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for

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for Venus Williams (female)

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☉ Sun	Gemini	26 ^{II} 47'44	in house 9	Ascendant	Libra	13 ^{II} 31'44
☾ Moon	Leo	27 ^Ω 40'06	in house 11	2nd House	Scorpio	11 ^{III} 26'02
☿ Mercury	Cancer	20 [♁] 57'10	in house 10	3rd House	Sagittarius	12 [♊] 12'44
♀ Venus	Gemini	22 ^{II} 44'17	in house 9	Imum Coeli	Capricorn	14 [♋] 47'23
♂ Mars	Virgo	17 [♍] 56'11	in house 12	5th House	Aquarius	17 [♈] 13'55
♃ Jupiter	Virgo	4 [♍] 05'55	in house 11	6th House	Pisces	17 [♉] 17'38
♄ Saturn	Virgo	20 [♍] 46'58	in house 12	Descendant	Aries	13 [♈] 31'44
♅ Uranus	Scorpio	22 [♏] 13'27	in house 2	8th House	Taurus	11 [♉] 26'02
♆ Neptune	Sagittarius	21 [♐] 08'46	in house 3	9th House	Gemini	12 ^{II} 12'44
♇ Pluto	Libra	19 [♎] 00'07	in house 1	Medium Coeli	Cancer	14 [♁] 47'23
♁ True Node	Leo	21 ^Ω 34'35	in house 11	11th House	Leo	17 ^Ω 13'55
				12th House	Virgo	17 [♍] 17'38

and Serena Williams (female)

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☉ Sun	Libra	3 [♎] 48'51	in house 6	Ascendant	Taurus	3 [♉] 12'02
☾ Moon	Virgo	20 [♍] 23'40	in house 6	2nd House	Gemini	5 ^{II} 02'15
☿ Mercury	Libra	29 [♎] 39'11	in house 6	3rd House	Gemini	27 ^{II} 06'26
♀ Venus	Scorpio	16 [♏] 19'37	in house 7	Imum Coeli	Cancer	17 [♁] 19'42
♂ Mars	Leo	15 ^Ω 34'51	in house 5	5th House	Leo	10 ^Ω 30'11
♃ Jupiter	Libra	17 [♎] 02'30	in house 6	6th House	Virgo	13 [♍] 18'11
♄ Saturn	Libra	11 [♎] 42'37	in house 6	Descendant	Scorpio	3 ^{III} 12'02
♅ Uranus	Scorpio	27 [♏] 14'54	in house 7	8th House	Sagittarius	5 [♐] 02'15
♆ Neptune	Sagittarius	22 [♐] 14'17	in house 8	9th House	Sagittarius	27 [♐] 06'26
♇ Pluto	Libra	23 [♎] 27'12	in house 6	Medium Coeli	Capricorn	17 [♋] 19'42
♁ True Node	Cancer	29 [♁] 44'51	in house 4	11th House	Aquarius	10 [♈] 30'11
				12th House	Pisces	13 [♉] 18'11

Composite Horoscope midpoint method

☉ Sun	Leo	15 ^Ω 18'17	in house 1	Ascendant	Cancer	23 [♁] 21'53
☾ Moon	Virgo	9 [♍] 01'53	in house 2	2nd House	Leo	23 ^Ω 14'08
☿ Mercury	Virgo	10 [♍] 18'10	in house 2	3rd House	Virgo	19 [♍] 39'35
♀ Venus	Virgo	4 [♍] 31'57	in house 2	Imum Coeli	Libra	16 [♎] 03'32
♂ Mars	Virgo	1 [♍] 45'31	in house 2	5th House	Scorpio	13 ^{III} 52'03
♃ Jupiter	Virgo	25 [♍] 34'13	in house 3	6th House	Sagittarius	15 [♐] 17'55
♄ Saturn	Libra	1 [♎] 14'48	in house 3	Descendant	Capricorn	23 [♋] 21'53
♅ Uranus	Scorpio	24 [♏] 44'11	in house 5	8th House	Aquarius	23 [♈] 14'08
♆ Neptune	Sagittarius	21 [♐] 41'32	in house 6	9th House	Pisces	19 [♉] 39'35
♇ Pluto	Libra	21 [♎] 13'39	in house 4	Medium Coeli	Aries	16 [♈] 03'32
♁ True Node	Leo	10 ^Ω 39'43	in house 1	11th House	Taurus	13 [♉] 52'03
				12th House	Gemini	15 ^{II} 17'55

Houses: Placidus

Introduction

You are about to read an analysis, factor by factor, of the composite chart of yourself and another person. **AstroText Partner** is constructed by first casting complete and accurate natal horoscopes for each of you separately. These are then combined mathematically into a third horoscope, which describes your relationship. Any kind of human relationship may be described by a composite chart.

The text used in this chart describes the basic potentials indicated by the positions and combinations of every planet in the composite horoscope. It is aimed primarily at personal friendships, but much of the text is also suitable for determining how you would get along with another person in a business relationship. Obviously you can ignore or modify the comments that do not pertain to your type of relationship. For example, in a business relationship you would disregard any remarks on sexual compatibility.

You may come across apparent contradictions in the analysis, when one planetary combination reveals a particular aspect of the relationship, while another shows something quite different. These are examples, not of astrology going wrong, but of inherent contradictions in the relationship, which are likely to produce tension. Sometimes your relationship will exhibit one set of traits, sometimes the other. One situation that frequently arises in a love relationship is that some aspects indicate great mutual attraction and compatibility while other aspects suggest great difficulty. In this case, what usually happens is that although there is a great attraction between two people, for some reason the relationship does not work out very smoothly.

It should be pointed out that there is almost never a perfect composite chart, no matter how good the relationship. Even the best relationship has problems. Do not read the difficult aspects in your **AstroText Partner** report as signs that your relationship is doomed. These aspects simply indicate hurdles that must and very often can be overcome to make the relationship happy and rewarding for both of you. If you were to cast composite charts for all of your major relationships, you would probably find certain characteristics running through all of them. These are the problems that you as an individual have to work out personally through your relationships. They do not mean that you cannot have relationships at all. The most successful relationships are not those in which there are no problems, but those in which the problems are overcome.

Do not read each entry in the text as if it were the total truth for your situation. Each paragraph is written to give general indications and suggestions about how you might deal with each influence. Your **AstroText Partner** cannot be a substitute for your own judgement.

Reading your **AstroText Partner** report should help you to recognize and learn to deal with any problems that arise between you. However, if you are having serious problems with a relationship, we do not recommend that you use this text as a substitute for a personal consultation with an astrologer or other counselor. The descriptions are not designed to deal with extreme cases.

Enjoy your **AstroText Partner**.

Composite Sun

The house position of the Sun (along with that of the Moon) tells a great deal about the basic thrust of the relationship, what it exists for, and the major issues it will revolve around. The aspects to the Sun refer to the most important energy patterns in the horoscope, the kinds of behavior that will be most important between you.

A badly placed Sun with difficult aspects can be an important factor in making a relationship difficult or even unbearable. It indicates that the basic energies of the relationship are not being handled well and that something is fundamentally wrong between you. On the other hand, a well-placed and well-aspected Sun will help a relationship survive even in difficult times.

In any chart the Sun provides the energy for whatever entity the chart represents. In a composite chart it shows what kinds of energies each of you contributes. If the proper expression of this energy is blocked, the relationship will seem inhibiting and repressive to each person's free self-expression. It will be an effort to maintain the relationship, and you will not feel at ease with each other. If the Sun is well placed in the chart, the relationship will be experienced as free and spontaneous self-expression, requiring little effort. Of course, other factors can create difficulties, even when the Sun is well placed, but a good Sun in a composite is very desirable.

Sun in the First House

Composite Sun in the first house often signifies a relationship that is unusually important in terms of your own lives. The first house signifies an entity's personality, or the way a person or a relationship impresses others.

The two of you complement each other in such a way that as a pair you may make a stronger impression on those around you than you would as individuals. Even if neither of you is an especially strong or dominant personality, you will be strong as a couple. Together you may be able to accomplish more in life than you could have separately.

And you will be especially strong in an adversary situation in which the two of you are pitted against someone else.

The first house is a very strong and favorable position for the composite Sun. It is usually an indication that you will be able to accomplish whatever you have come together to accomplish. But as in most relationships, some difficulties can arise if the energies of this placement are not properly handled.

First of all, the two of you may tend to worry too much about how you appear to others. This can lead you to neglect the real problems that are not visible to others, for you consider such problems to be less important. They may be more important than you think.

Second, if as individuals you are intrinsically forceful people, the energy of this position may make you come on too strong with others, which could provoke active opposition to anything you want to do as a couple. If this is the case, be careful to control your energies toward others.

For an intimate relationship such as a love affair or marriage, this is an intrinsically excellent position. It is characteristic of the first-house Sun that the two of you will become very much a unit, which can bind you together closely. Assuming that in the aspects of this horoscope there are some good indications of love between you, this is likely to be a meaningful relationship.

Sun Trine Neptune

The trine of composite Sun and Neptune indicates that there is a good deal of idealism in this relationship. You will feel that it is an extraordinary union between two souls, perhaps even a spiritual union. Many of the thoughts you want to communicate to each other will not have to be spoken, for you will know beforehand what the other person is thinking. Often one of you will start to say something, only to find the other saying it too. In other words, there is a strong likelihood of a psychic bond between you.

The spiritualizing power of Neptune tends to negate the physical realm. For this reason, a relationship with a strong Neptune, such as this one, is likely to be platonic rather than physical. Nevertheless, the great feeling of beauty in such a relationship usually compensates for the fact that it does not operate on a physical plane as well as on a spiritual level.

Your lack of concern with the physical and material realms constitutes the major problem here. In a friendship it is perfectly all right to commune at such a high level, ignoring

practicality. But in a love relationship, especially marriage, practical concerns have to be dealt with, and it may be difficult to bring yourselves down to that level.

But because Neptune rules self-sacrifice, one of the strongest bonds between you will be your willingness to give selflessly to each other at any time.

Sun Sextile Pluto

The sextile of Sun and Pluto in the composite chart indicates that there is a powerful force for regeneration and growth in this relationship. Concretely, this aspect makes it possible for the two of you to revive your relationship after periods of difficulty, either between the two of you or between you as a couple and the outside world. It gives you staying power.

At the same time this aspect ensures that the experience of this relationship will have a strong effect on your views of the world and your ways of thinking about it. For the most part, these effects should be positive, involving greater understanding of yourselves as individuals and as partners in a relationship. You will continually be made aware of new aspects of yourselves, as they are brought to the surface and examined by both of you. In most respects this is a serious relationship, meaning that you will be involved with each other at a very deep and profound level.

It may be that others will be somewhat afraid of the level of intensity between you, but don't pay any particular attention to their fears. They will come to see that there is nothing to be afraid of. The changes brought about in you through this relationship are good, necessary, and natural products of your own evolution.

Be prepared for the fact that your normal patterns of doing things will be altered by this relationship. This aspect signifies that new insights about yourselves will be revealed to you, but do not be afraid to deal with them. The results can only be good for both of you.

Composite Moon

The Moon, the natural complement to the Sun, represents the medium through which the Sun's energy expresses itself. Whenever there is a manifestation of the Sun's energies, the Moon's influence is also operative.

The Moon is the "planet" that most relates to emotions and feelings. Of course, it is not really a planet but a satellite of the Earth. Nevertheless, it operates as a planet in the horoscope.

In a composite chart, the Moon indicates how well the relationship acts as a medium of emotional expression for the two of you. Can you be honest and open with each other about your feelings? Can one of you reveal his or her feelings without being rejected by the other? It is often difficult for others to deal with the lunar aspects of one's being, because the level of intensity of feeling is so basic that they do not fit into the formalized way that people usually relate to each other. Yet in a close relationship it is very important to be able to deal with each other on this level. For this reason alone the position of the Moon is very important for describing compatibility.

The Moon also represents basic structures within one's personality: habits, unconsciously motivated behavior, and their sources - one's past, origins, family, and home life. If the moon is well placed in the composite chart, the two of you will feel that you have something in common. Even if your origins are quite different, you will feel that because of your experiences you can understand each other better than most couples. A badly placed Moon, however, can create a sense of alienation, of being different from each other, that will make it difficult for you to get along.

The house position of the Moon in the composite chart shows the area in which you feel, or ought to feel, that you have the most in common. If the Moon is badly placed in the chart, its house position will show the area of greatest emotional stress.

The aspects to the Moon show the quality of the emotions that are experienced in the relationship.

In contrast to the Sun, which shows what the relationship does, the Moon indicates the subjective feelings of harmony and empathy that you have for each other, even in difficult times.

Moon in the Second House

The composite Moon in the second house indicates that this relationship will bring out the needs you both have for emotional and material security. In fact, you may have come together because of those needs.

You will have a strong sense of shared values, which will help to reinforce you as a couple against the undependable and changeable outside world. Because of this shared feeling, your relationship will grow strong even when there are considerable difficulties between you. You will be reluctant to give up the emotional security granted by the Moon in this position, even when things get tense. But the need for security could keep you together even when that is not the best solution for either of you.

One minor problem that this placement can bring about is that your need for emotional security can lead to a compulsive gathering of physical objects. You may try to satisfy your need for emotional security through owning things together. In this case your relationship will come to be symbolized by great quantities of material possessions. Beyond a certain point, possessions can become a millstone around your neck that limits your freedom of movement. Particularly if this is a marital relationship, you might be trapped into staying together because of what you own rather than because the relationship is working well. Like everything else, possessions must be kept in their place.

Nevertheless, the security that this relationship can offer should be one of its strongest points and should help keep you together when the going gets tough.

Moon Conjunct Mercury

The conjunction of the composite Moon and Mercury can contribute many strong and useful features to a relationship. Very simply, it means that the two of you can talk about your feelings instead of keeping them bottled up inside. Therefore you will be able to sit down and hash out a problem in a reasonable way whenever things get rough. However, this aspect does not guarantee that you will be able to deal with everything in a totally rational way. That ability depends largely on the kinds of habits you have developed together. The Moon conjunct Mercury may have two different kinds of effects, depending on whether the lunar tendency or the mercurial tendency dominates.

If the lunar tendency triumphs, you will be able to discuss your emotional situations, but you will be very emotionally involved and subjective. On the other hand, you will really live and feel your emotions, so that something real is communicated between you, even if it is not too clear.

If the mercurial tendency dominates, you will be more detached and rational but also less involved. You will intellectualize your feelings instead of living them and working them out. Consequently your communication, even if easier, will be less meaningful.

Obviously the best tactic with this aspect is to create some kind of balance between these two extremes. If you can achieve a balance, you will have the best of both worlds. This position does provide that potential, which makes it a good aspect in a composite chart.

In any case, avoid going to the other extreme - spending all your time examining your emotions together. That can have a very distorting effect on your perspective.

Moon Conjunct Venus

The conjunction of composite Moon and composite Venus is a most positive aspect for any personal relationship, especially for a love affair or marriage. It indicates a strong feeling of love between you that you will express openly. The relationship may even have something of a dreamy quality, as if it were too beautiful to be true. But the nature of this aspect is such that this relationship should be as good as it looks. Other aspects can give a relationship a feeling of beauty that is actually an illusion, but this aspect should make the feeling quite satisfactorily real.

This quality of beauty may be envied by other people. It may seem to them that there are no rough edges in your relationship, although that will not be entirely true, of course. But the basic inner strength of this relationship should be great enough to overcome all but the worst problems.

If this is a marriage, you may have a strong desire for children, because this aspect reinforces your parental instincts. It also indicates that you probably will have children, although that is not a basic concern of this aspect.

Beauty and art are also promoted by this aspect. People who work together in the arts often have this aspect in their composite charts.

In general, this is one of the most positive and useful aspects that a composite chart can have for a successful personal relationship.

Moon Conjunct Mars

The conjunction of composite Moon and composite Mars has a double-edged effect. On the one hand, it indicates that you arouse very strong feelings in each other, but by itself it does not indicate whether they are good or bad feelings.

In a love relationship, for example, this aspect indicates that you will have a very strong emotional involvement. The relationship will probably stir up both positive and negative emotions in both of you. You will have vigorous disagreements and even fights, but your reconciliations will be equally intense.

By itself this aspect does not tell whether this is a good relationship in other ways. If your relationship is basically good, you will simply experience a heightened emotional involvement, although with a greater tendency to quarrel. But if your relationship is not otherwise very sound, it will be destroyed by the fighting that this aspect produces. In any case the two of you will have some heated moments, which simply have to be taken in stride along with all that is good in the relationship.

One of the strong points of this aspect is that in a sexual relationship it creates a good deal of sexual energy. This can make sexuality a strong bond between you. Although you will probably have many fights, even these are a reflection of the underlying sexual energy.

Composite Mercury

Mercury is the planet of mind and communication. In a relationship it signifies the quality and manner of communication between the two of you. It also tells something about the way you affect each other's thinking and how you think as a couple, collectively.

A well-placed Mercury in the chart indicates that you have some degree of intellectual understanding and can communicate with each other. While it is desirable, especially in an emotional relationship, that two people have an intuitive, unspoken understanding, it is also highly desirable that you be able to talk easily with each other. Even in the most compatible relationship, it is impossible for each partner to figure out what is on the other's mind without some kind of verbal exchange.

Unfortunately, very often, especially in a love relationship, people think that if they truly love each other, they should be able to feel what the other is thinking without having to say anything. What happens if you do this, however, is that you act according to what you guess about each other, and eventually you are dealing with your partner as if she were a creation of your own mind. If there is no communication between you, all you

have left is the image created in your mind in the absence of real understanding. This is what a badly placed Mercury often signifies.

Basically, Mercury signifies your ability to speak each other's language, to express your thoughts in ways that the other can understand. This requires that your minds be attuned to each other in some way, so that you can share ideas, concepts, and words. A well-placed Mercury is a great benefit to any relationship.

Mercury in the Second House

Composite Mercury in the second house has two different meanings. Either the two of you value things of the mind, or you put a lot of mental effort into what you possess or otherwise value.

If the first of these is true in your case, it means that as a couple you value books, musical instruments, radios, television, audio equipment, or other materials with which you can entertain or stimulate your minds. Or on a more abstract level, the two of you may value ideas and intellectual principles.

If the second possibility is more correct, you both will spend a good deal of time managing the property that you own in common, and you will put a lot of effort into it. In an individual's birth chart, a second-house Mercury signifies cleverness and intelligence in the handling of money. That should also be the case in a composite chart.

Since it is likely that the two of you do value things of the mind or have rather strong opinions about what you do value, it is very important that you come to some kind of agreement about these matters early in the relationship. Otherwise, disputes over such matters are likely to crop up later on.

Mercury Conjunct Venus

Mercury conjunct Venus is an excellent aspect in a composite chart, for it indicates that you both are able to express affection easily. If you love each other, you will have no difficulty expressing it, and there will probably be some kind of affection between you.

This aspect also is an indication that the two of you share a love of beauty and a strong sense of aesthetic appreciation, such as a common interest in art, which you will probably discuss at length.

Another fortunate attribute of this conjunction is that it gives you sensitivity to each other's feelings and the ability to say what must be said nicely. This position helps to prevent

the kind of disagreements that are caused solely by verbal clumsiness. That is to say, you may have conflicts about ideas and opinions, but you will not have petty fights about how an opinion was expressed.

This aspect should help smooth out the roughness that occasionally comes up in any relationship, but it may also make you keep quiet for the sake of preserving harmony when you feel angry. Go ahead and say what you feel, for you will be able to express what must be said in the right way. Don't hold back.

Composite Venus

Venus is obviously important in any kind of relationship, because it rules both love and the ability to form relationships, particularly those based on emotion. If Venus is badly placed, you may have a long-term relationship, but it will not have much love. On the other hand, if Venus is strong and well placed, but other relationship indications are not good, the two of you may be drawn to each other very strongly even though you are not really compatible. This creates a very stormy, short-lived relationship.

In its deepest meaning, Venus represents the principle in the universe that draws two entities together by natural and spontaneous inner forces, much the way positive and negative charges attract each other. No external compulsion is needed. But the power of Venus attracts only if the two entities have fully defined themselves as individuals within the universe. In human terms, this means that you have to be yourself in order to love someone else. If you live according to other people's ideas of what you ought to be, without regard for your own inner impulses, you will not really be a whole person enough to love another.

The position of Venus in the composite chart indicates how far this relationship will allow both of you to express yourselves through love. It also describes what part of your environment you most desire to bring into this experience. It is not necessary to have a good Venus in order to make a relationship survive, but a good Venus will make the relationship worth having.

Venus in the Second House

Composite Venus in the second house indicates a love of beautiful things and a desire to have them as personal possessions. In a personal relationship in which you own property together, it simply means that you enjoy owning beautiful or artistic objects. This reflects the fact that the two of you place a high value on beauty and art. Even if you do not own property together, for example if you are just friends, there will still be this emphasis on the value of beautiful things. Venus also emphasizes comfort. As a couple you will like surroundings that are soft, comfortable, and warm as well as beautiful.

Incidentally, in any kind of relationship, Venus in the second house is a good indication that you will have these things as well as the money to pay for them. It can be an indication of wealth, or at the very least, of having whatever you need.

In a business or professional relationship, this position suggests financial success, especially in fields related to entertainment, art, or pleasure and beauty.

Venus Conjunct Mars

With Venus conjunct Mars in the composite chart you will find that feelings run high between you. This is a passionately intense relationship that is likely to be based at least partly on sexual drives, even if you are of the same sex. This is not to say that it will be a homosexual relationship, but that something of the emotional intensity that arises in relationships between the sexes will be present in your relationship also.

If this is a sexual relationship, it will be intense, with a strong need for physical expression; it is very unlikely to be platonic. Venus and Mars are the feminine and masculine symbols respectively of sexuality. When they are conjunct, it means that the feminine and masculine principles are working together.

All the emotional reactions between you are heightened considerably by this conjunction. Anger, sadness, and above all, love, are more intense. It is very difficult for people who have this aspect in their composite chart to remain indifferent to each other. Even if you should become enemies, which could happen, you would be intense enemies. The strong attraction between you prevents you from being detached in any way about each other.

Composite Mars

The basic principle of Mars is the ego-drive, the energy by which you sustain your sense of being an individual, both toward the world and toward other people. You inevitably build up your notions of yourself through the ways in which you interact with others. Without some kind of active inner energy, you would not be able to withstand encounters with others at all and would be forced to drop out of life altogether. And indeed this does happen to some people.

In a relationship, people try to establish some kind of positive connection with each other, but ego-drives often get in the way. If you have a sound sense of yourself, as signified by a well-placed Mars, you will have little difficulty getting along with others. But if Mars is badly placed, your sense of your own being is deficient, and you will get into conflicts that make it impossible to relate to others. A conflict between two people arises whenever one challenges a weakness in the other's sense of individuality - in other words, the ego.

In a composite chart, Mars signifies your ability to create an environment within the relationship for both of you to express yourselves fully without threatening each other and provoking destructive conflicts. Some - perhaps quite a lot of - conflict in a relationship is inevitable, and conflict per se should not be suppressed. But your ego-drives must be basically compatible within the relationship, or nothing can be accomplished.

In a sexual relationship, Mars also rules the sex drive. A successful sexual relationship requires that both Venus, the ability to relate, and Mars, the ego-drive, be in good condition. There is a large ego component in a successful sexual relationship. If the relationship does not express each of you, it will not work. A poorly aspected Mars in a composite signifies deficient ego-drives, which will affect your ability to get along with each other, and in a sexual relationship, it will affect the quality of physical sex.

Mars in the Second House

Mars in the second house of the composite chart indicates a relationship in which your mutual ego-expression revolves around acquiring things, but not necessarily holding on to them. The second house is the house of one's resources, both material and psychological.

There is a tendency to be reckless with resources, such as spending money too quickly or taking chances with possessions. It is as if the two of you glory in being able to do whatever you want with what you own. The problem is that you both have to agree on what to do with your mutual possessions. If you cannot agree, there could be serious disputes

over property, possessions, and finances. Even if the relationship is otherwise satisfactory, the way you handle money and possessions could be a serious threat to harmony between you. It is very important that you come to some understanding about this issue as early as possible.

Even if you do agree, you should be careful about what you do with your resources. Otherwise you may find that the resources you need to accomplish something have disappeared.

Mars in the composite chart relates to joint ego-expression. The second-house position means that this will be achieved through property, possessions, and money. Plan very carefully how to achieve what you want, and be very sure to do something with what you have, for that is what the position signifies.

The second house can also signify values in an intellectual sense. Whatever your value systems are, be sure that you have a conscious understanding of them, or they could become an issue that divides you.

Composite Jupiter

Jupiter in the composite chart signifies the areas that will provide a solid basis for growth through the relationship. A strong Jupiter helps to ensure that whatever the course of the relationship and whatever may happen to it, you both will be aware of how much you have been helped by being together.

The house position of Jupiter designates what aspect of your relationship will be emphasized as a growth area. The two of you will be able to depend on that area for sustenance together, and unlike other aspects of your relationship, it will not be the cause of conflict and difficulty.

Nevertheless, what Jupiter brings to a relationship should not be taken totally for granted. There is always a danger that you may overextend yourselves in the area in which Jupiter is significant, which can convert it into a source of difficulty. If the energy of Jupiter is flowing easily, it is unlikely to cause trouble. But if the energy is flowing with difficulty, there may be problems, usually brought on by doing something to excess. In any case, Jupiter is not usually a major source of trouble in a chart and can usually be counted on to bring benevolent results.

Jupiter in the Third House

Composite Jupiter in the third house indicates that this relationship will broaden and expand your consciousness in your everyday life. The third house is the house of the mind in its routine day-to-day functioning, your automatic and unconscious actions. This part of your mind is laden with routine habits and ways of thinking that can prevent you from taking full advantage of opportunities that arise. This relationship will help to change those habits in a very pleasant and helpful way. Jupiter does not usually bring about change through upsets.

Narrow habits of thought and rigid ways of thinking will be expanded by your experience of this relationship. It will open new ways of dealing with everyday matters so that your handling of them should improve. You may find that together you will become more interested in philosophy and other mind-expanding disciplines. A third-house composite Jupiter is a sign of a relationship that will broaden your consciousness.

Jupiter Conjunct Saturn

The conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the composite chart may have more than one effect. On the one hand, it can make a relationship very unstable and changeable. In this case the two of you seem unable to go forward or backward on any issue, so that you constantly vacillate between the alternative possibilities. Or you cannot figure out whether or not you are happy in the relationship or whether it is working toward the objectives you have set for it. Your uncertainty makes the two of you have tremendous ups and downs. This conjunction will have these negative effects on any relationship that is not in very good shape. Flaws induced by other aspects are maximized by this one, for it tends to emphasize instability.

On the other hand, in a reasonably stable relationship, these two planets can achieve an equilibrium. The outgoing, expansive quality of Jupiter can be checked by the carefulness and caution of Saturn, so that you become cautiously optimistic in your dealings with each other. You make plans for your future very carefully and never overextend yourselves, always being aware that things may not turn out quite as expected. At the same time, since the idealism of Jupiter is tempered by the pragmatism of Saturn, you accept each other as you are and do not make too many additional demands. You may not think that this relationship is perfect, but on the other hand you don't really believe such perfection exists, so you do not demand it.

By itself, this is not an aspect that can make or break a relationship. It will strengthen a good one and make a weak one more unstable.

Jupiter Sextile Uranus

With the sextile of Jupiter and Uranus in the composite chart, this relationship will be different in a new, free, and innovative way. Together you will strike out in new directions, not following the conventional patterns of your type of relationship.

For example, in a love affair with this aspect, both of you will be freer and more individualistic than is usually the case. There will be little of the tendency to cling to each other that makes many relationships fail for lack of room to breathe. With this aspect, a love relationship is also much more likely to tolerate the expression of love and affection for others.

There is a strong idealistic element in this relationship that encourages your hopes for making things come true that have never been but that could be. The two of you feel that there is no reason why these things should not be. You find it easy to view life in a new way and to act differently from others. Even the setting of this relationship is not likely to be an ordinary one. Your ability to see the opportunities presented by new ways of thinking attracts people who are sympathetic to your causes, and you will find an appropriate environment for yourselves.

This aspect is especially beneficial to any relationship that requires innovation and inventiveness. It encourages the development of you both as individuals because of the individual freedom it confers.

Jupiter Square Neptune

The square of Jupiter and Neptune in a composite chart makes it very important that you know where you are with respect to each other and that you don't indulge excessively in idealistic fantasies. Keep matters straight between you. One writer has described this combination as "false or seeming happiness," with the clear warning that just when your relationship seems most beautiful, its illusory nature becomes clear, and there is great disappointment. The danger of this happening is greatest in a love affair, which is so vulnerable to illusions.

However, you should not be constantly suspicious of what appears to be a happy relationship. This aspect simply indicates that you should acknowledge the truth when it appears. It is not that the energy of this aspect obscures reality but that you are unwilling to face it, even when you know in your heart what it is. The problem is not really "illusion" in the sense used above. It is reluctance to handle things that are unpleasant and reluctance to deal with the real world.

Your happiness will not be false with this aspect; if you have a sense of happiness, it is real. But try to recognize whether you really feel it. If you are aware of lurking problems and unacknowledged fears, then deal with them, for they will not go away by themselves.

But remember that even the square between these planets has an optimistic quality, which will enable you to handle the difficult periods, once you decide to deal with them.

Jupiter Sextile Ascendant

The sextile of composite Jupiter and Ascendant is a good indication that this relationship will enable both of you to grow in whatever way you want. In any relationship it is a good aspect for mental and spiritual prosperity, as well as for material prosperity. Relations between you are easy and lacking in stress, because you each understand that your partner accepts you as you are and is concerned about you. Whatever else you may be to each other, you will be friends as well.

This relationship will stimulate your ideals and also give you the necessary optimism about yourselves and each other that will help you attain your goals. Consequently, your ideals about yourselves and this relationship are not unrealistic, and you will be able to work toward them. The two of you broaden each other's scope in such a way that when an opportunity comes up, you recognize and take advantage of it. But this is not done in an exploitative way; rather, when you see an opportunity, you know how to use it.

In this relationship you will not be troubled by the routine habits of thought that often get in the way of a relationship by causing two people to irritate each other unconsciously. You have the capacity to take these habits at their real value, which is usually not very great. This helps immeasurably to smooth over the potential rough places in any relationship.

Composite Saturn

Saturn is always a very complicated symbol. It has many meanings, some of which are difficult to deal with. To begin with, it often represents those areas of the relationship that are likely to be a source of insecurity. It is this attribute that can make Saturn very hard to handle, because it signifies fears, which can generate a negative energy that makes the worst come true. You must learn to relax about those areas of the relationship that are most influenced by Saturn.

Saturn also refers to limitations on the relationship, which are often more apparent than real. Saturn is an inhibitor, representing the aspects of reality that limit our efforts to expand and grow. As a consequence, through the resistance of Saturn, everything in both the material and psychological world is forced to assume a definite form. The position of Saturn in the composite chart will tell a great deal about what areas of the relationship are most likely to be structured and even rigidified, if the influence is unchecked.

Saturn is not always difficult, however. Very often it indicates a lasting relationship that will endure. Much of the time you will respond to Saturn simply by accepting the reality it imposes and not expecting that which is impossible. This prevents the frustrated idealism that makes so many love relationships difficult. In such instances Saturn replaces flamboyance with reliability.

At other times, however, Saturn's influence will make a relationship nearly impossible. When this happens, it is a reality that must be accepted. Properly handled, the experience of Saturn can be one of the most significant ways in which you learn how you will act in certain situations together. But it must be acknowledged that this process is not always particularly pleasant.

Saturn in the Third House

Saturn in the third house of the composite chart indicates that the two of you must be careful not to fall into set patterns of thought in this relationship. This applies to the ways in which you think as a couple as well as to the ways you think about each other. For example, it can indicate that there is a real barrier to communication between you, because each of you is so locked into certain ways of thinking and communicating that you cannot loosen up and listen to what your partner is saying. Remember that it is always necessary to talk in the other person's language; no matter how successfully you can communicate in your own language, it will do no good unless your partner understands you.

Unfortunately, a communication gap is precisely the problem that Saturn in the third house is likely to create. You must abandon any tendency to believe that your way of thinking is superior to your partner's, because that will only make communication more difficult.

Saturn in the third house also makes the two of you fond of structuring your immediate environment, a tendency that arises from the mental habits just discussed. Mental orderliness is reflected in the way you organize your world. You dislike disorder and will do everything in your powers to prevent it.

In a personal relationship, Saturn in the third can also give difficulty with relatives. Here again, the best solution is to alter your ways of thinking and try to communicate in the same terms as the people you are talking to.

Composite Uranus

Uranus is the planet of the unconventional and the unusual, at least in its ordinary manifestations. It can also reveal alternate views of reality that will help you to learn and grow. Unfortunately, this usually happens by means of a surprising upset that seems to completely invalidate your previous beliefs about life. Uranus is often regarded as the planet of unpleasant surprises. The only way to deal with it positively is to maintain a very open attitude and to structure your life as little as possible. Some structure is necessary, of course. But Uranus demands that you maintain a very flexible attitude toward the world.

In a relationship it is important to let the areas most affected by Uranus be much freer than you might otherwise allow. The aspects to Uranus in the composite chart usually indicate the area of the relationship that you must release. Not that you will lose it, but you must let it take its own course, with a minimum of expectations. Venus-Uranus aspects, in particular, represent relationships that must not be restrained from following their own course.

The house position indicates where Uranus is most effective, and that area must be treated most gently. Any attempt to make a basically Uranian characteristic conform to rules or expectations will only cause disturbances; the energy of Uranus under pressure becomes rebellious, insisting on doing everything in exactly the opposite way from what people want.

Uranus is simply an energy that insists on being given free rein. Your ability to handle it depends upon how free you are.

Uranus in the Fifth House

When composite Uranus is in the fifth house, a relationship may have to take an unusual form in order to express itself fully. How this works out depends on the kind of relationship that you have.

If this is a love relationship or a marriage, you will probably find that you have to give each other a lot more freedom of movement than is customary in such cases. A love affair with this position may be better off if it does not become a marriage. You both val-

use your freedom greatly and do not wish to be restrained by the obligations that a legal arrangement entails.

If you do decide to get married, you must give each other a great deal of freedom. For example, you must not let the marriage or the agreement between you become a barrier to other relationships. Yet the permission you give each other must be genuine. Otherwise your partner will sense that you don't really mean it and will begin to hide what he or she is doing. That, of course, will destroy the relationship even faster. It is not that this placement of Uranus requires that you have outside affairs, but that the relationship must not be felt as a barrier. Either of you is free to restrict yourself to this one relationship, but your partner cannot make you do it.

Other kinds of relationships will experience this placement of Uranus as a desire to have fun and express yourselves in unusual ways. You will seek out unusual forms of amusement and entertainment. For example, you might become interested in off-beat art forms together. Or it might be that when you are together you like to act a little crazy or wild or unconventional. This, of course, may apply to a love relationship or marriage as well.

Uranus Trine Ascendant

The trine of composite Uranus to Ascendant signifies a relationship that will be very stimulating to you both. It will help you establish a new orientation to the world around you. Perhaps you were drawn to each other by a feeling of delicious outrageousness in the fact of your getting together. With each other, you will find freedom to express yourselves in new and different ways that you would never have dared before. But it all feels good, and you need not worry about negative consequences.

This relationship requires both of you to be flexible in your attitudes. If you cannot enjoy anything outside of an established routine, this is not likely to be a very happy relationship. In that case you will find it upsetting, but if you pass it by, you will be wasting a valuable opportunity to enlarge your own consciousness.

Assuming that you both are mentally flexible, as a couple you will be attracted to new ways of thinking that you might not have considered before; these attract you precisely because of their stimulating nature. In this relationship you absolutely cannot tolerate boredom, but that is not likely to be a problem. Uranus rules both real electricity and things that feel "electric" in nature. "Electricity" will permeate this relationship, giving it an excitement that will make it all worthwhile for both of you.

Composite Neptune

Neptune in the composite chart is an energy that most people find quite difficult to handle. It has two quite separate areas of meaning that are ultimately connected, although they do not seem related on the surface.

First of all, Neptune is related to disappointment, delusion, deceit, falsehood, and the gradual disappearance of things. Yet it also represents whatever you idealize, legitimately and otherwise - that which is spiritual and mystical, which is actually at the root of love in its most spiritual sense, even more than Venus. It is the two-sidedness of Neptune that is so difficult to deal with.

To a considerable extent, all true love is based on your idealization of some aspect of the other person. That is one side of Neptune. But you must also keep in mind the reality of the situation and not make that person into something she is not. The nature of Neptune is such that you often go too far and turn the other person into a myth; when you discover the truth, bitter disappointment sets in. Yet if the Neptune energy were not working to some extent, you would not have been attracted to that person in the first place.

In a relationship, some things cannot be spelled out in words. It is necessary for two people to have some inner understanding of each other, or you will never be able to communicate very well. Neptune rules this kind of sensitivity within a relationship also. But again, its twofold nature can cause you to overdo your sensitivity, to the point where you make up things that aren't there or exaggerate the significance of what is.

How can you keep a balance? The answer lies in an aspect of Neptune that provides the key to really understanding it. Neptune is a totally selfless energy, not readily harnessed to the demands of the human ego. If you have a strong ego-wish that something be a certain way, Neptune's involvement becomes dangerous. The more your ego needs to enforce a situation, the more Neptune will delude you about it. Your own wishes seem to create a barrier to your seeing clearly, because you are too involved in the situation. Neptune often makes the two of you think that what you want is already so, even when it isn't.

However, if you can learn to accept the situation as it is, Neptune will help you to learn even more. If you can hold your ideals and still be able to deal with reality, Neptune may even help you realize your ideals.

Neptune in the chart tells about those areas of the relationship that are idealized, maybe

dangerously so. It tells about the depth of spiritual communication and about the extent to which all communication is disrupted by your illusions about each other.

Neptune in the Sixth House

Composite Neptune in the sixth house indicates that the two of you may have a very high ideal of service to others, or else you may be unclear about what you are supposed to do as a couple. The sixth is the house of responsibilities, duties, and work, and Neptune makes these a possible source of confusion. Sometimes a sixth-house Neptune can indicate that the relationship has troubles of obscure origin. In many ways, however, this house placement is not bad, because, like Neptune, it demands putting something else before your own wishes.

Work, or just plain getting things done, becomes kind of a philosophical ideal for a couple with this placement. But remember that every relationship must provide to some extent for the individuals' legitimate demands for self-expression. Not everything can be done for some "higher" cause. Whether or not you acknowledge them as such, your own needs are legitimate and must be met.

If the two of you become too wrapped up in the ideal of service, either to each other or to others, it can lead to a very subtle form of resentment, in which one or both of you plays the martyr. Thus, every time you do something for your partner, you make him or her pay for it in ways that are not very subtle but are difficult to deal with. If you are sincere about your ideal of service, fine, but give yourselves room to get what you need in the relationship also.

Composite Pluto

Pluto is the planet of death and regeneration. In a composite chart it represents those energies that cause a relationship to go through periods of heavy change. When Pluto is operative, something goes out of existence and a new order comes into being. Its action is absolutely essential to prevent the stagnation that occurs when an old way of life has outlived its purpose. The old must be cleared away to make room for the new state of being that will follow. When dealing with Pluto, you must let go of whatever is going through the Plutonian crisis. If you try to hold on to something that is properly dead, you will not succeed in saving it. You will only make the situation worse.

Pluto operates with such tremendous power that it may be divorced from its "death and regeneration" aspect and be experienced purely as power. The power results from the inevitability of Pluto's transforming quality. The transformations ruled by Pluto are those that arise from the very nature of what is transformed. Its effect is as much an integral

part of an entity as an object's weight, size, and color. Every living thing contains the set of circumstances that will eventually bring about all its fundamental changes, including its death. The power of Pluto comes from within.

In a relationship, Pluto is very often experienced as power conflicts between the two of you. In a sexual relationship it also gives special power and impact to your emotions and makes every happening very dramatic and important. This heaviness is one of the more difficult attributes of the planet, because it can warp your perspective completely.

The house position of Pluto indicates the area of the relationship in which there is most likely to be a conflict of power, either between the two of you or with the outside world. It also indicates which area of the relationship is most likely to be transformed through your being together and as a result which area is most likely to produce crises.

The aspects to Pluto indicate whether this energy will be experienced as difficult or easy and what other energy patterns it will be linked with.

Pluto in the Fourth House

The fourth house can be a very important and critical position for Pluto in a composite chart. It indicates that powerful forces are at work in the innermost depths of this relationship. The actual effects of this can vary considerably. For instance, the fourth house rules the past. Therefore you may find that past circumstances have a stronger than usual conditioning effect on the course of your relationship.

The fourth house rules the deepest levels of the unconscious mind, so the two of you may act out very deep, unconsciously motivated patterns that change the course of your relationship. It is very important to establish whether this is happening. If you can ascertain that some of your problems are being caused by your individual mental patterns rather than by external events, then you can begin to deal with the problems.

In a love relationship or marriage, one or more of your parents may have an unusual degree of influence on the relationship. Unfortunately one cannot tell from Pluto's house position alone whether that influence will be good or bad.

The fourth house also rules the home, and in a relationship that has a clearly recognizable home, very powerful forces may be experienced there. The problem is that home should be a place where you can get away from pressure, but with Pluto in the fourth house, home could be the place where pressure is most intense.

Whatever the effect of the fourth-house Pluto, it does provide for resolution of its problems, because it gives you the desire and the ability to get at the depths of your own being. Just don't carry it so far that you begin to lose all perspective about life.

Pluto Square Ascendant

The square of composite Pluto and Ascendant indicates the danger of a serious ego conflict between the two of you at all levels of interaction. It is not merely that you are different from each other and have different aims. If that were the case, you could simply ignore each other. But unfortunately, you have an irresistible desire to interfere in each other's lives. One of you will attempt to dominate the other, or perhaps both of you will try to be the dominant one. The problem here is to learn to leave each other alone and let each other be.

If this contest between you continues, one of you will at length emerge as the loser, who can "win" only by breaking away. Then the fight for independence becomes another of the many struggles that mark this relationship. The energies become so fierce that when the two of you break up, all that is left is bitterness and mutual recrimination.

Fortunately, there is another side to this aspect, which you should strive to develop. It can also indicate that you transform each other inwardly and outwardly, but in a positive way. The key is to just let it happen. You cannot undertake this as a project; transformation of your partner cannot be an egoistic goal. While you may naturally be concerned for each other, you must not make an ego issue of your partner's development. You must just allow the process to unfold, as it surely will.

When Pluto's energies are used for selfish and egoistic purposes, they tend to become malevolent. Pluto must be allowed to remain a force of nature and not be harnessed for purely personal motives.

Technical details

The Composite horoscope is a symbolic chart, derived mathematically and never represented by a real planetary configuration on the sky. For all planetary pairs, for example both Suns in the natal charts of the partners, the Composite Sun is determined as the mid-point in between. Also the MC (Medium Coeli or cusp of the 10th house) is determined by this mid-point technique. So far all astrologers proceed the same way to get a Composite.

For finding the Ascendant and the other house cusps in a chart two different techniques are used. One school of thought, also adhered to by Liz Greene and other staff members at Astrodienst, computes the Ascendant and the other house cusps with the same mid-point technique. In the very rare case of an Ascendant falling into the west half of the chart, which is the wrong side, the Ascendant is corrected by 180 degrees, so that it comes to lie in the east half where it must naturally be.

The other wide spread school of thought uses a table of houses for the Ascendant. First a fictious birth time is derived from the mid-point MC, then for this time the Ascendant and other house cusps are read from the table. Because house table entries vary by geographical latitude, the latitude of a reference place is used here. The geographical longitude (east/west location) of the reference place is not taken into account, so that Naples, Italy and New York, NY result in the same Composite chart, because both cities are near 40 degrees northern latitude. The technique is called reference-place technique.

In his book 'Planets in Composite' Robert Hand describes both methods; we have decided to use the mid-point method with AstroText Partner, because the Relationship Horoscope by Liz Greene also uses this technique and many readers might be unnecessarily confused if we offered two kinds of partner horoscopes containing different Composite ascendants.

Mercury and Venus can sometimes have an unnatural position in the Composite Chart. In nature, Mercury is never more than 30 degrees from the Sun, Venus never more than 45 degrees. In the Composite, however, each of the two planets can also be in opposition to the Sun. In such cases, some Astrologers mirror the planet into the opposite sign. Robert Hand takes into consideration both possible positions. Our Astrodienst reports follow the method of Liz Greene, who does not do such a mirroring.