

# WRITTEN IN THE STARS

## RELATIONSHIP ANALYSIS REPORT



**for**

**Gwyneth Paltrow**

**and**

**Chris Martin**

# INTRODUCTION

Your Written in the Stars relationship analysis report tracks the cosmic ‘story’ of your love affair, analyzing its origins, development and probable outcome with reference to the astrological connections between your two birth charts.

Chapter 1 looks at the factors that first drew you together as a couple, beginning with any outstanding personal similarities in your natal charts likely to have created a strong sense of connection between you. The major planetary cross-aspects between your birth charts, representing the most important attractions and challenges you face as a couple, are then considered in careful detail. Note that potential challenges can be just as instrumental as attractions in bringing two people together, especially where karmic issues are involved.

Chapter 2 then evaluates the relationship from each person’s unique perspective, on the basis of their planetary placements in the other’s astrological ‘houses’ (in the case of an unknown birth time, solar houses will be used). Questions addressed include: What does this relationship mean to each of you? (It may well be something entirely different!) What do the two of you stand to gain (or lose) from being together? What kind of gifts (or burdens!) are you destined to bring into each other’s lives?

The final Chapter, which looks at the probable outcome of your love affair, as well as its ultimate purpose and meaning, is based on the composite chart of your relationship. This is a chart made up of the midpoints of the planets and angles in your individual birth charts, which symbolizes your love affair as a unique, living entity. Your dominant composite aspects spell out the enduring themes likely to play out on an ongoing basis throughout your relationship, and what the two of you basically have to learn from being together.

In reading your report, pay close attention to any similar or repetitive themes as they are likely to be particularly important. Conversely, if a statement appears to contradict another statement, these will tend to weaken one another's effects. Please note that if either person’s birth time isn’t known to within 2 to 3 hours, that person’s natal Moon will be excluded from your interchart aspects, house overlays and your composite chart reading.

# Chapter 1

## WHAT DREW THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER

### Personal Links and Similarities:

*Both of you have Sun conjunct or in hard aspect to Pluto:*

Both of you are extremely willful people, and when you want something you tend to be unrelenting, even fanatical and obsessed about it. If you cannot immediately and directly achieve what you want, you may resort to subtly undermining the opposition or sabotaging whoever is blocking your will.

There is an inner intensity about you both, which can be either highly attractive or quite threatening to other people. Both of you are forces to be reckoned with, and you are both learning about personal power, how to develop and use it in a positive way.

If you join forces for a mutual purpose, you would be incredibly potent together, with the ability to take on the world and win. Perhaps you also sense that if you were enemies or opponents, there is also the potential for a lot of nastiness here.

*Sun & Neptune hard or conj for Chris, soft for Gwyneth:*

Both of you are attuned to the world of imagination, or the unseen, spiritual forces, but Chris is more likely to get confused or be unable to discern what is true, direct spiritual experience and what is simply fantasy. Chris lacks a realistic sense of proportion and is not grounded at times, whereas Gwyneth (who is also sensitive and open) is clearer and more able to maintain a sense of balance in such matters. This is one of the gifts Gwyneth has to offer Chris, who will probably feel strongly drawn to Gwyneth because of it.

*Mars & Pluto hard or conj for Gwyneth, soft for Chris:*

Both of you can be very passionate and driven, and work or achievement can become an obsession for you. Whenever a desire makes itself felt in either of you, tremendous energy is released and you will pour yourself wholeheartedly, even compulsively, into fulfilling it. Gwyneth, in particular, has a marked tendency to go to extremes in pursuit of some obsessive goal or belief - often at the expense of health, relationships, or other areas of life.

Using force and will appropriately, is easier for Chris than for Gwyneth. When Gwyneth's will or desires are blocked, Gwyneth is prone to become intensely angry, and possibly destructive. Gwyneth wrestles with the destructive side of anger, and may fear anger and/or claiming personal power. The tendency to block rage and the necessity of learning to release it in constructive ways is one of Gwyneth's lessons - something Chris may well be able to help with.

*Saturn & Uranus hard or conj for Chris, soft for Gwyneth:*

Chris feels that personal freedom and the need to be a unique individual and true to oneself are severely inhibited by the constraints and limitations imposed by adult life. Blame and resentment of society, authority, or 'the system' may create enormous tension and frustration in Chris. Gwyneth, on the other hand, accepts the limits and compromises necessary, and can more easily find a comfortable balance between freedom and obligation. This is something Chris sorely needs and can learn from Gwyneth's way of being.

### **The Most Important Theme(s) in Your Relationship**

*Sun Mutually Aspects Moon:*

The two of you are drawn to each other in a magnetic, almost fated kind of way and most likely you felt an instant connection when you first met each other. If you are not married yet, then there is a good chance that you will in the future because the attractions between you are extremely powerful.

Although in some ways you possess opposite personalities, you have a natural sense of complementing, and belonging to, each other and as long as you understand and respect the contrasts between you, you can enjoy the fascination and stimulating effect of your differences without clashing with each other. However, if you try to force each other to be more like yourself (or more like your image of the perfect mate), your relationship could run into serious trouble.

What's special here is your ability to readily swap active and passive roles - to alternate taking the lead with providing behind-the-scenes support - depending on what is needed in a particular situation. This potentially makes you a great partnership team, with few challenges in life you can't handle successfully together. If you have children (and you're likely to be quite fertile!), you will want to play an equally hands-on role in their upbringing.

*Moon Mutually Aspects Neptune:*

Psychically, the two of you are exceptionally open to each other, which means you pick up very easily on one another's feelings. In fact your emotional boundaries tend to be so loose, it's sometimes hard for either of you to distinguish between your own responses and those of your partner.

On the one hand, this gives you an unusually strong sense of empathy and connectedness, making you unusually sensitive and compassionate towards one another's moods and emotional needs, and enabling you to connect at a deep, almost mystical level. On the other hand, when you get your wires crossed and one of you totally misreads where the other is coming from, it creates a lot of emotional confusion and misunderstanding.

Also watch out for a marked tendency to mislead or deceive each other - usually to spare one another's feelings. Scrupulous emotional honesty will be needed on both sides to avoid some major disappointments. You should both take some time to make sure you haven't got caught up in a romantic, idealistic vision of each other, from which you will later awake.

*Moon Mutually Aspects Pluto:*

This relationship is intense! You feel magnetically drawn to each other, and willing to confide in each other about your deepest feelings - some of which you may never have shared with any other person. But at the same time you also arouse feelings of suspiciousness, jealousy and possessiveness in each other. Powerful emotions that you never knew you had, depths of feeling (both 'good' and 'bad') you never experienced before, are brought out by being together.

No matter how hard either of you try, it's impossible to hide anything from one another in this relationship. You both have an uncanny ability to see right into each other's soul! If either of you are unwilling to have your deepest feelings and attitudes exposed, you may find this relationship too intrusive and stressful. Be especially careful about over-psycho-analyzing each other, which borders on bullying at times, and try to learn to respect one another's emotional privacy. The two of you can easily become emotionally obsessed with each other and your relationship at times has a strong love-hate quality.

**Major Attractions and Challenges:**

*Gwyneth's Mercury Conjunct Chris's Pluto:*

Mentally, you're fascinated by each other! Your conversations are deep and probing, you understand each other at a very profound level, and you may find yourselves revealing things about yourself you haven't mentioned to anyone else. You particularly enjoy uncovering the underlying motivations and causes of a situation - with no topics off limits or taboo. Frequently what starts out as a light, friendly conversation ends up as an in-depth psychoanalysis of each other! Chris may dominate your discussions and at times tries to force Gwyneth into agreeing or believing whatever he wants!

*Gwyneth's Moon Trine Chris's Mars:*

You stimulate and arouse one another's feelings and desires, and both of you find it is easy to express what you want from your partner in an open, direct way. Gwyneth in particular is very emotionally supportive of Chris, encouraging him to honestly share his personal needs and wishes. The physical attraction between you is also very strong, and you may be highly fertile together (assuming there are no organic or physical impediments).

*Gwyneth's Venus Trine Chris's Venus:*

There is a beautiful flow of love between the two of you, and you are able to both give and receive affection, appreciation, and tenderness in this relationship. You enjoy the same pleasures and find it easy and natural to do those things that really please and satisfy your partner. Your sense of aesthetics and beauty is also very similar. Emotionally, you understand where each other are coming from and you have a calming, soothing effect on one another's moods.

*Gwyneth's Mars Trine Chris's Jupiter:*

What's special here is the amazing energy-boosting effect the two of you have on one another! You spark each other's ambitions and enterprising spirit, and are able to jointly follow through to successful completion of your goals. Chris gives Gwyneth confidence and encouragement to charge ahead, while Gwyneth stimulates Chris to act decisively to actualize his dreams. There's also a lot of fun, laughter and general clowning around in this relationship, with each of you bringing out the other's 'crazy' side. The two of you set free the 'inner child' in each other, re-awakening the sense that 'anything is possible' and life is for enjoying to the fullest.

*Chris's Mars Trine Gwyneth's Saturn:*

The two of you sense that, from a practical angle, you could be very good for each other, with the ability to achieve a lot of material and financial success together. You bring out a strong work ethic in each other with Gwyneth, in particular, exerting a strongly disciplining influence on Chris, which encourages him to channel more effort into fulfilling his ambitions. You discover that you work together extremely well and are easily able to focus on tasks, come to an agreement on what needs to be done, and get the job done efficiently. If you set up home together, this is a tremendous asset, both in terms of the efficient handling of everyday tasks and chores, as well as the planning and execution of major life goals.

*Chris's Mars Trine Gwyneth's Uranus:*

Both of you feel extraordinarily stimulated and fired up when you're together, sparking off each other's appetite for thrills and excitement. You inspire confident, assertive feelings in each other, and enjoy taking a few risks and acting boldly and spontaneously. Sometimes you even find yourselves competing with one another as to who can show the most daring! In this sense, your partnership is a positive, dynamic one that will help both of you reach your goals more easily. Because you encourage one another to be inventive by experimenting with new approaches, this constantly revitalizes and recharges your sexual relationship as well as your life in general.

*Gwyneth's Moon Sextile Chris's Saturn:*

There is a mature, steady, responsible tone to your relationship that makes you feel quite secure with each other. Gwyneth in particular may have a strong sense that Chris would never intentionally let her down. Because the level of mutual trust and respect for each other is very high, you are able to communicate your deepest concerns, values and beliefs with a candidness that is impossible with most other people. If you marry and have children, you will work together well as parents, especially when difficulties arise. It is likely that your relationship will be a long, stable one.

*Gwyneth's Mercury Sextile Chris's Saturn:*

Deep, serious conversations are one of the focal points of your relationship - and something you both enjoy. Gwyneth has a lot of respect for Chris's knowledge and experience, and appreciates the help Chris gives her in clarifying and defining her thoughts and ideas. There's an ability here to discuss practical problems in a calm, sensible and down-to-earth fashion without too much emotional distraction. Consequently you make a very effective team in business affairs, important or exacting work, and in solving daily challenges.

*Chris's Mercury Sextile Gwyneth's Jupiter:*

You enjoy joking with each other and you inspire each other to take an optimistic view of life. Communication between you is open and candid as well. It's hard for either of you to get depressed when you're together since you encourage each other to think positively and look on the bright side of life. You may find your talks frequently turn to philosophical, religious, or political areas, and if you have a close, long-lasting relationship, you will develop similar views and beliefs.

*Chris's Venus Sextile Gwyneth's Saturn:*

There is a high level of trust and a great deal of mutual reliability in this relationship that makes you both feel very secure with each other. Chris brings out in Gwyneth a more 'grown up' attitude to love and a willingness to take on more responsibilities. Chris feels able to count on Gwyneth come what may, and both of you - but especially Gwyneth - is prepared to take the relationship very seriously. You willingly make sacrifices for each other, but the sacrifices are hardly noticed because it feels so natural to give to each other. You will assist each other a great deal over the years and your love for each other is likely to get stronger and stronger over the course of time.

*Chris's Venus Opposition Gwyneth's Uranus:*

Your sexual attraction to each other is aroused suddenly and unpredictably, but then subsides just as quickly and unexpectedly, giving this relationship an on-off quality. Chris finds Gwyneth sexually exciting and probably very different to anyone he has been romantically involved with before. In turn, Gwyneth feels unusually free and uninhibited, more open to experimentation, and more prepared to 'do her own thing'. This makes for an exhilarating, but also rather erratic and unstable relationship, with Gwyneth, in particular, tending to be inconstant or unreliable toward Chris, and perhaps unwilling to make a commitment or keep promises. Chris will need to be prepared to allow Gwyneth plenty of space and independence if this love affair is to be more than a short-lived infatuation.

*Chris's Mercury Square Gwyneth's Neptune:*

You inspire each other's imagination and you may find yourselves gravitating towards discussions of fantasy, poetry, art, theater, and religion. However, the tendency to lose a clear sense of proportion and become clouded by fantasies is very strong! Chris tends to 'space out' mentally when he is with Gwyneth and frequently misinterprets what Gwyneth is trying to communicate, while Gwyneth is prone to telling Chris 'little white lies' and often conceals or distorts vital facts and information. Misunderstandings between you arise quite easily, so you will need to be as clear and precise as possible in all important, practical communications.

*Gwyneth's Venus Square Chris's Jupiter:*

You enjoy laughing, having fun, socializing, and going out together. You are great pals, but the relationship may not be serious enough to warrant a lasting commitment to each other. Consequently you both may decide to not marry even though you may love each other very much. If you do marry, you will allow each other a great deal of freedom, but you are likely to disagree on how to handle finances and budgeting. Chris is prone to leading Gwyneth into extravagance, self-indulgence and personal excesses of all kinds.



## Chapter 2

### How Each of You Views Your Relationship

#### Part 1: The Relationship from Gwyneth's Perspective:

##### *Chris's Sun in Gwyneth's 1st house:*

Chris's obvious attraction to Gwyneth, as someone who outwardly embodies many of his innermost qualities and attributes, can be very flattering to Gwyneth and helps to boost her personal confidence and self-esteem. Because Gwyneth's Sun also falls in Chris's 1st house, this positive influence tends to be reciprocal. As a result you both stand to gain a lot from this relationship in terms of ego gratification and mutual support in making the best of yourselves. The only problem would be if one of you expects too much appreciation or recompense for their interest and attention, and the other considers this too high a price to pay.

##### *Chris's Moon in Gwyneth's 5th house:*

Chris's emotional attunement to Gwyneth's creative talents and his instinctive awareness of how Gwyneth can project herself more effectively is very helpful to Gwyneth. Chris is a source of emotional support and a sympathetic audience for Gwyneth in all her personal creative and artistic efforts. Shared pleasure activities will tend to revolve around food and entertaining. It's likely the two of you will start a family together, in which case Chris will take on a responsible nurturing role in your joint parenting activities. However, Chris's tendency to fuss and worry excessively at times about the wellbeing of the children in your care can be very irritating to Gwyneth.

##### *Chris's Mercury in Gwyneth's 12th house:*

Gwyneth may find she has an almost telepathic connection with Chris! Certainly, Gwyneth's communication with Chris seems to function better on a subliminal or psychic level than through verbal exchanges. Gwyneth may sometimes feel perplexed and disturbed by Chris's questions and conversation and at a loss as to how to respond to Chris in a logical and clearcut way. Gwyneth's mental confusion arises as a result of Chris's tendency to connect with her subconscious as opposed to conscious mind. Consequently what Chris has to say has a stimulating effect on Gwyneth's intuitive perceptions and creative imagination, but at a rational level Gwyneth may find him hard to understand.

*Chris's Venus in Gwyneth's 2nd house:*

Under Chris's influence, Gwyneth is likely to get a lot more pleasure from her money and material possessions. Chris awakens her appreciation of the beautiful things that money can buy and encourages her to acquire possessions of aesthetic quality and value. Gwyneth should find Chris to be a materially generous partner who enjoys showering her with tasteful and expensive presents. But because Chris is inclined to squander more money than is practical on Gwyneth - and in turn encourages Gwyneth to spend beyond her own means, - as a couple your love of the good things in life could lead to joint financial problems.

*Chris's Mars in Gwyneth's 12th house:*

No matter how hard Gwyneth tries to guard her privacy, there's no hiding from Chris's pushy - and perhaps quite aggressive - curiosity. Chris wants to find out everything about Gwyneth, including her closest secrets - but for what purpose? Will Chris use his intimate knowledge of her weak points to attack and hurt her? Or, more likely, is he just encouraging Gwyneth to be more open, direct and courageous about revealing her true self? Although Chris's prying often annoys her, Gwyneth definitely feels stronger and more of a whole person when she's sharing herself fully and holding nothing back.

*Chris's Jupiter in Gwyneth's 3rd house:*

Perhaps Chris's greatest gift to Gwyneth is the uplifting and broadening effect he has on Gwyneth's mind. Chris boosts Gwyneth's intellectual confidence and encourages her to improve her education. Because Gwyneth feels more mentally positive and buoyant when she is with Chris, she's unlikely ever to get depressed in this relationship. Gwyneth finds Chris is very easy to talk to, helps her to look on the bright side and always has plenty of jolly conversation (sometimes too much!). However, because Chris tends to joke and exaggerate a lot when he is speaking to Gwyneth, Gwyneth shouldn't take everything he says too seriously!

*Chris's Saturn in Gwyneth's 6th house:*

The good news for Gwyneth is that Chris gives her practical assistance with organizing her day-to-day life more efficiently. The not so good news is that Chris may nag her to work harder and take her fitness more seriously, which is irritating to Gwyneth. The handling and division of everyday chores and responsibilities is a contentious issue between you, with Gwyneth feeling picked on by Chris for not doing enough or being too careless and sloppy. Gwyneth may sometimes see Chris as a bit of a slavedriver. Eventually, however, she may come to thank Chris for raising her standards and improving her health and productivity.

*Chris's Uranus in Gwyneth's 9th house:*

Through Chris, Gwyneth is likely to come into contact with some very different philosophical ideas and/or foreign cultures. She may be intrigued, fascinated and at the same time rather unsettled, by Chris's unorthodox political or religious views which are probably very different to her own. Chris could completely revolutionize Gwyneth's moral code and system of values, turning her ideas about right and wrong upside down. Exciting long-distance travel may also feature prominently in this relationship, with Chris introducing Gwyneth to new cultural or spiritual experiences which trigger important breakthroughs in her understanding of the meaning of life.

*Chris's Neptune in Gwyneth's 10th house:*

Chris brings out a deep longing in Gwyneth to do something in life that truly satisfies her soul, making her more than usually aware of what is currently unfulfilling in her work. But in encouraging Gwyneth's career ideals, Chris runs the risk of giving her unrealistic expectations of what is practical and feasible, leading to subsequent disappointment. While Chris can have an inspiring influence on Gwyneth's creativity, especially if she is involved in the arts, culture or media sectors, Gwyneth should be careful not to allow Chris to confuse or mess up her career plans simply because in Chris's view, they're not lofty or glamorous enough.

*Chris's Pluto in Gwyneth's 8th house:*

Although deeply attracted to Chris, Gwyneth feels sexually insecure in this relationship, and can be quite possessive and demanding of Chris. For his part, Chris is turned on by Gwyneth's sexual power and charisma, but finds her rather jealous and controlling at times. Despite the strong sexual magnetism between the two of you, ongoing power struggles relating to issues of sex and/or money and obsessive love-hate tendencies can make it hard to live with each other. However, living without each other may be even harder. Overcoming fears of mutual loss, and learning to be more flexible and allowing is a major lesson for you both.

**Part 2: The Relationship from Chris's Perspective:**

*Gwyneth's Sun in Chris's 1st house,*

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*Gwyneth's Moon in Chris's 9th house:*

Gwyneth's sympathetic attunement to Chris's philosophical, religious or political beliefs can be very comforting to him, and in Gwyneth he may feel he has found a partner who at best shares, or at least understands, his moral outlook on life. Even if Gwyneth's spiritual upbringing or background is quite different to Chris's, there's generally an ability to respect each other's views, although these differences may come more to the fore at times of major decisions or crises in your relationship. Gwyneth's tendency to take the moral high ground at the expense of more practical, personal concerns can also be irritating to Chris at times.

*Gwyneth's Mercury in Chris's 1st house:*

In Chris's eyes, a strong feature of this relationship is the clear, open and uninhibited conversation he enjoys with Gwyneth. Chris is always curious to know what Gwyneth thinks about him and what he is doing in his life, while Gwyneth is ever ready to give him plenty of feedback. Provided they're constructive, Gwyneth's ideas and opinions can help Chris gain more self-awareness and improve his personal image. But if Gwyneth is overly analytical or critical of Chris, especially with regard to his appearance or self-presentation, overall she could have a negative effect on Chris's personal esteem.

*Gwyneth's Venus in Chris's 12th house:*

An important element of Chris's attraction to Gwyneth is his fascination with the mysterious or hidden aspects of Gwyneth's personality. But because Chris may have the sense of not always seeing the whole picture, he can also lack trust and feel insecure with Gwyneth at times. At the same time, however, Chris may feel a strong spiritual, almost mystical connection with Gwyneth and gain a lot of comfort from Gwyneth's sympathetic attunement to his moods and problems. Although there may be much that Chris feels he doesn't know about Gwyneth, it often seems to him that Gwyneth has the ability to see straight into his soul.

*Gwyneth's Mars in Chris's 1st house:*

Since Gwyneth is so direct, upfront and lacking in subtlety in her approaches, there's no way Chris can ever ignore her! In general Gwyneth has a positively energizing influence on Chris and he finds he has more get up and go when he's around Gwyneth. Chris may also pick up on an element of competitiveness on Gwyneth's part, which has the effect of spurring him on all the more to do better. But if Gwyneth is too pushy or aggressive, she may spark off Chris's anger, leading to conflicts and fights. Because anger and sexual desire are closely related, Gwyneth also tends to have a stimulating effect on Chris's libido.

*Gwyneth's Jupiter in Chris's 4th house:*

Opportunities to enjoy a much happier and harmonious home life come Chris's way as a result of his relationship with Gwyneth. With Gwyneth's financial and/or practical assistance, Chris may be able to acquire a much nicer place to live or considerably improve his current dwelling. Gwyneth brings joy and laughter into Chris's home environment, fits in easily with his living arrangements and seems to have a fortunate knack for sorting out domestic or family upsets. On the negative side, Gwyneth can sometimes encourage Chris to overspend on home and family, while Chris can become overly reliant on Gwyneth to fix his domestic problems.

*Gwyneth's Saturn in Chris's 10th house:*

The good news for Chris is that Gwyneth is very ambitious for him and would like him to reach a high position in the world. The not so good news is that Gwyneth may pressurize him to constantly work harder, while offering little in the way of recognition of his achievements. Chris may feel Gwyneth is too critical of his goals in life and that Gwyneth discourages, or holds him back, from doing what he really wants to do because she puts status and money before genuine job satisfaction. Chris may go far with Gwyneth's backing, but can get the impression that however great his successes, in Gwyneth's eyes, they are never quite good enough.

*Gwyneth's Uranus in Chris's 2nd house:*

Gwyneth tends to adopt a more happy-go-lucky, spontaneous approach to spending when she's in Chris's company, and in turn Chris feels ready to take more financial risks. As a couple, you have the potential to suddenly make a lot of money, but also to lose it just as fast. Gwyneth encourages Chris to employ more unconventional methods of creating income and building assets which may, or may not pay off. Chris may feel Gwyneth has an unsettling effect on his material security and is unreliable with money at times. But rather than point the finger at Gwyneth for his fiscal ups and downs, Chris should ask himself whether his own financial carelessness is to blame.

*Gwyneth's Neptune in Chris's 3rd house:*

Chris's intuitive, unspoken communication with Gwyneth is remarkably good, with both of you usually knowing what the other is feeling without having to ask. However, when it comes to exchanging factual information with Gwyneth, Chris easily gets mixed up. The problem can be that because Chris activates Gwyneth's imagination, she has a habit of putting her own inaccurate interpretation on what is being said. In turn, because Chris tends to space out around Gwyneth, he often gives the wrong impression or misses the point. Chris may believe his misunderstandings with Gwyneth are due entirely to Gwyneth's vagueness and deceptiveness. In reality, his own mental confusion is probably equally to blame.

*Gwyneth's Pluto in Chris's 1st house:*

From Chris's perspective, Gwyneth is a strong and highly charismatic personality, with a tendency to be quite controlling and intimidating at times. However, Gwyneth doesn't necessarily appear this way to everyone, perhaps because Chris's own strength of character brings out these particular traits in Gwyneth. It's likely that Gwyneth has to exert her personal will more forcibly with Chris since she fears that otherwise it will be overpowered by Chris. Personality power struggles, with one of you always wanting to control or remould the other, form an integral part of this relationship. Learning to let go, through a gradual process of mutual self-transformation, is a major lesson for your both.

## Chapter 3

### The Ultimate Purpose and Destiny of Your Relationship

#### *Composite Sun Conjunct Mercury:*

Yours is destined to be an intellectual relationship, among many other things. Mentally, you're a highly creative couple and exchanging thoughts, studying together, talking and bantering, turning one another on to new ideas, sparking off one another's curiosity and interest in the world, are all important aspects of your lives together. Becoming more conscious, informed and educated appears to be a significant purpose of your relationship, with one or both of you in a position to pass on some vital knowledge or information which could have a positive impact on the other.

No matter what eventually comes to pass in this relationship, at least the lines of communication between you are always likely to stay open. A certain detachment and ability to think about and talk about what is going on make it much easier to stand back from problems in your relationship rather than being swamped by destructive emotions. Whatever the issue, sooner or later, through a process of mental cooperation and adjustment, you're usually able to come to a mutually acceptable agreement. Indeed, this willingness to compromise with each other at an ideas level could be the secret of this relationship's potential success. However, if you make a habit of over-intellectualizing your feelings at the expense of expressing what you are truly feeling, your emotional connection could diminish and weaken.

#### *Composite Mars Conjunct Neptune:*

As a couple you may not be very effective or capable in dealing with practicalities and physical realities. Your goals are difficult to define and therefore to actively pursue, because for the most part what motivates the two of you when you combine forces lies in the realm of the imagination. You really want to live out your fantasies with one another more than anything else, and this needn't be a problem if you clearly acknowledge that this is what you are doing. Erotic imagination, glamorizing sexuality, and sexual expression as a form of worship will be coloring your relationship right from the beginning. Positively this lends an almost magical power to your sexual interaction. But on the other hand, should one or both of you fail to satisfy the other's dreams and desires, it would be especially disappointing.

A higher purpose of this relationship is to open you to transcendental or mystical states of consciousness through your shared activities. Certainly, there's the potential to enjoy some incredible spiritual highs in each other's company, whether through lovemaking, meditation, dancing, art and music, or whatever else turns the two of you on. The challenge, however, is that of stepping beyond mundane reality without losing your grip on the practical aspects of your everyday lives. As a couple, you're more susceptible than you might be individually to

escapism, addictions, and neglecting your worldly responsibilities. Facing hard truths, being honest and avoiding lies and deceit also won't come easily if it's likely to involve the destruction of your cherished illusions and fantasies.

#### *Composite Moon Trine Jupiter:*

In simple terms, one of the purposes of your relationship is to BE HAPPY. Play, laughter, humor, and just feeling wonderful in each other's presence is the heart of it. You put one another in a good mood, and can cheer one another up quite easily. It will be unusual for both of you to be down for very long when you're together. You take more risks, spend more money on fun and adventure, and generally have a much better time together than you would do individually. Socializing, partying and travelling for pleasure will feature strongly in your lives together. Because it is so enjoyable and emotionally relaxing to be with one another, you will have positive effects on each other's health and overall success in life.

To others you will appear to be unusually blessed and 'lucky' and certainly you do seem to be gifted with more than your fair share of uncommon good fortune. Material wellbeing and comfort should never be a problem; when you are together you'll always feel that you have plenty and are being well taken care of. If you share a home, it will be spacious, welcoming, and very comfortable - the source of a great deal of happiness and satisfaction for you both. You're likely to get on well with each other's families and could profit materially from their generosity. As a couple you will be known to all for your good humor, warmth and hospitality. Socially you will make a very successful team.

#### *Composite Mars Sextile Pluto:*

Together you will explore how you can best use your competitive or aggressive energies and your anger for constructive purposes. You may do this unconsciously through athletics or even powerful and energetic music. Some type of creative outlet for these energies should be found. Massage or other therapeutic work that involves the body will also hold a fascination for you. The theme of releasing energy and renewing yourselves through this process will be ongoing in your relationship. You may find that your sexual bond has an especially healing affect on both of you too. Certainly, the sexual energies between you are very strong and vital, very intense, very involving, and when you want to be together, nothing will keep you apart.

One of the most outstanding purposes behind this relationship is to transform you into much more powerful and determined people. However mild and passive you may be individually, when the two of you are together you turn into an exceptionally forceful and dynamic team. An ability to constantly recharge each other's energy batteries reinforces your will to win, no matter what challenges life throws at you. In fact, the more difficult the task, the more you enjoy tackling it together, and the more obstacles in your path, the more satisfaction you get from overcoming them. You do bring out a touch of ruthlessness in each other, and this can be quite useful in your quest for professional and material success. But if you start competing and pitting your will against each other, you run the risk of some drawn-out power struggles.



### *Composite Sun Opposition Venus:*

Quite simply, one of your purposes in being together is to create and express beauty, whether this is in the form of a beautiful, loving relationship, or gracious artistic works. Similarly refined aesthetic tastes and an ability to bring out each other's artistic flair make it possible for you to do particularly well in partnership in any kind of joint creative project. If you live together, you will be able to create a particularly harmonious and aesthetically pleasing home environment. Because you spark off each other's stylishness, others are likely to see you as an extremely attractive couple. Certainly, you tend to boost each other's popularity and socially you will function very successfully as a team.

A shared dislike of discord and plenty of mutual give-and-take will help you to get on harmoniously at an everyday, domestic level. Even when you're experiencing conflicts, such is your desire to maintain the image of yourselves as a happy, loving twosome, you have a tendency to hide or downplay your difficulties and gloss over the 'uglier' parts of your relationship. Covering up problems in this way is never a good idea since it means they never get attended to and over time will escalate in importance. However, whatever troubles eventually surface in this relationship, the urge to harmonize, cooperate and reconcile should quickly heal any rifts between you. As a couple you will always feel strongly affectionate towards each other and it would take a great deal for the two of you ever to turn against each other entirely.

### *Composite Mercury Opposition Venus:*

A shared sense of style, elegance, and aesthetics is destined to be a strong point of connection between the two of you. Discussions about art, love and romance, or what each of you finds beautiful will form a major part of this. Light, agreeable conversation and enjoying the pleasant company of acquaintances (especially those with artistic, creative, literary, or aesthetic inclinations) will be a focus in your relationship. As a couple you will not become exclusive and isolated, but rather will invite friends and social activities into your lives. Frivolity and pleasure, the arts, and entertainment will inevitably play a significant role in your relationship.

One delightful theme of your relationship consists of exploring your love for each other through the medium of words. Showing your affection for one another, both verbally and in writing, will always come easily to the two of you. No matter how long you remain together, you're not the kind of couple who will ever forget to keep telling each other 'I love you' and thus keeping your romance alive. You make a point of avoiding heavy, distasteful or controversial topics and in the case of differences of opinion, you tend to dress up your grievances in sugar-coated words. Keeping the peace come what may is both a strength and a potential weakness in your relationship. Sweeping unresolved conflicts under the rug, through fear of confrontation and disharmony, will only serve to magnify them over the course of time.

*Composite Moon Square Pluto:*

When you are together, deep emotions and compelling, irrational energies within both of you come into play. Definitely, if you are together for any length of time, you will both undergo an emotional transformation, a soul cleansing, for being together will dredge up all of your unfinished emotional business and feelings you may not even have believed yourselves capable of. This may feel like a 'fatal attraction' - one that is irresistible even if one or both of you wants to run the other way. Certainly, no matter how long this relationship lasts, it will be a profound, intense one. Emotionally it could be overwhelming at times and you may both feel that you're in over your heads. On the other hand, though you may go through extreme emotions, you can develop an incredibly close bond.

A significant part of your purpose in coming together is to clear up and heal the past - old griefs, jealousies, wounds, and unresolved emotions, many of which you may have forgotten about until now, but which are now re-activated through your interaction with each other. Much of the time these painful feelings will originate from your childhood relationships with a parent or sibling. Emotional blackmail, manipulation, guilt, betrayal and deep feelings of need and attachment to the other person may well be at work here. The only real chance of enduring happiness for the two of you is to acknowledge the emotions which arise, without compulsively acting on them, and to be willing to work on resolving the issues from your pasts that are evoked. Otherwise, the sheer power and intensity of these potentially destructive feelings could eventually tear your relationship apart.