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The Composite Chart

• 02° 57’ Moon in Pisces in the 5th House
• 19° 39’ Sun in Pisces in the 6th House
• 04° 13’ Mercury in Aries in the 6th House
• 25° 49’ Venus in Libra in the 1st House
• 25° 22’ Mars in Aquarius in the 5th House
• 13° 38’ Jupiter in Aries in the 7th House
• 03° 16’ Saturn in Taurus in the 8th House
• 04° 26’ Uranus in Libra in the 12th House
• 28° 34’ Neptune in Scorpio in the 2nd House
• 25° 23’ Pluto in Virgo in the 12th House
• 21° 03’ Node in Virgo in the 12th House
• 07° 26’ Midheaven in Cancer
- 05° 24’ Ascendant in Libra
Composite Astrology (Relationship Analysis)

Although most successful astrological techniques have long histories of usage which may go back as far as the ancient Greeks and Babylonians, the composite chart is by these standards brand-new. It probably has its origins in Germany in the 1920’s, but it only came into use when John Townley introduced it in America in the early 1970’s. Unlike the plethora of other new and often doubtful techniques which were being tried out during this period, the composite chart turned out to be so consistently and often brilliantly revealing that it was taken up by virtually every astrologer and a generation later has become a standard technique for analyzing personal relationships.

The concept is so simple it’s a wonder no one thought of it earlier. A composite chart is simply a horoscope made up of the mutual midpoints between the natal charts of two different persons - the composite Sun is located at the midpoint between the two natal Suns, the composite Moon is at the midpoint between the two natal Moons, and so on. What results is a new, artificially-produced horoscope that literally describes the interface between the two personalities: the shoreline where one leaves off and the other begins. Like any coastline, it may be even and easygoing at one point and convoluted and forbidding at another. And, like any shore, it is subject to fair and stormy weather.

This astrological "weather" is the repeating transits of the planets and Lights which, as in the case of physical coastlines, have literally created the shape of the coastline to begin with. It is a mathematical phenomenon, described by the numbers themselves that are used to construct the composite chart to combine the two personalities. For instance, we know each person experiences regular daily, monthly, and yearly transits to his/her natal sun, giving that point a rising and falling rhythm. The composite sun is precisely that point where any of these rhythms shift over from one person to the other, shift from relative increase to decrease and vice-versa, one to another. It is really a critical, phase-shift, handshake point where one person (usually without knowing it) hands the ball to the other with a mutual shift of energy and responsibility. It is a point of mutual empowerment, the swing point where one gives over to the other at the most primal level. As the transits roll by, the individual solar rhythms continually recreate this transfer point establishing a separate, mutual rhythm unique to the relationship. This happens not only to the two individual's natal Suns, but to all their other natal bodies as well; and when you connect the points, you begin to describe this composite shoreline.

Like any natal chart, this physical/mathematical combo takes on a life of its own which may be quite different from that of the two individuals from which it has sprung. Two persons who both have easy aspects between the Lights may find they have a composite Sun/Moon square which may be quite difficult to deal with - difficult in ways with which the two are natally quite unfamiliar which makes them wonder just what is going on. Conversely, persons who may have quite a struggle by themselves in certain areas, may find that the relationship all by itself seems to magically free them to function better than either could alone. It is here that the relationship does indeed become revealed as more than the sum of its parts.

Since the composite chart (and by extension the relationship itself) is created by the combination of repetitive individual cycles and their mutual exchange, the longer two people are together, the stronger the effect of the composite chart as it ingrains itself and achieves a momentum of its own. This makes good aspects more reliable and makes bad habits repeat themselves and very much contributes to the long-term strengths and weaknesses of a relationship. Since both strengths and problems in most relationships tend to sustain themselves at an unconscious level and are thus often difficult to control or change, the composite chart becomes a matchless tool for throwing light on
the workings of the relationship and opening it to conscious development and growth. It is probably
the first thing both partners should look at when establishing a relationship. They should continually
refer to it as time goes by during which they will become much more in control of how the
relationship develops and will be less likely to be carried away by circumstances outside of their
understanding.

It may be said that some marriages or partnerships were meant to be and others not meant to be.
Composite charts most certainly indicate this immediately, but using them to begin with gives both
partners a kind of control they previously would not have had and enables them to fix to some
extent that which should otherwise have been avoided and to maximize benefits that might
otherwise have been taken for granted. It enables both partners, if they are willing to take the
individual responsibility, not to be controlled by this strange third party, that a relationship itself
becomes, but to step in and out of it to their mutual advantage. This is actually quite a modern,
revolutionary idea, particularly where marriages are concerned. In the past, both partners have
been considered to be slaves to the marriage which must by agreement dominate their lives,
however well it is working out. The Reformation’s message was: if it doesn’t work out, divorce. This new
view of relationships, in recognizing that any two persons are dealing with a powerful but
manipulatable third party made up by the interaction of the two of them, allows both to slip out and
become individuals when it is better to do so and to ride the power of the relationship when both will
benefit. Just as the composite chart itself describes the subtleties of mutual empowerment, the use
of the technique further empowers those involved and allows them further control over their lives
which otherwise would have been unwittingly denied them. In astrology, as elsewhere, knowledge is
power: blind fate is the child of ignorance, and destiny is an afterthought of what you should have
considered (and acted upon) in the first place.

Introducing the Players

When analyzing this composite chart, you will be looking at four different levels of understanding
which represent four different sections or layers of the relationship. They are Planets, Signs, Houses
and Aspects.

The Ten Planets

The Planets include the eight known planets (besides Earth, Sun and Moon) are the driving wheels of
the chart. They are the energy sources that interact to make up the dynamics of the relationship
from which everything derives or modifies their natures and influence. Each planet has its own
contribution to the whole: Sun gives life force, Mars gives physical energy, Saturn creates limits, and
so on. If beneficially interacting or modified, their overall effect will be positive and in concert. If
positioned poorly, they may conflict and detract from each other, causing problem areas in the
relationship.

The Twelve Signs

Signs may be seen as filters through which the energies and influences of the planets pass, giving
them a particular stylistic twist and coloring the overall picture in characteristic hues. The Sun’s rays
and inner light, for instance, are consistent throughout the signs of the Zodiac; but as they pass
through Gemini, they have a special lightness and clarity, through Scorpio, a darker and deeper
coloration, and so on, each sign selectively letting more of certain characteristics than others pass
through.

The Twelve Houses

Houses are the personal landscapes onto which these influences are brought to earth. Whereas the
planets and signs have more to do with energy and style, the houses are, by and large, quite
physical and behavioral in nature. They cover physical areas like property, children, partners and
behavioral areas like sex, travel, or recreation. Where the effects of the planets fall by house will be
where you see them manifested in your immediate lives and surroundings.

The Five Aspects
Aspects are the angles at which the planetary impulses reach earth and either combine, conflict, or pass each other by entirely. These largely determine the kind of action, or lack of it, you will experience in the relationship, because they are the motivating forces in interaction. Mars (energy) blending nicely with Saturn (limitation) can mean well-controlled and focused energy. The same two at odds with one another can mean a debilitating energy drain or limits that are broken when they should not be. Add the signs and houses to these, and you’ll find where it happens in life and with what kind of style and coloration.

Combine 10 planets with 12 signs, 12 houses, and 5 aspects and the number of possible blends becomes, appropriately, astronomical - a broad palette, indeed. Add further the Ascendant and the Moon’s nodes, each having their own special place in the picture, and the possibilities are numerous and the knowledge you gain becomes exceedingly fruitful. In such an in-depth study many other factors that defy computer analysis come into play: integration of signature planetary patterns, interdependent midpoint structures, symbolic degree areas, elemental and proximity weighting, progressions, transits, cycle phases, and a host of other technologies that add enormously to the detail and background and in some cases may even contradict what a simpler readout might suggest. There is no substitute for human expertise.

The greater use you can derive from this kind of presentation, therefore, is an introduction to a host of intricacies of your relationship that you likely did not know were there. Once these intricacies are spotted, you have the opportunity to take better advantage of what is already going for you and more effectively grapple with problems that were hidden or only partially-revealed before. Perhaps the greatest benefit of all may be an expanded awareness of the structure of relationships and the realization that you have a great deal more power over how they proceed than you might previously have thought. Herewith are some of the most elementary tools for exercising that power; use them well and they will lead you on to higher planes of human interaction and personal empowerment.
The composite Sun, like the Sun in a natal chart, is the heart of the relationship and its primary drive and focus. The sign in which it falls will color the entire relationship, as many of the important events in the relationship will occur when transiting bodies are in this sign. If it is strong in its house position and supported by good aspects from other bodies, the relationship will have a solid center and will tend to sustain itself despite the buffet of adversity. If it is poorly aspected or in a difficult house position, the relationship will be easily damaged and difficult to repair as the natural cyclical transits will tend to reinforce negative qualities of the relationship rather than positive. The Sun’s primary quality is restorative drive, the general impetus toward life and its sustenance, rather than any specific traits or areas of endeavor such as are represented by the planets. Therefore its placement will tell the overall thrust and style of the relationship and how well it bears up under fire, rather than give the details of just how it will do so. A badly placed Sun can mean a relationship that is almost certain to fail, because wounds to the partnership won’t heal themselves. A very well-placed Sun can mean a relationship that sustains and resuscitates itself so well that it may even be difficult to get out of should either partner choose to do so (as might be the case if the planetary aspects were very difficult or if the two natal charts themselves were in great conflict). It is the driving engine of the relationship and everything else orbits around it and derives life from its energy.

Acceptance
The ability to sense your way to your goals, to go directly to the mark without having to get lost in words and concepts, can be the hallmark of this relationship, if you allow it to be. Sometimes the external pressures to verbalize and justify everything that you do may get in the way of following this native inclination, so you may have to just close your eyes and point, particularly if individually you incline too much toward the rational. Similarly, you may serve as a gateway of freedom to others who need help clearing out their mental clutter and following the interior thrust of events which you can more easily tune in to. Thus, as a unit, you are likely to be sensitive to coming trends around you and depending upon your individual talents, may be able to cash in on them, though together you may find your hunches difficult to implement tangibly. On a higher level, your relationship can lead you to better personal spiritual understanding of your place in the universe and the value of the non-material in this material world. Treasures, the greatest and longest-lasting, cannot be understood in the normal fashion, but they can be pursued instinctively. When you trust your feelings and act upon them with faith, the Force will be with you and others who travel your path.

Caregiving
This is a very difficult position for the Sun and it will take a lot of mutual understanding to make the relationship work, especially if it is a marriage. The essential problem here is one of inequality, a difficulty in achieving a fair balance between the two of you and between yourselves and the rest of the world. One will dominate and the other will serve, and not necessarily very willingly or with a clear understanding of exactly what’s going on. From a business point of view, this position can work if you are both in a service profession and thoroughly dedicated to it, because here you knowingly intend to put others first and take pride in success at it. In the case of each other, it will be important to explore the ways in which inequality occurs within the relationship and make sure that it is mutually
agreed upon. If either of you is a martyr or just goes along to get along, you’re headed for trouble. Expectation will be your enemy, but if you seek nothing you are more likely to gain something. In this case, the meek do inherit the earth, but only if you both play the role. The lesson of meaningful selflessness (as opposed to self-sacrifice) is one of the most difficult to learn, and here it will be required in order for this relationship to succeed, especially at a personal level.

**Preserve Peade**

There can be a high spiritual flow to this relationship, as you can connect very comfortably on spiritual issues and tend to agree upon the dreams and ideals you pursue in life. Whereas others may tend to chase illusions and figments of their imaginations, you have pretty much got your feet on the ground in this respect, being able to sort out what can reasonably be achieved and what is just pipe dreams. Further, you feel quite strongly motivated to see that what can be done realistically, is. Communication can go on between you with great ease at a non-verbal level and frequently will, leaving others somewhat mystified about how you both know what’s going on when they don’t. It might be well to explain yourselves now and again, even if just for the exercise of putting what you feel into words so that others can share them also giving another view on your own reality. Natural talent for communications, like anything else, require keeping your techniques in trim and developing interchange with others to see how they do it, even though it is not as well as you do. What you make up for in ease of delivery, they may achieve through struggle and hard work, suffering illusions until the truth heaves into sight. Then your strengths become reborn and reinforced within yourselves.

**Experience of Change**

Power struggles can be the most potentially damaging facet of this aspect, and you will need to strive to get them under control. If you let your guard down and allow yourself to lock horns with each other, it will become a full-time problem. This comes from subconscious fears you have of not being allowed to be independent, so your reaction is to restrict the other’s independence to protect your own. A preemptive strike, in nuclear parlance. When you understand that it is the very independence of your partner that guarantees yours, then this aspect will not have such a negative effect. In fact, once you get really secure you can actually play with it, taking turns at being dominator and dominated so you can be more familiar with what you would be getting into if you took the game seriously. It would be a good idea to watch out for this same inclination when dealing with other people as well, because here it sets you at a special disadvantage. Playing power games for real should be done all the time or not at all.
Your Composite Moon

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

Psychological Support

This relationship will very likely increase your mutual ability to understand each other at a very deep, spiritual-emotional level, sometimes to the extent of making you think you can read each other’s minds. Intuition, and with it empathy and sympathy, runs very high and your innate understanding of the problems of others, particularly when they don’t understand themselves, may even at times be painful. It may be a good idea to be careful not to bear others’ crosses unnecessarily, despite the ease with which you might think you can do it. Not only can that weigh you down and distract from your own needs, it also can impinge on others who must bear the necessity, even if they don’t want it, of solving their own problems. Shed a tear, and move on; sometimes that’s the only way. On a rather exterior level, however, you can experience insights that go to the heart of a
challenge, which can set you well ahead of the game if you can figure out how to take advantage of it (alas, knowing tomorrow’s headlines doesn’t always guarantee you’ll have power over them). At an inner level, the relationship will have those qualities of soul mates who can communicate without words, love without touching; it will have that something special that transcends the ordinary physical world and penetrates the ineffable. It is, however, just another form of communication not so available to the rest of the world; make the most of it.

**Creative Support**

This is likely to be a very creative and playful relationship, where the first inclination, given the choice, will be to have fun, enjoy yourselves, and go for the good life. This makes this an ideal situation for a love affair and for anyone in the arts or any other endeavor where creativity is at the heart of the matter. It is also great for having and enjoying children, since its fresh and outgoing quality is that which children radiate and it makes spontaneous communication with them easy and natural. Not all of life is play, however, and it can also be easy to forgo necessary, though uninspiring, hard work in favor of another round of good times, putting off until tomorrow what really should be done today. That will be your natural reaction, and it will certainly keep Jack (or Jill) from being a dull boy (or girl), but balance your priorities carefully when this sort of decision is to be considered. All in all, however, your company is likely to be entertaining and sought by others and you will have your choice of friends as a result. When you feel good, so do others, and vice-versa, and you are likely to be a catalyst for both, just by being in each other's company, as a general pick-me-up for each other and for those you choose to grace.

**Caring For**

This is a friendly and loving aspect in the highest degree with Moon (emotional response) and Venus (love and desire) engaged in a perfect handshake. For a love affair of any type or length it will be the focus of the relationship, a constant emotional flow of warmth, love, and friendship, because you both can naturally feel what you want and are very inclined to give it to each other. This aspect can be the saving grace of relationships that have a lot of afflictions elsewhere, as you will be willing to forgive and forget a lot, and even suffer considerably, as long as this flow of love and friendship is there. That is, most believe, the main reason we have relationships to begin with. However, this may not necessarily be the case in a professional partnership. Although you will feel real affection for each other, other priorities may have more weight than feelings alone. However, this aspect also has the quality of emotionally knowing where the money is and you may find you have a nose for rooting out where the financial action is. But whether it is love or money, you have a natural talent for making good feelings happen that will not only be a blessing to yourselves, but to those around you, as good feelings have a way of becoming contagious. Make sure you encourage that to happen, as it is mutually reinforcing and will come back to you later.
Motivational Insight

This relationship can have its rough spots and you may often find yourselves jumping into situations you should have had the restraint to stay out of. A general tendency toward rashness comes from a high level of emotion and emotional reactions which are acted upon without first working them through. You will have strong feelings about each other and about things in general, and you will be very likely to express them strongly as well, which can cause disagreements if you are not careful, but it also means that when you care, there is no doubt about it and you don’t hide it. Thus your relationship can sometimes turn into a firestorm of emotions; love, anger, passion, joy, all expressed in the extreme. Once you realize this, you should go to some lengths to be forgiving of the angry remark made impulsively or the inappropriate and embarrassing response that should have been suppressed. It’s not done out of spite or foolishness, it’s just that you bring on these sorts of things in each other and they have their good side as well as their bad, so take one with the other. Any way you look at it, in this relationship you’re in for a ride, so fasten your seat belts and try not to run too many red lights!

Critical Control

There is a certain quality of reservation to your relationship, almost a tinge of formality in the way in which emotions are shared and communicated. It is as if there is a kind of gravity here that must be respected and cannot be taken lightly or toyed with. It is not that your feelings are blocked, only that they have to go through channels and get trimmed to size before they get to their intended destination. You are, in a word, mannerly, though you might not have thought to accuse yourselves of it. You do not flaunt you emotions, and the extent of their intensity is a private matter to you. You may care very much about each other, but it will be strictly a matter of behind closed doors. Although you may be slow starters emotionally, you are also in there for the long haul, and you are likely to have a more stable relationship than most, simply because you are more careful not to make the errors of haste which can so often leave scars that weaken and disrupt a partnership down the road. Because your lives will not be bothered as much by these kinds of hassles, you will have more time and energy to focus on the business at hand, so this will be a distinct advantage in a professional relationship. Because you are careful to build a solid partnership with no mistakes along the way, you’ll have a much more reliable edifice to lean on as time goes by, with every effort used to its maximum effect. If there is any suggestion to be made here, however, it would be to lighten up a little every now and then and treat yourselves to an occasional blowout, if only to remind yourselves of what you may be intentionally missing.

The Public

You are subject to a lot of potential misdirection and confusion here, so you will have to be extra careful and sure of what you are doing before you make decisions or take action together. Make sure you have both feet on the ground before you launch into anything that requires follow-through, as you are probably more unstable than you at first believe. This may be because you are kidding each other (or yourselves) about your real feelings and motivations, but it may equally well be that you just don’t have all the information even though you think you do. Since that will not be a one-time error but a continuing trend, get into the habit of making things extra clear and looking before you leap. Circumstances have a way of eluding you, so the more hard-nosed you are about things (despite the decided lack of inclination to be so) the more likely you will avoid running into
disaster down the road. Ask for outside opinions and try them out. This will give you a view from another angle which will provide an anchor to reality when you find yourselves adrift. The more you do this and practice readjusting yourselves to new information, the less confusion will plague you and the more in control of your lives you will be.

Manage Emotional Conservation
The way you feel about any given situation tends to dovetail nicely into how you market yourselves and you can actually make mutual headway and even cash in on your initial emotional reactions. If it feels right, go with the instinct and make it work for you not only in your own personal lives but professionally as well.

Your Composite Mercury
Mercury in the composite chart represents the mutual meeting of minds, or lack of it, between you. It also represents your ability to communicate to others as a couple or as individuals. In the first instance, in which the position symbolizes the shore between two intellects, it will be important to know what kind of communication goes on: by style, substance, and action (sign, house, and aspect). A well-placed Mercury will mean that you can put clearly into words what you mean to say to each other, and such a position can be of great help in alleviating emotional problems that may not easily come to the surface. If you can both say how you feel, you’ve gone a long way towards being able to change. On the other hand, a badly placed Mercury can have the opposite effect, stirring up emotional problems where there were none by simply getting communications wires crossed. In a professional relationship this can mean all sorts of pointless starts and stops because of faulty information, particularly in an increasingly information-oriented society. The position of Mercury therefore becomes increasingly critical in relationships in general. Its placement also describes how you communicate as a duo with the public at large, so herein lies further opportunities for good or ill. Well-placed, it will mean that you may be able to get yourself across to the world at large through the relationship rather than on your own. Where there are difficulties here, it may be better to speak your own piece and not let the relationship represent you. Nevertheless, knowing the situation in advance can help enormously, as you won’t have to learn the communications value of the relationship by trial and error or blame each other for problems that arise from what is essentially a third party with its own horoscope, the relationship itself. Rather, you can take advantage of the best that it offers and avoid what looks like trouble by one or both of you pulling back on your own to handle problems the relationship does not cope with well.
Sharp Communications

Your relationship is characterized by a certain quickness and agility of mind that makes you get your thoughts in first and can put you at the head of the line if you check them for errors before delivery. In fact, you may find that when together you have a much more assertive and incisive gift for gab than either of the two of you do separately. There is something in the way you hand off remarks to each other that speeds up and sharpens both your thought processes. You must take care how quick a stab you make so as not to inadvertently hit the wrong target, particularly when you are dealing with one another. A thoughtless word can do more harm than nothing said at all, so sometimes the impulse to stick your oar in must be resisted for the good of all. Nevertheless, a quick mind is a treasure that should be kept sharp by continual use, not just in your own service but in the service of others whose thoughts you may be able to more quickly articulate. The only thing that may be somewhat lacking is a sustaining quality, the ability to follow up on communications and projects that have inspired you, but in which you may lose interest too quickly. Here, the ability to delegate authority and relegate tasks to one or the other of you (or a third party) for completion will be paramount, so that you don’t let your best creations slip away from you still half-baked.

Caring for Ideas

This position of Mercury lends a certain intensity to your communications and may cause you to get caught up in details that may have you at odds with one another. This particularly applies to issues where one of you must play second fiddle to the other. These situations will inevitably occur and they will have to be dealt with patience, forgiveness, and self-sacrifice, especially when the cards do not seem fair. As a business relationship, this is not necessarily troublesome as long as you let business be business. Where it interferes with your own perceived equality in a personal relationship, it will be more difficult to adjust and will require an inner understanding of equality even when that is not what seems to be happening on the surface. It will be easy to focus on your problems and to let them weigh you down, so try to let your willingness to work on them be a mutual reward in itself rather than insisting on delineated or permanent results. When you are proud to bear the duties and responsibilities your relationship brings to you, it will flourish from within; view them as burdens or let them go untended, and they can bear you under despite the best of intentions.

The Experience

As long as you are willing to give yourselves plenty of intellectual leeway, this aspect can make for an entertaining and enlightening relationship indeed. It means your minds will be wired up to high-voltage, and expect lightning bolts when you least expect them! There will be tremendous cross-fertilization, with each of you turning the other on to the thing that will most amuse or unsettle him/her. There is much bantering and dry humor here, perhaps even practical jokes, as well as a serious streak that intends to set you both on the trail of discovery in areas of critical importance to you. A good sense of humor and enough commitment to hang on when the boat begins to rock will be necessary to make this one work. The effect of this relationship will be to open your heads, not through a gradual unfolding like a flower, but to blow them wide open in a series of airbursts. There will not be much peace and quiet here, but there will always be something interesting happening, and you will never have to worry about the relationship stagnating. Although you may get used to this odd and hectic style of
communication, others may find it disconcerting, so you might develop a formal outer side that at least mimics what people expect, a filter through which you can do business as usual when necessary.

**Preserve the Spirit**
Your rich and fertile idealistic tendencies are not the pipe dreams of others, but spring from an ability to size up what is desirable and what is expedient and express what you see as the middle road to achievement. Whereas you might not individually always know that elusive edge between fantasy and reality, when you are together you balance yourselves and not only recognize it but express it well enough to point it out to others. The highest of spiritual ideals tend to perish when they demand too much too soon and don't recognize the need to understand human frailties in achieving greater than human goals. You can visualize the kind of compromises necessary to make dreams become reality without sacrificing your ideals in the process. This is more than just an aspect that will give you growth and wisdom as the years progress, though it will surely be of great personal inner reward. It is also a teaching aspect, as when you have the natural ability to successfully thread your way through the labyrinth of human hopes and dreams, you will want to leave trail markers to make it easier for others less blessed to follow you. In an area where words so easily fail, you can bring them to success, so see that you leave them in safekeeping for the rest of the world to share.

**Manage Mental Objectivity**
Your inclination to get the first word in and be the most clever when together makes you appear witty but may actually lose you some ground where other people are concerned. Nobody likes a smart alec, so watch the tendency to be one when you're working together. Being brilliant doesn't always make you popular — though don't let that stop your brilliance from shining. Just put a shade on it so the glare doesn't get in people's eyes.

**Intellectual Experience Arises**
This aspect should spark a good deal of debate between the two of you. It need not be unfriendly, and will probably take the form of friendly banter, playing Devil's advocate, switching sides, all in order to see that everything is in balance and you have seen all sides of the issues. This makes for a strong intellectual union, as exercising your mental muscles together gets you fit and lends the same camaraderie that pumping iron in a gym might do. It also gives you a natural outlet for airing your personal difficulties and problems so that they do not build up resentments and so that they get attended to immediately. This inclination to immediate articulation will also draw to you friends of a similar nature, and frequent and profuse communication will become a major factor in your lives. Professionally, this is an excellent position, as it allows you to network well and to keep the necessary lines open to be able to move on a moment's notice when it is required. If there is any place this is less than beneficial, it would be where deep emotional or spiritual considerations dominate and where stilling the mind is necessary before strides can be made. Keeping still mentally will be one of the more difficult things for you to accomplish, though it may be done much more
easily individually than together.

**Your Composite Venus**

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

**Social Love**

This is a good position for Venus, lending it and you an assertive but adaptable charm that allows you to move toward your goals whatever the situation and to gain others’ assistance in your projects. It enables you to display versatile footwork and move in for the finishing touch without seeming too self-centered or acquisitive in the process. In fact, you may be able to get others to think that giving you what you want was their idea and for their own benefit, which can give you a free ride if you handle it well. You like things to be in perfect order, well-adjusted and well-designed, but you may also find that you enjoy change just as much. It may be difficult to tell when things have finally come around to your satisfaction so that you can make a final decision. Better to be happy with what you’ve got and then go on to something totally different. Nevertheless, the fact that you appear to have such critical talents and values will make the two of you a plus in the eyes of others and can make you a source of advice; a fountain of taste and a judgment for those who need a little advice.
Direct Love
The appearance of grace and affection will favor your relationship as seen from within and without. Upon first glance you will seem to others as just the folks they would like to be around, partially because that is what you see in each other. An up-front Venus will tend to make you more aware of what it is you want out of a situation and more open about expressing it which, of course, is the most important first step in getting it. Therefore, you will be more likely to get the most out of your involvements, as you will be the first to claim your piece. Conversely, you will be seen by others as the most profitable persons to be around, which can feed a circle of good fortune and good times if you let it. Everyone likes a winner. This is not just a surface, opportunistic quality, as it goes hand in hand with a genuine sense of love and good feelings about the relationship. You can both get what you want here, and the sign and aspects of Venus and Mars will tell you in greater detail how. You can only go astray in pursuing and perhaps disagreeing upon the specifics, but let the basic good feelings about the situation rule and they will carry you through.

Nostalgia
If this is a love affair, you can ask for little better than this. Even if not, you will find a special rhythm of give and take together that will smooth your path wherever you venture. In a love affair, it is not the rhythm of tumultuous passion which so often has the hidden edge of hostility that provides initial excitement and eventual estrangement. Rather, it is a movement of give and take where each knows when to respond to bring the other pleasure while at the same time receiving it. You know to push far enough for excitement and satisfaction but not so much that it hurts. In professional life, this gives you the ability to act with good timing on getting what you want out of a situation. For many, and perhaps for you individually, desire and the means to satisfy it seem to be too often at sixes and sevens, largely because the cycle of giving and receiving never really gets properly in sync. To receive, you’ve got to give, and there has to be a good sense of when to do each. In your case, you will just know when to make the move and when to stand back and draw in the receipts. It’s a natural blessing with this situation, but one which may fade if you don’t figure out how you do it. The best way to do that is to teach, share your talent so that you better understand it and its benefits come back to you again and again.

Love of Order
It may be difficult to get what you want out of this relationship, and in order to do that it will be necessary to have considerable tenacity. The road to your goals, whether those of personal intimacy or business acquisition, will be strewn not with land mines but with sink holes and swampy areas where you will get bogged down and wonder if you’ll ever get there. It will so often seem that you are under external curse circumstances, prior understandings, lack of resources, or just fear of commitment to the deed and all will conspire against you. This does not mean you can’t have a modicum of success or friendship, just that the way you would really like it to be will elude you in the most tantalizing sort of fashion. Just as it seems in your grasp, it slips away. Three choices present themselves. You can give it up as not worth the effort and look elsewhere, which, if you are individually short on time or resources would be the thing to do. Or, on the other extreme, you can pursue it with all your strength, smashing down every obstacle, to final success, love and happiness. That’s OK if you really care and have nothing else to do. The middle way is to take the best you can from what’s there and try to keep your eye on the
doughnut and not on the hole. That's what most people try to do.

**Your Composite Mars**

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

**Community Drive**

You are likely to have the desire to handle multiple projects at the same time, juggling them in the air until they reach completion and are ready to touch ground. This takes practice, more for this relationship than most others. In actuality, you will probably find you have to do this because you will have attracted a variety of challenges which cannot be tackled alone but must be dealt with in tandem. This is a real treasure right now, as the old one-at-a-time approach to skills and responsibilities gives way to a more shotgun-style Aquarian approach. Your concentration will need to be on giving equal attention to each so that it all grows in a unified, organic kind of fashion. The same particularly applies to inner growth within the relationship where your mutual interaction can enable you to move in separate directions for your individual good, yet still stay within a unified and growing framework of partnership. Although these talents should be available to assist others as well, be careful that you don’t let outsiders add too much to what you’ve got in the air or you’ll lose your overall focus and all the balls could hit the ground. Judge your talents in this area with care; put your relationship first and
then servant mankind, for which you will have more time if things inside are already in order.

**Creative Drive**

You are likely to pay a great deal of attention to having a good time together, which can only make you closer and cause the relationship to grow. This is a great position for a love relationship, as love will always be on the front burner and sex will be treated as a primary joy to be participated in freely and often. You will do especially well in areas that require abandon and lack of inhibition, such as the creative arts, sports, and games of all sorts. In general, this is a great position for Mars, although its ability to become contentious will mean that these same areas can become the basis for argument and disagreement as well. But that's natural. Where you put your main energies is also where your major concerns will be and you will be bound to have disagreements there. Nevertheless, you can usually count on letting your natural enthusiasm for life and each other carry you through, and the less restraints you place upon yourselves, the greater your successes will be. When you give yourselves plenty of freedom to move and express your feelings, you will maximize your creative potential and your energy level will continue to grow. It is only where you try to restrict yourselves that frustrations will enter in to what would otherwise be a carefree relationship.

**Public Unity**

Confusion may plague this relationship and you will need to be extra careful to look before you leap. Much energy and resources can be lost by misdirection and muddled implementation, so you will be wise to see your way clear and double-check it before you take action. It is not that you lack the get up and go to achieve what you want, it is just that your confidence can be easily undermined by uncertainty or misinformation which causes you to lose the focus required to get the job done. Sometimes you can do this to each other by throwing roadblocks in each other's paths once things are already underway, and sometimes it will just be external circumstances which conspire to throw you off course and get you lost on a back road. What you will need to do to counteract this is simply refuse to be confounded. If you suddenly think you are on the wrong road, keep your foot on the accelerator and proceed anyway. It is better to make a whole-hearted mistake than to almost gain a half-hearted victory. Make thorough plans, then move unhesitatingly even if you get late news that contradicts your intentions. Know you're right, then go ahead, and when you fire, use up all the ammo.
Your Composite Jupiter

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

Career of Action

Your relationship has a particularly rapid style of growth and you will find that changes in its development, when they occur, happen rather rapidly and may be difficult to keep up with. That should not become a source of worry, however, as you will find that growth spurts finish as quickly as they begin and that will give you both some time to catch up before it begins all over again. This kind of quick pickup, followed by an equally swift slowdown will also characterize the way the two of you go about developing anything that is significantly new in the relationship or in its outside involvements. When a fabulous new scheme dawns, you will rush into it with a high degree of enthusiasm and intensity and devote all your efforts to it. This kind of high burn level will rapidly overtax your internal interest and resources, and you will tend to lose interest or energy for the effort just as quickly. Although you enter with a bang, if you are not careful you will exit with a whimper; the victims of unevenly distributed, albeit well-motivated enthusiasm. It might be well to try to damp that initial enthusiasm in the interest of stretching out your stamina. This will have an extra benefit, as it may cause you to take a second look at what you are getting into, because leaping without looking is another characteristic of this Jupiter position. When you’re both sure (individually as well as jointly), you want to go ahead with it, plan an overview so you’ll know for sure how much commitment it requires to complete, then turn on the fire and throw yourselves into it with the confidence that it will likely be a success.
Social Career
This is likely to have the potential of a real powerhouse relationship, one in which you each fire the other's enthusiasm and together serve as a broad-based resource for the two of you individually. The key is a real inward-looking creative dependency upon each other, which will flower to the degree that you spend an equal amount of time seeing that the other benefits from it all as much as you do. A lot of positive and enjoyable lessons about equality are here for the learning. Because of this orientation, you will seek out and find solutions to many problems of personal relationships that may have baffled you in the past and which are the source of personal conflict for others as well. A strong, positive respect for each other will allow you to get past blockages that have stymied others and can make you paragons of how relationships are supposed, ideally, to be set up. Thus, professionally, you can find success in areas that involve personal negotiation and litigation, ranging from legal arbitration to personal counseling, since you can find the solutions others cannot, often based on your own personal experience and willingness to change in response to each other. All in all, this is a very favorable position for Jupiter in an age where personal relationships are undergoing such revolutionary changes and those with the talent to help can benefit personally while being of benefit to others.

Manage Career Objectivity
Your overly positive and enthusiastic presentation garners applause all round but it may not get you the press you like by itself. Perhaps that is because it is hard for people to believe how good you are together who have not actually seen you in action. Don’t leave your PR to others, do it yourself, in person.

Your Composite Saturn
Saturn is usually considered the bugbear among planets and has an evil reputation that it only partially deserves. It is associated with restriction, contraction, dearth, debilitation, and a host of other adjectives that add up to not getting what you want. That is, however, only partly true. It might be better to say that it describes extreme delineation, concreteness, and finality reality in the most concrete sense. Much of our lives are comprised of hopes, plans, desires, dreams, wishes, and expectation, and Saturn describes what actually becomes of them. So in such a goal-oriented, future-driven society as ours, what actually happens is all too often a disappointment, the result of failed unrealistic expectations. Thus, Saturn in the composite chart is where you both get down to brass tacks and determine (or have determined for you) what actually is to be. If this point is well-situated, it means that you can rely on each other and the relationship as something that delivers every time. It will lend solidity to the relationship and make it something you can lean on when either of you need to be backed up. It will also make the two of you a haven for others in distress. In a difficult position, it will mean
that you tend to fail each other, to bring each other down, and to sap each other's energies physically or emotionally. In this situation it can highlight the insecurities of the relationship and mark for failure what might otherwise have succeeded. But in either situation, like any other planet, it will not touch every aspect of the relationship and so you are free to be selective if you know what areas it is either supporting or restricting. You want to know what the bottom line is everywhere, however; and that is what Saturn will tell you. But you don't have to invest in stocks you think are going to depreciate, either. If you recognize early what the downsides and the support pillars of the relationship are, you can use one to stand on while you either avoid or make repairs upon the other at your leisure. If you do not, ignorance is the ally of the dark side and it will have much greater power to pull you in and cripple you. Find your foundation stones early, so your house will not be built upon sand; and, in time, your temple will rise to the skies.

**Obstacle: Support**

This relationship will not criticize or clean house too aggressively, but rather prefer to do it in stages and with a requisite amount of diplomacy. A gradual, gentle approach can often get you much more than more direct, hostile moves, even when the latter might seem more in order. It's somewhat like the difference between a weight watchers program and a starvation diet. You get there both ways, but the former, although slower, is more tolerable, safer, and in the long run, more effective and lasting. The only problem might come when quick economic measures are in order and it becomes difficult to choose what to keep and what not to keep, since you are accustomed to doing that in an orderly and evolutionary way rather than by arbitrary mandate. It also means that this relationship will tend to build for the future. It will also make the relationship itself an especially pleasurable resource where you can both enjoy the fruits of your joint labors and then use it as a launching pad for the future. Because of your joy in building it, what you lack will be seen less a deprivation than as an opportunity to make improvements in the future.

**Obstacle: Business**

This is a somewhat difficult position financially, particularly as credit becomes the dominant force in economics, as you may find it too difficult to come by when you need it or ignore the implications of how you handle it and therefore not use it to your best advantage. Whether you think you need it or not, it will be good to do what is necessary to maintain a reasonable credit rating if only to get along in the system as it stands. This inclination to simplify also extends to structures and processes of reality that have to do with time and the aging process. You can too easily take for granted that things are as they are because they have always been that way, a sort of in-the-now timelessness that can leave you high and dry when the relentless causes that time grinds so fine trip you up because you hadn’t bothered to investigate them as they unraveled. This is not so much the result of a devotion to living each moment for itself but a worry about what you might find out if you looked too deep or probed too far. Yet these very things which are so elusive are in a way the bedrock on which you will come to rest in times of difficulty, so it will be well to chase after the unknown and plumb the depths of areas you are inclined to avoid so they do not sneak up on you. Reality is a continuum from which you arose and will return to, and your greatest defense may lie in increasing your knowledge of that fact.
**Manage Physical Examination**

This is a relationship that tends to draw praise as much for what you don’t do as what you do, for your ability to keep it simple, clean, and uncluttered without turning it into a big effort. A reputation of reliability comes naturally, simply because you really couldn’t do it any other way.

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**Your Composite Saturn**

Saturn Sextile Midheaven

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**Your Composite Uranus**

Uranus is one of the three relatively recently-discovered outer planets, and all three are marked with a reality common to new experience and endeavor. They are not fully explored and thus not very much under our control. Uranus has been known the longest, (since 1786), and is a bit more familiar. It is associated with sudden events, shocks, realizations, discoveries, and other highly delineated events that sheer off quickly and completely from their previous states or surroundings. For creatures of habit, such as most of us are, this is usually upsetting and generally bad news. But it does not have to be. Your ability to use Uranus instead of letting it abuse you, is directly related to how flexible and quick on your feet you are. It also is linked to how willing you are to accept and welcome change as part of the nature of things. If you accept it grudgingly, then Uranus will always be a symbol of malice; if you welcome it with open arms, it will be a deliverance and an inspiration. In the composite chart, Uranus is where the two of you are repeatedly forced to rise to this occasion, and its contacts will tell in what areas of life it usually manifests. Well situated, it is a mutual window onto the future, flooding you both with light and clueing you into what is coming next. In such a position, it will make the relationship an eye-opener, which you come back to time and again for more. It will also tend to put you both ahead of the game emotionally and socially placing you in a leadership position among others where future thinking is concerned. In a difficult place, it will mean that you bring to each other incidents and accidents in areas where you are the most entrenched and you force each other to come to grips with ideas with which you refuse to deal. This can be a source of great mutual blame: You made me get into this. If it weren’t for you, this never would have happened... and so on. This is particularly the case in sexual affairs in a society that is at heart so sexually conservative (even backward) and yet ruthlessly courts danger by flaunting it everywhere as if it were an everyday affair. Perhaps the only way to deal with this planet is to expect the unexpected, thus robbing it of harm and providing it with a welcome. If you are ready to harness it - like a wild horse - you can ride it far. If you turn your back, it will surely trample you. Where this occurs in the composite chart, keep your eyes wide open, your stance wide, and your tolerance level on maximum.
Freedom: Society
This relationship is likely to display a certain restlessness when it comes to seeking out the truth in how you really function together, especially when you have to break new ground. Once you have come to terms with some of the conflicts of style that you may have, you’ll find that you need to do it again. Revelation about each other’s nature will not be a one-time event but an ongoing process as you change along with the requirements of the relationship. In order to get to know each other’s most personal idiosyncrasies, you will need to adopt an aggressive seek-and-find attitude, or else they will elude you, since they are likely to change with some degree of regularity. Keep a watchful and tolerant eye on each other and use areas of disagreement to come up with a synthesis of opinion. Similarly, in broaching new ground together in outside ideas or relations, do not look for single, abiding answers and solutions, but be prepared for an ongoing process that provides you with an ever-changing view of reality. Stay alert, work with the circumstances and each other and accept the results.

Freedom: Giving
Rash moves can be your undoing in this relationship, particularly because it will be very tempting to shoot from the hip and miss. It will be difficult to tell if opportunity is knocking and should be answered, or if something better will come along. Chances are it’s the latter, so resist the temptation to move at the first chance you get. This is partially because you activate a lot of subconscious response in each other, and when you act on unconscious motives you do not have the kind of control that much decision-making requires, especially in tangible affairs. This has the advantage, however, that you will stimulate and bring to the surface emotions in each other that would otherwise remain buried. Therefore, this is a relationship with a great potential for self-realization, but it will not be accomplished in an easy or predictable way, but will consist of sudden waves of awareness or resolution of problems that come to you in a flash. The most troublesome time will be just before that happens, as internal pressures and irritability build until a flash point is reached. The trick is to let it out as soon as possible and not try to hold things back from each other. The real trouble here will come when you will not look at it in the face and validate each other’s problems and feelings, however annoying or infuriating they may seem at first. A little air does wonders for even the most seemingly intractable difficulties.

Manage Objective Insights
Your sometimes brusque and no-nonsense approach may cut to the quick of any conversation, but you can step on some toes in the process and people are going to hear about it to your detriment. Some people can’t swallow everything you have to feed them in a single meal, so be careful you don’t pile on more than is comfortable, or your reputation will suffer.
Inisghts Appear
This is bound to be an unusual relationship which stands out in the crowd. Whether that is a favorable estimation depends on the degree to which you can integrate your creative aspects with the world around you. Originality is a given here, and you will find that inventiveness is second nature to you, although the ability to profit from it will be a learned art. It can be too easy to insist on your opinions because you know you are right when it may offend the sensibilities of others who are of a more conservative bent. Probably it would be a good idea to cloak your brilliance in more muted colors until you have gotten yourselves across and accepted so that what you believe in is creditable and credited to you. Being outspoken does not always serve your ends, a lesson you may learn the hard way. This will be a challenging relationship for sure, but one from which there is a lot to be learned. The more space you give each other to express yourselves, the more likely what you produce will bear fruit in positive results and the less likely it will result in conflict. Throughout whatever you do together you will always be challenged by the fact that new approaches to life are never appreciated at first and that winning over others to your view will not be easy, including winning over each other. Any attempts you can make to smooth over the situation while people are coming around to your point of view will be profitable in the extreme, because it can make the difference between ultimate acceptance and rejection.

Your Composite Neptune
The effects of Neptune, another outer planet and a recent discovery, are often largely out of our control both by our unfamiliarity with its effects and the apparent nature of the planet which represents the uncertain, dreams, illusions, ideals, mystery, and the higher unexplored (and perhaps unexploorable entirely) plane of the spiritual world. Its nature is so uncertain, it's not even known exactly when it was discovered; various claims exist from 1810 all the way up to 1846, and we may never know for sure. It may be viewed from afar with a certain amount of analysis, however. When we find an area of mystery, it is our natural instinct to provide something to fill that void. Nature abhors a vacuum and our minds rush in to fill it with every kind of speculation and fantasy, if only to have something to act on in the area. Whatever is actually there will turn up eventually. In the meantime we provide ourselves with an image which may be close enough to the truth to better help us function or may be off in fantasyland and fail us utterly if we are unwise enough to lean on it. We know only in hindsight. Thus, in a composite chart, this point becomes the place where dreams, fantasies, hopes and ideals meet or clash, and inspire us or drag us down in confusion and conflict. Too many wars and personal battles have been fought over it needlessly, because none of these things actually existed until later. That's the crux of it: don't fight over what isn't there, at least not yet. Well placed, this planet will help you aspire to higher, more selfless goals but even they can make you take them more seriously than they are. Badly positioned, it can lead to lies, deceit, and mistrust based on mutual misreading of the unknown and the foolish action taken upon it. In the end, it is a gentle, diaphanous planet that can never be forced. Dreams and fantasies belong to each of you individually; and when they are similar enough to share, whether emotionally, sexually, spiritually, or even financially, they can be the greatest of joys. If one of you tries to enforce any of it on the other, however,
everything will turn distasteful and there will be no dreams left; the mist will be blown away and only a charred landscape will remain. Where this point occurs, go gently, expect nothing, and everything will be returned to you.

**Embrace: Business**

You will experience a certain dogged determination in making your dreams come true so there is a pretty good chance that they will. You, while keeping a fairly low profile so that others have less of a chance of interfering with your success, will tend to throw a lot of your power and ability here. As an initial strategy, this is a good one. As a lifelong approach, it can leave a lot out and cause you to miss some of your greatest potentials, so a little modification might be in order. It first might be well to consider that your aspirations and the ability to fulfill them are not wholly confined to you and your actions, either separately or together. It is the group experience of sharing your ideals that will give you the support to change and broaden them realistically and it will also give you the support to go on when your own specific expectations are not met. The good of one (yourselves) is much more dependent on the good of all. The more you confine your possibilities, the fewer results you will get. What you give away has the opportunity to come back tenfold, while what you keep for yourself stays where it is with only you to defend it. Retain your intensity, but let it circulate.

**Release: Productivity**

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

**Deep Insights**

Neptune is associated with aspirations and ideals. It is, in short, a watershed period when a radical new arrangement of world order is being inexorably forced into being. This is a generational aspect, something you share in common with billions of others of your generation. Although in the sky it will have passed on, you will have it for life, which means it will be your inescapable task to be implementors of the new planetary culture born at this time. Therefore, where this is tied in to the rest of your chart by aspect and house, these will be the areas where you have to take your place in this order, to make your own personal contribution to what is perhaps the greatest transformation the human world has ever known. Heavy? Yes, but no different from everyone else your age. Do it well, knowing that you are the founding ancestors of an age undreamed of in human history. Your great-grandchildren will be looking back on you, hopefully with pride.
Your Composite Pluto

Of the three outer planets, Pluto is the most recently discovered (1930) and least subject to our control. As such, it is even considered the planet of power and control, ultimately because it so controls us in our attempt to overcome it. It is, of course, appropriately named after the ancient god of death, the thing which in the last analysis we cannot control; and at the most basic instinctual level, all the control we try to exercise in life is simply a ploy to cheat death a little longer. It is called the survival instinct. The point at which Pluto occurs in the composite chart is thus, at a deep level, where we meet in our ability to face death. But it doesn’t manifest itself that way on the surface. Instead, it shows up as the methods we use to keep control in order to avoid the certainty of personal annihilation. Well placed, it will mean a partnership that simply doesn’t worry about keeping in control of the situation, secure in the faith that things will take care of themselves and when it’s time to go, you’re in God’s hands. In a bad place or aspect, it will mean continuous attempts to gain power over each other and the environment (according to aspect, sign, and house) and a penchant for compulsive behavior that easily gets out of control. Or, rather, it was never in control to begin with. In some instances, particularly sexual, this can be heightened to mystic proportions, and though it can be playing with fire it can also be very revelatory. Where prominently placed, for well or ill, it will give the relationship an aura of inescapability and predestination, something that sweeps over you both (like sex or death) and takes you out of yourselves. Similarly, you may find the relationship itself has something of this effect on others, giving you a greater power (a power which you must be careful not to abuse) over those around you. In the end, however, it is the willingness to relinquish control as well as take it that resolves problematic issues. In the meantime, the ability to step away from the relationship and out of its sway, at least in Pluto-affected areas, can be an important safety measure.

Control: Care

The most fundamental issues, those that reflect your individual integrity and the survival of the relationship, tend to be quite specific and material in nature, and as such have to be handled with great care to avoid conflict of an entirely pointless nature. It is very easy to closely identify with the paraphernalia of life possessions, status, physical territory, personal surroundings and the methods of handling them and to defend them with a compulsive passion which they do not merit. When all is said and done, you can’t take it with you, so don’t try to defend more than you need at the moment. In good aspect this can make you both feel that you’ve got all you need, whatever that may be, and you will always have it, but when difficulties arise it can make you fight to the bitter end over issues that aren’t important and which distract from the fundamental communicating and sharing that makes up a successful relationship. As difficult as it may be to remember sometimes, home is where the heart is, not where the house is, and if you look into your hearts, you’ll find home. This is not to say that what you earn and possess is not imbued with a special value unique to yourself, especially the details of how you treat each other and your personal and physical exchange; most of these will pass while you still remain. Tend to that which endures and not what passes.
Control: Life

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

Accent on Power

Your relationship has the potential of either being very potent and having a strong, transforming impact on you and your surroundings or becoming a killing burden that may become impossible to maintain. The key to the choice is a compulsive need to take on responsibility together and where you feel it necessary you may even force it on yourselves and on each other. If you choose carefully what it is you want to commit to, the force and drive you will bring to it will assure success. The trick will be to focus tightly on what it is you want and not spread your energies too thin on too many possibly conflicting directions or you will burn yourselves out before the task is done. If you distribute your priorities well, however, this union has the chance to make important changes in the surrounding territory, and it is likely you have felt that from the start, like there was a special burden you have to bear, a special task your lives are meant to accomplish. It can be easy to get carried away with the feeling, however, and allow fate to justify deeds and behaviors that you would not allow to those with lesser goals. Remember to make room for the rest of the world while you are trying to make the world a better place to live in.

Your Composite Node

Path of Care

Whatever your individual attitudes toward commitment and responsibility, when you function together you will be particularly demanding about just how your long-term attachments, especially when you know they will make demands upon you later. Even when it feels like inescapable destiny (which it may) you will want to know exactly where that path will proceed before treading it, so that its immediate rewards will be followed by long-term ones as well.
Your Composite Midheaven

Manage Home
As a unit you get the reputation of being very much, well, a unit. That's partially because you prefer not to advertise yourselves except with extreme care but also because you operate so graciously in live appearance together. People assume that your social skills together come from a deep inner union, whether it's the case or not.

Your Composite Ascendant

Active Reception
It is likely that simply being in this relationship causes a quality and rapidity of change in your personal environment that may be difficult to keep up with at times. At least, that is certainly how it will be viewed from outside. To the extent that this promotes growth and clears out the deadwood this is a great asset, one which will see you far and empower your relationship and its dealings with others. It would be wise to look out that you don't get swept up in your own whirlwind and start making changes just for their own sake. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, despite what may be an overwhelming urge to tinker with a stable situation. This is particularly to be taken to heart, as you will likely be able to dominate those around you and get your way, so you have to be doubly sure that what you propose is the right thing to do. You have an innate sense of what is fair and balanced and the relationship heightens that. If you are in doubt, refrain from a joint decision and let one or the other of you decide, thus avoiding where necessary the possibility of overdoing a good thing. Or, defer to a third party who may be less intensely involved than either of you and may prevail with a cooler head.