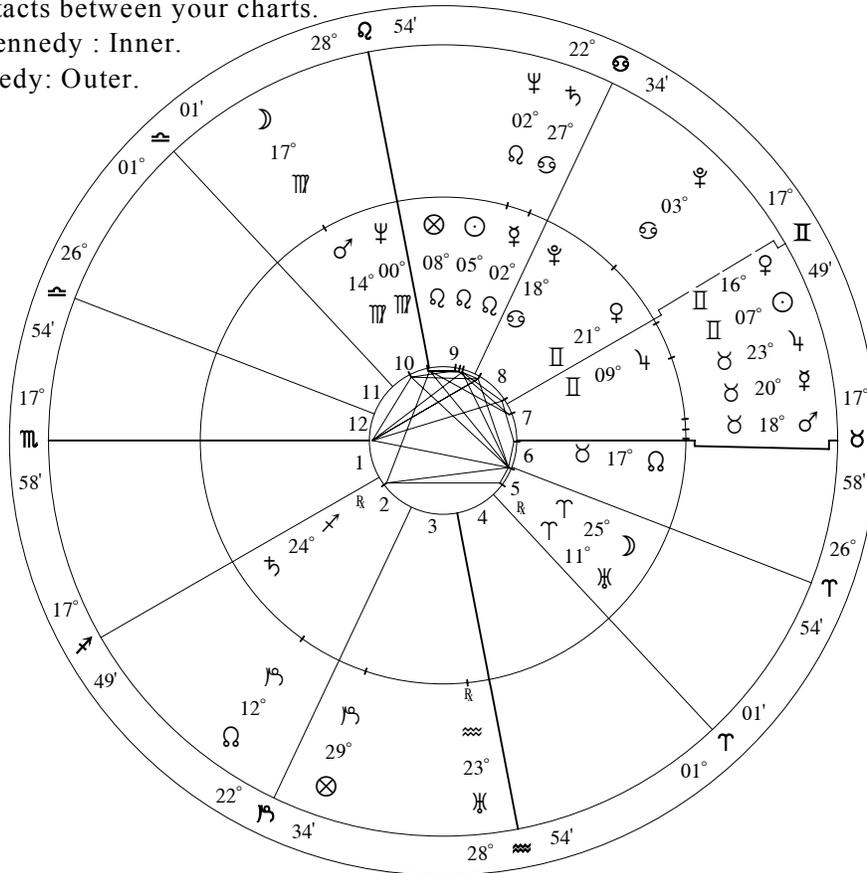


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☉ = Sun	♄ = Saturn	♁ = Midheaven	♈ = Aries	♎ = Libra
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☿ = Mercury	♆ = Neptune	♁ = Retrograde	♊ = Gemini	♐ = Sagittarius
♀ = Venus	♇ = Pluto		♋ = Cancer	♑ = Capricorn
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♃ = Jupiter	♁ = Ascendant		♍ = Virgo	♓ = Pisces

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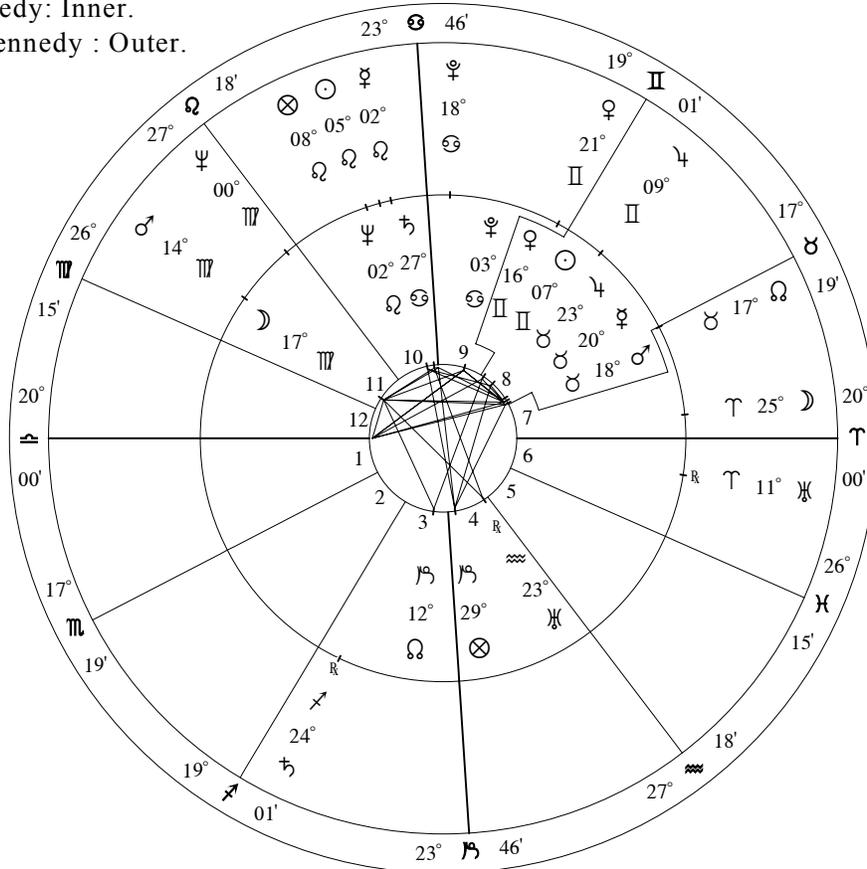
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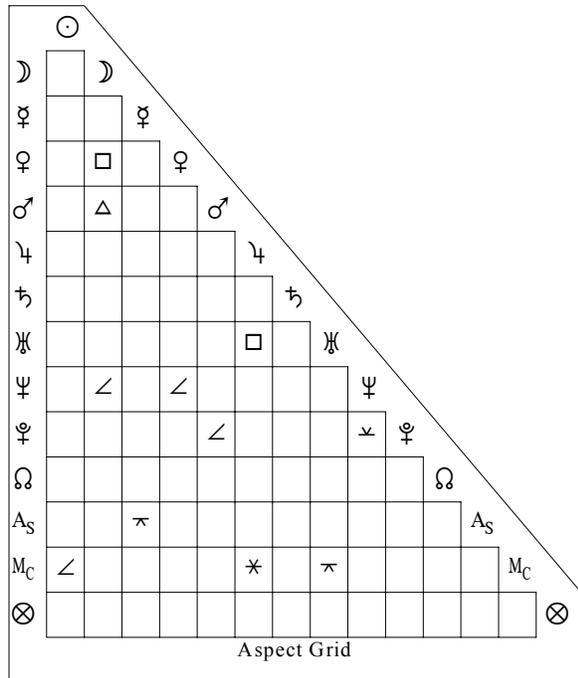
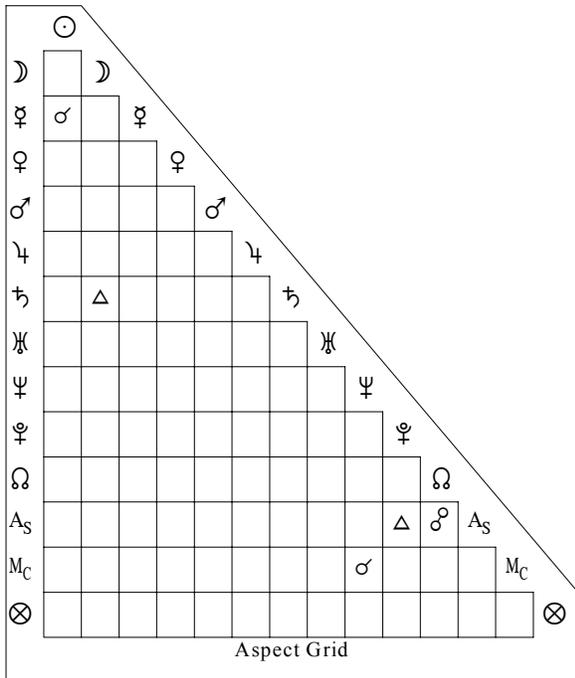
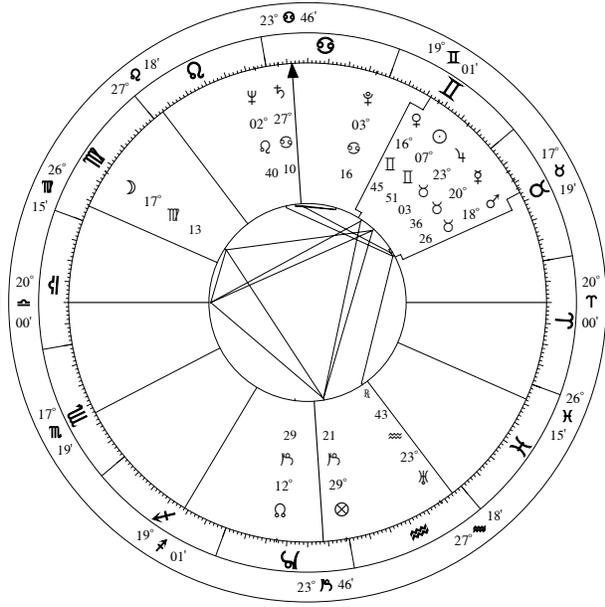
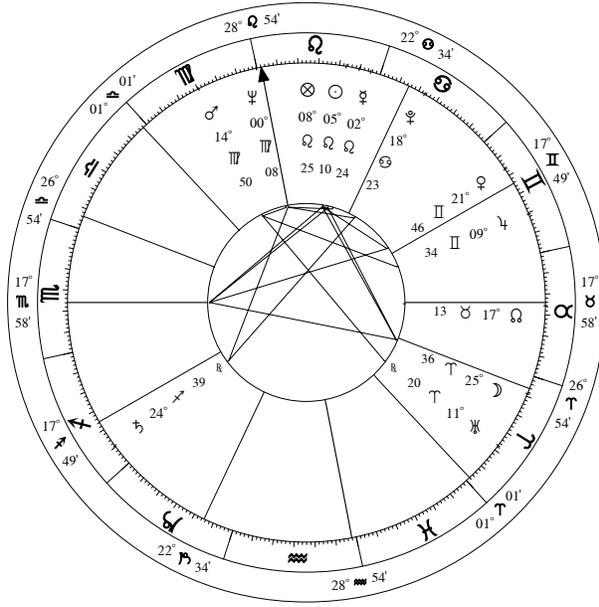
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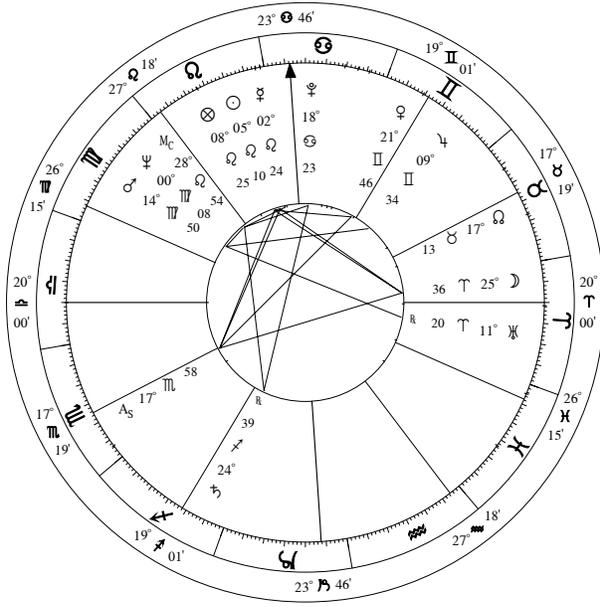


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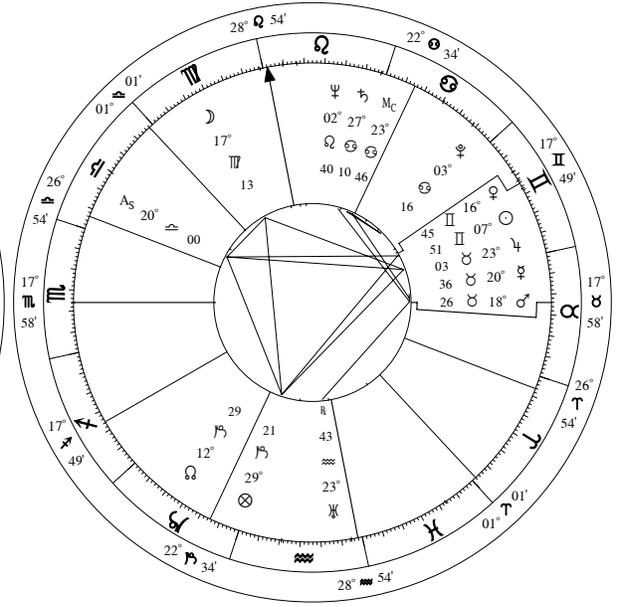
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Jacqueline Kennedy's Planets in John F. Kennedy's houses.



John F. Kennedy's Planets in Jacqueline Kennedy's houses.



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Composite Chart Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♋ Cancer	6° 30' 05"	+18° 59' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♋ Cancer	6° 24' 25"	+ 8° 07' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♊ Gemini	26° 29' 51"	+21° 08' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♊ Gemini	19° 15' 26"	+20° 45' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♋ Cancer	16° 37' 42"	+ 6° 47' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♊ Gemini	1° 18' 32"	+21° 09' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♎ Libra	10° 54' 25"	-22° 13' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♓ Pisces	17° 31' 26"	+ 3° 49' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♌ Leo	16° 24' 22"	+11° 59' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♋ Cancer	10° 49' 23"	+21° 47' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♓ Pisces	14° 50' 57"	+16° 59' 00"
♈ Ascendant	is in	♏ Scorpio	5° 08' 36"	-13° 14' 00"
♍ Midheaven	is in	♌ Leo	11° 20' 16"	+17° 23' 00"
⊗ Fortuna	is in	♏ Scorpio	5° 02' 56"	-13° 12' 00"

Composite Aspects

Sun	is	Conjunct	Moon	The orb is	0° 06'
Sun	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 21'
Sun	is	Trine	Fortuna	The orb is	1° 27'
Moon	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 16'
Moon	is	Trine	Fortuna	The orb is	1° 21'
Mercury	is	Semisquare	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 10'
Venus	is	Sesquiquadrate	Ascendant	The orb is	0° 53'
Venus	is	Sesquiquadrate	Fortuna	The orb is	0° 48'
Mars	is	Semisquare	Jupiter	The orb is	0° 19'
Mars	is	Trine	Uranus	The orb is	0° 54'
Mars	is	Semisextile	Neptune	The orb is	0° 13'
Saturn	is	Square	Pluto	The orb is	0° 05'
Saturn	is	Sextile	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 26'
Pluto	is	Semisextile	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 31'
Fortuna	is	Conjunct	Ascendant	The orb is	0° 06'

Composite Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire	: ♀ M _C	Total = 2	Weighted Score = 3
Earth	:	Total = 0	Weighted Score = 0
Air	: ♀ ♀ ♃ ♎	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 10
Water	: ☉ ☽ ♂ ♁ ♀ ♃ A _S ⊗	Total = 8	Weighted Score = 23
Cardinal	: ☉ ☽ ♂ ♎ ♀	Total = 5	Weighted Score = 18
Fixed	: ♀ A _S M _C ⊗	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 9
Mutable	: ♀ ♀ ♃ ♁ ♃	Total = 5	Weighted Score = 9

Weights Used Above

Sun	= 6	Moon	= 6	Mercury	= 3	Venus	= 3
Mars	= 3	Jupiter	= 2	Saturn	= 2	Uranus	= 1
Neptune	= 1	Pluto	= 1	N. Node	= 0	Ascendant	= 6
Midheaven	= 2	Fortuna	= 0				

Synastry Aspects

Sun	is	Conjunct	Neptune	The orb is	2° 29'
Moon	is	Square	Saturn	The orb is	1° 33'
Moon	is	Sextile	Uranus	The orb is	1° 53'
Moon	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 50'
Mercury					
	is	Semisquare	Moon	The orb is	0° 12'
Mercury					
	is	Semisquare	Venus	The orb is	0° 39'
Mercury					
	is	Conjunct	Neptune	The orb is	0° 16'
Mercury					
	is	Semisextile	Pluto	The orb is	0° 52'
Venus	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 47'
Mars	is	Conjunct	Moon	The orb is	2° 23'
Mars	is	Sesquiquadrate	Fortuna	The orb is	0° 28'
Jupiter	is	Conjunct	Sun	The orb is	1° 44'
Jupiter	is	Semisquare	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 48'
Saturn	is	Sextile	Uranus	The orb is	0° 56'
Saturn	is	Quincunx	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 53'
Neptune					
	is	Quincunx	Fortuna	The orb is	0° 47'
Pluto	is	Sextile	Moon	The orb is	1° 10'
Pluto	is	Sextile	Mars	The orb is	0° 03'
Pluto	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 37'
N. Node					
	is	Trine	Moon	The orb is	0° 00'
N. Node					
	is	Semisextile	Venus	The orb is	0° 28'
Ascendant					
	is	Sextile	Moon	The orb is	0° 46'
Ascendant					
	is	Opposite	Mercury	The orb is	2° 37'
Ascendant					
	is	Opposite	Mars	The orb is	0° 28'
Ascendant					
	is	Sesquiquadrate	Pluto	The orb is	0° 18'
Midheaven					
	is	Quincunx	Fortuna	The orb is	0° 27'
Fortuna	is	Sextile	Sun	The orb is	0° 34'

A Comparison of Your Charts

This astrological report takes a look at your birth charts to see how the two of you would be likely to interact in dating, a love affair, or, especially, in a long-term partnership like marriage. Its purpose is to make you more conscious of what's really going on between you. In the pages that follow, you'll get a better appreciation of what each of you wants and needs when you pair off with someone else. Regarding your relationship with this particular partner, you'll see strengths that you can cultivate, and also be alerted to possible problems that could get in the way of your happiness.

If you see problems, don't worry. Almost every astrological combination has both positive and negative possibilities. The important thing is to be aware of them. In this report you'll see that when faced with virtually any so-called problem between the two of you, you have a choice of desirable and undesirable ways to act. This report will try to show you where the problem is coming from, and suggest constructive things that you can do. It will also alert you to the strengths that you can build upon to create an increasingly strong and satisfying relationship.

What You'll Find in This Report

In this report you'll find sections on:

- *What Each of You Seeks in a Relationship.* We'll first look at each of you as individuals. We'll start with your basic personality type, and then look close-up at your needs and attitudes regarding romance, partnership and sex.
- *How You See Each Other..* How you experience your partner may be quite different from the way others do. We'll explore how your vision of your partner is shaped by the lens of your own horoscope.
- *The Dynamics between You.* For clues about the sorts of dramas that are most likely to take place between you, we'll look at each aspect that links a point in your chart to a point in your partner's chart. These "interaspects" will show both the assets and the problems in your relationship.
- *The Chart of the Relationship Itself.* Finally, we'll analyze the relationship itself by combining the birth charts of each of you into a single "composite chart." When your relationship is well established, the composite chart shows how you as a couple approach the rest of the world, and how you're viewed as a result of being together.

What Each of You Seeks in a Relationship

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

The discussions in this part are each addressed to you individually. If your partner also reads your section, however, it can help him or her to understand you better.

Jacqueline Kennedy

Jacqueline Kennedy 's Chart Positions

	Planet		Sign		Longitude			Declination		
☉	Sun	is in	♌	Leo	5°	09'	32"	+18°	59'	00"
☾	Moon	is in	♈	Aries	25°	36'	17"	+ 8°	07'	00"
☿	Mercury	is in	♌	Leo	2°	24'	05"	+21°	08'	00"
♀	Venus	is in	♊	Gemini		21°	46'	11"	+20°	45'
♂	Mars	is in	♍	Virgo	14°	49'	31"	+ 6°	47'	00"
♃	Jupiter	is in	♊	Gemini		9°	34'	14"	+21°	09'
♄	Saturn	is in	♐	Sagittarius		24°	39'	11"	-22°	13'
♅	Uranus	is in	♈	Aries	11°	19'	43"	+ 3°	49'	00"
♆	Neptune	is in	♍	Virgo	0°	08'	23"	+11°	59'	00"
♇	Pluto	is in	♋	Cancer	18°	22'	39"	+21°	47'	00"
♁	N. Node	is in	♉	Taurus	17°	12'	50"	+16°	59'	00"
♌	Ascendant	is in	♏	Scorpio		17°	58'	18"	-17°	12'
♍	Midheaven	is in	♌	Leo	28°	54'	23"	+11°	52'	00"
♁	Fortuna	is in	♌	Leo	8°	25'	03"	+18°	10'	00"

Jacqueline's Way of Relating

Your Basic Personality Type

Before getting down to details, let's use a broad brush to sketch in the overall shape of your personality. Without going into particular planets, just looking at what kinds of astrological houses and zodiac signs are emphasized can say a lot about your basic character. Also, the signs of the really major points in your chart — the Sun, the Moon, and the Ascendant (the degree of the zodiac that was rising in the East when you were born) — can give strong hints about your basic orientation toward life and relationships.

You have many planets in Fire signs or houses.

This means that you're most likely a warm and enthusiastic person who enjoys actively engaging with the outer world. You also tend to be trusting and idealistic, and expect the best from others. If you're disappointed in their behavior, you promise yourself that in the future you'll either avoid relationships or be more cautious in your dealings with people. But then you tend to forget these intentions. When a new potential partner appears on the scene, you decide that this new relationship is different, and enter it with your usual enthusiasm, optimism and bit of naiveté.

Being too trustful of others can open you to hurt, but becoming a cynic is not the solution. Yes, you can solicit other people's support in your endeavors, and use their encouragement to sustain your level of enthusiasm so that you can accomplish more and more. But also be as self-reliant as possible, and be sure to maintain your own identity. In the end, your positive attitude may rub off on those who are important to you, so that they'll participate more wholeheartedly in the relationship.

You have many planets in Fixed signs or houses.

Your chart's strength in Fixed signs and/or houses enables you to be more tenacious and persistent than the average person. Once you make a commitment, you tend to follow through. You may be a bit stubborn, but you get the job done. If you have a partner who's also strongly Fixed, your tenacity could make you an unbeatable pair. Should you disagree, however, be prepared for a lengthy battle.

You're usually motivated by goals. If Taurus or the Second House is particularly full of planets, your goal may be to acquire possessions or attain sensual pleasure. With Leo or the Fifth House emphasized, you'll want to be creative and receive recognition. With Scorpio or the Eighth House stressed, your end may be emotional gratification, or you may be driven by a need to probe deeply and analyze what you find. With Aquarius or the Eleventh House strong, you're motivated by issues of freedom or individuality, which may be either personal or humanitarian.

Leo and/or Fifth-House symbolism is especially strong.

To you, the entire world is a stage, and every time you interact with another human being, you become a performer. You can be warm and generous, particularly if you're praised and appreciated. However, if you're ignored or criticized, the public may see the overbearing and dogmatic side of your nature. You could then become loud, and might feel it necessary to announce your attributes and accomplishments. This will rarely endear you to others, and approval *is* important to you. To avoid disapproval, seek out people who will applaud you and extol your virtues. Then you can sit back, smile your warm smile, and bestow gifts on your attentive audience.

Your Sun is in Leo.

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

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

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

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

Your Moon is in Aries.

There's directness, honesty and simplicity in the way you express your feelings. You can tell others how you feel about them, and your sincere manner of displaying your feelings lets the world know that they are genuine. You find it easy to explain your reasons, because they're usually formulated without deep and weighty analysis.

Since you ordinarily don't analyze your emotions deeply, they may sometimes spontaneously erupt. Basically, you react to the behavior of others. If people are nice to you, you like them. If they aren't, you don't, and it's usually the most recent encounter that determines the way you feel. This may make you seem inconsistent, and your behavior may be difficult for a partner to understand. Once your mode of operating is understood, however, your partner can not only grasp the meaning of your moods but also learn to deal with them.

One of the positive sides of your Moon is that you don't mind if your partner understands your feelings. You aren't concerned with dark secrets being unearthed, because there probably are none. However, your emotional simplicity can also be a point of vulnerability. Anyone who wants to hurt you can do so easily by pointing out your faults. Your immediate reaction may be to lash out in anger. The anger will probably be gone as soon as you express it. You don't harbor grudges for long, nor do you look for the hidden meanings in people's actions. However, the impact on your feelings of self-worth may be long-lasting. You may not show it, but the wound will still be there.

While you may keep your hurt feelings to yourself, it's more likely that you'll simply return each insult that's thrown at you. This can make for a tumultuous relationship. This in itself may not be bad, because you may like to express your feelings and you may need stimulation to do this. Nevertheless, if your self-esteem is attacked, the damage that occurs may far outweigh the excitement.

If you often have hurt feelings in your relationship, discuss this with your partner. Because your feelings are clear and simple, it should be easy to convey them. If your partner can do the same, you can begin to make changes quickly. If probing is necessary, you may not have the attention span for long conversations, so have short ones often until you can determine what should be done. And while you're doing this, try, try to be more patient.

While the Sun signifies your overall direction in life and the Moon reveals your emotional makeup, the Ascendant or rising sign deals more specifically with how you relate to others. The Ascendant shows how you present yourself to the outside world, while the Descendant (which is always the zodiac sign and degree directly opposite) shows the sort of partners you're likely to attract into your life, and who will make you feel more complete. Any discussion of the Ascendant (you) implies the Descendant (your other half).

Getting the correct degree of the zodiac on the Ascendant and Descendant requires that you've given your actual birth time precisely within a few minutes. If you look at your birth chart and the degree on the Ascendant is near either 0 or 29, it's possible that you actually have the adjacent sign rising, in which case the following descriptions may not fit you so well. Also, of course, the picture can be modified by planets that make aspects to your Ascendant.

You have Scorpio rising.

You are deep-feeling and passionate about whatever issues or individuals interest you. Because of your persistence and high degree of focus, it's difficult to distract you or make you move in a new direction. Some may view you as obsessive, but this is usually only when you feel that your goals are blocked. If things are moving along the way you want them to, you'll just continue on your chosen path and people can count on this.

In intimate relationships you're steadfast, and you need a partner who's dependable, too. When you're choosing a partner, trust and loyalty are at the top of your list. You could be suspicious, but fortunately you're likely to choose a partner who is habit-oriented. Once you understand your partner's behavioral pattern and see it repeated again and again, you feel more secure. If the pattern does change and you do become suspicious, before leaving the relationship you probably take your time and investigate thoroughly to determine if your partner is trustworthy. Since your partner is probably habit-oriented, however, he or she neither takes relationships lightly nor leaves them any more quickly than you do. Therefore, you'll probably be together for a long time.

If you're both creatures of habit, you may sometimes feel as if you're in a rut. The rut may feel secure, but if it doesn't otherwise gratify you, you might want a change. Making changes may not come easily, but it could be fun. First, recognize that you're both looking for sensual pleasure, and this can go beyond sex. As you discuss changes, surround yourselves with anything that smells, tastes, feels, sounds or looks good. Also, include the pleasure principle in any decisions that you ultimately make. Neither of you may change quickly, but you can enjoy yourselves while you're in the process of change.

Here are some other suggestions about negotiating. Don't make demands on each other. Neither of you likes to be told what to do, and you're both capable of doing the exact opposite of what your partner desires. Instead of barking orders, you should each express your views and offer alternatives that you can accept. Then talk about the possibilities. You yourself will be bringing your intuition into the discussion, and your partner will probably look at the alternatives from a practical perspective. Individually, the two of you may be stubborn, so that when you disagree it may take effort to come to an understanding. But if you can arrive at an acceptable compromise and work together, the personal stubbornness will become joint persistence, and you'll be unbeatable.

Your Specific Relationship Needs

Now let's look specifically at your Fifth House for romance, your Seventh for marriage and equal partnership, and your Eighth for the closest emotional bonding, which usually takes place through sex.

Each house brings in a number of symbolic themes. The sign on the beginning or cusp of any house is usually the most important, but other signs that fall within that house contribute other themes. Adding to this mix are any planets within the house, plus the house position of the planet that traditionally "rules" the sign on the cusp.

The Fifth, Seventh and Eighth houses describe both what you have to give to a relationship, and also what you need from your partner. Problems can arise if you try to manifest all the themes of these houses by yourself, and also if you expect your partner to satisfy all the needs that are shown by these houses. It's important that each of you try to contribute the various relationship themes that are signified in each of your charts.

Flirting and Courting

Traditionally associated with amusements of all kinds, the Fifth House shows how you wine, dine and romance each other in the dating stage of a relationship. Having fun together in a romantic setting can help to get a relationship off the ground.

When you're married, the Fifth House becomes the place where you refresh and renew both yourself and your relationship. To keep the spark alive, it's a good idea periodically to let go of your duties, play, be romantic and perhaps a bit outrageous. If you neglect this essential human need, it can be filled by romances outside of a marriage, risky activities such as gambling, or escapes such as drinking or drugs, which can also be manifestations of the Fifth House.

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

This house shows not only what you need in the courtship stage, but also what kind of dating partners are likely to appeal to you.

Aries is on your Fifth-House cusp.

You want action in your romantic relationships, and are drawn to those who are assertive and take the lead. However, if you're attracted to someone, you may not wait to be approached. At least at the outset of a courtship you enjoy spontaneity, and tend to focus on immediate gratification rather than long-term implications.

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

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

Having planets placed within your the Fifth House adds yet other requirements for you in the area of romance.

Your Moon is in the Fifth.

With your Moon in the Fifth, romance and other forms of celebration and self-expression become an essential part of your emotional life. Even if you're a practical, down-to-earth person in other areas, in romance your emotions will be strongly touched. Though you'll have deep feelings regarding your partner, they may fluctuate depending on your mood and the situation. When you express your feelings, it may take the form of nurturing, or of emotional outbursts. Often the outbursts occur if you're not receiving the nurturing you yourself need. Having tantrums will probably not bring you the treatment you want. Instead, you might try to mother your partner a bit, and possibly your partner will give you some tender loving care in return.

Your Uranus is in the Fifth.

You crave excitement in romance, and may be attracted to unusual or creative romantic partners who might also be unreliable. Alternatively, they could be mentally stimulating or come from a different background than your own. It's also possible to be involved with a romantic partner who seems ordinary, but who shares your desire for a bit of excitement and surprise during your good times together.

Becoming Partners

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

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

Even if you're not married and are in a primarily romantic or sexual relationship, the Seventh House will be active whenever you try to work as a team, whenever you confront each other and need to make adjustments, and whenever you each need to get your fair share.

Taurus is on your Seventh-House cusp.

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

Gemini is within the Seventh House.

You also want a partner who is sociable and has a variety of interests. Because your partner is so diversified, he or she could sometimes seem shallow and/or scattered. But if you can flit along together happily, this might be an asset rather than a liability, especially when the alternative to superficiality is boredom. You may sometimes yearn for intellectual conversations, but this could be difficult because one or both of you may have a short attention span. However, it's not impossible. One way to handle this problem, should it arise, is to divide the discussion into segments, with breaks for physical exercise or snacks, or possibly a party. The ability to fit into many different types of groups is one of the qualities that attracted you, and watching your partner in action may remind you of your blessings.

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

In your chart the planet that is traditionally associated with the sign on your Seventh-House cusp is placed in the Eighth House. This suggests that you have a need to base your marriage on a deeper form of merging than mere partnership. This could mean a deeply emotional sexual union, or simply an intensity of feeling in your relationship and a great deal of analyzing of each other's hidden motives. It could also be that your finances and possessions are so tightly intertwined that you don't have a sense that anything is entirely yours. Finding true happiness in marriage may depend on loosening your grip on what you felt were essential possessions, or essential parts of yourself. In letting these things go and pooling resources with your partner, you may find emotional satisfaction that is of far greater value.

The fact that your Seventh House also contains one or more planets means that you have yet other requirements in your close relationships.

Your Jupiter is in the Seventh.

This placement is sometimes said to indicate that no matter how good an intimate relationship is, at some point it can become boring, so that the grass may begin to look greener on the other side of the fence. If this is accurate, you could have a series of partners, but there are other ways to play this. You might select a partner who is intelligent and can help you to develop as an individual, or possibly someone from a foreign country or culture who can teach you about customs different from your own.

It's unlikely that you'll ever want constant togetherness, however. You need your own personal interests. Nevertheless, you and your partner should share at least one interest through which you can jointly grow. Sharing everything in a relationship can become dull, but if you share nothing, there's no reason to be together.

Entwining Your Souls

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

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

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

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

Gemini is on your Eighth-House cusp.

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

The sign Cancer is within the Eighth House.

Though your first impulse is toward variety in sexual relations, there's a part of you that also craves security. You need it, and you can provide it as well. You tend to mother your sexual partners, offering emotional security more than material. In fact, food or making your partner feel comfortable could be an important part of your sexual ritual. You want some of this treatment also, so it's best if you take turns mothering each other. If one partner does all the nurturing and gets nothing in return, emotional outbursts could interfere with your sex life. Making the nurturing reciprocal can result in sex that is both tender and highly satisfying.

Mercury, the ruler of your Eighth House, is in the Ninth

The placement of your Eighth-House ruler in the Ninth House suggests that you have a philosophical view of sex, or need a sexual partner who is philosophical or spiritual, or are turned on by those from a totally different country or background. Or you might seek out someone you can worship. A partner on a pedestal can, however, be unattainable, so you may not get the sexual gratification you seek. It's best to look for someone with whom you can share your spirituality as an equal. You might also find that intellectual compatibility can lead to good sex.

Having planets in the Eighth House contributes yet other themes to your lovemaking needs and style.

Your Venus is in the Eighth.

Love and pleasure are a more than usually important part of your sex life, so that you probably enjoy an attractive partner and pleasant surroundings. Fidelity, however, is a non-issue with this placement, and responsibility may not be something you think about in regard to sex. Your main interest is the pleasure. If your partner mistreats you or you're otherwise not happy and comfortable in your sex life, you may not feel obligated to stay in the relationship. As long as the pleasure lasts, however, you could go on indefinitely.

Your Pluto is in the Eighth.

In sex, your passions tend to run deep, and when all is going well, your gratification can be strong. It's possible, however, that power issues could interfere. You want a strong partner, but if anyone is going to be in control, you want it to be you. You might be concerned that your partner could manipulate you in sexual matters. Or, if you're suspicious of your partner's motivations, you could become so obsessed that it interferes with your sex life. Either way, instead of stewing about it, bring the problem into the open. Through discussion, you can release the resentment, and then return to the deep, all-involving sex that is the gift of Pluto in the Eighth.

How Each of You Sees Your Partner

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

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

If the two of you are reasonably close in age, it's inevitable that you'll both have the slower-moving planets (like Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto) in the same or an adjacent sign, which means that they'll also be in the same or an adjacent house. This isn't very significant personally, because all it's really showing is how you'd relate to anyone in your age group. However, if both you and your partner have the same faster-moving body (like the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus or Mars) in one of your houses, it does have personal importance. This will reinforce that planet's effect on a given area of your life. The aspects that are made to that planet in your partner's chart, however, may add some new themes that you may not have by yourself.

Although the following sections are addressed to each of you individually, your partner will obviously gain some useful insights from reading your section, too.

Jacqueline's Overall View of John

To get an overall impression of how you would view John, we're going to take a look at the general way in which your partner's planets are placed around your horoscope wheel. We'll see whether they're scattered quite evenly, or whether they emphasize some particular sector of your chart.

More of John's planets are in your chart's western half.

The fact that more of John's planets fall into the right-hand half of your chart suggests that you tend to view him primarily as a responder. You may not expect him to take the initiative, and you could see him as slow or indecisive when initiative and decisiveness are necessary. You might think that if you left taking action to him, you'd never do anything as a couple. You might therefore do things like accept invitations or set your social calendar without consulting with this partner.

If neither of you minds this, fine. But, if your partner resents not having a say in what's happening, chances are that his own chart indicates that he's basically an initiator. You don't have to give up the reins entirely, but you might discuss the matter and together determine areas where your partner can be in charge. You might even enjoy not having to make all the decisions.

Many of John's planets are placed above your horizon.

With more of John's planets falling into the top half of your chart, you tend to see him as more extraverted, adjusting to the world and needing its approval. Depending on how the planets are distributed around his own horoscope wheel, he may or may not actually be that way. Simply because of your expectations or from interaction with you, he may try to be more extraverted, while deep down he looks to an inner standard and values self-approval and self-motivation more than the values of the outside world. With you, he may try to conform to what's expected, but you may have different ideas of what conforming means. Chances are, he's really trying. Remember this, and if you still wish to change the way he behaves, try a bit of flattery before you criticize.

Seeing John through the Lens of Your Houses

For more particular information about the way John affects you, let's now look at where each of his planets fits into the framework of your houses. The houses that will probably be most important in forming your view of John are the houses that contain his Sun and Moon.

John's Sun is in your Seventh House.

You'll probably experience John as warm and outgoing, particularly in your relationship. When the two of you are with close friends, however, you may see him as more visible than you. You might well bask in the light of his personality and enjoy other people's perception of him, but it's also possible to develop an inferiority complex because you believe that he outshines you. You might even become resentful because you feel that he is self-centered and hogs the limelight. If you remember that this is your subjective opinion, you can more actively participate, and you may discover that you can shine just as brightly as your partner.

John's Moon is in your Tenth House.

You might find that John is emotionally supportive of your career, or of your role in the world in general. If this is the case, you know that you can find comfort in talking to him about your problems at work, or any other difficulties that you have interacting in the outer world. If you're nurtured when you arrive home, coping with the world at large can be easy to tolerate.

However, if your partner envies or feels competitive with your professional life, you could feel undermined rather than supported, and there may be emotional outbursts. To turn this form of behavior into tenderness, try giving him some extra nurturing. When he knows that you care, he might not feel so threatened by you or your role in the world.

John's Mercury is in your Seventh House.

You probably perceive John as a person who can communicate well on the social scene. He may never seem at a loss for words and can chat about almost any subject, at least for a short period of time. For longer conversations, or deeper ones, you may have to look elsewhere. But there are definite advantages to this placement. One is that you always have something to say to each other. Another is that you know that your partner can fit in with anyone he chooses. If you want to discuss serious and/or deep subjects with your partner, do it in small doses. For example, you can talk about and resolve a problem, but it's best done in several short conversations instead of one long one.

John's Venus is in your Seventh House.

You see John as charming and attractive, and probably bask in his affection. The only problem might be that others do also, to the point where they find him *too* desirable. If this happens, it will help to show lots of affection for him not only in private, but also when you're out in public (remembering to be tasteful, of course!). Then he may feel loved to the point where he won't be tempted to look elsewhere, and others will understand that he's yours.

John's Mars is in your Seventh House.

You may feel that John is the director of your relationship, either making most of the decisions or continually pushing you to take action. If you are the type who hesitates when making decisions, you might enjoy someone else taking charge. Even then, however, you wouldn't want to be pushed too much or too often, nor would you want decisions to be made without your input. That could make you feel like a non-entity in the partnership, and could make you very angry. One way to deal with this is to take care to offer your opinion on matters that are important to you even when you're not asked. If that doesn't work and you feel resentment building up, openly discuss it with your partner right then and there. Then, together you can actively work out ways in which you can cooperate in the decision-making process.

John's Jupiter is in your Seventh House.

You probably see John as optimistic and fun-loving, someone who can bring cheer to you and others who are close to you. You may also experience his thoughtful, philosophical nature and feel that he's responsible for any growth that the two of you experience as a couple. On the other hand, you may think that he spends too much time playing, or has wonderful ideas that never materialize. A bit of this is probably tolerable because it's balanced by the pleasure that he brings. But if it outweighs the pleasure, you could begin to wonder if there's any substance to the relationship. If you start to feel this way, concentrate on developing a single project that the two of you can share. That will enable you to enjoy your partner's buoyant side while providing some needed stability, and your growth as a couple is likely to get back on track.

John's Saturn is in your Ninth House.

In your discussions together, John may show some very definite opinions about religion, politics, education and/or distant travel. You may well feel that he has something to teach you about any or all of these subjects, and as long as you feel that you're learning, there should be no problems. Alternatively, however, you may feel that he is dogmatic and tries to force you to accept his opinions. He may seem like such an authority and always sound so logical that he always wins. Instead of engaging in combat, convince him to take on a commitment in some Ninth-House area — for example, assume an active role in a church, work for a political party, sign up for or teach a course, or make the arrangements for your next trip. Taking on responsibility will absorb some of that Saturn energy so that he will have less of an impulse to bombard you with ideas that you disagree with.

John's Uranus is in your Third House.

You could find John an exciting conversationalist, someone who expresses unusual or creative ideas. While interesting, some of these ideas may sound somewhat strange and possibly ahead of their time. If they seem too bizarre, don't worry. John could change his mind very rapidly and even forget what he previously said.

You may also experience a spontaneity about his verbal skills that gives him an effortless ability to ad lib. Such ready comebacks may be made with little thought, so that they sometimes come off as tactless. If you confront your partner with what he's said, however, he'll probably be quick to modify his the tactless remarks.

John's Neptune is in your Ninth House.

John's Neptune here may add to the spiritual, compassionate, and imaginative element in your philosophy of life. John will increase your tendency to go beyond conventional religion and points of view and instead follow an inner source of guidance that is beyond words. he may also tend to soften your more entrenched views and make you more tolerant. Together you may share romantic ideas about travel, such that you travel (most probably by sea or air) in search of a dream or a spiritual experience.

It's also possible that John's philosophical or religious ideas may confuse you, or make you more confused about your own views on life. True, you might be led astray by an unrealistic belief system, but if you're uncomfortable with his or your own life philosophy, it's more likely that you're just trying too hard to be rational. Perhaps it's time to open yourself to the validity of that which lies beyond reason.

John's Pluto is in your Eighth House.

You very likely find John sexually appealing, and there may be a great deal of passion expressed in this area of your life. Be wary, however, that this combination can also mean that power struggles or manipulation may become an integral part of your sex life or even replace it. Playing the "who is in charge" game can detract from your intimacy. If either of you feels that this is occurring, do bring it out into the open. By discussing it and getting to the root of the problem, you can work on solutions together. Then you'll be sharing the power, and the sexual gratification may be tremendous.

John's North Node is in your Second House.

John F. Kennedy

John F. Kennedy's Chart Positions

	Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination			
☉	Sun	is in	♊ Gemini	7° 50' 37"	+21° 38'			
☾	Moon	is in	♍ Virgo 17°	12' 33"	+0° 40' 00"			
☿	Mercury	is in	♉ Taurus 20°	35' 37"	+14° 24' 00"			
♀	Venus	is in	♊ Gemini	16° 44' 41"	+23° 07'			
♂	Mars	is in	♉ Taurus 18°	25' 53"	+17° 03' 00"			
♃	Jupiter	is in	♉ Taurus 23°	02' 50"	+17° 44' 00"			
♄	Saturn	is in	♋ Cancer 27°	09' 40"	+21° 06' 00"			
♅	Uranus	is in	♒ Aquarius	23° 43' 08"	-14° 18'			
♆	Neptune	is in	♌ Leo 2°	40' 20"	+19° 23' 00"			
♇	Pluto	is in	♋ Cancer 3°	16' 08"	+18° 50' 00"			
♁	N. Node	is in	♑ Capricorn	12° 29' 05"	-22° 52'			
♌	Ascendant	is in	♎ Libra 19°	59' 32"	-7° 49' 00"			
♋	Midheaven	is in	♋ Cancer 23°	46' 09"	+21° 21' 00"			
♑	Fortuna	is in	♑ Capricorn	29° 21' 27"	-20° 18'			

John's Way of Relating

Your Basic Personality Type

For clues about your overall orientation to life, we'll look first at the major features of your birth chart. We'll first see what kinds of houses and zodiac signs are either emphasized or lacking. Then we'll take a closer look at the three most important points in your horoscope--the Sun, Moon, and Ascendant or rising sign.

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

It may not be easy for you to take the initiative, or to show your enthusiasm and excitement. Therefore, you might need a fire lit under you to awaken your zest for life and get you started. People who are too energetic or assertive may make you feel uncomfortable. Those who are too passive may not help you to improve your state of mind and accomplish your goals. Instead, you need someone who can give you a gentle nudge without being overly aggressive.

You have many planets in Earth signs or houses.

The abundance of Earth symbolism in your chart means that you're down-to-earth in a psychological sense, too. To take action, you require reasons. To clarify where you stand and to motivate you to initiate, you like the situation to be explained complete with concrete examples. Because you wish your actions to be based on the facts, your insistence on practical reasons for initiating could sometimes make you seem callous. You may also want to know what's in it for you (even though, if the emphasis is mainly in Virgo, you would need to be of service as well). This, too, may make you appear unfeeling. If you consciously do your duty, and assist the significant others in your life to attain their goals, those who are important to you will see you in a kinder light.

It can be hard for you to take unfamiliar routes, so you tend to be habit-oriented. Though repeated patterns may provide security, they can also become boring. One way to deal with this is to make lists of actions you might take, and, among them, consider some new alternatives. Starting in this way with small changes can lead to greater moves. It's also good to have a partner who can help you to stretch your boundaries without pushing you too far, too fast. Whether you motivate yourself or get help from others, when change is necessary, the keyword is "gradual."

You have many planets in Air signs or houses.

Air people are the thinkers and planners of the zodiac, but not usually the movers. (Even Geminis, who tend to be physically active, may not be able to move forward without a master plan.) Therefore, you may spend a great deal of time in your head rather than making an impression on the world.

Sometimes, though, talking about possibilities can help to get you started. Verbalizing ideas can make them take on more definite form so that it becomes easier to take the initiative. You can either talk to yourself aloud or find someone else who will listen to you and possibly motivate you to act.

A positive quality of air-sign people is that they are objective and can understand many points of view. The downside of this is that you may find it hard to make up your mind. If there are too many alternatives, you may procrastinate. Try to examine only two possibilities at a time, and ask others for their opinion. You do want to make up your own mind, but it may help to weigh the ideas of others with your own.

You have many planets in Mutable signs or houses.

You're most comfortable when you're involved in a variety of activities, and you actually tend to accomplish more when you're alternating tasks than when you're trying to complete one at a time. You're very adaptable, and generally welcome input from others. This tends to make you a good listener but also may cause you to be greatly influenced by other people's opinions.

If your chart's main emphasis is in Gemini or the Third House, you need to share ideas in order to determine your direction. With Virgo or the Sixth House accentuated, you'll be stimulated by the idea of working more efficiently or providing better service. An emphasis on Sagittarius or the Ninth House indicates the need for people who are philosophically oriented and can teach you something. With Pisces or the Twelfth House stressed, you need to merge with those with whom you're emotionally in tune, and who can help you to serve the greater good.

Your Sun is in Gemini.

With your versatility, you can easily do more than one thing at the same time. In fact, you might find it hard to concentrate on one thing for very long. Needing variety, you may not take the time to probe deeply into your interest of the moment. Fortunately, you're a quick study and can form an accurate overview of a subject very quickly. You may not understand the subject in depth, but you'll know enough for your own purposes. Your motto might be, "If you can't learn it fast, it probably isn't worth knowing!"

This talent can be extended to people. You are basically sociable, and can determine the essence of an individual or a group almost instantaneously and fit in right away, if you so choose. This skill can be useful. Even if you find yourself with people who are trained in a technical field you know nothing about, you quickly pick up the group's jargon and can seem as knowledgeable as they are. The secret of your success is that you leave the room before you exhaust your newly-learned vocabulary. This suits you, because you would probably become bored if you hung around for too long.

In terms of a partner, you'd do well with someone who's also sociable, and you'd probably like a good sense of humor, too. Then you can rest assured that you can interact as a couple without concern about the impression you make. You will also not have to worry about being saddled all evening with your partner. You can each flit around the gathering on your own and have stories to share when you return home.

With little patience for slow-thinking people, you'd also want a partner who's mentally agile. Not necessarily a mental giant, just someone who can carry on a light, pleasant conversation and follow the gist of what you have to say. This may not be as easy as it sounds, because you may tend to jump from subject to subject and even occasionally omit words. While you may not like being interrupted by questions, it's OK for your partner to add an occasional word or expand upon an idea you've expressed. That can be considered brainstorming, and you welcome such contributions. You have little desire, however, for lengthy and profound intellectual conversations.

The fact that you enjoy social interaction and like to keep your conversations light doesn't mean that your entire life has to be superficial. You simply need to include these sorts of diversions for release and relief, and to contribute to the diversity that is your essence.

Your Moon is in Virgo.

You're probably not very emotionally demonstrative, to the point where you may not feel permission to express your feelings unless you've got a practical reason to do so. Should you be unhappy on a particular day and not be sure why, you might try seeing a sad movie or renting a sad video. This will give you a reason to cry, and you'll be able to vent your feelings without embarrassment.

One common way people avoid expressing emotions is by becoming critical of others. If you're picking on someone, you have a reason for not showing tenderness. This behavior may have originated from a mother who criticized you as a child (and who might even criticize you now) -- someone who said things like "I want you to be the best person you can be" or "I'm only telling you this for your own good." Then, as an adult, you yourself may become critical of others, or seek out a partner who will carry on your mother's critical function toward you. While you might feel miserable about it, it might also feel homey and somehow right.

Even if your mother was critical, you probably also knew you that could count on her. Or maybe your mother wasn't critical at all, but instead was just hard-working and supportive of you. You, too, are likely to have an ability to work hard and to give support to others.

So, while you're hardly gushy, you can be very helpful in a practical way. When you make a commitment, you tend to stand by it so that your friends and partners have confidence that you'll come through for them. You're also probably good at giving practical suggestions to help people to make their ideas materialize. You don't want to take over from others, but you can help them a great deal by working out the details of a plan of action and analyzing its practical implications. If there are flaws in the plan, you can usually pinpoint them and suggest workable alternatives.

If you find yourself unhappily caught up in criticizing or being criticized, try diverting this energy into giving this sort of practical assistance to others. You'll probably feel a lot happier if you make a bit of an effort to hold your tongue, and instead concentrate on serving other people and making the world a more efficient and orderly place.

It may also be hard to let the feelings flow freely in your intimate relationships. When you're secure with a partner, you'll be able to show your emotions more readily. You still may have to work on this a bit more by convincing yourself that being emotional is appropriate in intimate situations. When you discover that certain responses on your part bring certain rewards, you may start to feel less inhibited and ultimately become more demonstrative and emotionally fulfilled. And now we get to your "axis of relationship," which is formed by the Ascendant (or rising sign) and the Descendant, which is always directly opposite it. While the zodiacal sign that was rising when you were born describes the way that you present yourself to others, the opposite sign signifies the sort of partner you'll be drawn to and who will make you feel more complete. Any discussion of your rising sign (you) implies your setting sign (the partner who will complement you).

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

You have Libra rising.

Having Libra rising suggests that one-to-one is your favorite way of relating, and that having a partner is high on your list of priorities. You operate best when you have a partner who's your equal — someone with whom you can converse and share your ideas and experiences. Also, because you need peace and harmony, you may bend over backwards to please that significant other in your life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your Specific Relationship Needs

Now we get down to the particulars of what you want and need in romance, partnership and sex. To do this, we take a close-up look at the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth houses in your chart.

We'll look at the zodiacal sign at the beginning (on the cusp) of the house, and at the house position of the planet that rules that sign. Then we'll round out the interpretation with any other signs and planets that are positioned within that house.

Keep in mind that these houses describe not only what you have to give to a relationship, but also what you need from your partner. Your relationships will work better if both of you try to contribute the various qualities that are symbolized in these key relationship houses.

Flirting and Courting

Associated, among other things, with risk-taking, the Fifth House is where you take the plunge and throw yourself open to chance. Will Mr./Ms. Right cross your path at the mixer dance or singles bar? Will you take the risk of asking someone out on a date? Will the blind date be a delight or a disaster? This is one of the reasons that the Fifth is the place where love relationships begin.

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

So let's now look at your style of courting someone, the kind of romantic relationships you like, and the kind of person you're most likely to enjoy dating.

Aquarius is on your Fifth-House cusp.

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

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

Pisces is within the Fifth House.

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

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

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

Since your Fifth House doesn't contain any planets, your needs in the romance department are fairly completely described by the signs on and in the Fifth House, and by the house where the Fifth-House ruler is located. While Fifth-House matters may take a less central role in your life than they might for someone else, having no planets here also means that your requirements are less specific, so that you can select from a wider range of potential partners.

Becoming Partners

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

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

Aries is on your Seventh-House cusp.

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

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

Taurus is within the Seventh House.

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

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

In your chart the planet that is traditionally associated with the sign on your Seventh-House cusp is placed in the Eighth House. This suggests that you have a need to base your marriage on a deeper form of merging than mere partnership. This could mean a deeply emotional sexual union, or simply an intensity of feeling in your relationship and a great deal of analyzing of each other's hidden motives. It could also be that your finances and possessions are so tightly intertwined that you don't have a sense that anything is entirely yours. Finding true happiness in marriage may depend on loosening your grip on what you felt were essential possessions, or essential parts of yourself. In letting these things go and pooling resources with your partner, you may find emotional satisfaction that is of far greater value.

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

Entwining Your Souls

Joined into a single entity in the Seventh House, you're ready to transform each other in the Eighth. This involves relaxing your grip on whatever you felt necessary to maintain yourselves as individuals, and taking a leap of faith, trusting that the essentially benevolent forces of life will pull you through. If you emerge from this trial successfully, you're transformed and renewed.

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

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

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

Taurus is on your Eighth-House cusp.

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

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

Gemini is within the Eighth House.

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

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

The placement of your Eighth-House ruler *in* your Eighth House amplifies the importance of sex in your life. It also suggests that sex might operate independently from other facets of your relationships. For example, you could have a sexually satisfying partner who is otherwise hard to get along with, or a wonderful partner who does not excite you sexually. In the first case, you might avoid each other except at bedtime, or find a counselor to help you analyze and solve your other problems. In the second case, keep in mind that a truly congenial partner can be hard to replace. You might try sex therapy, or look for other ways of expressing the Eighth House, such as through finances or research.

Having planets in the Eighth House contributes yet other themes to your lovemaking needs and style.

Your Sun is in the Eighth.

This placement greatly heightens the importance of sex (as well as other intense experiences) in your life. You want to be an active participant in sex, not a passive observer. You want to be appreciated by your sexual partner, and need to retain your sense of identity. If sexual problems arise, it could impact your sense of self, so that you believe that there is something seriously wrong with you. Remember that it takes two to have a sexual relationship. As well as not taking all the credit for the successes, don't take complete blame for the failures. Sex is a joint effort, and you should be able to work out the solution to problems together. If you can share the responsibility, your sex life will improve and the other parts of your relationship will strengthen also.

Your Mercury is in the Eighth.

Communications tend to be an integral part of your sex life. You may particularly enjoy thinking, writing or talking about sex. If talking is the route you choose, you may talk about sex in general, talk while you're having sex, or talk about it afterwards. And if your partner finds all that talk annoying, you'll probably find it easy to discuss the matter. Your conversations may not be deeply analytical, but through your discussions you may be able to come up with other ways to express your Mercury that are more acceptable to your partner.

Your Venus is in the Eighth.

Love and pleasure are a more than usually important part of your sex life, so that you probably enjoy an attractive partner and pleasant surroundings. Fidelity, however, is a non-issue with this placement, and responsibility may not be something you think about in regard to sex. Your main interest is the pleasure. If your partner mistreats you or you're otherwise not happy and comfortable in your sex life, you may not feel obligated to stay in the relationship. As long as the pleasure lasts, however, you could go on indefinitely.

Your Mars is in the Eighth.

Either you take the lead in sex, or you like an aggressive partner who will do so. There's also a lot of energy between you. If all is going well, your sex life may be very active; but if you have problems, you may have arguments that get really heated. If the anger seems stronger than the passion, you might want to think about how gratifying this really is for you. If you're both happy with the arrangement, fine, but if one or both of you suffers from those angry scenes, you might want to get counseling, set some ground rules together, or channel that energy into doing intense sports or work.

Your Jupiter is in the Eighth.

You tend to view sex as a liberating experience, a way of growing and expanding your horizons. Even while being basically conventional, you may enjoy exploring new methods. You need a sex partner who can share in the development with you, helping you to grow in this area. If your partner doesn't supply this, you may roam in search of others who are more interesting. If you're really enjoying yourself in sex, however, you're likely to stay with one.

How Each of You Sees Your Partner

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

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

If the two of you are reasonably close in age, it's inevitable that you'll both have the slower-moving planets (like Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto) in the same or an adjacent sign, which means that they'll also be in the same or an adjacent house. This isn't very significant personally, because all it's really showing is how you'd relate to anyone in your age group. However, if both you and your partner have the same faster-moving body (like the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus or Mars) in one of your houses, it does have personal importance. This will reinforce that planet's effect on a given area of your life. The aspects that are made to that planet in your partner's chart, however, may add some new themes that you may not have by yourself.

Although the following sections are addressed to each of you individually, your partner will obviously gain some useful insights from reading your section, too.

John's Overall View of Jacqueline

Before going into particular planets, John, we'll look first at the general distribution of Jacqueline's planets around your horoscope wheel. Are her planets fairly evenly spaced around your chart, or are they skewed toward one side or the other?

More of Jacqueline's planets are in your chart's eastern half.

The fact that Jacqueline's planets fall mostly into the left-hand side of your chart suggests that, no matter what she's really like, *you* tend to view her as an initiator. If most of Jacqueline's planets fall into the same sector in her /i own chart, she will naturally tend to take the lead. You may be delighted to have a partner who takes charge, but if you yourself want to do some of the initiating in the relationship, you may find her overbearing. If this happens, discuss the matter and try to work out ways for the two of you to take turns being the leader.

If, on the other hand, Jacqueline's own horoscope has most of its planets in the western half, she may be innately a responder. Though your expectations may spur her to take the lead, the results may fall short of what you want. Instead of complaining that you never do anything as a couple and it's all her fault, it would be best if you took the initiative at least some of the time.

More of Jacqueline's planets are in your chart's western half.

The fact that more of Jacqueline's planets fall into the right-hand half of your chart suggests that you tend to view her primarily as a responder. You may not expect her to take the initiative, and you could see her as slow or indecisive when initiative and decisiveness are necessary. You might think that if you left taking action to her, you'd never do anything as a couple. You might therefore do things like accept invitations or set your social calendar without consulting with this partner.

If neither of you minds this, fine. But, if your partner resents not having a say in what's happening, chances are that her own chart indicates that she's basically an initiator. You don't have to give up the reins entirely, but you might discuss the matter and together determine areas where your partner can be in charge. You might even enjoy not having to make all the decisions.

Many of Jacqueline's planets are placed above your horizon.

With more of Jacqueline's planets falling into the top half of your chart, you tend to see her as more extraverted, adjusting to the world and needing its approval. Depending on how the planets are distributed around her own horoscope wheel, she may or may not actually be that way. Simply because of your expectations or from interaction with you, she may try to be more extraverted, while deep down she looks to an inner standard and values self-approval and self-motivation more than the values of the outside world. With you, she may try to conform to what's expected, but you may have different ideas of what conforming means. Chances are, she's really trying. Remember this, and if you still wish to change the way she behaves, try a bit of flattery before you criticize.

Seeing Jacqueline through the Lens of Your Houses

And now for particular planets in particular houses. Pay special attention to the houses that contain Jacqueline's Sun and Moon.

Jacqueline's Sun is in your Tenth House.

You're likely to admire the image that Jacqueline projects on the world. This impression may be connected with your own career or with your own social interaction with society at large. If you're in business together, you might want to make Jacqueline the one who meets the clients or publicly represents the company. If you're not in business together, your partner can still make you look good. If your horoscope indicates that you need to stand on your own merits, you can either feel insecure about needing her to stand up for you, or you can together figure out ways to stand on the world stage as a duo.

Jacqueline's Moon is in your Seventh House.

One of the qualities you were probably attracted to in Jacqueline was nurturing. You may share an emotional closeness, and enjoy the tender, loving care that she is capable of bestowing upon you. Sometimes, though, this placement gives either emotional inconsistency or more attentiveness than you bargained for, so that you feel smothered instead of mothered. This could happen because your partner feels insecure. Give her more mothering, and, in return, she could become less smothering and more emotionally stable.

Jacqueline's Mercury is in your Tenth House.

Jacqueline could have a lot to say about your career, which may be simply a display of interest, or advice on what you should do. As long as there's not a lot of criticism, it can be good to have someone to discuss your work with. You and she could also be in business together, and you might see her as an asset in the communications department. And generally when you're interacting with the outer world, you might feel that your partner is an asset because of her ability to socialize. The only difficulty might be that she could be too talkative. If this is so, you should be able to discuss the situation, and perhaps this will help.

Jacqueline's Venus is in your Ninth House.

You may take special pleasure in discussing the big questions of life with Jacqueline. You could, however, feel that she tends to steer away from what's controversial, and softens her opinions in order to be more pleasant. While this could remove some of the excitement and genuineness from your conversations, it can also come in handy in social situations where tact is needed. Especially if you're the type who has strongly held viewpoints, it can help to have a partner who will make them more palatable to others.

The subjects that you most enjoy discussing may have to do with love, manners, social niceties, art, fashion, or whatever makes something beautiful. You might even cause each other to take courses in such fields, or join together to teach, publish or otherwise disseminate knowledge about these subjects. You may also like to travel together, particularly if it's to socialize, indulge yourselves in pleasure, or witness beautiful scenery or art.

Jacqueline's Mars is in your Eleventh House.

You tend to view Jacqueline as someone who can energize any group. This can be an asset, especially if the group is lethargic or disorganized. Then she can whip them into shape and get them moving. It may not be so wonderful, however, if the group already has a direction. Then she could be considered pushy and overbearing. This aggressive behavior might also be unpleasant for you if it takes the form of totally directing your joint social life, especially if you want to do this yourself.

Should either of these scenarios materialize, look for a group that needs to be energized. Introduce your partner to the group, and she will take over. Then everyone should be happier. Your partner will be satisfying her need to direct, the group that needs guidance will be getting it, and neither you nor groups that don't want direction will be bossed around.

Jacqueline's Jupiter is in your Eighth House.

Jacqueline may bring new ideas and/or more pleasure to your sex life, or may simply seem to have an insatiable sexual appetite. If you're enjoying yourself, fine. If you're overwhelmed, you can try channeling these energies into other appropriate directions. You could have philosophical conversations about sex or other Eighth-House matters such as transformation, joint resources, or other people's resources. Who knows? Such discussions might improve your sex life, transform either or both of you, give you ideas as to how you can expand your shared resources, or lead you to pick a winning lottery number.

Jacqueline's Saturn is in your Third House.

Communicating with Jacqueline may be a serious issue in your relationship. You could feel that she's hard to reach, or that you're limited in what you can say to her, because she doesn't listen to you or doesn't seem to understand what you're talking about. Or perhaps you feel intimidated, because you believe that she speaks as an authority and is always trying to tell you how and what to think. You may end up finding it easier just to keep quiet. It may help to put your thoughts into writing. Try to be clear, concise and honest in what you write, and this will clarify your thoughts. You will then be able to speak with your partner in a style that she can understand. She may not only start to listen to you, but may be more understanding as well.

Jacqueline's Uranus is in your Sixth House.

In your life together, Jacqueline is unlikely to want to be tied down to a daily routine. Moreover, it is highly likely that the more you try to press for scheduling, the less dependable she will become. It's fine for you to make out a schedule as long as you don't try to force it upon her. The more you push, the more resistance you'll get. Making your partner feel guilty also won't work. Instead of trying to make your partner conform, you're more likely to get cooperation and accomplish your goals if you convince her that any task is an intellectual challenge, a creative venture, or a step forward for humanity. Then she will be likely to join right in, and together you can get the job done quickly.

Jacqueline's Neptune is in your Eleventh House.

If Jacqueline is involved in humanitarian causes, you could see her as a savior in the group, one who takes the side of the underdog or victim. In such a case, you could put her on a pedestal and view her as a hero. At social gatherings, you might feel either that she has a certain glamor and charisma, or that she fades into the background and isn't noticed at all. She may be sometimes one way, and sometimes the other, so that you're never sure which side will emerge in a given group.

Jacqueline's Pluto is in your Ninth House.

Merely because she's active in one of these areas, you may see Jacqueline as influential in the area of religion, politics or higher education. You may even see her as an authority on any or all of these subjects without any active involvement on her part. And if you both belong to something like a church or a political party, you may feel that she is a leader in this area whether or not you agree with her ideas. If your views are different, you might consider yourself the expert and feel that she is trying to cram invalid ideas down your throat in a loud and pushy way. If your discussions get too unpleasant, you could simply avoid these subjects, or take a long trip together. If you go to faraway places, she might still tend to take charge, but at least you'll get to see new scenery.

Jacqueline's North Node is in your Seventh House.

The Dynamics between You

Now we're ready to look at the interactions between the two of you, as seen from the linkages of points in one person's chart to points in the other's chart. Whenever a point in your partner's chart is in a critical angular relationship (approximately 0 degrees, 60 degrees, 90 degrees, etc.) to a point in your own chart, the two points become linked by an aspect. These aspects with your partner's chart can reinforce, challenge or harmonize with your own planets. They can heighten or give a new twist to dynamics already present in your natal chart, or can create entirely new issues for you to deal with.

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

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

Jacqueline's Sun is conjunct John's Neptune.

It's not easy to explain the attraction between you and your partner, because it occurs on a deep level and it defies description. At times, each could view the other as a savior or as someone who is perfect. With this aspect it's possible to see an inner beauty that the world doesn't see, but it's also possible that you simply aren't seeing realistically. Gradually you may realize that the partner who you thought was perfect and totally dedicated to you isn't always there for you, and, even worse, may be trying to take advantage of you. While you should be aware of this possibility, it's best not to dwell upon it. If you remember that no one's really perfect, you'll probably be inclined to accept and forgive. But feelings of victimization should be addressed. If you feel exploited by your partner, ask for something for yourself. Either you'll receive it and know that you were wrong, or you'll have brought the issue to the surface so that you can deal with it openly. This aspect can help you to grow together spiritually, and the more you use it in this way, the less likely you'll be to experience its baser manifestations.

John's Sun is conjunct Jacqueline's Jupiter.

This can be an expansive combination, with Jacqueline having marvelous plans for John's life direction, and/or John using his personal identity to help Jacqueline grow. Or you might just find it pleasurable to be together. At worst, the two of you could lack will power, or have an exaggerated sense of self-importance as a couple, or sometimes be extravagant with money. You can avoid overextending yourselves physically or financially by making a game of finding ways to have fun that don't include overindulgence or great expenditure. When you go out, leave your credit cards at home, so you won't be tempted to use them. If you play the game well, you'll see that you can still think big and have a wonderful time without going into debt. This can be a challenge that you'll enjoy together.

John's Sun is sextile Jacqueline's Part of Fortune.

Both the Sun and the Part of Fortune are connected with personal gratification — the Sun with the ego and the Part of Fortune with more general fulfillment. Thus you and your partner probably have similar goals in regard to such matters. Not only are you in agreement on the goals and direction of your partnership, you both also want to help the other to achieve personal fulfillment. However, because you're both so tuned into assisting each other, you might forget about the needs of other people who are an integral part of your relationship. If this occurs, they could view you as being a self-centered couple, and they may not be there for you when you need them. If you show a little consideration for these people as you strive toward what you want, that could give you even greater gratification, and because you've included others, you may get it sooner.

Jacqueline's Moon is square John's Saturn.

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

Jacqueline's Moon is sextile John's Uranus.

When emotions are involved, you and your partner naturally share an air of electricity. No matter how long you've been together, there's an easily-ignited spark of excitement between you. Because of your interaction, there can be some inconsistency in the way you each behave, but you know down deep that you can count on help from your partner. John may use unusual means, but he can make Jacqueline feel comfortable to express her feelings freely. And Jacqueline's emotional support can help John to be more individual and creative. You may not always know what to expect next from each other, but you know that you'll get help when you need it, and you'll probably never be bored.

John's Moon is semisquare Jacqueline's Mercury.

You and your partner probably communicate without effort, but not necessarily smoothly. You might tend to misread what the other is thinking or saying, and jump to the wrong conclusions. Perhaps you intentionally push each other's buttons. It may be difficult to determine who starts the process, but Jacqueline may consciously or unconsciously say just the right words to upset John. This could lead to John getting agitated and/or attempting to subtly manipulate the thinking. Or John may begin the process. However, no matter who starts it, if instead, you both force yourselves to express your honest opinion without trying to arouse the emotions, there may be fewer outbursts between you. And you might even discover that when you try, you can really communicate with each other without annoyance or emotional upsets.

John's Moon is conjunct Jacqueline's Mars.

Passion and volatility are two keywords for this combination. Jacqueline can ignite deep feelings in John, and John's emotions can press Jacqueline into action. This could result a strong sexual attraction, or angry emotional outbursts, or both. Perhaps the outbursts turn into passion, or the passion is so intense that it leads to anger. You may find that these extremes just stimulate your relationship, but if the emotional volatility begins to interfere with the passion, you may want to work on making love not war, or channel those emotions into a vigorous but non-combative activity.

John's Moon is sextile Jacqueline's Pluto.

There's a strong emotional connection between you and your partner that enables you to share great passion. Jacqueline can help John to express feelings more powerfully, and John can help Jacqueline by providing emotional impetus and support for her need to feel powerful. When you support each other's efforts to be stronger, you can have a strong impact on the outer world. It's possible, however, that when you're interacting with others as a couple you could sometimes get so carried away by your feelings that you come across too strongly. If others seem to feel overpowered or resentful, you may need to analyze what is happening with your partner and determine what each of you can do to help improve the situation.

John's Moon is trine Jacqueline's North Node.

When Jacqueline brings her acquaintances into the relationship, John finds it easy to relate to them, particularly on an emotional level. John tends to nurture them, and, as a result of your being together, Jacqueline, too, may come to assume a motherly role toward these individuals even if she didn't before. Because of the empathy that you, as a couple, project into these relationships, people may often come to the two of you for help with their problems. You might not always want to be looked upon as mother figures. If the burden becomes too great, seek out other people with whom to relate. While the nurturing pattern might possibly recur with the next group, one thing you don't have to worry about is fitting in with each other's friends.

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Jacqueline's Mercury is semisquare John's Venus.

With this combination you and your partner should have no difficulty communicating. However, with this particular aspect, John could sometimes feel that Jacqueline is shallow, and Jacqueline could feel that John is self-centered and only wishes to discuss himself. So that rather than enjoying talking together, you could tend to grate on one another. You might find your conversations more enjoyable if John embellishes Jacqueline's chatter with his grace and artistry, and Jacqueline inserts interesting sidelights into John's focus on self. Then you'll have more fun together, and the outer world will probably see you as a very charming and sociable couple.

Jacqueline's Mercury is conjunct John's Neptune.

You and your partner may have a telepathic tie, so that you often know what the other is thinking without a word being spoken. Alternatively, conversations between you may be vague and confusing, or others may be mystified by what you as a couple communicate to them. Another possibility is that you could believe that your partner is not being honest with you. To communicate more effectively and to preserve or restore your faith in your relationship, concentrate on developing that telepathic connection. To benefit your partnership, you could also try combining your creative energies. You can stimulate each other's imagination, and you could make use of this by writing a story together or sharing your fantasies.

Jacqueline's Mercury is semisextile John's Pluto.

Jacqueline's communications are connected with John's power principle and his ability to analyze deeply. If you try to blend these qualities too closely, however, power problems may erupt. For example, you might disagree as to who should be the spokesperson and who should be in charge of content. It's better if you each allow the other to be in the foreground periodically, with the other partner standing by for support. Jacqueline could speak her mind, with John empowering her to make the words more meaningful. And then John could assert power, with Jacqueline lending her verbal support. If you take this approach, you'll find that you battle each other less, and, as a couple, you can have a more powerful voice in the outer world.

Jacqueline's Mercury is semisquare John's Venus.

With this combination you and your partner should have no difficulty communicating. However, with this particular aspect, John could sometimes feel that Jacqueline is shallow, and Jacqueline could feel that John is self-centered and only wishes to discuss himself. So that rather than enjoying talking together, you could tend to grate on one another. You might find your conversations more enjoyable if John embellishes Jacqueline's chatter with his grace and artistry, and Jacqueline inserts interesting sidelights into John's focus on self. Then you'll have more fun together, and the outer world will probably see you as a very charming and sociable couple.

John's Venus is semisextile Jacqueline's North Node.

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

John's Moon is conjunct Jacqueline's Mars.

Passion and volatility are two keywords for this combination. Jacqueline can ignite deep feelings in John, and John's emotions can press Jacqueline into action. This could result a strong sexual attraction, or angry emotional outbursts, or both. Perhaps the outbursts turn into passion, or the passion is so intense that it leads to anger. You may find that these extremes just stimulate your relationship, but if the emotional volatility begins to interfere with the passion, you may want to work on making love not war, or channel those emotions into a vigorous but non-combative activity.

Jacqueline's Mars is sesquare John's Part of Fortune.

Because of being together, you can put great energy toward achieve personal fulfillment, but there may be some friction when you try to work in tandem toward such goals. Jacqueline could criticize John's plans, and John might complain about the way that Jacqueline takes the initiative. One way around such difficulties is, when you feel anger erupting, to concentrate on taking a little action together. You could walk, run, or get started on a project. As you move, it will absorb some of the anger, and the momentum you create will help you progress forward toward your more far-reaching goals.

John's Mars is sextile Jacqueline's Pluto.

You and your partner are likely to be more powerful when you're together than either of you is individually. John may prod Jacqueline to assume more power, and Jacqueline can use this power to make him more effective in taking the initiative. When you're together, the two of you are therefore more likely to be leaders than followers. Through your relationship, both of you have energy, the potential to lead, and a desire to help your partner to attain greater and greater heights. The worst problem that could arise is that you would be so intent on helping each other that you forget to consider the thoughts or wishes of others. If people complain or refuse to cooperate, you could flex your muscles to make them conform, but you might produce better results and get more cooperation if you play the benevolent dictators and help others as much as you help each other.

John's Sun is conjunct Jacqueline's Jupiter.

This can be an expansive combination, with Jacqueline having marvelous plans for John's life direction, and/or John using his personal identity to help Jacqueline grow. Or you might just find it pleasurable to be together. At worst, the two of you could lack will power, or have an exaggerated sense of self-importance as a couple, or sometimes be extravagant with money. You can avoid overextending yourselves physically or financially by making a game of finding ways to have fun that don't include overindulgence or great expenditure. When you go out, leave your credit cards at home, so you won't be tempted to use them. If you play the game well, you'll see that you can still think big and have a wonderful time without going into debt. This can be a challenge that you'll enjoy together.

Jacqueline's Moon is square John's Saturn.

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

Jacqueline's Saturn is sextile John's Uranus.

You and your partner easily combine creativity (Uranus) with structure (Saturn), and you each want to help the other to express his or her assets. Without each other's assistance, John might have marvelous ideas without being able to make them materialize, and Jacqueline might provide structure and organization but not produce anything creative. However, when you're working together, Jacqueline has the potential for adding substance and practicality to John's creative ideas, and John can lend his originality to Jacqueline's pursuit of material goals. Sometimes Jacqueline's need for organization could make John feel somewhat limited, and John could make Jacqueline feel a bit uncomfortable by stretching boundaries, but such difficulties are likely to be minor. Your cooperation and the rewards you can accrue will probably make you view your situation as more structured than it is limiting.

Jacqueline's Moon is sextile John's Uranus.

When emotions are involved, you and your partner naturally share an air of electricity. No matter how long you've been together, there's an easily-ignited spark of excitement between you. Because of your interaction, there can be some inconsistency in the way you each behave, but you know down deep that you can count on help from your partner. John may use unusual means, but he can make Jacqueline feel comfortable to express her feelings freely. And Jacqueline's emotional support can help John to be more individual and creative. You may not always know what to expect next from each other, but you know that you'll get help when you need it, and you'll probably never be bored.

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Jacqueline's Sun is conjunct John's Neptune.

It's not easy to explain the attraction between you and your partner, because it occurs on a deep level and it defies description. At times, each could view the other as a savior or as someone who is perfect. With this aspect it's possible to see an inner beauty that the world doesn't see, but it's also possible that you simply aren't seeing realistically. Gradually you may realize that the partner who you thought was perfect and totally dedicated to you isn't always there for you, and, even worse, may be trying to take advantage of you. While you should be aware of this possibility, it's best not to dwell upon it. If you remember that no one's really perfect, you'll probably be inclined to accept and forgive. But feelings of victimization should be addressed. If you feel exploited by your partner, ask for something for yourself. Either you'll receive it and know that you were wrong, or you'll have brought the issue to the surface so that you can deal with it openly. This aspect can help you to grow together spiritually, and the more you use it in this way, the less likely you'll be to experience its baser manifestations.

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Jacqueline's Neptune is quincunx John's Part of Fortune.

With Jacqueline's spirituality connected to John's quest for realization, one would expect this to lead to shared spiritual fulfillment. This is indeed possible, but first you need to face the fact that the needs that you have in regard to such matters are quite different. If either you pushes too hard to get your partner to agree with your views, you both could become confused or disillusioned. You'll be happier if you take turns pursuing your individual goals, with your partner totally supporting your direction during those times. In this way, you and your partner will both get what you want, and you'll become closer to sharing spiritual fulfillment because you've participated in each other's quest.

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John's Moon is sextile Jacqueline's Pluto.

There's a strong emotional connection between you and your partner that enables you to share great passion. Jacqueline can help John to express feelings more powerfully, and John can help Jacqueline by providing emotional impetus and support for her need to feel powerful. When you support each other's efforts to be stronger, you can have a strong impact on the outer world. It's possible, however, that when you're interacting with others as a couple you could sometimes get so carried away by your feelings that you come across too strongly. If others seem to feel overpowered or resentful, you may need to analyze what is happening with your partner and determine what each of you can do to help improve the situation.

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John's Moon is trine Jacqueline's North Node.

When Jacqueline brings her acquaintances into the relationship, John finds it easy to relate to them, particularly on an emotional level. John tends to nurture them, and, as a result of your being together, Jacqueline, too, may come to assume a motherly role toward these individuals even if she didn't before. Because of the empathy that you, as a couple, project into these relationships, people may often come to the two of you for help with their problems. You might not always want to be looked upon as mother figures. If the burden becomes too great, seek out other people with whom to relate. While the nurturing pattern might possibly recur with the next group, one thing you don't have to worry about is fitting in with each other's friends.

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Jacqueline's Midheaven is quincunx John's Part of Fortune.

Jacqueline's career or public image is connected with John's sense of fulfillment. However, this aspect indicates a need for some sort of adjustment, and your requirements in regard to such matters are probably quite different. If one of you constantly tries to make your partner conform to your needs, it is doubtful that either of you will be satisfied with the results. Instead of insisting that your partner always conform to you, take turns conforming to each other. Sometimes the concentration should be on Jacqueline's career with John throwing total support in that direction. And sometimes the focus should be on John's sense of wholeness with Jacqueline sublimating her career goals and assisting John during those times. If you take this route, you'll probably find that together you can not only succeed in the world but also share a sense of fulfillment.

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John's Sun is sextile Jacqueline's Part of Fortune.

Both the Sun and the Part of Fortune are connected with personal gratification — the Sun with the ego and the Part of Fortune with more general fulfillment. Thus you and your partner probably have similar goals in regard to such matters. Not only are you in agreement on the goals and direction of your partnership, you both also want to help the other to achieve personal fulfillment. However, because you're both so tuned into assisting each other, you might forget about the needs of other people who are an integral part of your relationship. If this occurs, they could view you as being a self-centered couple, and they may not be there for you when you need them. If you show a little consideration for these people as you strive toward what you want, that could give you even greater gratification, and because you've included others, you may get it sooner.

Using This Chart-Comparison Analysis

You may have consulted this report to confirm whether a new acquaintance is worth developing. If so, use it to gain perspective on yourself, and learn what sort of a partner would make you feel more complete. Use it to become conscious of your own biases in perceiving the other person, and the other's biases in perceiving you. Use it also to gain clarity about the themes and dynamics that would be most likely to surface in your life together.

Do not, however, expect everything in your charts to point to a perfect relationship. Virtually every coupling has its challenges. If there were no challenges, there would be no possibility for growth. Some partners may make you happier and better able to function. Or, you may unconsciously attract someone to provoke the crises you need to grow. What most people need in a relationship is a balance of challenges to keep the relationship dynamic, and havens of comfort where they can relax and be themselves.

Where this report really shines is when you're already in a relationship. Few relationships are smooth sailing all of the time, but most are worth preserving. At the moment that rough weather comes up, you may see only the bad parts, so it's helpful then to be reminded of the inherent strengths in your relationship. Also, when times are hard, or if you just seem to be going nowhere together, remember that life is testing you, posing you a challenge. When you search for an answer, you grow in wisdom. Hopefully, this report can provide the clues you need, enlarging your range of vision so you can see where to navigate next.

Rather than assuming that we have only one ideal soul-mate, this report takes the view that there are many possible partners for most, if not all, of us. It assumes that most pairings can be viable if both partners are willing to work at it. It also assumes that no partnership is so nearly perfect that it can be taken for granted. Since we are dealing with two separate wills, there are always adjustments and compromises that we can make to fine-tune a partnership and make it deeper, happier and more rewarding.

Close relationships are usually so bound up with our hopes and fears that most of us tend not to see either ourselves or our partners as clearly as we might. By mirroring your whole self, your astrological chart helps you see what lurks in your blind spots. In lifting you out of habitual ways of thinking, astrology can broaden your range of possibilities for action and growth.

Whether yours is a new or an established relationship, remember that it is a precious opportunity for your own and your partner's evolution.

A Chart for Your Relationship

Have you ever noticed how people change when they are with someone? How together they exhibit traits and actions that they did not show as individuals? This is because when two people establish an ongoing relationship, a new entity starts to form, one that takes on a life of its own. This is the relationship itself, which is “born” from the unique interaction between two people.

The quality of two people’s relationship is shown astrologically by their Composite Chart. Your composite chart is made up of the midpoints between the natal charts of each of you. For example, the position of the composite Sun is mid-way between the Sun in your birth chart and the Sun in your partner’s chart. And so it goes for all the composite planetary positions.

The interpretations that follow take a close look at the way you as a couple relate to the outside world. This may or may not be the way you would each act as individuals. This report also supplements a regular chart-comparison reading by giving further insights about your interactions with each other.

The Overall Balance in Your Composite Chart

Before looking at each individual point in the composite chart, let’s look at the chart as a whole to see if any signs, houses, or other factors stand out as either particularly prominent or outstandingly absent. This can give a quick idea of the more important themes in your relationship.

Few or no planets in Fire signs

This suggests that you and your partner are probably not overtly demonstrative as a couple. Although you may feel inner warmth and enthusiasm, it is not easy for you to show it. It also may be difficult for you to be spontaneous, or to take the initiative. To get moving, you might need someone to light a fire under you. To avoid total lethargy and complaints about a lack of accomplishment, you might want to include stimulating people in your life. Avoid, however, those who have too much energy or are too forceful, as they could exhaust or overwhelm you. If you associate with individuals who are moderately warm and enthusiastic, they can give you the gentle nudge that you need.

Many planets in Earth signs

It is probable that, as a couple, you and your partner operate in a down-to-earth manner. Not motivated by emotions or philosophical principles, you need to have practical reasons for coming to decisions and for taking action. Even if neither of you is individually this grounded, when you are together you are interested in gathering facts. You give and expect detailed information, with specific examples when possible. After you gather all the data, you create a well-organized plan that you follow step-by-step.

You may not move quickly, but you will be thorough. You can work hard, but you want concrete evidence that your efforts have been worth your while. In other words, material rewards can be an indication that you are successful and that you have spent your time wisely.

Because you are not motivated by tears or ideals, you could sometimes be seen as unfeeling and possibly even callous. However, you are not uncaring. You do want to be of service and you have a strong sense of duty. You just want to see tangible results for your work. Once you decide that you can make a real difference, you will diligently continue your efforts until your task is completed. Those who profit from your actions are likely to appreciate your mode of operating very much.

Many planets in Air signs

Therefore, communications tend to be essential to the way that you and your partner operate as a couple. It is probably easier for you to talk about what you are going to do than it is to take action. You can usually grasp the overview of what needs to be done, but may find it difficult to determine the precise route to your goals. So you think, talk and listen, but do not necessarily move.

Because you are objective and readily understand the views of others, when you ultimately begin to take action you will incorporate the ideas that you believe are appropriate. In fact, you may take action more rapidly if you think you are acting on behalf of an individual or of humanity in general.

Although you consider others in what you do, you are not unduly influenced by any particular group or individual. Because of your objectivity, you can be equally swayed by everyone, so that you have difficulty making up your minds. Be aware that you could wait so long to take action that you miss opportunities. However, verbalizing ideas and potential plans could be the first step in making them materialize. So keep the lines of communications open. This will not only help you understand each other better, it can also assist you in making decisions. Eventually, after you have thought, discussed and planned, you can begin to move.

Many planets in Mutable signs

An above-average number of planets in Mutable signs and/or houses suggests that you and your partner may be happiest when you're involved in several different activities at once. Enjoying interacting and communicating, you also tend to be very agreeable when you are with others. However, your continuous movement could cause you to be viewed as shallow or scattered, and your congeniality might make people wonder if you have any opinions of your own. The two of you might even get upset with yourselves for not making up your minds more quickly.

The good thing is that you are not overly forceful, and you do listen to the views of others rather than pushing your own upon them. For this reason, few will view you as a threat, and you are not likely to have enemies. Your tendency to listen to others and follow their advice (even if your actions only last until the next person tells you what to do) will make them feel important and will cause you to be well-liked.

Having a higher-than-average number of planets in any one sign in your composite chart gives even more particular information about the outstanding qualities your relationship.

A strong Cancer emphasis

This Moon-ruled sign creates or adds to the ability of you and your partner, as a couple, to be nurturing. Others will probably sense this trait in the two of you and seek you out when they need mothering. You will very likely take them under your wing. You might enjoy literally feeding people or find it satisfying simply to soothe their feelings or listen to their problems.

You should not, however, spend so much time taking care of others that either of you neglects your partner. This is because you both need some tender, loving care as well. In addition to mothering each other, you should concentrate on your home (if you share one) and/or the foundation of your relationship. Security is connected with this combination, and the firmer your foundation, the more secure you will feel about each other.

Your Basic Style of Relating

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

Composite Ascendant in Scorpio

No matter what your natal charts indicate, you probably need some privacy and time alone. This could mean shared privacy and time alone from others. Or it could indicate that you need some solitude even away from your partner. If either of you ever feels shut out by the other, you should analyze the situation together. If you keep your resentment inside, you could become obsessed with it and instead of bonding, vindictiveness might take over. Whatever you do is done wholeheartedly and with intensity, whether the interaction is between the two of you, or through your partnership, with others. So you can make faithful and trustworthy friends or partners, or you could become formidable adversaries.

Because you concentrate so intensely on relationships, and have a need for a degree of privacy, you probably do not let too many people get close to you. But for the few best friends you seek out, loyalty and trust are important to you as a couple. So you are likely to be drawn to people who will be as reliable as you, and reliability usually includes tenacity or stubbornness. Therefore, ultimately you could find that the close friends you choose are as stubborn as the two of you. But they will undoubtedly be consistent and predictable in their behavior, which should make you comfortable with them. If situations arise on which you cannot agree, and it looks as though no one will win, those may be the times to fulfill your joint need for solitude. Then when you and your partner renew the relationship with these individuals you can start afresh.

Sun trine Ascendant

Ego gratification may be a focal point for your joint personality. As a couple, you want to shine and receive rewards. And you can probably easily agree on what you want and how to attain it. In fact, you may automatically cooperate with each other without any discussion. And the united force of your joint personality will keep you from being ignored by the outer world. However, with the emphasis on your personal goals, you may not stop to consider the views and desires of others. So although you will be noticed, you might be perceived as being selfish or overbearing when you are together. Your shared energies will still flow easily between you, but you could get resistance from those around you. Therefore, ego gratification might be slow in coming. Consciously show a little generosity. Occasionally take the desires of others into consideration. You will be looked upon as benevolent and attain the cooperation that will bring your desired goals more quickly.

Moon trine Ascendant

Because you are together, gentleness and nurturing are qualities that are evident in you and your partner's joint personality. You would probably tend to each other's emotional needs automatically. And you would also, as a couple, nurture others without a thought. You may sometimes feel that you are too soft, but you do not have to be tough and stern to be effective in life. You may have no ulterior motive in taking care of the emotional needs of your partner and others, but your acts of kindness will make those on whom you bestow your tender, loving care feel nurtured and safe. This is a reward in itself, but since you take care of these individuals they will undoubtedly want to help you in return. So you will be able to get their cooperation with no effort. Whereas it would take hard work to solicit their assistance if the two of you were forceful rather than nurturing.

Venus sesquare Ascendant

With this combination, you and your partner are undoubtedly attracted to each other, and the potential of shared enjoyment is there as well. However, with this aspect you could find it difficult to agree on what gives you pleasure. And if you disagree with each other, you may decide that it is easier to just think about your own needs. And your partner may do the same. Then you both become self-centered and self-indulgent and neither of you is happy because you are supposed to share pleasure. Therefore, even if you feel ignored or neglected, try to think of one activity that you can enjoy together. Perhaps you should start with something that you know your partner likes to do. Then try something that you like. If you share in this way, you could find that you have a good enough time to do it again. And before you know it you could be having a wonderful time both individually and as a couple.

Part of Fortune conjunct Ascendant

As a couple, you and your partner look to yourselves for a sense of fulfillment. You do not have to reject success in the world, but to be totally satisfied you need to be appreciated for who you are, and to feel that you are responsible for whatever you accomplish. You can cooperate with others, but you do not want to become dependent upon them. However, people are allowed to need you. In fact, when you are sought after for guidance or assistance, you feel more worthwhile and this will add to your fulfillment. In terms of interaction between you and your partner, you must remember that it is joint fulfillment you are seeking. If you each focus on what you want as individuals, there could be a difference of opinion. If that occurs, it will be difficult to cooperate and seek shared fulfillment. In order to make the most of this placement, you and your partner should determine personal goals you can share, and then work together to achieve them.

Public vs Private Life

Situated at the top of the horoscope wheel is the point called the Midheaven. Also based on your exact time of birth, the Midheaven is another of the all-important “personal points” of the horoscope. The sign on your composite Midheaven shows your image as a couple in public life, and the reputation that the two of you have in the outside world. It can also indicate goals for which you are striving.

The Midheaven is always exactly opposite the I.C., a point at the bottom of the horoscope wheel. The sign on your I.C. describes the quality of the home, family and private life that you will experience as a couple.

Mercury semisquare Midheaven

You and your partner probably spend a great deal of time discussing current events or matters regarding either or both of your careers. You may, however, have differences of opinion and this could cause some friction between you. This could lead to arguments between you. It is bad enough to do this in private, but if you continue to bicker in public you could be viewed as a disagreeable couple. If you are interacting with professional colleagues of either or both partners this could also create problems with the job. But even if you socialize non-professionally, it can be uncomfortable to be with a couple who are disagreeable. If you begin to view your differences as stimulating rather than annoying, you might even find a few subjects on which you can agree. You can then vigorously discuss those topics when you interact with others. And people you will begin to view you as dynamic rather than argumentative.

Saturn sextile Midheaven

You and your partner want to help each other to solidify your shared public image. In your dealings with the outer world you both want to be organized and practical. If you share a career, cooperation and clarity are essential ingredients and since you agree on that, you will operate easily and well on these principles. This will provide joint security for you and your partner. And your image in the world will be solid and dependable. Even if you do not share a career, your approach and the joint impression you make will be similar when you are dealing with the public personally as a couple. You will be thorough and deliberate in your course of action and you will probably not take short cuts to get to your goals. You may sometimes wish you were less conservative, but because of your thoroughness you will undoubtedly succeed at what the two of you attempt in the world.

Pluto semisextile Midheaven

The best use of this combination is for you and your partner to assert power together in the world. However, there could be the tendency for one of you to try always to be in charge. Then the other partner might feel his or her power has been usurped and could publicly challenge the assertive partner. If this occurs you will be dissipating your energy rather than utilizing it. You can avoid the need to vie with your partner for position if you take turns leading the way. When you are in charge your partner should throw total support behind you, and vice versa. Since you each are allowed to express your power and your partner follows your lead during those times, you will feel personally empowered. And cooperation between you becomes easier and easier. Then, before you know it, you will be operating as a united force in the world, asserting your joint power and being accepted as leaders by the public.

Your Conscious Identity

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

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

Sun in Cancer

As a couple, you and your partner tend to be especially nurturing, and taking others under your wing can be a source of ego gratification. Your nurturing may take the form of feeding others or soothing their feelings. Sometimes, however, you could hover a little too much, and at those times your actions might be considered smothering.

Because you almost always do the nurturing, others may not realize that the two of you could also use some tender, loving care. It may not be easy to allow others to pamper you, but if it is offered, take it. You may then notice that being taken care of can be just as gratifying as nurturing others. However, you too would feel smothered if you were always on the receiving end, so you should balance the give and take.

When you are together your nesting instinct is strong. Home is likely to be a focal point for your relationship. You concentrate on making your immediate environment comfortable, and may strive to purchase your own home.

Carried to an extreme, your strong home-orientation may make you feel that you do not want to leave your home. Should this happen, and a part of you would really like to travel, it can be handled quite easily. Whether you are at the office or on vacation, you can surround yourselves with your possessions and make your surroundings homelike enough to give you a sense of security. Try it. You may find that you can feel at home anywhere in the world!

Sun in the Ninth

You could use travel, politics, religion, philosophy or education to enhance your joint persona or get ego gratification as a couple. Whatever you choose to pursue among these alternatives, you will undoubtedly be actively involved and visible. But being noticed does not necessarily equate with being admired. You cannot hide your light under a bushel and it will be evident when you are reaching out to gather information. But if you keep what you learn to yourselves you could be viewed as self-serving, pompous and/or smug. Whereas, if you share what you learn with others, you will probably be seen as generous, and become noted for your knowledge. In addition, as you are informing others, they will very likely tell you what they know. So not only will you be more favorably viewed by these individuals, but they will be broadening you and thus the process sharing information can be mutually enriching.

Sun conjunct Moon

Ego and emotions are closely connected in your partnership. One of you may be the overt partner while the other provides the support system. Because you are together, both of you should be able to perform either role. So resentment might build if one partner always plays the dominant role, and the other always responds. Therefore, you might want to take turns being visible or decide that you are going to operate as a unit—being on stage together, and also nurturing each other. Otherwise resentment could build between you. Then one of you may be prone to emotional outbursts or subtle manipulation and the other may become totally self-absorbed. If you clarify your roles and alternate or share them, ego gratification and emotional gratification can go hand-in-hand in your partnership. You might even find that the two of you attain recognition through nurturing. Or possibly you discover that sharing visibility provides you both with inner satisfaction.

Part of Fortune trine Sun

You and your partner should easily be able to combine goals for ego gratification and personal fulfillment. And you should be able to cooperate and effortlessly pursue those goals. Since your energies seem to merge automatically, the total process is probably not consciously contrived. But because the two of you are so closely aligned, you may get carried away by your own goals and enthusiasm. And assume that you will get the approval of others as you work toward your own ends. It is also true that you are highly likely to get the acceptance you seek. However, because you tend to take the situation for granted you might not consider the needs of others who are an integral part of your relationship. And it is possible that, if you disregard the needs of these people, you will be viewed as self-centered. So you might be accepted to a degree, but not quite as much as you would like. And you may seem to get what you want but it could be a hollow victory.

Your Feeling Nature

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

Moon in Cancer

You and your partner can both attain a sense of emotional security by mutual nurturing. However, you should alternate being the mother. If one of you always assumes that role, the other could become the perpetual child, taking but never giving back. Then only one of you will feel secure.

Should this imbalance occur, emotional outbursts could result, with either of you being the culprit—the one playing the child having a tantrum, or the one playing the mother being upset at having his or her own emotional needs ignored.

To restore (or create) emotional equilibrium in the relationship, be sure to offer tender, loving care to each other. You can start by alternating very literal nurturing tasks such as cooking. One of you could cook and feed your partner on Monday, and the other do this on Tuesday, and so forth. You could then move to support on less tangible matters such as listening to each other's problems and/or providing a hug or a pat on the head. Another route to take is to act as a unit to nurture others. Mothering of some sort can provide a joint purpose for expression of your feelings. Doing this will contribute to your emotional bonding so that you give fuller support to each other as well.

Moon in the Eighth

There is undoubtedly a connection between sex and emotions in your partnership. This could mean that you and your partner are nurturing toward each other and share tenderness in your sex life. Or, on the other hand, it is also possible that either or both of you might bring out emotions that are less desirable in the other, such as sadness or anger. And it may be, because there can be fluctuation when sex is in the picture, that you experience both extremes. You might even enjoy experiencing both, feeling that emotional outbursts stimulate passion and make the ultimate tenderness more gratifying. If that is the case, continue on this path. However, if you feel emotional upsets interfere with your sex life, you can consciously make an effort to nurture your partner. He or she might then reciprocate and put you back on the right track.

Part of Fortune trine Moon

Emotional gratification and fulfillment are connected in your relationship. And you and your partner probably have similar needs in regard to such matters. So you should have no difficulty nurturing each other. Nor will it be a problem to agree upon goals to work toward as a couple. Because you cooperate so easily you might sometimes take each other for granted, and assume your partner will agree with the action you take. But occasionally you may be wrong and your partner becomes upset. You might be able to keep this from happening by taking a few minutes to discuss goals and action before you move. However, if misunderstandings or emotional upsets do occur, stop what you are doing. And focus on giving your partner a little extra tender, loving care. If you do this, all should be back to normal before long.

How You Communicate

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

Mercury in Gemini

As a couple, the two of you have no trouble communicating easily. No matter what you are like individually, when you are together you are likely to be quite chatty and even witty. In social situations, your facility for conversing and talking easily on many different subjects will make you quite popular at gatherings. People will come to know you as the couple who is funny and charming and always has something interesting to relate or to share.

Your conversations tend to brush the surface of many different topics, although you may not delve too deeply into any of them. Other factors in the chart would have to support in-depth communication. Your style is light and breezy, and you have the tendency to want to mimic others or to improve your verbal skills. If you and your partner should disagree, your tendency is to talk everything out to the nth degree, until some kind of consensus is reached. In fact, your verbal skills may be such that you cannot stay angry for too long. Your quips and sparring may have you breaking out in laughter before you get very far into serious fights.

When you are together, you are masters of the most unusual trivia and can easily surprise each other with how you stimulate each other's minds. Since talking in a virtual stream of consciousness comes easy and seems so normal for the two of you, it is when you are silent that you know that there is a problem. When you feel stuck and cannot seem to talk, try conversing about how your day went or what the neighbors are doing. Once you get started on some small talk, it will be easy to open the lines of communication between you once again.

Mercury in the Eighth

This placement may not be indicative of the quality of your sex life. It could simply mean that sex is a subject that you and your partner enjoy discussing. However, all the talk might begin to interfere with your sexual performance. If you find that discussion about sex becomes more important than the act itself, or if either or both of you are talking when you should be performing, you might want to do something about it. You could look for other topics that would be appropriate to the eighth house, such as conversations about birth, death or taxes. Or, if none of those appeal to you, you might talk about how to invest your joint money. There are many other possibilities as well. But the idea is to focus on other matters that fit the needed criteria. Then when you determine it is time for sex, you will be talked out, and you can proceed without verbal interruption.

Relationships and Pleasures

Your composite Venus shows your veneer, the ingratiating self you present to the world. Pay special attention to it, because it can also show you new possibilities for what brings you enjoyment together.

Venus in Gemini

When the two of you are together, you could gab all day and night. "Talkative" and "witty" are words others would use to describe you. Together, you enjoy word games, lighthearted banter and even teasing. In short, the two of you are fun to be with.

This placement encourages a stream-of-consciousness chatter that occasionally will be annoying. Try and accommodate your running commentary on everything that passes your line of vision to the mood in your group. If people tire of your chatter, leave some space for silence or let others have a turn.

Your preferred way of relating will certainly include lots of social interaction, and you are likely to participate in groups regularly. Part of being with others is your shared interest in exchanging information, be it the latest neighborhood gossip, a current bestseller or something in the news. Others will appreciate your ability to express yourselves well. This talent could translate into writing or even speaking projects that the two of you might share. Either way, you will tend to seek out individuals who are intelligent and also share your love of language and communication.

In your interaction with each other, this placement is a boon, because neither of you can be silent for long and the lines of communication will therefore always be open. One drawback that you should be aware of is the tendency to talk over each other or to finish each others' sentences. This can be quite annoying, so be sure to monitor this and let your partner have his or her full say.

Venus in the Eighth

There is probably a strong physical attraction between you and your partner and your sex life could be very pleasurable. In fact, love and sex are probably strongly connected in your relationship and are an integral part of the bond between the two of you. But there are many factors in a partnership, and sex is only one of them. So you might find that problems arise in other areas of your lives, and create friction between the two of you. If this should occur, instead of fighting with each other, you might be able to restore peace by making love, not war. You may not be able to solve every problem in this way, but it should be worth trying. If it works it can strengthen your relationship, if it does not, you will at least have had a break from the battle.

Part of Fortune sesquare Venus

Pleasure and fulfillment are qualities that you and your partner can share in your relationship. However, with this aspect, you may find that more often you feel irritation with each other than enjoyment. You may have very different ideas about what happiness and fulfillment are. So there might be a lack of understanding. And it could be that either or both of you might think that your partner is much more into pleasure than fulfillment. And when one partner tries to work on achieving something meaningful, the other does not want to cooperate. Or possibly one of you works so hard on fulfillment that the other feels deprived of enjoyment. This may be avoided or overcome by looking for small goals you can share that can be fun to accomplish, and yet make you feel good about yourselves. As you achieve each goal you will realize that you do not always have to toil to attain a sense of wholeness. As you begin to cooperate, it becomes easier and more cooperation will lead to more fulfillment and pleasure.

Energy, Assertion and Effectiveness

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

Mars in Cancer

Your energy together is solicitous, kind and, typically, nurturing. Others will recognize you as caring, concerned and willing to listen. Because your shared energy is maternal, you may be involved with raising children. Even if you do not have children, you will naturally create environments, your home or workplace, where people can safely grow, develop and flourish. Your main concern is always your immediate family but easily extends to the neighborhood and community in which you live. You are likely to be actively involved with work that will benefit the community and its members. Caring for children and elders, in particular, can interest you. And your nurturing qualities extend even to plants and animals. Because the two of you are so involved in comforting people and other living things, you may have difficulty in refusing someone's cry for help. At times, your sense of obligation or the demands of others can make you moody, cranky or irritable. Be sure and apply to yourselves the same standards for being comfortable and content that you provide to others. Knowing the limits of your free time and resources is also essential with this placement.

Your joint energy is also focused on your home environment. You will find that you spend much energy creating a cozy nest, specifically around the basic necessities of good food and maintaining your house. Because you both value this arena, you may argue about how domestic life is managed. Be clear about which chores are done separately and which ones you will tackle as a team. If each of you takes responsibility in these agreed-upon areas, you will minimize the squabbling.

Mars in the Ninth

You and your partner could feel energized when you travel together to faraway places. Or if travel does not interest the two of you, you could be actively involved in religion, politics or higher education. Whichever path you choose you will undoubtedly be enthusiastic about your subject and you will look for, and possibly create excitement in that area of your life. The two of you may not always agree, and if disagreement occurs you could have heated discussions with each other. But that may be part of the excitement. And if you do agree, you can present a united front and take active roles in whatever area you select. As a couple, you will not be hesitant to express your views and you are likely to direct the battle with those who disagree with you. You may be viewed as rabble rousers or courageous leaders, but you will not be seen as timid and you will never go unnoticed.

Mars semisquare Jupiter

You and your partner have the ability to stimulate each other to expand personally. And, as a couple, you can initiate your own plans for joint development as well as encourage other people to expand their horizons. But with this aspect, you may occasionally cause yourselves and others to try to expand too quickly. The bad news is that if you initiate too quickly or your plan are too grand the end results might fall short of your expectations. And you could be seen as impractical dreamers. The good news is that your optimism, energy and enthusiasm will prod you to keep trying. And if you keep trying, you will undoubtedly sometimes succeed. But why not try to you evaluate the practicality of your ideas before you initiate? You may discover that your success rate becomes even higher. And the outer world will begin to view you as visionaries.

Mars trine Uranus

You and your partner seem to stimulate each other so that you are probably quicker and more spontaneous together than either of you are individually. And you can have the same impact as a couple on the outer world. Excitement and expressing creativity are also part of this combination. So the two of you will never be accused of being conservative or staying with existing conditions. And there probably will be an air of excitement that surrounds you, whether you are alone together or interacting with others. However, when the focus is on action and excitement, there can be carelessness and impatience. You may not always think of the consequences of your actions before you take them. And your carelessness and impatience could lead to your making mistakes. Therefore, the two of you could be accused of being a little too rash and possibly inconsistent. But, if you make mistakes you have enough energy to correct them and enough spontaneity to do it quickly.

Mars semisextile Neptune

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

Broadening Your Horizons

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

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

Jupiter in the Seventh

The people to whom you and your partner become close, are probably jovial, intelligent and/or fun-loving. Or it is possible that the two of you are there to cheer up your friends or to help them expand and develop. But there needs to be a sense of mutual grow and pleasure with these individuals, so you and your partner would not stay in relationships with people who are stupid, too serious or give nothing in return. You and your buddies might travel together, or take classes that will broaden all of you. But whether you are acquiring information or having a good time, you might not stop to think of the cost, and you could find that you are so focused on what you are doing that you over-extend yourselves financially without even realizing it. If you really enjoy these people you do not have to give them up. Just look for less expensive activities to do with them and you can still have a good time without concern about how you will pay for it.

Handling Setbacks and Responsibilities

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

Saturn in the Eleventh

With this placement, you and your partner probably do not go to parties to relax. In fact, you might avoid large groups of people, or at least feel uncomfortable at a gathering that is simply social. If there is a purpose for a meeting, or if a group has a practical reason for its existence, you are more likely to join in. You may even enjoy yourselves if you have something to teach these people or something to learn from them. When you do get involved, your joint seriousness and strong sense of responsibility will undoubtedly be noticed by others in the group. Therefore, the two of you may often be asked to be in charge. You can handle it, and possibly find the work pleasurable. Should it become too burdensome, you can always leave the group. On the more personal side, both of you should avoid criticizing your partner's behavior in groups because the criticized partner could feel restricted and become resentful.

Saturn square Pluto

Power and authority are connected in your relationship. And when they are combined through cooperation can make you very powerful as a couple. However, with this aspect, you might tend to challenge each other for leadership instead of joining forces. And if you are involved in power struggles with each other neither of you are going to be able to utilize the full force of your leadership ability. So the world will see you as argumentative rather than authoritarian. And each of you could believe that your partner's frequent challenges to your expression of power makes you ineffectual. If you just complain about the state of your relationship, or even if you fight back, your relationship will probably not improve. Instead, bring your problems into the open and analyze them together. Look for ways to assert power together. You may have to work at it at first, but as the outer world shows you respect, you should start to believe that you really are powerful. Then cooperation will become easier and easier.

Spontaneity and Surprises

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

Uranus in the Fifth

If you and your partner have children together, you could view them as creative, unusual or possibly rebellious. If they are defiant, you might wish they were more conforming, and if they are too conforming the two of you might try to make them more independent. In other words, you could concentrate on changing your children, no matter how they behave.

However, if you do not have children, or even if you do, you could use this placement in a completely different way. You might focus on your joint creativity or look for exciting ways to have fun or romance. Together you could develop a hobby that interests you both. It might involve modern technology, or the creative part of your minds. You could work at this hobby sporadically because the novelty wears off if you spend too much time at it. Besides, not becoming overly involved in your chosen avocation, you can still have time to pursue excitement in romance or in the games you play.

Otherworldly Aspirations

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

Neptune in the Tenth

If you and your partner share a career, it could be in the helping-healing professionals, or in a field that is spiritually- oriented, involves artistry or makes use of your imagination. But whether or not you work together, when the you project yourselves into the outer world as a couple you may be viewed as charismatic. Or possibly there is an enigmatic quality about the two of you that makes your public image unclear. So that different people view you in different ways, and some could simply find you confusing. This idea might upset you because you do not want to be misunderstood. However, instead of being upset you should look upon this as a blessing and use it to your advantage. There may be times when a particular face will more appropriate than another and you can use your talent to change your image as it suits you.

Issues of Power

In every relationship there is the potential for a power struggle, and for deeply felt emotions that can either bring about great schisms or move the two of you into profound changes and growth. These awesome unconscious forces are ruled by Pluto. The house where your composite Pluto resides can alert you to the areas where you are most likely to exert your collective power on the outside world and also to play out your own struggles for dominance. Any aspects that Pluto makes (and most of these will be found above in connection with earlier-mentioned planets) give more information about these struggles and how to deal with them in your relationship. While Pluto can be experienced as disrupting, there is also something very sexy about it, and once you understand what is going on it can bring about the most profound changes and renewal.

Pluto in the Ninth

You and your partner could be leaders in the areas of politics, religion or higher education so that you can exert power in the world. Or you might use this placement more personally. You could have strong shared ideas on any or all of these subjects and forcefully try to push them onto others. Or perhaps your strong ideas are not shared and either or both of you try to control the viewpoint of the other. In either of these cases, disagreement could lead to violent eruptions. If you are frequently battling with each other you might want to become active in a political, religious or educational group. You should quickly find yourselves in positions of power. And feeling empowered rather than threatened, may help you to discover ideas on which you agree. Then you can present a united front and be more influential with outsiders, including those who previously disagreed with you.

Your Paths to Fulfillment

The Part of Fortune in each of your birth charts is a point calculated from the positions of your Sun, Moon and Ascendant, or rising degree. It depends on an accurate birth time and can be very different for two people born on the same day. Traditionally the Part of Fortune signifies good health and wealth. In a composite chart it is most valuable because it can show how you can find fulfillment as a couple.

A Tool for Conscious Relationships

Hopefully, this report has increased your knowledge about the special strengths and pitfalls of your relationship, and has given you some workable suggestions about how to deal with the challenges and increase your level of happiness.

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

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

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