

Complete Relationship Report

for
Sam & Suzie Sample

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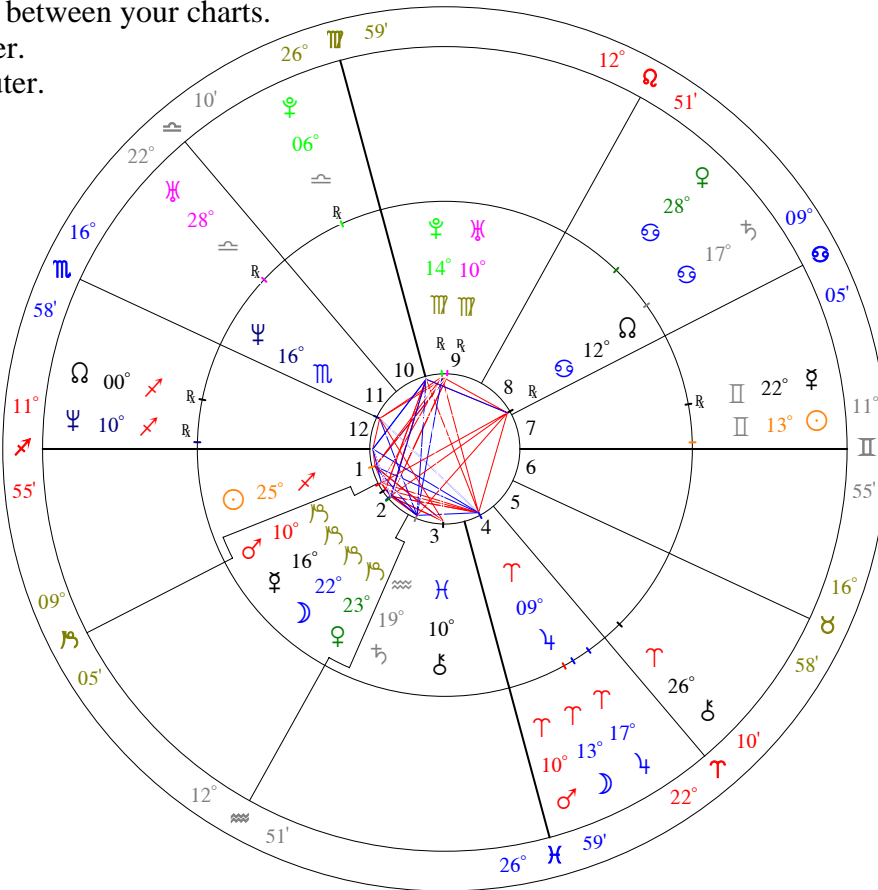
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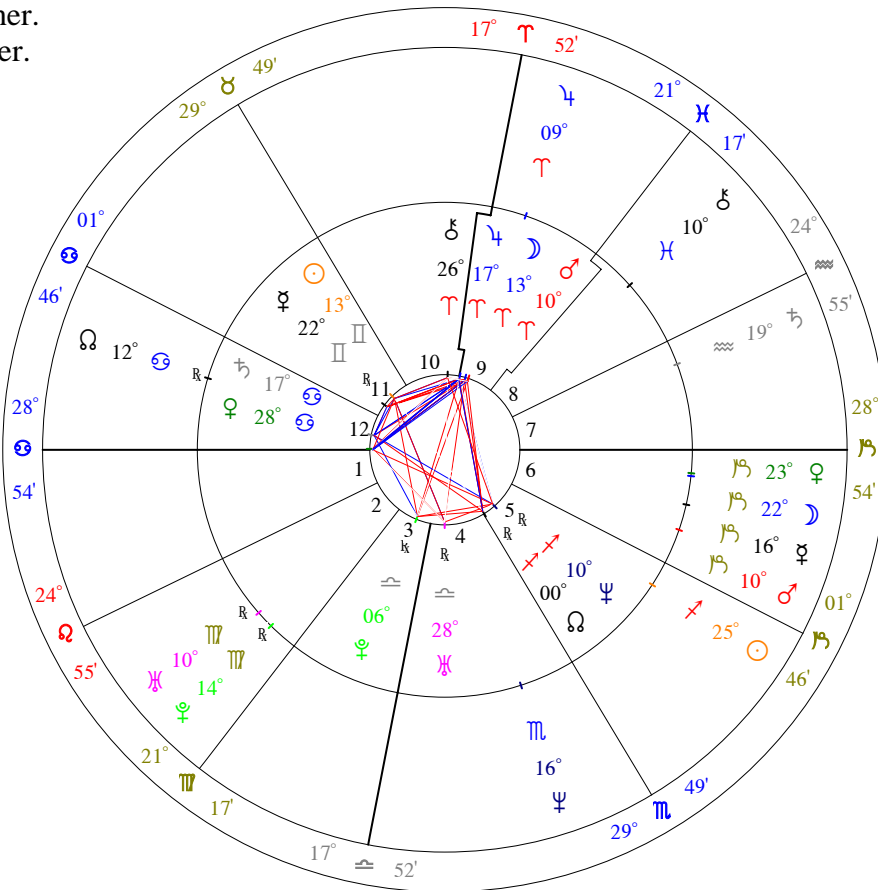
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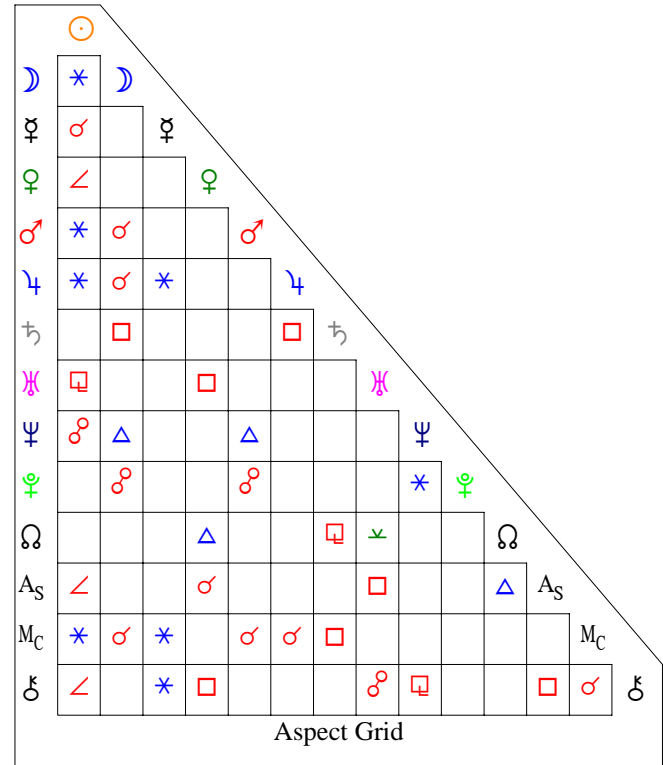
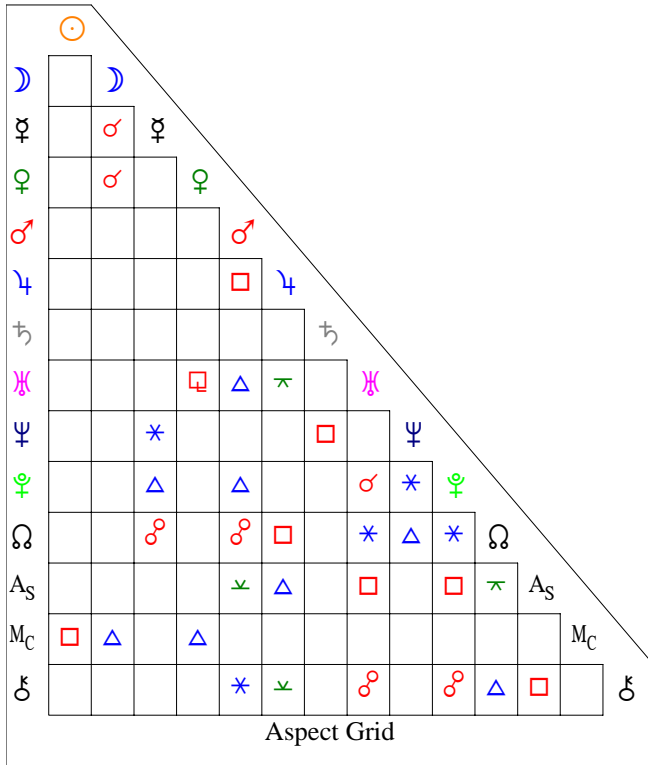
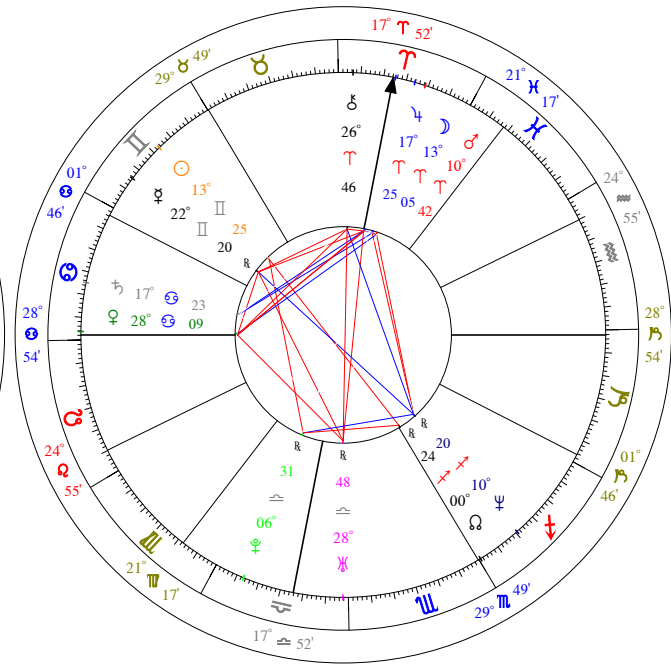
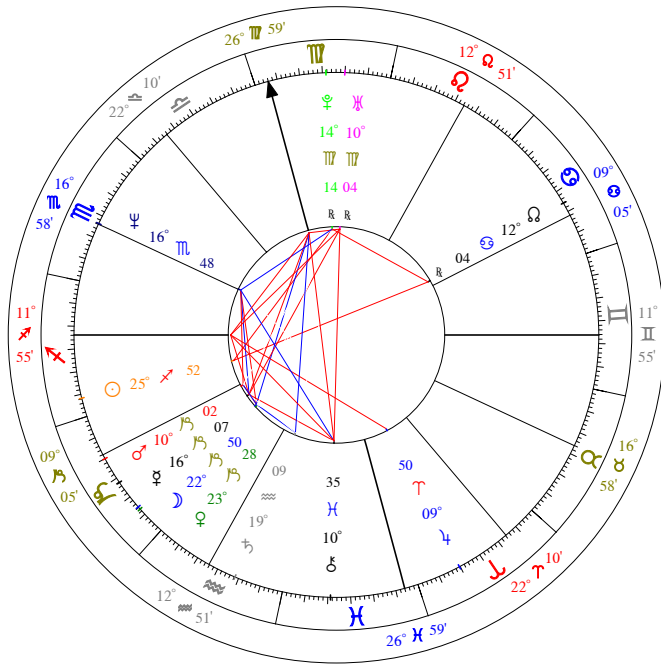
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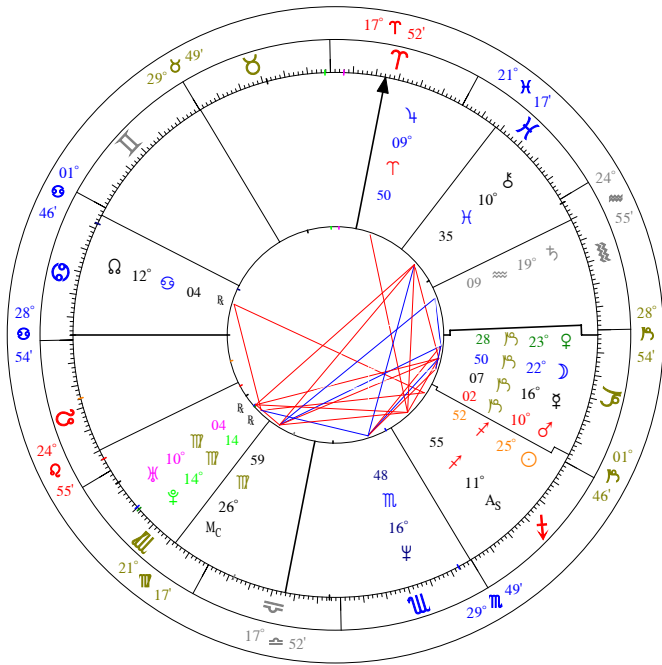


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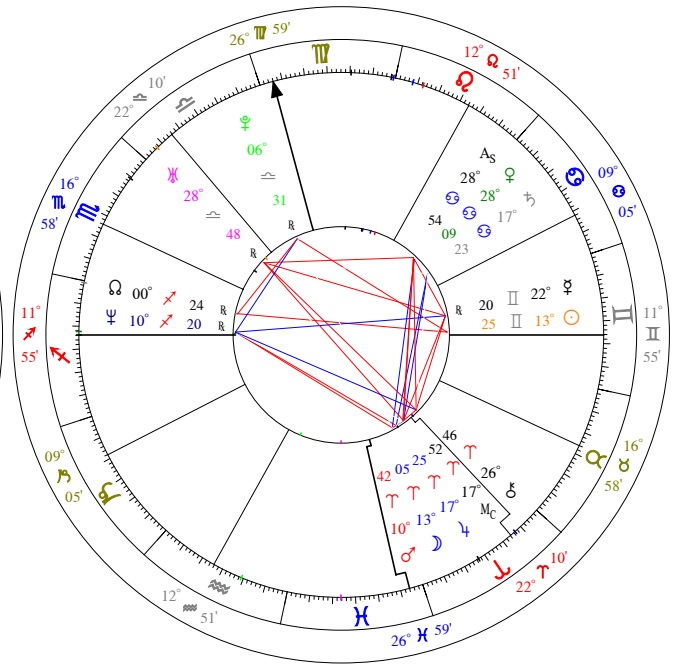
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Sam Sample's Planets in Suzie Sample's houses.



Suzie Sample's Planets in Sam Sample's houses.



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Composite Chart Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉	Sun	is in ♃ Pisces	19° 38' 31"	-23° 23' 00"
☾	Moon	is in ♃ Pisces	2° 57' 29"	-22° 34' 00"
☿	Mercury	is in ♈ Aries	4° 13' 07"	-24° 12' 00"
♀	Venus	is in ♎ Libra	25° 48' 45"	-23° 03' 00"
♂	Mars	is in ♒ Aquarius	25° 22' 01"	-24° 02' 00"
♃	Jupiter	is in ♈ Aries	13° 37' 45"	+ 2° 38' 00"
♄	Saturn	is in ♉ Taurus	3° 15' 56"	-16° 13' 00"
♅	Uranus	is in ♎ Libra	4° 26' 03"	+ 8° 31' 00"
♆	Neptune	is in ♏ Scorpio	28° 34' 16"	-15° 12' 00"
♇	Pluto	is in ♍ Virgo	25° 22' 33"	+18° 58' 00"
♁	N. Node	is in ♍ Virgo	21° 14' 13"	+22° 54' 00"
A _S	Ascendant	is in ♎ Libra	6° 48' 45"	- 2° 42' 00"
M _C	Midheaven	is in ♋ Cancer	7° 25' 41"	+23° 14' 00"
♁	Chiron	is in ♈ Aries	3° 40' 25"	- 3° 05' 00"

Composite Aspects

☉ Sun	is	∠	Semisquare	♄ Saturn	The orb is	1° 23'
☉ Sun	is	♁	Opposite	♇ Pluto	The orb is	5° 44'
☉ Sun	is	♁	Opposite	♊ N. Node	The orb is	1° 36'
☾ Moon	is	♊	Semisextile	☿ Mercury	The orb is	1° 16'
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☾ Moon	is	♎	Quincunx	♅ Uranus	The orb is	1° 29'
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♄ Chiron is ☐ Square ♀ Midheaven The orb is 3° 45'

Composite Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire	: ♀ ♃ ♂	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 5
Earth	: ♁ ♀ ♁	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 3
Air	: ♀ ♂ ♃ A _S	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 13
Water	: ☾ ♁ ♃ M _C	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 15
Cardinal	: ♀ ♀ ♃ ♃ A _S M _C ♂	Total = 7	Weighted Score = 17
Fixed	: ♂ ♁ ♃ ♃	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 6
Mutable	: ☾ ♁ ♃ ♁	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 13

Weights Used Above

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

Synastry Aspects

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☾ Moon	is ☿	Opposite	♄ Saturn	The orb is 5° 27'
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A Comparison of Your Charts

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

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

What You'll Find in This Report

In this report you'll find sections on:

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

What Each of You Seeks in a Relationship

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

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

Sam Sample

Sam Sample's Chart Positions

	Planet		Sign		Longitude			Declination		
☉	Sun	is in	♐ Sagittarius	25°	51'	42"	-23°	23'	00"	
☾	Moon	is in	♑ Capricorn	22°	49'	52"	-22°	34'	00"	
☿	Mercury	is in	♑ Capricorn	16°	06'	32"	-24°	12'	00"	
♀	Venus	is in	♑ Capricorn	23°	28'	11"	-23°	03'	00"	
♂	Mars	is in	♑ Capricorn	10°	01'	35"	-24°	02'	00"	
♃	Jupiter	is in	♈ Aries	9°	50'	03"	+ 2°	38'	00"	
♄	Saturn	is in	♒ Aquarius	19°	08'	39"	-16°	13'	00"	
♅	Uranus	is in	♍ Virgo	10°	04'	05"	+ 8°	31'	00"	
♆	Neptune	is in	♏ Scorpio	16°	48'	10"	-15°	12'	00"	
♇	Pluto	is in	♍ Virgo	14°	13'	41"	+18°	58'	00"	
♊	N. Node	is in	♋ Cancer	12°	04'	24"	+22°	54'	00"	
♌	Ascendant	is in	♐ Sagittarius	11°	54'	31"	-22°	13'	00"	
♍	Midheaven	is in	♍ Virgo	26°	58'	55"	+ 1°	12'	00"	
♎	Chiron	is in	♓ Pisces	10°	34'	40"	- 3°	05'	00"	

Sam's Way of Relating

Your Basic Personality Type

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

You have many planets in Fire signs or houses.

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

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

You have many planets in Earth signs or houses.

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

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

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

The relative lack of the Air element in your chart suggests that you tend to have little patience with people who are vague and abstract in their communications. You want people to get quickly to the point. Preferring action to words, you want to see progress, not listen to or create elaborate plans. Because of this, you may find it difficult to visualize the general overview of any project. Perhaps you could join forces with someone who can guide you along the correct path while you concentrate on small segments of it. You may have to suffer through some seemingly unnecessary verbiage, but if you attain your goal, it will all seem worthwhile.

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

You seldom rely on your intuition to guide you through life. Also, because you don't easily express emotion, you may not seem very sensitive to others. Contrary to popular belief, however, you do have feelings. You just don't have universal compassion, nor are you comfortable in emotional situations. Therefore, emotional outbursts are not the way to reach you. In fact, if someone tries to get your attention with tears or anger, you'll quickly turn off. If you pick a compassionate partner, you may have to tolerate a little demonstrativeness, but you also may learn to express your own feelings better.

You have many planets in Cardinal signs or houses.

Your chart's emphasis on the Cardinal signs indicates that you tend to enjoy getting involved in situations, and usually don't wait for others to initiate things. You may sometimes think that you'd like a quieter life, but if there's too much peace and quiet, you start to stir things up.

You have few planets in Fixed signs or houses.

You may not always follow through to the bitter end, and you could be accused of being undirected. If you look too far ahead, you could feel so overwhelmed that you either stop what you're doing or never begin. One way to ensure completion is to concentrate on the task at hand. It's also good to have a partner who will help you to focus and to finish what you start.

If all else fails, and your critics become extremely vocal, point out how agreeable you are. Remind them that you're either puttering around on your own (Cardinal) or going along with their ideas (Mutable), or possibly both.

You have many planets in Mutable signs or houses.

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

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

Sagittarius and/or Ninth-House symbolism is especially strong.

You have a strong desire to grow and develop, and you enjoy stretching your boundaries and acquiring new information. Stretching your boundaries can be interpreted both figuratively (reaching beyond your personal limitations) and literally (as a love of travel, or an attraction to people from foreign countries). To pursue your quest, you need a good deal of freedom. Therefore, even in the most intimate relationship, you need some space of your own. While it's true that you like to associate with people who are intelligent and mentally stimulating and with whom you can share activities such as distant travel, you will sometimes have a need to go solo.

Capricorn and/or Tenth-House symbolism is especially strong.

You are ambitious and possibly status-conscious, and should you so desire, you have the ability to organize and run the world. Add to this your strong sense of duty, and you can understand why you're able to work long and hard to attain success. Unfortunately, making use of all of these fine qualities can cause you to miss out on some of the pleasures of life, which may sometimes seem frivolous to you but can be so enjoyable when you experience them. You would do well to be with some dependable person who can help you to shoulder your responsibilities. Of course, we know that no one can do it as well as you, but perhaps you can start by sharing inconsequential tasks (with thorough instruction, naturally). This will give you time to lighten up and enjoy the rewards that your hard work deserves.

Your Sun is in Sagittarius.

Outgoing and full of enthusiasm, you like to have a good time, and you enjoy being with those who also like fun and games. But your enthusiasm sometimes gets you into trouble. It can cause you to speak before you think, so that you can hurt other people's feelings without realizing it. Some may describe you as honest and refreshing, but those who've been the object of your remarks might think of you as tactless.

You can tell whether you've hurt someone's feelings by noting their response. It could be verbal, in the form of a sharp retort, or physical, through a hurt or angry facial expression or some other kind of body language. If you become sensitive to these responses, you can use your sense of humor to come back quickly with a joke or in some other way alleviate the tension. A partner who stays with you in spite of your tactlessness must have learned that you can change your mind in five minutes. You just tend to think out loud. Or, possibly, he or she finds that your frankness adds to your charm. Still, it wouldn't be a bad idea for you to try to be a little more considerate.

One of your strengths is a strong desire to grow and develop. Learning appeals to you, and you could consider yourself the perennial student. You may choose to learn through formal education, distant travel or interaction with others.

Because you're always looking for ways to broaden yourself, you may be drawn to partners who are from a different background than your own. This is an excellent way to gather information about other cultures and points of view. It is not, however, necessary to form a liaison with someone from a foreign country. You may just want someone to travel with, or a person with whom you can share your philosophical and religious views.

The crucial thing for you in a partnership is that you grow because of the association. Although you want to develop with and through your partner, however, you probably don't want 24-hour-a-day togetherness. You need some freedom and space.

Nevertheless, you should have at least one activity that you share, because if you don't have any interests in common you could grow in different directions and ultimately have nothing to hold the relationship together. The activities that you're involved in jointly can help form the bond between you. Also, when you're together, discuss your separate experiences. You'll then have your freedom, your togetherness and your personal development, and both of you will be enriched.

Your Moon is in Capricorn.

This position of your Moon suggests that you have a strong sense of duty and may do things because you're supposed to, not always because you want to. This sense of duty may be directed in part toward your mother if she's around, or you may have learned to do your duty either by your mother's example or by the lack of it. Your mother may have been a responsible, take-charge sort of person, and you may be following in her footsteps. Alternatively, she may have had difficulty coping and needed help, so that you had to learn to take care of her and her responsibilities. Either way, you ended up becoming a reliable and responsible person. This is particularly so when you make a commitment—especially an emotional commitment.

The image you'd like to project to the outer world is one of emotional steadfastness, not gushiness. You may therefore be emotionally undemonstrative in public, and get embarrassed when someone shows you affection in front of other people. (We will not, however, comment on how you might behave in the privacy of your own home. . . .We'll let your partner do that!) You can discuss feelings more easily if it's done not in an emotional manner, but rather from a practical perspective. Instead of using tears or anger, your partner will be more likely to reach you with concrete examples and suggestions. You might also become more demonstrative if there are good enough reasons.

One of your more useful attributes is your ability to take charge when an emergency arises. You can keep your head even when those around you are losing theirs. This is because the practical side of your nature automatically responds in emotional situations. You tend to do the logical thing without stopping to think about it. You may later analyze what you did and figure out how you could have done better, but considering how quickly you responded, no one would have expected more from you.

Not only can you handle critical situations well, you'll also usually come through dependably in everyday situations. If you've made a commitment or feel that something is your responsibility, you'll be inclined to keep the promises you make and take care of matters that you say you'll handle. You may not move as quickly as you do in emergencies, but eventually you'll take care of your duties.

All of this should somewhat compensate your partner even if you're not as emotionally demonstrative as he or she would like. One way in which you *can* comfortably show your feelings is through material gifts. Giving something special, and possibly expensive, is known to make many a partner feel loved. You can also show your thoughtfulness by doing things to care for your partner's practical needs. Also, while you may not be publicly demonstrative, you may well compensate for this by being unexpectedly silly and affectionate in private.

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

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

You have Sagittarius rising.

You approach the world with a questing spirit, and may have a thirst for knowledge which is best quenched through education or travel. You like to explore, and love the thought of adventure. To pursue such interests, you need a certain amount of freedom, which makes you seek out people who can "go with the flow." You're not looking for a partner who will try to saddle you with heavy responsibilities, but rather someone who can move along with you, and at least occasionally let you move along alone.

In this search for knowledge or adventure, you may sometimes operate independently and forget to consider the other person. If you only develop your own interests and permit your partner to do the same, you could eventually discover that the two of you have so little left in common that there's not much to hold the relationship together. Though you each need your individual interests, to make the relationship meaningful you also need some togetherness. Work on sharing at least one activity. For example, you probably both enjoy travel. Your partner might prefer short trips and you long, but if you compromise and do some of both, each of you can be happy.

Even though you like to roam freely, you do have a flexibility that enables you to make compromises to honor your partner's wishes. If you're too adaptable, however, you might feel that you've built your relationship upon shifting sands. People like you do need just a bit of stability. Your solution is to base your partnership on an established philosophy of life. This philosophy should be broad enough to encompass operating in the immediate environment (which your partner needs) as well as in the wider and less practical ones (which you need). Then, as issues arise in your relationship, you'll have a joint philosophy against which to weigh your decisions. This should provide guidance without making you feel too limited.

Although you and your partner may both have an intellectual curiosity, your partner's is probably more quickly and easily satisfied than yours. Your partner may be more interested in grasping the bare bones of something, while you may want to understand the essence and all the ramifications. Because of the differences in your attitude and approach to intellectual matters, your partner may view you as long-winded, and you may think of your partner as superficial. But there's something you can learn from each other. You can broaden your partner's perspective, if you do it in small doses, remembering that your partner probably doesn't have the patience to digest too much information at one sitting. And your partner may convince you that the abridged version has its place, too.

Your Specific Relationship Needs

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

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

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

Flirting and Courting

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

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

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

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

Aries is on your Fifth-House cusp.

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

Taurus is within the Fifth House.

As the relationship progresses, you'll start to concentrate on more long-lasting goals. You may increasingly want your romantic partner to be dependable, trustworthy and totally yours. In return, you'll tend to behave this way also, so that in your ideal romance the reliability and fidelity go both ways. Also, sensual pleasure—enjoying anything you can see, taste, smell, hear or touch—becomes increasingly important, so that you want someone who will indulge you and also whom you can indulge.

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

The planet that's traditionally associated with the sign on the Fifth-House cusp brings in additional considerations. Placed in the Second House, it means that security could be an important issue even in the courtship stage. The idea of belonging to each other really appeals to you, and so you're hardly frivolous in your romantic attachments. In fact, the idea of belonging could be so strong that possessiveness might enter the picture if you feel insecure. You also will view the relationship realistically, evaluating it from a practical perspective. Even if other factors in your chart indicate that you have a vivid imagination, you won't spend a lot of time fantasizing about your romance because material considerations are never totally out of the picture.

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

Becoming Partners

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

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

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

Gemini is on your Seventh-House cusp.

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

The sign Cancer is within the Seventh House.

For you, nurturing is also important in any long-term partnership. If just one of you is doing the mothering, however, the other may end up playing the child. Too much mothering can make the partner who is performing the role of child feel smothered, and this can lead to tantrums or perhaps the desire to escape the overbearing "parent."

If this is happening, try giving each other some tender, loving care. Then you can take turns playing mother and child. If you feel that you're doing all the protecting, let your partner know what your needs are. Let your partner see your vulnerability, and ask for some reassurance and security. If it is your partner who is doing all the mothering and you're the one who's feeling smothered, try nurturing your partner and you may feel that the stranglehold is released.

Mercury, the ruler of your Seventh House, is in the Second

In your chart the planet that is traditionally associated with the sign on your Seventh-House cusp is placed in the Second House. This suggests that you want a marriage founded on security, financial and emotional. As a couple you'll put much energy into creating a sound financial base. You see yourselves as a team, dealing with the practical aspects of life, and building a secure foundation for living. The possessions you accumulate together become the material expression of your relatedness, and contemplating them may remind you of your closeness and love. More than most people, you feel that you belong to each other. When this becomes excessive, you may have to curb your emotional possessiveness and remember to see your partner as more than a prized possession.

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

Entwining Your Souls

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

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

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

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

The sign Cancer is on your Eighth-House cusp.

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

The sign Leo is within the Eighth House.

There's also a stagey and flamboyant side to your sex life. Since you're going to be the star of the show, the entire production may need to be planned. You want the setting to be just right: romantic and inviting, perhaps even lavish. You may not be able to write the entire script, but at the very least you want a partner who adores or at least appreciates you. You could be missing a large audience to applaud your efforts, but with the right co-star, background and props, your sex life should be glorious!

The Moon, the ruler of your Eighth House, is in the Second

The placement of your Eighth-House ruler in the Second House suggests that for you, good sex is strongly connected with your sense of security. The more insecure you are, the more effort you'll put into sex. If there are any difficulties with your sexual partner, this could affect not only your feeling of security but also your self-worth. As in most relationship matters, it takes two to participate and two to keep it going. Don't take sole credit for your sexual successes, but also don't take total blame for your failures. By analyzing any problems with your partner, you each can find ways of enhancing your sex life together.

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

How Each of You Sees Your Partner

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

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

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

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

Sam's Overall View of Suzie

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seeing Suzie through the Lens of Your Houses

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

Suzie's Sun is in your Seventh House.

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

Suzie's Moon is in your Fourth House.

This placement could mean that you see Suzie as taking a mothering role, or you find that she is prone to emotional outbursts at home. Though the outer world may see this person as calm or stable, when you're in your nest together, feelings come pouring out. It is good to have emotional freedom in your private life, but if you sometimes wonder why you have to bear the brunt of all this, the answer is that you don't. If this behavior happens often, it may be because your partner is feeling insecure and needs some tender, loving care. If you provide some nurturing, you might not only make your partner happier, you might also get some mothering in return.

Suzie's Mercury is in your Seventh House.

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

Suzie's Venus is in your Eighth House.

Suzie's looks or general attractiveness and sexy, affectionate manner may really turn you on. In fact, she may be so desirable in this area that you want to keep it a secret. You could fear that, if someone else finds out, she could be stolen away. And, in your worst nightmares, you could see her as being *willingly* stolen. Instead of ruining this heaven with worrying, take each moment of enjoyment as it comes. Freely give back what you're getting, and Suzie could have such a good time that there's no need for her to look elsewhere.

Suzie's Mars is in your Fourth House.

Suzie may be particularly energetic at home, or you could see her as the one who directs activities in that area. As long as the two of you are working together, you probably won't resent being directed, but if your partner bosses you around and/or doesn't help with the chores that you're being ordered to do, you could view her as a dictator and become angry. You might thrive on such arguments, but if you don't, the key to righting the situation hinges on both of you keeping busy at home. There will be less inclination to fight, and your house will be in better condition because of the work you've each done.

Suzie's Jupiter is in your Fourth House.

Suzie may either make your home environment more enjoyable and cheer you up while you're there, or be extravagant and prone to excesses in household matters. Or you may experience both sides. For example, she might decide to throw a party, but feel that in order for it to be successful, it must be lavish. You both have a wonderful time and your guests talk about it for months, but you also spend months paying for it. If you're rich, no problem, but if you aren't, you might have to consider if the pleasure was worth the expenditure. One compromise might be to entertain lavishly only occasionally, and not have a second party before you've paid for the first.

Suzie's Saturn is in your Eighth House.

Suzie may either seem a bit sexually inhibited herself, or make you feel that way. Another possibility is that you feel that your sex life could use more excitement and innovation. However, this placement can also mean serious commitment, so that you can probably count on your partner to be faithful. Although your sexual routine may sometimes seem boring, predictability and habit can lead to security, and a feeling of security often improves one's sex life. As you both feel more secure, your sex life can become a gratifying manifestation of the strong bond between you.

Suzie's Uranus is in your Eleventh House.

Even though she may not be a joiner or one who enjoys large gatherings, when you do appear together in groups Suzie will probably stand out from the crowd. At times she may be enthusiastic about going, and may have a wonderful time. There may be other times when she refuses to go to meetings or parties, or, when once there, she suddenly decides to leave. If you're unnerved by the uncertainty of her response to invitations, or you feel isolated from others because she won't socialize at all, there are ways to get cooperation. One possibility is to tempt her with the prospect of intellectually stimulating company. Another is to find a group that advocates a humanitarian cause to which she can relate. If it involves revolutionary activity, she may willingly become active in the group, and you'll have more of a social life together.

Suzie's Neptune is in your Twelfth House.

Suzie could subtly bring out your mystical qualities, and/or you may have a telepathic communication with each other. She could have the ability to tap into your subconscious, so that your thoughts need not be spoken. This, of course, could create a strong bond between you. But in any case where your subconscious mind is being probed, you should be aware that it's only a short step from reading your mind to planting ideas there. So be sensitive to the possibility of being manipulated, as well as of doing some manipulation yourself.

Suzie's Pluto is in your Tenth House.

If you and Suzie share a career, power struggles might be an issue you have to deal with. You might feel that she's always bossing you around and trying to take total charge. It may be that you don't mind this, because, while she's running the show, you're given the freedom to be totally in charge of what you contribute. If you resent her attitude, think about what you'd like to be in charge of, and set up a meeting. At that time, thoroughly analyze which areas you each want to control. Both of you may get what you want without a struggle.

Even if you don't share a career, your partner may still try and tell you what to do and when to do it. But in this case, you won't have to work so diligently. You can merely smile, say thank you, go to work, and do as you please.

Suzie's North Node is in your Twelfth House.

Suzie Sample

Suzie Sample's Chart Positions

	Planet		Sign	Longitude			Declination		
☉	Sun	is in	♊ Gemini	13°	25'	20"	+22°	25'	00"
☾	Moon	is in	♈ Aries	13°	05'	06"	+ 8°	46'	00"
☿	Mercury	is in	♊ Gemini	22°	19'	41"	+21°	47'	00"
♀	Venus	is in	♋ Cancer	28°	09'	20"	+22°	58'	00"
♂	Mars	is in	♈ Aries	10°	42'	27"	+ 2°	43'	00"
♃	Jupiter	is in	♈ Aries	17°	25'	28"	+ 5°	45'	00"
♄	Saturn	is in	♋ Cancer	17°	23'	12"	+22°	13'	00"
♅	Uranus	is in	♎ Libra	28°	48'	00"	-10°	32'	00"
♆	Neptune	is in	♏ Sagittarius	10°	20'	23"	-20°	25'	00"
♇	Pluto	is in	♎ Libra	6°	31'	25"	+13°	02'	00"
♁	N. Node	is in	♏ Sagittarius	0°	24'	02"	-20°	14'	00"
♌	Ascendant	is in	♋ Cancer	28°	53'	30"	+20°	23'	00"
♍	Midheaven	is in	♈ Aries	17°	52'	27"	+ 7°	01'	00"
♄	Chiron	is in	♈ Aries	26°	46'	09"	+10°	49'	00"

Suzie's Way of Relating

Your Basic Personality Type

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

You have many planets in Fire signs or houses.

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

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

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

When the element of Earth is low or lacking in your horoscope, it can mean that you are either impractical or not very interested in the material world. Thus you may be bored by down-to-earth details, or not able to handle them. In either case, it's helpful to have someone who can take care of the details for you. A partner who is too earthbound could be tiresome, but you, with your lack of earth, may be able to add a spark of inspiration. Anyway, try to be grateful for your partner's diligence, which allows you to feel less burdened.

You have many planets in Cardinal signs or houses.

Your chart's emphasis on the Cardinal signs indicates that you tend to enjoy getting involved in situations, and usually don't wait for others to initiate things. You may sometimes think that you'd like a quieter life, but if there's too much peace and quiet, you start to stir things up.

You have few planets in Fixed signs or houses.

You may not always follow through to the bitter end, and you could be accused of being undirected. If you look too far ahead, you could feel so overwhelmed that you either stop what you're doing or never begin. One way to ensure completion is to concentrate on the task at hand. It's also good to have a partner who will help you to focus and to finish what you start.

If all else fails, and your critics become extremely vocal, point out how agreeable you are. Remind them that you're either puttering around on your own (Cardinal) or going along with their ideas (Mutable), or possibly both.

Aries and/or First-House symbolism is especially strong.

Your attributes include warmth and enthusiasm. You eagerly start new projects, but may fail to follow through, which could give you a reputation for being undependable. Part of this comes from being impatient to see results, and part is simply because you lose interest. You're more likely to complete tasks if you attain immediate gratification and if you maintain a high level of enthusiasm. Build a reward system into your work plans so that you'll know that your efforts are worth your while. And fuel your enthusiasm by aligning yourself with people who praise you. Feeling appreciated gives you more energy and drive, so cultivate those positive comments by learning to accept them graciously.

Cancer and/or Fourth-House symbolism is especially strong.

You can be highly nurturing, and may enjoy feeding or tending to the other needs of those about whom you care. Although people may rely upon your strength and feel your sensitivity toward them, they may not recognize your own vulnerability and need for emotional support. This could be because you tend to show a tough exterior and keep your problems inside. If you feel neglected or mistreated, force yourself to ask for some small favor. This may lead to a greater interchange of nurturing, which could be more satisfying to both of you.

Another trait associated with the sign Cancer is the need for a secure home base. When conditions in your home are unsatisfactory, it is difficult to operate successfully in the world. Should this happen, put your house in order. Literally clean it out and put objects in their place. You may be surprised to see what an impact this can have on both your inner and outer life.

Your Sun is in Gemini.

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

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

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

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

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

Your Moon is in Aries.

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

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

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

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

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

And now we get to your "axis of relationship," which is formed by the Ascendant (or rising sign) and the Descendant, which is always directly opposite it. While the zodiacal sign that was rising when you were born describes the way that you present yourself to others, the opposite sign signifies the sort of partner you'll be drawn to and who will make you feel more complete. Any discussion of your rising sign (you) implies your setting sign (the partner who will complement you).

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

You have Cancer rising.

Having the Crab rising suggests that while you're deep-feeling, sensitive, and may easily be hurt, you tend to hide this from the outer world by retreating behind the safety of a tougher facade.

Indeed, when relating to others, you feel more secure and confident if you have a home base or some other protected place into which you can retreat from time to time. Therefore, having, or yourself creating, a secure and comfortable haven is essential for you to function in the world and relate to others. This desire for shelter and security could come out as a strong inclination to own a home or a piece of land, or to cling to one that you already have, particularly if it came from your family.

Not only does having a secure home space give you a feeling of safety, it also figures in the way you present yourself to others. While you yourself probably very much enjoy being in a comfortable, "homey" environment, you may also create this in order to draw others to you. For you, a home is, like your face and manner, part of your personal equipment for interfacing with others. This means that you tend to surround yourself with a welcoming atmosphere, not necessarily a grand or chic one, but simply a place where people can relax and feel nurtured and taken care of.

Indeed, nurturing is the other thing that characterizes your approach to others. No matter what your sex is, there's something motherly in the way you deal with the world. Your nurturing could take the form of words of wisdom or an affectionate pat or a strong desire to have and rear progeny, but it could also come out as an urge to care for animals or to help plants to grow.

One of the most common ways people nurture, however, is through food. You probably like to cook, or at least take some sort of special interest in the preparation and taste of food. Also, when you want to give someone something, food may be the present that usually comes into your mind. (It was probably a Cancer rising person who first thought up the idea that the way to a person's heart is through his stomach!)

You're so prone to equating food with affection and emotional support, that not only do you show your love by encouraging others to eat, you tend to overeat when you yourself are feeling hurt or unloved. This is because, for you, food is a way of bestowing love upon yourself. Your partner should watch for this tendency, and if you start to eat too much or too often, he or she should select such times to give you a hug. This will not only make you feel cared for, it may also keep you from overeating.

While food and shelter are the tangible ways through which you provide security, what you're essentially built to give others is emotional security and a sense of rootedness in family and tradition. In contrast, the partner who completes you would tend to provide material security – not only a financial base, but a secure relationship to society and the outside world. Your partner might also take care of many practical outer-world responsibilities, and offer some rules and structure to complement your emotional warmth and your tendency to be lenient and always to forgive human foibles.

Still, you'll probably shoulder many responsibilities around the home, and one of the ways you do your share might be by economizing on what you buy. Also, Cancerians are sometimes great savers. You may consider it your responsibility to hang on to items that you can re-use, or be inclined to store up food and other things in case there's a shortage some day. This is part of your Cancerian approach to life. Being surrounded by accumulations of almost any kind can add to the protective insulation around you and make you feel safer. While it can be useful up to a point, with some people this tendency to save goes beyond practicality. As with overeating, a tendency to over-accumulate can come from a feeling of being insecure and unloved, and help could come in the form of an extra measure of affection and protection from your mate.

In your urge to nurture and mother other people, you run the danger of doing too much for them, with the result that they become dependent on you. For example, the more you do, the more responsibilities a partner may leave to you. To avoid this, you need clearly to define the duties that each of you is supposed to perform. You may share certain duties, but establish the shared ones formally as well. Make these decisions together. It shouldn't be difficult, because a partner of yours is likely to naturally take to having some structure in the relationship.

Because of your strong attachment to the home, you may have a hard time leaving it. This could present a problem if your partner likes to travel. When traveling, you may feel better if, besides the necessities, you bring some of your dearest possessions and place them around the room you'll be sleeping in. This can help you to feel at home wherever you may be.

Your Specific Relationship Needs

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

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

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

Flirting and Courting

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

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

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

Scorpio is on your Fifth-House cusp.

Your romantic relationships are neither frivolous nor superficial. In fact, when you think of romance, it is most likely in terms of a grand passion. Even from the outset, you want to connect on a deeply emotional level. To you, a satisfying romance means sharing your innermost feelings, either verbally or otherwise. If you find this difficult to do, your romantic life suffers. Sex may provide such an emotional connection, but it must be deeply involving. Sex that is merely recreational won't do. It's also possible that you'll achieve this deep rapport with your beloved by going through dramatic life experiences together.

You tend to make a heavy emotional investment in an area that is meant to be a playful try-out for the real thing. Some kinds of partner may take your relationship more lightly than you do. You may find yourself analyzing the other's deepest motives, and becoming possessive or maybe even obsessive about your romantic connection. The more secure you feel in the relationship, however, the less likely you're to hold on so tightly. You may be able to live this house on a less emotionally demanding level by delving into some subject deeply together, or making a game of pooling some of your financial or other resources.

Sagittarius is within the Fifth House.

After you have begun to feel sufficiently secure in a romance (or have become exhausted by its emotional intensity) you'll probably relax your grip and begin to lighten up. Heavy emotional encounters may give way to learning things together, or to planning a big trip. Or, if your romantic partner wanted a bit more freedom, now you become more inclined to give it, because you yourself may be a bit restless and in search of more fun or intellectual stimulation in the world at large.

Capricorn is within the Fifth House.

The casual, pal-type relationship will eventually take on a more sober and practical cast. Going beyond just having good times together, you'll evaluate your romantic partner very practically, considering his or her position in the world, what he or she has to give you, and whether the connection is in general worth while. If your partner passes your scrutiny and makes a commitment to you, in return you'll be responsible and fulfill your obligations well.

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

The planet that's traditionally associated with the sign on the Fifth-House cusp brings in additional considerations. Placed in the Ninth House, it means that you want a romantic involvement that will help you to grow and develop. You might feel that you need more than one person to satisfy these needs. In fact, you might become bored if you stay with one individual for too long. So you could date a few people -- in series or simultaneously -- before you settle down.

Alternatively, you might simply be attracted to someone who's bright and mentally stimulating, or you may want to have your horizons broadened by a person from a land or culture different from your own. Although this placement puts emphasis on learning in the courtship period, it also indicates a strong desire for pleasure. Therefore, be sure to leave some time for pure fun.

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

Your Neptune is in the Fifth.

This is one of the “in love with love” indicators. You want perfection in romance, and you have the ability to pretend that it’s there. In fact, because of your vivid imagination, you may not be able to evaluate a romantic partner realistically. You’re more likely to see what you want to see.

If you spend a lot of time with any romantic partner, there will probably be periods when the flaws become glaring, and you won’t always be able to rationalize them away. You might then tend to become overly critical and get disenchanted with the relationship. It’s good to remind yourself that there’s no such thing as a perfect relationship. If they’re not too numerous, try to accept the imperfections, and focus on the lovelier things that you have together. If, however, the romantic haze lifts only to reveal that the assets are few, you might want to consider changing or dissolving the relationship and endeavor to start over with a more realistic approach.

Becoming Partners

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

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

Capricorn is on your Seventh-House cusp.

You want a partner who is reliable and possibly already established in the world. Therefore, your partner could be older than you. Or *you* might play the responsible role in the relationship, which could mean that you’re drawn to a partner who is younger and/or needs to be taken care of. It is not absolutely necessary, however, that there be an age differential in your partnership. The matter of responsibility is more important. Actually, what you need is a partner who will share in the responsibility and the commitment. If either of you tries to do it all alone, the responsible partner could feel burdened, and the irresponsible one could feel restricted. You’ll be far happier if you shoulder the responsibility together.

Aquarius is within the Seventh House.

Besides responsibility, you also need a degree of freedom within your intimate relationships, so 24-hour-a-day togetherness is not for you. Remember that both of you need to have some personal space, and that you should be allowed to maintain your individuality within the relationship. There’s also a strong possibility that your partner will be from a different background than your own, or will be non-conforming in some other way, either in appearance or ideas. If you support each other’s uniqueness instead of fighting or ignoring it, and each allow your partner some freedom, you could have a satisfying and stimulating partnership.

Saturn, the ruler of your Seventh House, is in the Twelfth

In your chart the planet that is traditionally associated with the sign on your Seventh-House cusp is placed in the Twelfth House. This suggests that despite any conventional ideas you have about what marriage is supposed to be, you may find yourself fearing that a close, committed relationship might confine and restrict you. If this is so, accept that this is part of your makeup. If you really do want to keep a long-term relationship going, there are ways to give yourself the space you need. One of you can have a job that involves travel, or you can maintain separate residences, or you can agree to have an open relationship. This feeling of restriction often comes from a fear of revealing yourself fully to your partner. Becoming comfortable with yourself and eventually daring to share your secrets can allow you to be more open and genuine with your partner and will deepen your intimacy.

Your marriage may have an element of secrecy in other ways: either the marriage is secret, or the two of you maintain your own secret world together. You may like to fantasize together, or you yourself may fantasize what you'd like marriage to be. Some couples with this placement both deepen and uplift their relationship by teaming up to help others.

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

Entwining Your Souls

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

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

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

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

Aquarius is on your Eighth-House cusp.

To you, sex can mean expressing your individuality. You may feel free and uninhibited in sex, or you could declare your independence by assuring yourself that you're no one's sex object. You want to be the partner who determines when and where sex happens. You could also combine the two possibilities, feeling liberated and unrestrained in sex, but only when you yourself are in the mood for it.

Pisces is within the Eighth House.

You are probably also looking for the perfect physical union. This is hard to find, so you may sometimes fantasize about sex and your partner. Using your imagination can enhance your sex life, but don't carry this to the point where you delude yourself. Also beware of being the partner who does all the giving. Emotional experiences need to be shared with someone who cares. Pick a sex partner who returns your deep feelings, and you won't have to play "let's pretend."

Saturn, the ruler of your Eighth House, is in the Twelfth

The placement of your Eighth-House ruler in the Twelfth House suggests that you may need a certain degree of fantasy in your sex life. You could yearn for the kind of sex described in novels, and if the actual circumstances fall short of your expectations, you might find yourself involved in a clandestine relationship. A secret sexual relationship can be exciting, but it can certainly complicate the rest of your life. Before going this route, try rekindling the flame of the partnership that drove you in that direction. To get a different perspective on your sexual relationship, you could go to an exotic place with your partner, or try candlelight, soft music and a bit of fantasy at home to create an atmosphere conducive to romance.

Because you have no planets in your Eighth House, your requirements for sex and deep emotional bonding are simpler than they might be. If one or more of your partner's planets falls into your Eighth, however, it can add some different themes as well as additional energy to your sex life.

How Each of You Sees Your Partner

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

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

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

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

Suzie's Overall View of Sam

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

Many of Sam's planets fall below your horizon.

With more of Sam's planets falling into the bottom half of your chart, you tend to see him as introverted. You view him as keeping a great deal inside, and not sharing it with you or anyone else. You may also see Sam as non-conforming, living by an inner standard and not particularly interested in what society thinks. If most of his planets fall in the lower half of his own chart, he may in fact be introverted. If this is true, trying to influence him by pointing to what others think is right or wrong may not work. Whether or not he's really as introverted as you think, appealing to Sam's integrity will probably be more effective.

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

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

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

Seeing Sam through the Lens of Your Houses

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

Sam's Sun is in your Fifth House.

If you have children together, you might see Sam as being warm and generous with them and possibly taking pride in what they do. However, if he feels unappreciated, what you may see is someone who's bossy and overbearing. If this is the case, try a little romance or stroking. Then you may see his warm and generous side in regard to the kids. Since the Fifth House is also the area of creativity, you may see Sam as very creative, whether or not the issue of children is relevant. If you think that he overshadows you in terms of creativity, you may feel that you lack talent and never try to do anything creative. If this is true, try some artistic endeavor together. If you cooperate with each other, Sam's ability may stimulate you to view yourself as being creative.

Sam's Moon is in your Sixth House.

You may feel appreciated because Sam is emotionally supportive and understanding of all the work you do. On the other hand, when you try to work together, emotions might run high or be inconsistent. For example, your emotions could be triggered by a difference of opinion on how to do a certain task. You may think that it's Sam who's having the outburst or is pushing your emotional buttons, but he may be just as convinced that you're the unstable one. To avoid such problems, you could work separately instead of together, either doing different tasks, or the same tasks at different times. Then, instead of the flack, you might get the support and appreciation that this placement promises.

Sam's Mercury is in your Sixth House.

You and Sam may talk a lot about how you handle your daily routine. This could take the form of his simply being interested in what you do. Or he might take a more active role and either tell you what you should be doing or help you to get more organized. Although Sam might have a great deal of advice to offer, however, there might be little practical assistance. If this happens often and you're tired of doing all the work, you can get him to take a more active role. When he starts to tell you how to perform a certain task, suggest that while you're being taught, he also show you how to do it. Either your daily routine will become easier, or your partner will stop giving you advice. Either alternative could be an improvement.

Sam's Venus is in your Sixth House.

Ideally, even the most tedious chores could become pleasant when you're doing them with Sam. When you're working together, you'd both be inclined to do things that make daily life more beautiful and harmonious. Also, you'd probably agree on how things should be done. If you do disagree, Sam would probably go along with what you wanted in order to keep the peace.

But there's also the possibility that, when it comes to tackling the nitty-gritty details of life together, Sam may play rather than work, and may try to tempt you to play when you should be working. If you experience Sam's goof-off side, don't nag, because that'll only upset his desire for peace and harmony in this area. Negotiation and compromise will work far better in getting him to help. When you divide the chores, try to let him do the ones that create a more beautiful or pleasurable home. Your partner may gladly help out if there's pleasure involved in doing the chores, plus the prospect of more pleasure as a reward.

Sam's Mars is in your Sixth House.

When it comes to the daily routine, you could see Sam as very energetic. You yourself may feel energized by this interaction, so that when you do chores together, you accomplish a great deal.

On the other hand, you might experience Sam as dictatorial, telling you what you should do without personally participating. Then, instead of accomplishing anything, you could just have arguments. It may help to focus on some small task that you can do together. While you're working, you can discuss your differences. Expending energy as you talk can keep you from getting too angry, and you can then get your point across better. It might also help to set a new behavioral pattern that will help you to be more efficient in your daily routine.

Sam's Jupiter is in your Ninth House.

You may see Sam as a philosopher, or at least as someone who has ideas about philosophy, religion, travel, higher education or politics. He's probably never at a loss for words on these topics, and you may well find that he broadens your perspective. On the other hand, you could feel overwhelmed by all this eloquence, or overruled if your views differ. Sam's having philosophical ideas and expressing them well doesn't necessarily mean that they're absolutes for everyone. You're entitled to your own opinion. If you can manage to squeeze your own thoughts into your conversations together, you might discover that he's actually open to at least some of your ideas.

Sam's Saturn is in your Seventh House.

Sam brings seriousness and dependability to your relationship, and is likely to be always there for you - whether you want it or not. This can feel reassuring, but also restrictive. If you feel as if Big Brother is always watching, try asking your partner to take on more commitments. Make sure that these responsibilities will be beneficial for the relationship, but that they don't include your participation. You'll get more breathing room, and your partner will probably enjoy taking charge.

Sam's Uranus is in your Second House.

Sam may have unusual ideas about how you should spend your money. These ideas may be creative and worth exploring, or simply bizarre. If they're bizarre, say "That sounds interesting," and forget about it. Another possibility is that Sam makes you more spontaneous in financial matters. This would be particularly noticeable if you're ordinarily a conservative spender. You might be encouraged to buy unusual things, or ones that make you feel more independent. Just avoid getting carried away and spending too much, and if you go shopping with your partner, leave your credit cards at home.

Sam's Neptune is in your Fourth House.

Sam could either bring confusion to your home environment, or help to make it a sanctuary, or do both. Whatever happens, one thing is clear: Your partner probably won't operate well under rules and regulations in the home. Instead of being defiant or consciously trying to break the rules, he may just seem to lack awareness that they exist. Your partner's talent in the home is in helping to create a haven where you can escape. So instead of fighting the chaos that may sometimes occur, join in the fantasy as often as you can, and you'll both be happier.

Sam's Pluto is in your Second House.

You may feel that Sam wants control over your money. Even if you don't allow this to happen officially, you may find him advising you on how you should handle your finances. You may promise yourself that you won't be ruled on money matters, but may anyway find yourself following his orders anyway. And this may work both ways, with your partner having a similar experience of you. Instead of feeling weak and ineffectual because your power is usurped, remind yourself that you each have the right to do what you wish with the money you've each earned or the money that's been allotted to you. Perhaps it's time to make an understanding that each of you has control over a certain part of your joint finances. In this way you can each feel in control of some area, and you'll both feel more secure and powerful.

Sam's North Node is in your Twelfth House.

The Dynamics between You

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

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

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

Meshing Your Personalities

Aspects involving your Ascendant or Midheaven make your chart different from the charts of others born the same day, and so have a particularly personal significance.

Located at 9 o'clock on your horoscope wheel, the Ascendant is usually also the cusp of your First House. This is the place where a planet would rise from the inner realm below the horizon to the outer world above. As such, it symbolizes the interface between the inner you and the outside world. This is your personality — the face you put on, your body and manner, your habitual way of dealing with others. In a relationship, the Ascendant signifies the way you interface with your partner, and the Descendant, always directly opposite, signifies your partner himself or herself.

The Ascendant moves an average of one degree in every four minutes of time, and so its correct position depends on whether you know your birth time accurately. If you've given an accurate birth time, aspects between your Ascendant and your partner's horoscope can say important things about your relationship. If you're unsure of your birth time, however, it's best to take any interpretations of aspects from your Ascendant and Midheaven with a grain of salt.

Sam's Moon is opposite Suzie's Ascendant.

There's a strong personal tie and attraction between you, but there's also a possibility that Sam could overwhelm Suzie with emotion, or the face that Suzie puts on for the world could interfere with Sam's emotional satisfaction.

To deal with these problems, you each need to find a way to take care of your own personal needs while balancing them with the needs of your partner. For example, Sam shouldn't always depend on Suzie to meet his needs for closeness and nurturing. Sometimes he should give Suzie a bit of emotional support, especially if she's having problems with her appearance, health or relations with others.

On her part, Suzie should find a few arenas in addition to this relationship where she can relate to people and express her personality. At the same time, she should always be ready to support Sam's emotional needs when needed.

If you do things like this to nurture both yourself and your partner, you'll help each other to become stronger and more confident individuals. This can only benefit your relationship.

Sam's Venus is opposite Suzie's Ascendant.

You find each other attractive, and it's clear to both you and others that you enjoy being together. But what Sam needs in terms of love, affection and pleasure may be quite different from what Suzie wants. If you try to combine what you each need personally, you could keep pressing so hard for the other to satisfy your desires that you both tend to overdo things. Instead of pressuring your partner, try expressing your affection in a way that's natural to you, but also allow the other person to set some boundaries. When it's appropriate, Sam, do show your approval of Suzie's looks and manner, and don't attempt to change her image. No matter what you do, your attraction will probably be there, but when you let each other be yourselves without undue pressure, you'll both be happier.

Sam's Pluto is semisquare Suzie's Ascendant.

This combination carries the possibility of being a powerful and effective couple, but in fact you may more often challenge each other than cooperate. Feeling that Sam is trying to control and direct her, Suzie could develop low self-esteem, because she thinks that her partner is showing disapproval. And if Sam senses that Suzie is trying to undermine his power, he could start to feel ineffectual. If either of these situations describes what's happening in your relationship, determine what's wrong and change it. Find ways to cooperate, and you'll feel stronger both individually and as a couple.

Suzie's Sun is opposite Sam's Ascendant.

There's a strong attraction between you, but it may be hard to blend the qualities of Suzie's Sun with Sam's Ascendant to form a personality that you project as a couple. It is fitting that Suzie should pursue personal gratification, while Sam should project a personal image that is in keeping with his individual personality. However, all of this should be done within the framework of the partnership. It really is possible for each of you to balance or guide the other without interfering with your own personal goals. If you can each work in your own direction and at the same time keep the good of the relationship in mind, you'll both be enriched as individuals, and your relationship will benefit as well.

Suzie's Moon is trine Sam's Ascendant.

There's a strong attraction and personal tie between you. It's natural for Suzie to nurture Sam, and for Sam's personality and manner to encourage Suzie to express her feelings. In this way you each make the other feel cared-for and special.

If there's any danger, it would lie in being *too* helpful to each other. Suzie might nurture too much, making Sam feel smothered. Or Sam might encourage Suzie so strongly that Suzie becomes overly emotional. It's unlikely, however, that such problems would happen often. The deep feelings that you have for each other should far outweigh any of these minor upsets.

Suzie's Venus is sesquare Sam's Ascendant.

Although you're strongly attracted to each other and have the potential for greatly enjoying each other's company, you might spend time complaining about the other person's being self-centered or self-indulgent. It may just be that the seemingly self-centered partner feels neglected. If you try paying more attention to your partner and show a bit more appreciation, it shouldn't be hard to re-ignite the affection that originally attracted you.

Suzie's Mars is trine Sam's Ascendant.

Even if you're shy and retiring as individuals, as a couple you feel more forceful and energetic. Therefore you'll probably be looked upon as leaders, and people will expect you to take charge. This should not be difficult for you to do when you're together -- in fact, sometimes you might even get a little too forceful or aggressive. If you're not assertive as an individual, be careful of taking on a leadership role by yourself, because you could become overwhelmed. Remember that your joint personality is what is forceful, and make sure that your partner is around to share the leadership role.

Suzie's Jupiter is trine Sam's Ascendant.

You and your partner naturally encourage each other to grow and develop. You stimulate one another to learn more, and may enjoy broadening your horizons through travel as well as education. You also have the ability to increase each other's self-esteem. Because you naturally drive each other toward pleasure and expansion, you may sometimes enjoy yourselves so much that you get really extravagant or otherwise overindulge yourselves. Remember this, so that you can apply the brakes if you get too carried away. And then go on enjoying your happy and stimulating adventures.

Suzie's Uranus is semisquare Sam's Ascendant.

You and your partner probably find each other exciting, and there's an air of electricity that flows between you. However, there may be more focus on freedom, change and individuality than there is on consideration for each other. Thus some of the surprises that you spring on your partner could upset more than exhilarate. Although the attraction between you is strong, the unpredictable behavior can be disturbing. Instead of dwelling on the inconsistency, concentrate on finding new things to do together or new ventures or causes in which you can get involved as a couple. Then, you'll be less likely to shock each other. You may move from project to project quickly, but, if you do it together, the surprises will take place in your interaction with the outside world rather than your partner.

Suzie's Neptune is conjunct Sam's Ascendant.

There's a tie between you which you feel deeply but which defies verbal description. The harder you try to explain it, the less clear it becomes. Because of the nebulous quality of this attachment, you may be aware of it but not always understand its total impact. You could experience it as magnetism, or as a spiritual connection. If this is all that you feel, continue your relationship as it is. However, subtle manipulation is also a possibility, so you could sometimes feel that your partner is taking advantage of you. If this happens, remember that this is a shared combination, and that you therefore have the ability to influence your partner just as much as your partner influences you.

Sam's Ascendant and Suzie's Ascendant are in sesquare.

The personalities of you and your partner are connected, so you're drawn to each other. However, with this aspect, you might sometimes focus more on the flaws than on the good attributes of the other person. You could spend so much time criticizing your partner that you lose sight of why you were originally attracted to each other. If either or both of you frequently picks at the other, this will do little for your self-esteem or your relationship. Since you're together, there's obviously an attraction. So if you both concentrate on the traits you find most appealing in each other instead of carping about flaws, you should feel good about yourselves as individuals, and that in turn will make for a better relationship.

Sam's Ascendant is trine Suzie's Midheaven.

Sam's personality works well with Suzie's public self. For example, Sam's personality could enhance Suzie's career, and Suzie could provide a forum in which Sam can express his personality. Either or both of you might occasionally feel that your validity as a couple is dependent on the outer world, instead of on an inner connection. Possibly the public does play an important role in your relationship, but so what? As you achieve your goals in the world and also note the favorable response you receive because of the way you blend with each other, you'll succeed as individuals and your relationship will be enriched as well.

Suzie's Ascendant is sextile Sam's Midheaven.

Sam's public image or career is connected with Suzie's personality, and you each want to help the other improve his or her position both in public and in private. Suzie can use the force of her personality to help Sam succeed in the world. And Sam may provide the arena in which Suzie can easily express her personality.

There may be times when one or both of you feel that your relationship is too public, and fear that you look too often to the outer world to validate you as a couple. Your focus should instead be on the way you help each other, because that really is what creates strength in a relationship. As you achieve your goals and also note a favorable response from the world, this focus should enrich your relationship rather than detract from it.

Adjusting Goals and Careers

The Midheaven point at the top of each of your birth charts signifies your career goals, your most public self and your reputation. Like the Ascendant, it moves very fast, and so it requires an accurate birth time in order to be valid. Aspects involving the Midheaven of one or both partners can then be among the most powerful indicators of how one partner relates to the other's reputation and career and overall life direction.

Sam's Moon is square Suzie's Midheaven.

There's a stressful, dynamic interaction between Sam's emotions and Suzie's career or public image, so that when feelings and career come up, there could be friction between you. Sam might view Suzie as a workaholic and feel personally neglected, and Suzie could feel professionally undermined by an overly emotional partner. At these times if Sam gives Suzie a bit of extra nurturing, and Suzie publicly announces her appreciation of Sam's emotional support, you might be surprised at just how comforting this combination can be.

Sam's Mercury is square Suzie's Midheaven.

With this combination, career and communications create a strong connection between you. However, Sam might tend to criticize Suzie's career goals, and Suzie could pick at the way Sam communicates. The inadequacy that you feel as a result could make it hard to take definitive action. If you find that you often complain about each other, try to discuss your complaints openly. It may take effort, but once you start, the words should come streaming out. You might even discover that when you face issues involving communications and career, you can become an asset to each other rather than a liability. Then you can cooperate, and both of you can reach your desired goals both individually and as a couple.

Sam's Venus is square Suzie's Midheaven.

Sam's pleasure, love and affection are connected with Suzie's career and/or worldly success in such a way that there may be friction. Sam could self-indulgently seek pleasure in a way that could harm Suzie's career, or Suzie could be so focused on career that Sam feels neglected. Showing each other a bit more consideration can keep these scenarios from becoming chronic. For example, Sam could use his charm to help Suzie achieve career goals, and Suzie could take more time away from work to socialize with him. Then your complaints about each other should become fewer and you'll both be able to achieve your goals.

Sam's Jupiter is conjunct Suzie's Midheaven.

No matter how you personally project yourself, when you and your partner are interacting with the outer world you'll be noticed. You have choices as to how you might be seen. You could be looked upon as philosophical or fun to be with, or you may be seen as loud, extravagant, and prone to excess. You can choose which of these images to project, but the one choice you don't have as a couple is fading into the background. The only way you can do that, is not to go out in public with your partner.

Sam's Saturn is sextile Suzie's Midheaven.

Suzie's career or public image blends quite well with Sam's concept of life structure, and this should provide a strong foundation for your relationship in material terms. In addition, you want to help each other to attain tangible success. Sam may organize and take care of details so that Suzie can move ahead professionally, and Suzie can use her public image or career to provide the material security that Sam is seeking. Because you believe that you have to work hard to get what you want, you may not take the easiest route to attain your goals. Fortunately you have the ability to work hard together, so though you may not advance quickly, your persistence will allow you to move steadily forward so that you ultimately get your rewards.

Sam's Neptune is quincunx Suzie's Midheaven.

With this combination, it could be difficult to blend Sam's spirituality with Suzie's career or public image. Sam might confuse Suzie by trying to share his faith or spiritual beliefs, and Suzie could upset Sam by attempting to force a more realistic view of the world on him. Instead of wasting your time trying to convert your partner, you should each take turns pursuing your goals, with your partner totally adjusting to you during those times. Suzie can sometimes focus on career goals, with Sam's spiritual support. And Sam can sometimes concentrate on spiritual development, with Suzie throwing the force of her public image behind his efforts. Then the two of you can share the best of both worlds.

Sam's Nodes are square Suzie's Midheaven.

With this aspect there's a connection between Suzie's career or public image and the relationships that Sam brings to the partnership, but some difficulties might arise between you because of these relationships. One possibility could be that Suzie feels disliked or not respected by her partner's friends. Another might be that Sam thinks that his social interactions are restricted because Suzie's career or public image causes the people involved to feel inhibited. Perhaps if you each take the other's feelings into consideration and both put forth some extra effort, you might find that these problems vanish. If not, you can use this dynamic aspect to seek out people who can more satisfactorily fulfill your social and professional needs.

Suzie's Mercury is square Sam's Midheaven.

With this combination, career and communications create a strong connection between you. However, Suzie might tend to criticize Sam's career goals, and Sam could pick at the way Suzie communicates. The inadequacy that you feel as a result could make it hard to take definitive action. If you find that you often complain about each other, try to discuss your complaints openly. It may take effort, but once you start, the words should come streaming out. You might even discover that when you face issues involving communications and career, you can become an asset to each other rather than a liability. Then you can cooperate, and both of you can reach your desired goals both individually and as a couple.

Suzie's Venus is sextile Sam's Midheaven.

You and your partner probably enjoy being together out in the world, and like helping each other to look good. Suzie's charm and poise enhances Sam's professional image, and Sam provides the means for Suzie to get the attention and appreciation that makes her feel loved. If you sometimes hear complaints that Suzie is too shallow or too frivolous, or Sam is so intent on career matters that Suzie feels ignored rather than indulged, you can easily change the accuser's mind. Suzie need only turn on the charm, and Sam need only take a moment away from the job to do something nice for Suzie. Then, you can return to being the charming couple you really are.

Suzie's Uranus is semisextile Sam's Midheaven.

Sam's career or public image is connected with Suzie's individualistic and creative side, but when you try to combine these segments of your life too closely, Suzie may feel restricted by Sam, and Sam may feel embarrassed by Suzie. It's better to take turns pursuing your goals, with your partner supporting you whenever you're in the foreground. For example, when Suzie expresses individuality or creativity, Sam could throw the full force of his career or public image behind Suzie's efforts. When Sam concentrates on career or public image, Suzie could then forget about personal freedom and instead add originality and creativity to Sam's efforts. In this way, you'll each have your personal needs met, and you'll have grown as a couple because you've supported each other.

Suzie's North Node is sextile Sam's Midheaven.

As a couple you find it easy to form relationships in the outer world, and the two of you share the ability to fit in easily with these individuals. In fact, it could seem that people are standing in line to interact with you! When you're selecting these friends, enjoyment may not be uppermost on your list, because a lot of these alliances may be primarily for professional reasons, or to enhance your joint public image. If you're happy with your standing in the world and attain your professional goals, there should be little to complain about. And while this combination says that a lot of your associations will be made for practical reasons, it doesn't prevent you from making other friendships that are purely for enjoyment.

Balancing Your Separate Egos

The Sun has to do with your conscious conception of yourself. In close relationships, one of the chief issues it brings up is the ego of each partner, and how the other partner does or doesn't support it. The Sun also has to do with a person's inner life direction.

Since the Sun is such a central part of the horoscope, aspects involving the Sun of one or both partners are likely to be among the major keynotes of your relationship. Aspects between one person's Sun and the other's Moon are particularly important, as they have been proven to be one of the strongest possible attractors between two people.

Sam's Sun is opposite Suzie's Mercury.

Sam wants to be seen and Suzie wants to be heard, and so you run the risk of overshadowing each other. If you perform simultaneously, Sam may feel invisible, because everyone is listening to Suzie. Suzie may believe that her voice is falling on deaf ears, because everyone is watching Sam. This does not mean you should never appear in public together. Instead, you should respect each other and take turns being on stage. If either of you feels slighted, discuss the matter and make an arrangement whereby each of you can alternate being the center of attention while the other stays in the background. There's no reason why you can't both have your egos gratified.

Sam's Sun is sextile Suzie's Uranus.

This can be an extremely exciting and creative combination, because it encourages Suzie to help Sam find self-satisfaction, while it stimulates Sam to help Suzie express her individuality and independence. By exploring new avenues of creativity together, you can stretch your personal boundaries. Just don't get so carried away by your enthusiasm and desire to help each other that you forget about your goal. Keep a steady eye on what you want to accomplish, and your creativity will bear real fruit.

Suzie's Sun is sextile Sam's Jupiter.

You and your partner can easily help each other to broaden yourselves and obtain self-satisfaction. You'd typically do this through travel, education and/or spiritual development. Your interaction enables each of you to improve. The only dangers are forgetting the goals that you were trying to achieve, or getting so caught up in helping your partner that you don't consider the cost of your ventures in terms of cash and energy. If you find yourselves physically or financially overextended, or feel that the two of you waste a lot of time or talent, stop what you're doing, re-focus on your original goals, and re-think how you can help each other attain them.

Suzie's Sun is trine Sam's Saturn.

The desire for self-satisfaction and the ability to work hard to attain it are implicit in this combination. You and your partner should be easily able to place your life goals within a clearly defined structure and, in an orderly manner, work toward them together. You may sometimes feel pressured by your partner or driven to be recognized and attain rewards, but the security and support that you provide each other will probably overcome any negativity that occurs between you. If not, you should redefine your boundaries and continue on your chosen path. It might take time to accomplish what you want to do, but you have the stamina to do it together, and the rewards will be worth your effort.

Suzie's Sun is square Sam's Uranus.

Tensions can arise when Suzie tries to obtain self-satisfaction or Sam tries to express his individuality or independence. Sam might accuse Suzie of being self-centered, and Suzie might accuse him of being eccentric. It may help to consider why your partner might be behaving that way. Suzie's self-absorption may contribute to Sam's bizarre behavior, because her preoccupation with her own satisfaction makes him feel ignored. And Sam's eccentricities may embarrass Suzie, causing her to retreat into her own search for gratification. Besides trying to understand your own part in the problem, you might both also look for an activity that you can share where both ego and individuality can play a role.

Suzie's Sun is square Sam's Pluto.

If you can harness the sexy and powerful energy that flows between you, you and your partner will be able to accomplish great things together. However, with this aspect you could also come to blows, particularly when one partner's ego conflicts with the other's drive for power. When your power struggles reach crisis points, all your energies may go into winning the battle. This will only deplete both of you, in the end leaving even the winner feeling ineffectual and devoid of self-satisfaction. Instead of fighting about who's in charge, harness the awesome energy that you generate between you, and focus it on achieving a single goal. Make the first goal a small one, so that you can quickly see results. Each time that you successfully join forces in this way, your relationship will improve. And then you can enjoy the magnetic attraction that is the upside of this aspect.

Suzie's Sun is semisextile Sam's North Node.

When Suzie's ego and Sam's relationships are in the foreground, one of you may have to do some adjusting. But it should not always be Sam. If Sam has to give up friends because of Suzie's ego, he may begin to feel isolated. On the other hand, if Suzie is always forced to interact with Sam's friends, she may feel that they ignore or disapprove of her, and her confidence may be undermined.

Things will go better if you take turns adjusting to each other. To give Suzie a chance to obtain gratification and build self-confidence, Sam should sometimes do without his friends. And to help Sam feel less isolated, Suzie should sometimes tolerate his acquaintances. This will become easier for Suzie to do when she is able to feel more confident.

Dealing with Each Other's Emotions

The Moon has to do with your unconscious, receptive side, the part that reacts emotionally to life. A primary signifier of the mother, it also indicates how everyone, regardless of gender, nurtures, feeds and protects both others and the self. The Moon also has a lot to do with being comfortable and feeling at home with your partner.

Sam's Moon is quincunx Suzie's Mercury.

There's a strong connection between Sam's feelings and Suzie's communications. This could mean that Sam either supports or tries to manipulate what Suzie is saying, or that Suzie uses words to either soothe or upset Sam. To bring out the best in both of you, take turns adjusting to each other's needs. Sam should sometimes allow Suzie to communicate with others without interference, and Suzie should periodically encourage Sam to express his feelings. There will probably be no need to get annoyed with each other if you're both permitted to have some time in the foreground while your partner caters to you.

Sam's Moon is opposite Suzie's Venus.

There's a connection between Sam's nurturing and Suzie's expression of affection, but your needs in these matters are different. If you try to merge these qualities too closely, you could feel a rift forming between you. Instead, you should each be there to balance the behavior of the other. It could be that one of you tends to be demonstrative, and the other more intellectual. So discussion might help keep the feelings of one partner in control, and the modified demonstrative behavior might make the intellectual partner warmer. Another possibility in regard to feelings and affection could be described as practicality versus emotionality. In this case, the practical partner can keep the emotional partner from getting carried away, and the emotional partner can help the practical partner to show feelings a little more openly. So if you're each there as a backdrop for the other rather than trying to totally change your partner, your emotional life will probably be very gratifying.

Sam's Moon is square Suzie's Jupiter.

Though you're easily able to show each other how you feel, you may become overly emotional, push each other too far too fast, and overextend yourselves physically or financially. It's wonderful that you can share strong emotional experiences, but if being together results in extravagance or over-indulgence, try to exert a little control. This may take concentrated effort, but it'll be worth the hard work when you can still enjoy the pleasure you have together while avoiding (or at least lessening) the excesses.

Sam's Moon is opposite Suzie's Saturn.

With this combination you'll need to find a balance in your partnership between emotional needs and the concerns of the material world. If either side is overemphasized, you both could feel emotionally inhibited. It could be that Suzie's focus on getting practical needs met somehow makes Sam feel that he ought to hold his emotions in. Or that Sam feels that Suzie's perfectionistic standards are getting in the way of closeness and happiness. In your relationship, both emotions and practicality need to be given their due. To accomplish this, Suzie could provide material security and set broad parameters for Sam's emotional expression. And Sam could give emotional support to Suzie's desire for order and structure. Then, instead of frustration and restriction, you're more likely to experience the emotional and material security that you're both looking for.

Sam's Moon is square Suzie's Uranus.

This can be an exciting combination because it connects Sam's emotions with Suzie's need to express her individuality. However, you might find that Suzie tends to trigger emotional outbursts in Sam, or behaves erratically because Sam seems emotionally unsupportive. Outbursts and bizarre behavior will become less of a possibility if Suzie encourages Sam to show feelings freely, and Sam is careful to stand emotionally behind Suzie's need to express individuality. Then you will find that the instability of this combination is transformed into an air of excitement and electricity.

Suzie's Moon is square Sam's Mercury.

You and your partner could sometimes irritate each other. You might misread what the other is thinking or saying, and jump to the wrong conclusions. Or perhaps you intentionally push each other's buttons. Sam may consciously or unconsciously say just the right words to upset Suzie. This could either be caused by, or trigger, Suzie to attempt to subtly manipulate the thinking. If you apply a little effort and together discuss your feelings without trying to arouse emotion, there may be fewer outbursts between you. And you might even discover that when you try, you can really communicate with each other.

Suzie's Moon is square Sam's Mars.

Although there's a strong sexual attraction between you and your partner, you might more often tend to bring out anger rather than passion in each other. You might just consider anger a stimulating prelude to lovemaking, but if it gets in the way of your sex life it's time to start looking for new ways to show the attraction you feel. Work on making love not war, and the gratification that you attain will make the effort worth while. The confrontations may not totally cease, but as you experience the more positive side of this combination, the confrontations may either become more fun or happen less often.

Suzie's Moon is conjunct Sam's Jupiter.

You and your partner should have no difficulty sharing your emotions, and it's wonderful to be able to express your feelings openly. While this combination indicates that emotions flow easily between you, however, these emotions may not always be favorable for your relationship. Anger could flow as easily as love, and so after you've emoted you could sometimes regret your behavior. Or you could embarrass others by being too demonstrative in public. Since this combination doesn't make for a lot of control, it may be simpler to find an acceptable outlet for your joint feelings. One possibility is that you and your partner get involved in a venture in which your emotional expression is acceptable or even useful. You'll still have enough emotion left over to share the great love you have for each other in private.

Suzie's Moon is quincunx Sam's Pluto.

"Power" and "emotion" are excellent words to describe this combination. But powerful emotions can materialize either as passion that you share or as a weapon you that you use against each other. If you try to force your attitude on your partner either subtly or overtly, you may evoke the weapon more often than the passion. Instead, you should take turns allowing each other's needs to be in the foreground. Suzie should provide emotional support for Sam's desire for empowerment and not attempt to manipulate his direction. And then Sam should add impetus to his partner's expression of feelings without interference or attempting to control. In other words, you should each adjust periodically to the other's needs without thinking of your own. In that way, you'll both ultimately achieve what you want, you'll feel supported by your partner, and your passion will start to flow more freely.

Suzie's Moon is square Sam's Nodes.

There may be friction between Suzie and the people that Sam brings into the relationship. Sam may be thrown into a quandary when Suzie complains about Sam's friends or they complain about her. To lessen the resulting tensions between you, you could decide just to tolerate the situation and instead focus on the other facets of your partnership that are more important. Or you could face the problem directly and work out a joint solution. Another solution would be to find other people with whom you can socialize, and perhaps let Suzie select them.

Keeping Communications Open

The planet Mercury has key importance in a relationship because it signifies your style of thinking and perceiving, and also the way you convey your thoughts and feelings to others. When the two of you have good Mercury connections, you are able to communicate easily, and your chances of ironing out any differences between you are greatly increased.

Sam's Mercury is square Suzie's Mars.

You and your partner can stimulate each other to talk (Mercury) and to take action (Mars). But this stimulation may often materialize as anger instead of cooperation. Venting anger can sometimes be better than holding it in, but if you do little more than antagonize each other, you might want to try a new approach. Determine a physical task that needs to be done, and set about accomplishing it together. As you're working, discuss your complaints. In this way you'll be using your energy effectively. And when you're expending physical energy, there will be less energy available to annoy each other. You may then find it easier to get your points across to your partner.

Sam's Mercury is square Suzie's Jupiter.

The two of you have the ability to broaden each other intellectually. However, with this aspect you may discover that when you're talking to each other, instead of listening in order to gather information, you more often compete to be heard. You might also find that when you're socializing as a couple, you tend to exaggerate. This could be entertaining, but others might question your veracity. The good thing about this aspect is that Suzie can add depth to Sam's communication skills, and Sam can help make Suzie's ideas clearer to the world at large. It may take effort, but if you each capitalize on the assets of your significant other, you'll not only expand your minds, you'll also make a better impression on society.

Sam's Mercury is opposite Suzie's Saturn.

When the two of you have discussions together, you may each feel that you are clear and honest, or you could instead feel limited and inhibited. A feeling of restriction might arise if Sam advises Suzie too strongly about discipline and structure. It could also arise if Suzie tries too hard to organize Sam's manner of communicating. Things will work better if Suzie organizes the environment, and Sam is free to ask questions or explain Suzie's viewpoint to others. It will also help if Sam is permitted to communicate in a way that's comfortable for him, while Suzie stands by for reference but refrains from correcting or instructing. This should help your communication flow more easily, and a sense of honesty and security may then replace the limitations.

Sam's Mercury is semisquare Suzie's North Node.

Communications are an important part of your social life together, but you may find yourselves complaining about them more than enjoying them. The people whom Suzie brings to your relationship might criticize the way Sam communicates, or the particular content of his conversations. And Sam could feel uncomfortable with Suzie's friends or the way that they communicate. Just complaining won't solve anything, but if you openly talk about the way the two of you feel, you should be able to work toward a solution.

Suzie's Mercury is quincunx Sam's Venus.

This combination can indicate that communications between you and your partner are creative and pleasurable. However, with this particular aspect, Sam might find Suzie too talkative, and Suzie might feel that Sam is self-centered and only wishes to discuss himself. Things will improve if you take turns doing the talking, while your partner listens and lends you support. For example, sometimes Sam could allow Suzie to talk about any subject at all, and only employ his tact or personal charm if the conversation starts to bore people. And then for a while Suzie could permit Sam to discuss himself and only occasionally add general information to broaden the appeal of her partner's favorite topic. In this way, you'll both satisfy your personal needs in terms of communications, and you'll come across to the outer world as a very charming and sociable couple.

Suzie's Mercury is trine Sam's Saturn.

It's is easy for you and your partner to organize your thinking together and to clarify issues through discussion. But there may be times when your communications are inhibited because you believe you must stick strictly to the facts. Also, you may sometimes wish that certain matters didn't have to be so clear. Nevertheless, with this combination you'll always know where you stand with your partner, and your communications as a couple will have impact because they're clear and direct. Though you may occasionally wish for more free-flowing communications, do realize that because of your interaction, you both are better organized and clearer thinking than either of you would be individually.

Encouraging Affection and Pleasure

Like a flower that attracts bees, Venus rules anything that attracts through beauty or pleasure, anything that engenders desire. She can also signify whatever you think is beautiful or valuable or attractive. In your relationship, Venus reveals the quality of affection that draws you together, the esteem you have for each other, and the beauty and pleasure that you can create around you.

Sam's Venus and Suzie's Venus are opposite.

Expressing affection is important in your relationship, but your needs and the way you express affection are probably quite different. If you try to force your way of showering love on your partner, you may feel little gratification. It could be that one of you actively shows feelings, while the other prefers to discuss love rather than be demonstrative. Or, possibly, one of you needs material evidence of love, while the other wants emotional support. If you try to make your partner conform to your needs, neither of you will feel the gratification that you want. Instead, try to accept your partner's manner of expressing affection and balance it with your own. You may never be able to blend the two completely, but you can complement each other, and you'll each know that the other cares.

Sam's Venus is square Suzie's Uranus.

When it comes to love, you and your partner could feel that your contact is either exciting or erratic, or possibly a bit of both. Suzie may not be totally consistent or dependable, which could sometimes cause Sam to look for pleasure elsewhere. And if Sam becomes flirtatious, it might trigger Suzie's unreliability. You may not be sure who is the instigator, but it doesn't really matter. Instead of dwelling on the shortcomings of your partner, get involved in new and exciting activities together. The problems will tend to fade into the background when the two of you are having a really good time.

Sam's Venus is semisquare Suzie's Neptune.

There's a strong, hard-to-describe love connection between you and your partner, and at times you may believe that you have a perfect relationship. But human beings are far from perfect, and you have to live in the real world. Periodically, the lovely illusion may dissolve, leaving you noticing the faults more often than the good points of your partner. If you do more criticizing than appreciating, remember the feeling of love that you can experience together. Then, every time you start to criticize, remind yourself of one of your partner's strengths. As you focus on your partner's endearing qualities, the favorable thoughts will begin to outnumber the critical ones, and you'll come closer to the perfect union that you dream of.

Suzie's Venus is semisquare Sam's Pluto.

Deep and unbounded love is potentially something that you and your partner can share, but your expression of affection may be hindered by concern about being controlled. If you often think of your partner as the enemy instead of your devoted lover, it may be because you're feeling manipulated. Manipulation is usually a covert action. Bringing your feelings out into the open will make it difficult for your partner to control you subtly. Besides, you might discover that this was not your partner's aim at all. Once the air is cleared, you'll be able to share the deep passion that is implicit in this combination. Then, you'll know that it's been worth all the effort.

Getting Things Done Together

Mars signifies the way you direct the life energy of the Sun. This you could use to assert yourself, go after what you want, or meet threats and defend yourself from harm or annoyance. In your relationship it can show where anger may erupt, but it also indicates your energy level and your ability to accomplish things as a couple. It also has a lot to do with sexual assertion and desire.

Sam's Mars and Suzie's Mars are in square.

Your energy and ability to take the initiative are closely connected with those of your partner. But on some tasks you could find that you argue more than cooperate. In general terms, you could use similar methods but bang heads because you want the same role. For example, you may each want to take charge and direct the effort. Or you may stubbornly proceed without consulting anyone. Or you could look to your partner for guidance, while your partner is doing the same thing. Instead of battling each other, one solution could be to try sharing a project, but each work independently on it. Anyway, if you use up your energy by working hard, neither of you may have enough left to argue. While you're working, note how your partner operates. You could discover that there's more similarity than you thought in the way that you both take action.

Sam's Mars is semisextile Suzie's Neptune.

With this combination, physical action (Mars) is connected to spirituality and/or artistry (Neptune). But if Sam tries to press Suzie to take action, Suzie might only become confused. And if Suzie tries to tell Sam how to complete a task, Sam could become exhausted from trying to follow her directions. This doesn't mean that you should ignore each other, but it does mean that you should probably not try to put out equal amounts of energy at the same time. Instead, take turns. During the times when Suzie actively pursues spiritual or artistic goals, Sam should take the initiative to further those goals only when asked. And when it's time for Sam to take action, Suzie should only stand by to help relieve tension if needed. You'll then each achieve your own goals, knowing that your partner has helped by adjusting to your needs. Whatever consideration you show each other in this way can only draw you closer together.

Sam's Mars is square Suzie's Pluto.

The tremendous energy inherent in this Mars-Pluto combination could manifest either as power and leadership ability, or as enormous anger. This aspect is a very strong one, so the energy is there, but sometimes you have to deal with obstacles before you can harness the power. Rather than joining forces to exert power in the world, you might more often find yourselves trying to overpower each other. If you do battle each other more than you cooperate, you could make power less of an issue in your relationship by finding areas in your lives where you can individually take leadership roles. Then, even if you occasionally think that your partner is trying to control you, you'll feel less threatened because you know that you have the power to handle your own life.

Suzie's Mars is conjunct Sam's Jupiter.

With this combination you and your partner can stimulate each other to create grand plans and push each other to greater and greater heights. Your joint energy level is high, so you may be able to accomplish a great deal. But you could be so energetic and enthusiastic that you don't take time to consider all the implications of your plans. You might try to move too far too fast, so that you miss details and waste energy having to redo the steps toward your goal. Or because you've neglected to think about the practicality of your ideas, you may get to a certain point and not be able to go any further. You share wonderful ideas that should not be ignored, but to avoid overextending yourselves either physically or monetarily, create intermediate steps to your ultimate goal. Frequently seeing accomplishment will keep your level of enthusiasm high, and you'll have time to consider the feasibility of the next phase of your plan before you start it.

Suzie's Mars is quincunx Sam's Uranus.

When you're together Suzie's inclination is to take the lead and direct operations, while Sam's is to be creative and independent. You probably find it very stimulating to be with each other, because together you move more quickly and spontaneously than you would on your own. However, it's possible to be over-stimulated, so that you become impatient and careless, and the results of your actions fall short of expectations. To avoid dissatisfaction, it will help if each of you in turn does your thing while your partner stands back and supports you. While Suzie is being assertive, Sam can throw his creativity and individuality behind her efforts. And while Sam is expressing his creativity and individuality, Suzie can take the initiative to further his cause. Getting support instead of interference from each other in this way, you both should attain what you want.

Suzie's Mars is square Sam's Nodes.

The people Sam brings into your relationship may feel that Suzie energizes them, but there's a danger that they may find her too aggressive. Or possibly Suzie may get into arguments with them. This could cause heated discussions and possibly a rift between you. In such a case Suzie could look for other ways of expending energy, so that when she does interact with Sam's friends, she may be too tired and mellow to be pushy or argumentative.

Stretching Your Boundaries

With Jupiter you start to move out of your personal sphere to where you interact with the larger world around you. This could mean the way you relate to social institutions, religions, philosophies and ideas, or foreign cultures. In your relationship, Jupiter also has much to do with the way the two of you grow, develop and make plans for the future. Jupiter is the principle of expansion, and so it's also one of the planets (along with Uranus) that can signify the need that each of you may sometimes have for elbow room.

Sam's Jupiter is trine Suzie's Neptune.

Sam's philosophy easily blends with Suzie's spiritual ideas, and therefore you could develop an elaborate belief system together. This belief system is not materialistic. It is based on spirituality, so when you're questioned about it you may have difficulty explaining it in practical terms. There may be those who think that your belief system is a sham, but this is really irrelevant because it's the faith and trust that you and your partner have in each other that makes it work. The opinions of others about this are really unimportant. Those who are moved by the spirit that you have together may join you, and those who aren't moved will not. As long as you and your partner have faith in each other, your belief system will thrive.

Sam's Jupiter is opposite Suzie's Pluto.

With this combination, the principle of expansion (Jupiter) is connected with the principle of power (Pluto), so you and your partner could have a powerful impact on the world. However, if Sam tries to overwhelm Suzie with ideas, or Suzie tries to use raw power to control Sam, you could be sapping your energy waging war on each other rather than using the combination to take charge of your own lives. Instead of battling, Sam should be allowed to express his ideas and philosophy, and Suzie should be permitted to use his power, with each of you being there just to keep your partner from going too far, too fast. If you try this approach, you'll probably both feel more empowered as individuals, and thus you'll have more power in the world as a couple.

Suzie's Jupiter is sextile Sam's Saturn.

For the most part, you and your partner blend the principles of expansion (Jupiter) and contraction (Saturn) quite well in your relationship. It's true that, once in a while, Suzie may have impractical ideas about development, and Sam may try to feel more secure by resisting change and maintaining the status quo. But the strength of this aspect is that Sam can easily bring reality into the situation and keep Suzie within bounds. And Suzie can effortlessly assist him to expand so that he doesn't stagnate. When Suzie's wonderful ideas are brought into reality, it'll benefit both of you, and you'll continue to grow and develop as a couple.

Suzie's Jupiter is quincunx Sam's Neptune.

Philosophy (Jupiter) and spirituality (Neptune) are strongly connected in your relationship, but if Suzie tries to force her philosophy too strongly on Sam, he could feel overwhelmed or believe that her spiritual needs are being ignored. And if Sam tries to prod Suzie to accept his spirituality unconditionally, Suzie could become confused. Things will work better between you if you take turns being active while your partner supports you. When Suzie expresses a philosophy of life, Sam just lends spiritual support, and when Sam pursues spiritual goals, Suzie may just contribute some philosophical ideas to expand his belief system. In this way you can ultimately create a shared philosophy of life that encompasses the best of both partners' ideas.

Suzie's Jupiter is square Sam's Nodes.

When you're socializing together with others, particularly with those whom Sam brings to the relationship, you may find yourselves overextending yourselves physically or spending too much money. You might enjoy their company, but if you often find yourselves exhausted or in debt after being with them, you might want to take another look at these relationships. Consider what these people do for you. You and your partner want to be involved with those who broaden your horizons, and if they do help you to grow, it may be worth the money and the effort. If they don't, however, you may want to look for a group who will.

Staying On-Track and Committed

Saturn, the principle of structure and solidity, is needed to give a relationship permanence. While it can symbolize hardship and restriction, it also shows how you handle responsibility, fulfill obligations, keep organized, and together tackle the practical aspects of life.

We've already considered Saturn in connection with the faster-moving, more personally significant planets in your charts. Saturn's aspects with the slower-moving planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto usually have more to do with your generation and the wider social sphere. Exceptions to this are when these outer-planet-only aspects are either extremely exact, or the planets in these pairs are also being aspected by the Ascendant, Midheaven, Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus or Mars. Then these generational aspects may become more tied into your personal lives.

Sam's Saturn and Suzie's Saturn are in quincunx.

The strong sense of commitment that you have toward each other may either give you a sense of security or make you feel more restricted. The two of you probably have different ideas on how to deal with responsibility, and if either of you tries to force your manner of operating onto your partner, you'll most likely both feel more limited than secure. It will be more satisfying if you take turns being in charge, with one partner setting goals and determining responsibilities for a while, while the other adjusts totally to that partner's sense of order. If you take turns in this way, you'll each get your needs met, and you'll be able to enjoy the security of this combination without feeling too limited.

Suzie's Saturn is trine Sam's Neptune.

This combination gives the two of you the potential to blend the practical (Saturn) and spiritual (Neptune) worlds in an especially harmonious manner. While Suzie organizes the environment and deals with the material world, Sam can provide the faith and imagination (and perhaps periodic escapes) to make Suzie's job easier. And Sam's spiritual life can be enhanced when Suzie provides clarity or helps him to apply his spirituality to daily life. Also, when your life structure becomes too rigid, the two of you will know that it's time to dissolve whatever isn't functioning in your life. There might initially be some resistance to change, but Sam will find it natural to facilitate the dissolving process, and then Suzie will naturally lead in creating a new structure to replace the old.

Suzie's Saturn is sextile Sam's Pluto.

Saturn represents authority, and Pluto represents power, so you each could want to be in a position of leadership. This might occasionally cause a challenge between you, but essentially you and your partner want to help each other, and you'll quickly learn that there's room for two at the top. Then Suzie can throw organization, clarity and determination behind Sam's assertiveness, and Sam can add power to Suzie's desire to be in a position of authority. As you cooperate, you'll discover that together you can overcome virtually anything that stands in your path and together be seen as leaders. The sort of power that you generate together is especially good for revitalizing outmoded structures, or for creating the structures that will bring about much-needed change.

Suzie's Saturn is conjunct Sam's North Node.

When the two of you interact with others, you could feel a sense of burden or limitation. As a couple you might find that you're always taking care of these people, or that you're always responsible for the activities that you share with them. If you consider it your duty to be their teachers or guardians, the relationships may not be so pleasurable, but at least they'll have some purpose. Your connections with others can, however, be more satisfying. This combination gives the ability to view others realistically, so try to evaluate people before you become involved. You may still often find yourselves in charge, but, through careful scrutiny, you can select either people to whom you can delegate some of the responsibilities, or choose those who will give you something in return for your hard work.

Keeping the Spark of Spontaneity

When things get too dull and locked-up under Saturn, along comes Uranus to poke holes in Saturn's structure and let in a breath of fresh air. While Uranus can signify sudden, destabilizing events or a rugged individualism that can put stress on your togetherness, it can also bring new life, zest and creativity to your life as a couple.

The more personally important Uranus interactions between you will have been discussed in the sections on the faster-moving planets and points in your charts.

Sam's Uranus is square Suzie's Neptune.

You and your partner could find that altruism, spirituality or artistry (Neptune) are connected with creativity, change or revolutionary tendencies (Uranus). With this aspect, Suzie might confuse Sam with his belief system, or her altruism could turn to dependence and interfere with his need for freedom. Sam could shake Suzie's faith or create dissatisfaction by trying to get her to change his belief system. If, all too often, Suzie seems disillusioned and Sam feels inhibited or restricted, you might want to try something new. Use your imagination (Neptune) and originality (Uranus) to escape from your unhappiness temporarily. For a short time just concentrate on freedom, and that might supply some relief from the difficulties.

Suzie's Uranus is semisquare Sam's Pluto.

In your two charts, the planet of individuality, freedom, change and revolution (Uranus) is connected with the planet of power and transformation (Pluto). This could mean that when you're together the two of you are capable of making great changes. However, instead of easily combining your forces, you may tend to interfere with each other. In an attempt to avoid being controlled, Suzie could attack Sam and end up only feeling more restricted. Or Sam could put out so much energy trying to keep personal control that he just ends up feeling ineffectual. Instead of battling each other, it may help to turn these energies outward and apply them to an external cause that you can get involved in together. Suzie may then feel freer, and Sam more empowered.

Honoring the Spiritual Dimension

Neptune signifies a dimension that lies beyond ordinary reality. It has to do with dreams and fantasies, and your relationship with the ineffable world that is beyond words. While Neptune can weaken structure and dissolve your most practical plans, it can also bring an unexplainable sort of closeness and an ethereal bliss. Often it is channeled into artistry, particularly music and dance.

In preceding sections you'll already have read about most or all of the Neptune contacts between your two charts.

Suzie's Neptune is square Sam's Pluto.

Although it's possible that you and your partner could share a deep spirituality, more likely you'll disagree on such matters, at least at first. To influence the other person about almost anything, one of you might try using power, and the other manipulation. You can put these planets to better use if you face up to your difficulties, work them through, and join forces. Instead of trying to undermine each other, combine your power to influence others. When you work together, you might be surprised at how convincing the two of you can be, and you may be so subtle that the people you're dealing with might not even be aware of what you've done.

Suzie's Neptune is quincunx Sam's North Node.

The relationships that you and your partner share as a couple could be either spiritual and artistic, or confusing and debilitating. Since the semisextile aspect indicates a need for adjustment, they could well be the latter. To improve your social life together, Suzie should sometimes socialize with Sam's friends, and at other times Sam should forgo their company so that Suzie can periodically escape. When you each take turns honoring the wishes of the other, your partnership will grow stronger.

Coping with Power and Change

Pluto is an inexorable force that works slowly in the background to create what you eventually realize are profound and all-encompassing changes. It's also the energy that sweeps away what's dying or outmoded so that new life can begin. In relationships, Pluto usually signifies power, also known as the ability to create change. This could be the balance of power between you, or the power that you as a couple exert on the outside world. Because Pluto deals with mysterious natural forces such as sex and death, there can be a certain smoky charisma and sexiness about it.

Because there are no slower planets for Pluto to make aspects to, you'll find most or all of the Pluto interactions between you discussed at the ends of the sections on other points in the chart.

Suzie's Pluto is square Sam's Nodes.

Suzie may have a profound impact on the people that Sam brings to the relationship, and may take charge of or direct them. This does not necessarily mean that such direction is welcome. Even though Suzie may not seek such a role, she may be viewed as a dictator. The resentment of those who are led could result in power struggles, Sam might get complaints about Suzie, and you may then have confrontations with each other. Or, since you're a unit, you could both be viewed as dictators, and Sam could become part of the complaint. You might avoid any of this occurring if you seek out individuals who want to be directed. Or you could analyze your situation together and look for other solutions. Whatever you do, accept the fact that together you're capable of wielding power over others, and, instead of battling each other, put that ability to good use.

Relating to Others as a Couple

No couple functions in isolation, and the contacts that you have with the rest of the world can have a lot to do with the happiness that you experience together. The way that you as a couple relate to other people is in large part shown by the lunar Nodes -- the two moving points in the zodiac where the Moon's orbital path crosses the Sun's apparent path through the sky. Being themselves a sort of Sun-Moon connection, the Nodes signify connections in general, particularly with other people. The North and South Nodes are always 180 degrees apart, so when we talk about aspects to the North Node, we're implying aspects to the South Node as well.

Using This Chart-Comparison Analysis

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Chart for Your Relationship

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

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

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

The Overall Balance in Your Composite Chart

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

Many planets in Fire signs

This suggests that when you are together, neither you nor your partner is reticent, and you like to be actively involved in what is going on around you. You may be the initiators or just participants, but it is unlikely that you will stay in the background. Your presence will definitely be noted. Your actions will be forthright and direct, and your warmth and enthusiasm should be evident.

This does not necessarily mean that you will be well received by others. You could easily be viewed as pushy, boisterous or tactless. Nevertheless, the atmosphere around you will certainly not be dull.

Since your joint energy level is high, when the two of you are around, things tend to get done. With this emphasis on action, you may take little time for thinking, strategizing, or waiting for your intuition to kick in. Anyway, you will seldom be accused of sitting back and doing nothing. Some might find all your energy exhausting, but even those who find you overwhelming will also find you stimulating and energizing. You do have the ability to motivate others.

Few or no planets in Earth signs

It is probable that the two of you tend not to make your decisions or plan your actions based on down-to-earth information. In fact, elaborate details are likely to bore you, and material goals do not offer an incentive to get you moving. You may be viewed as impractical. This has its advantages in that you probably are not asked to be in charge of projects that require organization and long-term commitment.

Though you are capable of taking care of your physical needs, your interests lie elsewhere. You may have to convince yourselves that tending to your material requirements will enrich you in other ways, or find someone outside of your partnership to handle these matters for you.

Many planets in Cardinal signs

An above-average number of planets in Cardinal signs and/or houses suggests that you and your partner enjoy being actively involved in situations, and prefer to start the action rather than follow the lead of others. You might find that you initiate primarily for yourselves, your home and family, your good friends or your career. Even if others are officially in charge, you are unlikely just to sit back and do nothing. You will definitely give your input, and your presence will be felt. You like action, and if your environment is too serene you will probably stir things up. You may profess to want peace and quiet, and wonder why there is always a flurry of activity around you. If you think about it, you'd realize that peace bores you, and finally admit that you are the initiators of the action.

Few or no planets in Fixed signs

With few or no planets in Fixed signs and/or houses, you and your partner may tend not always to complete tasks that you start. This could be true whether you initiate them yourselves or are asked by others to follow through. This might cause you to be viewed as unreliable. Chances are, you either become weary of what you are supposed to do, or your concentration shifts to something else.

The way to deal with your situation depends on the cause. If it is boredom, alternate between projects. If the cause is inability to concentrate for long periods of time, keep jobs short. You might also remind those who criticize you that at least you do not stubbornly stick to your ideas and methods. In fact, it might be more accurate to call you agreeable than unreliable.

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

A strong Libra emphasis

Charm and tact are qualities that you and your partner share. You are considerate of each other, as well as of anyone else with whom the two of you interact. Wanting peace and harmony, you will bend over backwards to please. Pleasing people is easy for you, because you are objective and usually do not have strongly-held personal opinions. Because you do not attempt to push your ideas onto others, and also because you understand all points of view, everyone may think, at least initially, that you are on their side.

When they notice that you waffle a bit, however, they may perceive you as indecisive. Because you find it hard to make up your minds when you are left to making your own decisions, you may also be accused of procrastination. If you align yourselves with the right people, they can make decisions for you and provide you with a forward impetus.

A strong Pisces emphasis

With such a large number of planets in Pisces, you and your partner can show tremendous compassion toward other people, identifying with them so closely that you empathize rather than sympathize. You may also give to others to the point of total self-sacrifice. There is a fine line between helping and having others take advantage of you. It is gratifying for you to assist others, but if you allow the people you help to provide some service for you, everyone will benefit.

Other possibilities of this combination are the imagination that you and your partner can share, and/or a telepathic connection between the two of you. You can use the imagination to be creative or to occasionally escape from the real world. If you discover that you have a telepathic tie, you may be able to use it to communicate when you are far from each other. However, if you are able to do that, you had better be careful of what you think, because the connection may not be easily turned off!

Your Basic Style of Relating

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

Composite Ascendant in Libra

Together, the two of you present an attractive, charming, and probably serene demeanor. Because peace and harmony have a particular appeal for you, you are not apt to make demands on others or be openly confrontational. Preferring cooperation and sharing, before you think of yourselves, you will probably consider the desires of your partner and anyone else with whom you come into contact.

The two of you should be able to converse with each other quite easily, understanding and accepting the other's viewpoint. Also, as a couple you are able to understand the views of others, even to the degree that you have difficulty determining your own viewpoint. Since absolute decisions are hard for you to make, you find it easiest to cooperate with the decisions of others. Indeed, you seem to be drawn to people who enjoy making decisions and taking action. These individuals may sometimes be argumentative, but they seem to get things done. Besides, if you do not respond in like manner (and chances are you will not), there will be no opponent for them to battle. Without response they will probably soon lose interest and find other ways to use their energies. So the interaction with these friends should be tolerable, especially if you realize the alternative for you might be total inertia.

Mercury conjunct Descendant

Communications are important in your relationship, and an integral part of the image you project as a couple. With this aspect, the form of communications for which you are noted are social skills rather than intellectual pursuits. Your favorite topics of conversation, whether you are talking to each other or the outer world are probably yourselves and the significant others in your life. So, as a couple, people are your favorite topic. But it is important to maintain balance your discussions, sometimes talking about yourselves and sometimes focusing on others. If you talk only about yourselves you will be considered self-centered. If you talk only about others, or spend more time listening than talking, you could be thought of as secretive, giving little of yourselves. You should give some information about yourselves and then ask those with whom you are conversing about themselves. By balancing the two in this way you will be thought of as open and interesting, as well as congenial and interested.

Jupiter conjunct Descendant

You and your partner can be instrumental in each other's personal development. You also want to expand your horizons as a couple. Therefore, the two of you may look for, and involve yourselves with close friends who help you to grow, or to whom you can provide information, and most likely both. But, although expansion is your goal, you want to enjoy the process. Therefore, you will not be satisfied with friends who are boring or try to restrict you. Nor are you and your partner going to stand in each other's way when you are focusing on development. Evidence of this will be taking action without considering implications. By ignoring such factors as time and cost, you could find yourselves spending too much money or over-extending yourselves physically. One way to combat such things is to include your close friends in what you are doing. They can share the work and the cost. In that way you and your partner will not be overburdened and the two of you, along with your friends will expand your horizons.

Uranus conjunct Ascendant

As a couple, you and your partner undoubtedly have a non-conforming personality. You want to express your shared individuality and can be very spontaneous in so doing. You also crave excitement and could become bored if your life is too predictable. Then either or both of you might begin to act strangely just to make changes and for shock appeal. But if you behave too oddly, people might not take you seriously. You do not mind being different, but you do not want to be treated as a joke. You can be very effective as a couple. You have the ability to get involved in a cause, start a revolution and bring about meaningful changes. Because of your tendency to become bored and to be impatient, you might not want to stay with the same cause for an extended period of time. But if you join in quickly, spontaneously rebel and then move on, you will have the excitement and adventure you are seeking. And there will not be enough time to become bored.

The Ascendant is square the Midheaven

With this combination, the personality that you and your partner share is connected to the public image you project as a couple. You might sometimes, however, find that you interfere with each other, or feel that your collective private personality does not fit into a public situation. Or one partner might behave in a manner that is unacceptable to the other. If such things cause problems between the two of you, discuss them. You may argue a bit, and it may take time, but you should be able to come up with some behavior that is acceptable to you both.

It's also possible that the two of you may not be well received by the outer world. Consequently, you might avoid going out in public together, but that does not solve anything. It would be better to investigate why others are dissatisfied with you and try to make some changes accordingly.

Public vs Private Life

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

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

Moon trine Midheaven

Together you and your partner probably project a gentle and caring public image. Your feelings flow easily in your career or any other roles you perform in the outer world. Therefore, you could find that when you are acting as a unit, you and your partner are given tasks that involve dealing with the emotions of others or tending to hospitality chores. You might sometimes think that you would like to have duties that require more practical skills, but your worldly talents include the ability to nurture. And actually you can make good use of these talents. There is nothing carved in stone that states the you must present a tough public image in order to rule the world. Being kind to others and nurturing people with whom you come into contact publicly, will make these people willing and able to cooperate with you. A sterner image might alienate them. Whereas attaining cooperation through tender care, will assure your quick success in achieving your goals.

Mercury square Midheaven

In your relationship there is a connection between communications and career or the outer world in general. One possibility is that the two of you socialize with professional colleagues of either or both partners. Another is that together you frequently discuss current events or matters regarding either or both of your careers. And you undoubtedly have no qualms about stating your views, which is healthy to do. However, with this aspect, you probably do not always agree. And if you voice your differences of opinion publicly you might be viewed by others as argumentative. If those with whom you interact are associated with either of your careers, this might create professional problems for that partner. But even if you socialize non-professionally, it can be uncomfortable to be with a couple that is disagreeable. Why not have your debates in private? Find subjects on which you can agree and vigorously meet the world with those topics. Then you will be seen as dynamic rather than argumentative.

Saturn sextile Midheaven

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

Uranus square Midheaven

In your partnership there is a connection between individuality, excitement and your joint public image. So the two of you may be looking for adventure when you are out in the world and you could be viewed as an exciting couple. However, with this aspect there may be obstacles to overcome to allow you to enjoy your individuality and to make the kind of impression you want to make. What can occur is that if either of you feels the other is being too staid and proper, you can begin to act strangely, especially in public. The reason is to get your partner to loosen up but it could have the opposite effect. And the weird behavior, along with the proper partner's response might make the two of you seem bizarre rather than exciting. To avoid this, look for something new and different to do together out in the world. It does not have to be something grand, just unusual. And be as spontaneous together as you can. This may be enough to alleviate your difficulties.

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Your Conscious Identity

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

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

Sun in Pisces

There can be a deep, spiritual connection between you and your partner and joint ego gratification will likely involve non-tangible rewards rather than material ones. In fact, your own ego gratification may come as the result of helping other people and not on personally receiving anything for yourselves. Do be careful of being too self-sacrificing. Remind yourself, that it is blessed both to give and to receive! You might even use that statement as an affirmation.

Another possibility with this placement is that together you can have a vivid imagination. So you might not always be realistic in your view of the world and you could sometimes tend to delude yourselves about people and situations. However, should this occur, or to avoid having this happen, you could choose to use your imagination creatively. Write a fairy tale, dance, play or listen music together. You might be surprised at how well this approach works.

Still another way to use this placement, is to periodically escape from the real world. You cannot escape forever but occasionally spend an evening or a week-end living a fantasy. Relax, create romantic memories. If you do this from time to time it may make the material world more palatable when you return. And who knows, you imagination might also be used to manipulate your physical environment effectively.

Sun in the Sixth

Work and service are undoubtedly important in your partnership and the two of you take pride in doing your duty. Being industrious is an important part of your joint persona and you would feel guilty and unfulfilled if you shirked your duty. But being noticed and appreciated by others for the work you do may be essential ingredient for your ego gratification. A little applause will certainly give you the incentive to work harder. Although criticism or being taken for granted may not cause you to stop working, you probably would not be proud of what you were doing nor feel that you are shining as you should. However, if you are unappreciated you do not have to stay in such an unsatisfactory situation. Look elsewhere to be of service. There are always people who are looking for those who can work hard, and some of them will surely be openly appreciative of your ability to work so hard.

Sun semisquare Saturn

With this combination, you and your partner share a need for ego gratification that is connected with hard work or structure. But with this aspect, you might feel that either your partner, or outside forces present restrictions on you so that you find it difficult to attain the ego gratification you are seeking. However, it is your joint ego that is involved. And if one of you is feeling frustration trying to attain personal gratification, then your shared goals will remain out of reach as well. You can, however, achieve success. It will take effort, but that is what Saturn is all about. Accept the fact that you must work slowly. Form a plan with a series of steps. Do not skip over any steps, and evaluate what you have accomplished after you have completed each one. You may sometimes still feel frustrated and restricted. But keep focused on your goals. You can eventually achieve what you want and your joint gratification will strengthen you as a couple. Then you will present a united front. So if outsiders try to restrict you, you can easily ward off their attempts.

Sun opposite Pluto

Ego and power are connected in your relationship. And it is important for you to remember that you both need to get ego gratification and you both want to feel empowered. But if you try to merge these facets of yourselves too closely, one of you might feel that your partner is trying to control you and the other could believe that your partner is overshadowing you. And it is possible that there are times when each of you feels controlled and times when each of you feels overshadowed. Instead of merging, you should balance each other. When one of you pursuing ego gratification the other should hold power in abeyance but be there for support when needed. And when one of you is asserting power the other should stay in the background but be ready to appear when requested. If you behave in this manner, you should not feel threatened by your partner. And when ego and power are in balance between the two of you, you will have a stronger impact on society as a couple.

Sun conjunct South Node

You and your partner will be a visible duo as you interact with others. People may tend to bring the two of you into the light when you socialize as a couple. They either focus attention on you so you have no choice about being seen, or else provide you with the confidence to step forward. But, just because you are noticed does not necessarily mean that you will be well received. If you are too confident you could be perceived as arrogant. Or possibly all the attention could give you an inflated sense of self, and you appear condescending or self-centered. However, your ego gratification is dependent, at least in part, on what others think of you. And if you are not viewed favorably, you will not feel good about who you are. Therefore, you should put forth an effort and be warm and generous with people with whom you choose to interact. Then they will let you know that they approve of you and that will provide the gratification you want.

Your Feeling Nature

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

Moon in Pisces

Together you and your partner undoubtedly are capable of having great empathy for each other which can be the basis of a deep bond between you. You also have sympathy for most people with whom you interact as a couple even without bonding with them. And you can feel great inner satisfaction from helping others. You may not, however, always be discriminating as to whom you choose to service. You do seem to attract needy people and some of the individuals you attract might take advantage of you. You could avoid this happening by paying attention to your gut feelings. Implicit in this placement is the ability to see beneath the surface and if you use your intuition you can learn to stay away from people who might drain or victimize you. There will still be many individuals who are worthy of your assistance.

Strong intuition is also a quality you share with your partner, so that you can each often know what the other is thinking or feeling without a word being spoken. Yes, there can be a strong telepathic connection between you, but you may not come to correct conclusions all of the time. Therefore, you might occasionally want to check out your feelings through discussion. Otherwise, some small misreading of your partner's thoughts or motivations could grow into a big problem that would not have occurred if you had talked. Besides, if you only contacted each other telepathically the silence could become deafening!

Moon in the Fifth

If children are an integral part of your partnership, emotions could play an important role in your interaction with them. Either or both of you might be nurturing toward them, or get emotional about them. Perhaps you both dote on the children. Or possibly one of you is protective of them and the other thinks the protective partner is overly protective. If this should be the case, you could have emotional outbursts over the children. To avoid or alleviate this occurring, take a little time away from the children to nurture each other. Each of you could mother your partner a bit and provide some love and protection, and between the two of you could also add a bit of romance. If you do not share an interaction with children, or even if you do, you might choose to use this placement in developing or expressing your joint creativity. You could inspire each other to manifest talents you did not know you had. Your creativity may be sporadic, but when it materializes it will be worth the wait.

Moon semisextile Mercury

There is a connection between emotionality and communications in your relationship. Through what you say or write, you as a couple could arouse feelings in others, or you could trigger strong emotions in each other. These feelings could range all the way from tenderness to anger.

If you try to express thoughts and feelings at the same time, you may not be able to express yourselves in the manner you would like. Instead of always merging words and feelings, sometimes use words to express your feelings, and at other times use your emotions to get your ideas across. In this way both ideas and feelings will be aired. Alternating the two sides of your joint nature, you will get less upset and will be able to be more nurturing of each other. Operating as a single unit, you will be able to assert a greater influence on the outer world.

Moon conjunct Mars

Passion and volatility are two key words for this combination. Mars can ignite the deep feelings of the Moon and the Moon can subtly press the Mars into action. The extremes could be a strong sexual attraction or angry emotional outbursts, with a myriad of possibilities in between. But whatever the particular manifestation, the adrenalin flows when you are taking action. It could be that anger and passion are both part of your relationship. So that the outbursts turn into passion or the passion is so intense that it leads to anger. You might feel that the extremes are a necessary part of your relationship. If that is so, continue on. But if they interfere with your life, try to be more active physically together. Work out at a gym on a regular basis, take the lead in a cause that you passionately believe in, or step up your sexual activities.

Moon sextile Saturn

You and your partner may not be emotionally demonstrative with each other. However, you each have a strong sense of responsibility for your partner. So even though neither of you wears your feelings on your sleeve, you should know that your partner is there for you when needed. This knowledge can give you a greater sense of security that a hug and kiss alone can provide. You can also assist each other in better understanding your emotions. So that your feelings may not be externally expressed, but they will be internally understood. When you are dealing with the world as a couple, the impression you make will be similar to what you experience between the two of you. You may be seen as undemonstrative, but solid and dependable. And your function, for those whom you choose to serve will also be much the same. You will provide security, and they will come to you because they know they can count on you.

Moon quincunx Uranus

This combination connects emotions on the one hand, with the need for freedom on the other. So we have to find ways to reconcile these very different principles of closeness and nurturing with the desire for detachment. But if you try to blend these qualities too closely, one of you might feel unloved and be prone to emotional outbursts, while the other feels smothered. And it is possible one of you is always emotional and the other always detached, or you alternate these reactions. Either way, as a couple, you need both freedom and emotional attachment, so you have to learn to activate the two in your life. The best way to deal with these very different principles is periodically to shift emphasis from one to the other. At times throw emotional support totally behind the desire for freedom. And at other times, forego excitement to nurture each other. By operating in this manner, you will be able to share electricity and excitement without sacrificing feelings.

Moon square Neptune

You and your partner undoubtedly have a telepathic connection which you can use to anticipate and take care of each other's needs. However, either or both of you could be manipulative of your partner instead of being supportive. If you are feeling manipulated, you might have the urge to discuss the situation. But it is difficult to put your feelings into words and if you try you probably become more confused. So, if you feel that you are taken advantage of by your partner, talking about it will probably not improve the situation. What you should do instead, is to use visualization or prayer. Either of these techniques may help you to better understand your situation. And since you can reach your partner on a subliminal level, you might even improve conditions. Then your faith could be restored.

How You Communicate

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

Mercury in Aries

When you are operating together, you and your partner communicate energetically and directly, whether the interaction is between the two of you or with others. You tend to speak quickly and sometimes impatiently or forcefully, and your meaning will be evident. No one need wonder what you are saying, and it is unnecessary to probe for hidden motivation, because there is none.

Because your communication as a couple is rarely subdued, you are capable of directness and confrontation. In fact, your communication can quickly rise to expressions of anger or uproarious laughter depending on the situation. Once you have said what you needed to say, you do not drag things out. In other words, your communication is to the point. As a couple, you come across as warm, spontaneous, enthusiastic and quick-witted communicators, ready to spar with words. But watch your tendency to jump to conclusions or to get involved in situations too easily. Your self-assured style of communicating could at times be seen as arrogant or self-centered. Make sure that you consider the needs of others in any group activities.

Sometimes you speak before you think, especially when you are angry, and so you can easily hurt someone. Although you tend to recover from these outbursts quickly, others may not. Some people are relieved at your honest and pointed approach, since they always know where they stand with you.

But be careful of resentment that may build between the two of you. Continue to be honest, and be glad that being together encourages direct communication between you. Then you should both be able to handle it.

Mercury in the Sixth

Communications are probably an important part of your daily routine. If you share a workplace, writing and/or talking may be an integral part of your job. But even if you do not work together professionally, your daily routine in general, or the specific tasks you want to perform could be among your favorite topics of conversation. In fact, you both may be able to work most efficiently if you discuss what must be done before you take action. You might write out a schedule or simply get together and verbally plan what needs to be done. If you sometimes feel that your work goes slowly because you talk more than you act, you might try to get a faster start. However, if you do not plan what you are going to do in advance, either or both of you might find it necessary to criticize or direct the other while you are working and that could interrupt and delay the process more than taking time for an initial planning.

Mercury semisextile Saturn

You and your partner can be clear and honest with each other when you communicate. Or you might feel restricted when you think you should talk together. If the latter is the case, you will not only have problems talking to each other, but the world will probably see you as uncommunicative as well. Since this aspect indicates a need for adjustment, chances are that the two of you will have to work on the communications you share. You may tend to direct or criticize each other when you are trying to have a conversation. Or possibly one or both of you interrupts the other to ask questions or help organize the information. None of this will be conducive to free flowing discussions. You should each be allowed to talk without interruption or direction and your partner should listen. Then questions can be asked. Or set the guidelines first. And then talk. Remember that clarity can come. Just be patient and eventually everything will be understood.

Mercury opposite Uranus

Communications between you and your partner are probably very stimulating. You may think faster and more creatively when you are together than either of you do individually. However, too much stimulation can lead to overload and the result could be not taking time to think through plans or to weigh words. There is also the possibility of interfering with each other's communications by not allowing your partner to finish a sentence and jumping to conclusions as to what is going to be said. Your conclusions might be incorrect, by the way, and this could lead to misunderstandings. You should each be permitted to state your ideas without interruption. This can be done without too much effort if you keep statements and conversations in general, short. Then you can be creative with the ideas and initiate plans. If you do this you might avoid misunderstandings and trying to launch untenable plans. And the world may see you as a creative rather than an erratic couple.

Mercury trine Neptune

You and your partner undoubtedly share a vivid imagination that can be used to create wonderful stories. But even in general conversation the two of you can have a charismatic impact on each other, and mesmerize the world as well. In addition, you and your partner could have a strong telepathic connection. So you seem to know what the other is thinking before a word is spoken. This will not be the case when the two of you are interacting as a couple, with others. Therefore, these individuals may not be able to distinguish between what is fact and what is fantasy in your communications. If you begin to feel that these people are confused about what you are saying, or misinterpreting your words, you might take a little time to explain. Even if they still do not understand, at least you will have tried, and they will still probably find you charismatic.

Relationships and Pleasures

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

Venus in Libra

As a couple, you are probably seen as calm, poised, charming and gracious. Your shared energy supports attention focused on others, their needs, concerns and interests. This makes you a popular pair for social gatherings or any function requiring people skills. You may find yourselves called upon to act as mediators or negotiators in your various social or religious groups. In time, because of your strong social skills, as you develop your partnership, you will also gather interesting people around you. A main characteristic of your partnering is that you are well-connected with a strong network of social contacts. Together, your focus will be on balance and harmony in all your interactions. Being fair will often be on your mind or reflected in your conversation. You prefer to socialize with people who have manners and are as considerate of others as you yourself would strive to be. Crudeness tends to turn you off. With this placement, you can also be romantic and capable of setting a scene that is both beautiful and pleasurable to the senses.

Privately, you seek a continuation of the love that originally brought you together. Maintaining and creating romantic times will be a priority. If one of you is busy, the other will plan the latest romantic escape. In functioning as a partnership, you rate high on compromise and the ability to negotiate. When you have disagreements, applying those skills will tend quickly to defuse tensions. You are both committed to maintaining balance. Just be sure and negotiate for what is important to you rather than merely compromising for the sake of peace.

Venus in the First

Charming and attractive are undoubtedly adjectives that people would use to describe you and your partner as a couple. You also probably enjoy each other's company and sharing pleasurable activities. You like comfortable, peaceful and harmonious surroundings and if there is an effortless way to deal with your environment will take that route. Your motivation may be to keep peace, but because you are not forceful and aggressive, it seem to others than you are lazy. And your search for personal enjoyment, might make you also appear to be self-indulgent. However, even if the two of you are seen as somewhat indolent or self-centered, you charm and sociability should outweigh these negative perceptions and cause others to seek your company. And besides, as long as you and your partner are both having a good time and getting what you want, who cares about the disapproval of others?

Venus trine Mars

With this combination the planet that represents love and attractiveness (Venus) is connected with the planet of sexuality and initiative (Mars). And the aspect involved indicates that these energies flow easily between you and your partner. So you undoubtedly find each other sexually attractive. And your attitude toward each other will make you appear attractive and charming when you are together in the world. In describing you as a couple, people will probably say that you are pleasant to have around. But you probably will not be viewed as overtly assertive. However, you can be effective. When you know what you want you can go after it. You just will use diplomacy rather than raw aggression. And because you use the approach you do, people may not even realize that you are taking the lead. So you are able to accomplish what you want to do without others even being aware of it.

Venus semisextile Pluto

With this combination, you and your partner can share a powerful passion or you might have power struggles when love is involved. But this aspect indicates that there is a need for adjustment, so it could take effort to avoid the latter, and promote the former. The secret to success is that you each be allowed to assert power with your partner's support. Then you ought to take turns leading the way in expressing affection with your partner throwing all passion behind your efforts. This should also be the way the two of you deal with others. You should alternate asserting power with the other partner totally following the leader. If you both have turns at leading and supporting it will be easier to cooperate. And there will be no need to challenge each other. So power should not be an issue between you. And by asserting power in a charming and tactful way in the outer world, everyone will want to be on your side. Then you can become power figures with cooperation rather than resistance from others.

Energy, Assertion and Effectiveness

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

Mars in Aquarius

Your combined energy is electric, exciting, eclectic, even at times eccentric. Together, you seek your own truth and make your own rules. Somehow or other, you find yourself involved in controversial conversations or situations. You may often act as a catalyst and seem to encourage others to speak and explore their personal truth about complex topics. Others may say you are brilliant, stimulating or possibly a bit erratic, but you will never be seen as boring.

The two of you are rarely concerned about others' opinions of you and you will continue to call it as you see it. But, because of your original viewpoint, you could find yourself isolated from others. Do not allow this to happen. Changing your style to be acceptable is unnecessary (there is no danger that you would), but maintaining social connections is also important. So, lend your opinions and act as champions for humane causes and human rights issues, and people will be more willing to tolerate your sometimes strange behavior. And you work best when you are part of a group or team with shared values. The two of you have a knack for coming up with creative and brilliant solutions to tricky problems and you energize any group you are with.

In disagreements, one or the other of you could get so angry that you want to leave the relationship. This is itself is not a problem, as long as you come back, because the actual separation from the other will give you the needed perspective to understand the truth of the problem between you. Since independence is an integral part of your shared identity, time spent apart can be what keeps your relationship functioning well.

Mars in the Fifth

If you and your partner have children together, they will be probably play a critical role in how the two of you expend your joint energy. You could direct the children, try to prod them into action, or find they prod you into action. Or you might fight with them or fight about them. But whatever interaction you have with, or in reference to the children, will be overt and direct. But you need not experience the anger or nagging that can occur with Mars. It is possible that you are just energetic when you two of you and your children are together. And even if difficulties arise, you can probably curtail them by finding a strenuous physical activity you can share. However, another alternative is to focus on talents and creativity that you and your partner can bring out in each other, and energetically throw yourselves wholeheartedly into a hobby or an artistic project. This could take pressure off your relationship with the children, or provide an enjoyable way to use this placement whether or not you have children.

Mars square Neptune

You and your partner could feel that you have less energy when you are together than when you operate individually. Or possibly, you become confused when you try to determine a practical course of action as a couple, so that you feel ineffectual. And it could be that the harder you try to be firm or to fully explain your situation in concrete terms, the more confused you become. The reason is that this combination does not work well on the material level. It is a spiritual or artistic combination. Yet, with this aspect there can be the tendency to keep striving to make the energy or action materialize in a practical way. So you keep trying and then complain that it does not work. You can change this, however. Express joint creativity or share spirituality. If you do either, you might find that your energy level becomes higher and your lives are enriched through art or spiritual development.

Mars quincunx Pluto

In your relationship, power and physical energy are closely connected. But with this aspect, there is a need for adjustment. So there could be the tendency to fight for position any time either of you tries to take charge, because the other partner feels threatened. Thus there is the possibility that you spend more time battling each other than you do making use of all the joint energy. You can be much more effective if you alternate performing the role of leader. This does not mean that the other has to be the follower. Rather, the supportive partner can be decisive, visible and initiating. Actions will just be according to the wishes of the leader. Then the world will see you as a powerful couple and will not try to determine which of you is the stronger. You must, however, remember to alternate the leadership role for your sense of personal power. And by supporting each other you will be doubling your joint power as well.

Broadening Your Horizons

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

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

Jupiter in the Seventh

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

Jupiter sesquare Neptune

You and your partner want to share a belief system through which you can expand together. However, with this aspect it may take time and effort for this to occur. You may have very different ideas on spiritual needs and/or disagree on how to grow through them. Or possibly either or both of you find your partner confusing. You are not clear about what your partner wants nor his or her expectations of you. So there could be a feeling that something is wrong, but you cannot put your finger on exactly what it is. And the harder you try to explain your situation in practical terms, the more confused you can become. You could just dwell on your dissatisfaction and keep feeling as though there is something missing in your relationship. But instead of grumbling, have faith that all will work out. Another possibility is that you could take a trip together to a place that you think of as spiritual. That experience might help to restore your faith.

Handling Setbacks and Responsibilities

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

Saturn in the Seventh

The friends you and your partner share are probably serious and dependable. Or possibly they either expect you to be responsible for them or they will tend to direct you. But no matter what, your close friendships will not be light or casual. You might at times feel weighted by responsibility and/or restricted in some way by these individuals. Perhaps one partner willingly accepts the responsibility or the direction, and the other feels restricted. And this could create friction between the two of you. Should you feel overburdened, you might improve the situation by insisting that your friends assume some of the responsibilities. That will lighten the load for you and your partner. Or if they are too controlling, you can lay down the law yourselves and direct them as much as they are directing you. By balancing responsibility and control with these individuals, you will still have serious friends, but you should feel secure in these relationships rather than restricted by them.

Saturn quincunx Uranus

In your partnership, freedom and individuality are connected with structure and responsibility. But with this aspect, there are adjustments that have to be made. One of you could focus on expressing individuality and the other might suddenly try to establish behavioral limitations because of embarrassment. Then the individualist will be unpleasantly surprised and feel restricted. Or one of you could insist upon following societal regulations and the other, feeling stifled displays strange behavior. And the structured partner becomes upset. As a couple you need both structure and freedom. So you should take turns expressing individuality with your partner providing security and offering total support during those times. And you should also take turns working on security and organization with the other partner using creativity to be of assistance. Then you may find that freedom and responsibility can fit well together.

Spontaneity and Surprises

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

Uranus in the Twelfth

This placement could mean that any uniqueness or non-conformity you and your share is not openly expressed. There may be reasons for this. Perhaps, you are concerned that any unconventionality would be detrimental to your public image. So you keep any revolutionary ideas you both hold between the two of you and you do not flaunt any behavior that could be construed as rebellious. But as long as you are sharing with your partner you undoubtedly will be able to feel the sense of individuality and creativity that should be experienced with this planet. However, if you do not share such behavior and ideas, either or both of you might feel that your partner is inhibiting your freedom and creativity. Should this be true, try to encourage your partner to express his or her individuality, even if you are one who feels restricted. Your partner might begin to do the same to you. Then you will feel less suppressed.

Otherworldly Aspirations

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

Neptune in the Second

The money you and your partner share could sometimes be a concern, and might be an issue that periodically arises between you. Perhaps your funds seem to magically disappear. This may occur because neither you nor your partner are adept at keeping financial records—at least joint financial records. Or it may be that one of you spends money without a thought, which could create concern in your partner and confusion in your financial status. However, there is the possibility that money could sometimes appear just as magically as it disappeared. But to rely on this always occurring is not the best approach to the situation. One solution that has a better chance of working consistently, is to take some of the money you earn and share, hide it, and pretend it doesn't exist. Then when you visible cash vanishes, you will still have some left.

Neptune sextile Pluto

Neptune and Pluto in the sky have been sextiling each other since the early 1940s. Therefore, every chart since that time has this aspect in it, and if you and your partner were both born in the 1940s or later you each live with that aspect. And if the two of you within a year or so of each other the position of the planets in the Composite Chart are in pretty much the same zodiacal positions as in your natal charts. Thus you and your partner are dealing with a combination with which you are already familiar. And the concepts of spirituality and power that you each hold should be quite compatible. In addition, you want to help each other to further develop these factors in your lives. You have several paths you can take with this combination. Although you could easily manipulate each other, it is more likely that you would add power to each other's spiritual beliefs and you would use your faith to enhance each other's power. Thus, together you could be strong and have a powerful belief system to share.

Issues of Power

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

Pluto in the Twelfth

There is something subtle about the way you and your partner express your joint power. You are probably capable of running the world, but you would like to do it from behind the scenes. You would have no difficulty giving the orders, but you prefer that someone else be the figurehead. Your subtlety in dealing with power could extend to interaction between the two of you. You would undoubtedly rely on covert expression of power rather than overt confrontation. So manipulation may be the route either or both of you choose. If your shared power is used (or misused) in this way, the manipulated partner(s) will feel ineffectual. And, if you are weak as individuals, you will also feel this way as a couple. Therefore, instead of trying to take advantage of each other, analyze your situation together and find ways to express your joint power. As you achieve the ends you desire, you will gather strength inwardly. You will still be subtle in your expression of power, but you will feel more in control of your life.

Pluto conjunct North Node

Power could play an important role in the relationships that you as a couple have with others. Those with whom you interact may be powerful and try to run your lives, or they might expect you to take charge. Or possibly you might vie with them to see who is in charge. If the two of you always take the lead, the people with whom you are interacting may respect your authority for a time, but they will not want you always to be ordering them around so they could challenge you for your powerful position. Then the situation becomes volatile. But if you always follow the lead of others, you can eventually feel ineffectual. So you become the attackers. You can avoid all the turmoil if you take turns leading and following. Then everyone will have a chance to assert power. And when the time comes to follow it can be accomplished without incident because no one will feel threatened.

A Tool for Conscious Relationships

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

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

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