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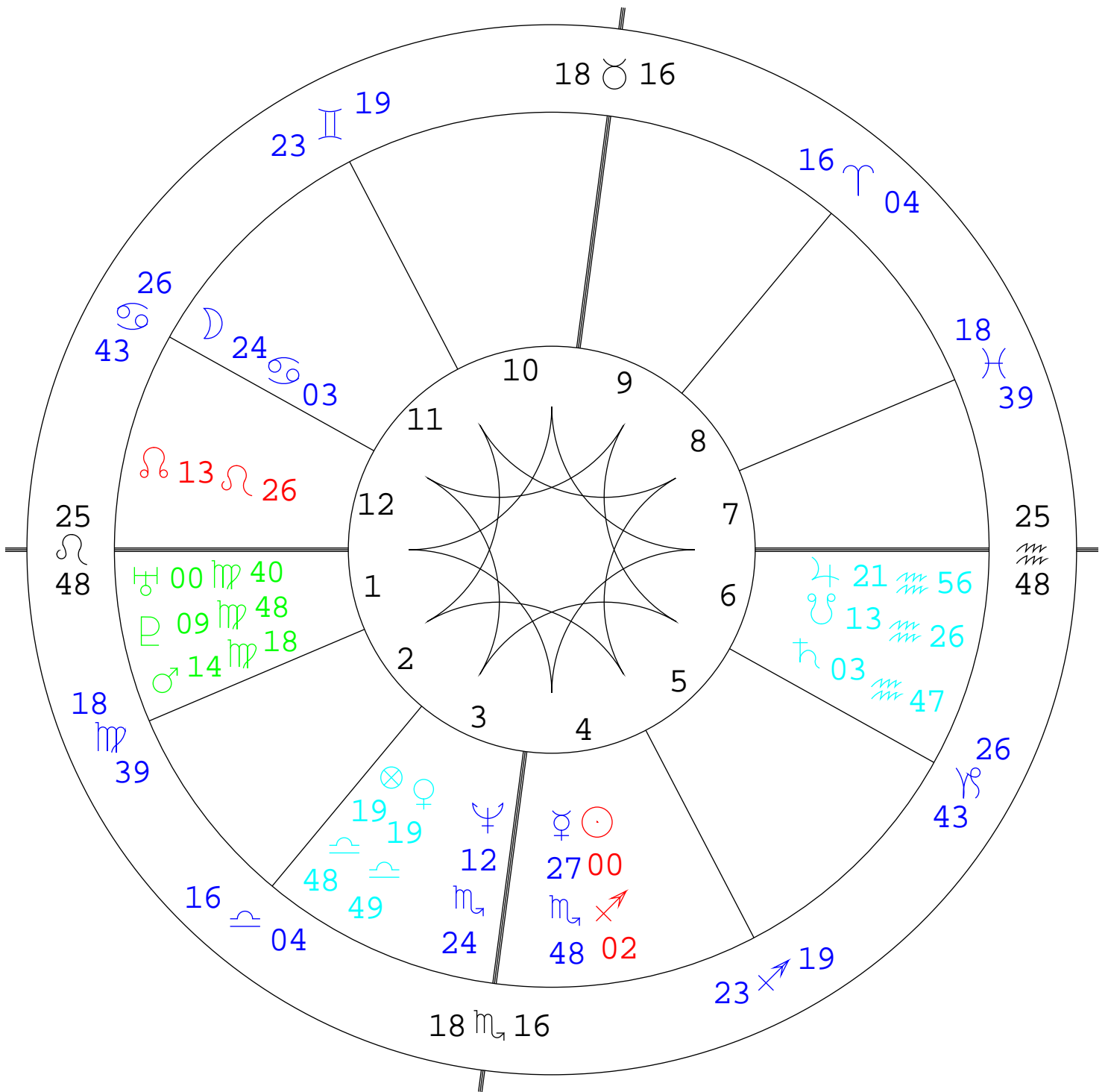
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## COMPOSITE CHARTS

### What Is a Composite Chart?

The primary astrological tool for analyzing relationship prospects is synastry (or chart comparison). This consists of comparing two natal charts--the aspects between them and the houses each person's planets occupy in the chart of the other.

In the 1970's a new tool was devised by astrologers focusing on relationships: the **Composite Chart**. The Composite Chart is a midpoint chart. The planetary positions are derived by taking the nearer midpoint between the natal positions of each person. Suppose, for example, that Ms. A's natal Sun is at 2 Leo 15 and Mr. B's natal Sun is at 2 Libra 15. The positions of 2 Virgo 15 and 2 Pisces 15 are exactly halfway (equally distant) from the natal Suns of Ms. A and Mr. B. By convention, the **nearer** midpoint positions are used--in this case, 2 Virgo 15.

The positions of the composite planets are based on midpoints. The composite house cusps can be figured by two different methods. One method (the standard at Astro, referred to Rob Hand style after the author of **Planets in Composite**) is to calculate the midpoint of the two Midheavens and calculate the other house cusps (based on that composite Midheaven) using the latitude where the relationship is taking place. (A long distance relationship would have two separate Composite Charts with different house cusps. One might be based on Los Angeles, for example, with the other based on New York City.)

The second method of calculating composite charts is to simply take the midpoint of each set of natal cusps (e.g., the midpoint of the two 11th cusps; the midpoint of the two 12th house cusps, etc.). This is **not** the standard option at Astro. You must request this variation to have it used in your Composite Charts.

Although the above introduction discusses Composite Charts between only two people, it is possible (with a computer) to calculate Multiple

Composites (composite charts between more than two people). You can have us calculate a Composite Chart for a whole corporation, high school reunion class, etc!

### What Does a Composite Chart Show?

A Composite Chart is symbolic of the relationship between two (or more) people. It will **not** reveal whether or not a relationship exists between these two people. It can give clues as to how these people tend to relate to one another.

Initially, you must define the type of relationship involved. A Composite (like a natal chart) is neutral; it does not tell you whether this is a romantic, business, family or other kind of relationship. You must bear the kind of relationship in mind when making any interpretations. Obviously, configurations which include the potential of romance or sexual attraction would be interpreted in a different way if the Composite is between siblings or people who are solely business colleagues.

Natal Charts should always predominate. A Composite cannot contradict the basic nature of an individual revealed in his/her natal horoscope. People do, however, emphasize different facets of themselves in different circumstances. Some people will experience issues in their relationships which are not very strong for either of them as an individual. The couple who are rather conventional as individuals but have a strong Aquarian or 11th house theme in their Composite might be drawn to "folie a deux" or at least prone to "let it all hang out" more when together than either would on their own.

The basic interpretation of a Composite Chart follows standard astrological principles of considering planets, houses, signs and aspects. Initially we consider stellia. Three or more planets in a given house indicate a strong focus in the relationship. The signs on the angles (Ascendant and Midheaven) are also interpreted in terms of the basic orientation of the relationship and its connection to the wider world.



### Stellia

#### Stellium in the 1st house

This is a very important relationship for both of you. It will heighten your awareness of self and make you more sensitive to the reactions of others. As a couple you have a strong effect on the people in your environment--a stronger effect than you have individually. You are concerned with how you appear as a couple and you put a lot of energy into creating your mutual personality. You want to share everything and be together as much as you can. An abundance of social energy!

### Angular Placements

#### The Ascendant is in Leo

You are proud to be seen together. There is something about the two of you when you're together that makes people take notice. You enjoy, and are good at, doing things that bring you into the limelight. A warm and gracious couple.

#### The Midheaven is in Taurus

The two of you are earthy and sensual. This relationship has the plain and simple goal of wanting to be enjoyed to the fullest. You're happy to be alive and able to experience physical pleasures. Strong and stubborn in your worldly pursuits.

#### Planets in Signs, Houses and Aspects

Planets in a composite chart are similar in meaning to their natal planets--except you are looking at the relationship rather than individual actions and reactions.

Because a Composite Chart is an "average"

(of sorts) of two natal charts, people who are near the same age will see little difference in the positions of the outer planets between the two natal charts and the Composite Chart. For that reason, this report only looks at the sign placements of Sun through Mars in your Composite.

Planets in houses are also interpreted similarly to a natal chart--except the placements refer to relationship tendencies rather than individual ones. The Sun shows where you need to shine as a couple (or ego conflicts could occur). The Moon shows where issues of dependency and nurturance arise for the two of you. Mercury's house placement depicts the arena in which you will tend to communicate or deal with questions of objectivity, relatives, etc. And so on for each of the other planets.

With planetary aspects, the traditional meanings of the planets still hold, but the aspects within a Composite Chart apply to the relationship or people as a couple (or group) rather than individuals. Conflict aspects indicate the need to compromise or make room for opposing drives. Harmony aspects indicate easy flow, but potential excesses. Neither type of aspect is "good" or "bad." In each case, it is up to us to make the most of the basic potentials.

As an example, a Jupiter-Uranus aspect can indicate people who give each other lots of freedom, stimulate one another, are willing to take risks and can even aspire to brilliance. It can also point to rashness, instability, lots of ups and downs or constant change. The need for freedom may create tensions between a couple. It is up to the people involved to use the possibilities inherent in such combinations in the best possible ways.

#### The Sun is in Sagittarius

As a couple your main concern is growth, primarily in areas of consciousness and the intellect. You enjoy travel and study. You probably have similar philosophies but you are tolerant of your differences. An optimistic and idealistic relationship.



### The Sun is in the 4th House

The focus in this relationship is on the personal side of life; your home, your feelings, whatever is most intimate. You enjoy sharing past experiences with one another. If you share a home you will pour a lot of energy into making it the most wonderful of places. It will be a source of energy for you. This is a good placement for marriage but even in a friendship there will probably be strong emotional ties of a very deep nature. Take care not to lose an objective view of each other.

### The Sun is trine The Moon

Orb is 5 degrees 60 minutes.

No matter what kind of relationship you are in, you can be good friends. You enjoy a rare compatibility on both an emotional and an intellectual level. In a sexual relationship this compatibility extends to the physical level as well. You approach each other as equals. Neither one of you wants to always play the active or passive role so you switch frequently. You are very accepting of one another. This allows you to be relaxed. You feel more complete together than apart.

### The Sun is conjunct Mercury

Orb is 2 degrees 14 minutes.

The two of you generally have an excellent mental rapport. You each have an easy time understanding the way the other thinks. You love to talk about everything, and frequently do. Communicating verbally comes easily to the two of you, but you may get hung up when it comes to communicating on an emotional level. You may have to put extra effort into this part of your relationship. You may travel together. At least you will do different things and have new ideas. You excite each other's curiosity.

### The Sun is sextile Saturn

Orb is 3 degrees 45 minutes.

The two of you present a reserved face to the world. People may assume there is not much warmth between you but this may not be true. Your ways of expressing your feelings for each

other are not flamboyant, but they are sincere and mean a lot to you. You have a stabilizing effect on each other. Together you enjoy a peaceful, structured life. Take care that this structure does not become rigid. Be flexible when necessary. With care this relationship can last a long time.

### The Sun is square Uranus

Orb is 0 degrees 38 minutes.

Expect the unexpected in this relationship. If you're not used to dealing with the unpredictable, you may find this relationship upsetting. There is a strong electricity between you. You are probably restless when you're together. This may be a source of irritation. On the bright side, you don't bore each other. You need a lot of freedom from each other. Any attempt to mold the relationship to your expectations will end in disaster. Relax, stay open, and enjoy the rollercoaster ride.

### The Sun is square The Ascendant

Orb is 4 degrees 15 minutes.

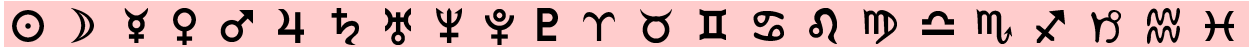
You may have some difficulty in balancing the ego drives in this relationship. You are primarily concerned with how you will develop as a couple and you do not care much about what other people think of you. Other people may care about you, especially if they feel you are trying to dominate them. They will see you as an inseparable team and you probably are. This is a good aspect for a business partnership or a marriage. You like to give advice. Be careful as this may create conflict.

### The Moon is in Cancer

Your feelings for each other are soft and nurturing. Eating and cuddling are on your top ten list of favorite pastimes. You give each other plenty of room to be as emotional as you please--you thrive on this. Warm, caring and supportive.

### The Moon is in the 11th House

This is a very loving and congenial relation-



ship. The two of you are friends as well as whatever else you may be to each other. Possibly you have the same goals in life and this will serve to bind you together. You rarely think of yourselves as individuals but react to the world as partners. Your friends will also see you as a unit. Friends are important to you and you will want to spend a great deal of time with them. You exude an optimism that is very real. A lucky couple.

**The Moon is trine Mercury**  
Orb is 3 degrees 45 minutes.

You have an easy time communicating. You are compatible on both an intellectual and emotional level and you can help each other grow in these areas. It is easy for you to work out your problems as you can make your feelings clear to each other and discuss them objectively. This aspect facilitates your getting to know one another. You love to exchange ideas and share your experiences. In short, you want to explore each other. With a little effort this could be one of your best relationships.

**The Moon is square Venus**  
Orb is 4 degrees 13 minutes.

This is mainly a positive aspect although there can be some problems. You may or may not be compatible. Nonetheless you are drawn to each other almost irresistably. This can be a problem if you don't get along. However, there is a built-in remedy. If your relationship tends to be unstable it is because you are very different and this causes conflict. But the attraction between you is strong enough to keep you together while you work out the difficulties. Look for complementarity.

**The Moon is sextile The Midheaven**  
Orb is 5 degrees 47 minutes.

This relationship is strongly emotional. You're very sensitive with one another and your moods and feelings color everything you do. You are gentle with each other. This sensitivity probably extends to the world around you. You are good at taking care of others and you might want to make it your profession. Whatever your

career goals are, you are likely to find support all around you and especially in your relationship. You like to nurture each other. Do not be too possessive.

**Mercury is in Scorpio**

You may not talk a lot but when you do it's intensely. You are both deep thinkers and you like to explore things together, including your relationship. You won't tolerate any unsolved mysteries lying around so you probe deeply each other's minds.

**Mercury is in the 4th House**

You are aware of each other's feelings and have no trouble discussing them, even things that most couples find difficult to talk about. You can communicate on a very deep level. There is danger of intellectualizing feelings and over-analyzing. If you share a home it will most likely be a stimulating place where friends will feel they can come for good conversation.

**Mercury is square Jupiter**  
Orb is 5 degrees 52 minutes.

You each stimulate positive thoughts in the other. Take care that the plans you cook up together are realistic--although you have a better chance than most couples to have your ideas come to fruition. You tolerate faults and learn from each other.

**Mercury is sextile Saturn**  
Orb is 5 degrees 59 minutes.

The two of you are cautious planners. You find the practical aspects of this relationship more appealing than the romantic ones. Intellectually you get closer as time goes on. Always make the effort to express yourselves. Good business partners.

**Mercury is square Uranus**  
Orb is 2 degrees 52 minutes.

The two of you constantly stimulate and challenge each other intellectually. People may



find you eccentric. You certainly do not think along conventional lines. This restlessness may get on your nerves, but you probably enjoy the craziness.

### **Mercury is square The Ascendant**

Orb is 2 degrees 1 minutes.

You depend on each other for intellectual stimulation and reinforcement. You are mentally compatible and seem to help each other think. Even if you oppose each other you are getting something out of it. Avoid over-analysis of the relationship.

### **Venus is in Libra**

This is a very social relationship. Your interests as a couple are aesthetic in nature so much of your socializing may take place in such settings as theaters or art galleries. Your love for each other is also an art form. Charming and tasteful.

### **Venus is in the 3rd House**

This is an emotionally aware relationship and you like to talk about your feelings and what you mean to each other. Take care that your ideas on love and friendship don't replace the feelings themselves. You have a mutual interest in the arts and will spend much time pursuing this interest. You will want to surround yourselves with beauty and seek it wherever you go.

### **Venus is trine Jupiter**

Orb is 2 degrees 7 minutes.

There are strong feelings of affection between you. No matter what your relationship is you enjoy being together. You inspire optimism in each other and this brings you luck. You are idealistic and tolerant. Allow changes that need to occur.

### **Venus is sextile The Ascendant**

Orb is 5 degrees 58 minutes.

You are very open about your feelings for one another. You are relaxed with each other

and enjoy being together. Don't be afraid to stand up to each other when you need to. You have a tolerant understanding of each other. Mutual interest in art.

### **Mars is in Virgo**

If you are not careful this relationship can severely undermine the confidence you have as individuals. Your desire to analyze and criticize can go too far. Work hard together toward practical ends. Improve your environment.

### **Mars is in the 1st House**

There is an enormous amount of energy in this relationship. Both egos need equal expression or there will be trouble. If the two of you have work to do, such as in a business partnership, you can accomplish a great deal together. If you have little else to focus on but each other there may be fighting. You enjoy physical activity. Express yourselves carefully.

### **Mars is sextile Neptune**

Orb is 1 degrees 55 minutes.

The two of you have a mutual desire to work for your ideals. You can accomplish much together as long as you remain clear about what you want, which may not be that easy for you. Work to understand each other and the purpose of your relationship.

### **Mars is conjunct Pluto**

Orb is 4 degrees 30 minutes.

The two of you have a lot of creative and transformative power between you. You can use this energy to change yourselves and each other or you can turn it outward. Love must be the motive since this power is quite destructive when used egotistically.

### **Mars is trine The Midheaven**

Orb is 3 degrees 57 minutes.

This relationship is a good vehicle for self-expression on both sides. Your ego drives are well balanced so that you work well together to





achieve your goals. Even if your goals lie in different directions you will be supportive of each other.

### **Jupiter is in the 6th House**

The two of you are willing to work very hard at togetherness, a quality that would benefit any relationship. Good business goals would be anything that is a service to other people. In a personal relationship your goal is to serve each other as well as other people. As long as you feel free and able to express yourselves your efforts will take you to high places.

### **Jupiter is opposite The Ascendant**

Orb is 3 degrees 51 minutes.

You are very supportive of each other. You put a lot of energy into caring for each other and making the relationship work. This aspect can indicate financial prosperity as well as spiritual growth. Optimistic. A good business partnership.

### **Jupiter is square The Midheaven**

Orb is 3 degrees 41 minutes.

Together you have a lot of energy to achieve your goals. And chances are these are no ordinary goals. You have high standards and higher ideals which can cause you to be arrogant with others. This attitude will only do you harm. Learn humility.

### **Saturn is in the 6th House**

The two of you have a very responsible attitude towards this relationship. This helps you to hang in there when the going gets rough and work out problems when they arise. The major problem with this placement is the tendency to let your sense of duty rob you of your ability to enjoy each other and have a good time. Business relationships will benefit from hard work.

### **Uranus is in the 1st House**

This relationship probably had a sudden, unexpected beginning, or perhaps it is unconventional in some way. Neither of you cares about what the world thinks or expects of you. You feel rebellious towards society's attempts to make you conform to traditional ways. Don't try to define this relationship. Allow it to do its own thing and it will help you both to grow.

### **Uranus is conjunct The Ascendant**

Orb is 4 degrees 53 minutes.

This will not be a dull relationship. There is something unusual about your being together. The world may find you shocking or rebellious. You are constantly challenging each other. You may feel too restless to stay together long. Very unique.

### **Neptune is in the 3rd House**

The two of you may have some problems functioning together in a daily routine. This is caused mainly by a fuzziness in your communication. Although your non-verbal communication is probably very good, when you talk with one another you tend to get confused. This also goes for relatives and people you are involved with. Work on making yourselves understood.

### **Neptune is sextile Pluto**

Orb is 2 degrees 36 minutes.

Since both Neptune and Pluto are such slow moving planets, the aspects they form to each other last for many generations. Because of this great length of time this aspect is not an indication of anything personal in your relationship.

### **Neptune is opposite The Midheaven**

Orb is 5 degrees 52 minutes.

This relationship is based on very high ideals. You may feel insecure about it--as though your partner may disappear at any time. You both need to get a firmer grasp on the reality here. You can help each other develop spirituality. Sensitive.



### **Pluto is in the 1st House**

The two of you make a great impact on your environment. You're strongly affected by each other and this in turn affects the world around you. If you come on too strong people may turn against you. This relationship has a therapeutic effect on you both. You will put each other through a lot of heavy changes. Try not to resist them. They can be quite marvelous.

### **Conclusion**

We hope that the delineations given above have suggested some possible paths, clarified some touchy issues and indicated possible strengths for you to focus on in this relationship. Remember the three C's of any successful relationship and you will probably fare well: communication, caring and commitment.

### **For Further Reading**

If you are interested in learning more about Composite Charts, the best sources are: INTERPRETING RELATIONSHIP AND COMPOSITE CHARTS (a booklet) by Joan Negus and PLANETS IN COMPOSITE by Robert Hand. Both are available through Astro Communications Services.