
Complete Relationship Report

For

Prince Charles & Camilla Parker-Bowles

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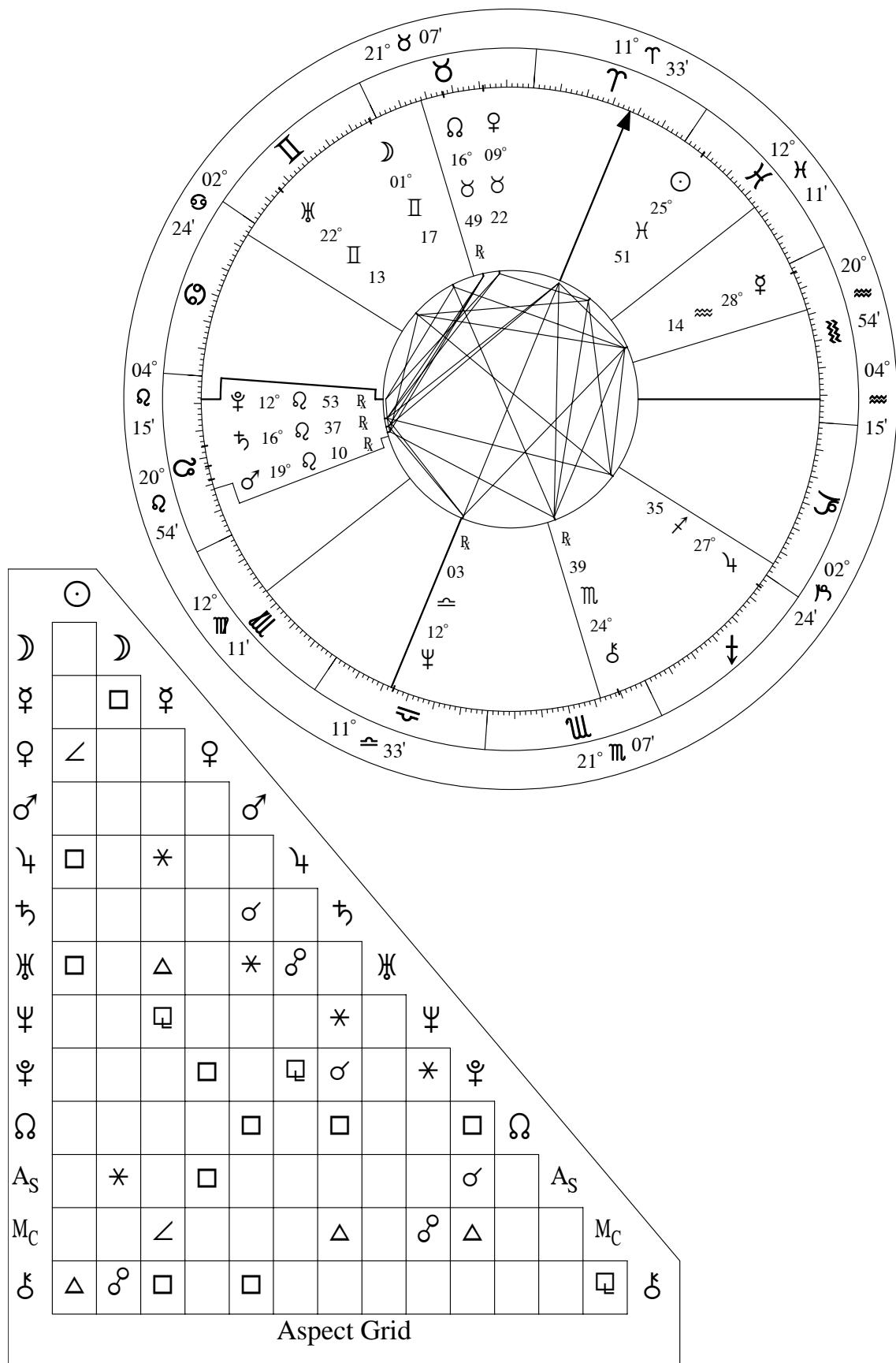
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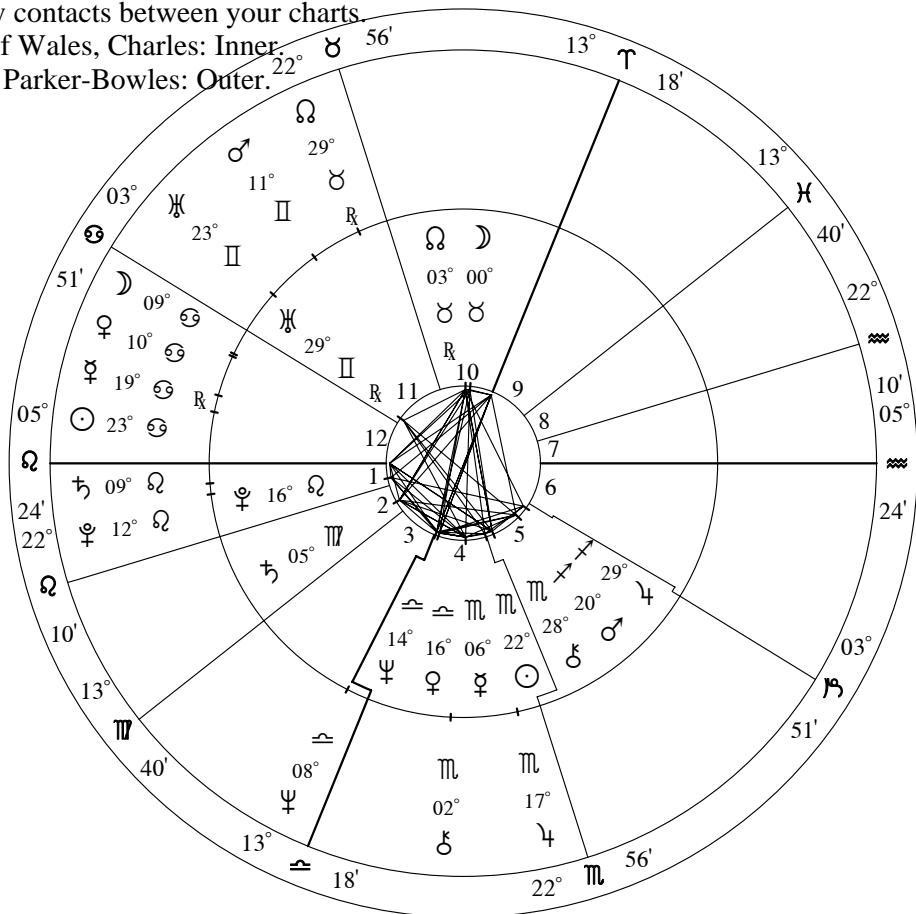
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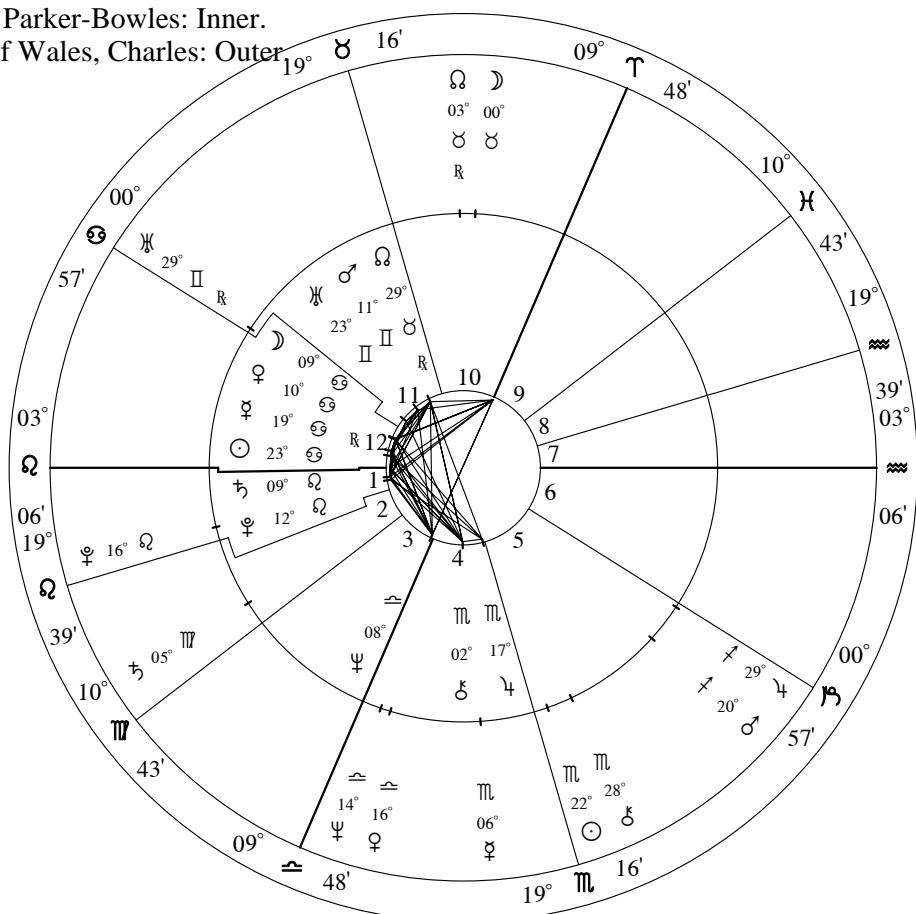
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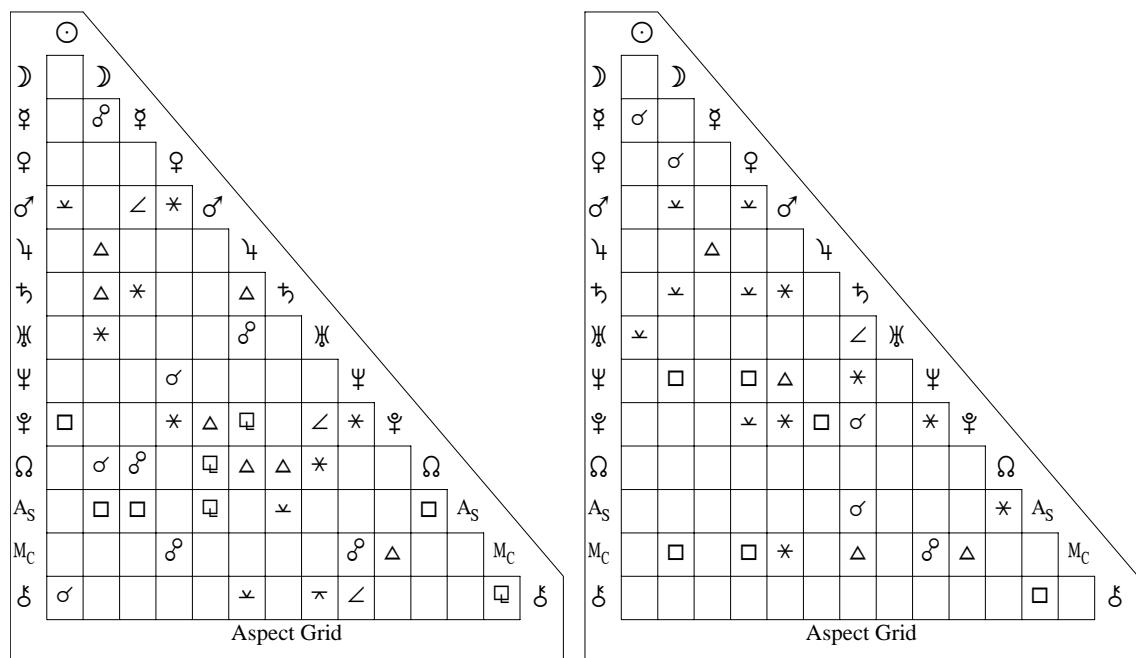
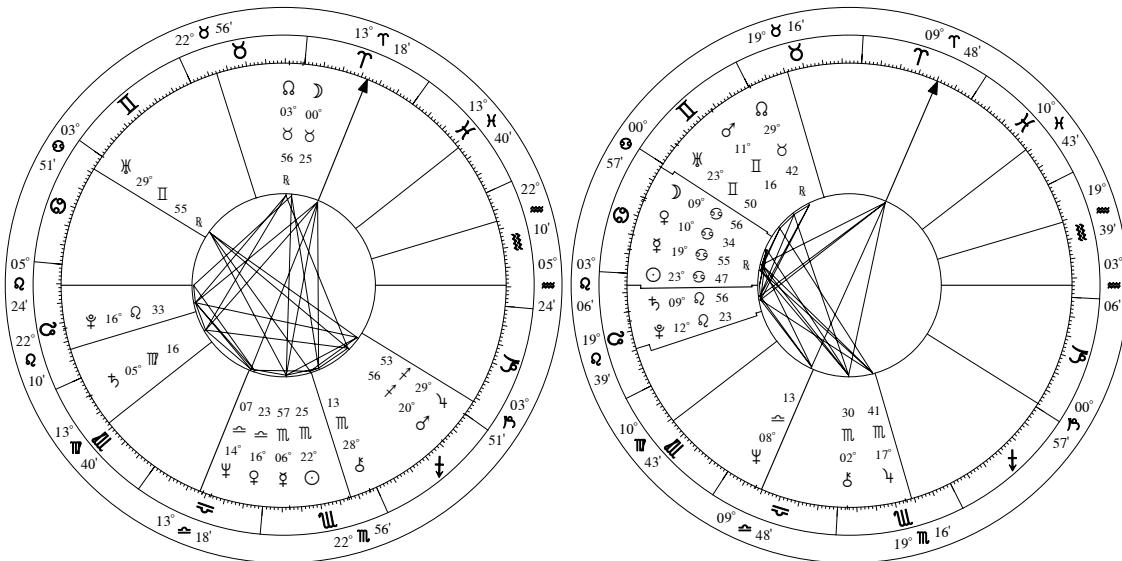
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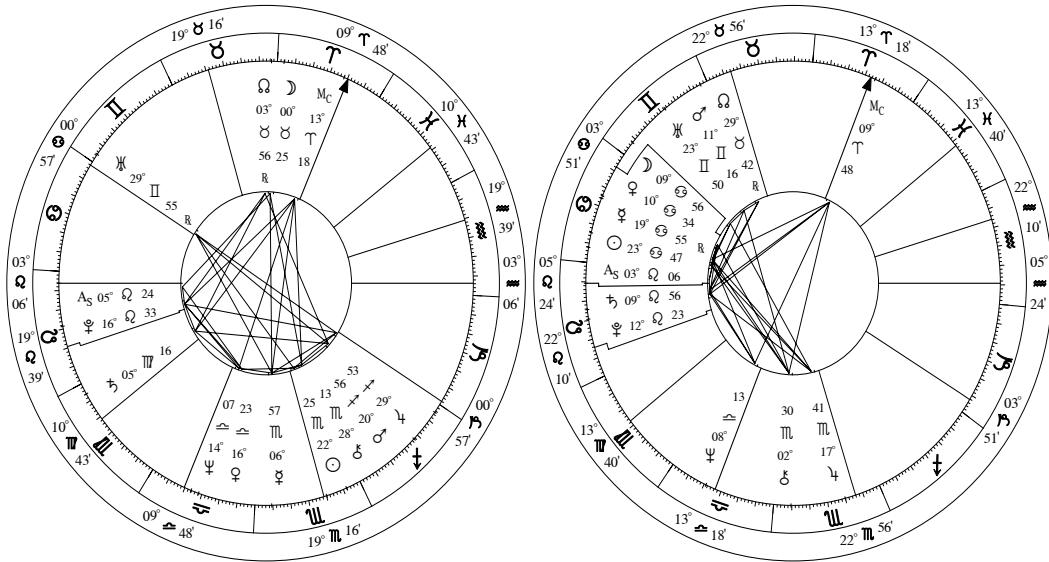
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Prince of Wales, Charles

A Comparison of Your Charts

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

If you read about problems, don't worry. Almost every astrological combination has both positive and negative possibilities. We include some common ways in which astrological combinations are misused, but you may never experience the negative sides. Much depends on other things in your chart and on the way you're using what has been given you.

The important thing is to be aware of your choices. As you read you'll see that when faced with virtually any so-called problem between the two of you, you can choose a desirable or an undesirable way to act. This report will try to show you where the problem is coming from, and suggest constructive things that you can do. It will also alert you to the strengths that you can build upon to create an increasingly strong and satisfying relationship.

In this report you'll find sections on:

- *Your Styles of Relating.* We'll first look at each of you as individuals. We'll start with your basic personality type, and then look close-up at your needs and attitudes regarding romance, partnership and sex. Your section is addressed to you as an individual, but if your partner also reads your section, he or she may better understand your overall approach to life and the way you go about relating to people.
- *How You See Each Other..* For each of you, we'll explore how the way you see your partner is shaped by the lens of your own horoscope.
- *The Dynamics between You.* For clues about the sorts of dramas that go on between you, we'll look at each aspect that links a point in your chart to a point in your partner's chart. These "interaspects" will show both the assets and the problems in your relationship.
- *The Chart of the Relationship Itself.* Finally, we'll analyze the relationship itself by combining the birth charts of each of you into a single "composite chart." When your relationship is well established, the composite chart shows how you as a couple approach the rest of the world, and how you're viewed as a result of being together.

Charles, Prince of Wales

Charles's, Prince of Wales Chart Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude			Declination			
⊕	Sun is in	♏	Scorpio	22°	25'	20"	-18°	22'	00"
☽	Moon is in	♉	Taurus	0°	25'	51"	+11°	13'	00"
☿	Mercury is in	♏	Scorpio	6°	57'	24"	-12°	09'	00"
♀	Venus is in	♎	Libra	16°	23'	00"	-4°	45'	00"
♂	Mars is in	♐	Sagittarius	20°	56'	54"	-24°	03'	00"
♃	Jupiter is in	♐	Sagittarius	29°	53'	07"	-23°	22'	00"
♄	Saturn is in	♍	Virgo	5°	16'	03"	+10°	55'	00"
♆	Uranus is in	♊	Gemini	29°	55'	43"	+23°	38'	00"
♆	Neptune is in	♎	Libra	14°	07'	46"	-4°	10'	00"
♅	Pluto is in	♌	Leo	16°	33'	45"	+23°	04'	00"
☊	N. Node is in	♉	Taurus	3°	56'	09"	+12°	50'	00"
Asc	Asc is in	♌	Leo	5°	24'	34"	+18°	55'	00"
MC	MC is in	♈	Aries	13°	18'	22"	+5°	15'	00"
♂	Chiron is in	♏	Scorpio	28°	13'	23"	-16°	41'	00"

Charles's Style of Relating

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

Charles's Basic Character

Fire, Earth, Air and Water signs are quite evenly balanced.

Your chart is notable because the four basic types of signs are so well balanced. This gives you an unusual latitude of choice in the way you react to situations. Depending on the circumstances, you can concentrate on taking action (Fire), on assembling the facts before you move (Earth), on planning a strategy (Air), or on consulting your instincts and intuition (Water). This wide variety of options that you have may help you better understand and deal with your partner's style of reacting. Unless your partner also has a balance of elements, however, you may find your partner's range of responses a bit limited.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable modes are quite evenly balanced.

Having a fairly equal distribution of planets in Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable signs gives you a useful ability to suit your mode of action to the situation. When appropriate, you can behave in a Cardinal manner, leaping in to intervene directly. At other times, you can use the Fixed symbolism of your chart to be firm, stand your ground, and preserve what is valuable. And in yet others, you can draw upon your Mutable strengths to be agile and adaptable, quickly shifting as the circumstances require. Overall, this helps you to adapt to whatever challenges your relationship presents. You may, however, need to make an effort to be understanding if you find your partner getting stuck in one mode.

Your Sun is in Scorpio.

Your Sun in Scorpio reinforces the idea that you tend to be highly focused. When you have a goal in mind or a direction in life to pursue, you move deliberately and with intensity. You like to analyze deeply before you make a decision, and once you make up your mind, it's difficult (if not impossible) for others to change it. You can also work long and hard to achieve the results you want.

Your intensity can be extended to your interaction with people. If you find someone who attracts you, you can pursue that individual unfalteringly, whether or not you receive encouragement. Your persistence will usually wear down any resistance.

You don't take your commitments to people lightly. You can be counted on to stay with a relationship through thick and thin and, in some cases, much longer than you should. The ultimate reason for your ending a relationship is often discovering that your partner is untrustworthy. Once you're sure of this, you can terminate the partnership and rarely will you return to it. So, the good news is that if your partner wants to maintain the relationship, being loyal may be the way to do it.

Once you've connected with a partner, you have the ability to make that other person feel very significant. You'll probably try intently to fulfill your partner's wishes, and you can concentrate on making, or at least helping to make, your partner's needs and desires a reality. This may be exhausting for you, but it can be very flattering for your partner.

Because you give so much to those you care about, you probably don't have enough energy to spread your attention to too many people. This can mean that you form few close attachments, but when you do become involved in a serious relationship, your partner can rely on your loyalty.

It's possible that your partner could feel a bit stifled and may prefer not to have so much of your attention. Should this occur, it might be a good idea to analyze the situation together. If you recognize that your need for loyalty from your partner may be the cause of your hovering, your partner could find ways to reassure you of his or her fidelity, and you in turn might be able to give your partner a little more space.

Whether you're discussing your personal problems or the state of the world, your conversations are usually not light. You have a talent for analyzing deeply no matter what the subject is, and will not be satisfied with a superficial answer. Your greatest difficulty may be getting conversations started. You could hold feelings inside for too long. If you can learn more quickly to bring up issues that bother you, the solutions may come faster as well.

Your Moon is in Taurus.

You are steadfast in your feelings and would probably not be viewed as moody. This doesn't necessarily mean that you're sweet-tempered (though you may well be!). It's just that your responses are predictable. When it comes to the emotions, you're a creature of habit, whose reactions to particular situations tend to be similar time after time. The advantage of this is that your partner will know what to expect from you. The disadvantage is that it will be obvious how to push your buttons.

If your partner often hurts you or makes you angry, there may be a problem between you that should be examined. Your intuition may help you to unearth the real cause. Once you find a practical explanation for emotional behavior, you're capable of changing not only your mood, but also your attitude and ultimately your response. When you do make changes, the world may think that they're spontaneous, but actually the process has been gradual and has involved a great deal of thought.

When dealing with negative feelings, it's natural to wallow a bit — to want to lash out in anger or lick your wounds. While everyone has these urges, the longer you indulge in them, the more time it'll take to change your pattern. The sooner you begin to make sense out of your feelings, the sooner order will be restored. To make this happen faster, your first step is to figure out what you need to do to feel emotionally gratified. That's your best incentive for change. It may sound selfish, but if you're happy, chances are that your partner will be happier as well.

Another quality of the Moon in Taurus is dependability. Once you form an emotional attachment, it's not easily broken, and so your partnerships tend to be long-term. You'll be loyal and trustworthy and will expect these qualities from your partner as well. As long as there's mutual trust, your eyes probably won't stray, and even if you suspect disloyalty from your partner, you'll tend to require strong, practical evidence before you take action.

Another Moon in Taurus tendency is to treat your partner as an extension of yourself. This means that you'd take care of your partner's emotional needs as you would your own, which is fine if your partner does have similar needs. It also means that you could view your partner as one of your possessions, which may or may not feel good to your partner.

Your partner may enjoy your dependability and be content with the relationship. If this is the case, just continue what you've been doing. However, if your partner complains about your possessiveness or about feeling smothered, you might want to try a different approach. Bestowing gifts on your partner is one comfortable way to show that you care. Another is to listen to what your partner wants from you. If you can reconcile these wishes within the framework of your own needs, you should be able to accommodate them without much difficulty.

Charles's Axis of Relationship

The horizontal line that separates the upper half of your chart from the lower half represents the horizon. It suggests two arms reaching out, and it is in fact your "axis of relationship." On the left-hand or eastern side of your chart there is the Ascendant (or rising sign), which signifies you and the way that you present yourself to others. On the right-hand or western side there is the Descendant, which signifies the sort of partner you'll be drawn to and who will make you feel more complete. Any discussion of your rising sign (you) implies your setting sign (the partner who will complement you).

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

You have Leo rising.

Most likely, you have the sign Leo rising. This means that you tend naturally to radiate warmth and outgoingness to others. For you, interacting with people can be somewhat of a stage performance. In fact, even an audience of one may be enough for you to display your acting ability. This is partly because the fuel that you run on is the applause and approval of others.

Individuals with Leo rising tend to like everyone who likes them, but they also want the whole world to like them. Therefore, when people seem to disapprove of you, you may try even harder to be impressive. This may be one reason why you're often attracted to those who are a bit cool and aloof. These individuals represent a challenge, and you'll often work hard to establish relationships with them. While they may not show it, they will most likely find that your warmth completes them and gives them the social connection that they crave.

If you feel really ignored or disliked, however, you may turn up the volume so that you'll be sure to be heard, or blow your own horn to tell others how wonderful you are. But loudness and bragging will hardly enhance your image. If you want to impress a person who seems to dislike you, it's better to find a third party who will tell that person how great you are. It's so much more believable if someone else sings your praises! A partner who genuinely admires you and finds the show that you put on entertaining can be a great asset to you. Then, you can sit back and simply radiate the warmth and lively sense of fun that are your special gifts to others.

Because you may be attracted to a rather cool and detached partner, even if you're committed to each other, you may sometimes wonder if your partner approves of you. At those times when you feel insecure, you might show the more abrasive side of your personality. Although the lapses may be short and temporary (which may help to make them more tolerable), they might not be pleasant for either your partner or you. It may help to have a backup audience – a friend who adores you and who can give your ego the temporary boost that you need to get back on course.

But let's face it. If your partner is committed to you, you're obviously appealing. Your ease in performing before the world is attractive to someone who may not be able do this so effortlessly. You could be the social buffer for your partner, or help your partner to interact with others more easily. In return, your partner might teach you to be a little more discriminating in selecting people to be involved with.

Another way in which you can influence each other is that you may help your partner to become more enthusiastic and involved. In turn, your partner can help you to become more objective. The only difficulty is this: how do you determine when it's appropriate to become involved and when it's better to remain detached? Time and experimentation will answer that question.

Dating and Romance

To take a look at your specific approach to romance, partnership and sex, we're now going to look at the houses that govern these areas in your chart. These houses describe both what you have to give to a relationship, and also what you probably want from your partner.

Relationships start with a period when you're checking each other out, and aren't yet really committed. This stage is covered by your Fifth House, which also has to do with amusements and self-expression. In a romance, the Fifth House shows how you wine and dine each other in the dating stage. Having fun together in a romantic setting helps you to get the relationship off the ground.

When you're married, this area of your chart turns into the place where you refresh and renew both yourself and your relationship. To keep the spark glowing, it's a good idea periodically to let go of your duties, play, be romantic and even a bit outrageous. If you neglect this essential human need, it can be filled by romances outside of marriage, risky activities like gambling, or escapes like drinking or drugs, which are other less satisfactory ways that this house can find expression. For longevity and happiness in any relationship, you need to keep the fun, romance and playful element alive.

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

Each house brings in a variety of symbolic themes, as shown by the sign on the beginning or cusp of the house, other signs falling within the house, planets within the house, and the planet that traditionally "rules" the sign on the cusp. For your relationship to find its fullest expression, it's important that, in your interactions together, both of you try to express as many of the following themes as possible.

Scorpio is on your Fifth-House cusp.

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

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

Sagittarius is within the Fifth House.

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

Capricorn is within the Fifth House.

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

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

The planet that's traditionally associated with the sign on the Fifth-House cusp brings in additional considerations. Placed in the Fifth House of your chart, it reinforces Fifth-House themes, making courtship and romance especially important in your life. You tend to want a partner who is demonstrative. This could take the form of open affection or lavish gifts, or possibly both. As long as you receive attention and the setting is just right, the relationship should flourish. If, however, you feel ignored or taken for granted, dissatisfaction will set in. If this occurs, you need not just sit back and complain. You can create your own scenario. To pique your partner's interest, try instilling a little mystery into the relationship. You'll be putting your talents to work, and you could have fun doing it.

Having planets placed within your the Fifth House emphasizes the importance of pleasure and play in your life, and adds yet other requirements for you in the area of romance.

Your Mars is in the Fifth.

One of the possibilities with this placement is that you may be looking for a dashing, aggressive and/or energetic partner. Another is that you enjoy pursuing a romantic partner or you like being pursued -- the premise being that one of you is supposed to play hard-to-get while the other chases. Still another manifestation could be impatience in regard to romance. For example, you might meet someone whom you find interesting, but that person does not call you soon enough, so you make the first contact. Fortunately, in this day and age, it doesn't matter whether you're a man or a woman -- if you find someone appealing, you don't have to wait to be called. If the other person doesn't find you attractive, you might as well know it right away. In romance, the keyword for you is action. As long as things keep moving in this department, you'll be happy, and so you'll probably do your best to keep things lively. This could include dates where you engage in sports or other sorts of vigorous activity.

Your Jupiter is in the Fifth.

Romance makes you feel expansive and optimistic, and you want to scoop up all the good times and pleasure that you can find. It's possible that you could play the field, and at some point in your life you could date a lot of different people at once.

Your ideal romantic partner will be someone who broadens your horizons. You'll be happiest with a person who is open to new ideas and who has something new to teach you. You'll probably want someone who enjoys a challenge, has the ability to make life an enjoyable game, and is just plain fun to be with. Being a stand-up comic isn't necessary, but a good sense of humor will definitely help.

The main possible danger with this position is a tendency to over-spend, over-eat, over-extend yourselves and generally overindulge when you're out for a good time. You could date someone who encourages this, or you could be the instigator yourself. If you find yourselves broke, putting on weight, exhausted or satiated from all the excess, remember that there are simpler ways to have fun together. Things like enjoying the outdoors, moving about, taking a course or joining a discussion group can feel satisfying without overtaxing your resources. Then maybe you'll be able to put some cash aside for the occasional big blowout or romantically extravagant gesture.

Becoming Partners

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

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

Aquarius is on your Seventh-House cusp.

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

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

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

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

Entwining Souls

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

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

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

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

Aquarius is on your Eighth-House cusp.

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

Pisces is within the Eighth House.

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

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

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

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

How Charles Sees Camilla

No matter how objective you think you are, the way you see others is always to some extent determined by your own necessarily limited point of view. Becoming conscious of your own possible biases in viewing your partner can often be very helpful in avoiding thwarted expectations and in overcoming misunderstandings in your relationship.

One of the main things that will describe your own personal way of seeing Camilla is the way her planets fall into the houses in your own chart. The houses are calculated from the point on earth where you were born, and, as such, they reflect your own personal view of the heavens. Not only do they provide the framework through which you experience your own planets, they also provide the structure through which you'll view Camilla's planets as well.

Houses represent specific departments of life (romance, partnership, sex, home, career, finances, etc.), and they show where you most tend to apply your inner planetary energies. When one of Camilla's planets falls into a particular house in your chart, you will tend to associate her expression of that inner planetary energy with that particular department of life – no matter how she views that planetary energy in herself.

Looking at it another way, you could think of Camilla's planets as "lighting up" your houses, bringing additional energy to the areas of life that those houses deal with. By filling in the empty houses in your chart, she may make you feel more complete. By adding planets to your already-filled houses, she can further emphasize those areas of existence. By adding different planets to a house, she can introduce new possibilities into those areas of your life. Besides suggesting how you will experience Camilla and how you will feel about her, looking at her planets will suggest the functions that Camilla will tend to take on in your total scheme of things.

Houses, of course, divide the chart into twelve specific areas. Before getting into that much detail, we can check out your overall perception of Camilla simply by the way her planets are clustered in the main areas of your chart.

More of Camilla's planetary energy falls into your chart's eastern half.

The fact that Camilla's planets fall mostly into the left-hand side of your chart suggests that, no matter what she's really like, *you* tend to put her into the role of the initiator. She may in fact have a natural tendency to take the lead (especially if most of her planets fall into the left-hand side of her own chart, or she has a lot of planets in Fire or Cardinal signs). If so, you could be delighted to have a partner who takes charge. On the other hand, if you have a strong need to do some of the initiating yourself, you could get into conflicts about who is going to lead. If this happens, try to work out some rules by which the two of you take turns being the one who takes the initiative.

Alternatively, it's possible that, despite what you expect her to be, Camilla actually tends to be a responder in most situations. (This would be true especially if her planets were mainly placed in the opposite half of her own chart, or were chiefly in Fixed or Mutable signs.) Your assumption that Camilla good at doing something that's not really one of her dominant skills may well inspire her to develop this recessive part of herself. Then, through her relationship with you, she may come to feel more rounded and complete. But if you have overly high expectations about her initiating abilities, the results may fall short of what you want. In this case, instead of feeling that it's her fault that you never do anything as a couple, it would be best if you accepted her basic character and, at least some of the time, seized the initiative yourself.

More of Camilla's planetary energy is above your horizon.

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

How Camilla Affects Specific Areas of Your Life

For more detailed information, let's now look specific planets in specific houses. The houses that will probably be most important in forming your view of Camilla are those that contain her Sun and Moon.

Camilla's Sun is in your Twelfth House.

You may see Camilla as someone who prefers seclusion to interacting vigorously with the outer world. Or Camilla's goals and direction may be so subtle that you don't understand them. Or you could see her as your spiritual guide and not be sure why. You might also perceive her as a behind-the-scenes kind of person, capable of directing but not in an obvious way—possibly manipulating. If you feel manipulated, or if there's anything unclear about your partner's goals and direction, you might want to probe into personal motivations together. As you clarify matters, it will strengthen the bond between you.

Camilla's Moon is in your Twelfth House.

This is a subtle placement. You may be in close touch with each other's dreams and fantasies, and you may know intuitively that Camilla supports you emotionally. You don't need to discuss the matter, because you just feel it, and that is enough.

It could, however, be that Camilla's emotions seem to be hidden from you, or that the emotional support that you fantasized turns out not to be there. If you feel puzzled by Camilla's emotions, or actually undermined or manipulated, you might want to bring this out into the open. However, what you're experiencing is based on feelings, not facts, and so it may be hard to put into words. There's the possibility that your imagination is working overtime, or that your partner is unaware that she is manipulating you.

If direct conversations about your feelings don't seem to produce meaningful results, it's probably because one or both of you feels vulnerable and unprotected, and hence fearful. Instead of using the head-on approach, you may find it more effective to try subtler means. These could include visualizing, or sharing your fantasies and dreams. Another way is to view each other's feelings indirectly through the mirror of art. Discussing the feelings that a movie, painting or piece of music brings up in each of you can feel less threatening than direct talk about your relationship, and yet it can be a powerful way of divining each other's emotional state.

Camilla's Mercury is in your Twelfth House.

You could feel that you and Camilla have a strong telepathic connection, so that to know what she is thinking, you may not have to talk at all. Less fortunately, you could believe that your partner keeps secrets from you or manipulates you. These may not be easy matters to discuss. If you suggest that your partner has a hidden agenda, you might be accused of having a vivid imagination. It's true that your imagination could be working overtime, but you may in fact be judging the situation correctly, and your partner doesn't want to admit it or isn't her self conscious of it. One way to begin to correct the situation is to work on the potential that you share for telepathic connection. Try some meditating or visualizing on the subject, and conditions may improve.

Camilla's Venus is in your Twelfth House.

There could be an element of secrecy in your relationship, so that your connection with Camilla isn't generally known. Or, as a result of your relationship, Camilla could feel that she needs to hide her desirability from the world. This could come from a need to make you feel more secure about her fidelity. It's true that she might do this only out of a feeling of tender protectiveness, but it's also possible that she's unconsciously picking up on warning signals from you.

If so, it could be because you feel insecure about her love. Possibly you find her inconsistent in expressing affection, sometimes being demonstrative and sometimes not. Or even though her affections seem steady enough, you might suspect some hidden motivation behind them. Another possibility could be that, deep down, you feel that your love is more of a fantasy than a reality. At some level you might feel that you're only pretending that you have the perfect mate and the perfect relationship, and you may fear that someday the bubble will burst. For any of these reasons, you could feel insecure, and Camilla could feel that, in order to allay your anxiety and keep the relationship going, she needs to make herself less attractive to others.

Instead of being unconsciously pushed around by these subtle undercurrents, you might try to bring them out into the open with your partner. However, Twelfth-House problems usually call for subtler measures. Shutting out the outside world and escaping into fantasy is a typical Twelfth-House maneuver, and you can use it in your favor. By indulging in fantasies and stories together, you will automatically be mirroring your unconscious concerns, and you may be able to ease them by dealing with them in play and on the symbolic level. This will work, because your problem is at this level anyway, and is not practical or concrete.

In fact, with Camilla's Venus contact to your Twelfth House, spinning fantasies together can be one of your most enjoyable activities. You may find that she especially enjoys hearing about your dreams, fantasies, and secret self, and you may also enjoy the hidden sides of her nature. You may have many delicious secrets together that are not apparent to the outside world.

Camilla's Mars is in your Eleventh House.

Through Camilla's energies, you'll probably have more of a social life, because either her impetus or something about her spurs you to join groups and pay more attention to friends. You may see her as someone who can motivate and energize groups of people, and in fact she may find it easier to do this when she's with you. She may also spur you on to realize your hopes and wishes, or to derive extra income from your career. She could give you just the bit of extra drive that you need to attain these things.

All this can feel very good to you -- as long as the heat and impulsive quality of this planet stay properly harnessed. With a Mars in overdrive, your partner could pick fights with your friends, or get bossy, nagging or generally obnoxious in any of the above areas. If you find that this becomes a problem, you can restore some harmony in your relationship by redirecting all that hot energy toward some constructive end. Encouraging her to play sports with friends, join athletic groups, spearhead work toward a cause, or accomplish some Herculean task with others could well absorb the jagged edges of that energy so that what's left of it only adds a bit of welcome spice to your life. If you feel nagged to make more money or to make your dreams come true, letting her do some of the work toward reaching these goals can stop the nagging and harness some of that excess steam to the advantage of you both.

Camilla's Jupiter is in your Fourth House.

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

Camilla's Saturn is in your First House.

You were probably drawn to the serious, responsible side of Camilla's nature, and because she guides and takes care of you, you could feel very bonded and secure in this relationship. It's possible, however, that you could feel guided too much — that Big Brother is looking over your shoulder telling you what to do and how to do it. Chances are, you'll experience both sides. You might forestall the close scrutiny by asking for Camilla's opinion on how you should act. If you seek her advice, she may assume that you're going to follow it and not watch you so closely. Then you'd be able to do pretty much as you please and still enjoy the security of the relationship.

Camilla's Uranus is in your Eleventh House.

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

Camilla's Neptune is in your Third House.

One possibility with this placement is that you may feel that Camilla has a way with words, and is able to convince anyone of anything. Or you could find her difficult to understand, or wonder if she's always being truthful. The upside of this combination is that there's likely to be a strong telepathic connection between you. This means that you don't always have to verbalize your thoughts. If you sense what Camilla is thinking, you may understand it better than words, and your intuition should help you to determine what is truthful and what is not.

Camilla's Pluto is in your First House.

You probably see Camilla as very powerful, and this might have been a quality that initially attracted you to this person. It can be reassuring to be intimately connected with someone who has the ability to take charge when circumstances warrant it. However, you might find that she sometimes tries to wield power over you when you prefer to be your own boss. If you feel she is too controlling, don't keep these feelings inside. That could ultimately lead to volcanic eruptions between you. Instead, talk about it. If you analyze these matters together, you can come up with solutions that may make you feel better and could even transform the situation.

Camilla Parker-Bowles's Chart Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude			Declination		
⊕	Sun	is in	♋	Cancer 23°	47'	05"	+21°	21' 00"
☽	Moon	is in	♋	Cancer 9°	56'	06"	+26°	15' 00"
☿	Mercury	is in	♋	Cancer 19°	55'	31"	+17°	05' 00"
♀	Venus	is in	♋	Cancer 10°	34'	04"	+23°	09' 00"
♂	Mars	is in	♊	Gemini 11°	16'	36"	+22°	00' 00"
♃	Jupiter	is in	♏	Scorpio	17°	41'	39"	-16° 11' 00"
♄	Saturn	is in	♌	Leo 9°	56'	51"	+18°	26' 00"
♅	Uranus	is in	♊	Gemini 23°	50'	20"	+23°	24' 00"
♆	Neptune	is in	♎	Libra 8°	13'	35"	-1°	52' 00"
♇	Pluto	is in	♌	Leo 12°	23'	00"	+23°	35' 00"
☊	N. Node	is in	♉	Taurus 29°	42'	26"	+20°	05' 00"
Asc	Asc	is in	♌	Leo 3°	06'	25"	+19°	28' 00"
MC	MC	is in	♈	Aries 9°	48'	50"	+3°	53' 00"
☽	Chiron	is in	♏	Scorpio	2°	30'	58"	-11° 08' 00"

Camilla's Style of Relating

To figure out your own personal relationship needs, Camilla, we're first going to look at your basic personality type with both its strengths and its weak points. This can show you what you have to contribute, and what you need from someone else. The better you know your own nature, the more successful you're likely to be in your relationships. You can more easily make allowances for your own blind spots, and you can more consciously select a partner who will bring you happiness.

Camilla's Basic Character

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

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

You have few planets in Mutable signs or houses.

You usually either want to do things your way (if you predominate in Cardinal signs) or prefer to take root where you are (if your planets are mostly in Fixed signs). Whichever is the case, you're not very adaptable. In fact, you sometimes don't even want to hear someone else's point of view. This tendency to stay mired or to move in your own direction without consultation could be upsetting to a partner. In order to create good relationships, you may have to make a special effort to be flexible and pay attention to what the other person says.

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

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

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

Your Sun is in the sign Cancer.

Your Sun in Cancer reinforces the idea that you're probably quite nurturing and home-oriented – someone who wants to tend to others and make them feel at home. No matter what your sex is, you tend to take on a mothering role. Security is likely to be important to you, and you will seek emotional security by bonding with others. In furnishing security to other people, you aim to get a positive response that makes you feel needed. This gives you the feeling of security that you yourself desire.

There's also a part of you that wants to be nurtured by others. Because you protect others so well, your strength will be apparent, but your personal sensitivity and your own desire for a bit of nurturing may not be. Unaware of this, others may be blunt in dealing with you. It's not easy to ask for consideration or support, because you believe that others may interpret it as weakness. Also, your fear of rejection might keep you silent. If you asked for tender loving care, and no one responded, you would not only feel rejected, but it could also destroy your sense of security. Once you feel safe with your partner, it may become easier to ask, but if your partner is reading these words perhaps the mothering that you need will come unsolicited.

Your need for security goes beyond the emotional to the material, so that having a home is probably very important to you. You probably do, or want to, own your own home, and you may scrimp and save to get one. This attachment to the home can be an asset in your partnership. You'll work to make your house or apartment homey, and your domesticity should appeal to anyone who wants to settle down.

One thing to look out for, however. Once you've achieved the home of your dreams, your partner might want to travel, and your need for security may make you not want to leave the nice nest you've made. If you do force yourself to go, you could worry about what's going on at home, or simply be homesick and not enjoy your trip. It may help to take your home with you – either as a recreational vehicle you can eat and sleep in, or by packing your bag with some of your favorite possessions. Then, when you reach your destination, take out your belongings and place them where you'll be sleeping. You may be surprised at how quickly you feel at home in your temporary surroundings.

Your Moon is in Cancer.

At the emotional level, you are essentially a compassionate person who displays great tenderness in taking care of others. You can comfort others by listening to them talk about their problems and somehow making them believe that their situation isn't hopeless. Sometimes it's a touch or simply a kind word. You may enjoy feeding people, and sometimes give the impression that you feel that food can take care of all difficulties. You also have the ability to fiercely defend those in your charge, doing battle for them if need be.

People may praise you for being the one who holds the family together or runs the household so well. You may seem so strong and solid and perform these tasks so ably that, no matter what your sex, others may see you as Super-Mom. The downside of this is that your partner and others with whom you're intimately connected may allow, and even expect, you to take care of *all* domestic and emotional problems — not just your own, but also those you should really be handling jointly. Feeling that you do these things best, they may give you little assistance, causing you to assume undue burdens. Also, the Moon in Cancer gives you a strong need to be nurtured yourself, and so it's possible that while you busy yourself tending to the needs of others, you may feel emotionally starved.

If tending to the needs of your loved ones makes you feel happy and fulfilled, continue on. However, it's possible that your circumstances are far from perfect, and you're not consciously aware of your discontent. One symptom that something is wrong is if you tend to overeat. You may often put food in your mouth without a thought. If you stop to think about it, you may notice that you do this when you feel unloved or have hurt feelings. If you use food to show others that you care, you may also use it to supply love to yourself.

To deal with the Super-Mom complex, first affirm that that it's not your duty to nurture the entire world. Tell this to yourself ten times a day so that it starts working on your subconscious. Next, involve your partner in domestic issues. For example, you could start cooking some meals together. You'll feel more nurtured when your partner prepares food for you, and you may eat less when you're not tasting everything that's cooked. From cooking you can go on to discuss the emotional problems of those who are near and dear to you both, problems that you've been handling totally on your own. Ask your partner for opinions, and before you know it, your partner may be sharing these concerns as well. Also, invite your partner's input on how to arrange and order your home. If you start doing such things, you'll feel less burdened and more emotionally supported, and your partner will feel a greater sense of participation. All this can only deepen the intimacy between you.

Camilla's Axis of Relationship

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

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

You have Leo rising.

Most likely, you have the sign Leo rising. This means that you tend naturally to radiate warmth and outgoingness to others. For you, interacting with people can be somewhat of a stage performance. In fact, even an audience of one may be enough for you to display your acting ability. This is partly because the fuel that you run on is the applause and approval of others.

Individuals with Leo rising tend to like everyone who likes them, but they also want the whole world to like them. Therefore, when people seem to disapprove of you, you may try even harder to be impressive. This may be one reason why you're often attracted to those who are a bit cool and aloof. These individuals represent a challenge, and you'll often work hard to establish relationships with them. While they may not show it, they will most likely find that your warmth completes them and gives them the social connection that they crave.

If you feel really ignored or disliked, however, you may turn up the volume so that you'll be sure to be heard, or blow your own horn to tell others how wonderful you are. But loudness and bragging will hardly enhance your image. If you want to impress a person who seems to dislike you, it's better to find a third party who will tell that person how great you are. It's so much more believable if someone else sings your praises! A partner who genuinely admires you and finds the show that you put on entertaining can be a great asset to you. Then, you can sit back and simply radiate the warmth and lively sense of fun that are your special gifts to others.

Because you may be attracted to a rather cool and detached partner, even if you're committed to each other, you may sometimes wonder if your partner approves of you. At those times when you feel insecure, you might show the more abrasive side of your personality. Although the lapses may be short and temporary (which may help to make them more tolerable), they might not be pleasant for either your partner or you. It may help to have a backup audience – a friend who adores you and who can give your ego the temporary boost that you need to get back on course.

But let's face it. If your partner is committed to you, you're obviously appealing. Your ease in performing before the world is attractive to someone who may not be able do this so effortlessly. You could be the social buffer for your partner, or help your partner to interact with others more easily. In return, your partner might teach you to be a little more discriminating in selecting people to be involved with.

Another way in which you can influence each other is that you may help your partner to become more enthusiastic and involved. In turn, your partner can help you to become more objective. The only difficulty is this: how do you determine when it's appropriate to become involved and when it's better to remain detached? Time and experimentation will answer that question.

Dating and Romance

To see what you specifically want and need in romance, partnership and sex, we're now going to look at these areas of your chart in detail.

The Fifth House is traditionally the house of courtship, love affairs and romance. Also associated with risk-taking, this is the area in your chart where you take the plunge and throw yourself open to chance. Will Mr./Ms. Right cross your path at the mixer dance or singles bar? Will you take the risk of asking someone out on a date? Will the blind date be a delight or a disaster? This is one of the reasons that the Fifth is the place where love relationships begin.

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

There are a number of different signs and planets associated with your relationship houses, and each of these contributes its own symbolic themes to that area of your life. The more that you both try to express the various qualities that are symbolized in these key relationship areas of your charts, the happier and more complete your relationship is likely to feel.

Scorpio is on your Fifth-House cusp.

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

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

Sagittarius is within the Fifth House.

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

Capricorn is within the Fifth House.

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

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

The planet that's traditionally associated with the sign on the Fifth-House cusp brings in additional considerations. Placed in the Eleventh House, it means that you'll enjoy the company of a romantic partner who is mentally stimulating, but not too emotionally demonstrative. You need to maintain your own identity in romance, and you can be objective when viewing your romantic partner. If your partner becomes too affectionate, you could experience this as smothering, and have the urge to detach yourself. If this occurs, clear the air by discussing the matter. Or go to a party or a meeting together, because interaction with groups can help to put your relationship into better perspective.

You don't have any planets in your Fifth House. All this means is that dating and romance may take a less crucial role in your life than they might for someone else. The good thing is that your requirements are less specific, so that you can select from a wider range of potential partners.

Becoming Partners

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

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

Aquarius is on your Seventh-House cusp.

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

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

In your chart the planet that is traditionally associated with the sign on your Seventh-House cusp is placed in the First House. This suggests that you want your partner to seek you out initially, and also to make the first move in proposing marriage or initiating a more permanent relationship. When married, however, you need to keep a sense of yourself as a separate, autonomous being. Only then can you enter into a relationship of true equals, in which neither partner dominates. In relating to your partner, it suits you to take an active role at least half of the time, and you want to be just as well-known to the world as your partner. Submerging your individuality or leaving it up to your mate to deal with the outside world is simply not for you. As long as you remember this, marriage can bring you great benefits.

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

Entwining Souls

Joined into a single entity in the Seventh House, you're ready to transform each other in the Eighth. To do this, you need to relax your grip on whatever you felt necessary to maintain yourselves as separate individuals. Then you need to take a leap of faith, and trust that the essentially benevolent forces of life will pull you through. If you emerge from this trial successfully, you will be transformed and renewed.

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

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

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

Aquarius is on your Eighth-House cusp.

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

Pisces is within the Eighth House.

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

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

The placement of your Eighth-House ruler in the First House suggests that although sexual gratification is important to you, you won't subjugate yourself to a sexual partner. You need to express your individuality in sexual matters, and don't want to be treated as a sex object. To you, being respected is just as important as sexual gratification. Because you play an active role in defining your sexual activity and don't just follow your partner's lead, you may feel that it's your fault if something goes wrong. This could affect your self-confidence. Remind yourself that there are two people involved, and that you share not only responsibility for the successes but also blame for the failures.

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

How Camilla Sees Charles

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

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

First, however, before looking at specific houses and planets, it can be revealing just to look at the overall way Charles's planets are grouped around your chart wheel.

More of Charles's planetary energy is below your horizon.

With more of Charles's planets falling into the bottom half of your chart, you will probably tend to see him as introverted. To you, he may seem to keep a great deal inside, and not be inclined to share it with you or anyone else. You may also see him as a non-conforming person who lives by an inner standard and is not particularly interested in what society thinks. Trying to influence him by pointing to what others believe is right or wrong may not work. Whether or not Charles is really as introverted as you think, you may be more successful if you appeal to his integrity and inner ethical sense rather than to externally imposed standards.

Charles's planetary energy is balanced in your chart's eastern and western

halves. Charles's planets are quite equally distributed between the right-hand and left-hand sides of your chart. This means that you probably see him as able to be both an initiator and responder. The advantage of this is that you'll feel neither the necessity always to take charge, nor the expectation that your partner will always do so. The disadvantage is not knowing when you should initiate and when you should respond.

To deal with this, you may always follow your partner's lead, or always try to take the lead yourself. A better course is to consciously decide who's in charge of what, and have each of you doing the decision-making in a different area. It's also helpful to consult frequently, so that each of you is advised of the decisions and plans that the other has made.

How Charles Affects Specific Areas of Your Life

And now for particular planets in particular houses. Pay special attention to the houses that contain Charles's Sun and Moon, because these are likely to represent focal areas in your relationship with him.

Charles's Sun is in your Fifth House.

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

Charles's Moon is in your Tenth House.

You might find that Charles is emotionally supportive of your career, or of your role in the world in general. If this is the case, you know that you can find comfort in talking to him about your problems at work, or any other difficulties that you have interacting in the outer world. If you're nurtured when you arrive home, coping with the world at large can be easy to tolerate.

However, if your partner envies or feels competitive with your professional life, you could feel undermined rather than supported, and there may be emotional outbursts. To turn this form of behavior into tenderness, try giving him some extra nurturing. When he knows that you care, he might not feel so threatened by you or your role in the world.

Charles's Mercury is in your Fourth House.

You may find it easiest to talk with Charles at home, or about matters concerning the home, real estate, your parents and family background, or the past. If you find that Charles communicates best in your home, you might enjoy entertaining there. This is a particularly good idea if he seems to be shy in the outer world.

Charles's Venus is in your Fourth House.

Charles could be pleasant to have around the house, either bringing peace and harmony to your surroundings or helping to make your home more attractive. Or there's the possibility that, although your household is peaceful, your partner doesn't actively participate in running your home. Your partner's view could be that menial tasks are for peasants, while you might think that your partner is just plain lazy. If you feel that you're doing all the work and your partner is having all the pleasure, there are at least two ways you can enlist some help around the house. One is to appeal to Charles's sense of artistry, and maybe he will then do a little interior decorating. The other is to make a game of the tasks that must be done. If you do that, you may find that your partner not only assists you, but may even begin to volunteer to help.

Charles's Mars is in your Fifth House.

Especially at the beginning of your relationship Charles is likely to take the lead, initiating the calls and making the plans for the two of you. And even after you've established a firm bond, he may well be the one who propels the two of you into enjoyable pursuits. He might get you into athletic activities, ranging from sports to bedroom gymnastics, and his ardor may greatly add to the fun. He may also be the one who most actively wants to have children.

It could be that Charles's idea of fun is a bit too rough-and-tumble for you, or that his creativity seems to be eclipsing your own. And, if he always seems to be the first to suggest something to do, your own romantic or recreational preferences might get pushed into the background. If this is so, try to do a little initiating yourself. You might get into conflicts if both of you try to make plans, but working these things out in an open and fair manner will eventually benefit your relationship. Anyway, after doing some of the initiating in this area, you might find that you've gotten it out of your system and that you actually prefer that he directs activities. And, after seeing what you proposed, he'll have a better idea of what makes you happy.

Charles's Jupiter is in your Fifth House.

Since this house represents children, creativity and romance (among other things), Charles could have a strong impact on any or all of these facets in your life. If you have children, he could either over-indulge them or help them to grow. In terms of creativity, he could give you wonderful ideas, or possibly overwhelm you with too many suggestions or plans that are too grand. Or he could court you in a lavish manner, to the point where it runs up debts. If the negative begins to outweigh the positive, remember that none of these excesses is likely to be really serious, and turn your search for a solution into a game. Start by calling a stop to what's happening, and then go out and have a good (but inexpensive) time together, or a pleasant change of scene.

Charles's Saturn is in your Second House.

Charles may seem to be more concerned and careful with your finances than with his own, telling you precisely how you should spend your money and/or admonishing you if you spend too much. If you tend to be unwise about expenditures, his caretaking may benefit you. However, whether you need the guidance or not, you could at times resent it. Should resentment occur, you might permit Charles to handle your finances, except for a sizable allowance that you alone are in charge of. Another way is to keep apart some money that is entirely your own, so that you have a nest egg in reserve in case the money isn't forthcoming from your partner. In either case, you'll feel less limited, and the burden of totally taking care of your own money will be shifted to someone who enjoys the task.

Charles's Uranus is in your Eleventh House.

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

Charles's Neptune is in your Fourth House.

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

Charles's Pluto is in your First House.

You probably see Charles as very powerful, and this might have been a quality that initially attracted you to this person. It can be reassuring to be intimately connected with someone who has the ability to take charge when circumstances warrant it. However, you might find that he sometimes tries to wield power over you when you prefer to be your own boss. If you feel he is too controlling, don't keep these feelings inside. That could ultimately lead to volcanic eruptions between you. Instead, talk about it. If you analyze these matters together, you can come up with solutions that may make you feel better and could even transform the situation.

The Dynamics between the Two of You

Now we're ready to look at some of the dramas that are likely to play out between the two of you. These are suggested by the way the planets in one person's chart relate to those in the other.

You can think of your planets as various little characters who are interacting with each other inside your psyche, and who also interact with the same little characters inside other people. For example, Mars, the little warrior inside you, could be having a hot and heavy affair with your partner's sultry, come-hither Venus. This could take the form either of cozying up in bed together, or fighting most of the time. Or these two little characters could be constantly on each other's mind, but somehow at cross purposes or never quite on each other's wavelength. The basic quality of each planet, plus the aspect, or kind of angle, that is formed between them, determines how well those parts of the psyche will get along with each other, and what the nature of their alliance or conflict will be.

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

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

Meshing Your Personalities and Goals

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

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

The Midheaven is the highest point a planet can go in your chart. It signifies the most universally visible part of you -- your career goals, your most public self and your reputation. Aspects involving the Midheaven of one or both partners can then be among the most powerful indicators of how one partner relates to the other's reputation, career and overall life direction.

The Ascendant and Midheaven move an average of one degree in every four minutes of time, and so their correct positions depend on whether you know your birth time accurately. If you've given an accurate birth time, aspects between these points and your partner's horoscope can say very important things about your relationship. If you're unsure of your birth time, however, it's best to take any interpretations of aspects from your Ascendant and Midheaven with a grain of salt. (from a particular planet.)

Charles's Moon is square Camilla's Ascendant.

Although you and your partner have a strong personal tie and are definitely attracted to each other, you might find that there's often friction between you. Camilla's personality may sometimes grate on Charles, and Charles's nurturing may sometimes feel smothering to Camilla. As you irritate each other, Camilla may become more obnoxious and Charles more emotional.

Nevertheless, your tie is so strong that you both keep coming back for more. This might actually be a behavioral pattern that you enjoy. If it isn't, there are different ways of interacting that still combine Charles's emotions and nurturing side with Camilla's personality. For example, Camilla might stimulate Charles to become more emotionally expressive in his dealings with others, and he, in turn, might provide an emotional outlet for his partner's feelings. Or Camilla's nurturing might take the form of caring for Charles's physical appearance or grooming him to interact more effectively with others. With this very energetic aspect, finding the right approach may take effort, but you know that the attraction is there, so it's possible to discover a way to capitalize on it rather than mask it.

Charles's Mercury is square Camilla's Ascendant.

Communications are very much in the foreground of your relationship, but sometimes they may cause friction. While you could love to communicate about intellectual matters, you're more likely to talk about yourselves and your immediate environment. During these rather personal conversations, Charles might sometimes get the impression that Camilla is trying to direct him manner of speaking, or Camilla might feel that Charles is telling her how to look and behave. The good thing about this aspect is that if you feel criticized by your partner, it'll be natural for you to discuss this together. With a bit of effort, you should be able to understand each other's feelings. As long you remain courteous, your urge to be in constant communication with each other will keep your relationship close.

Charles's Nodes are square Camilla's Ascendant.

Friction may develop between the two of you because there are difficulties between Camilla and people whom Camilla has brought into the relationship. Some possibilities include Camilla disliking or feeling unappreciated by these people, or these people finding that Camilla's personality grates on them. If such interactions cause problems to arise between the two of you, you have several choices. You can keep allowing the interaction to be a bone of contention between the two of you. You can accept these individuals as a challenge that you have to deal with as a couple. Or, you can find new friends.

Camilla's Saturn is conjunct Charles's Ascendant.

You and your partner may feel that it's your duty to take care of each other's practical needs. This could give you a sense of security, but you might also feel somewhat restricted. While it may be reassuring to have a partner who takes care of your every requirement without being asked, all that directing and hovering over you could make you feel controlled. Also, believing that you always need to reciprocate will certainly interfere with your freedom. You can't totally do away with watching over each other, and you probably wouldn't want to. But if you begin to feel smothered or overburdened with responsibility, let your partner know about it. You should easily be able to define acceptable boundaries and stay within them.

Camilla's Neptune is sextile Charles's Ascendant.

There's a tie between you which defies explanation in practical terms. It may be just a fascination that you feel, but it can also be a telepathic connection. There's also a potential for helping each other, such that Camilla wants to help Charles feel spiritually supported, and Charles will probably throw the force of his personality behind Camilla's belief system. You can also use this combination to join forces in an artistic endeavor in which imagination and creativity play important roles. Because you help each other and cooperate so well, you each should know that you can always count on your partner for spiritual support.

Camilla's Pluto is conjunct Charles's Ascendant.

This combination could mean that you and your partner both feel more powerful because you're together. It might also indicate that Charles believes that the personal changes he's made since the beginning of the relationship are due to Camilla's influence. In turn, Camilla could believe that she is empowered by Charles's personality. On a less positive note, there could be power struggles if Camilla uses manipulation or overt force to make Charles conform, or she feels that Charles disregards her wishes. Should either of these possibilities materialize, don't just grumble to yourselves. Openly discuss your complaints with each other. When the two of you analyze and make changes together, it will strengthen your relationship.

Charles's Ascendant and Camilla's Ascendant are conjunct.

With virtually the same degree of the zodiac rising, you and your partner are bound to share certain personality traits, and may have similar ways of viewing and dealing with most areas of your life. Obviously there's an attraction, or you wouldn't be together. However, similarity doesn't necessarily mean total approval. If you see irritating qualities in the other, it could be because your partner reflects imperfections in yourself. To do something about this, look at your own character, and work on correcting those traits. And remember to capitalize on what you find most appealing in each other instead of carping about flaws. That should improve your relationship and also make you feel better about yourselves as individuals.

Charles's Ascendant is trine Camilla's Midheaven.

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

Charles's Venus is opposite Camilla's Midheaven.

In your relationship, fun and games (Venus) may conflict with the hard work of attaining worldly success (the Midheaven). The two of you may find it difficult to blend your goals and direction, because they seem to be exact opposites. To achieve a balance between you, Charles might take the lead in seeking pleasure and sociability, while Camilla provides the venue or supports your joint enjoyments in other ways. And Charles could employ his charm and sociability to support Camilla's pursuit of worldly success. When you balance each other in this manner, Charles can have fun, Camilla can experience success, and you'll each have helped the other achieve goals without forfeiting your own.

Charles's Neptune is opposite Camilla's Midheaven.

With this aspect, Charles's spirituality is connected with Camilla's career or public image, but it could be difficult to blend the two very closely. Charles could confuse Camilla by trying to share his faith or spiritual beliefs, and Camilla could upset Charles by attempting to force her more realistic view of the world on him. Instead of wasting your time trying to convert each other, Camilla should go ahead and pursue her career goals, while Charles should feel free to develop spiritually. Camilla should remember that Charles is good at providing an occasional escape, and Charles should remember that Camilla can provide a link to the real world when necessary.

Camilla's Moon is square Charles's Midheaven.

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

Camilla's Venus is square Charles's Midheaven.

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

Camilla's Mars is sextile Charles's Midheaven.

You and your partner easily project energy in your interaction with the outer world, and you probably provide stimulation for each other as well. Camilla can spur Charles to accomplish more and more. And Charles's career or role in the world may provides a backdrop for Camilla to take the initiative and be assertive. Your enthusiasm and desire to help each other might sometimes make the two of you seem too energetic or assertive, but even if others occasionally see you as being a bit too aggressive, they will probably look to you as leaders. As you succeed in what you attempt to do, this image will be reinforced.

Camilla's Saturn is trine Charles's Midheaven.

Charles's career or public image should fit well with Camilla's concept of life structure, thus providing a strong foundation on which to build your relationship in material terms. Tangible success is what you're seeking, and for the most part you probably agree on what you're striving for. Because you believe that you have to work hard to get what you want, however, you probably don't take the easiest route. Fortunately you have the ability to work hard together, so though you may not advance quickly, your persistence will allow you to move steadily forward so that you ultimately get your rewards.

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Camilla's Pluto is trine Charles's Midheaven.

This creates a profound and important bond between you. A probable manifestation would be that Camilla cares deeply about Charles's career, calling and public image, and she has the power to alter his career aspirations and public image for the better. She may also have a deep and beneficial effect on his home life and his sense of roots. Camilla's power gives momentum to Charles's goals, and if you share a profession, you'll be a couple to be reckoned with. Even if you work separately, the outer world will probably recognize that as a couple you can be either forceful allies or formidable enemies. The goals that you attain through supporting each other will not only strengthen your relationship, they'll also make you feel more powerful as individuals.

Camilla's North Node is semisquare Charles's Midheaven.

There's a connection between Charles's career or public image and the relationships that Camilla brings to the partnership, and this could result in friction between the two of you. If Charles feels disliked or disrespected by Camilla's acquaintances, his self-esteem and career or public image could suffer. Or Camilla might think that Charles's career or public image causes her friends to feel inhibited. To make such problems less of an issue in your partnership, it would be a good idea to take occasional breaks from dealing with these individuals.

Charles's Midheaven and Camilla's Midheaven are conjunct.

With this combination there's a focus on your interaction as a couple with the outer world, either through your careers or other roles that you perform in public. Your ideas and direction are probably quite similar, so you could present a united front. However, similarity does not necessarily mean cooperation. Although you might use the same tactics, you could become competitive and use your similar modes of operating against, rather than for, each other. Should this happen, it could damage your public image, and that would not help either of you. Instead of vying with each other for the top place, you should each work on developing your own public image. As you're building your own self-confidence, you're less likely to feel threatened by your partner. Then you'll notice that it becomes easier to face the world together and make a more favorable joint impression.

Balancing Your Separate Egos

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

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

Charles's Sun and Camilla's Sun are in trine.

When it comes to life direction and ego gratification, the two of you find it easy to join forces. So you'll probably have little disagreement on such issues. If problems do arise, they may come from being *too* comfortable together so that you're complacent and don't work toward any greater goals. If you're happy, you might not care, but if you feel that you're not fulfilling your potential as a couple and that something is missing in the relationship, it probably is. To find joint ego gratification, try combining your energy with your partner's. You can easily do it, and the result will be more than double your expectations.

Charles's Sun is trine Camilla's Mercury.

When it comes to ego gratification and communications, you easily complement each other. Charles can make Camilla look good when Camilla is talking, and Camilla can enhance Charles's appearance by announcing his virtues or explaining his goals. The worst scenario would be either of you taking your partner for granted and assuming that your partner will always perform the same role without consultation. Fortunately, you should have no difficulty communicating, and a few words of appreciation and direction can probably take care of any momentary discontent.

Charles's Sun is conjunct Camilla's Jupiter.

This can be an expansive combination, with Camilla having marvelous plans for Charles's life direction, and/or Charles using his personal identity to help Camilla grow. Or you might just find it pleasurable to be together. At worst, the two of you could lack will power, or have an exaggerated sense of self-importance as a couple, or sometimes be extravagant with money. You can avoid overextending yourselves physically or financially by making a game of finding ways to have fun that don't include overindulgence or great expenditure. When you go out, leave your credit cards at home, so you won't be tempted to use them. If you play the game well, you'll see that you can still think big and have a wonderful time without going into debt. This can be a challenge that you'll enjoy together.

Charles's Sun is quincunx Camilla's Uranus.

You and your partner could create problems if you try to combine Charles's need for self-satisfaction with Camilla's need for creativity and individuality. Instead of attaining his goals, Charles might be considered eccentric or unstable. Camilla might feel so overshadowed by Charles that she's unable to express her own individuality. However, if you each take turns supporting the other, it'll be possible for Charles to obtain self-satisfaction with the help of Camilla's creative side, and for Camilla to utilize her creativity and individuality without interference from Charles. Then you'll both get what you want, and your relationship need not suffer.

Charles's Sun is semisquare Camilla's Neptune.

Conflicts between ego satisfaction and spirituality may sometimes get you annoyed with each other. For example, Camilla might get upset by Charles's pursuit of self-interest, and Charles might distrust Camilla's motivations because he finds them hard to understand. As difficult as it may be, it would be best to face such issues squarely. Then Charles might discover that Camilla is essentially supportive and trustworthy, and Camilla might find that her partner is just as open to spiritual values as he is to the value of creating a self.

Charles's Sun is conjunct Camilla's South Node.

Interaction with others likely to be an important part of your relationship. Camilla will tend to be the one who brings people into the partnership, and Charles will probably play a very visible role with them. Camilla could either take pride in the impression that her partner makes and bask in it a bit herself, or be envious because she feels that her partner hogs the limelight. Charles could either enjoy the recognition or feel too exposed. Remember that you're a team, and that you can share the spotlight. You will then most likely be a very sought-after couple, and will have a good time socializing.

Dealing with Each Other's Emotions

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

Charles's Moon is semisextile Camilla's North Node.

Charles may not always feel comfortable with the people Camilla brings into the relationship. This does not mean that Camilla must give up her friends, or that Charles always has to be with people with whom he finds it difficult to relate. You just need to take turns adjusting to each other. Charles should sometimes put personal feelings in the background and interact with these individuals. And Camilla should sometimes forget friends and concentrate on Charles's emotional needs. If you know that this is a temporary situation, and that ultimately your needs will be met as well, neither of you should have difficulty complying with the needs of your partner.

Camilla's Moon is trine Charles's Mercury.

You and your partner can probably communicate well with each other, both verbally and sometimes even without speaking. You can also easily blend feelings and communications. Camilla may emotionally support what Charles is saying, and Charles's words could be emotionally soothing to Camilla. Occasionally, Camilla could instill emotions that might lead to Charles making statements without considering all the implications. Or Charles could say something that would make Camilla overly emotional. But, should either of these scenarios take place, just talk to each other. This should be simple for you to do, and then everything will get back to normal.

Camilla's Moon is sextile Charles's Saturn.

You and your partner help each other to express feelings and deal with the material world. The nurturing and emotional "juice" that Camilla provides makes Charles better able to handle the practical details of life, and the material security that Charles provides gives Camilla a safe haven for emotional expression. Even so, Moon-Saturn combinations can sometimes restrict emotional expression. This can work in your favor when the situation calls for emotional self-control, but it can also create a distance and formality in a relationship that you want to be close. If either of you occasionally feels inhibited or frustrated by your partner, it may help to concentrate on making your partner feel more secure. A feeling of emotional or material security can often provide a safe space for the free expression of emotion, and this in turn can keep your partnership close and emotionally alive.

Camilla's Moon is square Charles's Neptune.

You and your partner can reach each other on a subliminal level, and may have a telepathic connection that enables you to anticipate and take care of each other's needs. The dark side of this is that either or both of you could also manipulate the other. If you feel that you experience more manipulation than support, visualization or prayer might be appropriate means of combating this. However, you might produce better results if Camilla consciously tries to support Charles's spiritual goals, and Charles uses his spiritual connection to help satisfy Camilla's emotional needs. The more you assist each other, the more your trust in each other will grow. It may take effort, but the end result will be worth the work.

Keeping Communications Open

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

Charles's Mercury is trine Camilla's Venus.

This combination can indicate that communications between you and your partner are creative and pleasurable. It is also possible that if you collaborate with one another in writing or speaking, you could make a favorable impression on the world, and possibly even be considered artistically talented when you communicate. Your conversations may not be philosophical or deep, and it could be easier for you to discuss matters superficially than to get to the core of any problems you might have. However, you certainly should enjoy talking to each other, and this can do much to keep your relationship lively and close.

Charles's Mercury is square Camilla's Saturn.

Either or both of you might feel that your partner does not communicate well. Charles may feel that Camilla is always instructing him or criticizing the way he communicates. And Camilla could feel that Charles always lectures her about her rigidity and conservatism. So it may become easier to keep your thoughts to yourself and complain about a lack of communication. Try sitting down together to have an honest talk about your problems. If you endeavor to get to the bottom of matters, clarify issues and determine solutions, it will open the door to better communications between you.

Charles's Mercury is sesquare Camilla's Uranus.

The conversations that you and your partner have may be exciting and stimulating, but they may not always be realistic. Charles can help bring out Camilla's creative originality, and Camilla can assist him to communicate more quickly and cleverly. But you may also encourage eccentric behavior in each other, and hatch strange and impractical ideas. If that is the case, try to focus instead on being original, creative and clever. Start by slowing down. Although the ideas and plans you share can be exciting, try to consider their practicality before you take action. The potential for effective originality is there, and if you slow down just a bit, you may discover just how creative a duo you can be.

Charles's Mercury is semisextile Camilla's Neptune.

With this combination, your communications become linked with imagination or spirituality, but if you try to influence each other too strongly in such matters, it may result in distrust and confusion. It's therefore best not to actively try to influence your partner, but rather to take turns adjusting to each other's needs. For example, Camilla could allow Charles to speak and write in a way that's comfortable for him, and refrain from trying to manipulate his thoughts or words. And Charles could permit Camilla to pursue spiritual goals, and stand by merely to translate his acts and thoughts into mundane terms when necessary. Then, instead of suspicion or confusion, you will better be able to experience the telepathic connection implicit in this combination. This is bound to enhance your faith in each other and your relationship.

Charles's Mercury is square Camilla's Pluto.

Power and communications are connected in your relationship. As a couple, you might strongly influence the outer world, and you could have a profound impact on each other in your private conversations. However, you may find that Camilla often tends to out-shout and/or verbally overpower Charles. And Charles may sometimes outtalk Camilla and/or overload her with trivia. If this happens often, you might consider that if you join forces instead of battling each other, your joint communications could have a powerful impact on the world. Think about the combined power you could unleash in speaking or writing. At least try to analyze your situation together. It may take effort, but it can be done, and then you may see it is much more gratifying and effective for the two of you to unite in communicating rather than wage war on each other.

Camilla's Mercury is square Charles's Venus.

With this combination you and your partner should have no difficulty communicating. However, with this particular aspect, Charles could find Camilla too talkative, and Camilla could feel that Charles is self-centered and only wishes to discuss himself. So instead of just enjoying the pleasure of talking together, you may frequently grate on each other. You may find your conversations more enjoyable if Charles uses his charm to enhance Camilla's discussions, and Camilla adds interesting sidelights to Charles's focus on self. If you complement each other in this way, you'll have a happier time together, and the outer world will probably see you as a very charming and sociable couple.

Camilla's Mercury is quincunx Charles's Mars.

When it comes to communicating and taking the initiative, you and your partner egg each other on, with the result that together you tend to be more active physically and verbally than either of you would be individually. If Camilla tries to prod Charles too strongly to take the initiative, however, the result could be not action, but anger. And if Charles attempts too strenuously to get Camilla to speak up, Camilla may become too loud or talk too much.

To use this aspect well, take turns being in the foreground while your partner adjusts to your needs. Sometimes let Charles take the initiative while Camilla just offers verbal support. At other times, let Camilla communicate in whatever way feels most comfortable to her, while Charles adjusts his actions to her words. In this way, you'll each be satisfying your own needs, and your joint energy will be more effective as well.

Camilla's Mercury is semisquare Charles's Saturn.

Either or both of you might feel frustrated about the way you communicate with each other. Camilla might feel that Charles criticizes or corrects the way in which she communicates. And Charles might feel that Camilla lectures him on his rigidity and conservatism. So you may be tempted to communicate less with your partner and then complain about the lack of communications between you. It will help to sit down together and openly discuss your problems. You can then get to the bottom of matters, clarify issues and come up with solutions. Getting into this habit could make it progressively easier for the two of you to communicate with each other on a regular basis.

Camilla's Mercury is square Charles's Neptune.

There could be a lack of clarity when you and your partner try to communicate. It may not be so bad if you find that you often confuse each other, or that either of you often feels misunderstood.. But if you often question why you're so often misread, or, even worse, wonder whether your partner is intentionally deceiving you, you might want to try a new approach. The good thing about this combination is that it facilitates a telepathic connection between the two of you. If you develop this (say, through spiritual pursuits or by learning to meditate together), it can help you to avoid problems that verbal communications sometimes create. Then you may not have to worry so much about deception and confusion.

Encouraging Affection and Pleasure

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

Charles's Venus and Camilla's Venus are in square.

Expressing affection is important in your relationship, but your manner of showing love may be quite different from your partner's, and what you get from your partner may sometimes fall short of what you want. If the dissatisfaction becomes great, either of you could look elsewhere to receive the kind of affection you crave. Before you do anything this drastic, try a compromise. First, accept the fact that you both want to share love and affection. Next, note how your partner expresses affection and try to show your feelings in the same manner. Your partner may then follow your lead and begin to give you what you want.

Charles's Venus is trine Camilla's Mars.

This aspect indicates a strong attraction between you and your partner. Love and pleasure flow so easily with the energy sex that the two of you should be able to share your enjoyments almost without effort. Because Camilla focuses so much attention on Charles, however, Charles could occasionally appear self-centered. And because Charles stirs so much passion within Camilla, Camilla could sometimes come off as a bit too aggressive. However, a little self-absorption and aggressive behavior are easy to overlook when you obviously care about each other and find each other so appealing.

Charles's Venus is semisextile Camilla's Jupiter.

This aspect suggests that Charles wants to enjoy life and Camilla wants to grow and develop. However, if you try to blend these qualities, overindulgence and extravagance may result. To curtail the excesses, try taking turns totally supporting the other's goals without thinking of your own. For example, sometimes allow Charles to have fun while Camilla provides philosophical or educational support. Then let Camilla pursue knowledge while Charles makes sure that she's also having fun. As each of you takes turns adjusting to the goals of the other, you may discover that you're less prone to extravagance, and that you're not only growing, but also having fun doing it.

Charles's Venus is sextile Camilla's Pluto.

You and your partner are strongly drawn to each other, and easily show your affection. You also want to help each other to express that love, and the more you show your partner that you care, the more the other person will reciprocate. If the passion that you feel for each other gets to the point where it seems overwhelming, don't keep your feelings inside, because that will only compound the problem. Let your partner know what you're experiencing. He or she may be feeling the same way. By analyzing the situation together, you can clear the air, recognize that you're on the same side, and go back to enjoying the love and passion that can be such an important part of your life together.

Charles's Venus is sesquare Camilla's North Node.

When you're out socializing together, irritations may arise. Charles might not feel appreciated by the people Camilla brings to the relationship, or they might see him as too flirtatious, shallow or self-centered. This could cause Camilla to feel torn between her partner and her friends. To ease the situation, you might want to seek out other people with whom you can interact as a couple, and you might want to let Charles do most of the choosing. The same type of situation might repeat itself, but if it does, you can just keep moving from group to group. If you don't spend a lot of time with any one set of acquaintances, there may be enough contact to have a good time but not enough time to form complaints.

Camilla's Venus is square Charles's Neptune.

The love connection between you is a charismatic one that's difficult to explain in practical terms. There may also be a desire for perfect love, a love that's difficult to describe. Since human beings are far from perfect, either or both of you might find yourselves noticing the faults more often than the positive qualities of your partner. If you find yourselves doing more carping than stroking, remember the feeling of love that you can experience together. Every time you start to criticize, think of one of your partner's good points. As you focus on your partner's strengths, favorable thoughts can begin to outnumber critical ones, and you'll get closer to your dream of a perfect union.

Getting Things Done Together

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

Charles's Mars is opposite Camilla's Uranus.

When you're together it can be very stimulating, as you increase each other's spontaneity and spur each other to move more quickly. However, you may also cause each other to be more impatient and careless, so that the results of your joint actions fall short of expectations. To avoid this, try to recognize and support each other's needs. Charles will naturally want to be assertive and take a leadership role, while Camilla will most likely want to be creative and independent. When you use your own strengths and skills to help your partner achieve his or her goals, you both should be able to attain what you want with a minimum of interference.

Camilla's Mars is square Charles's Saturn.

You and your partner could feel limited by each other because Camilla wants to keep moving, and is slowed down by Charles's insistence on organizing. Or Charles could be uncomfortable because Camilla is trying to press him into action. The result could be a stalemate, with neither of you able to move forward and both of you experiencing frustration. If this occurs too frequently in your relationship, perhaps you should divide up the tasks that you want to accomplish and each take care of your duties before you try to combine your efforts. Charles could work out the details of your course of action, and Camilla could initiate the plan. You may still have your disagreements, but if you do get moving, they will be tempered by your accomplishments.

Camilla's Mars is trine Charles's Neptune.

With this combination Camilla could bring out Charles's spirituality or artistry, and Charles could inspire Camilla to take action. As a couple, you might utilize these energies by undertaking an artistic project together, or involving yourselves in a spiritual venture. There's a nebulous quality about this connection, and if you try to explain it in practical terms you'll probably only become confused. It works, so just accept it, and have faith that it'll continue to work.

Stretching Your Boundaries

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

Charles's Jupiter is quincunx Camilla's North Node.

As a couple, you and your partner want to interact with individuals or groups who will help you to grow and develop. But you may find that you tend to adjust to their needs much more often than they adjust to yours. For example, you might see that you're always involved in activities that *they* choose, or that you end up treating them and they rarely, if ever, treat you. If you often feel taken advantage of, next time suggest something that *you'd* like to do, and don't pick up the check. Then see what happens. If you get a positive response, good. If not, you might look for other friends who will once in a while consider what you want.

Camilla's Jupiter is square Charles's Pluto.

As long as the two of you can join forces, you can generate great power together. However, with this aspect, instead of controlling the world you might just battle each other. Then neither of you will win, and each person's energy will get drained so that you both feel personally disempowered. Then you will also lose power as a couple. Instead of fighting each other, find a project or situation on which you can agree, and then assert a bit of power together, without worrying about who's in charge. You might then see yourselves gaining momentum as a couple, and starting to become a force to be reckoned with in the world.

Staying On-Track and Committed

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

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

Charles's Saturn is square Camilla's Nodes.

With this combination, Charles could feel burdened or restricted by the people that Camilla brings to the partnership. Or perhaps these individuals feel that Charles limits them. Instead of assuming that your lot is just to suffer in your joint social life, you can start to improve things by discussing your feelings together. If you clarify the situation, you can find ways to rectify it. Charles might willingly take on the role of authority figure or teacher, or the two of you might delegate duties to others in the group. Another solution might be simply to limit your interactions with these people.

Camilla's Saturn is sextile Charles's Neptune.

Camilla provides the organization and structure in the relationship, and Charles offers a spiritual approach to life. Neither of you wants to interfere with the other's approach. In fact, each of you wants to reinforce the other's viewpoint with your own perspective. So Camilla helps to make Charles's dreams come true, and Charles gives Camilla faith and an occasional escape route from the nitty-gritty details of life. Since you view life quite differently, you may confuse each other once in a while. But because you concentrate on helping and supporting each other, the two of you can have the best of both worlds together.

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Keeping the Spark of Spontaneity

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

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

Charles's Uranus is semisextile Camilla's North Node.

Interaction with others, particularly those whom Camilla brings to the relationship, could become a bone of contention between you. Charles may not enjoy being with these people, and could feel trapped if frequently forced to interact with them. If Charles does refuse to socialize with them, Camilla could feel a loss of friends. It will help to each give way a little. Sometimes Camilla should forgo the company of these individuals so that Charles won't feel trapped, and sometimes you both should socialize with them, with Charles offering exciting and creative activities as a distraction. By taking turns adjusting to each other in this way, you can both have what you want individually, and your cooperation will strengthen your bond as a couple.

Honoring the Spiritual Dimension

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

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

Charles's Neptune and Camilla's Neptune are conjunct.

One of the chief associations of the planet Neptune is with spirituality. Neptune moves so slowly in the sky that this aspect is one you would share with everyone born within two or three years of your birthdate. Therefore, it is considered a transpersonal or generational aspect, one that describes the attitude of your whole age group toward spirituality. In and of itself, it does not explain the personal connection or attraction between you, but it can be an asset because it would give you a subject on which you can generally agree. In giving you a similar kind of faith to share, it can help create a foundation on which you can develop your relationship. This contact can also signal an agreement between you on artistic tastes, especially in music.

Charles's Neptune is sextile Camilla's Pluto.

Neptune and Pluto have been roughly in sextile since the early 1940s, and so you both probably have this aspect in your own natal charts as well. Having this aspect between each other's charts just reinforces a combination with which you're already comfortable. It's likely that your concepts of spirituality and power are compatible, and that you want to help each other to develop these factors further in your lives. Although you could easily manipulate each other, it's more likely that Charles would enhance Camilla's power, and Camilla would add power to Charles's spiritual beliefs. Together you could create a powerful belief system.

Charles's Neptune is sesquare Camilla's North Node.

The relationships that you and your partner have jointly with others are colored by the nebulous quality of Neptune. It's possible that Charles mesmerizes Camilla's friends and acquaintances, but it's more likely that he simply confuses them. Alternatively, Charles might feel that Camilla's friends misunderstand or take advantage of him. To avoid such problems or at least alleviate them, seek people who are spiritual or artistically inclined. If they're highly evolved, neither misunderstanding nor victimization should be an issue. And if they're artistic, you can join together in creative endeavors and not worry about confusion.

Coping with Power and Change

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

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

Charles's Pluto and Camilla's Pluto are conjunct.

Pluto moves so slowly (taking about 245 years to go around the zodiac) that all people born within a few years of each other will have Plutos that are conjunct. When this aspect is very exact and/or Pluto is also aspected by other planets, however, your mutual Pluto conjunction may have a more personal significance. Then, power could become a focal point in your relationship. Although your views on the subject may be similar, neither of you wants your power usurped by the other nor, for that matter, by anyone else. Because you look at power in a similar way, however, it is easier for you to join forces and protect yourselves as a couple from outside invasion.

In your dealings with each other, you have to be careful that power does not become a weapon. If either of you tries to control the other, you can expect retaliation. And with this kind of challenge, ultimately you may both feel weakened. You'll both be strongest when you're cooperating on power issues. If you feel threatened by your partner, analyze your feelings together. Once you get to the bottom of the matter, you can transform the situation.

Relating to Others as a Couple

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

Using This Comparison of Your Charts

We've now taken a brief look at the birth charts of you both, and a closer look at how your individual charts relate to each other. Perhaps now you have a little more clarity about what you personally need in a relationship, how you see each other, and how your partner's needs relate to yours. And perhaps you better understand some of the main themes and dynamics that you've been given to deal with in your life together.

Hopefully, your relationship has many islands of bliss and comfort where you can relax and just be yourselves. But hopefully there are also enough challenges to keep your life together dynamic and ever-evolving.

Remember that it's not realistic to expect perfection in each other. It's true that it may be easier to be happy and to function well with some partners than it would be with others. However, we tend to attract partners that provoke the crises we need to grow. When there's an unresolved issue that we need to work on, the relevant partner magically appears. A partner's foibles can teach us much, for they are mirrors of what we have within ourselves and may not otherwise be able to see. When we solve a problem and learn what it has to teach us, we are then permitted to move on – in most cases to a more fulfilling relationship with the same person, although sometimes we may need to strike out on our own. Usually, it's better to work with what we're given. But either way, when we step up to any challenge with open eyes, we grow in wisdom and power.

The important thing is to own up to our own responsibility in a situation, and to refrain from hiding behind a protective wall of blame. When we open ourselves to the truth, we see that both we and our partner are human and lovably imperfect. Then our hearts become free, and we have space in which to expand. We're no longer confined within our own being. When you let down your boundaries and merge with another, the two of you become one larger being with more than double the wisdom and humanity.

To complete this relationship analysis, we're now going to move on to the new entity that is formed when the two of you stay together for any length of time. This is not either one of you, but a new "being" that you create together, and which is greater than the sum of its parts. This is the relationship itself.

A Chart for Your Relationship

When people stay together for any length of time, they change each other, and as a couple they start to show traits and actions that they did not show as individuals. To get at this “joint personality” of a couple, astrologers combine the charts of the individuals into one single entity known as the “composite chart.”

Your composite chart is made up of the midpoints between the natal charts of each of you. For example, the position of the composite Sun is mid-way between the Sun in your birth chart and the Sun in your partner’s chart. And so it goes for all the composite planetary positions. Your composite houses can be made up from the midpoints between the house cusps of each individual, but a better way is to calculate the houses for the place on earth where the two of you are living now. This means that the houses are not set for life. If the house positions of your composite planets don’t seem to be working, you may be able to change your relationship for the better by moving to a different city, state or country.

Your composite chart shows the way that you as a couple relate to the world. This may or may not be the way you would each act as individuals. It also supplements your chart-comparison reading by giving further insights about your interactions with each other.

The Overall Balance in Your Composite Chart

Before looking at each individual point in your composite chart, let’s just see whether there are any particularly dominant themes.

There are few or no planets in Earth signs.

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

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

There are few or no planets in Water signs.

This lack of emphasis in Water signs does not indicate that your and your partner have no feelings. Quite the contrary. You do, and you may even occasionally express them, both within your relationship and to others. It is just that you tend not to be very comfortable in emotional situations or with emotional individuals. You may find yourselves avoiding people who, in your opinion, are overly demonstrative. Universal compassion is not your strong suit. Instead, the two of you are selective when choosing those upon whom to bestow your sympathy.

A lack of water can also mean that when you operate as a unit you do not usually rely on your instincts and intuition. Even if you follow your hunches as individuals, this will not be the case for you as a couple. Your intuition may often prove accurate after the fact. You could promise yourselves that next time you will listen to it, but since something in your interaction with each other causes you not to trust your intuition, chances are you will disregard your hunches once again.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable signs are evenly balanced.

This balance means that, as a couple, you and your partner can initiate (Cardinal) when it is appropriate, continue on in a particular direction (Fixed), or be adaptable (Mutable) if a situation warrants it. In other words, you have a choice of how to handle circumstances. This can be a great advantage when you learn to determine which approach is best for each set of conditions as they arise.

Your Basic Style of Relating

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

Your composite Ascendant is in Leo.

You and your partner will not be a shy, retiring couple. Your warmth, enthusiasm and outgoing ways will be noticed, and you might often find that you are the center of attention—a position you should enjoy. You may sometimes wish you had more privacy, or think that anonymity would be refreshing. But if you were ignored and lacked an audience for too long, you would probably look for ways to be noticed. You seem to bring out the performer in each other. There is something in your interaction that triggers the dramatic presence in both of you, and if no one else is on the scene, you will each perform for the other. However, an audience of one will not be satisfying for long, and together you could actively seek out others who you believe will appreciate of you.

Yet the individuals to whom you are drawn as a couple may not be as exuberant or demonstrative as the two of you. They probably are objective and possibly somewhat aloof. Their aloofness can be an asset because it means that they will not wish to vie with you and your partner for a position on center stage. And if their objectivity includes approval of you and occasional applause, that is all that is needed. Should they seem to disapprove, you might at first try to win them over, but in attempting to gain their approval you become louder and more dramatic and that could drive them away. Or you might tire of the challenge and because the attachment is not too tightly formed, you can leave them and look elsewhere for the approval you need.

Moon is sextile the Ascendant.

Because you are together, gentleness and nurturing are qualities that are evident in the personality that you and your partner share. You also each want to help the other to feel emotionally secure. So you nurture each other effortlessly and without being asked. And, when you are operating as a unit, this is a service to extend to others as well. You may sometimes feel that you are too soft, but you do not have to be tough and stern to be effective in life. You may not expect anything in return when you are taking care of the emotional needs of your partner and others. But your acts of kindness will make those on whom you bestow your tender, loving care feel nurtured and safe. This is a reward in itself, but since you take care of these individuals they will undoubtedly want to help you to show their appreciation. So you will be able to get their cooperation with no effort. Whereas it would take hard work to elicit their assistance if the two of you were tough rather than nurturing.

Venus is square the Ascendant.

You're undoubtedly attracted to each other, and the potential of shared enjoyment is there as well. However, before you fully experience that pleasure together, you may need to resolve some issues between you. You might feel that your partner thinks more about his own personal needs than yours. Feeling that you must fend for yourself, you may then concentrate on what will give you pleasure and ignore what your partner wants. Both of you will thus become more self-centered and your relationship will suffer .

To break this cycle, try to think of one activity that you can enjoy together. It may be something that you know your partner likes to do. If you share in this way, you could find that you have a good enough time to do it again. And before you know it you could be having a wonderful time both individually and as a couple.

Pluto is conjunct the Ascendant.

The two of you could project a powerful image to others, but you might have to solve some problems about control. The two of you could vie for power, or one of you could dominate while the other fumes. Alternatively, as a couple you could have power imbalances or vie for power with people outside your relationship.

If you get into fights with your partner or as a couple you fight with others, this will probably just dissipate your energy so that there's less to use for constructive purposes.

Instead of fighting, try sitting down with your partner and analyzing your situation. Try to understand fully what is occurring so that you can make changes that will provide power for everyone.

Public vs. Private Life

Your public image as a couple, and the reputation that the two of you have in the outside world, are symbolized by the composite Midheaven, which, fittingly enough, is situated at the very top of your chart wheel. Your Midheaven also signifies the highest point of your trajectory in life – the goals that you're striving for together.

At the other end of the Midheaven axis is the lowest point in your composite chart, the I.C. As you might expect, this symbolizes your base of operations -- the kind of home, family and private life that you will experience as a couple.

Mercury is semisquare the Midheaven.

You and your partner probably spend a great deal of time discussing current events or matters regarding either or both of your careers. You may, however, have differences of opinion and this could cause some friction between you. This could lead to arguments between you. It is bad enough to do this in private, but if you continue to bicker in public you could be viewed as a disagreeable couple. If you are interacting with professional colleagues of either or both partners this could also create problems with the job. But even if you socialize non-professionally, it can be uncomfortable to be with a couple who are disagreeable. If you begin to view your differences as stimulating rather than annoying, you might even find a few subjects on which you can agree. You can then vigorously discuss those topics when you interact with others. And people you will begin to view you as dynamic rather than argumentative.

Saturn is trine the Midheaven.

You and your partner should be well-organized in your interaction with the outer world and you will probably be serious and responsible when you are in public. Therefore, others will look to you when they want to accomplish something practical. And when the two of you take on a commitment, you will undoubtedly follow through. You could sometimes feel somewhat burdened by your worldly responsibilities but they give you a purpose in life, and probably bring you material rewards as well. And, although once in a while you might think you would like to be more freewheeling in public, you would not feel comfortable without some sense of organization. You also have a talent in giving orders, delegating and acting as authority figures. The two of you will work hard in your interaction with the world but because you cooperate so well with each other it will not seem to take much effort. And the material rewards should be forthcoming.

Neptune is conjunct Imum Coeli.

In your relationship your joint public image can be connected with your spirituality. But, with this aspect, you need to balance the two. So it is highly unlikely that flaunt your spirituality in the world, or use it directly in your career. Rather you would periodically escape from public view in order to enrich your life spiritually. Your public life may contribute to your spiritual life, and/or your spiritual belief system might support your interaction with the outer world. However, the connection would probably be subtle rather than obvious. Another way to balance the two segments of your life is to totally throw yourselves into the world, and when you feel the need, escape from the rigors of public life. Dissolve boundaries and delve into the intangible. Then when you feel renewed (or begin to feel confused from the lack of organization) you can return to the material world.

Pluto is trine the Midheaven.

You and your partner can easily share power in the world. If you share a career, you are more likely to be the leaders than the followers. You may not be endowed with official titles, but when power needs to be asserted you will probably be asked to do so. And if you are not asked, you will undoubtedly take charge anyway, sometimes without even realizing that you have done so. Because you can so easily assert power together, you will probably share it without question. So chances are that you will not challenge each other to determine which of you is in charge. But some other people may resent your position and could try to take over. However, the strength you share may make that task difficult, if not impossible. And when your challengers see how formidable the two of you are they may abandon their plight and follow you.

Your Conscious Identity As a Couple

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

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

Your composite Sun is in Pisces.

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

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

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

The Sun is in the Ninth House.

You could use travel, politics, religion, philosophy or education to enhance your joint persona or get ego gratification as a couple. Whatever you choose to pursue among these alternatives, you will undoubtedly be actively involved and visible. But being noticed does not necessarily equate with being admired. You cannot hide your light under a bushel and it will be evident when you are reaching out to gather information. But if you keep what you learn to yourselves you could be viewed as self-serving, pompous and/or smug. Whereas, if you share what you learn with others, you will probably be seen as generous, and become noted for your knowledge. In addition, as you are informing others, they will very likely tell you what they know. So not only will you be more favorable viewed by these individuals, but they will be broadening you and thus the process sharing information can be mutually enriching.

The Sun is semisquare Venus.

The charm and ego you each have individually can be both an attraction and a problem in your relationship. Although you are drawn to these facets in your partner, and vice versa, you could be concerned that your significant other could out-charm and outshine you. So that you begin to think only about how you look and what pleasure you are receiving. And your partner could do the same. Then, you can be viewed by both your partner and the outer world as self-centered. And although you may still look good, your beauty will only be skin deep. And it will be overshadowed by your selfishness. Use a little of the charm and tact you each possess to bolster your partner's ego. You know the right things to say and do. If you each use this approach in dealing with your partner, you may look better as a couple and also be happier as individuals.

The Sun is square Jupiter.

Although development and ego gratification are connected in your relationship, either you or your partner or both of you, might feel that the other hinders you in regard to such matters. The types of issues that you face could fall into the categories of self-centeredness and irresponsibility. One of you might always seem to think only of yourself so there is no cooperation for mutual growth. Or personal pleasure could outweigh the desire to praise your partner in order to show approval and support. If either or both of these descriptions fit your relationship, you can do something about it. Recognize that if you are not feeling good about yourselves as individuals, your partnership will suffer. It does not matter who the culprit is. Each of you should take some time and make a little effort to applaud the other and to find activities to share that will broaden you. You could still occasionally complain about your partner, but the fun and gratification you have in between the complaints can only make you feel that it was worth the work.

The Sun is square Uranus.

Ego gratification and individuality can be shared in your relationship. However, with this aspect, there could be tension between the two of you in regard to such matters. One partner might embarrass the other by asserting individuality. And the other partner could worry so much about appearances that the freedom-oriented partner feels inhibited. You are probably each capable of both forms of behavior. So you might take turns in each role. Or possibly you join forces and go from one extreme to the other as a couple. These two attitudes will bring you neither ego gratification nor a sense of independence. Therefore, you should make an effort and try to manifest this combination creatively. You could produce something which might be considered original and, at the same time, bring you ego gratification. It might be hard work. But it could remove the embarrassment and frustration. And that should be worth the effort.

The Way You Demonstrate Feelings

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

Your composite Moon is in Gemini.

You and your partner probably find it easier to talk about your feelings than to show them. Overt display of emotions could be uncomfortable, and even serious discussion of deep feelings might embarrass you. So you are likely to make light of the way you feel. Although you will each participate in this approach to feelings, you could sometimes wonder if your partner really cares, especially if your own personal mode of handling feelings is quite different.

If you do not show deep emotions freely with each other, you certainly are not going to be demonstrative in public, either. No host need be concerned about emotional outbursts from the two of you, and you could probably be counted on to help set a light tone at any gathering. Also, few are likely to come to the two of you with their problems. Some may try it once or twice, but when they do not receive the response they want, they will stop trying to burden you.

Your reaction does not mean that you are uncaring or incapable of deep feeling. It is just that it is hard to find the appropriate words to show the sympathy or emotions that you feel. Each of you should keep this in mind if you find yourself questioning your partner's feelings. Just learn to read between the lines, or beyond the light repartee.

The Moon is in the Eleventh House.

The emotions that you and your partner share may draw you into groups or get you involved in causes. Or you might discover that groups or causes create emotions to stir within you. The stirring of emotions can take one of two forms. Either they stimulate the adrenaline to flow so that you perform better and get more emotionally involved, or they could create emotional upheaval between the two of you because you are not in agreement. There are undoubtedly many groups or causes that are available to you as a couple, and if you should find yourselves having problems because of such involvement, look for a new group or cause on which you can agree. Join that group or cause, let go of the other and your difficulties could dissolve. Another possibility is to use your instincts and your feelings to try to fulfill some joint aspiration you have. As you are achieving a goal that is important to you both, the emotional discord you have experienced will probably begin to seem petty and possibly become irrelevant.

The Moon is square Mercury.

With this combination, you and your partner can arouse each other's emotions through communications. The emotions may range from tenderness to anger, and you could experience the entire range. But with this aspect, there are likely to be difficulties to overcome, so you might experience more anger than the tenderness, at least initially. If this is true, make an effort to say a few kind words to your partner. It may be just enough to bring out some gentleness in return and anger might dissipate. Then you could experience the nurturing and supportive side of this combination. In addition to evoking emotions in each other, your words can have an emotional impact on those with whom you communicate as a couple. The same range of emotions are possible. There may be certain circumstances under which you would want to elicit anger. But if this is all you experience with others, the two of you might try the same approach as you do with each other. Show a little tenderness and you might receive support in return.

How You Communicate

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

Your composite Mercury is in Aquarius.

When you communicate as a couple, you will be noticed. An electric alertness emanates from the two of you. You may be surprised at the reactions you engender in others. You gravitate toward groups and enjoy the round-robin banter and laughter that is part of a gathering. You tend to speak your minds and rarely mince words, which could agitate some more mild-mannered types. And there could be an impulse to make comments that are deliberately provocative (even to you). But this is your way to shake up and enliven the group. Some people will appreciate your sense of humor, while others will be uncomfortable around you, never quite knowing what you might say next. However, their response is unlikely to inhibit you for too long, though you may want to examine your motives for wanting to elicit such strong reactions.

Your communication as a couple could at times seem detached or too abstract, and others may not know what you are really feeling. Showing a great deal of emotion does not come easily to you, and you may be uncomfortable with others who are too emotional. Still, your ability to remain separate and logical is very useful when quick decisions in emergencies are necessary.

You tend to be opinionated, and, during an argument with your partner, it would take a while for each of you to consider that the other one may have an equally valid viewpoint. Still, with this placement you are open to listening and exchanging ideas. This fact will eventually break any deadlock you two may have reached.

Mercury is in the Eighth House.

This placement may not be indicative of the quality of your sex life. It could simply mean that sex is a subject that you and your partner enjoy discussing. However, all the talk might begin to interfere with your sexual performance. If you find that discussion about sex becomes more important than the act itself, or if either or both of you are talking when you should be performing, you might want do something about it. You could look for other topics that would be appropriate the eighth house, such as conversations about birth, death or taxes. Or, if none of those appeal to you, you might talk about how to invest your joint money. There are many other possibilities as well. But the idea is to focus on other matters that fit the needed criteria. Then when you determine it is time for sex, you will be talked out, and you can proceed without verbal interruption.

Mercury is sextile Jupiter.

With this combination, social communication and philosophical thinking easily flow together. And you and your partner help each other to combine the two. When the two of you are involved in social discussions either of you can add pertinent facts to broaden your partner and any one else who is involved in the conversation. And in intellectual discourses you can each add wit and simple terms to make the information more interesting and understandable. So the two of you can be viewed as enthusiastic, knowledgeable and entertaining. Your enthusiasm might occasionally lead you to exaggerate when you tell a story together. Or possibly your ideas are a little too grand for those with whom you interact. However, you will never be accused of holding back what you think. And you undoubtedly share so much information with each other and the world-at-large that all of you should be broadened by the contact.

Mercury is trine Uranus.

You and your partner could find that your communications with each other are exciting. And together you are more quick-thinking than either of you is individually. So when you are operating as a unit, the world will probably experience the two of you just as exciting, creative and quick-thinking as you find each other. There is also the possibility, however, that you are so quick and impatient that you do not always take the time to consider the feasibility of your plans and creative ideas. And if you fail in your attempts to make them materialize, you may be viewed as impractical visionaries. But you can be just as fast to remove yourselves from untenable situations as you can be in getting yourselves into them. So it may sometimes seem that you are impractical and that you waste some of your mental energy. But you have plenty of energy to spare, and you undoubtedly have so many creative ideas that you can count on some of them materializing.

Mercury is sesquare Neptune.

While you may be able to tune into each other on a non-verbal level, when you communicate verbally you could experience a lack of clarity. There may be confusing messages or even a lack of honesty.

When you're attuned to each other non-verbally, you're probably less likely to be confused or mistrustful. To develop the telepathy that's possible with this combination, you could get involved in spiritual pursuits or meditation. There still may be occasional concern about confusion or deception, but as you each learn to tap into what your partner is thinking, the problem could be alleviated and your faith in each other restored.

Relationships and Pleasures

Among other things, your composite Venus shows your veneer, the ingratiating surface through which the two of you carry on your relationships with each other and the outside world. It also shows your relationship to all that is beautiful and pleasurable. As such, it can be a key ingredient of your joy in being together.

Your composite Venus is in Taurus.

Others will see the two of you as solid, stable and easy-going. You see no reason to rush through life pell-mell. In fact, you prefer to take advantage of all the beauty life has to offer, using all your senses. In order to avail yourselves of beauty and the attendant pleasures of life, you will need adequate resources. This placement tends to make the acquisition of money and other resources easier.

Possibly, it is your calm nature that allows others to trust you, depend on you and offer you financial reimbursement for your time and energy. On the other hand, since you have a good grasp of quality, it could also be your unwillingness to accept less than your talent is worth. Likely, it is a combination of the two.

You gravitate toward activities that enhance pleasure (cooking, eating) or support beauty (art, music). You could easily find yourselves associating with people who have careers in these or related fields or who also share your enjoyment of these pleasures. Or else the two of you may be in such fields yourselves. If so, you could find yourselves needing to access your natural skill at diplomacy. Since you are so calm and practical in the way you associate with others, this ability would also serve you well in a related career. With the somewhat expensive tastes you have, there may be times when you overspend, since your main criterion is often not how much something costs but the amount of pleasure it will give you. You would do best to maintain a budget. In this way, you can continue to spend on those activities and objects you crave but you will not go bankrupt in the process.

Venus is in the Tenth House.

You and your partner undoubtedly present a charming and attractive image in the outer world. If you share a career, you could be artists, diplomats or social directors. But whether or not you share a career, your joint approach to the outer world will be calm and pleasant rather than forceful and aggressive. Some people may view you as too nice and believe that you lack leadership ability. And it is true that you tend to avoid taking sides because you find disagreement distasteful. So your neutrality may be considered weakness. It would also be unlikely for you to be asked to be in charge of a company or project in which great physical energy or assertiveness are essential. However, because you do not seem to take sides, the two of you could be called upon to be mediators if two factions are vying for control. Thus, you may play a crucial role in selecting the leaders. So you can be part of the decision-making process and you can assume a position of power without creating any animosity.

Venus is square Pluto.

With this combination you and your partner are capable of sharing powerful passion. However, this aspect could indicate that issues might arise between you in regard to love and power. So either or both of you might believe that your partner is trying to manipulate you through love. Or perhaps, he or she is attempting to wield power over you so that you feel personally ineffectual. And if either of you feels weak personally, it would be extremely difficult to make an impression as a powerful couple in the outer world. So if you feel ineffectual, do not let these feelings fester. Bring them out into the open, analyze the situation and find ways to share love and power. The end result is certainly worth the effort. And when each of you feel personally empowered, you can also operate more effectively in the world as a couple.

Energy, Assertion and Effectiveness

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

Your composite Mars is in Leo.

Whenever the two of you are together, there is likely to be a party going on. Either you create the fun, or it follows you wherever you go. Maximum enjoyment of life is a goal you share as a couple. People find you stimulating to be with but sometimes brutally frank also. In general, you come from the heart and others appreciate your magnanimous sentiments. Your energy is also direct, honest, courageous, and at times dramatic.

Because you tend to be very creative, it is possible that you are or become involved with the theater, the arts or other creative activities. And you will stimulate creativity in a variety of ways in each other. You tend to be very independent and dislike being told what to do, so it would not be surprising if you were also involved in something of an entrepreneurial nature. You are generally high-spirited and positive, which lends itself well to dealing with your children, if you have them, or with young people in general. They would respond well to your energy and you could influence them in a good way.

However, stubborn and fiery flare-ups are not unusual for this combination of energy you share. If possible, save your outbursts for something of consequence rather than making mountains out of minor incidents. Hyper-sensitive ego and pride can be problematic. If you practice focusing on your partner's viewpoint rather than just your own wounded ego, you will quickly make headway. The good news about this combination is that, although one or both of you may be quick to anger, you will also get over it quickly. After all, you have so much living to do.

Mars is in the First House.

As a couple you may be aggressive, argumentative and/or simply very energetic. Not only do you tend to initiate, you also prod others into action. Because you don't couch your actions in diplomacy, those whom you prod could look upon the two of you as bullies or nags. But they could also think of you as courageous leaders. Their attitude will depend on their motivation before you began to push them.

It is also possible that you raise the energy level in each other. If you find that this extra energy just makes you more prone to arguing, look for a physically strenuous task that needs to be done. As you work together to complete it, not only will you accomplish something, your anger will tend to dissipate.

Mars is conjunct Saturn.

With this combination, you and your partner probably do not initiate quickly as a couple. Either or both of you might feel that your partner interferes with your taking action, or helps you to get organized so that you can initiate more efficiently. And your attitude will determine how well you handle the combination. It stands to reason that if you resist your partner trying to clarify and organize a situation, it will take even longer to get started. And you are likely to feel restricted. Whereas if you recognize that thoroughness is necessary when you and your partner are operating as a unit, you can more easily operate. Then you may feel, and be viewed as conservative, but possibly also efficient. Since you do not tend to be spontaneous in taking action as a couple, you might occasionally miss opportunities. However, chances are that you will make fewer mistakes than those who move more quickly, and you will be comfortable with the actions you ultimately take.

Mars is sextile Uranus.

You and your partner help each other to be quicker, more spontaneous and more creative. And action and excitement are probably more important to the two of you than logic or consistency. So on occasion you may be so spontaneous that you are viewed as rash or careless. But even if you do sometimes make mistakes, you do not have to stay with them. You may make decisions quickly, but you do not have the kind of commitment that makes you stay with your decisions when they are not bringing the rapid results you want. You welcome change and you have the energy to make changes quickly when you deem it necessary. No one will accuse the two of you of being too conservative or boring. You undoubtedly always bring an air of excitement into any situation, which means that you not only make each other to be more creative, but you also can make other people more spontaneous and creative as well.

Mars is square the Lunar Nodes.

You and your partner want to be involved with people who are active. But you could find yourselves drawn to those who irritate because they do not move the way you want them to, or they try to tell you what your should do. So you try to direct them. This could make these individuals angry or frustrated. So they begin to argue with you or order you around even more. They could challenge your orders and counter them with orders of their own. You certainly do not want relationships that are too peaceful, but you may spend more time arguing than being physically active. Heated discussions could keep you interested in these relationships, but there are more productive ways to use the energy. You might find that being involved in physical activity is more gratifying than just battling each other. You and your partner should look for a group that is already physically active and simply join in. If you expend your energy this way, you may not have the need to argue nor to boss others around—at least not so often.

Broadening Your Horizons

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

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

Your composite Jupiter is in the Fifth House.

If you and your partner have children together, you can enjoy them tremendously or overindulge them, or both. You could also help them to expand their horizons by supplying opportunities for travel and/or education, either of which could be expensive. But such expenditures would be filed under the category of broadening rather than overindulgence. If you do not have children or even if you do, you could choose to focus on yourselves and develop joint creativity, or find hobbies to share that can broaden the two of you. However, you might get so excited with the thought of being creative that you get involved in too many activities and feel so overwhelmed by all your options that you accomplish little. In addition, you might have to spend money on these hobbies or projects, and if there are several you are trying, it could become expensive. Limit your exploration to one or two, and develop those in depth. You might discover that you have brought out a talent in each other that you can share as a couple.

Jupiter is opposite Uranus.

With this combination you and your partner are sharing the principles of development and growth with the idea of freedom and creativity. So you tend to bring out each other's individuality along with the ability to take unusual routes to expand your horizons. And the world may see the two of you as adventurous and daring, or as too audacious and/or strange. Although you crave excitement you do not want to act impulsively to the detriment of your development. Nor do you want ignore your creativity when you are trying to broaden yourselves. Instead, balance excitement and creativity with your joint development. First determine what you need for your growth. Then think about what you can do to attain these goals. Your ideas will probably be unusual. But once they are created you should try them. Next evaluate how you have grown through your actions. Then return to the creativity and keep balancing it with the expansion. You will find you have made good use of both sides.

Jupiter is sesquare Pluto.

You and your partner could expand each other's power base and project a powerful impression on the outer world. However, you may sometimes think more about what you personally want in terms of such matters instead of what your partner needs, or what will be beneficial for you as a couple. One of you might to be dictatorial and not think about your partner's wishes. Or one of you take action toward personal growth making the other feel you have usurped his or her power. And each of you could take either position. The problem with both of these scenarios is that you are thinking of yourselves rather than your partnership. And your power and expansion are supposed to be shared. If you analyze your situation with your partner before you assert your power or take action toward personal growth, your relationship will probably improve. This is because you are cooperating, and as you cooperate with each other you will be stronger and project a more powerful image in the world.

Handling Setbacks and Responsibilities

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

Your composite Saturn is in the First House.

Serious and responsible are probably two of the adjectives that are ascribed to you as a couple. While you may not be seen as party people, others ask you to be in charge of important endeavors because they know that they can count on you. This placement may also indicate that each of you knows that the other is dependable, and when either of you makes a commitment you will hold to it.

Another possibility is that either or both of you feel limited in some way by the other. You could feel that you need to account to your partner for everything you do because you are closely scrutinized. And you think that your activities are not allowed to be fun. Or possibly your partner could make you feel guilty if you are not always doing you duty. One way to deal with any negativity should it arise, is to take on one responsibility jointly that will make you feel worthy. That may be enough to lighten the burden you could otherwise feel.

Saturn is sextile Neptune.

Your practical and spiritual worlds are probably closely aligned in your partnership. And with this aspect, you both want to enrich your partner in each area. So you can each work hard when you take on responsibilities or are trying to achieve goals in the material world. But it may not seem so hard because you cooperate with each other and because you have faith that your partner is always going to be there for you. You can also share your spiritual beliefs, clarifying anything that may not be clear so that you both have greater understanding and can utilize your spirituality in your everyday life. Because you help each other so well, others may look to you for leadership. Therefore, you could occasionally feel that you are heaped high with responsibility. However, if this happens you could periodically disappear for a short period of time and return when you are ready to assume your commitments again.

Saturn is conjunct Pluto.

With this combination, authority and power are closely connected. So you and your partner can be leaders when you are together or you can vie with each other to determine who is in charge. But, however you choose to use this combination, it will be difficult for you to fade into the background. And others will be aware of your presence when you are interacting in the outer world. People may look to you for leadership, or they could feel threatened by your power and challenge you. You will not, however, be seen as timid or weak. If you both have this aspect in your birth charts, you should have no difficulty adjusting to this role you play together. If you are individually subdued, it could take some adjustment. But the longer you are together, the easier it is to accept. You should also discover that you will be more effective in the world if you cooperate and share your power and authority rather than battle each other to be in charge in your relationship.

Saturn is square the Lunar Nodes.

You and your partner take relationships the two of you form together very seriously. And you want to be involved with people who are responsible. However, with these aspects, you could find that you often take on the responsibilities in the group. So you could feel limited or overburdened much of the time. If this is the case, you can try to avoid relationships as a couple. But people will probably find you because they know you can take charge. Or you can stay with you situation as is because you understand it and you believe that it is your karma to suffer. Or you can put forth some effort and organize the group. Determine goals to accomplish. Delegate responsibilities. If the group is serious, if there is a purpose for it and if responsibilities are shared, you should all be to reap rewards and feel successful and secure within the group.

Spontaneity and Surprises

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

Your composite Uranus is in the Eleventh House.

As a couple, you and your partner probably prefer not to join groups. Attending regularly scheduled meetings or the thought of seeing the same people all the time and listening to the same types of conversation might be enough to deter you from becoming involved. It is possible, however, that you could be drawn to groups under certain circumstances, or for particular reasons. You may be attracted to groups that are creative and/or have unusual members—people you find stimulating. Or you might participate in an organization that needs to be changed. Under these circumstances you and your partner would become the resident rebels. And you would stay as long as you felt you were needed to alter the group. Finally, you could join a group that is formed for a specific reason and for a short time-span. Should either of you feel deprived of the company of large numbers of people, you could use the foregoing criteria to become involved. Or perhaps an occasional party would be enough to satisfy the need.

Otherworldly Aspirations

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

Your composite Neptune is in the Fourth House.

If you and your partner share a home, you might view it as your sanctuary. You could think of it as place to go, to escape from the rigors of the outer world. Therefore, you would not want rules and regulations. But even if you have rules there is probably not the discipline to follow them. However, if you have no order in the home, it could be a confusing place. But that may depend on who is evaluating the situation. Should both you and your partner think of your home as a place which is spiritually uplifting for you, you may not care about its organization or physical appearance. It will only become disturbing if one of you is creating the chaos and the other is forced to live with it. If that is the case, the upset partner should either become more highly evolved, or else find a subtle way to manipulate the less-organized partner to conform. Equating spirituality with order is another possibility and might work.

Neptune is sextile Pluto.

Neptune and Pluto have been roughly in sextile since the early 1940s. Therefore, if the two of you were born in the 1940s or after, your birth charts both contain this aspect. If the two of you were born within a year or so of each other, the position of the planets in your composite chart are in pretty much the same zodiacal positions as in your natal charts. Thus you and your partner may be dealing with a combination that's already familiar to you.

The concepts of spirituality and power that you each hold should be quite compatible, and you'll want to help each other to develop these areas of your lives further. While you could easily manipulate each other, it's more likely that you would add force to each other's spiritual beliefs and use your faith to enhance each other's power. Used correctly, this aspect can give you both strength and a powerful shared belief system.

The Power to Develop

In every relationship there is the potential for a power struggle, and for deeply felt emotions that can either bring about great schisms or move the two of you into profound changes and growth. These awesome unconscious forces are ruled by Pluto. The house where your composite Pluto resides can alert you to the areas where you are most likely to play out your struggles for dominance. Pluto's house can also show where the two of you are likely to exert your collective power on the outside world. More information about these struggles and how to deal with them will come from the aspects that your composite Pluto makes. You'll find most of Pluto's aspects above in connection with earlier-mentioned planets.

While Pluto can be experienced as disrupting, there's also something very sexy about it. Once you understand what's going on, Pluto can bring about the most profound changes and renewal.

Your composite Pluto is in the First House.

Power could be an important part of the personality that you and your partner share. This might mean that you are a powerful couple, or that power is an issue that often arises between the two of you. You do not want to be controlled by others, and this includes your partner as well as people outside your relationship. Your joint power might sometimes be challenged, but your union gives you double the strength to handle such situations. However, force may not be effective when dealing with your partner. You could have violent eruptions if either of you tries to control the other. Instead of vying to be in charge, analyze your situation together when power becomes an issue. Determine ways to empower each other and this will not only make you stronger as individuals, but it will also strengthen your relationship.

Pluto is square the Lunar Nodes.

You and your partner are probably attracted to individuals or groups who are powerful, or whom you believe you can control. However, you would prefer to rule others rather than have others control you. So if you are involved with powerful people you may vie with them to take charge. But, since it is their power to which you drawn, and you and your partner are also powerful, it is difficult to predict who would win the battle. And even if there is a winner, combat will probably weaken all of you. On the other hand, if you find yourselves with people who allow you always to lead, you will probably consider them weak and will soon lose respect and interest. It is better to join in with those who are as powerful as you. But instead of battling each other, analyze and divide the power. If everyone is in charge of some part of the relationship, you should all feel powerful and there will be no reason to fight.

Using Your Composite Chart

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

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

Hopefully, this analysis has given you some new insights about both the strengths and the possible problem areas of your relationship. If you agree that any of these typical kinds of problems apply in your case, please don't be daunted by them! The key to happiness is first to recognize and be thankful for whatever you already enjoy about your partner. The more attention you place on these areas, the more these enjoyable parts will grow. And if there are problems, think of them not as impossible obstacles, but as sources of useful information. When you understand what your problems are trying to tell you, you'll see what they're asking you to do. Then you may see problems as the gifts that they are – opportunities to grow in wisdom and to achieve a whole new level of closeness.