

The Relationship SUN

The relationship 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 AQUARIUS



This relationship is likely to broaden the perspectives of both of you, allowing you to see sides of each other and the world around you. It will also fill you with the realization that it is your responsibility to do something about it. Realization of the world is an impossible task to accomplish immediately. Rather, you need to take one situation at a time and button it down before moving to the next. The temptation is strong to analyze and reform everything you see and it is a major talent and challenge of the relationship. But only patience will see the job through. That is something you may both be short of, but tolerance is the best road to understanding, both inside and out. Therefore collecting information for your task will be a major direction for you. Analysis will be your major strong point, bringing both of your talents to bear on professional and emotional conflicts into accord with a happy ending for all concerned. When you have a really good grip on the whole picture, you will be able to take decisive action that will construct a single entity out of disparate forces and inputs. E pluribus unum

may be considered your motto, whether dealing with exterior or interior issues, in business or in love.

The Relationship MOON

The symbolism of the relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship Moon can lend clarity and cooperation to the most confused and befuddled people who might never expect to get along; whereas an afflicted relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship chart can help supply the data you need to aid you in your selection.

MOON in CAPRICORN



You have a great potential to reduce emotional response to its essence and waste no time on feelings extraneous to what the situation merits. This will lend great clarity to your relationship and considerable intensity as it concentrates emotions that might have been unclear or spread about too thinly. It also has an austere side that can leave you wondering if there isn't something more, until you realize that there was and you decided that what you have is what you wanted. Of course, you can go overboard with this, needlessly calcifying and perpetuating feelings that have had their day and are no longer appropriate, so take care to keep checking to see if there is more you would like to add to your palette now and again. This can be an excellent business relationship, as it inclines to a no-nonsense approach which cleans out deadweight and maximizes what is essential to achieve your greatest potential. It also allows you to make the most of lean times and can be greatly heightening in a spiritual sense as you cleave to the pure core of the matter and abjure the distractions that would otherwise obscure or detract from accomplishment of your final goals. Distractions are sometimes necessary, so take time out and spend some time in fun and frolic alone, as too tight a focus can be wearing and can actually sap your energy and drain you of the long-term stamina that would be your hallmark.

The Relationship MERCURY

Mercury in the relationship 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 CAPRICORN

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A very concise and no-frills style of communication will characterize this relationship, even though one or both of you might be quite voluble individually. Ideas seem to congeal and simplify down to basics when you get together. If brevity is the soul of wit, you've got it. Making things shorter and sweeter when you're trying to get things across will also add power and forcefulness, as a few chosen words are usually more powerful than an outpouring of verbiage, however sincere. It may also cause you to be misunderstood as if someone else doesn't catch onto what you are saying; you're more inclined to repeat yourself rather than rephrase in a manner more suitable to your audience's level of communication. Here, one or both of you stepping out of the relationship and restating it differently can easily solve the problem. Just be aware that it may be necessary and keep an eye out for it. The ability to distill ideas into a few clear phrases is a rarity, however, so value it and hone it down to its finest edge. Once an idea is established for too long a time, it may get rusty therefore, make sure you go back and revise your opinions as time and change dictate. Nothing is permanent, only the moment, so take careful account of it. . .

The Relationship VENUS

The planet Venus represents desire, attraction, what you physically and emotionally desire and as a relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship point. Thus, an afflicted relationship 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 relationship 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 CAPRICORN

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You may find that a little may go a long way for you and that physical concerns will be less of a problem for you than for most. If you have what you need that will suffice. You don't need to look for more. Simplicity is very satisfying, and a blessing to be able to settle for in this complex world. "Well, all we want is. . ." can be the very thing you can't get. Once you get it, however, everything is copacetic, but you can run it into the ground if you don't look around occasionally for something new to stimulate your tastes. Nevertheless, a clear and powerful image of your goals will get you a long way in the direction of achieving them, and the relationship can contribute greatly toward focusing your individual tastes and desires so that you can pursue them single-mindedly. Still, this can take some time as you are more likely to home in on long-term objectives that have lasting value, and these are naturally more difficult and time-consuming to achieve, though once you have time they will abide and give you joy forever. Perseverance is the key, and fortunately you are likely to have a good supply of it, if pursued with patience and precision.

The Relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship 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 PISCES

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This is a very delicate and sometimes problematical position for Mars, as it represents physical strength and action. Pisces, however, is mostly concerned with the intuitive and non-physical. Put together, it means that you will have to take everyday energy and impetus and transform it until it manifests on a more spiritual plane. Badly handled, it will mean weakness and ambivalence in the relationship, but properly channeled it will be turned into spiritual strength and leadership that allow the two of you to tackle problems and chart successes of a type not ordinarily experienced by others. It will often mean not taking the first action that comes into your head, but

waiting for the small voice within for guidance before making your move. Similarly, the type of actions you take will need to be not physical, but emotional and spiritual, building edifices which may not be seen or appreciated by others. If you are willing to seek understanding and credit primarily from your partner, you have the greatest possible potential. If you seek outside praise, you will likely be disappointed and your energies wasted in futile efforts to manifest your efforts where they do not belong. You have an interior journey to take, so find that path and follow it fearlessly, wherever it leads.

The Relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship 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 PISCES

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The way in which this relationship tends to grow is rather special: it takes some loving tending, but can grow much more powerfully than you might suspect. It is rather like a vine, which starts off meekly, without even the potential of becoming such as a mighty oak; but as it modestly branches and spreads its tendrils, it can soon cover an entire church with green beauty or, if it is so inclined, strangle the life out of the largest tree. Thus, you may see your attachment to each other start small, without much expectation, but as the result of intuitive communication it can grow unnoticed until you are quite astonished at its presence. It will do better if tended, however. You want it to resemble ivy more than kudzu! That is done by recognizing, validating, and participating in the smallest of your connections, with the clear understanding that the meek will inherit the earth and the small becomes large in time if loved and nurtured. Outside projects proceed the same way, start small, perhaps on a mutual hunch, and finger their way through hidden or unlikely channels until your overall grip on the surroundings is unbreakable. It is a case where exterior development very much mirrors interior progress, so keep your inner eye open and it will be the key to everything outer as well. Feed it with love and water it with patience. The rest will take care of itself.

The Relationship 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 relationship 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 AQUARIUS

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When the chips are down, you will need to lean on a very broad base of experience that does not put all of your eggs in only one basket. If you try to live off one crop, so to speak, you will be subject to regular and quite difficult personal and emotional famines. When you diversify your personal holdings, both financially and emotionally, you will not only be more secure, you will also feel better off, as you will always have an extra card up your sleeve — one or more insurance policies to cover yourselves in an emergency or when times get lean. This does not apply just on the surface as a matter of personal convenience and safety, but in an internal sense as well, as the wider your experience and resources, the deeper you will experience life and each other and the more satisfying that experience will be. When you are supported by a broad network of friends, interests, and opportunities for growth, you will not only feel deeper personal enrichment but you will together return that very same benefit to those around you with whom you share mutual support. The more you give, the more you get, and the better the whole situation fares, as long as it is the giving that counts the most. It is then that your later rewards are maximized.

The Relationship 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 relationship 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 relationship chart, keep your eyes wide open, your stance wide, and your tolerance level on maximum.

URANUS in SAGITTARIUS

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You will find that you have a broad field of self-discovery ahead of you, with a lot of choices to make and a lot of ground to cover. Although you may find some portions of each other difficult to take at times, you are likely to be able to respect each other's special views and needs, especially because you will have a lot of choices and will may not have to deal so thoroughly with any one area that you get in a fight over it. However, it will also be easy to be tolerant without being understanding, which sort of defeats the purpose of it, at least if that purpose is really being a close-working unit where you both know what to expect of each other. While you have the breadth to understand that the world is made up of many individual truths (and here you will be a step ahead of many), it will be in choosing the ones you want to get into in depth that your challenge lies. This applies equally to dealing with complicated facets of each other and grasping the core of truth in the details

you have to face in the world outside. Where possible, probe a level or two deeper until you hit solid ground, then proceed with confidence. Mistaking surface reality for the real thing will be your greatest hazard; encompassing inclusively all the facts of the matter will be your triumph.

The Relationship 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 relationship 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 CANCER

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You will find that the inner hopes and ideals of this relationship are fairly well circumscribed and internalized, largely by an outside environment that

encouraged diminished expectations world-wide, thanks to the fearful forces that were carving up the world in the first third of the 20th century. Expectations are more closely tied to home and family and the success or failure of close personal relationships rather than riches or external success. This is a pretty good position for Neptune, as it is in these areas you experience much greater personal influence and, therefore, have greater chance of fulfilling your dreams. If you are fairly vocal and articulate about what you would like to see happen, things can work out very well, indeed. However, there is considerable likelihood you may consider these matters too private to share with others on a regular basis, thereby leaving them in the dark as to your expectations. This applies equally to your hopes for each other as well as your mutual hopes for those around you, especially children. If you make your aspirations clear, there is much greater likelihood that you will find others that share in them and will help you to achieve them. Keep them to yourself, and they may tend to drift off into the realm of fantasy, creating an increasingly wider gap between desire and its realization.

The Relationship 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 relationship 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 GEMINI

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There is a welcome tendency in this relationship to discuss personality conflicts, or at least an understanding that where they occur they come from conceptual differences that at least can be put into words. Indeed, there is a certain faith that anything can be attained if properly expressed and that the mind is the ultimate tool of lasting expression and personal salvation. This presupposition was badly shaken by events early in this century when it seemed that even the best of ideas could not stand up to the remorseless powers of change and the brutality of physical and political events that swept the world during this time. Nevertheless, an inner drive and conviction remains with you: that immortality, such as is available to mortal kind, remains within the realm of ideas and concepts, which take on an immortality of their own as you shape them. Because of this, both the greatest union between you and the most unmanageable conflicts will be centered around agreement or disagreement in this area. Fundamental issues of how to express what is right and wrong unite you or divide you jointly and separately, perhaps even when the real issues of how you feel about things are completely different. This can apply especially to religious, political, and sexual roles which can, sometimes needlessly, dominate other areas of the relationship. The capacity to discuss them with give and take will be enormously helpful, and ultimately the ability to tolerate fundamental differences will tell how successful this relationship turns out to be.

SAGITTARIUS ASCENDANT

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This relationship is likely to breed a kind of warm and friendly atmosphere around it that makes you good company to be with. Moreover, you will be expected to be just that, even when you're not feeling all that sociable. Nevertheless, a kind of enthusiasm and bounce tends to come with the relationship that you can draw on even when neither of you is feeling terribly inspired, and together it will always be easier to look on the bright side. You will also be able to paint reality together with a broader brush and help others see the big picture as a whole when they (or you individually) might otherwise be lost in the details. Hesitation is not likely to be a joint

affliction of yours, and together you'll be the first into the pool with a laugh. Oversight of details may sometimes be a problem, so check that there's water in the pool before you jump! An innate inclination to cover a lot of ground means this relationship has wide potential, as long as you remember to smell the flowers as you go. Don't rush past in your haste to reach new territory. A combination of enthusiasm, energy, and willingness to change means that this relationship will never want for friends, but will need to choose among them.

MOON in FIRST HOUSE

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This is a relationship in which emotional reactions are likely to be very up-front and quickly expressed, without hiding feelings or beating around the bush. Feelings are likely to run strong between you and the two of you together may well be more outspoken than either of you are alone. This emphasis on prominent emotional reactions gives the relationship a feeling of closeness and importance which it might not otherwise have. Because feelings are expressed does not mean that they are understood or that conflicts are resolved, but the most important first step is to get them out in the open and deal with them on a fair and equal basis. Here it will be important not to play games with another's feelings just to get your own side aired. This applies to how you handle each other and especially how you deal with others, where your joint ability to overwhelm others by sheer force of personality can engender resentment or annoyance. However strongly you feel about an issue, be willing to back off and let others have their say as well. You'll still have plenty of strength left. The strong emotional overlay of this relationship will tend to make it an intense one at whatever level (business, love, etc.) you choose to manifest it. Intensity can become a roller coaster at times which can carry you away, so be prepared as well to reconsider hasty decisions (though not the feelings that got you there!) from time to time.

MOON conjunct MERCURY

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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 conjunct VENUS



Love and beauty abound in this relationship, even if it is only a professional one, and a great deal of emotion is expended presenting yourselves in the best possible fashion. You look good together, because you care a lot about it and make it an art form more than just a facade to impress other people. This can induce some jealousy and competition, not in each other but in those who feel they are somehow less attractive than you are, which is regrettable, because you aren't out to put anybody down, you just like to be your best. You treasure your feelings as well as your appearance, and handle them with the utmost care so as not to offend or express yourself in an emotionally harmful way. In this respect, you would make great parents or be good at any other pursuit that required a loving, nurturing approach. It is also good for working in the arts where an innate love and recognition of beauty are a primary motivation. If this relationship at times seems too good to be true, just relax and enjoy it, because it will likely be as pleasant as it seems. There are few aspects where it is difficult to come up with anything negative to say about it, but this is definitely one.

MOON sextile MARS



Your relationship is a reservoir of emotional and physical energy, and the more outlets you find to express it the better. If you are forced to sit still too long you won't go crazy as some might in that situation, but your energies will get driven underground and will surface in areas where you have little control over them. It is better to always have something to do physically to express yourselves, even if only the simplest form of exercise to keep yourselves engaged and rolling with your natural flow of energy. On the other hand, when you are in a situation that would drain the energy of others, you will hardly notice it and consider it business as usual. In the professional realm, like a superball, you have a natural springiness that allows you to bounce back with twice the apparent energy input. You come back swifter and higher, but without any visible extra input to accomplish the deed. When your competitors are flagging, you still have extra reserves on tap. It will be important, however, to spend some time exploring just how you accomplish this and communicating your feelings about what you believe to be the secrets of your success. Unexplored accomplishments aren't

easily repeated, and the more you know about not just what you do but how you do it, the more you will be able to achieve together personally and professionally. When you have an advantage, explore it and then take it one step further.

MERCURY in FIRST HOUSE

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With this position your relationship should be very good at communication, with each other and in dealings with others. It should also mean that you will get the first word in and may often lead with your head rather than your heart. Overall, this is a good position, as it will allow you to get things across to each other in words that may be getting confused emotionally and thus defuse potential problems before they become too serious. You may even serve to put others' problems into words when they have difficulty. Having the first (and often the last) word is good in business in some situations, although it can cause you to overlook valuable things other people have to say because you were too busy expressing your own ideas. In the same vein, it can also make for bantering competition between the two of you which can actually prevent communication of a meaningful nature. So watch that you don't become too embroiled with words and forget the inner thoughts you had really meant to express. Nevertheless, the relationship will tend to emphasize what is bright, witty, and expressive in each of you. So whatever blind alleys you may occasionally be led down, your ability to get it clear and get it out will be a major benefit for you, the relationship, and those you are involved with.

MERCURY sextile JUPITER

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Mental and intellectual growth of a very natural sort characterizes your relationship, and you may find yourselves quite effortlessly reaching heights of development and breaking into new landscapes you wouldn't have come upon individually. Communication between you will always be available and usually on the increase, as if there is always something new and interesting to get into, bigger and better than before, which will be a constant support to your friendship. On the professional level, you will do well in any area where expansion and development are the main focus, as you will be able to spot new paths to take and larger markets to tap, along with methods for expanding management and control systems to cope with the burgeoning development. Avoid situations where you have to do much in the way of repetitive work or where you don't have the freedom to improve the situation you are in. Dead-end jobs are twice as deadly for you. Keep your eyes open to see if those around you are keeping up with what you are doing, however, since you don't make a big thing out of the progress you

make together, its size and scope may go unnoticed by others who should be taking advantage and upon whom you may have to lean for support and background as you escalate your situation. When you take your own talents for granted, chances are so will everyone else, so don't be afraid to toot your own horn now and again.

VENUS in FIRST HOUSE

♀ in 1st

The appearance of grace and affection will favor your relationship as seen from within and without. Upon first glance you will seem to others as just the folks they would like to be around, partially because that is what you see in each other. An up-front Venus will tend to make you more aware of what it is you want out of a situation and more open about expressing it — which, of course, is the most important first step in getting it. Therefore, you will be more likely to get the most out of your involvements, as you will be the first to claim your piece. Conversely, you will be seen by others as the most profitable persons to be around, which can feed a circle of good fortune and good times if you let it. Everyone likes a winner. This is not just a surface, opportunistic quality, as it goes hand in hand with a genuine sense of love and good feelings about the relationship. You can both get what you want here, and the sign and aspects of Venus and Mars will tell you in greater detail how. You can only go astray in pursuing and perhaps disagreeing upon the specifics, but let the basic good feelings about the situation rule and they will carry you through.

VENUS sextile MARS

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

others. Thus, even though you may find that things go easy, spend some time investigating how you do it and how others don't, so you can articulate the keys to your success and better blend it with those who have inherited a harsher reality in this respect.

URANUS in FIRST HOUSE

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A very up-front quality will characterize your relationship, one which may be described as candid and truthful, or perhaps undiplomatic and thoughtless. It's just that when you get together you have a way of putting the truth as you see it in a unvarnished manner to either impress or possibly offend. In part this is because you see things a little differently when together and what would ordinarily be viewed as unusual or controversial by either alone seems perfectly ordinary when you're together. That can make for a very stimulating relationship, as it opens you both up to new ways of looking at reality, but it can be a bumpy road as it doesn't happen smoothly but in fits and starts. Although original approaches will abound and you will stimulate in each other a leadership quality ahead of your time, it will be wise to remember that more can be gotten by persuasion than by coercion, and too direct an approach may seem like your forcing the issue when you're just telling it like it is. A little practice in sugar-coating the pill wouldn't be amiss, both in the way you approach each other and particularly in the way you deal with the public at large.

URANUS opposite NEPTUNE

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This position only occurs once in about 172 years, and last shows up in charts of those born early in the 20th century. Therefore it indicates what was going on between a whole generation of people and shows something of what you hold in common with your contemporaries. It reflects a widespread personal conflict between the spiritual ideals of an age that was passing and the demands of the technological culture that was coming into the ascendancy. It is quite literally the Edwardian swan song of the Victorian era, bringing with it all the inner struggles of transition. Throughout your lives you will have had to resolve the external demands of an increasingly fast-moving and often amoral culture with the inner beliefs and ideals with which you were raised, but by now you will have either come to a compromise or simply agreed to disagree. That there should be conflict at all comes from the fact that too often what we look up to and expect from each other has become a matter of habit and does not come from within as we assume. A true morality and system of beliefs continually springs anew from within and therefore creates new ways of coping with external situations. When there is difficulty doing this, it is often because we are parroting our

former solutions and not rising to the occasion with fresh hearts each time. External change is inevitable, and when it comes it forces us to reach within and wake up our souls. To the extent you have done that, your lives have been, and will be happier.

URANUS conjunct ASCENDANT

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This is bound to be an unusual relationship which stands out in the crowd. Whether that is a favorable estimation depends on the degree to which you can integrate your creative aspects with the world around you. Originality is a given here, and you will find that inventiveness is second nature to you, although the ability to profit from it will be a learned art. It can be too easy to insist on your opinions because you know you are right when it may offend the sensibilities of others who are of a more conservative bent. Probably it would be a good idea to cloak your brilliance in more muted colors until you have gotten yourselves across and accepted so that what you believe in is creditable and credited to you. Being outspoken does not always serve your ends, a lesson you may learn the hard way. This will be a challenging relationship for sure, but one from which there is a lot to be learned. The more space you give each other to express yourselves, the more likely what you produce will bear fruit in positive results and the less likely it will result in conflict. Throughout whatever you do together you will always be challenged by the fact that new approaches to life are never appreciated at first and that winning over others to your view will not be easy, including winning over each other. Any attempts you can make to smooth over the situation while people are coming around to your point of view will be profitable in the extreme, because it can make the difference between ultimate acceptance and rejection. Diplomacy.

SUN in SECOND HOUSE

☉ in 2nd

This is a great position for partners wishing to do business together, and you will probably find it easier to pin down opportunities for material gained together. Mutual expression on the physical plane and through material objects, whether those you deal with in business or the special objects of beauty with which you enjoy surrounding yourselves, will be of great importance. In a love affair, the physical side of things will be of great importance; indeed, this position is often one that can make for great physical attraction, or at least the need to manifest the relationship in that form. Whether it be in business or love, the values by which you make judgments in your affairs will be very important and doing the right thing in the long run for yourselves, your children, and your associates will be a matter of critical pride and self-esteem and something you will not neglect

for short-term gain. Tangible results will be the bottom line, and the main problems that might arise will come when you do not agree on what those values or tangible results should be. Hypothetical ideas are easy to adopt and make compromises with, but brass tacks are brass tacks, and if you don't agree on what comprises that, it will be difficult to sustain what goes into making it up. Final results, however, do have a certain persuasive power; so should you disagree along the way, you may look back on your accomplishments and find more to take pride in than you may have felt then.

SUN sextile URANUS



Whereas others may have to introduce new ideas and concepts in a way that is intrusive and difficult for others to accept, you will have the style to insinuate even unusual innovations into the mainstream effortlessly. This is a talent which you may take lightly but ought not to. So many people are trying to express original ideas of importance and are rejected by those around them as being unacceptable. You can be the bridge between them and the more staid portion of society with whom you can also communicate. Do so. It can be very comfortable to just be as individualistic as you like and get away with it quite easily, but remember that the truths you get by with so easily others are being strung up for. The possibilities you have for expression are quite unique, because they comfortably combine the usual with the unusual so a creative and lasting blend can be achieved. The same goes on in your personal life, where you can live with traits in each other that would be the cause of private wars between other partners less blessed. If you just take it for granted, however, eventually your natural talents will become just habits, and they will make you less accessible to those who are trying to exercise the abilities you have but with less success. Where you can help, reach out and show them how you do it.

SUN trine PLUTO



There is a fundamental faith in this relationship that you will ultimately do the right thing, no matter what circumstances may suggest. There is the feeling that something operating here well beneath the conscious level will support your efforts in the face of adversity. Just the self-confidence this feeling inspired will go a long way toward making it the actual case, a question of self-fulfilling prophecy. You can get carried away with this, and sometimes it will be easier to do nothing when a troublesome challenge arises on the belief that an answer will come up on its own. It is more likely to do so for you, but don't count on it every time, and certainly don't get into the habit of it. God helps those who help themselves, and you won't have to help yourselves as much as others may, but you can't just lay back and put

your trust entirely in Providence. Nevertheless, your approach to life has a fundamental faith in it that God is on your side, at least when you are together. Nice karma, that's OK. Use what you've got, but also take some others along with you to keep the long-term balance on your side. Faith and confidence can be taught, and you are ones who can do it.

SUN sextile ASCENDANT

☉ ✕ AS

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

MARS in SECOND HOUSE

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There will be a special focus on using what you've got in this relationship and not letting physical resources stand idle. When kept under careful control this can be great for business, as you will make the most of financial assets and because you will not let them sit still and gather dust. On the down side, you can become too spontaneous and buy and sell just for the sake of something to do, in which case assets can be wasted and opportunities missed for lack of the time and patience required to exploit them. Fundamentally, the desire is to take action, at least as far as the physical world around you is concerned. Emotionally, this means you will want tangible proof of affection and in a love affair sex will have high priority and intense expression. Although you will find great reward here, it will also be difficult to give up instant gratification for the sake of longer-term goals, both professionally and personally. Sitting around waiting for things to develop can be very frustrating indeed. Since what is important is that

something tangible be getting done, not that it be critical or earth-shaking, make sure you always have a physical outlet for your energy, even if it means just spinning your wheels to keep yourselves in shape. Keep extra projects available that take up time but not resources, so you'll have outlets available to keep you busy without draining you of what you will need for truly important missions when they arise.

MARS conjunct JUPITER

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There is an ever-flowing, ever-expanding fountain of energy within this relationship which can deliver the greatest of success and more, as long as you are willing to see what you've got and ride it, rather than letting it ride you. The temptation, in whatever you get yourselves into, will be to pump it up, make it bigger, make it perform better, and push it farther. Unbridled, this has all the potential of the sorcerer's apprentice and you could easily let your enthusiasm and energy get you in way over your head before you even noticed it. Therefore it will be important to take this feeling of power and action you get when together and impose on it a plan, a set of goals, and a set of restraints for when it diverges from its assigned path. You wouldn't put a rocket engine on a car and then neglect to install a steering wheel and brakes. The same applies here, when you have got such a gift it deserves the best care and use. In a love relationship, there will likely be a high sex drive and perhaps some difficulty in keeping up with it and the rest of life at the same time. Alternately, depending on the rest of the chart, the opposite may be true, and boundless enthusiasm for mutual projects outside of the home may leave too little time or energy on the inside. Careful steering and thinking will be what determines if you get the best out of the bundle of power and energy that lie within your relationship.

MARS square PLUTO

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

world, where it will be easier to provoke confrontations than come to a compromise. Although you may feel a sense of power with this aspect and have a serious inclination to use it, just keep in mind that the other guy may be just as well armed — and a cooler and more deliberate shot.

MARS square ASCENDANT

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You have something of a tiger by the tail here, in that your energies may be difficult to contain and you will have to chase them all over the place to keep them in control. When this energy has no place to go in a focused fashion, it can break out into all kinds of trouble: annoyance, arguments, accidents, you name it. Therefore you will want to have something to do all the time, even if it is make-work, so that the excess energy will be soaked up safely. Keep it aimed outward, so you don't wind up firing at each other, and you will be OK. Ultimately, the name of the game is learning that you don't have to be doing something to be alive and that action doesn't necessarily mean that you're getting anything accomplished. Don't shoot at every thing you see — in fact, wait until you see the whites of their eyes. This aspect is one of unfocused, physical energy churning along without a clear purpose, like a young martial arts student who has not yet learned to be still before striking. Ultimately, you will learn to be still, then strike; but in the meantime make sure you have available punching bags to take it out on and that the punching bags aren't each other.

SATURN in SECOND HOUSE

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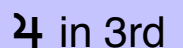
This is a difficult position for Saturn if you want to make a lot of money together, because it suggests that you will have to make the most out of the least. That actually means that if you persevere and act accordingly you can turn pennies into millions, but only after you get the technique, which might take some time in fine tuning. It can have a two-fold effect, in actual practice. It can make you very conservative about financial affairs and very penny-pinching, or you can go the opposite way and give up on the physical world and have little care for what you have or what you make. Probably a course somewhere in the middle is preferable but you're more likely to swing one way or the other in actual practice. In general, expect to develop strategies against not having as much financial resources as you would like. Is there a lesson here? Very much so — boom or bust is very much a state of mind and not nearly so dependent on reality as you might think, something this position teaches. Often you will find that no matter how much you have, it is not enough, and it is your expectations that require trimming. Your interior resources are the ones you must eventually fall back on and be content with, whatever the state of your bank balance.

SATURN trine PLUTO



There can be a certain fortress like quality to this relationship, which can have both advantages and disadvantages, particularly if other planets aspect either Saturn or Pluto. Saturn's solidity and Pluto's menacing implacability linked arm in arm make for a formidable foe and an awesome defense. The problem will be not becoming a prisoner of your own defenses. If there are difficult aspects to either Saturn or Pluto, you can get tied up in negativity or combativeness which will be exacerbated by the sheer power of the forces involved. Well-aspected, this gives you an overwhelming toughness and determination that will allow you to survive the most extreme onslaughts. In the business world, this can make you hard-ball players of major league proportions, tough as nails and able to stare down your competitors until they cut and run. On the personal front you have to make very sure that this aspect gets used only against the outside world and never against each other, as you could find yourselves in gridlock, frozen into place emotionally because neither of you will give in and each is convinced of an ultimately winning position. If you don't agree, agree to disagree and move on, or the whole relationship can grind to a halt.

JUPITER in THIRD HOUSE



You will find that very often the words and ideas you create together fly faster than you or anyone else can keep up with. There's something about being together that sets communication in gear and once you get started it may be hard to stop. This will make you great facilitators in business and do well in media, advertising, public relations and anywhere else where creativity gives you the edge. It will also allow you a very high degree of personal rapport and a desire to get to the heart of what the other has to say, and vice versa, rather than hiding from each other which is so often the case. In fact you may find that you have run out of personal secrets to tell each other before you know it, and you can find that self-revelation when done too expeditiously can trivialize its subject matter, so when you have something really meaningful to say to each other, linger on it and don't rush past until you've really felt it out. However, the nature of your relationship is always having something good and creative to say about any situation, so even the darkest moments will show their bright sides, not only for you yourselves but for those around you who will appreciate the cheer and positive thinking they could use a lot more of. When there is a good word to be said, you're likely the ones to say it.

JUPITER square URANUS

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There are times when this can be a wild and crazy relationship, indeed, sometimes a bit more so than might be desired. Originality is at a premium here, and you may outdo each other in the attempt to be newer, stranger, and more outside of the mold. There is nothing wrong with being different, but doing it for its own sake defeats the purpose of the act. That is where you must be careful and make your judgment call on the conservative side, as alien to you as that may seem. Part of the problem is that when you venture outside of the ordinary, you must do so for a reason, and one which is clear and compelling. There are plenty of them, so pick and choose accordingly, but don't push it when you don't have a specific reason to do so. It is difficult enough to get new truths accepted without being subjected to the accusation of crying wolf too many times. Restrain the inclination to go for the road less traveled unless you have good reason to believe it is going to take you where you want to go. Knee-jerk radicals are just as dysfunctional as knee-jerk conservatives. If there is a prescription here, it is stop and think. Don't follow your first instinct, because it will get you in trouble, but develop a new one which will truly serve the purposes of both of you.

JUPITER square ASCENDANT

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There is a certain amount of excess in this relationship that you may want to restrain from time to time, although this generates a great deal of enthusiasm about what you are and what you do. You are likely to be gung-ho about each other and whatever it is that your relationship becomes identified with, which can give you a lot of pleasure and will make you noticed wherever you go together. You will perhaps make your points a bit too strong and a bit too long, which not only wastes your personal resources in repeating yourselves when you should have gone on to something else, it also can have the reverse of the effect intended and turn people off. Essentially, once you've sold someone your bill of goods, drop the sales pitch and move on. It can be deceptively difficult to do this, as once you get caught up in your spiel, it's difficult to turn off the spigot, because you really care about what you are putting across and enjoy doing so. Nevertheless, temper your passion with moderation, and you'll find the energy you save mounts up and allows you the potential to move on to yet newer and more exciting territory which you might not have had the energy to explore otherwise. Economy of motion is highly to be desired.

PLUTO in SIXTH HOUSE

♄ in 6th

It can be difficult to resist the motivation to be constantly doing something, creating busywork and a host of tasks even when they are not particularly necessary or relevant to the matter at hand. One might call it incipient workaholism, where you maintain your personal power and control by thinking you are doing something to effect it. This is, of course, not a bad position for a professional relationship as it will tend to make for success, and successful or not, you will get the job done — maybe ten times over. Nevertheless, it is also a waste of resources and firepower to do more than is necessary to get where you want to go. Once the car has arrived, turn the engine off. The emotional resistance to doing just that may be the crux of some of your difficulties. On the non-professional side, this sort of thing can drive you individually and jointly crazy because it may be difficult to just sit still and enjoy each other's company without feeling compelled to be doing something about it. Somehow, if it doesn't take a struggle, it's not worth having, and if you're struggling to get it you can't take the time to enjoy it. This, when it happens, is an expression of the need to control your environment and each other, and the sooner you give it up, the better. Not that you should resign yourselves to helplessness, but rather realize that keeping control is not necessarily an active affair but an inner knowledge of how much control you really have and how you fit into your surroundings. Do what you can, and let the environment work for you, not the other way around.

PLUTO opposite ASCENDANT

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You are bound to have powerful feelings about your relationship and however it turns out, it will not be lightweight. You are together to transform yourselves in some special fashion, to make basic inner changes which will require the destruction and rebuilding of how you have structured your personalities. This has a compulsive, must-do feeling about it that can draw you like moths to a flame, and it can come replete with the fear of what will happen when you are consumed by it. Although this is, in the end, a natural inner process, it can have all kinds of external manifestations as both fear and extreme attraction do. In a sexual relationship, sex can become all-consuming and may be pushed to the limits by one or both of you. In a professional relationship, there can be cutthroat competition, even when it is on a friendly basis, with the fear of losing making the game far less enjoyable to play. Love or hate, win or lose, if you stay with this you will not be the same when you look back at yourselves from down the road, and it will have been a very intense ride along the way. What you offer each other here is the life and death experience reflected in just living together, a reflection of the

heights and depths of human experience. When the going gets too heavy, however, remember that it is just a reflection, and that this, too, will pass.

NEPTUNE in SEVENTH HOUSE

♆ in 7th

The nature of the equality of the two of you within this relationship is very idealistic and you are likely to strive to balance each other to perfection. As an ideal, this is a worthy concept, but implementing it may be another can of worms, because there will always be some way in which the two of you are not equal and cannot live up to your mutual expectations. When you do not, disappointment may ensue and the problems, small though they might actually be, can easily get blown out of proportion. When you can be content to get it close enough and live with whatever inequalities you can't get rid of, this, too, will pass. It's the kind of relationship that can sometimes dominate you both with the demand to be more than you can be. Just remember that it's there to serve the two of you, not the other way around. Outside the relationship you are likely to find yourselves attracted to rather sensitive and idealistic people, who can either be a rich resource to you or sometimes, by the nature of their very sensitivity, become a drain on the resources you already have. This can come by way of dependencies placed upon you which makes you seem like the stronger parties, but in fact enslaves you to another's needs. Keep an eye out for sycophants who can drag you down with demands made upon your sympathies.

NORTH NODE in NINTH HOUSE

♁ in 9th

Where the north and south nodes of the Moon fall, there you will find the areas where you have to take up personal responsibilities and commitments (in the case of the north node) and where rewards and surprises you have little control over appear (in the case of the south). To a certain extent they represent the lessons you have come together to learn, particularly falling as they do in the ninth and third houses. Thus it will be important for you to grasp the large, important concepts and philosophies that deal with life and death and how the universe is arranged. In fact, it is likely you will naturally gravitate in this direction and make important decisions based not so much on practical considerations but on principle and what you believe to be right. This may cause you extra burdens in the short run and perhaps a bit of strain on the relationship, but the self-satisfaction you will both feel when all is said and done will be worth it. The added result will be that much of the confusion of the details around you gets cleared up, and you may find you see order where you previously thought there was none. Nevertheless, beware of the illusion of control, especially where communications are concerned, because surprises will be the order of the day which will

rearrange your data base from time to time, though often as not for the better.