#### Introduction

Each of us has a personal birth chart that records where the planets were at the time when we were born. As long as we are lone individuals, we are stuck with that chart. The placements and aspects of our natal birth chart will define our potential as individuals for the rest of our lives. Furthermore, the possible aspects and possible alignments of the planets in our birth chart are limited by where the planets actually were around the time when we were born. It is not possible to have Jupiter conjunct Saturn in our birth charts when Jupiter and Saturn were on opposite sides of the solar system.

All of those limitations disappear when it comes to the composite chart between two people. Through the magic of two people's charts coming together and combining, almost any combination, almost any destiny, is possible. By unifying with another person, the two of you can have a greater capacity to channel the planetary energies in a desired direction than was possible for either one of you alone. The two of you do have to submerge your individual egos to the extent necessary to form a partnership, but as long as the two of you remain linked as partners in that team, the planetary energies of its composite chart are at the disposal of both of you.

We may think that we are in charge when it comes to selecting another person to be our mate, but I am not so sure that is always the case. Some composite charts have so many synchronicities, so many close alignments of multiple planets, that they appear to be alchemical experiments orchestrated by Fate from the Other Side. In particular, I have seen these close linkages in the composite charts of certain couples whose lives have received intense media exposure, as if the lives of these couples were meant to be teaching tools.

The composite chart of Prince Charles and Princess Diana is a perfect example of a composite chart that featured multiple exact planet linkages. Two planets are at 5 degrees, two planets are at 16 degrees, two planets are at 17 degrees, almost conjunct the Midheaven at 18 degrees, four planets are at 26 degrees and the remaining planet is at 27 degrees. These linkages channeled the couple's behavior during their short marriage to an extreme degree. The composite charts of the former President of Argentina, Juan Perón, with his two successive wives, Evita and Isabel, show such striking similarities that the astrologer must conclude that Juan Perón was truly a Man of Destiny.

I have also seen in composite charts between members of the same family some very interesting chart patterns that repeat or alternate, indicating that these souls were brought together in order to work on similar life lessons.

You may or may not have amazingly synchronized linkages with your partner, but you can be sure that you picked each other because subconsciously you detected that the interaction between the two of you had an interesting quality to it. You felt like what was created when the two of you came together was something larger than yourself, was something that provided room for you to grow, and finally was a direction in which you wanted to grow.

The interpretations that follow of the planetary placements and aspects in the composite chart for you and your partner will describe the nature of the relationship environment in which you and your partner have your being. It should not come as a big surprise to you, since you have actually been living the life that it describes, but it should help you to be more conscious about your relationship and it may validate some of your unconscious perceptions. Some placements and aspects are mostly harmonious - you know that you have support in those areas. Other placements and aspects challenge you to work and try harder to get the desired response - these are actually the growth opportunities that attracted you to this relationship. If your relationship ever became 'perfect' you would quickly get bored and would want more challenge. That is just part of human nature. We want to feel needed and we want to keep growing.

# **Composite Planets in the Houses**

### Sun in the Twelfth House

Your relationship starts as a secret affair or one that must be kept under wraps. On the other hand, it may just be difficult for you to express true feelings for each other. In any event, "something" is going on behind the scenes. Your necessity for privacy can arouse suspicions in others. Many will not understand your reasons for being together. All of this can cause damaging self-doubt and frustrations that are difficult to overcome for the sake of being together.

With this placement, you can feel bound to each other because you know each other's depths. To determine how much psychological drama goes on in the relationship, look at the aspects to the Sun in the second half of this report.

In business, you may not feel that you can trust your colleague's judgment, which can sponsor deep-seated mistrust and make it difficult to discuss problems openly.

In romance, a promise of true love can be a convincing argument to stay together, but you must consider the restrictions imposed upon you, including a loss of freedom.

Almost inevitably, emotional stress will cause you to ask: "Is this a union worth the sacrifice?" Unfortunately, hindsight is often better than foresight in judging your chosen alliance.

### Moon in the Twelfth House

With this placement, you are capable of being true soul mates - it depends on your honesty and ability as individuals to let yourselves be vulnerable. If neither of you is hiding from the other, you can be true partners.

Consider a retreat in which you can settle down, relax and take a second look at the issues that bother you the most. Complete repose may let you discover hidden depths of yourself in a period of meditation and reflections that challenge you to find the true meaning of your pairing. As a couple, you may wish to join a group of soul-seekers in an effort to raise your consciousness above the mundane matters that weigh you down.

The most significant minus in your relationship is that you may not feel like doing any or all of the above. Low self-esteem may prevent you from being honest with each other; next to impossible if you do not first submit to an honest assessment of who you are as individuals.

On a broader scale, the discomfort that you feel in a personal relationship can be disastrous in a business venture when harmony and trust figure into your success equation. Then, there is an inherent need for a realistic appraisal of what you can expect of your union. Can you accept that what you fantasize may not agree with its true potential?

# **Mercury in the Twelfth House**

The world is not really privy to the communication that occurs between the two of you, which can be deep and psychological. You are naked with each other, getting past barriers that may have been years in the making. You cannot glorify the self because you are with someone who sees you. This placement leads towards death of the ego. If you are ready for psychological work and submerging the ego in mutual service, this is the relationship for you.

Chances are that you will depend on some sort of "telepathy" between you. Don't let this substitute for open discussions of your problems. You may have difficulty in expressing yourselves, causing people to think you reclusive, while you perceive yourselves as "private."

If yours is a long friendship, reason may tell you that there is no need to talk. Working in silence can save unnecessary discussion. On the other hand, you may prefer to see your union through to the end if you do not feel like starting over somewhere else on your own. One advantage in such a partnership may be that you can see yourself through another's eyes (but this will only work if you take any criticism as holding a grain of truth).

Consider contributing equally to a project in which you share in the rewards. That can make up for a lot of unhappiness on the long road that you have chosen to travel together.

# **Venus in the Eleventh House**

It is almost as though you have come together to fulfill each other's dreams. Others are well aware of your perfect pairing.

You complement each other and are gracious hosts in any gathering you plan. You are a "golden" couple and are welcome guests when you attend the many functions to which you are invited.

As business partners, you are usually in sync, maintaining a balance as a team that helps to eliminate confusion in every-day decisions. It is nearly unthinkable that either of you would do anything to undermine the trust you have in your partner. You respect each other too much to damage your relationship with underhanded tactics.

Such faith allows you to be yourself even if you differ greatly from your partner. You are not, after all, clones of each other, but are entitled to your own opinions and the manner in which you live your life. This kind of understanding does not leave much room for jealousies or suspicions that sometimes invade an otherwise happy pairing.

Never question that your love for each other and the success you can achieve is too good to be true. You have found and can sustain the real thing.

The second half of this report will give the meaning of any aspects that exist in the composite chart involving Venus. You must combine this house placement interpretation with those Venus aspect interpretations, as they will modulate the planet's expression in this house.

### **Mars in the Ninth House**

Development of your individual philosophies within the structure of your partnership is paramount for your team. If your philosophies are like-minded, you are bound to mesh well.

You have an enthusiasm to learn and expand your ideas that often draws you into travel or contact with exotic places. If you do not already have international or exotic backgrounds, your pairing will tend to lead you in this direction. You may convince others of the validity of your ideas, but patience is not your greatest strength. Learn to listen as well as to talk. Otherwise, personal pride may turn beneficial discussions into arguments.

Treading on toes in either a business or a personal climate can provoke misunderstandings. You may long for home where you understand basic rules and are sure of agreement. Nevertheless, there you will be as far from your goals as you were when expectations were still high.

You may find it necessary to be nontraditional in your relationship, switching traditional male and female roles or allowing unusual freedom. This may not agree with how you were raised or what you expected to find in a relationship. Accept that both of you have unique minds and enjoy challenges. Figure out the roles in your relationship that will allow each of you to do what he or she does best.

# **Jupiter in the Seventh House**

You probably will expect the most from relationships, and try to push the boundaries of experiences in the past that you may blame for falling short of your goals. In any event, you will not be afraid to give it a try and will find that getting there with a harmonious partner makes the journey extra special.

A feeling that fate has brought you together may have more of a sound basis than you think. It may be because you are so simpatico that you will gladly adjust to circumstances in order to keep things running smoothly. Any personal time that you spend together will be quality time. You may spend some of it in traveling for pleasure as well as business, or in doing research in fields that you would never have considered investigating before you had the inspiration of your partner.

The downside is that since you deal with life on a larger-than-life scale, failing in your efforts or your friendship can lead to a blowout of epic proportions. You will find it difficult to pick up the pieces and cement them once you have split, because the trust that you took for granted is no longer there. Talking things out may expose problems that have become an integral part of your relationship, but you may not wish to share them as a team and are likely to take them very personally. It is better to be forewarned to curb over-enthusiasm and take steps now to smooth out any wrinkles that might later appear to mar your otherwise "perfect" pairing.

#### Saturn in the Third House

Your partnership could be quite influential in reshaping how you think, how you behave, how you speak, and how you dress. You could motivate each other to exercise, to get a good workout together. You are interested in each other's work. You give each other security, helping to relieve nervousness and anxiety. But if your attempts to control the other's activities become too great, it will become smothering and divisive.

A reluctance to trust will affect your ability to communicate. Your partnership may have problems in releasing feelings in order to get at the heart of things.

Though you may yearn and even plan for a future that allows you to explore different areas of discovery, you are often your own worst enemy, holding yourself in check until "a better time." Worse, you may avoid allowing the "different" into your life, fearing ridicule or that someone new might discover and not understand your hidden insecurities. As a team, you may find the courage to open new doors and find a key to overcoming old fears.

In business, you may not be "all charm," but when you speak it is straight to the point and there is no subterfuge. Others will appreciate that you have dotted all the "i's" and

crossed the "t's" of any contracts you present. Your reputation as a team that functions on a "no-nonsense" premise can take you far. Have patience. You will reach your goals, not in record-time, but in a manner that will stand any test of time

#### **Uranus in the Fifth House**

This is a solid placement for a romantic relationship. You meet mentally in the house of love. You get to be intimate with another soul. It is very easy for you to be with each other. You are creative and playful together, but also enjoy your quiet time. It seems like you were meant to be friends and lovers. You provide each other with an escape from the confines of your previous life, such that you are more liberated together than you were by yourself.

# **Neptune in the Ninth House**

This is an adventuresome relationship. It could have a lot of emotional turbulence. You are on a quest for experience, understanding, and self-knowledge. Neptune's energies are transcendent and spiritual, but they can also be mysterious and illusionary, so this relationship could be shrouding some secrets. The relationship resembles an interesting high-wire act, where the aerialists must constantly make little adjustments to keep from falling.

### Pluto in the Seventh House

In your eyes at least, you are equal partners. What makes your relationship work is that you have both love and mutual respect for each other. Your relationship can be rather confrontational, but by frankly discussing problems, you are able to clear the air and maintain your relationship's health. Honesty may hurt, but it keeps the relationship thriving. You know that the person criticizing you is still in your corner. You care for each other. The relationship helps both of you to learn from each other in many ways. You might both have histories of coping with dominators or abusers in your youth. If so, then you are a good match to heal each other. This is not the kind of relationship where you blend into one person, as you both maintain distinctly separate identities. Even if you should happen to move on to other people, you will continue to speak highly of each other.

# **Planets in Aspect**

# Moon conjunct Mercury (Strength: 6.32)

The Moon and Mercury deal with very dissimilar realms. One is emotional and the other is mental. They are not usually conjoined in a romantic relationship. If you analyze your feelings too much then you will never make it into the honeymoon. But if you get past the honeymoon, this combination will make you self-conscious and reflective about your domestic life together, which may somehow be nontraditional. You could gradually achieve a conscious marriage. You do have an easy and natural ability to communicate with each other from the heart and to share personal information and feelings.

If one or both of you communicates primarily from a place of mental energy, you may tend to rationalize your emotions without ever living them. You may retreat into your intellect if you find it more comfortable than dealing with irrational and messy feelings. The sharing of personal feelings can be especially difficult for many, but this emotional bond can encourage you to trust your partner and open up more in your relationship. When you share your feelings, you will notice that your partner becomes much more involved and closely bonded to you. In this relationship, you can do this very easily and comfortably, even if you have found it difficult in your past. It just takes practice and the understanding of how important this is to the growth of your relationship.

In order to get the most out of this relationship you must find some balance between your rational ability to solve problems and your emotional need to communicate feelings. Your challenge is to share satisfying mental and emotional connections without allowing either one to dominate the other.

# Moon trine Uranus (Strength: 6.29)

There is a fresh and spontaneous interplay between you. This may be what attracted you to each other. Your partner often pleasantly surprises you. A dynamism of light, creativity, and spirituality may characterize your relationship. It gives you lots of freedom for emotional self-expression. Your relationship will be unique or unusual in one or more ways. You may seek to redefine your life outside conventional bounds. If you can approach your relationship with no expectations and with an open heart and mind, then your potential for growth and adventure is great. Friends and acquaintances outside your relationship take on added importance for you.

Uranus brings to you sudden flashes of insight that will open you up to new ideas and levels of truth that will affect you and your relationship. This is part of a larger process

of sudden, unexpected, and electric shifts of awareness. In your relationship, you will veer off the beaten path into new and creative ways to live your life, ways that are filled with adventure and spirit. If you are in a love relationship, a tantric approach to your sex life could be very beneficial, helping you to keep more of your focus for stimulation on each other rather than outside your relationship.

You seek to live life to the fullest, and if you remember to look for the creative spirit in all that comes your way, then your life and your relationship will become a grand, enlightening adventure.

# **Mercury trine Uranus (Strength: 6.06)**

An erratic but enjoyable spontaneity characterizes your relationship. You find yourself rejecting old or more traditional ways of thinking and of seeing things. You could inspire each other to change your old habitual views and embrace unique new perspectives. In this way you support each other and grow together in intellectual awareness. You have an ability to see through illusion and dogma, and to recognize the potential for stagnation in them. You want to break out of limiting mental boundaries and to see things in new and vibrantly alive ways. You seek truth, but you seek it at the dynamic level of pure creativity, where truth emerges in exciting new forms of expression. Life is a process of continual creation and evolution, and you find yourself drawn to that cutting edge of creative potential. You seek to understand creation and apply that vision within and through your relationship.

Whether you are in an intimate or professional relationship, your goal is to pursue the electric spiritual quality of creation in all that you do. The aspect gives you a restless, wandering mentality. If you are in a professional relationship, your inventiveness and creative genius will give you much success. This is especially true in fields that are based in inventive new ways of thinking such as science, technology or any field that is working with emerging cutting edge discoveries to lead us into the future. You also have a way of presenting your work that is new and exciting without becoming so far out that people see you as impractical.

# Sun square Mars (Strength: 5.98)

There is a lot of energy flowing through this aspect into your relationship. You come alive, but the energy can be difficult to handle. Your egos are working overtime, creating conflict, arguments, and fights. Each of you wants your own way. You see your relationship from different perspectives and, as challenges arise, you see solutions that are at odds with each other. These may start out as small disagreements, but they will too often grow into major conflicts.

There is a lesson for you in your relationship that can help you to grow, if you choose to work through the challenges that come up for you. The key here, whenever arguments arise, is to look at yourself in your relationship and realize that the real goal with this aspect is to find the ability to compromise with each other. Try to understand your partner's point of view and assimilate that ability into yourself. This is a goal of evolution and of life. You seek to grow and become greater through working as a team, and by being more inclusive and compassionate towards each other. Mastery of your own ego is a major part of the lesson that you will undertake together. You can do this by working energetically towards common goals, by being active together, and by not letting disruptive energies build up in your relationship. It can be good to pull away from each other as arguments arise and the energy level increases. In this case, do not repress the energy. Rather find harmless ways to release it physically. Take a baseball bat to a large rock or telephone pole and whack away until you have released your anger. Look at what happened and try to understand your partner's position, even if you do not agree with it. Over the course of your relationship you both will likely find that you have grown a lot in your ability to compromise and find a middle ground in order to share a satisfying interaction.

# **Jupiter sextile Neptune (Strength: 5.38)**

Yours is an idealistic relationship filled with a spiritual quality that helps you to transcend the ordinary routine in your daily lives. You are blessed with the ability to balance the practical requirements of your relationship and your lives with a nobler, more ideal world that you envision. In an intimate relationship, the love that you feel for each other will tend to be refined and idealistic. Your love will be very devoted, and it may be devoid of the base physicality normally associated with love. For example, you might choose to forego sex, as you may find that it takes you away from your higher spiritual devotion to each other. If you do choose to engage in sexual activity you may find that sex will take you to another dimension altogether. Engaging in tantric practices together can help combine the spiritual and physical aspects of your lovemaking.

In your relationship, you have found a balance between living a spiritual life of meaning while also living in the physical, mundane world. Perhaps you feel that you have been brought together for some higher purpose. As you grow together, you may want to work on a mission or causes in order to benefit humanity as a whole. There can be a sense of escapism for the two of you, as you may always prefer to inhabit your higher vision. However, there may also be the realization that you have much to do in order to bring the ideal and spiritual down to earth for other people's benefit.

There is a deep sense of friendship between you, no matter what type of relationship you share. If you happen to be in a professional or business partnership, you may find this energy a little difficult, as your sense of right and wrong could interfere with your desire for maximizing your profits. You will be confronted at times with doing what is

right rather than doing what will make money for you. On the other hand, you have an ability to combine practical necessities with ideals that can inspire those around you to work harder. Most people would love to work for something meaningful, and you have the gift of creating that type of atmosphere.

# Saturn trine Pluto (Strength: 4.56)

You have attained a certain mastery of personal power in your relationship. Power can be destructive, or at the very least hard to handle, but you have learned how to harness your power and use it in a harmonious way. This energy gives the two of you tremendous reserves of determination and toughness. This allows you to handle problems and difficulties with relative ease, both within your relationship and with the outside world. It strengthens your bond and gives you the ability to work slowly and inexorably toward your goals. You will support each other through tough times and severe challenges until you have attained your goals. With this energy, the two of you are a formidable team. You can stare down your opposition with the power of your determination and unwavering resolve. You do not easily take no for an answer, as you naturally feel that you are in the right.

There can be a negative - much of the power of this energy is based on your ability to adapt and transform yourselves. In order to do so, you must remain open for the continual change that will happen because of your union. Your determination can become too rigid and intractable and thereby block the necessary changes that you need for your growth. You could become too combative, with neither of you giving an inch. In this case, your relationship can easily break from the pressure. If yours is a professional relationship, then you will gain a reputation as no-nonsense problem solvers. In a personal relationship, you must work as a team and remain adaptable to each other's growth.

The source of your power comes from within you, from your ability to focus and remain focused until you have won your way to your goals. Martial arts can help you to access more of your inner power and translate that power into action. Meditation, other spiritual practices, or psychotherapy can help you delve deeper into your subconscious, the source of your power, and release blocks that prevent you from accessing more of your creativity.