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Introduction

This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started in relationship astrology. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and realistic interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines the influence of both people's charts on each other. This is called relationship synastry meaning the comparison of two horoscopes and the correlations discovered. It is likely that the report will show both the strengths and weaknesses of the relationship synastry. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives and their own choices within a relationship. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse affects of this report.

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Individual Relating Traits

This section looks at each person's individual relationship concerns in their own personal birth chart. Every individual brings certain needs and expectations into a union, which affect his or her ability to feel loved and supported. This in turn affects the nature and course of the relationship.

Traits of Melanie

Venus is in the 5th House

When the planet Venus is placed in the fifth house of your birth chart, relationships with children are important. You've a gift for enjoying life's pleasurable pastimes; possessing an almost child-like sense of awe at all the world has to offer in the way of fun and beauty. You delight in social interactions and value outings to art galleries, the theatre, musical concerts and ballet performances. This joyful side of your nature is highly appealing, and you're never short of a playmate or two to join in your escapades. Children, in particular, warm to your engaging nature somehow sensing a kindred spirit. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by children throughout your life, either your own or other people's. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you're likely to enjoy a fruitful union resulting in beautiful children. Love affairs also feature in your life, providing you with much pleasure and perhaps some creative inspiration.

Saturn is in the 7th House

The planet Saturn placed in the seventh house of your birth chart suggests that partnerships are an important component of your life, and perhaps your profession. Marriage is a serious commitment, not to be entered into lightly as far as you're concerned. You seek a partner who, like yourself, is faithful and steady, and wanting to build a home and start a family. Depending on other influences in your chart you're likely to be cautious at all stages of your relationship and aren't one to be swayed by the first throes of love. It's likely that you'll consider your partner's actions carefully letting time pass before you decide whether or not they have the right qualities to attract your commitment. Your attitude could be off-putting to some potential partners, but you aren't overly concerned because you seek a long-lasting relationship. You may not marry at a young age. It's also possible that you marry someone from a different age group - someone younger who respects your values or someone older and able to appreciate your qualities. Your partner may own property, and be a respected member of the community. In some cases you may choose a partner who is too cold and stern, restricting your life and leading to some misery. However, it's also possible that you choose a partner who holds you in high esteem, but has difficulty demonstrating his or her affections. Either way it's unlikely that your partner is demonstrative.

The North Node is in the 7th House

Your North Node is in the seventh house and your South Node is in the first house of your birth chart indicating that you are destined to learn as much as you possibly can about relationships. You benefit greatly through your relationship experiences, both personal and distant associations. You may also experience a sense that many unions formed in your life are pre-ordained. You fare best when you learn to let go of ego-centred actions and become more focused on service to other people. You also benefit from choosing your marriage partner wisely, taking your time to consider the union.

Venus is in Virgo

With Venus in the sign of Virgo you'll seek meaningful relationships with a practical basis. You may appear to be timid and shy to others, but you're simply wary, weighing up the pros and cons before entering into intimate friendships or a meaningful relationship. You approach your primary

relationship with caution, preferring to take things slowly so that you can build a lasting relationship based on real principles rather than romantic illusion. It's not that you don't enjoy a little romance. It's simply that you prefer to know that a relationship is going to last in the long term. For these reasons you may suffer some disappointments in love, as others are discouraged by your reticence, failing to recognise the depths of your affection. You admire neatness and punctuality, preferring someone who is hard working and healthy living like yourself. You enjoy someone who can converse on sensible subjects, perhaps even with an analytical mind. You need to be wary of being too judgmental, expecting perfection where it can't possibly exist.

Traits of Antonio

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When the planet Venus is placed in the seventh house of your birth chart, relationships of all kinds feature strongly in your life, whether they be personal or business ones. Even if you have an independent side to your nature, you're more likely to seek a partner than remain single. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you're likely to form a fortunate marriage, or perhaps marry early in your life. You enjoy being married, and delight in the social and financial pleasures that accompany a fruitful union. Any arguments are short-lived. The only problem here could be that you're more likely to bend to your partner's will because of your preference for peace and harmony. You need to make sure that you stand up for your beliefs and work towards an equitable resolution to conflict. On the whole though you're happy, enjoying the give and take required in a committed marriage. You also like to arrange pleasurable outings for you and your loved one. It's not only your primary relationship that proves beneficial. Business partnerships are also fruitful. The planet Venus is considered to be in a powerful position in the angular seventh house of a chart, meaning that you're likely to succeed in attracting a beneficial primary partner at some stage in your life.

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Pluto is in the 7th House

The planet Pluto is in the seventh house of your birth chart indicating that marriage and business partnerships are a challenging force in your life. You need to approach these relationships with caution and integrity, otherwise you're prone to major upheavals. It's possible that your parents' relationship was somewhat traumatic, affecting you more deeply than you had previously believed. This may affect your ability to commit to a marriage. If you're not careful you may attract an abusive marriage partner, or someone who betrays you in marriage or business. On a more positive note, you prefer a challenge in marriage rather than the comfort of a predictable partner. If you and your partner are aware of potential problems, and are able to keep the communication lines open,

then you learn a great deal through your most intimate relationships. This experience of deep transformation through relationships can be most rewarding.

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Venus is Conjunct Pluto

The combination of the planets Venus and Pluto in your chart indicate that you enjoy commitment and challenge in your personal relationships. Unlike many other people, you're not afraid to make the necessary changes demanded within close relationships. In fact you prefer change, especially if the alternative is a staid and steady relationship. You like to be consumed with love and passion, and are happiest when with a partner who feels the same way. You can be disappointed when others fail to soar to great emotional heights and plummet to the emotional depths with you. You want intensity, perhaps even a little drama, in your primary relationship. You're fiercely loyal and committed, and expect as much from your partner. Problems can arise when you don't feel a strong bond with your partner, or if a third partner threatens your relationship. You're a jealous person, and quite capable of seeking revenge when wronged. You need to be careful to choose the right person as your primary partner - someone who reciprocates your love and passion. Otherwise you can waste a lot of time and energy trying to make a doomed relationship work. You may also benefit from directing some of your energy into an all-consuming project, such as fighting for human rights or an intensely creative pursuit.

Venus is Square Mars

The planets Venus and Mars are combining unfavourably in your chart indicating that you struggle to balance your own needs and the needs of your partners in relationships. You seesaw between wanting closeness and freedom. On the one hand you seek adventure on your own, on the other you want to be close to your partner. The ideal is a balance between the two. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. However, you may become impatient with your

partner, or aggressive and irritable when he or she fails to keep up with your activities. You can be equally impatient with yourself, but this isn't necessarily any comfort to your partner.

Synastry Between Melanie and Antonio

Personal Issues

This section looks at the interaction between two people and their two birth charts. It notes the nature of the relationship, whether it is likely to be a successful personal relationship or whether the forces at work are suggesting a less intimate bond. In other words how do these two people come together on an intimate level?

Melanie's Moon is Opposite Antonio's Sun (Orb 5°11')

'Opposites attract' could be the theme for this combination of personal planets. There is an instant spark when Melanie and Antonio meet, whether they choose to enjoy a friendship or a more intimate relationship. The world seems more exciting when they are together. When together Melanie and Antonio are able to broaden their horizons in ways they had not thought possible. Each one seems to fill a void deep inside the other. In astrology it is considered important to have a combination of personal planets in order to enjoy a deep relationship, but this can be a difficult combination once the initial excitement has worn off. Friction easily arises and what was once attractive becomes irritating. The success of this relationship largely depends on each person's ability to accept the other person's differences. Antonio may eventually have difficulty understanding Melanie's emotional nature. Antonio may feel impatient and frustrated by the limitations placed on him by Melanie. Melanie may feel overwhelmed by Antonio's personality. The initial excitement of the association with someone so opposing in nature may be replaced by feelings of insecurity. It's important for both Melanie and Antonio to continue to appreciate each other's differences at all times and to realise that this relationship is potentially very rewarding if the difficulties can be faced and resolutions found.

Melanie's Sun is Conjunct Antonio's Sun (Orb 0°54')

When two people's Sun signs are connecting in a positive manner it augurs well for any relationship. However, it is an ideal combination for a close, personal relationship whether it be a close friendship or love relationship. There is an instant rapport and the two people seem to shine more in their own lives as a result of such a connection. Melanie and Antonio enjoy each other's company and feel that the other person is giving something special to the relationship, adding a little sunshine to their lives. Melanie and Antonio probably experienced an instant attraction when they first met, warming to each other's personalities. This is because Melanie and Antonio have a lot in common and tend to view the world in the same fashion. Sharing a common purpose they work and play well together. It is easy for them to co-operate, creating harmony in shared enterprises and activities. In fact Melanie and Antonio are likely to experience luck and good fortune in joint projects. There can be a tendency for friendly rivalry, but this usually brings out the best in both Melanie and Antonio. All in all it is a very successful combination of personal planets.

Antonio's Venus is Conjunct Melanie's Mars (Orb 0°28')

This is the ideal combination for a love union because it creates a strong sexual attraction and compatibility. Antonio and Melanie are likely to fall in love at first sight enjoying a passionate union, the type of love affair featured in romance novels. The durability of the relationship depends on other connections between Antonio and Melanie. However, if the love union is long term, both Antonio and Melanie can rely on the sexual attraction to help them through troubled times. Antonio and Melanie enjoy spending time together, in particular welcoming pleasure trips, romantic outings and artistic activities. They may also find pleasure in a joint creative project. Melanie is likely to be the more assertive partner, both in bed and out of bed. Melanie enjoys taking the lead and Antonio is happy to acquiesce. While this combination is ideal for marriage or love affairs, it can also be a creative connection for friendships or work associations that involve working on an artistic project. However, it is important that both individuals remain focused on the creative project at hand unless a sexual flirtation is welcomed and appropriate.

Primary Forces

In addition to the intimate aspect of a relationship, there are usually a number of fundamental driving forces, which can be either major challenges or inspirations to the individuals involved. This section looks at how Melanie and Antonio stimulate and provoke each other.

Antonio's Moon is Trine Melanie's Saturn (Orb 0°04')

A connection between the planet Saturn and the Moon is important. Saturn is the planet of commitment and stability and is often found in relationships that are long lasting. In other words a serious planet such as Saturn is needed for a serious, meaningful union. Antonio and Melanie are satisfied with the relationship and are willing to persist through troubled times realising that the rewards are great. A satisfying long-term relationship results from their patience and persistence. Together Antonio and Melanie are somewhat reserved, perhaps even withdrawing a little from society to enjoy the benefits of their relationship. They are aware that their relationship is one of the most important building blocks in their lives. There is maturity in this relationship. Perhaps Antonio and Melanie have formed this relationship later in life when they can truly appreciate each other and the life that they are building together. Antonio feels that Melanie is offering security and maturity, enabling him to mature in his emotional and home life. Melanie grows in self-esteem through this relationship, believing that Antonio respects her integrity. On the whole this is a positive combination for an enduring, long-term relationship such as marriage.

Antonio's Moon is Trine Melanie's Uranus (Orb 0°10')

The saying 'expect the unexpected' could be applied to this combination of Antonio and Melanie's planets. There is an element of excitement and adventure when Antonio and Melanie get together. They both enjoy the thrill of being in each other's company exploring new territories together. Many relationships start with the thrill and ardour of romance only to have it fade with the routine of daily life. However, Antonio and Melanie know how to keep the exhilaration for the long term. In particular Antonio is very attracted to Melanie, acknowledging that Melanie adds a lot of spice to his life. He feels life is more joyful since he has met Melanie. Antonio may be the one to nurture some of Melanie's more adventurous plans or he may simply enjoy going along for the ride. Melanie feels that Antonio gives her companionship and comfort prompting her to new heights of innovative ideas and activities. It's possible that both Antonio and Melanie enjoy an unusual and innovative hobby or work project. This is a fun combination for a personal union, but will need other connections between two people's planets to cement a long-term intimate relationship. This combination is also ideal for less personal relationships such as friendships or a working project that requires creative and innovative ideas.

Melanie's Moon is Opposite Antonio's Uranus (Orb 8°14')

The saying 'expect the unexpected' could be applied to this combination of Melanie's and Antonio's planets. There is an element of excitement and adventure when Melanie and Antonio get together, but there is also an element of insecurity. Both Melanie and Antonio enjoy the thrill of being in each other's company exploring new territories together, but many relationships start with the thrill and ardour of romance only to have it fade later. This is the problem to be faced by Melanie and Antonio. Unless they have other connections between more permanent or personal planets in their charts, Melanie and Antonio are in danger of a growing discontent. There is a lack of stability that feeds both Melanie's and Antonio's insecurities. Melanie becomes needy and Antonio becomes distant and emotionally withdrawn. The problem is that Melanie feels that she cannot rely on Antonio. What was once an adventure no longer seems so exciting. As a result Antonio's impulsive nature becomes a source of discomfort for Melanie. On the other hand Antonio thinks that his creativity is being stifled by Melanie's emotional needs. This belief may cause Antonio to rebel, finding it difficult to commit to Melanie. This relationship, if a personal one, is likely to require a lot of freedom and an unorthodox approach in order for it to last. While this is a difficult combination for a personal union, it can be a positive one for less personal relationships such as friendships or a working project which requires creative and innovative ideas.

Melanie's Sun is Trine Antonio's Jupiter (Orb 6°40')

The Sun and the favourable planet Jupiter are combining suggesting that this relationship is blessed with good fortune and happiness. It is an ideal combination for an intimate relationship such as marriage because it indicates shared philosophies on life and the ability to grow together. Together Melanie and Antonio land on their feet no matter how difficult a situation. They seem destined to be in the right place at the right time. Melanie and Antonio enjoy each other's company, feeling all of the benefits that come with this union. Their optimism and enthusiasm are infectious, and as a couple they are popular. In particular Melanie shines as a result of her association with Antonio. Melanie feels able to embrace life and all it has to offer. She is aware that her union with Antonio is truly blessed and that it helps her to achieve her full potential. Antonio knows that his horizons are continually expanding through his association with Melanie. Antonio feels able to conquer the world. In fact it is likely that both Melanie and Antonio enjoy travelling, studying or teaching together. They enjoy sharing anything that expands their minds and contributes positively to their lives.

Melanie's Sun is Conjunct Antonio's Uranus (Orb 3°57')

This is a relationship full of verve and romance. Melanie and Antonio are attracted to each other from the moment that they first meet and continue to experience excitement and joy in each other's company. The relationship brings something new and original into Melanie's and Antonio's lives and they both feel enlivened as a result. Life becomes more of an adventure when Melanie and Antonio are together. Their relationship may run a somewhat erratic or unorthodox course, but Melanie and Antonio are both happy in the knowledge that theirs is a unique union. Melanie is excited by Antonio's creativity, which somehow enhances her personal goals. Antonio helps Melanie to see life in a new and different manner, freeing Melanie from past inhibitions. Antonio knows that he has encountered someone who truly appreciates him as an individual. Antonio can better express his original thoughts and ideas as a result of his relationship with Melanie. Together Melanie and Antonio may explore an unusual hobby or pastime such as new technology, metaphysics, science, electronics, humanitarian or environmental concerns.

Antonio's Sun is Opposite Melanie's Chiron (Orb 3°29')

This combination of the Sun and the asteroid Chiron is a difficult one, presenting both Antonio and Melanie with the challenge of reassessing their life goals in order that they may head in new

directions. This relationship is a significant one enabling both Antonio and Melanie to grow and change, but only after some soul searching. As a result of this union Antonio may discover new talents and a new sense of self and Melanie may find a new role as a teacher or healer. However, initially they have to overcome old hurts, which stand in the way of honest communication. The path to greater self-understanding is not always smooth and this relationship is one of the lessons on the journey. Through delving into past hurts, this union can be a healing one and through each other Antonio and Melanie can learn valuable lessons. It is important that Antonio and Melanie develop compassion and understanding for each other. Otherwise they may unwittingly contribute to further emotional pain.

Antonio's Sun is Square Melanie's North Node (Orb 3°13')

Destiny plays a strong role in Antonio and Melanie's relationship. There is an instant attraction, a spark that ignites the feelings of both Antonio and Melanie. However, fate can be a cruel mistress. This relationship is fraught with problems that Antonio and Melanie find difficult to understand and solve. In particular Melanie feels that his light is hidden under bushel. She struggles to express her true self. Perhaps Melanie owes Antonio a favour that seems never to be full repaid or may Melanie has an inexplicable sense of responsibility for Antonio. Whatever the scenario both Antonio and Melanie face certain challenges before reaching a full understanding of this union.

Antonio's Mercury is Sextile Melanie's Jupiter (Orb 0°25')

This is a positive combination of the planets Mercury and Jupiter and provides inspiration in any relationship whether it is a friendship, work association or more intimate union. Both Antonio and Melanie discover new worlds through their association. They enjoy broadening their minds through overseas travel or by learning about different cultures in books and study courses. Philosophy, metaphysics and religion are topics of conversation, which stimulate and expand their minds. It's also possible that Antonio and Melanie pursue activities connected with philanthropic or philosophical ideologies. In particular Antonio's mind is extended through his relationship with Melanie. Antonio is willing to listen and accept the wisdom of Melanie's ideas. In turn Antonio is able to provide ways in which Melanie can better communicate her ideas. Together they are able to grow and learn.

Melanie's Mercury is Trine Antonio's Saturn (Orb 1°33')

This is an excellent combination for an enduring relationship. Both Melanie and Antonio share a mutual respect for each other and are willing to work towards sound communication. They take each other seriously, and are likely to share an interest in a thought-provoking pastime or a business enterprise. Shared values also mean that this relationship has firm foundations for the long term. Melanie and Antonio realise early in their association that this is a lasting union. Therefore it is likely that they slowly and surely get to know each other, rather than rushing headlong into a relationship. As a result they eventually form a strong bond. Melanie respects and learns from Antonio's wisdom. She is better able to communicate her own thoughts and ideas thanks to Antonio's well-received advice. Antonio's organisational abilities shine in this relationship. He discovers different methods of approaching activities through his association with Melanie.

Antonio's Mercury is Conjunct Melanie's Uranus (Orb 7°48')

This is an exciting and unpredictable relationship. Antonio and Melanie enjoy a lively union, whether it be a romance, friendship or work association. They take pleasure in topical conversations, sparking new ideas and ways of thinking. They may also enjoy taking part in an unusual activity or pursuing an environmental, humanitarian or political cause. This combination of planets indicates intellectual, rather than emotional, stimulation. Consequently this combination may indicate a friendship or work association, rather than a more personal union. However, an

intimate relationship with other aspects is enhanced by this combination if both partners enjoy freedom. Antonio and Melanie are excited by each other's minds. In particular Antonio realises that Melanie sparks his creativity. Both Antonio and Melanie enjoy a new-found sense of freedom in each other's company.

Melanie's Mercury is Conjunct Antonio's North Node (Orb 1°19')

The North Node is a significant point in relationship astrology, indicating fate in any association. In this case Melanie and Antonio are destined to meet and learn from each. Perhaps they meet in a study group, as pen pals or at a college. Antonio gains insight and understanding through his association with Melanie. Perhaps Melanie is a teacher imparting specific knowledge, or maybe Melanie's presence communicates certain messages that are valuable for Antonio's life lessons. Either way Melanie and Antonio are comfortable interacting with each other. Depending on aspects of Melanie and Antonio's birth charts, this association indicates an intellectual rapport rather than a passionate or emotional bond.

Antonio's Mercury is Square Melanie's Neptune (Orb 0°04')

This is an inspirational relationship whether it be a romance, friendship or a creative working partnership. Both Antonio and Melanie feel excited by this union. Their imaginations are enlivened. However, it is also a difficult combination of the planets Mercury and Neptune. Antonio and Melanie need to ensure that they face this relationship honestly. Otherwise they may both be caught in a web of deceit. This could mean viewing each other with rose-coloured glasses, failing to realistically assess the merits of their association. However, it could also be possible that the relationship has an element of deceit or abuse, in particular drug abuse. Both Antonio and Melanie could feel disillusioned by their association. It is important that they ensure that the creative, rather than the destructive, elements of their union are emphasised. Perhaps working on an artistic, spiritual or philanthropic project would be beneficial. However, they need to ensure that this project is a positive and appropriate one.

Melanie's Venus is Trine Antonio's Saturn (Orb 5°19')

The planet Saturn is an important ingredient in any committed relationship. This somber planet can take away some of the short-term excitement of any union, but on a positive note it adds commitment and security needed for a long-term association. In other words Melanie and Antonio take this relationship seriously. They are devoted to each other and joyful in making promises that they are both able to keep. From the start of their association they enjoy taking their time getting to know each other, experiencing stability and understanding that grows slowly over time. They genuinely love each other and want to work towards a strong partnership. At times Melanie would like more fun and spontaneity, but she appreciates Antonio's wisdom in slowing things down in order to build a lasting union. Mutual respect is a central theme to this union. There is also a strong feeling of fate in this relationship. Melanie and Antonio may tell a story of how destiny meant for them to be together. While this combination of planets indicates a serious personal relationship, it can also be a positive influence on a partnership formed for the purpose of an artistic or creative project requiring both inspiration and hard work.

Antonio's Venus is Sextile Melanie's Neptune (Orb 1°38')

Romance is the key theme of this combination of planets. Antonio and Melanie feel that they have met their one true love under the influence of the planets Venus and Neptune. They meet, fall in love and create a union brimming with romance, joy and idyllic love. Whether or not this idyll lasts depends on other aspects of the association. During the course of their union they are able to interact in a loving and creative manner. It's also possible that Antonio and Melanie participate in a joint creative and imaginative pursuit, inspiring each other to stretch their artistic talents. Perhaps

Antonio and Melanie follow a spiritual path together. Antonio is particularly attracted to Melanie's artistic and altruistic nature. He appreciates all of the qualities that Melanie brings to their relationship. In response Melanie feels that Antonio's support enables her talents to blossom. While this attraction is more likely to involve the love and devotion associated with a strong bond such as marriage, it can also depict a creative, artistic or spiritual working partnership.

Antonio's Venus is Conjunct Melanie's Pluto (Orb 1°59')

Intense emotions are central to this relationship. Antonio and Melanie feel a passionate attraction to each other, a compelling need to be together. Sexual magnetism plays an important role in the initial stages of the union and continues, even through times of emotional difficulties. It is also possible that Antonio and Melanie share an artistic or creative pursuit about which they are both ardent. Whatever the outlet for the emotions, the key is intensity. On the whole this combination of the planets Venus and Pluto has a positive influence on any association, but it can be overpowering in some instances. If both Antonio and Melanie enjoy intensity then this relationship positively transforms both their lives. Together they embrace the changes that challenge any relationship. If one of them dislikes emotional upheaval, then there are likely to be problems. In particular Antonio may feel overwhelmed at times by the force of his own emotions or the power of Melanie's personality. At other times Antonio enjoys learning about how to be more influential in his life. Melanie feels more powerful as a result of this union with Antonio, more able to achieve her ambitions.

Melanie's Venus is Conjunct Antonio's North Node (Orb 2°25')

This is the combination for lovers. The North Node and Venus are both highly significant in relationship astrology indicating that this association was written in the stars. It is also likely that Melanie and Antonio are in love, desiring to form a close and romantic bond, rather than remain friends only. Passion, romantic love and an intense desire to relate are central to this relationship. Within moments of meeting Melanie and Antonio feel they have known each other for years. They enjoy each other's company, discovering pleasures in common. If circumstances dictate that their relationship can only be a friendship, they would be wise to tread very carefully. This is not an association to take lightly. It could easily take over Melanie or Antonio's lives. In some circumstances this combination of Venus and the North Node can indicate an association formed for artistic or creative projects.

Melanie's Venus is Square Antonio's Jupiter (Orb 5°46')

Love and excitement are strong themes of this relationship. Both Melanie and Antonio feel a strong attraction and enjoy many pleasurable activities. Together Melanie and Antonio enjoy good fortune, exploring the realms of higher learning, culture, religion or metaphysics. They may delight in travelling to foreign lands, meeting new people and discovering different ways of life. Alternatively they may take delight in joining a study group closer to home. Initially this union expands their horizons and the attraction is strong. It is difficult for Melanie and Antonio to remain committed to each other, unless there are other indications of commitment in their association. The trouble is that Antonio cannot seem to settle down, always looking for new horizons. He wants romance and excitement on a grand scale and expects Melanie to join in. Melanie also wants romance, but needs the security of commitment. Antonio does not want to make a commitment. Antonio enjoys his freedom and cannot understand why Melanie is so insecure about their relationship. As the relationship progresses Antonio becomes more impatient which in turn increases Melanie's insecurities. Unless there are other aspects of the relationship, which indicate commitment and stability, this union, is likely to falter on rocky ground.

Antonio's Venus is Square Melanie's Saturn (Orb 5°59')

The planet Saturn is an important ingredient in any committed relationship. On a positive note this planet indicates the commitment and security needed for a long-term association. However, in this case the path to love is rocky and there are likely to be obstacles which require hard work if this relationship is to be lasting. On the one hand both Antonio and Melanie love each other and want to form a successful and loving bond. However, on the other hand they have to strive hard to overcome their misunderstandings of each other. Antonio wants fun and pleasure. He has a lot of love to give, but has difficulty finding avenues through which to communicate his feelings to Melanie. Antonio believes that Melanie may be blocking any progress in their relationship, inadvertently spoiling the fun. At times Antonio fears that he will be stifled as the relationship continues. Melanie does take this relationship seriously, perhaps a little too seriously. She has difficulty overcoming her concerns about how the relationship should progress. Melanie may be a little too rigid in her beliefs, fearing true intimacy. The challenge for both Antonio and Melanie is to face their fears and find a path forward. With hard work and determination they can build a secure partnership based on mutual respect and love. While this combination of planets can indicate a serious personal relationship, it can also depict a partnership formed for the purpose of an artistic or creative project requiring both inspiration and hard work.

Antonio's Mars is Trine Melanie's Jupiter (Orb 5°06')

Antonio and Melanie are able to combine their talents well under the positive influence of the planets Mars and Jupiter. Their association provides them both with a zest for life. Antonio has the drive necessary for any joint projects, and Melanie has the know-how and planning capabilities. Antonio and Melanie set goals, work towards them while overcoming obstacles along the way. Together they successfully achieve their ambitions. They enjoy collaborating, gaining the respect of each other in the process. Antonio admires Melanie's inspirational ideas. In turn Melanie appreciates Antonio's initiative and energy. As well as working together Antonio and Melanie also delight in playing together. It's possible that they enjoy sharing travel and sporting activities. Whatever joint project they undertake Antonio and Melanie enjoy good fortune.

Antonio's Mars is Sextile Melanie's Uranus (Orb 2°15')

Sexual attraction plays a key role in this relationship. Antonio and Melanie find each other's company exciting and feel compelled to explore an intimate relationship. They are aroused both in and out of the bedroom. The initial stages of the relationship are particularly stimulating, and the union continues to flourish as long as Antonio and Melanie give each other the freedom to follow their individual interests. The electric nature of Antonio and Melanie's association is such that they need time away from each other in order to slow down and experiences some tranquility in their separate lives. This is not a peaceful or stable relationship but rather one that offers ongoing stimulation and change. For this reason the relationship may be short-lived, a thrilling adventure which soon loses its spark through a lack of commitment. However, other aspects of Antonio and Melanie's nature may provide the tenacity and steadiness needed for a long-term commitment. The challenge is to allow each other plenty of independence.

Melanie's Mars is Conjunct Antonio's Pluto (Orb 4°02')

This combination of the stormy planets Mars and Pluto indicates a passionate and compelling union. The atmosphere is explosive when Melanie and Antonio get together. Sexual energy seems to simmer barely under control. Both Melanie and Antonio need to be wary of letting the force of their heated emotions build up. They need a positive outlet for all of their pent-up energy whether this be a challenging home renovation project or a regular work-out at the gym. Together Melanie and Antonio feel able to conquer the world and are certainly a power to be reckoned with. The initial stages of the relationship are fraught with sexual tension, but the union may not be an

intimate one. Rather it may be a partnership committed to hard work and a challenging project. Either way as the relationship develops, the strong and creative force of both Melanie and Antonio takes over and can be directed into a mutually satisfying project. In other words Melanie and Antonio can be passionate about each other or they can direct their passion into an external activity. Either way this is a dynamic and explosive relationship.

Antonio's Mars is Opposite Melanie's Saturn (Orb 2°00')

This combination of the planets Mars and Saturn suggests a strong commitment in which Antonio and Melanie initially struggle to understand each other. On the one hand both Antonio and Melanie are committed to making this partnership work. On the other hand they face almost insurmountable difficulties along the way. Ancient astrologers consider the planets Mars and Saturn to have a harmful effect on humanity. Therefore this relationship needs to be treated with respect, to avoid causing emotional or physical damage to either Antonio or Melanie. The trouble is that they are both determined to force their own egos on to each other, and can be quite brutal in their efforts to get the other person to do as they wish. They need to develop understanding and respect for each other, if it does not already exist. Sometimes Melanie tries to force her methods on to Antonio, only to meet Antonio's stubborn refusal to budge on certain matters. The challenge is a big one in this union. Both Antonio and Melanie need to carefully consider the future of this relationship, knowing that only mutual respect and caring communication can shine a light on their difficulties.

Melanie's Mars is Opposite Antonio's Chiron (Orb 0°48')

This is a difficult and painful combination of the planet Mars and Chiron. Melanie and Antonio have difficulty overcoming past hurts and failures in their relationships. As a result their unresolved problems have an impact on this union. In particular Antonio's insecurities have a profound effect on this liaison. Antonio is sensitive because of bad experiences in previous relationships. This causes problems in this association, because unwittingly Antonio reacts pessimistically to certain aspects of Melanie's behaviour. Unless Melanie always behaves in an understanding and compassionate manner, Antonio takes offence. This is because Antonio is predisposed to view Melanie's actions in a negative light. It is possible that Melanie lacks sympathy to Antonio's problems, but not necessarily so. The onus is on both Melanie and Antonio to become aware of the problems so that they can heal these problems from the past and progress in a more joyful manner in their relationship.

Antonio's Jupiter is Trine Melanie's Pluto (Orb 5°46')

Antonio and Melanie are rejuvenated through their relationship. Life takes on a new glow from their first moment of meeting. In each other Antonio and Melanie have found a soul-mate, someone who understands them at a very deep, metaphysical level. As the relationship develops both Antonio and Melanie are challenged to reach deep within themselves in order to change and grow. Depending on their individual traits they can either enjoy this process of change or they can resist. Either way they are being dared to view their lives in a different and broader manner. Antonio and Melanie encourage each other in this growth process through co-operation and understanding. Together they feel able to overcome all obstacles. As a result it is likely that, through this union, both Antonio and Melanie begin to lead more creative lives.

Melanie's Neptune is Trine Antonio's Ascendant (Orb 6°03')

It is significant in relationship astrology when one person's planet makes contact with the Ascendant in another person's chart. In this case Melanie's Neptune is combining with Antonio's Ascendant indicating that this is a significant relationship. Melanie and Antonio feel strongly drawn to each other. Romance is in the air. Both Melanie and Antonio are in love and floating on air, as the saying goes. They enjoy the first throes of romantic love and have a knack for re-creating

romance. It is possible that this relationship could falter under the demands of daily practicalities. This combination can indicate an association based on mutual spiritual, artistic or philanthropic interests, but it is most likely in a romantic union.

Generational Values

Underpinning the success of many relationships is a sense of shared values. Often this comes from simply being born into the same generation. However, sometimes it is more complex. In this section we explore whether or not Melanie and Antonio share the same societal values.

Antonio's Saturn is Sextile Melanie's North Node (Orb 2°06')

The planet Saturn is a vital ingredient in relationship astrology. It is the planet that represents stability and commitment and is seen by astrologers as the necessary glue that holds a relationship together on a long-term basis. Of course not everyone is seeking long-term commitment, but for those who are Saturn is a welcome sign. This is particularly true of connections between one person's Saturn and another person's Sun, Moon, Ascendant or Nodes. In this case Antonio's Saturn is combining with Melanie's Node indicating that this is a significant relationship. Antonio and Melanie feel strongly drawn to each other, perhaps experiencing a sense that their relationship was written in the stars. In other words they may feel as though they were destined to meet and form a union. This is a significant relationship.

Antonio's Saturn is Trine Melanie's South Node (Orb 2°06')

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Melanie's Saturn is Square Antonio's Pluto (Orb 2°25')

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto indicates that this is an important and challenging relationship, although not necessarily an intimate one. Melanie and Antonio have difficulty relating to each other, both approaching the association from different angles. Melanie tends to communicate with Antonio in a serious and cautious manner, hoping to run a stable course. However, Antonio feels restricted by this method of relating and wants to break out. Resentment can build up on both sides causing friction that is difficult to resolve.

Antonio's Uranus is Conjunct Melanie's Pluto (Orb 8°30')

The combination of the planets Uranus and Pluto indicates that Antonio and Melanie share common values. A drive for growth and change is at the basis of this relationship, whether it be a personal or impersonal association. Antonio and Melanie complement each other whenever they join forces. Antonio is likely to be the one who seeks answers and innovative ways of approaching tasks while Melanie provides the answers after delving into her own personal resources.

Melanie's Uranus is Square Antonio's Neptune (Orb 1°24')

Although not a major contributor to this relationship, the combination of the planets Uranus and Neptune can cause conflict. The problem is that Melanie is looking for intellectual stimulation in this partnership, whereas Antonio is seeking romance. Melanie is keen to experience a certain amount of freedom in order to explore her individual pursuits. However, Antonio yearns for romance and sharing in common interests. Their values differ and it is hard to meet in the middle.

Melanie's Neptune is Conjunct Antonio's Neptune (Orb 6°27')

This planetary combination of Neptune indicates common ideals, which can help form a basis for a relationship. However, many other combinations of planets will make a more significant contribution to this union between Melanie and Antonio. In some cases this combination may simply indicate that Melanie and Antonio are a similar age. Nevertheless the effect is still one that enhances their relationship because all liaisons benefit from a sharing of values and ideals.

Melanie's Neptune is Trine Antonio's Chiron (Orb 0°21')

The healing powers of nature, music and the arts may play a significant role in this union. Melanie and Antonio have a romantic and empathetic relationship, in which they both place importance on gentle and loving communication. As a result they are able to forgive and forget loved ones who have hurt them in the past, and move slowly towards a better understanding of their innermost selves and each other. The artistic and spiritual side of Melanie's nature proves particularly healing for Antonio. Under Melanie's gentle influence, Antonio is able to heal past emotional wounds and better express himself. Together they may take part in a spiritual, healing or artistic project.

Melanie's Pluto is Conjunct Antonio's Pluto (Orb 5°33')

This planetary combination of Pluto indicates common values, which can help form a basis for a relationship. Similar deep forces, which enable them to understand each other's motives, may drive Melanie and Antonio. However, many other combinations of planets will play a more momentous role in this union between Melanie and Antonio. In some cases this combination may simply indicate that Melanie and Antonio are a similar age. Nevertheless the effect is still one that enhances their relationship because all liaisons benefit from a sharing of values.

Melanie's Pluto is Opposite Antonio's Chiron (Orb 0°42')

Personal growth is one theme in this relationship, but the path to greater understanding is not smooth. Both Melanie and Antonio have difficulty coping with the intensity of this relationship, which challenges them at a deeply personal level. Memories of emotionally painful moments in previous relationships are brought to the surface and need to be resolved so that this relationship can succeed. At times Melanie and Antonio fear the demands of this union may be too much. The challenge is for them both to forgive and forget the past and embrace the present and the future. They need to be willing to live life to the fullest, breaking free of habits or anything that hinders their progress in life. There may be a strong sense of destiny attached to this union, and Melanie and Antonio may be at the centre of organisations involved with spiritual matters, personal growth, medicine and medical breakthroughs.

Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Melanie Griffith

| Planet | Sign | Position | House | Comment |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| The Moon | Aquarius | 12°Aq57' | 10th | |
| The Sun | Leo | 17°Le14' | 4th | |
| Mercury | Virgo | 14°Vi23' | 5th | |
| Venus | Virgo | 18°Vi08' | 5th | |
| Mars | Virgo | 1°Vi13' | 5th | |
| Jupiter | Libra | 0°Li33' | 5th | read into 6th House |
| Saturn | Sagittarius | 7°Sg41' | 7th | |
| Uranus | Leo | 7°Le55' | 4th | |
| Neptune | Scorpio | 0°Sc03' | 6th | |
| Pluto | Leo | 29°Le42' | 5th | |
| The North Node | Scorpio | 14°Sc56' | 6th | read into 7th House |
| The South Node | Taurus | 14°Ta56' | 12th | read into 1st House |
| The Part of Fortune | Scorpio | 24°Sc19' | 7th | |

Chart Point Positions: Antonio Banderas

| Planet | Sign | Position | House | Comment |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| The Moon | Aries | 7°Ar45' | 1st | |
| The Sun | Leo | 18°Le09' | 6th | |
| Mercury | Leo | 0°Le07' | 5th | read into 6th House |
| Venus | Virgo | 1°Vi41' | 6th | read into 7th House |
| Mars | Gemini | 5°Ge40' | 3rd | |
| Jupiter | Sagittarius | 23°Sg55' | 10th | |
| Saturn | Capricorn | 12°Cp49' | 11th | |
| Uranus | Leo | 21°Le11' | 6th | |
| Neptune | Scorpio | 6°Sc30' | 8th | |
| Pluto | Virgo | 5°Vi15' | 6th | read into 7th House |
| The North Node | Virgo | 15°Vi42' | 7th | |
| The South Node | Pisces | 15°Pi42' | 1st | |
| The Part of Fortune | Cancer | 16°Cn30' | 5th | |

Synastry Aspects: Melanie to Antonio

| Planet | Aspect | Planet | Orb |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| The Moon | Opposition | The Sun | 5°11' |
| The Moon | Opposition | Uranus | 8°14' |
| The Sun | Conjunction | The Sun | 0°54' |
| The Sun | Trine | Jupiter | 6°40' |
| The Sun | Conjunction | Uranus | 3°57' |
| Mercury | Trine | Saturn | 1°33' |
| Mercury | Conjunction | The North Node | 1°19' |
| Mercury | Opposition | The South Node | 1°19' |
| Mercury | Sextile | The Part of Fortune | 2°07' |

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|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------|
| Venus | Square | Jupiter | 5°46' |
| Venus | Trine | Saturn | 5°19' |
| Venus | Conjunction | The North Node | 2°25' |
| Venus | Opposition | The South Node | 2°25' |
| Venus | Sextile | The Part of Fortune | 1°38' |
| Mars | Conjunction | Venus | 0°28' |
| Mars | Square | Mars | 4°26' |
| Mars | Conjunction | Pluto | 4°02' |
| Jupiter | Sextile | Mercury | 0°25' |
| Jupiter | Trine | Mars | 5°06' |
| Saturn | Trine | The Moon | 0°04' |
| Saturn | Square | Venus | 5°59' |
| Saturn | Opposition | Mars | 2°00' |
| Saturn | Square | Pluto | 2°25' |
| Uranus | Trine | The Moon | 0°10' |
| Uranus | Conjunction | Mercury | 7°48' |
| Uranus | Sextile | Mars | 2°15' |
| Uranus | Square | Neptune | 1°24' |
| Neptune | Square | Mercury | 0°04' |
| Neptune | Sextile | Venus | 1°38' |
| Neptune | Conjunction | Neptune | 6°27' |
| Pluto | Conjunction | Venus | 1°59' |
| Pluto | Trine | Jupiter | 5°46' |
| Pluto | Conjunction | Uranus | 8°30' |
| Pluto | Conjunction | Pluto | 5°33' |
| The North Node | Square | The Sun | 3°13' |
| The North Node | Sextile | Saturn | 2°06' |
| The North Node | Conjunction | Neptune | 8°25' |
| The North Node | Trine | The Part of Fortune | 1°34' |
| The South Node | Square | The Sun | 3°13' |
| The South Node | Trine | Saturn | 2°06' |
| The South Node | Sextile | The Part of Fortune | 1°34' |
| The Part of Fortune | Square | The Sun | 6°10' |
| The Part of Fortune | Trine | Mercury | 5°47' |
| The Part of Fortune | Square | Uranus | 3°07' |

Conclusion

The text in this report has been written by Australian astrologer Stephanie Johnson. Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Arts (Journalism) and was a journalist in Australia, England and the USA for 15 years before becoming a professional astrologer. She is currently a consulting astrologer and Company Director of Esoteric Technologies Pty Ltd in Adelaide, Australia. She holds the FAA Practitioners' Certificate and Diploma and was a former editor of the Journal of the Federation of Australian Astrologers. Her background is in Medieval and Esoteric Astrology.

Stephanie's background in medieval astrology can be detected in the direct style of the report. Medieval astrologers differed from modern-day astrologers in several ways. They didn't have a psychological approach to chart interpretation, but took a much more literal approach. They were very much concerned with the fortunes of an individual, whether a person would survive or not, and whether or not the person would experience good or failing fortunes. The author's particular area of interest in Esoteric astrology can be mainly detected in the section labelled "Purpose and Joy". In Esoteric astrology the purpose of an individual is linked to the soul. In other words it is believed that our souls determine our sense of purpose in the world, motivating us to put our gifts to good purpose.

This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.