

THE SUN

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

SUN in SCORPIO



This is a very strong, solid, and intense style of relationship, not easy to establish but once established very difficult to get out of. In a way, this has a certain ideal quality because you can't rush in or rush out, and as a result becomes a more meaningful commitment as a result. It has great regenerative qualities, recovering well after a shakeup, as long as there is time to step aside and repair the damage that needs attention. As a romantic relationship, it will have heightened sexuality; as a partnership it will have overtones of secrecy and mutual exclusivity that may at times seem like a conspiracy. In either case, its circumscribed intensity may make it a bit obsessive and you may perceive things a bit more seriously than external situations warrant, so take the time to stand back and laugh at yourselves every now and then. Because of your greater ability when together to impact all your options, you may find that it puts you both in a greater position of power over your environment than either of you would have separately, but remember that with greater power goes greater responsibility — and the sign of real power

is to delegate it carefully and to share it so that it flows back to you in the form of praise, love and friendship. Although you needn't give up the protection that this relationship affords you emotionally, let others in so that their experience will provide fuel for you to transform and further enrich what you have together.

The Composite Moon

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

If the Sun and Moon are badly positioned or afflicted, it will be an uphill fight all the way, and one that either or both of you may choose to set aside unless you feel compelled to spend a great deal of time, energy, and emotion rising to the challenge. Life is about choices, and here especially the composite chart can help supply the data you need to aid you in your selection.

MOON in SCORPIO

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This relationship has great potential power and intensity, but it is mixed with a special type of reserve and reticence that requires understanding in order for it to live up to its emotional potential. Above all, the way in which you react to situations is a mainstay of your power over others and each other, which makes it an area of great concern and of possible insecurity. Because you feel that much is at stake in the way you respond, you may withhold communication or commitment in order to play for a better position. This only serves to isolate and to build up emotion that needs a free channel to flow through, so you may be well-advised to be a little freer and be willing to take risks. Once cemented, however, your relationship will likely be long-lasting and deep, akin to comrades who have endured many battles together. In this respect, you will feel a passionate comradeship that in a physical relationship makes for greatly heightened sexuality and in everyday affairs produces do-or-die loyalty akin to none other. No danger is greater than that of betrayal, real or perceived, and the memory of such can linger on forever and poison a relationship or your mutual relationships with others. It is a good idea to remember that we all betray each other's trust at some time because of our innate human frailty and your greatest challenge will be to sort this out and be forgiving at every possible turn. By doing so, you allow yourselves, without remorse, to plumb ever deeper the still waters of your beings, hand in hand.

THE COMPOSITE MERCURY

Mercury in the composite chart represents the mutual meeting of minds, or lack of it, between you. It also represents your ability to communicate to others as a couple or as individuals. In the first instance, in which the position symbolizes the shore between two intellects, it will be important to know what kind of communication goes on: by style, substance, and action (sign, house, and aspect). A well-placed Mercury will mean that you can put clearly into words what you mean to say to each other, and such a position can be of great help in alleviating emotional problems that may not easily come to the surface. If you can both say how you feel, you've gone a long way towards being able to change. On the other hand, a badly placed

Mercury can have the opposite effect, stirring up emotional problems where there were none by simply getting communications wires crossed. In a professional relationship this can mean all sorts of pointless starts and stops because of faulty information, particularly in an increasingly information-oriented society. The position of Mercury therefore becomes increasingly critical in relationships in general. Its placement also describes how you communicate as a duo with the public at large, so herein lies further opportunities for good or ill. Well-placed, it will mean that you may be able to get yourself across to the world at large through the relationship rather than on your own. Where there are difficulties here, it may be better to speak your own piece and not let the relationship represent you. Nevertheless, knowing the situation in advance can help enormously, as you won't have to learn the communications value of the relationship by trial and error or blame each other for problems that arise from what is essentially a third party with its own horoscope, the relationship itself. Rather, you can take advantage of the best that it offers and avoid what looks like trouble by one or both of you pulling back on your own to handle problems the relationship does not cope with well.

MERCURY in SCORPIO

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A very careful and controlled approach to verbalization and communication will characterize this relationship. This is in part due to your viewing this aspect of your partnership as an important arena of contact and one which will allow you to be in charge of the situation if used properly. You are likely to develop plans slowly and with considerable intensity; and once decided on something, you will tend to stick to it with determination. To the extent that you do this out of conviction of the appropriateness of your decision, your position will stand the test of time. Be careful that you do not do it out of pride or defensiveness, however, or your position of power can simply be circling the wagons and inviting destruction. Avoid confrontations and don't fight (particularly with each other) unless there is an overriding reason, as wounds so incurred will run deep and will soon not be forgotten. Be as inclusive as you can in your communication with others, because it will be easy to pull back into your own mutual opinions, which will seem quite sufficient and miss other possibilities that might have real promise for both of you. Once you get to grappling with how to express what you mean, however, you won't be satisfied until you get several levels deeper than most would care to penetrate, and the intensity of exploring unknown worlds beneath the surface of things will be a joy and a reward, even if only the two of you know just how far you got.

THE COMPOSITE VENUS

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

VENUS in TAURUS

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Venus rules Taurus and thus is comfortably placed in its own sign, which gives this relationship an easy and regular pace in satisfying your physical and emotional desires. In fact, it may help even out imbalances between the two of you in the method and style with which you go about satisfying your appetites. You will take a road of moderation and persistence so that you don't overdo and don't give up before you get what you want. Because of a more down-to-earth and realistic approach to what gains are feasible, you are less likely to meet disappointment and less likely to seem like competition or a threat to others. What comes to you seems like it belongs there and thus is not so subject to jealousy. Similarly, your relationship will likely be seen as friendly and warm, at least in the way it deals with the exterior world. You will not be inclined to take great risks for your goals, however, and will prefer a gradual, persistent approach. Although this

makes huge winnings less likely, it increases your overall chance of the kind of success that will be quite in keeping with the sort of fulfillment you are looking for. This sensible and realistic sort of approach can be of the greatest use in business life as well as make your personal achievements live up to your expectations.

THE COMPOSITE MARS

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

MARS in TAURUS

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When the going gets tough, this relationship is likely to be able to maintain its energy level and keep on going when others fall by the wayside. This durability is a common aspect of Taurus and is a great trait to share when you need to see a project or a love affair through to a satisfactory conclusion. Where you need a great burst of effort, concentrated in a single spot, you may have to fall back on one or the other of you to be the point man (or woman), but once an initial breakthrough has been made, the two of you will be able to keep and defend whatever territory you have decided will be yours. You will find it more difficult than some to change course once you have committed yourself to action, as flexibility of movement is not one of your strong points. Thus you will have to be sure you are right before you take action as it will take some time and effort to reverse your direction once you are thoroughly underway. Once you have made that decision, you are likely to stick by it so scope out the situation well before you jump in, then push with all you've got. Common sense should be able to guide your movements from there, and you can accomplish what you set out to do without unnecessary frills or detours between you and the end you have in sight.

THE COMPOSITE JUPITER

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

unrealizable goals. It will show you where the big picture is and provide the kind of life overview which the relationship teaches that you might not have discovered on your own. It can be the force that carries you both away with each other and raises you to heights you didn't know you had. Its only danger is allowing the relationship to take over you as individuals. Use it as a resource for each of you to draw on, not the other way round, and it will always pay off for you.

JUPITER in LEO

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Your developmental style is generous and outgoing; indeed, it will seem like you were born to produce on a large scale. This gives rise to grand schemes and all-encompassing plans that have the promise of new kingdoms to rule over and benefit from. If you keep a close watch on the resources you have to implement this sort of thing, you'll find you can cover a lot of territory and make great leaps emotionally and in your dealings with the world at large. Just be careful that you do not commit yourself to unrealistic ventures or leaps of personal lifestyle that are more than you can personally or financially handle. When you build, the foundation must be firm. Although you may envision the splendid exteriors of your castles in the air first, they are the last thing to go on and will only be sustained if you have built a careful structure to support them. Thus, the bottom line is thinking everything through and taking a tally of your materials before you mortgage yourself on the basis of the final result alone. Your best results will come from involving others to help out with the job, so that the burden for materializing your visions does not fall entirely on yourselves. When your style is all-inclusive, you've got to have somebody besides yourselves to include. When you point yourselves outward and share your visions; the returns will be powerful.

THE COMPOSITE SATURN

Saturn is usually considered the bugbear among planets and has an evil reputation that it only partially deserves. It is associated with restriction, contraction, dearth, debilitation, and a host of other adjectives that add up to not getting what you want. That is, however, only partly true. It might be better to say that it describes extreme delineation, concreteness, and finality — reality in the most concrete sense. Much of our lives are comprised of hopes, plans, desires, dreams, wishes, and expectation, and Saturn describes what actually becomes of them. So in such a goal-oriented, future-driven society as ours, what actually happens is all too often a disappointment, the result of failed unrealistic expectations. Thus, Saturn in the composite chart is where you both get down to brass tacks and determine (or have determined

for you) what actually is to be. If this point is well-situated, it means that you can rely on each other and the relationship as something that delivers every time. It will lend solidity to the relationship and make it something you can lean on when either of you need to be backed up. It will also make the two of you a haven for others in distress. In a difficult position, it will mean that you tend to fail each other, to bring each other down, and to sap each other's energies physically or emotionally. In this situation it can highlight the insecurities of the relationship and mark for failure what might otherwise have succeeded. But in either situation, like any other planet, it will not touch every aspect of the relationship and so you are free to be selective if you know what areas it is either supporting or restricting. You want to know what the bottom line is everywhere, however; and that is what Saturn will tell you. But you don't have to invest in stocks you think are going to depreciate, either. If you recognize early what the downsides and the support pillars of the relationship are, you can use one to stand on while you either avoid or make repairs upon the other at your leisure. If you do not, ignorance is the ally of the dark side and it will have much greater power to pull you in and cripple you. Find your foundation stones early, so your house will not be built upon sand; and, in time, your temple will rise to the skies.

SATURN in PISCES

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This is a difficult position for Saturn, as its conservative, stability-seeking nature is literally afloat in the miasma that is the sign of Pisces. It therefore represents a physical and spiritual challenge concerning the methods you go about seeking your security together. If you look for the standard principles to lean on, ones that seem to work for everybody else, you will likely find yourself ill at ease with them and unable to make them work for you. Instead you will have to find a way of deriving your innermost stability from the results of inner growth and a faith in each other's ability to achieve it. If you ask for imposing results all the time, you'll seldom get them or, when you need them, they will disappear. If you cast your bread upon the waters, you will be buoyed up by hands unseen and carried on to broader vistas, like a ship caught up in a current and carried to foreign lands. This requires being willing to give up a lot of control that is taken for granted as necessary by most and can make you feel quite insecure until you get used to it. It is mainly a matter of style here, however, as the results will be the same, just not the methods you find most successful to go about getting to them.

THE COMPOSITE URANUS

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

URANUS in CANCER

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Self-discovery can be a particularly private affair in this relationship and may cause difficulty in communicating those special parts that either need attention or require a change of attitude, from one or the other, to meet your needs. This has an inner and outer manifestation. Within, you will likely

build up pressure by resistance to change until it forces itself on you rather harshly, perhaps incurring emotional injury in the process. Thus it will be important to respect each other's ideas and personal needs, however odd or even offensive they might appear at first. They are there because they are part of you, and if you intend to respect each other you must respect each part, even the troublesome ones. Trouble is just truth looking for a way to find you. Outside, you may find yourself hiding what you have uncovered from others and thus deny yourselves the opportunity for self-review from an informative third point of view. It can be easy to believe you have come upon something universal that may really be only specific to yourselves and should not be applied to dealings with others, leaving you to become victims of uniformed presupposition and its concomitant perils. Embrace the new with a disinterested (not uninterested) eye, and when you can't do that, find someone who can broaden your horizons on the subject.

THE COMPOSITE NEPTUNE

The effects of Neptune, another outer planet and a recent discovery, are often largely out of our control both by our unfamiliarity with its effects and the apparent nature of the planet which represents the uncertain, dreams, illusions, ideals, mystery, and the higher unexplored (and perhaps unexplorable entirely) plane of the spiritual world. Its nature is so uncertain, it's not even known exactly when it was discovered; various claims exist from 1810 all the way up to 1846, and we may never know for sure. It may be viewed from afar with a certain amount of analysis, however. When we find an area of mystery, it is our natural instinct to provide something to fill that void. Nature abhors a vacuum and our minds rush in to fill it with every kind of speculation and fantasy, if only to have something to act on in the area. Whatever is actually there will turn up eventually. In the meantime we provide ourselves with an image which may be close enough to the truth to better help us function or may be off in fantasyland and fail us utterly if we are unwise enough to lean on it. We know only in hindsight. Thus, in a composite chart, this point becomes the place where dreams, fantasies, hopes and ideals meet or clash, and inspire us or drag us down in confusion and conflict. Too many wars and personal battles have been fought over it needlessly, because none of these things actually existed until later. That's the crux of it: don't fight over what isn't there, at least not yet. Well placed, this planet will help you aspire to higher, more selfless goals but even they can make you take them more seriously than they are. Badly positioned, it can lead to lies, deceit, and mistrust based on mutual misreading of the unknown and the foolish action taken upon it. In the end, it is a gentle, diaphanous planet that can never be forced. Dreams and fantasies belong to

each of you individually; and when they are similar enough to share, whether emotionally, sexually, spiritually, or even financially, they can be the greatest of joys. If one of you tries to enforce any of it on the other, however, everything will turn distasteful and there will be no dreams left; the mist will be blown away and only a charred landscape will remain. Where this point occurs, go gently, expect nothing, and everything will be returned to you.

NEPTUNE in LIBRA

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If there is any main, driving force in your hopes and dreams, it is that everything should be just right and everyone be happy with the way things turn out. It is a very unselfish drive and one which makes you strive very hard for the good of all and make every effort to make it come true. You are, in the nicest sense, idealists. The greatest challenge you face lifelong, therefore, is not formulating the best but coping with less than the best when it so often turns out that way. Life's like that, and some rejuvenate themselves to try some more, while others can become embittered and cynical by the experience and cease to believe in the power of hope and the ultimate impact of their ideals. Your inclination to keep moving will likely be indefatigable, and it is the direction that it takes that will determine your happiness. When all does not turn out right, reshape your expectations based on your original vision and proceed further. Avoid the temptation to lower your standards, as to do so will simply lower the ultimate quality of your life. In the end, you're only as good as what you can envision and strive for, and the individual results are less important than the lifelong effect you have on each other and those around you. Don't let adversity, when it comes, get the best of you: just regroup and find another way to manifest what you believe to be right. When you keep your eye on the horizon, the bumps in the road become just a rhythmic accompaniment to travel on life's highway.

THE COMPOSITE PLUTO

Of the three outer planets, Pluto is the most recently discovered (1930) and least subject to our control. As such, it is even considered the planet of power and control, ultimately because it so controls us in our attempt to overcome it. It is, of course, appropriately named after the ancient god of death, the thing which in the last analysis we cannot control; and at the most basic instinctual level, all the control we try to exercise in life is simply a ploy to cheat death a little longer. It is called the survival instinct. The point at which Pluto occurs in the composite chart is thus, at a deep level, where we meet in our ability to face death. But it doesn't manifest itself that way on the surface. Instead, it shows up as the methods we use to keep control in order

to avoid the certainty of personal annihilation. Well placed, it will mean a partnership that simply doesn't worry about keeping in control of the situation, secure in the faith that things will take care of themselves and when it's time to go, you're in God's hands. In a bad place or aspect, it will mean continuous attempts to gain power over each other and the environment (according to aspect, sign, and house) and a penchant for compulsive behavior that easily gets out of control. Or, rather, it was never in control to begin with. In some instances, particularly sexual, this can be heightened to mystic proportions, and though it can be playing with fire it can also be very revelatory. Where prominently placed, for well or ill, it will give the relationship an aura of inescapability and predestination, something that sweeps over you both (like sex or death) and takes you out of yourselves. Similarly, you may find the relationship itself has something of this effect on others, giving you a greater power (a power which you must be careful not to abuse) over those around you. In the end, however, it is the willingness to relinquish control as well as take it that resolves problematic issues. In the meantime, the ability to step away from the relationship and out of its sway, at least in Pluto-affected areas, can be an important safety measure.

PLUTO in LEO

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There is a fundamental message that you share: you must make the world a better place to live in and get your message of how to do it across in a way that it will be heard. At its purest, this is a highly idealistic and laudable goal, but the methods of formulating and implementing it can be helpful and creative or negative and destructive, depending on how you handle it. Because the "must do" feeling is pervasive, it can be easy at times to believe it is your duty to enforce your opinion on others even when they don't want it, because you believe it is ultimately for their benefit. That, however, is not your decision or prerogative, and to do so is a fundamental violation not only of others but of your own contract with the Ultimate. The life and death issues you have to face (which are really just life and death, themselves) are individual to you and only you can meet them. If you can do that, it will be an achievement, so keep your own house in order and let others keep theirs. Where you can share these feelings, you will have great power and faith in each other and your personal destiny together. When you cannot, try to understand your differences, but above all, leave them be. Real change, such as it can happen to most of us (and that is less than we suppose), comes only from within and cannot be forced. The bottom-line issues and beliefs in life grow out of our own individual experiences, which by definition we can share only to a limited extent. Be content with that. There's more than a

lifetime there for each of us to work on and where another welcomes it, share.

LEO ASCENDANT

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You may notice that when you are together you create a larger-than-life image which at times may be difficult to live up to individually. It is as if you carry your own party around with you wherever you go and fire up those around you to get things moving. Sometimes you may find it more tiring to be the party host than the party guest, and you may need some quality time individually to rest and sort things out. Nevertheless, you are gifted with an energizing facade when you are together which you both can ride to give you an extra boost of enthusiasm, and you may find others looking to you for joint leadership who weren't so supportive of you individually. It would be easy to resent that, but that's politics and to a certain extent you make yourselves into public figures just by the chemistry of being together. Go for the playful and fun side of it and don't take yourselves too seriously. You'll find that your credibility and support in your social surroundings is heightened proportionately. Pride goeth before the fall, but the jester never comes to harm, so keep it light if you want to get good results. You don't have to seek out being the center of attention; just let your feelings radiate and the world will beat a path to your door.

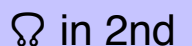
NEPTUNE in SECOND HOUSE

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It may be difficult to get a grip on your finances in this relationship so it will make a better personal than professional union. It is not that you cannot make money together, but it will always be a mystery as to how to go about it. Tried and true methods will tend to fail you, while going off on a risky hunch can sometimes pay off better than the most carefully calculated and devoted hard work. The more you pour your hopes and wishes into material success together, the more it will elude you. Your greatest success here will be when you don't concentrate on it or simply don't care. Taking this approach will allow you to turn your attentions on other parts of your relationship that respond more readily to customary methods and applications and prevent undue concern over something you can't do anything about. When you do have to take action on financial affairs together, let one or the other of you be in charge so you have a better shot at defusing this potentially problematic area created by the relationship itself. As pointed out elsewhere, you cannot entirely escape parts of a relationship that can cause difficulty or uncertainty, but you do have the power to de-emphasize them and lean on alternate resources that may be more reliable.

NEPTUNE sextile PLUTO

This is a rare aspect, happening only twice in five hundred years. It's most recent occurrence is happening as this is being written, beginning in the 1940's and ending in the 1990's, and applies to those born then or on opposite sides of it. Perhaps it is too soon to tell, but some educated speculation is worth while. Neptune is associated with aspirations and ideals, currently in conjunction with Uranus (shock, sudden change) which will also be making the sextile with Pluto (force, transformation) or close to it. It is, in short, a watershed period when a radical new arrangement of world order is being inexorably forced into being. Thus, this is a generational aspect, something you share in common with billions of others of your generation. Although in the sky it will have passed on, you will have it for life, which means it will be your inescapable task to be implementors of the new planetary culture born at this time. Therefore, where this is tied in to the rest of your chart by aspect and house, these will be the areas where you have to take your place in this order, to make your own personal contribution to what is perhaps the greatest transformation the human world has ever known. Heavy? Yes, but no different from everyone else your age. Do it well, knowing that you are the founding ancestors of an age undreamed of in human history. Your great-grandchildren will be looking back on you, hopefully with pride.

NORTH NODE in SECOND HOUSE

Responsibility and reward are the keywords for the Moon's north and south nodes, and here posited in the second and eighth houses they indicate that this polarity will have a particularly material twist. Physical and financial commitments will have to be made in order to sustain your relationship and your ability to handle yourselves in this area will be the test of how well you fare in the long run. This may at some times make you feel that coming together has created additional burdens for you, and that is, in fact, correct, but they are burdens not without visible purpose or reward, or you wouldn't have gotten into it to begin with. Whether the reward is worth the commitment depends on how close you pay attention to each other and what you are doing together. If you willingly take up and carry what your being together requires, then you will find that you not only benefit materially from the union, but you also unlock some of the mysteries of life and living together you hadn't even suspected were there. There is more to the material world than just its material side, and you won't discover that unless you get in there and get your hands dirty. Buried treasure isn't uncovered until you've been digging for a while, and that is what the overall purpose of this relationship will in the end be revealed to be.

SUN in THIRD HOUSE

☉ in 3rd

You will find that you have a strong urge and ability to communicate well verbally and intellectually, and that can make this a very strong bond of friendship as a result. When in doubt, let it out will be easy advice for you to follow, at least as far as your thoughts and ideas are concerned. This is ideal in business, as nothing will escape one that the other doesn't pick up on and crossed wires will seldom be a problem, as you'll just mutually know what you're talking about as soon as you set to discussing it. In affairs of the heart, this is initially a plus as well, for it lets you get off your chests verbally what is going on inside of you. However, when that is as far as it gets, without going on to the emotional repairs decided upon, it will be in vain and can wind up dividing and trivializing the relationship. Action as well as talk is often the order of the day, and it can sometimes be easier to solve all your problems in theory without actually getting down to implementing a plan of action. Here you may find that one or the other of you may find it necessary to take the lead, so that the plans and details you have decided upon become a reality on a physical and emotional level.

SUN opposite VENUS

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This aspect can't happen in the sky, since Venus, being an interior planet, never gets more than about forty-six degrees from the Sun, so natal astrologers don't have to deal with this aspect. It can happen in composites, however, and does have legitimate meaning. It implies fundamentally that your natal Venus positions are quite far apart and therefore you each bring to the relationship different needs that require resolution and compromise if they are to be fulfilled. Your feelings may be in perfect agreement and yet you won't get what you want out of working together. Or, you may find that you profit more from being in a state of disagreement. One solution that will occur naturally is that you will swing back and forth so that one of you is favored for a while and then it will be the other's turn, so it all balances out in the end. To do that will take an extra dollop of trust, as you each have to have faith that the ball will come around to you again and will not be selfishly retained in the other's court beyond the time agreed upon. The same applies with feelings of love and affection, which may wax and wane in your experience and you will need to let it go freely in order for it to come back. Enjoy it while you've got it, and when it's absent find something else to do until it returns.

SUN opposite MARS



This aspect indicates a lot of struggle with your energy levels and it may manifest itself on the outside as general arguments and an inability to keep projects on course. It suggests an alternating effect between the energy of the Sun, which is your fundamental, interior drive and Mars, which is your external, physical energy. Thus, when you're really feeling good about something, you may lack the physical energy to get up and do something about it. Conversely, when you're hopping full of energy and just dying to take some action, you'll find nothing at all to get enthusiastic about and you'll either fritter it away or get in a fight for lack of anything else to do. The Devil does, indeed, find work for idle hands. You're either all dressed up with no place to go, or caught holding a black tie invitation and you don't have a tux. This can happen to you as a couple, or it can happen between you, where one of you is hot and the other not. In the latter case, you can just take turns, one going along with the other as a favor just to keep the relationship close. In the former case, you will have to spend some time mastering the art of compromise and know just how far you can go on one energy source alone before handing off from one to the other without getting into conflict.

SUN trine SATURN



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

SUN trine URANUS



A broad, inventive streak characterizes this relationship and you will always be on the trail of something new to add to the revelations that life has to offer. You will not have to seek out the new and unusual, because it will come to you as a matter of course, and you will see the positive side and not the too-frequent combative side of establishing new approaches to life. You will want to keep your options wide open in the way that you deal with people, as life is full of surprises and you won't want to shut yourselves off from any of them. Unusual relationships will have a distinctly positive side for you and you won't judge people as being different, just special. The search for the truth will be a compelling one for you, but not so much that it puts you at odds with the establishment. Rather, you have an easy ability to sidestep troublesome barriers in your way and go on to do what is necessary to fulfill your pursuit of new windows on reality. Where most struggle to gain access to the truth, you will likely just walk right in and wonder what the problem could possibly be. Aside from making life easier for you, you can also give a boost to those who can't do it with such aplomb and in the process gain insight into yourselves as well.

MOON in FOURTH HOUSE



You will likely find a lot of personal security in this relationship, and it can become a refuge from the slings and arrows in general. This makes this position quite favorable for marriage or for a long-term and exclusive friendship or business relationship. Exclusive because the two of you will be likely to emotionally lock each other up and to a certain extent shut others out, which makes wide-ranging interplay in and out of the relationship difficult if it is to be sustained. This can give great strength to both of you if you are willing to respect the emotional boundaries you draw around yourself. Whatever it is you call home — whether a house, an apartment, and office, or even a trailer — will become your castle, and a nest of safety for retreat. Take care that you are the ones that make it thus and not the hardware or location itself. Houses, lands, gardens, and swimming pools can be joys to help you celebrate your commitment to each other, or they can be the stuff of a prison which prevents you from growing and moving forward in the relationship if you let them. Your true castle is your collective heart and the feelings you share together, the way you respond as a unit to challenges from within and without. Where the unassailable bulwarks are mutual honesty and trust, thieves can not intrude.

MOON conjunct MERCURY

You are very expressive together and share a quick wit that allows you to articulate your feelings well. The result of being together will be an expanded understanding of your emotional sides. You may find that you develop a passion for the insightful turn of phrase, leading to meaningful arguments for ideas you feel strongly about. This can be most useful in the professional world where language means so much but so few have a good mastery of it. When you get your point across and others don't, you're going to be the ones for the job. Perhaps just as useful, however, is your ability to put emotions clearly into verbal form so they don't get lost, repressed, or trodden on during the ups and downs of the relationship. You have a light quality about you, precisely because you have less excess emotional baggage weighing you down. If there is any problem with this position, it is that you will tend to say it all even when it is better to leave things unsaid. It sometimes pays to leave certain things a mystery.

MOON square JUPITER

You have a surfeit of emotional energy in this relationship and you are not likely to be short on enthusiasm. Your first reaction to almost any proposition will be yes, let's do it. This gives a positive color across the board to your being together. Because this is a square, which tends to cause things to spiral out of control, you may find yourselves with some of the disadvantages of not being able to say no. Things you are enthusiastic about at first glance may turn out to be burdens farther on down the line, and once you have committed yourselves you may not be able to get out from under them. Even in the case of situations you are still happy to be involved with, these situations will wind up being more complicated and more expensive in terms of time and investment than you reckoned on at the start. So, as unnatural as it may feel at the time, you probably should count to ten and think twice before you give it the green light next time. You may already have quite enough on your plate without asking for seconds. Put the extra energy you are looking to use into something that is already ongoing rather than starting something new.

MOON square Ascendant

It can be very easy for others to misinterpret how you feel about things, partly because of their own misjudgments and partly because you give out confusing signals about your intentions. You may over-react or under-react in such a way as to give the impression that you care much more or much less about an issue than you really do, whether it be a simple opinion on a mundane issue or a policy statement on a major plank in your personal

platform. The trouble is, once the misinterpretation has been made, you're likely to be stuck with it, and since you can't live up to it, further confusion ensues. Although it may be difficult to rein this in, when you are in a position where you know it is important to get your feelings across accurately, don't just do it spontaneously but confer with each other and make separate opinions, then make a synthesis from what you have discovered individually. In most cases it is advisable to be more spontaneous, but here just the opposite is true. Censoring your immediate reactions when you are together will be a benefit, as it will keep you from saying something you thought you meant at the time. This, fortunately, is not a permanent condition, for as you watch the kind of slips you make and where you go astray, you will continue to sharpen your awareness of what your mutual input is. You just have to have patience and be willing to hold back until you reach this point.

MERCURY in FOURTH HOUSE

♃ in 4th

This position of Mercury will allow you to address your inner needs and the fundamental structure of your relationship with special precision. Whereas others may proceed blithely on without thinking about how and why they get along the way they do, these matters will be of great importance to you and will result in a much stronger and well thought out union. At first it may even make you seem a little self-obsessed and perhaps even a little anti-social, but it reflects a real desire to learn not only what makes you tick but what makes up successful relationships in general. It is a structural approach to thinking that may be new to both of you and has only been brought on by the relationship itself. It will give you a much deeper understanding of human emotions and their interplay. Ultimately, it will make you more social and giving of yourselves and your home environment which will become increasingly important to you and a welcoming place for the building of friendships and alliances personally and professionally. As is usually the case with Mercury, the only caveat is to be careful not to over-intellectualize or trivialize deeper emotions that may require more than words for growth and understanding. As long as you recognize that words are only the structure for subsequent action, you'll have it all in perspective.

MERCURY square JUPITER

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Big plans are always on the front burner in this relationship — and on the back and side burners, too. You have a great capacity for cooking up new projects and new directions, which can make being together a lot of fun and very stimulating to both of you. Your problem will not be in not having enough to look forward to, but rather in picking and choosing what it is you

really want to commit your resources to. When you have limited resources and unlimited ambitions, something has to give and some of what you want to become involved in needs to be eliminated. Another hurdle you may face will be getting things out of the planning stage and into the implementation phase. You can literally plan yourselves to death without ever getting into operation if you are not careful, simply because you are so enthusiastic and want to make sure you've got everything checked twice before you make your move. The result can be ever escalating future prospects that may never materialize, and even if they do, can not be handled when they arise. Not to dampen your enthusiasm, but you may do well to take an editing pencil to your schemes and trim them until they are lean, mean, and . . . practicable. This is not to say you are unrealistic, but you might tighten your focus.

MERCURY square Ascendant

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A lot of thought goes into this relationship and you are constantly trying to analyze and reform your opinions on what you are about and where you are going. Particularly important to you will be the way you appear to others as a unit and what kind of impression you make upon them. The advantage to this position is that you will not lack in communication between each other and about each other. The disadvantage is that you can dissect your relationship until it lies in pieces and you are not sure how to put it back together again. Too much self-consciousness can paralyze your ability to act smoothly and effortlessly and can make you appear stilted and contrived, when that is the exact opposite of your intent. Similarly, too much intellectualization of how you function can disconnect you from the feeling side of your relationship, leaving the plethora of communication and information you have about yourselves largely useless because it is only half the story. You may find it more fruitful to spend your effort on other subjects and just let yourselves be yourselves. This does not mean abandon self-inspection, just don't make a compulsive habit of it and drop the subject when you start to repeat yourselves. The less you think about what you are doing, the smoother and more seamless a presentation you will give.

SATURN in SEVENTH HOUSE

♄ in 7th

Saturn gets very mixed reviews here, and it can either cement a relationship and make it solid as a rock or cause it to become sufficiently restrictive that you would rather avoid it completely. Or it can sometimes become a relationship that is excellent but rarely manifests itself. In the first case, you can find yourselves together because you are willing to impinge as little as possible on each other and thus show bottom-line respect for each other's

personalities. This was frequently the case in older traditional marriages where the separation of lives within the relationship was so extreme that inequalities of partnership were circumvented (a rerun of “Life With Father” is a perfect example). In the second case, where you may for other reasons force a very equal relationship on each other in detail, it will more than likely be near-impossible and raise a lot of frustration and hostility in the process. In the third case, you may have the tightest of relationships during those few times you see each other and a fast though distant friendship comes to endure over the years. In all cases, the bottom line to success here will be letting each other be each other, rather than being overly possessive. Respect rules over affection, and good fences will make good neighbors and good friends. Just don't push each other.

SATURN trine URANUS

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There is a bit of the scientist in this relationship and if you are professionally engaged in any area that requires rigor, precision, and a strong loyalty to the truth, you will be one up on the competition. Your ability to plan and organize both yourselves and the situation around you gives you strong management abilities, though more in managing things and situations rather than people close up. It can also be a very good aspect for teaching, as you will have a clear but patient way of presenting information so that students can assimilate it at the pace they each are capable of. It may cause a little stiffness and formality in a close personal relationship, since the inclination to place clear structure on something as loose and flowing as emotions can stifle freedom of expression, even though the best of intentions are involved. Make a conscious effort to let go of exact or critical thinking when you are in situations dealing mainly with feeling and you can overcome this, since it isn't a difficult aspect to begin with. It's just a question of knowing what fits where within the structure of the relationship. This aspect will go a long way to protecting you from prejudice or intolerance as well, either between each other or with outer situations, as any conservative tendencies are ameliorated by a deep concern for the truth, whatever its guise.

SATURN opposite ASCENDANT

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This is a very restrictive aspect and will work out for you only if you are happy about keeping your relationship moving along very definite and unwavering lines. This can mean that you each individually take precedence over the relationship so that it takes a back seat whenever there is another priority. Or it can be that the relationship takes precedence over both of you, but only in closely prescribed areas. Or, it may be that the possibilities of the relationship are restricted by age, class, wealth, debility, and so on. In any

case, there will be a distinct air of limitation involved and it will depend on your individual characters as to how or whether this will work out. If you need space and freedom, then you won't have much use for this and it may be a union of convenience seldom frequented. If, however, you need to be held back and have discipline imposed from without, then this can provide a sense of security and may be a refuge from the uncertainties and vagaries of individual existence. Thus, it can be a partnership that can be quite enduring or one which both should avoid from the outset, but in either case it still retains the same qualities; those of austerity, restraint, and certain rigid composure. More than most composite aspects, this one is decidedly a matter of personal taste above and beyond the influence of the composite itself.

VENUS in NINTH HOUSE

♀ in 9th

You possess a capacity to discuss and expand upon your desires which will allow you to communicate with a general and intellectual emphasis. You are less interested in getting the details right than the general thrust of the thing, which puts the emphasis on sincerity rather than accomplishment. Once you understand where you are headed, you can be content with mistakes as long as they are well-intentioned and the overall feeling agrees with your joint vision. There will be distinct love of travel here and professionally you can do well with enterprises that venture far abroad or deal with long-distance commerce or exchange. Because you love the broad approach, you will be viewed as expert in it, whether you are or not, so you will be ahead of the competition as long as you are willing to play the part of authority. Your basic instinct will be to make generalizations because getting in to specifics might distract you from what you do best. A great deal of your success will be dependent upon your faith in yourselves, and the realization that others will trust what you clearly believe in. A good, strong statement of purpose and belief is a good start to get a good response — then be flexible in reworking it to fit the reality you live in.

VENUS conjunct MARS

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This is a highly attractive and personally powerful conjunction that lends great animal magnetism to your relationship. It is the perfect sexual combination, in that it puts desire and the ability to fulfill it right in the same spot, and if this is not a love affair it will be difficult indeed to keep it from gravitating in that direction. If for any reason (age, sex, availability) it does not manifest itself sexually, then it will still be marked by all the intensity and passion of one. Indeed, you may find yourselves in all the rituals of love (courtship, special favors, loneliness when apart) without actual

consummation. However they are allowed to be expressed, feelings will always be strong between you and highly manifested. For those who work together in public professions (politics, entertainment, media) this can make for a sparkling dynamo that draws people to you and pumps them up with the energy you have and which they want. It is the stuff stars are made of and often overdose on, as it is quite heady wine and you will need to agree on how to express it and work together. If you disagree on how to use these energies (one wants personal or physical expression, the other only professional), the powerful energies here can turn destructive and tear the relationship apart in the most bitter fashion. Deeply-held desires, given what is obviously the opportunity of a lifetime, will either be wildly rewarded or bitterly disappointed.

MARS in NINTH HOUSE

♂ in 9th

Ambitious goals and large-scale plans will mark this relationship and you are not likely to be content unless you are pursuing the biggest and the best of which you are capable. Small-scale projects are likely to get neglected in favor of things that may not pay off right away but which have great potential. You will take the first opportunity to take this relationship on the road and expand your consciousnesses literally and figuratively by putting yourselves in totally new circumstances where you have to rearrange your thinking to succeed. Inside and out, there is an air of the adventurer and the thrill-seeker here, whether it be manifested physically or intellectually, and you will champ at the bit if you can't get on with things at a gallop. When you connect, you're likely to do so in a big way, with all systems go, and when you miss each other's point, you'll miss it by a mile or not at all. Thus, you generally tend to know if things are on the right track and if you're not getting obvious results you'll know to drop everything and refocus. Some of the finer details of life can get lost in the mix here, however, and enthusiasm for what is ahead can cause you to miss what is right next to you and needs attending. Sometimes wearing reading glasses will help you more than binoculars, and a microscope can reveal a world as far distant and exciting as a telescope.

MARS sextile SATURN

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There is an air of self-control to your relationship which can be helpful or hurtful, depending on where and how you exercise it. You will be reluctant to waste energy unnecessarily and that may cause you to appear to be reticent or unenthusiastic. If you can get past that deliberate pace early on and realize that it can also mean steadiness and reliability, this has the chance of being a successful, long-term relationship. Although this may dampen the

spark of spontaneity, particularly in sexual affairs, yet you will know what to expect and that when you intend to do something it will get done. The danger here is that you may become creatures of habit or that you will not be able to respond to change of stimuli and situations where flexibility can make the difference between success and failure. Professionally, however, this can favor areas that require a steady, unflagging hand with plenty of follow-through: medicine, certain kinds of legal practice and law enforcement, accounting, banking, and some forms of financial management, for example. This position probably favors a business relationship more than a personal one, unless you are individually as content with a partnership high on formality and low on passion. Different strokes for different folks, and there was a time when this was the ideal way for a couple to relate. It can still work for some now — it is just currently out of vogue.

URANUS in ELEVENTH HOUSE

♅ in 11th

You may find you attract an unusual and stimulating set of friends by being together, perhaps much different from what either of you run into on your own. What makes them special is not the usual qualities of mutual interest, but quite the opposite. It is how they are different, quirky, and original that gives them their appeal, mainly because you see parts of yourselves here that you may not express but would like to experience. In short, they bring out the offbeat and original in yourselves and allow you to more fully experience your own potential. You will also find that because your own standards for friendship and what you want out of people and life are somewhat different from the norm, your expression of them will be intermittent, primarily because of the vagaries of opportunity. Nevertheless, quality and not quantity, is what is important here, and you will find quality is worth waiting for. It will be important that you don't cling to each other or to friendships that may be rare and irreplaceable. The nature of things here is change and freedom, so let each other and all those near you spread their wings and fly. When you each have room to march to your own drummer, you'll find yourself side by side when the music is right, which is the time you will want to be there.

JUPITER in TWELFTH HOUSE

♃ in 12th

This is not an easy position for Jupiter, as its immediate influences will not be easily picked up off the surface but will have to be mined to get their maximum benefits. It will indicate that you will have to seek out the hidden and often troublesome sides of yourselves to create the sort of growth and progress you will want out of the relationship. Yet, once uncovered, you will find real satisfaction in bringing to light the unconscious sides of yourselves

and will often find that what you learn this way not only strengthens your own relationships but opens your eyes to better understanding the needs and problems of others. On the professional side, this can cast you in a leadership role where personal reeducation or deep psychological understanding are the focus in the behavioral sciences or in the helping and healing arts. You will have the advantage because you will be able to find a positive and creative side to what may be the fears and prejudices of others which thus become their problems through their misunderstanding of them. Once you have removed the fear and negativity, change and growth become the logical and positive next steps. As you follow these processes in yourselves, so you will be able to lead others through them as well, whether you do it for a living or just as friends in need.

JUPITER sextile NEPTUNE

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You are particularly idealistic about the new directions you choose to take, and you feel responsible for growing in ways that have a universal sort of benefit. You can seem a little bit moralizing or preachy about it at times, but not so much as to be obnoxious or not to be taken seriously. Fundamentally, you achieve a balancing act between going for what you believe should be and accepting what you realize is the best that can be achieved in the circumstances. The direction, however, is ever upward, and small steps are often the surest way to make long-lasting change. Feelings between you will lean toward the spiritual if this is a love relationship, and the finer qualities of love and affection will be emphasized, even when most physically expressed. In the business world, this will be more difficult to manifest, as you will have to sacrifice immediate profits now and again in the interests of doing the right thing, which can put you at a temporary disadvantage with your competitors. If you use your natural inclinations for combining practicality with idealism, however, you can benefit from greater productivity of those around you who will feel like they are part of something greater and therefore join together and make more out of less, thanks to the easing of internal tensions and competition. There is often more practical benefits from being right than short-term financial thinkers can imagine.

JUPITER conjunct PLUTO

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Growth and development is a compulsive must in this relationship and you will feel driven to change and evolve in the way you express yourselves, sometimes at a breakneck pace. The saying “change or die” pretty well expresses it, or at least the way you feel about it, which may not always be accurate. Sometimes the best way to achieve something is to do nothing, and

the key to the success of the most powerful martial artist is the ability to give way and be like water. That will be most difficult lesson to learn, as your instincts will lead you to push harder and climb higher without letup. Although you can gain considerable success by keeping the pressure on, sometimes it is just a waste of time and energy and other times it can actually be counterproductive by alienating others who become the victims of your success. It can also turn you against each other when you don't get everything you want and feel you have only each other to blame instead of more justifiable laying it at the feet of circumstance. The fact is, you will never be totally in control of your operations together and every now and then the best thing to do is just throw up your hands and take a break. Enjoy the energy this aspect brings to the relationship, but don't let it run you instead of the other way around.

PLUTO in TWELFTH HOUSE

♇ in 12th

Any power conflicts you may have (and everyone has some) need to be watched out for and brought to the surface as soon as they occur. In fact, you probably should have a standing sonar unit to look out for them as they will tend to be deeply submerged and well-developed when they finally do come to the surface. When they catch you unaware, they can be very destructive and confrontations for seemingly no reason at all can blossom into full-scale wars that could never have been predicted in advance, mainly for lack of early warning reconnaissance. On the other hand, once you decide to focus on the exploration of the unconscious sides of yourselves, that will become a driving force that will not only make up for previous neglect but perhaps tip the scales in the other direction. However you look at it, the unconscious side of the relationship, particularly where conflict may be concerned, will likely have an important part in what you experience. If you are only related professionally, the same principles will apply, but will manifest themselves in the possibility of the real concern of danger or attack from unknown or unexpected quarters. Although this can become a bit paranoid and get a bit obsessive from time to time, it is still all too often based on reliable instincts and a proper sense of self-protection. Protect your backs.