



COMPOSITE REPORT

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Introduction

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

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

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

THE HEART OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP

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

-- C.G. Jung.

The Sun

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

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

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

The Sun is in the 1st House

This is a dynamic and powerful relationship which is more likely to fare well if you are business partners or members of a team but can also be a beneficial influence in an intimate personal relationship. Together you present as a potent couple. Others see you as a dynamic duo ready to take on the world. They are likely to support your association, and may even encourage you to form a bond. As such, you can see why this can be a wonderful combination for a business couple or anyone wanting to "sell" something to the public. You have couple charisma. On a personal level, you are both eager to put your best foot forward to make this union work. However, you may also compete for the attention. Who is the giver and who is the taker? Who is the leader and who is the follower? Can you share these roles? It

is unlikely with this combination. If your bond is business or another contractual bond, you are likely to enjoy the thrust and parry of this association. However, co-operation not competition is more likely to help a personal relationship thrive on a long-term basis. A need to always be on the alert and selling your point of view to the world can be exhilarating in your career, a sports arena or an organization. However, it can be wearying in a marriage. If you are looking for an exciting and challenging partnership, then is the right combination for you. However, if you are looking for a marriage that provides a soft landing, then you may prefer to look for a different combination.

The Sun is Conjunct Venus

The combination of these two Cosmic entities is a significant indicator of love, although not necessarily sexual desire. The attraction is strong. You feel drawn to each other, but other astrological aspects of your Combined Charts will show whether or not this is a sexual attraction or platonic affection. Either way, you enjoy each other's company, sharing a common sense of pleasure, and this augurs well for marriage, friendship, business and family relations. However, if you are considering or are involved in, a romantic union, then this could accentuate sexual desires. It can also mean that you share an interest in the arts, fashion, money or another congenial activity. In some cases, a strong connection between the Sun and the planet of love can indicate a desire to share investments or a common sense of morals. One or both of you feel that your association is a social or monetary boon, adding value to your respective lives. This is an ideal combination if you are considering entering into marriage or if you are already married, as you both feel at ease. You are easily affectionate, warm, and friendly, knowing how to give each other pleasurable experiences. You enjoy the same social outings, and friends enjoy your company. As a couple, you receive more social invitations than you may on your own. Therefore, you delight in the company of your loved ones. Dancing, shopping, dinner parties, and special occasions of any kind are all on your calendar. You can gain much joy from this association.

The Sun is Conjunct Mars

This is a feisty association. If you are both happy with a volatile and robust union then you are likely to thrive in this one. Whatever the nature of this association, together you are a force to be reckoned with. Obviously, the challenge is to make sure that your energetic union is a positive one. In order to do so, you may need to take up a sport or demanding hobby, one that helps you both rise to a challenge in a positive manner. You may also join a debating team, take a crisis care course, or indulge in a little conflict resolution. The idea is to keep you both actively engaged when you are together. You need an outlet for pent-up energy, passion, and drive. Sometimes this can indicate a hot-blooded sexual liaison but unless there are other strong indications of love and commitment, your sexual fire is likely to burn brightly before ending.

The Sun is Conjunct Neptune

This combination indicates an association that is both blessed and cursed with caprice. On the one hand, you are both drawn to an inexplicable quality in each other. Romance may be in the air or you share a dream for the betterment of the world or yourselves. Whether you have met through business or personal ventures, and whether you are acquaintances or intimate friends, you seek something illusive in each other. On the other hand, you recognise a kindred spirit when you see one. You know that destiny has played a hand, and if nothing else, that you are going to teach each other a valuable lesson. Somehow, you feel that knowing each other has made this world a better place. The problem is, that unless there are other strong indicators in your Combined Chart, you are likely to feel somewhat frustrated at times. What you are yearning for is a deep and soulful connection with each other. However, just when this seems to be possible, something or someone else steps into the picture preventing true satisfaction. This is true for both business and personal relationships. If you are married

or looking for a commitment of marriage, then you need other astrological indicators to provide the glue for a strong bond. Otherwise, you are likely to eventually become disillusioned or lose yourselves in an impossible search for love. Years can pass by because you both don't want to let go, and yet you also can't quite see a practical, daily commitment taking place. If you do have other clear relationship indicators, then you are likely to enjoy this relationship, feeling that it is a deep connection that helps you rise above daily problems. Sometimes this combination highlights a shared passion for the arts, charitable works, alternative therapies or spiritual pursuits.

The Sun is Trine Chiron

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

THE SOUL OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP

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

The Moon

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

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

The Moon is in the 12th House

What would your ideal dream home together look like? With this placement, it is likely to be quite different than what you might have envisaged before you met each other. It is important to keep this image in mind, as it is a metaphor for your special relationship. Certainly, one of the things you need is quiet, solace, and warmth in your shared space. It would be good if your retreat were near water, as this would epitomise the depth of feeling that is contained in your relationship. Using words to describe how you feel about being together cannot touch the depth or soulfulness you feel unless it's poetry or song. With your Composite Moon in the 12th House, your relationship is a like a merger of two souls; one heart beating inside both of you. When you are bonded, you feel as one. Jointly you are creative, whether you sing in concert or dance in unison. You need to feel attuned to one another, and when you are able to find that special time and place, your relationship becomes spiritually uplifting, and you sense the rightness of being a pair.

You are responsive to each other, sensitive to moods and nuances, and jointly susceptible to the collective mood around you. This is where it gets a bit tricky, as you may have noticed that when you are together, difficult feelings are often brought out into the open. Feelings, whether they are romantic or complex, are still feelings, and being together brings them out into the open. You might have noted that since you got together there have been some undercurrents or disruptions, like boils being lanced. What is repressed and invisible to others might be quite apparent to you both. With your Composite Moon in the 12th House, you are more susceptible to each one's ancestry and heritage; in other words, each

partner's family history might have an impact on your relationship. This is where your bond needs to be impenetrable so that together, you can understand that the emotional states around you, and the demands of family members are storms that will pass. Your strength together is your depth of feeling, but that could become your Achilles' heel when you are not supporting one another and making time out for your relationship. Retreat and timeout are what you both need to recapture the special quality that nurtures you both.

The Moon is Conjunct The Ascendant

Your Moon is highlighted as it is on an angle on your Composite Chart, suggesting the themes of care, dependency, security, and belonging are integral to your relationship. The changing temperament and rhythms of moods, feelings, and reactions need to be anchored in the harbour of your relationship through your kindness and concern for each other. This brings the issue of dependency to the front lines, as your Moon rises on the Ascendant. On your relational threshold is the question of how your relationship provides for your own needs and the needs of others, an important consideration every time you step out into the world as a couple.

Having the Moon rising in your relationship presents its own unique attachment style or way of bonding and feeling safe. It is important for each of you to know, that as you socialize and reach out as a couple, you will be supported and protected by your partner. While you may have different emotional reactions or feelings to certain situations, you need to respond as a couple at ease with one another, being psychologically and emotionally aligned. As a pair, it is important to check in with each other now and again; for instance, at a social gathering, you can move around independent of one other as long as you know the other is there when you need them. Together you create a warmth that others are attracted to – they feel comfortable being around you both, and know they are in safe hands. As a couple, you may be called upon to soothe and comfort others; therefore, it is necessary to agree on social boundaries, putting your relationship first. Your extended families are part of your relational system, so it is best to have an agreement in place about how you will respond to their request and demands. Think of it as building a protective layer around your relationship, one that you move in and out of on your own terms.

The Moon is Sextile Jupiter

In your Composite Chart, the Moon is in contact with Jupiter, the largest of the planets in our Solar System and one who has earned the astrological reputation of being lucky, blessed, and bestowing fortune. While a blessing from Jupiter sounds as if it is providential, in practice, you create your fortune by participating with the chances presented to you. When these two planets work in tandem, the symbol suggests that there are many shared social and educational opportunities to take advantage of. As a couple, you are invited to find your sense of belonging and security in the world, beyond what has been familiar and routine for you both. As Jupiter promotes travel, learning, and cross-cultural experiences, opportunities to explore these may arise for you as you forge your relationship.

A solid base for your partnership is founded on your mutual beliefs, and faith in each other and the divine. While you may not ascribe to orthodox or traditional religious dogma, it is important that you have shaped a philosophy of life together that allows you to feel free enough and secure enough to take advantage of what is offered to you. Feeling secure does not necessarily mean staying in your well-known household comfort zone, but reaching beyond into a world never experienced by either of you. The alchemy of being together creates new dimensions to explore and possibilities beyond what you would have encountered on your own. Your relationship may already have cross-cultural flavours and it would be good to explore these together. Imagine what it would be like to live overseas or

somewhere beyond what is familiar. What would it be like to pursue your educational dreams with the support of your partner and your relationship? As a team, you find your place to belong through your quests and questions; therefore, it is always wise, as a couple, to reach out and reach beyond the everydayness of the lives you knew before.

COMMUNING AND CONVERSING

"I know no ways to mince it in love, but directly to say 'I love you'."

-- William Shakespeare, Henry V

Mercury

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

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

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

Mercury is in the 1st House

The planet Mercury in the 1st House of your Combined Chart is akin to the image of Mercury rising. When we think about Mercury rising, usually we are thinking about things heating up or the temperature getting a bit hotter. In mythology, it is the image of Mercury ascending from the Underworld, and usually, he is escorting someone out of the dungeon of the netherworld. Either way, it conjures up images of a powerful mercurial side to your relationship, something that is up front and

noticeable. As a couple, you are likely to share ease of movement and conversation, the expression of ideas, and the fluidity of your insights. As a team, you are able to navigate the most complex of situations and are often able to demonstrate a camaraderie for each other and those around you. As a team, you are infectious and have everyone listening to your stories and laughing at your jokes. You lighten the atmosphere. No wonder you are invited out a lot. However, you may also unwittingly bring things to the surface that are contentious. A slip of the tongue, a forgotten name, a throwaway line, might just land both of you in hot water. Therefore, it's safe to say that when the two of you show up, things get going.

Together you have a great intellectual curiosity and compatibility. You love to debate. Others think you're arguing. You love to discuss. Others think you're intellectualising. But together it doesn't really matter what others think, as long as you both are thinking along the same lines. Variety is a key to your relationship, and so you might chop and change your opinions a bit more frequently than your friends or find yourselves changing rooms or suburbs quite a bit. Change is necessary to help your relationship feel alive; therefore, it is best to recognise that at times you need to drag things out into the open before you're able to take the next step forward. Having a stimulating project together or a plan of escape does wonders. You find the intellectual and emotional stimulation you need in each other's arms. Of course, that's when you're not waving hello or goodbye to someone or frantically trying to get someone else's attention.

Mercury is Conjunct The Ascendant

Contact, communication, and connection become highlighted as you build your relationship. Together you create a Combined Chart that has Mercury angular, highlighting its importance. As the god of the road, he is your guide but is also a trickster when helping navigate your relational direction. Like the poet William Wordsworth once described, he is *'a guide into eternity, at least to things unknown and without bound'*. Mercury is a guide through the transitions of your life together. Mercury appears on your Ascendant; therefore, he is felt in the personality of your relationship as you reach out into life and step onto your unique path together. He may have been there right from the beginning. The first time you met might have been a coincidence, an accident, something not expected - which illustrates the Mercurial character of your relationship. Reach back to the first time you met, how did this happen and what was the atmosphere? You may be able to see the trickster in action.

You also may have felt familiar right from the start, as there is a sense of kinship that draws you both together. How important it is that you share a sense of humour, even a sense of the ridiculousness? To move forward in the same direction together you need to be in sync mentally. To start, always talk things through, debate, and then decide on your plan of action. When decision-making becomes emotional or an argument is too heated, you have the capability to take a step back and discuss this rationally. Leaving things unspoken or unshared can impede your direction as a team. Others notice the way you interact, and in a way, your communication style is on show. As you recognise your own unique language, you will find it easier to have one voice together. But perhaps the greatest gift revealed by this symbol is in your shared kinship and friendship, a closeness that allows you to be the best of mates.

Mercury is Conjunct Venus

When Mercury combines with Venus in your Composite Chart, the mutual question is how much do you value communication and discourse in your relationship? Are you intellectually suited, and how do you discover what mutually inspires and interests you? How love and connection are conveyed is important to you both. Therefore, the need to express the language of love, share the sense of beauty or converse about shared values is fundamental to your relationship. Companionship is at the heart of your

relationship, whether that is sharing the love of the road, the fondness of literature or an opinionated debate. Trickster Mercury makes sure there are enough twists and turns to keep the relationship stimulating.

There might be a sibling story surrounding your relationship, whether that is in your family's histories or maybe it is just that you value your relationship as if it were a sibling one. At the heart of your relationship is a close connection, one that can be expressed through communication of all sorts, whether that is letter writing, texting or communing. Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville-West left us a gift of beautiful letters intimately written between them, a legacy of their Composite Venus-Mercury in Pisces in the 12th house! Together you both can participate in a valuable legacy of sharing and communicating love.

Mercury is Conjunct Neptune

When a non-traditional or slower-moving planet, aspects a traditional or faster-moving one, it brings an influx of novel and creative images and influences with it. In your Combined Chart, this is the case with Neptune and Mercury, which produce imaginative and inspired ways of thinking about your relationship and interaction together. As a couple, you illuminate the spiritual, artistic, and creative realms, which are situated at the heart of your companionship. Therefore, it is beneficial for your relationship to discover your creative path together, whether that be through the joys of learning a new craft, watching your favourite videos, participating in spiritual endeavours or having your own private book club. Your relationship comes alive when you share music, art, and images together, discuss the finer things in life, or mutually marvel at the wonder of life.

Yes, together you can be highly idealistic. That's why a cautionary note about the way you communicate with each other is essential, as you may gloss over your difficulties by either not discussing the issue or by denying its impact. A helpful way to dodge the difficulty is to forget. Unfortunately, the forgetting can morph into apathy, leaving your relationship at sea. Rudyard Kipling likened words to the most powerful of drugs, an interesting turn of phrase for your relationship since it is very important for you both to be as clear and lucid as you can be about significant issues. Therefore, it is vital to recognise that confrontation and addressing contentious issues may be difficult. How can you imagine ways to be creative with your disagreements without dampening your dreams? One way is returning to the ideals, beliefs, and visions that brought you together, and start again to mutually discover why you may have wandered off course. But what always revitalises your connection is your mutual participation in the spiritual and the more profound aspects of your life.

LOVE AND DESIRES

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

-- William Shakespeare, *The Tempest*

Venus

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

Venus is in the 1st House

You are attracted to each other's personal qualities. This is likely to be a physical attraction, in that you appreciate each other's physical looks and enjoy a loving and tactile relationship; however, it is not necessarily sexual. You may have common passions, interests, and physical traits that you each find appealing. Together you explore health and happiness, whether this is simply playing a fun game, or exploring the meaning of life. It all becomes pleasurable when you are together. This association is likely to be loving, but other aspects of your combined astrology will provide the clues as to whether or not it is a romantic liaison or something other than a friendship based on common ground. Either way, your friends and colleagues are likely to note the spark that occurs when the two of you are together. You present as a couple, whether you mean to or not. The obvious pleasure that you share in each other's company is infectious, and those around you respond with warmth and conviviality. As a couple, you receive attention that you might not receive as individuals. Your popularity can also result in gifts, monetary rewards, and generally increased bounty. For this reason, you may discover that you work well together. If you are in a marriage-like union then you are likely to join forces to promote a particular hobby, pastime or work project. Your popularity as a couple can also have obvious professional or business benefits if you are working together to promote a work campaign or specific cause.

Venus is Conjunct Mars

This is a powerful statement about your attraction to each other. You are like two magnets drawn together. If you are free and able to pursue a sexual relationship then all lights are "green". Otherwise, you are well advised to stay away from each other because even with the best of intentions, you are unlikely to be able to resist the urge to fulfil your desire for each other. An exception may be if you are combining to work on an intense creative project, which provides an outlet for your need to connect on an intimate level. Nevertheless, you are both still likely to feel that sex is the ultimate expression of this relationship, an accoutrement to the creative project, so to speak. It is not so much that you experience sexual tension; it is simply that your attraction is a powerful one and you feel that sex is an inevitable expression of your togetherness. Your desire for each other is potent and natural. Others are likely to notice the attraction and also feel drawn to your company. As a couple, you are highly attractive. If you are free to explore an intimate bond, then this is a rewarding and intimate union. If you are not, then

you both need to be wary of the consequences of entering into murky waters.

Venus is Conjunct Neptune

"Every night I hope and pray, A dream lover will come my way." So wrote American songwriter Bobby Darin. His words could apply to this relationship. Your eyes meet for the first time and you just know that this is a special connection. In fact, each time you meet, magic seems to be in the air. As a couple, you both feel that you fulfil each other's dreams. Romance is a key component. You are "in love" most of the time. Together you may appear to others as the ideal couple, perfectly complementing each other. However, nothing is perfect, and so you need to tread carefully before making a final commitment to this union. If all else indicates a solid union then you can say your vows. However, you need to give each other time to ensure that you really know each other well, flaws and all. Do you have a soothing and calming effect on each other? Or does one of you have a feeling that the romance may be an illusion? The answers to these questions help determine whether or not this can be a successful long-lasting bond. If you are united then you are likely to be gentler when you are together. Peace and harmony surround you. As long as you respect each other's individual needs then this can be a sweet union. Beauty and harmony surround you, as you are drawn to nature, art, dance, music, and perhaps the ocean or a lake district. These are the things that you desire as a couple. You may also enjoy taking part in activities that make the most of any talents that one or both of you have. For instance, together you sing in a band or choir, or you act in a theatrical production. Philanthropic pursuits may appeal. The key is to be in concordance.

Venus is Sextile Pluto

The good news is that this is a powerful union. Together you can transform each other's lives, and possibly other people's lives. There is a strong creative desire. If you are colleagues then you can work well together on intense projects. If you're in a more intimate relationship then sexual desire is likely to be potent. Together you experience much pleasure. The tricky part is that such intense love and creativity sometimes also herald strong emotions such as jealousy, envy, and perhaps even lust. Both of you feel more powerful through your connection. The trick is to acknowledge the strength of the bond and to avoid trying to have power over each other. You need to use your joint power wisely. You also need to ensure that this union echoes the highest octaves of love and co-operation rather than the lowest ones. This coupling provides an opportunity to move beyond negative relationship patterns towards profound love. Your lives can have more depth and meaning through being in a partnership.

Venus is Trine Chiron

Yours is a special connection. Together you can heal each other. Perhaps you share a similar spiritual outlook on the world and this provides a unique bond. Your profound understanding of each other can lead to a relationship as teacher and student, counsellor and client, or mentor and trainee. If this is a love union then you need to treat each other with the utmost care and respect. It would be easy for emotional upsets to disrupt your bond. Past relationships can be understood and healed through the love that you share. However, unresolved emotional hurts can also be inadvertently triggered. Therefore, you need to be gentle with each other when you relate. You may enjoy sharing experiences such as health and spiritual retreats, meditation or prayer meetings, or joint healing sessions. An alternative path is more beneficial for you as a couple rather than undertaking an orthodox lifestyle. Forgiveness is a powerful instrument in your relationship toolbox. This union provides you with opportunities to forgive the misdemeanours of past loves and move forward with love in your heart.

"Profound desire, true desire is the desire to be close to someone."

-- Paulo Coelho

Mars

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

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

Mars is in the 1st House

Mars symbolises your desires in your relationship. In any union, there are desires and needs. Needs are non-negotiable. Desires or "wants" can be negotiated in a healthy relationship. The stronger your sense of self, the better you are able to negotiate from a position of clarity and compromise. Mars in a Composite Chart shows where your union is likely to experience a conflict of desires. When you are in sync then all is well. When one of you challenges the status quo, then two variant positions need to be blended in agreement in order for your bond to strengthen. When Mars is placed in the 1st House of your Combined Chart, it has a powerful influence. In your case, joint interests and pursuits are vital. You need to have a common objective which ignites passion in both of you. As long as you are in agreement, then you are a couple to be reckoned with. Together you make an impact on anyone who crosses your path. They are impressed by your unity. This is a positive combination if you work together with a common objective but can be tricky in a personal union. If one of you wants to change direction then the relationship is at risk. It is vital that both of you feel that your desires can be expressed. There is little room for compromise in this union, and the risk is that one bullies the other to continue along a set path. Nevertheless, the couple who are in agreement, serve each other well and show others how a positive union can outlive, outwit, and outlast.

Mars is Trine Chiron

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

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

undervalued, and strive towards your spiritual integrity.

Mars is Sextile Uranus

Mars and Uranus are both combustible. Both are quick and eager to get going, to taste the excitement, and feel the adrenalin that risk-taking brings. How can we imagine this combination in the context of your relationship? First, I would imagine the potentiality for dynamism and vibrancy; perhaps an energetic and exciting couple that makes a strong impact. And on the other hand, the difficulty in sustaining the enthusiasm and energy. How you settle into your relationship is an important consideration. Your urges, energy and excitement could collide with stability. Therefore, your task is the creation of your own unconventional and non-traditional relationship.

When these archetypes are well combined there is originality, brilliance, and uniqueness; however, when the pair is not functional, there can be recklessness and rebellion. Therefore, it is wise to temper some of the impulses in the relationship, talk things through, contemplate the consequences, and plan for the future without inhibiting the present. Together you have original and distinctive ideas as well as the force to put these into motion. It is a matter of figuring out which ones you want to pursue the most.

Mars is Conjunct Neptune

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

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

GROWTH AND COMMITMENT

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

-- William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet

Jupiter

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

Jupiter is in the 10th House

This is a strong placement for the positive planet Jupiter, indicating that one way or another this is a life-changing relationship. While this can indicate a strong and abundant marriage, it can also be prominent in the Combined Charts of business associates and couples with a noticeable role in society. In marriage, you present a united front. Your goals are similar and you actively and positively work to achieve your joint objectives. You are likely to succeed in anything you tackle together. Your only caution is that you do not let success go to your collective heads. Teamwork is vital, not only your own but recognition of the rewards and efforts of others who have helped you climbed the ladder of success. Together you are likely to attract much assistance, monetary and otherwise. You are also likely to receive public recognition as a couple. This could range from enjoying large gatherings at your anniversaries and other happy events to receiving awards from official sources for your contribution to your profession or society. You are able to grow and learn from each other, creating memories rather than regrets as you have such a positive approach to this union.

Jupiter is Conjunct The Midheaven

When Jupiter is on an angle of your Composite Chart, it is as if Chance, perhaps Lady Luck or Fortune stands ready to open the gate onto a particular sphere of life. In astrological tradition Jupiter has always been seen as the 'Great Benefic', the benefactor of luck and the energy of expansion. In your Composite Chart, Jupiter is conjunct your Midheaven, which serves as your lucky charm, guide and conscience when working in the world together, planning your future, building your careers and following your dreams. But it is both of you who must sincerely participate with what is offered as you build your together, to be able to receive the boon that Jupiter is offering us. As a team how might you both

recognise the blessings of your relationship more fully?

In mythological stories Jupiter could often disguise himself and appear to others as a beggar or fool, rather than the great god he was, in order to test the resolve and sincerity of humans. As Jupiter sits atop your Composite chart, this mythic motif could suggest that opportunities may be disguised or not as they seem. Therefore it takes your shared perceptions and good judgment to ascertain the right direction for you, as good prospects come in all shapes and styles. Together you make things grow so it may be wise to start at the bottom rather than the top as you learn through the process of the projects that you share together. Jupiter is a plentiful energy so think metaphorically of the path of your life together like a garden. To create a beautiful, successful, long lasting garden you need to know which plants will thrive where. Many times it is trial and error, but the goal is a thriving and prosperous garden. Imagine your life work together like a cornucopia with rich and healthy produce. Enjoy the fruits of your labours as you move through life, knowing that together you are following the path you are meant to.

"The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment."

-- Anthony Robbins

Saturn

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

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

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

Saturn is in the 5th House

There are three ways we might think about Composite Saturn in your 5th House. Firstly, Saturn is the lawmaker, so it is wise to reflect on what rules and enforcement need to be brought to how you share your creative and erotic life together. Secondly, Composite Saturn suggests where together you can

cooperate on building the appropriate boundaries physically, emotionally, and psychologically. And thirdly, Saturn can symbolise your relational trials, perhaps even its Achilles Heel, so its House position can point us to where these might be located.

Since this sector of your Composite Chart targets the fun, spontaneous, and expressive aspects of your relationship, the seriousness of Saturn needs to be considered as how it can best support these features in your partnership. Needless to say, the symbols do not fit easily together. Metaphorically, how do you manage the principle of gravity when trying to support the lighter side of your relationship or entertaining and pleasurable desires? Timing and planning are key, as together you will not be able to feel free enough to enjoy yourselves until the shared duties and responsibilities have been attended to. It is as if pleasure and amusement are rewards for hard work. Perhaps it is important you also schedule leisure time together. The alchemy of Saturn in the Composite 5th House creates a new mode of creativity for you both. One of the tasks of your relationship is to find ways to express yourselves as a team, work on artistic or innovative projects, join in an adventure or take a risk together.

Saturn has its own speed, and that is slower than you may want to go. It might be a slow process to begin to feel uninhibited with one another. Physical playfulness, emotional openness, and affection may take its time, so together it is important to honour time and support each other to feel more spontaneous, playful, and light-hearted. A wise astrology teacher, Isabel Hickey used to say, 'Saturn delays but does not deny', which is a reminder to be patient and understanding in how you express your love to each other, and how your relationship grows over time. The 5th is also the House of children. Not always literal children, but what you create together. This may be a challenging process for you both, but nonetheless, one that helps you become more confident and successful at enjoying your time as a couple.

INFLUENCES

"Love is begun by time, And time qualifies the spark and fire of it."

-- William Shakespeare, Hamlet

Uranus

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

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

Uranus is in the 10th House

The planet Uranus is in a powerful position in your Combined Chart, indicating that this union is significant, a life-changer. However, it may also be a short-lived connection. If this is a committed personal or business partnership, then the association may make perfect sense to both of you but others may see you as a disparate pairing. When you are together the sparks fly. You may or may not enjoy your unique chemistry, but publicly you are likely to be seen as an odd couple, a case of opposites attracting. Your friends and colleagues are surprised by your relationship. As long as you both can accept each other's differences, then you have a chance of a long-lived bond, but this is a tense union unless there are other more intimate astrological influences. Challenges arise to test you in public. Your parents, boss, and authority figures are likely to react to you as a couple. In other words, you tend to march to the tune of your own drum and approval may be limited if others don't understand. Together you make an impact, but not one that you can rely on for positive feedback from the world at large. For these reasons, you may seek to live privately, only venturing forth as a couple on occasion, or you may seek to go out in public separately, or perhaps to live a completely alternative lifestyle.

Uranus is Conjunct Pluto

This is not a major influence in your Composite Chart as it is more an indication of a generational connection. However, it does indicate that this is a transformational union. One way or another, you have combined in a way that is a catalyst for change. This could mean that you alter the paths of each other's lives. Alternatively, perhaps you have come together to help others transform. This is the ideal combination if you are both dedicated to some form of politics, such as a movement that challenges the status quo of society. This combination also makes you a powerful duo when it comes to counselling, psychology, and other such insightful pursuits.

Uranus is Opposite Chiron

While this aspect is generational by nature, its impact still has a bearing on your relationship. As a couple, it is important to find your common ground on political, spiritual, and ecological issues, as well

as ways to respond to what you mutually see as being unethical and immoral. Taking a stand may challenge your sense of belonging to a community. Both Uranus and Chiron are comfortable on the fringe, being unconventional, but are you, as a couple? You are encouraged to find your comfort zone in terms of, or in spite of, the establishment. This suggests that your relationship needs to address the larger collective concerns to discover what you need to do to improve your communal state of affairs. What lifestyle choices and statements can you make that promote your worldviews and beliefs? You do not necessarily have to be rebellious or dissenting, but it is important for you to consider the impact your own lifestyle choices make on the collective environment and its well-being. Your relationship is a microcosm of the collective, a subsystem in the greater system; therefore, as you jointly struggle to make the 'right' choices and understand the bigger picture, your relationship helps to mend the tears in the social fabric.

Uranus is Opposite Chiron

Many couples who are born between in the last half of the 20th Century will have this aspect repeating in their Composite Chart. Probability is, that if you have this aspect in your Composite Chart, you will also have this in your natal chart, which brings this Chiron-Uranus aspect into prominence. While this aspect is generational by nature, it does not lessen its impact as it brings its influence to bear on your relationship. As a couple living in our contemporary world, the issues that are destroying our planet and the values that are demoralizing our way of life are significant, and demand your attention. Therefore, it is important to find your common ground on political, spiritual, and ecological issues, as well as ways to respond to what you mutually see as unethical and immoral. Since this will affect your lifestyle choices, it is prudent to identify your collective concerns and develop a strategy to feel at peace with your lifestyle choices. Both Uranus and Chiron are comfortable on the fringe being unconventional, but are you as a couple? Your task together is to find out how you can make ethical and legitimate choices in a world that often turns a blind eye. Perhaps you already are a couple that is outstanding, but it is important to stand out for the right reasons. Only you know what those are.

Neptune

The Planet Neptune spends 14 years in each Zodiac Sign and therefore its influence is subtle and linked to generations rather than individuals. Nevertheless, Neptune is seen by astrologers to be connected to the other world, the unseen world or the one often referred to as the other side of the veil. As such, it rules what is invisible, unseen, missing, vague, and inarticulate. Only through images and feelings can the true nature of Neptune be expressed.

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

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

Neptune is in the 1st House

Neptune by House is where the imagination that inspires your relationship is located. Here are the

dreams that can be dreamt and possibilities that can be probabilities. It is also where shared meaning and understanding can be developed, which strengthens and reaffirms the love and compassion of each partner. Your relationship may confuse other people, but both of you have an intuitive understanding of what makes your union work. Others may not share your vision. As long as you both stay in tune, all is right with your world. Some astrologers say that this is a difficult placement for any couple, creating a cloak of ambiguity through which it is difficult to sustain a lasting bond. However, this is not necessarily the case. It is possible that you are both talented individuals and when you are together you feel that the sum is greater than the parts. Together you may sing, dance or perform. One of you may be the performer while the other acts as the manager. It is your joint persona that works, entrancing others and creating a delightful illusion. Your story as a couple beguiles those around you. If you go your separate ways, then the story is likely to change, becoming tarnished. It is your image as a couple that creates the magic. If longevity as a couple is your joint goal, then the path to success is to ensure that this union has its roots planted firmly in reality. It is true that a lack of understanding of each other's true nature can be a threat to your association. You may feel that you are soulmates, but do you really know each other? Are you seeing this relationship in its true light? If the answer to these questions is 'yes', then the reality can sustain the fantasy. The two of you can journey through life exploring artistry, spirituality, and mysteries that others dismiss.

Neptune is Conjunct The Ascendant

"The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them." So says American author Thomas Merton. What he is saying is true for this union. The subtle Planet Neptune is merging with the ever-important Ascendant in your Combined Chart. This casts a veil over your union. The veil can be one of love and romance. It can also be one of confusion and unrequited love. Ideally you both share an artistic or spiritual approach to life, one which is enhanced when together. You tend to meld your interests and immerse yourself in togetherness. Others may not see your connection clearly, but you both know that you are meant to be. The glue that holds you together is subtle but strong. The trick with this combination, is to make sure that neither of you are viewing this relationship through rose-coloured glasses. This can be a caring and loving association that enhances your lives, as long as you are both whole and hearty individuals. If one or both of you indulges in a negative addiction, then this relationship is likely to flounder into murky waters. You need to ensure that you both respect each other's boundaries while enjoying the inspiration that comes from being together.

Neptune is Sextile Pluto

This combination is not a major influence, but it is an indicator of the importance for the two of you to act with integrity when together. Any form of dishonesty, no matter how seemingly innocent, is likely to undermine the strength of your relationship. You each need to act with the utmost integrity, share your inner most world, and trust each other. If this is not possible, then you may be well advised to walk away from an intimate bond. Both of you need to feel safe when in each other's arms and lives. If you do, then much can be accomplished, particularly in areas where others may fear to tread. Knowing that you have each other's backs, you are able to walk a true path that empowers both of you, and those who cross your path.

Pluto

As the underworld God, Pluto is focused on what lies underneath the surface in the unseen world of your relationship. Therefore, in the Composite Chart, it addresses the issues that may be buried, yet potentially eruptive. It depicts the patterns that are hidden, yet still influence you both, even pressures from the past that haunt the current relationship. On one hand, it suggests where the relationship may

be drawn into difficulty, yet on the other hand, the character of Pluto also represents the transforming and life-altering experiences that are available to your relationship. There is a soulful side to Pluto, as it anchors your relationship in a deeper and more authentic place.

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

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

Pluto is in the 10th House

In terms of the diurnal cycle of the Sun, the 10th House represents the time period before the Sun reaches its zenith, the precursor to light dominating the sky. From Pluto's perspective, this is not at all comfortable, as its nature is dark, invisible, and underneath. These two symbols are combined in your Composite Chart and therefore the felt experience of this combination might not be as easy as you would like. Your private life is now in the public, therefore it is important for you both to find ways to trust each other in the world. With this combined image, the world has a powerful effect on your relationship and tests the core of your commitment. From another perspective, this image also suggests that as a team, you can function powerfully in the world. Hence it is important to clarify the intent of the relationship, what are your priorities together in the world, your goals and ambitions? A relevant question for you both is, what is the purpose of your relationship and what role does the world play for us? In other words, it is wise to avert the ambitions and drives that may take time away from intimacy and privacy. Acknowledging these worldly goals allows you to find a place for them in your relationship.

The view from outside your relationship is that as a couple you are powerful. Even though you might not experience it this way, you make an impression. Together you have a dynamic that brings change. You may have even met while involved in a career change. Together you have a critical edge, which means that as a team you deal with crisis well and should never fear change, as it is what opens up the world for you. And there may be many changes in the world in your life together; therefore, it is imperative to secure the private aspects of your relationship so that you both know where your emotional commitments lie. Jointly you might choose to work on a project that changes others or commit to a making a difference in others' lives. But at the end, it is the difference you each have made in the other's quality of life that remains the bright Sun in your relationship.

Pluto is Opposite Chiron

Your Composite Chart draws the two planets Pluto and Chiron into aspect. Officially speaking they are not planets, rather they are minor ones or dwarf ones, which is perhaps a bureaucrat way to say they are not part of the legitimate system. Both energies are marginal, yet in their 'otherness' they offer respite from the demanding world, an acceptance of the past, and medicine for emotional and psychological wounds. In the context of your relationship, this suggests that together you are challenged to accept what cannot be changed. While you may have attempted to inhabit a conventional lifestyle, your relationship questions this. Together you can learn to celebrate the freedoms that come from not being trapped in a system of someone else's choosing. While you have inherited your family's and culture's ideas about a way of life, together you face establishing your own spiritual beliefs and wellbeing routines. You need to develop trust in your unique values, even though others may not choose to live by them. As a team, you may challenge what is accepted and taken for granted, bringing consciousness to bear on the way others think and the lifestyles they choose. You have the possibility to heal your sense of not belonging, by belonging to one another.

DESTINY AND OPPORTUNITIES

"A heart to love, and in that heart, Courage, to make love known."

-- William Shakespeare, Macbeth

Chiron

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

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

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

Chiron is in the 4th House

Relationships are delicately balanced at the best of times. A loving relationship offers the opportunity for healing of emotional wounds from the past and personal growth and fulfilment. When two people relate in a tender way, then it is possible to provide the greatest opportunities for healing, rather than more hurtful experiences. Working through emotionally difficult times is when Chiron is working at its best. At times in the relationship, one person may inadvertently trigger the other's hurt feelings. These feelings may be left over from your childhood or from a previous relationship. Either way, your current relationship is an opportunity to relate differently. A loving union provides the chance to let go of the past, and experience intimacy and true love now. This placement of Chiron in your Combined Chart indicates that relatives and families play a significant role in your relationship. Families can be a source of comfort and support. Alternatively, they can be a cauldron of simmering emotions and hurtful experiences. Your challenge, as a couple, is to provide a safe and supportive home for yourselves and your loved ones. You may need to come to terms with painful events from the past in order to do this, but once achieved, your safe haven is a launching pad for deep personal satisfaction and a profound love union if this is what you want.

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

-- Thomas Merton

The Lunar Nodes

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

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

The North Node is in the 5th House

One of the images of the Nodal axis depicts the head and tail of a dragon. The tail of your Composite dragon is in your 11th House, while its head is in the 5th House. The dragon is a poly-dimensional image and this Composite placement suggests that your relationship is empowered and supported by collective forces when you are mutually committed to the potential of your union. The dragon symbolises power, strength, and enthusiasm for those who are worthy of its fortune. As a couple, you find the favour of the dragon when you strive to express your creative possibilities together. The North Node dragon-symbol in the 5th House of procreation fertilises the creative projects, whether that is a literal or an imaginative child of the union. The luck of the dragon is brought into the union through the participation of the couple in supporting and celebrating their life force.

A karmic imprint symbolised by the North Node is that the dragon's fearlessness, passion, loyalty, and desire to overcome the obstacles along its path are virtues waiting to be discovered through your relationship. But these are encountered through taking risks, being confident, and believing in each other's creative potential. In expressing these characteristics, the community notices and supports you in your intentions. One of the fortunes of your relationship is that you can be playful and imaginative. Therefore, at times you might imagine your relationship as the playground where you can build dream castles; for it is developing your imagination together that you can realise the potentialities inherent in your alliance. Destiny supports the development of your own unique relationship and suggests that the voices of the community will be encouraging and supportive. And to remember that the dragon was often seen as wise beyond its years; therefore, the soul of your relationship may have ancient ways of knowing, of which you may not yet be aware.

The North Node is Conjunct Saturn

Composite Saturn symbolises the contracts and responsibilities of your relationship. Being on your North Node suggests that the nature of your commitment together is important to acknowledge, as your

dedication to one another is what sustains and develops your partnership. Without a combined effort and allegiance, the relationship may feel rudderless and without direction. What leads you together in the right direction is your responsibility and loyalty to the relationship. A revealing exercise may be to reflect together on what you feel are authentic and realistic promises that you each can make to support your relationship. Afterwards, you might each sign this as a way of symbolizing your intention to be accountable to your relationship.

Without this strong sense of teamwork, there may be an issue of control that can separate the team; different goals or values may interfere with the coherence and stability of the relationship. Therefore, it is important to know that whoever makes the decision at the time, is making it for the relationship and the betterment of both of you. Saturn sets a standard. So, it is imperative to know the goals and aspirations that you are working toward. Saturnine ambition is not always about being in control, but more about doing the best that we can do. Think of your partnership as a management team, and together you are able to create the best relationship possible and to know that your relationship is like a good wine that improves with age.