

Kindred Spirits Report for Usain Bolt

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Usain Bolt Natal Chart

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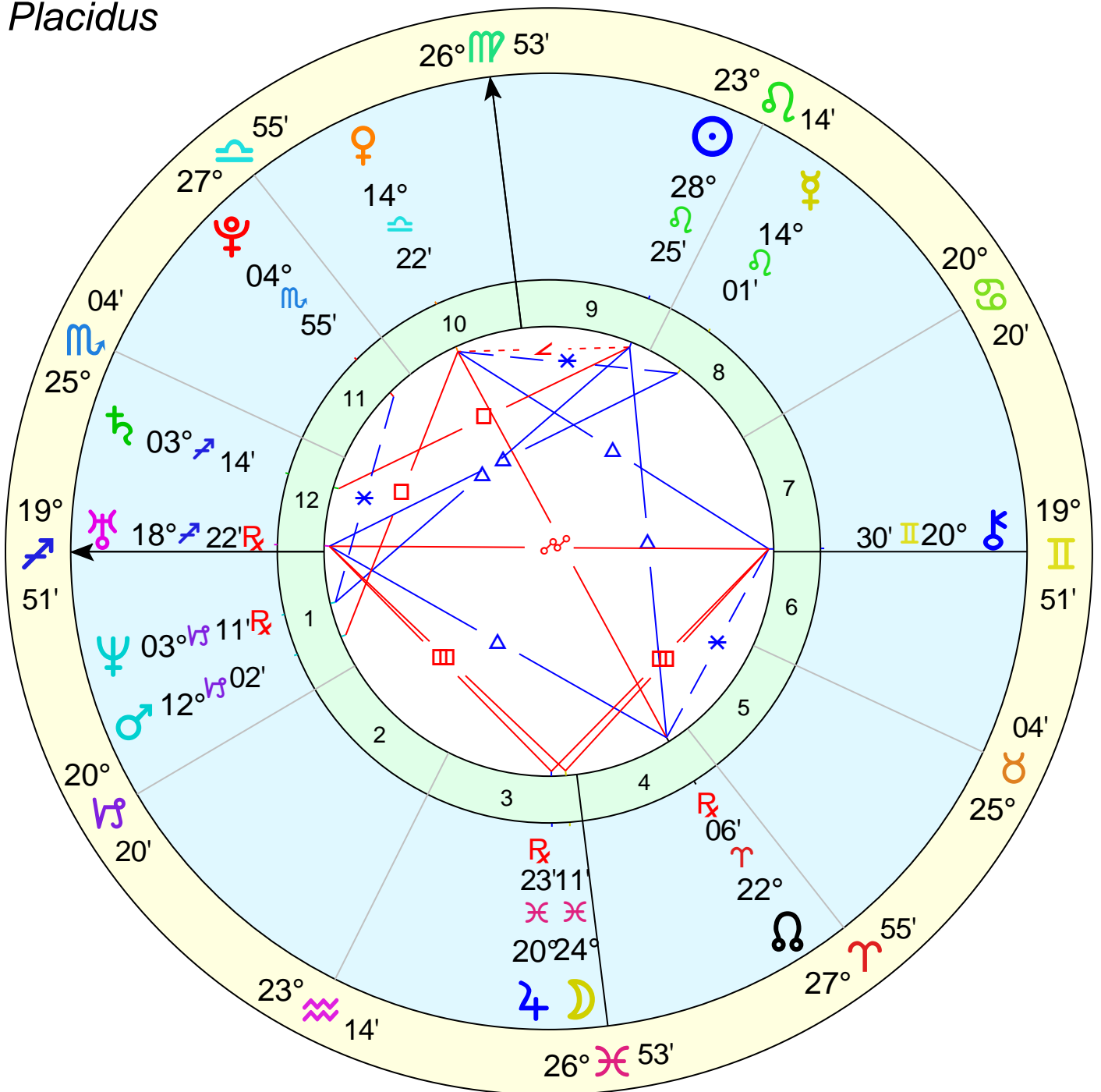
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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Usain Bolt

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	24°Pi11'	3rd	
The Sun	Leo	28°Le25'	9th	
Mercury	Leo	14°Le01'	8th	
Venus	Libra	14°Li22'	10th	
Mars	Capricorn	12°Cp02'	1st	
Jupiter	Pisces	20°Pi23'	3rd	
Saturn	Sagittarius	3°Sg14'	12th	
Uranus	Sagittarius	18°Sg22'	12th	
Neptune	Capricorn	3°Cp11'	1st	
Pluto	Scorpio	4°Sc55'	11th	
Chiron	Gemini	20°Ge30'	7th	
The North Node	Aries	22°Ar06'	4th	
The Ascendant	Sagittarius	19°Sg51'	1st	
The Midheaven	Virgo	26°Vi53'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Conjunction	Jupiter	3°47'	Separating
The Moon	Square	Uranus	5°48'	Separating
The Moon	Square	Chiron	3°40'	Separating
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	4°19'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	The Midheaven	2°42'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	0°57'	Separating
The Sun	Square	Saturn	4°49'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	Neptune	4°46'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The North Node	6°18'	Separating
Mercury	Sextile	Venus	0°20'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Uranus	4°20'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	The Ascendant	5°49'	Applying
Venus	Square	Mars	2°20'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Chiron	6°08'	Applying
Venus	Opposition	The North Node	7°43'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	Uranus	2°01'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	Chiron	0°06'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	The Ascendant	0°32'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	2°08'	Separating
Uranus	Trine	The North Node	3°43'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	The Ascendant	1°28'	Separating
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°44'	Separating
Pluto	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°04'	Separating

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Chiron	Sextile	The North Node	1°35'	Applying
Chiron	Opposition	The Ascendant	0°39'	Separating
The North Node	Trine	The Ascendant	2°14'	Applying

INTRODUCTION

"Kindred Spirits are not so scarce as I used to think. It's splendid to find out that there are so many of them in the world."

– L M Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

Kindred Spirits and Soulmates

Anne Shirley, the heroine of the delightful "*Anne of Green Gables*", innately knew when she had met her soulmate, whom she endearingly referred to as a kindred spirit. It was not the person's age, sex, race, what they were wearing, their social status, income, physical appearance, charm or any other visible clue that gave her this sense of profound knowing. Nothing purposeful or intentional drew her to her soulmates. Her heart inexplicably knew that a divine grace brought them both together.

Such is the nature of the mysterious force that brings two soulmates into contact. Relationship is a sacred rite that brings us into a close encounter with the truth of our own heart and the elusiveness of our soul. True relationship cannot be arranged, figured out or fixed up. Any attempt to control a relationship flows against the current of our soul. The best that we can do is to enter into its mystery, engage in its paradoxes and know our selves intimately enough to be in relationship, whatever that might bring.

The term 'soul' has a long history and been used in various ways philosophically and non-philosophically, contributing to its confusing and ambiguous nature. In contemporary terms it often refers to an 'X' factor that brings a piece of music alive, renders a poem inspiring, animates a theatrical performance or makes work meaningful. When applied to a relationship it describes the mystery that unites two individuals and enchants and animates the quality of each one's life. It does not suggest that the pain of daily living subsides or that life is transformed. But it does bring a depth and resonance, allowing meaning, imagination and fantasy to re-animate life. We meet our kindred spirits throughout the course of our lives, first in the family then later as friends, colleagues, lovers, partners at work and play. Soul is not generally found in the lofty heights of idealisation and illusion but in the valleys of pain and despair.

Soul is also what gives life its value and is the lynch pin of our individuality. Our soulmates honour our individuality and allow us to become more of who we are. Paradoxically by nature the soul moves towards attachment, belonging and fusion with another; yet, it also strives for separation, individuality and freedom. Our relationships become a vessel where we submerge ourselves yet from which we also attempt to flee.

This report encourages you to reflect on what it means for you to love, to be a brother, a sister, a friend, a colleague, a partner and a lover. What does your soul need in these relationships? What patterns weave themselves into the nature of your intimate relationships? Astrology is a great ally of the soul, as the Horoscope has an abundance of rich images that help us reflect on and imagine our authentic self; imagination being the language of the soul. This report will strive to veer you towards reflection by illustrating images within your Horoscope, images that may reveal powerful patterns of relationship and bring you more closely aligned with your soul's intent. Astrology helps us focus on our personal view of the cosmos and soul. Therefore this report contains some standout astrological images that may help you reconsider your relationships in a different light.

IN THE BEGINNING IS FAMILY



*"It begins with your family
But soon it comes round to your soul"
- Leonard Cohen, "The Sisters of Mercy"*

Lunar Legacies

The very first relationship begins within family. No matter what your individual fate may be, your family is where you forged your earliest relationships, took your beginning steps and first experienced an attachment to someone else. Your earliest experiences of forming an emotional bond have a decisive influence on your capacity to feel safe enough to explore relationships beyond the foundation stones of your family. If you experienced a secure attachment then mastery over your environment as you grow up is a lot easier. This is because you were more aware of feeling safe and knowing you were loved. Human beings gain a greater sense of self, distinct from the family, in the shelter of a safe nest and with adequate protection. We learn to develop our individuality when we have developed a sense of belonging. In a perfect world the family matrix supports and secures our sense of self. Ironically, the deeper the sense of safety and belonging, the more capacity there is for individuality and forging intimate adult attachments.

Without an early sense of acceptance and attachment, feeling secure enough to forge bonds outside the family is more complex. In this case, later relationships can become a test of our sense of safety and acceptance. Also our family is a training ground for the ways that we view relationship patterns. Father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter are all relationships that are illustrated in your Horoscope not only as literal figures, but depicting the patterns of relationships. A helpful way of thinking about your mother or father is not who they are, what they did, how they behaved but how this impacted on you and hence created patterns of behaviour in your life.

In astrology this early bonding process is depicted by the Moon. The Moon symbolises what you need to feel accepted and loved. It indicates the nature of your home and your quest to belong. As the symbol of your deepest emotional patterns, it reflects how you nest and protect yourself. Therefore, through the Moon, you can see indications of your living space, eating patterns, and habitual routines. It also represents 'mother love', your ability to feel loved and your experience of being loved. It symbolises not only your earliest associations but also your adolescent and then adult relationships.

If your earliest experiences have not been life-enhancing then you may need to change some of your innate relationship expectations and patterns. Modern psychologists would emphasise the need "to re-parent" this part of yourself in adult relationships. The Moon can help in this process by indicating the ways in which you can find solace and comfort in the depths of yourself. It is important to recognise your own needs, so you are not subconsciously expecting your friends and partners to fulfill them. Unmet needs can contribute to

feeling dependent and hinder your ability to enjoy true intimacy. The idiosyncrasies, habits and routines you bring into relationships are a function of the Moon. Ironically destiny challenges you in your adult relationships to find healthy ways to nurture your personal needs. Therefore it is of prime importance to come to know your Moon as intimately and as respectfully as you can.

The Moon is in Pisces

Your Moon is in Pisces, which is a water sign. When you are born with your Moon in the Element of Water this suggests that you need to feel emotionally secure in relationships. Water is the Element associated with the feeling life; in a manner of thinking closest to the depths of the soul. The Water signs (Cancer, Pisces and Scorpio) are all associated with crustaceans. Hard shells, crusts or scales, symbolising the protective persona of the watery element, cover the crab, the scorpion and the fish. However this also suggests the depth and age of these signs: primitive in nature, closest to the depths of the self. Hence feelings are often perceived as archaic, primitive and bothersome, yet ironically they connect us to the past and the depth of human experience. But most importantly water unites and merges together two different ways of being allowing the possibility of closeness, symbiosis, attachment and union. With your Moon in a Water sign you might assume that others also want to forge close bonds, feeling bruised when this does happen or recoiling at the first hint of separateness. You might feel that if others do love you they should know how you feel and also try their best to make amends. Not everyone has your depth of feeling and connection.

Pisces is the Sign that reflects the transpersonal sphere bringing depth and intensity of feeling to all relationships. Hence from the earliest memory your Moon in Pisces instinctually sought the comfort of being enmeshed with others. You needed to feel one with your caretakers and environment in order to feel secure. With this deep sense of merger you were more likely to develop your ability to feel safe. Rather than retreating from the world or getting lost in fantasies, you could feel safe by being in the present, just where you were. You need to feel spiritually and emotionally connected and when you do you are safe enough to express your gentleness and your creativity. Being so vulnerable, you need to feel safe enough to express your feelings without fear of being marginalised or misunderstood. However if this deep sense of safety was compromised in your early experience so too is your ability to feel safe enough to be creative and compassionate. Pisces is a mutable implying that the feeling life is fluid, tidal, always in motion. Boundaries become an issue as you might instinctually forge an attachment or move towards someone in need. Unlike the other water signs who are more bound by the family circle or the partner, you have a capacity to feel connected to the collective, feeling the divine in others. Your sensitivity is heightened, you feel others feelings and pain and you instinctually react to the plight of other souls. From an astrological point of view, forging personal relationships might be compromised by your tendency to be compassionate and forgiving.

Given your level of emotional sensitivity it was important as a child to have felt supported and guided in developing your creativity and compassion in healthy ways. Hopefully your tendency to sacrifice your feelings for others or to be invisible in the wake of others' needs was well parented. If not then your task is to re-parent the inner child to find the safest expression for your idealistic impulses. In adult relationships it is important to find the boundary line between where you end and the other begins, as you are sensitive to being drawn in to the other's un-lived feeling life. This would be experienced as a loss of your own creativity, emotional needs and safety for the other. A truly compassionate act, but one that does not bode well for a personal and intimate relationship. Your spiritual nature is instinctive and therefore you often can confuse compassion and personal love, needing to find the tools that allow you to discriminate your compassion and idealism from being loved for who you are. Co-dependency; well that's part of the landscape of relating, so it is imperative to know how that works in your relationships. Make a list of what you need in relationship – make sure you have two columns. One the left list the ideal, that romantic and the exotic; then on the right the real, the everyday and the plain. Somewhere in between are where you find your kindred spirits. You have expectations, not just of your loved ones but the world at large and you learn over time which ones you can help make real. You feel nurtured and loved when your creativity and spirituality are accepted and appreciated by others.

Feeling Secure in an Insecure World

Planets that affect the Moon need to be honoured and acknowledged in each individual's style of attachment, as they reveal an authentic way of being in relationship. When aspecting the Moon, planets influence your early development and your ability to be intimate in adult relationships. Hence planets aspecting the Moon influence our capacity for closeness, comfort and trust in relationships.

Jupiter is Conjunct The Moon

When the planet Jupiter combines with the Moon you have a strong urge to explore beyond your family circle, possibly outside your culture as well. You need to feel safe on foreign soil.

Within your family of origin you explore and question family members' attitudes and beliefs. It is also possible than one or both of your parents were born overseas, are from a different culture or a multi-cultural, religious or bilingual family, or may have lived or been schooled abroad. Whether this is literally so in your case, psychologically this aspect's essence stresses your cross-cultural needs. Religious and cultural beliefs, academic and innovative education, human values, and hope and optimism in the future play a large role in your security and attachment. How this was accomplished in the family of origin influences the degree of safety you feel in the world. In an adult context this suggests that you might discover the mystery of intimacy when in foreign territory.

If you felt secure in a family atmosphere that prized tolerance, open-mindedness, education and cross-cultural experiences, then you are likely to experience a sense of belonging as well as independence. Encouraged to think beyond the square and accept all cultures and religions, you could develop your natural capacity to explore appropriate ways to extend experience beyond the family circle. You mature confident in your own beliefs and have hope for the future. You are liberal, far-reaching and expansive. You need to be encouraged to find the foreign in the familiar, to spice up your meals and open the mind.

If prejudice, dogma, inflexible beliefs and rigid cultural attitudes polluted your family atmosphere, then the consent to form personal opinions and beliefs was compromised. This would leave you feeling uncertain about your own beliefs or opinions. If your ability to adventure outside the safety zone of the family is impaired, you might have developed a sense of entitlement which keeps you aloof from being involved in exploring differences. When confined by inflexible attitudes you feel unsupported in your vision and human values. This aspect suggests you may have been encouraged to mistrust what is foreign, be apprehensive of the outside world or fear the future. If your family encouraged you to hang onto its limited religious and cultural way of thinking, your hope for the future becomes compromised. With this combination the family values may have been short sighted. However in an adult context it is imperative that belonging or intimacy is forged in a wide-open space that encourages tolerance, exploration and differences.

Your kindred spirits will encourage your natural visions of faraway places, your excitement of foreign landscapes and help you dream the dream of adventure into higher realms. You intimately need to explore beyond the boundaries of your home and homeland, meaning your destiny might be to take root on foreign soil or explore other religions, beliefs and values. Your soulmates will help you to spread your wings and find your sense of where you belong.

Chiron is Square The Moon

Chiron is not a Planet in the astronomical sense, but as a celestial wanderer it fits the ancient tradition of a Planet. In many ways Chiron is marginal to the herd of Planets and metaphorically parallels these feelings of being an outsider. In aspect to the Moon it highlights the sense of feeling displaced. Often this is experienced through dislocation, abandonment or relinquishment.

Chiron combines with the Moon in a way that is akin to that uncomfortable feeling of being a stranger in a strange land. For many this combination has been experienced as their mother's postnatal depression, a family separation, an adoption or emigration. It is also possible that a parental wound of displacement or exclusion may have psychically harmed your sense of safety. However this presents in your life experience,

it suggests your process of being close to your caretakers has been bruised by feelings of exclusion that infected the family atmosphere and your feelings of security. You may harbour feelings of marginality with the need to be accepted often resulting in a feeling of exclusion. Your task is to accept that your apex of security is not at the centre of the system, but on its fringe. Your fate may be to wander or feel displaced before your sense of belonging can be established. Or you may have had the experience of your family being the outsider in the culture or society you grew up in. This family wound of feeling marginal may have hampered your ability to leave the enmeshed family unit. You may feel that your family has perpetuated and confirmed a myth that the pain of living is great. If this is so, then you may feel that your spirit to adventure and explore beyond the family and its culture has been compromised.

When you feel secure, you know you can be heroic when faced with being foreign or marginal in the system within which you find yourself. If your parents encouraged a healthy sense of feeling different and demonstrated freedom was possible by not being part of the system, then you internalised a healthy sense of being foreign. You would have developed the self-esteem to be secure in a foreign environment and acquired the ability to be compassionate and caring about others who suffer the same sense of disenfranchisement. In many ways this is the task of this aspect.

However if there was not enough parental support, you felt orphaned from your family unit. Your sense of attachment may have suffered due to a parental wound. When a parent's spirit is broken, the shade haunts the family atmosphere, leaving you feeling helpless and unprepared to become part of a greater community. Your destiny is to engage in the depth understanding and healing of the family wound that keeps you feeling disenfranchised.

Feeling marginal and peripheral you are at risk of recreating relationships where abandonment or exclusion impedes intimacy. Healing comes through the forging of close bonds with others who accept you. Your kindred spirits accept you into their inner circle and celebrate your differences. They engage with you on your own level without making you feel that you need to be one of them. Through your close relationships with soulmates your feelings of exclusion and marginality are healed.

Uranus is Square The Moon

Disengagement and separation are themes that resonate when the Planet Uranus and the Moon combine. The possibility of a fractured or dislocated family atmosphere or the lack of an unconditional bond is suggested, whether perceived or real.

Individuality and independence are important hallmarks in your family, whether actualised or not. Urges to adventure, take risks and be emotionally self-sufficient are aspects of family life that you would want to have valued in your family matrix. Surprises and unexpected change may have also been part of the family landscape. If they weren't then you felt suffocated in the atmosphere of suppression. Part of your family history may include a thwarting of independence, rejecting intellectual pursuits or an inability to live outside the square. Scratching beneath the surface of your family ancestry you might find that the disowning of individual freedoms has contributed to a disengaged family atmosphere.

If your attachment was secure, you were encouraged to be a unique individual in the family system and given enough space and freedom to pursue what was important for you. Always prepared for the possibility of sudden changes you were encouraged to develop other support systems outside your family unit; especially peer groups and others with common interests. Your facility to be individualistic and risk taking is sensibly supported and encouraged. With this aspect you need to strive for your own freedom and intellectual pursuits even if that isn't fully supported by the family.

If your family atmosphere was polluted with anxiety and tension, you feel the need to disconnect and separate from the family, as it is difficult to feel safe. As a child you might have been shocked and surprised by sudden changes, contributing to you becoming anxious that something unexpected could disrupt the status quo. As a means of protection you may have learned to be hyper-vigilant and intuitive in order to try

and control what might happen in the future. If your parents were emotionally unavailable, unstable or absent then you are never sure who to rely on. This leads to an inability to settle down and a sense that to feel safe you need to leave, be alone or detach. A cold family climate or an unconscious memory of feeling abandoned or cut off from security emphasises your need to be disengaged. Therefore freedom and separateness are at the expense of closeness and togetherness. If the safe container of your childhood was punctured by a sudden or unresolved severance, then your own ability to sustain adult relationship could be compromised.

The urge to leave, restlessness, anxiety and lack of commitment permeate your ability to forge adult attachments. A common experience is to feel connected when you are separated, yet when you are separate you long for closeness; this is the dance of intimacy where you push your partner away to feel close again. To avoid the dance of approach and then avoid, you need to engage with your soulmates who acknowledge your free spirit as being a vital and attractive aspect of yourself. It is your kindred spirits who know the secret of giving you enough space and freedom to be engaged. However it is also important that you know too how to gain your own space and freedom when you need it, not push others away to get it. Having experienced an attachment style that was erratic or disengaged, unique at least, it is important to consider that the result may have left its mark on adult relationships. This would be the discomfort at committing, the swings between closeness and freedom as well as the roller coaster ride of feelings.

Home is Where We Start From

In astrology the 4th House signifies the environmental atmosphere of the family home. It is also the terrain of our innermost life where basic needs for emotional security and nurturing are first experienced. It is in this section of the Horoscope where we first experience feelings of belonging, being at home, and being connected. These experiences lay the foundation for security levels in adult relationships. When considering relationships with others, the 4th House symbolises our most intimate ties with family and those who support and nurture us. As well-respected psychotherapist D.W. Winnicott said *"home is where we start from"*.

Planets in the 4th House describe the climate of your family home and the attitudes and influences of your family of origin. These attitudes shape your sense of inner security and the degree to which you feel safe enough to reach out to others. Because 4th House patterns are not always conscious, the planetary energies may not be fully known or understood until they surface in adult relationships as non-supportive habits and unclear behavioural patterns. A planet or planets located in the 4th House are bedrock and foundation for the security, inner strength and self acceptance that you later bring into your adult relationships.

Without planets in this sphere, the conditions of the House can be described in other ways such as the Sign on the Cusp and its Ruler. Planets, however, personify archetypal images and without a planet in the 4th, the astrologer's focus would be on the Moon to describe the attachment style moulded through the family. Take a moment to reflect on how you feel the level of emotional safety in your family influenced your relationship blueprint.

PRIMARY RELATIONSHIPS

Our Early Soulmates

Siblings, Cousins, Neighbours, Playmates and School Chums



*“One would be in less danger
>From the wiles of a stranger
If one’s own kin and kith
Were more fun to be with”
- Ogden Nash*

The Third House

The 3rd House significantly contributes to shaping relationship patterns, as this is where the first connection with peers is located. Initial experiences of these relationships make their impression on our attitudes towards companionship, partnership and friendship. Feelings, reactions, trauma, trust, freedom, love, fear, in effect the full spectrum of early relationships, lay the foundation for our adult attachments to friends and partners. This sector of the Horoscope is the storehouse where attitudes towards others that shared our early environment, mainly siblings, but also cousins, neighbourhood friends and primary schoolmates, are contained. Social interactions with partners, colleagues and acquaintances have their origins in these experiences, suggesting the 3rd House of the Horoscope reveals the template for relationship pattern.

The 3rd House is critical when analyzing relationships since it illustrates how we first experience peers and the impact they may have on future relationships. We first test the response from the world through the action or reaction of our siblings and early childhood playmates. The sibling relationship can extend to friends, classmates and others, particularly for only children. In many cases of an only child, fate arranges it so there is a replacement sibling: a cousin, a neighbour, a step-sibling or special friend.

When investigating the 3rd House it is important to recognise our position in the family. Our birth order, along with the number and gender of our siblings, has a considerable impact on personality. Birth order was often a theme in the myths, fairy tales, fables and biblical stories we grew up with. It is often enlightening to consider your birth position and how that impacts on your relationships. Expectations, patterns we repeat with partners and even our choice of mate may be more influenced by our siblings than we realise.

Following are some illustrations of your 3rd House energies which may help you reflect on your earliest relationships, especially those with siblings, cousins, neighbourhood chums, schoolmates, sports buddies and friends.

3rd House Cusp is in Aquarius

The Air Sign Aquarius on your 3rd House Cusp suggests that friendship, independence, intellectual stimulation along with freedom and space to experiment were primary qualities of relationship that you may have sought with your siblings and early friends.

You wanted your siblings to be friends and companions. Your ideal would be to include them in your circle of friends and to be part of your communal life. Democracy and equality are important ideals; however this does not guarantee your siblings and circle of friends are that easily integrated, only that your good will would have been there. As a true ideal you carry this urge for fairness, companionship and exchange into your later relationships.

Separation or separateness might have been experienced early in your childhood. Disconnection from a sibling or an early mate may have been registered as a shock, leaving you feeling separate or not connected. On the other hand separation from your sibling may have been difficult because of your spirited connection and may only be realised through a physical separation, such as attending a different school, etc. With this image your experience may be that you find your separateness early through your participation with siblings and friends. The motif of individuality and partnership is woven early into relationship. In the laboratory of early relationships you learn about your need for space and freedom. This complex task of feeling the urge for connection but also your need for separateness might swing back and forth into and out of relationship until you discover how to find freedom within a relationship by taking your own space and freedom. Until you are able to discover individuality within a relationship you may feel ambivalent about your closest relationships feeling like fleeing out the back door of a close relationship, yet at the same time wanting to stay.

As you mature your early experiences of equality, democracy, group participation and friendship influence the level of comfort you feel in relationship. No doubt you need space, you need to air your opinions and feel the spirit of fairness and friendship in your relationships. Comradeship and communication are cornerstones to your relationship. Deep inside the soul you know your kindred spirits when you meet them because they enliven the atmosphere with ideas and repartee that draw you to them.

The Moon is in the 3rd House

Your Moon in the 3rd House of relationship is psychologically paradoxical since it combines the urge to nurture and care with the experience of being an equal partner. Yet, from an ancient astrological point of view the Moon 'rejoiced' in the 3rd House. Planetary joys were an ancient form of rulership. Since both the Moon and the 3rd House were associated with the mind, Hellenistic astrologers linked the fast-moving luminary with the 3rd House of learning, suggesting this was the Place of the Goddess. However, psychologically this task is difficult for the 3rd House Moon, as the desire to nurture and need to be needed is in a sphere more designed for separateness. The urge of the Moon to be dependent, symbiotic or nurturing is at odds with the spacious atmosphere of this House. The Moon in the 3rd House also locates the nurturing and mothering instinct in the sphere of the sibling, suggesting that your sibling may have provided a care-taking role or that you were placed in this role. When the roles of nurturer and companion, mother and sister, are intermingled the hierarchical boundaries within the system of the family are confused and enmeshed.

Early sibling relationships or the lack of them would have a direct impact on your sense of safety and security, and be important in forging a sense of emotional security. Because of this emotional impact, there may be a strong attachment to your sibling. Separation from your sibling might have been difficult. Early separations (going to school, being taken care of by another, etc.) may have been traumatic if you were not adequately prepared for them. The Moon in the third suggests vulnerability and reaction to emotional

changes, especially moving from a state of emotional closeness and separation. Saying goodbye is never easy. While this pattern may not have literally played out in your experience, the difficult is separating is a theme you may recognise. This motif may have also been your mother's experience with her siblings. Whether you are conscious of this pattern or not, it would be useful to reflect on your sense of comfort in feeling separate, your reactions when a loved one takes leave, and how comfortable you are letting go of attachments. Throughout your adult relationships the early pattern of closeness and separateness might repeat.

The Moon in the third is an image of a sister, who may have shared in your upbringing, and to whom you still have a strong attachment. Whether there was a literal sister or not, you may have sought this sister–mother figure in your environment. Alternatively, mother may have been like a sister. This early pattern of confusion between sister or equality and mother or dependence may continue into your adult relationships, blurring the boundary between being a partner and a caretaker. The early pattern could arise in adult relationships in a number of ways: confusion between emotional intimacy and friendship; disparity between emotional and intellectual equality with partners; care taking versus feeling equal in relationship.

As a youth, a man with Moon in the third and a sister would have felt cared for by the women in his life. In adult relationships you may continue to need or expect 'women' to take care of you, habitually drawn to ones who will nurture and take care of you. If you are a woman, with Moon in the 3rd, you may unconsciously seek partners who you can nurture. An important relational tool is to learn not only how to communicate your needs, but know how to fulfil them independently. Without this experience in early life you may still try to make your adult relationships symbiotic and care-based.

Your Moon in the third suggests a close companionship and bond with mother. However this placement does not tell us how you personally experience this. On a psychological level it does suggest that patterns emerging in adult relationships may confuse nurturing and love, care and intimacy. It is important to discriminate between the urge to care for others and the need for separateness and companionship. When you feel comfortable caring for your own needs which are multi-faceted you recognise how much more space there is in your life for relating. In fact space is an important factor in all your relationships, a necessity that you must nurture. Instinctively you may lack enough emotional and physical space in your life because your urge to care for others is in the driver's seat. Ironically it is when you care for yourself that everyone else benefits. Your kindred spirits are there to nurture and comfort you and help you internalise a sense of safety and comfort in the world.

Jupiter is in the 3rd House

Jupiter searches for a wider view of the horizon by questing beyond what is known and familiar. Family experiences with your siblings and early childhood mates were a training ground where you were exposed to different beliefs, ways of life and a cross-cultural awareness. Learning from your siblings and being open to their guidance and life experiences may have been a valuable part of your education and socialisation. In adult years, siblings and their families may continue to expose you to new ideas and adventures.

It is possible that you had many siblings; however, it may just be that you experienced largesse in your early childhood in different ways including step or half siblings, or you may have met regularly with cousins, neighbours or others who introduced you to different ideas and beliefs. You may have had the opportunity to travel and explore new places with your siblings or classmates, giving you an early appreciation of other ways of daily life, beliefs and ideologies. School exchange programs, learning a foreign language, playing a team sport or becoming actively involved in the neighbourhood and community might have been some ways you expanded your safety net. From a young age you explored the wide world of relationships and extended yourself beyond the immediate family. This has had an impact on the way you value relationships today, bringing foreign and cross-cultural influences into your present relationships.

Jupiter is a planet of socialisation, and therefore your siblings' social progress, their choices of studies, extra-curricular activities, striving to achieve were important to you. They may have become a benchmark

that you judged your own progress against. A sibling may also have been your guide to a wider social world, introducing you to new horizons of belief and culture. On the other hand your siblings could also be experienced as rigid and unwavering from their beliefs and with who you were at odds. One of your sibs or schoolmates might have taken on the role of Zeus in the system, claiming dominion over you and the others and becoming a 'larger than life' personality. Ego inflation in your friends and partners, perhaps in your relationships, might have been an issue you have been challenged to address. The early experience with your sibling-peers gives awareness of your need to feel spiritually compatible with your adult partners and friends. In later years you may find that although you may be physically, spiritually or morally distant from your siblings, the urge to reconnect is a catalyst for the examination of our own beliefs. Your kindred spirits bring out your innate wisdom and challenge you to explore what's on the other side of the mountain pass.

Being Kind to our Kin

Another lens we can use to focus on early peer relationships is to look at planetary aspects to Mercury. Mythologically Mercury was a younger son determined to be noticed by his older brother and father and take his rightful place in the family. While he is a mascot for the younger sibling he also personifies the themes in sibling relationships. Rivalry, reconciliation, envy, companionship, separation, communication, support, loyalty and the bond of friendship are all elements of our first peer relationship with our siblings and early childhood sibling substitutes.

KINDRED SPIRITS

Friends, Acquaintances and Colleagues



“Friendship is a single soul dwelling in two bodies.”
- Aristotle

The Eleventh House

The 11th House is where we hope and wish for a better future, not only for our loved ones and ourselves but also for our wider family. While the 11th House suggests participation with others outside our household we are still prone to recreating unresolved family and relational patterns in the groups, social circles and professional associations we join. Underlying the social relationships of the 11th House represented by friends, colleagues and associates are the primitive patterns and expectations from our earlier peer relationships. Friendship is one of the keynotes of this House and while we feel we have more choice in creating our friendships, we may also discover left over sibling rivalries. The ideal scenario is that we become greater than who we are on our own and in this way friendship helps to expand our boundaries and encourages growth and exploration. The relationships of the 11th House refer to those forged outside the family circle.

This House of relationship is where we meet the kindred spirits who we encounter in the world. Roles and positions have already been forged in our sibling and other relationships and we instinctively take these into our relationships in the broader community. Our impact on society and society’s impact upon us is interconnected with our primary experiences of relationship. In the 11th House we become citizens of a larger community and meet our soul friends.

Relationships feel familiar, as they are kin, allies who are kindred spirits. Hopefully, the spirit that inspires and infuses us is the common link in our friends and colleagues. We can find the sense of belonging to a larger family, being individuals in a larger collective. However, the groups of friends, the group of colleagues, and the organisations we join reawaken incomplete relationship experiences and rivalry once again is experienced. Our friends, close colleagues and kindred spirits can also be the healing agents that help us reconcile and heal the pain of our earlier relationships.

In ancient Greece the polis was not only a representation of the city but also the spirit of the city-state. Here was where democracy flourished, the rights of citizens were respected and the early experiments at sharing power and influence were attempted. The 11th House of the Zodiac is political in that it links the individual in a spirit of equal relationship to others in the collective. Your understanding of the 11th House will help you consider how you forge a democratic, equal and co-operative relationship with others. Impinging upon the success of this is your earlier experiences of relating, your trust in human relationships and your

unconscious expectations that you still harbour in relationships. Here you meet your kindred spirits in the world, who share your passions, witness your successes and share your burdens. Both the Zodiac Sign on the Cusp of this House and the planets contained in this sphere will help you reflect on your friendships and group affiliations

11th House Cusp is in Libra

The 11th House represents your community, the groups you encounter and belong to outside the family: groups that you belong to because of your interests, your passions and your professional affiliations. In this House are kin, not bound by blood, but by a similar spirit of interest. Eleventh House experiences include your first class photo, your circle of friends, Girl Guides and Boy Scout experiences, the school council; groups where you were part of the community without other family members. But this House also describes your friends and kindred spirits who share your hopes and wishes and contribute to making your world the ideal place to live in.

With Libra on the Cusp of the 11th House, you bring your social, easy going nature to the arena of friendship, endowing you with a magnetism and charm that proves popular. You are drawn to diplomacy and sophistication in others. Socialising is important and it is at social functions, dinner parties, gallery openings, your friend's exhibitions and fashion shows that you are inclined to meet your kindred spirits.

Wherever Libra is on the spoke on the wheel of the Horoscope it brings its natural elegance and relational ability to this sphere. Therefore this suggest a natural affinity to friends and social situations. This might imply a natural gift for hospitality, an inclination to bring people together and an innate urge to please others. Given your adventurous outreach into life it is probable that you meet many people who you host and socialise with. Being natural at relating you find yourself drawn to the social life.

However in the midst of all your social activity you realise you need space and distance. How do you achieve this without being rude? And how come you did not recognise this before you launched the social boat? For all your love of people you also like to follow your own program and so a great learning curve in relationships is figuring out what time and space you need for 'I' and what you need for 'we'. Without that you become a stranger to your own self, knowing what the other wants but not knowing your desires. Friendships teach you how to be in relationship but also separate enough to do your own thing without feeling selfish or rude.

Partnership and friendship, are they the same? That's a question you ask yourself as you often partner your friends and befriend your partners. No doubt there's a huge overlap, but perhaps the question of compromise, the level of commitment to time and resources as well as lifestyle issues are different. Therefore it is important for you to consider the difference as you may expect your friends to be fully-fledged partners. No doubt you might have forged a partnership from a friendship or have friends who are business partners. Therefore it is important to recognise the difference and create the appropriate boundaries between the two. Your kindred spirits complement you and make great accomplices on your life adventures. They know how to partner you without compromising any of your individuality or uniqueness.

Pluto is in the 11th House

With Pluto in your 11th House, your desire for intimacy may be confused with your involvement with groups, friends and associates. On one hand Pluto in the 11th suggest you become deeply involved into the group, working fiercely for the common goal. Yet on the other it may reveal the frustration of being alone and unmet by the group, feeling that your passionate feelings, desires and convictions are not acknowledged or partnered.

Group involvement many stir deeper feelings. This placement suggests that older issues of betrayal or hurt might be brought to the surface for healing through the experience of becoming part of a group. Involvement with others will stir up your passionate need to desired and loved; therefore it is important with this placement to recognise that friends, associates and group activities may be the transference relationship

that brings emotional wounds to the surface. Involvement with a group may be like group therapy, working through your earlier issues of acceptability and trust. With Pluto in the social sphere you may also recognise that you are likely to be cast as the shadow bringing to light what the rest of the group overlooks or avoids. However sometimes it might feel as if you are the dark horse in the field or the identified patient in the group. If there are undercurrents in the group then it is natural for you to feel them. However, it is also important to differentiate whether any darker feelings are authentic to the current situation or a reconstruction of your past. It is also necessary to differentiate that intense reactions from others may have nothing to do with you or your value. Contact with a group may have loosened your defences that normally protect buried complexes that are safely hidden from consciousness. With any group you will probably make a potent impact and be the facilitator for transformational change.

Friendships will be passionate and intense. Therefore you will probably have a few close intimate friends rather than a field of acquaintances. Your need to be engaged with others at a deep level is very strong and therefore it is necessary you are also be aware of the natural boundaries in any friendship. It is helpful for you to reflect on the mutuality and exchange in your close friendships and whether the depth of the bond that you feel is honoured and met. If not you may be prone to feeling betrayed. Pluto in the 11th is not always an easy placement, as the urge to merge and bond often shifts the dynamic of the friendship. Therefore it is important for you to be clear about all your deeply personal relationships so conflicts with your friends do not turn into lover's quarrels. With Pluto in the 11th your friendships are ultimately enduring and trustworthy when they are allowed to be what they are meant to be. Friendships may be the relationships that contain you through the storms of your lives, support you through the crises and comfort you in your grief and loss. Pluto in your 11th House suggests that you will attract powerful and trusted friends, not just being one, but having one in times of your greatest crises and need. Honesty, integrity, love and trust and hallmarks of your friendships. Your kindred spirits respect and value your friendship, as they know you are a sacred and precious part of who they are.

SOUL AND RELATIONSHIP

Intimate Friends and Committed Partners



“Love consists in this ... that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.”
- Maria Rilke Rainer

The Seventh House

As the poet describes, loving and committed relationships are forged by the alchemy of two individuals. Soul is expressed through individuality and when its unpredictable and mysterious nature is brought into intimate contact with another, a genuinely soulful relationship is possible. The 7th House is the astrological site where individuality and relationship converge. Astrologically, it is the quintessential House of relationship and its process embraces the experience of being with an equal other in a committed and intimate way. From the soul's viewpoint this is the arena where mutuality, reciprocity and respect for individuality can work to fashion a soulful relationship that embraces the unique character of each partner. Seventh House partners are not just marriage or life partners, but also close business partners and others engaged with you in a committed relationship.

Traditionally this sphere was known as the House of 'open enemies'. Whereas traditional astrology might literally ascribe qualities to a partner, contemporary astrology sees these qualities as mirror images of what is innate in us. In remaining unconscious of your 7th House energies, you proclaim them as belonging to someone else, generally your partner. We enter a mystery where we are drawn to what appears as opposite and different, yet is only a partial reflection of what is not yet conscious in us. What we sense is kin, congeniality, familiarity, yet not from the system we have known. Destiny hovers on the threshold of the 7th House; therefore the Sign on the Cusp is very often prominent in your partner's Horoscope.

We can draw an analogy between the arrival of the partner and the birth of a sibling. Powerfully conflicted feelings of love and rivalry, fascination and anger, closeness and separateness are ignited in new relationships. But this is the nature of intimate relationships as strands of each soul are woven together. Astronomically the 7th House is where the sun prepares to set. It is twilight, when the light elongates the shadows and we prepare to meet the dark. Therefore it is the partner who awakens an earlier stratum of psyche where unresolved or incomplete issues and patterns from other relationships may enter into our current relationship.

Our partners are companions, kindred spirits and intimate others. But human nature inclines towards moulding our partners with the clay of our own unresolved patterns and complexes. The material we use for

this is often our own projections, fantasies and ideals. Following is a description of your 7th House energies which might help you recognise your own ideals or those you carry for your partners. In reflecting on these and becoming more conscious of underlying patterns, you can embrace these energies more fully in yourself allowing your relationships to be less focused on the past and more anchored in the present and, hopefully more soulful.

7th House Cusp is in Gemini

Astronomically your 7th House begins on the western point of the horizon. Astrologically this is the sector of the Zodiac that was setting when you were born. This Zodiacal location is exactly opposite your Ascendant or Rising Sign. Your Rising Sign depicts your personality and independent outreach into life. Your descending Sign or Descendant, as it is known, represents “others”. Therefore the Ascendant-Descendant axis becomes vital in any relationship analysis. It describes the intimate dance between yourself and your partner.

Your Ascendant is Sagittarius; therefore the Air Sign Gemini is on your Descendant or 7th House Cusp.

The Air trinity includes Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. This triumvirate of signs is compatible, at least theoretically, with relationship. It is natural for Air Sign people to want to share ideas and experiences. The Element of Air is constantly seeking its other half through the process of relating. However, Air seeks a multiplicity of experiences and may share its ideas and experiences in many differing relationships, being indiscriminate about privacy and containment. Relationships may be an arena of curiosity, and often at the beginning of the getting-to-know-you phase Air’s inquiring and interactive manner is mistaken for a deeper emotional or more intimate interest.

Although you love to relate, you also need ‘air’, space between and enough breath to feel invigorated. You are comfortable with the idea of equality, sharing and the theory of relatedness but you may have difficulty in the sphere of intimacy and emotional constancy. It is natural for you to experiment with a range of possibilities in any relationship, because you like to satisfy your curiosity and inquisitive urges. You need a great amount of space, emotionally, physically and psychologically before you are comfortable enough ‘settling down’. Changeability is natural, and without enough space, you feel stifled and unable to breathe, who may lead to restlessness, even anxiety within any key relationship. If the bond feels stifling, you are keen to escape. You really need to experiment within any relationship before an authentic commitment can be given. Also with your relationship with your siblings could be an indication of how you might explore ideas, relate, learn and adventure with another. A sibling is often experienced as the first partner you learned to relate to and gossip and experiment emotionally with. Communication on all levels within relationship is important, and if in the sibling system there was a lack of communication or sharing of ideas, this could adversely affect your outlook on adult relationships.

What you are first attracted to in others is their youthfulness, their versatility, the way they make you laugh when they mimic your friends or tell a joke and the way they make you think when they are telling you about their latest intellectual discovery. They’re so adaptable and communicative and witty. However while you may attract these qualities in your quest for equal relationship, you will also attract the opposite of these qualities. The life of the party may now seem adolescent, the intellect doesn’t have enough soul and you’re not feeling as special as you want to be feeling. But any relationship can also help you to forge meaning and make sense of all your ideas. Your own intellectual and storytelling talents begin to emerge through the process of relating to someone significant. But most importantly you find the ability that ability to navigate duality and be both separate and together in your relationship.

Qualities you admire and are attracted to in others include versatility, intellect, communication, adaptability and the constant curiosity about life and the way it works. And it is these very qualities that a partner helps you find in yourself. So don’t be surprised when your friends and constant companions are very Geminian or change their minds day to day.

Chiron is in the 7th House

With Chiron setting in your Horoscope you are vulnerable to being drawn to individuals who need help. Whether they are marginal, displaced, wounded or despairing you find refuge for them in your heart. In Greek myth Chiron's home was the training ground for disenfranchised youths who were orphaned and homeless due to the demise of a parent or because a tyrant claimed their home. Chiron himself was homeless, knowing how it felt to be abandoned and left, therefore was highly empathetic to the refugees who sought shelter in his care. A theme of displacement and being a refugee underpins this placement.

However, it was also in Chiron's cave-home where the young learnt to be heroic, rising above their misfortunes to find their calling and become a champion. A pattern of fostering those who may be wounded or abandoned is your legacy. With Chiron in your 7th House it is important that the roles of helper, healer or administrator do not eclipse being an equal partner. You might need to learn the balance between being a helper and a partner, and hold the tension between your urge to help others and your own needs.

You may seek a mentor or healer in a relationship, being drawn to individuals who appear wise and caring. Yet underneath they might be damaged in their ability to relate to you on a personal level. Or you may be prone to recreating your role of healer and helper in your partnership by administering to your partner's wounds. Therefore it is necessary to reflect on equality and exchange in the relationship as the astrological pattern suggests that you may be prone to confusing helping with partnering.

Perhaps the fate of Chiron in your 7th House suggests that the earlier wounds of not belonging or the primitive feelings of abandonment emerge in an adult relationship to be healed. Hence early feelings of marginality may arise in your relationship to challenge you with finding your place in relationship and a sense of belonging. No doubt Chiron in your 7th House brings feelings of marginality and wounding into adult relating. Wherever Chiron is in the Horoscope it locates where the heroic act needs to be applied. Therefore you are confronted with healing your feelings of exclusion and marginality in relationship. This is done through relating to a gentle partner who helps soothe your sores and allows you to belong to a system where you do not feel excluded or excommunicated. Your healing journey begins in relationships. No wonder you are an inspired counsellor, a helpmate and a healer of relational scars. Your kindred spirits know the pain of exclusion. That is why they embrace and love you as they recognise that you belong to their tribe. Like a true hermit your kindred spirits are on the outskirts, not at the centre of your community.

PLEASURE, PASSION AND LOVE

The Joys of Venus and Mars



“There is only a single magic, a single power, a single salvation and a single happiness, and that is called loving.”

- Herman Hesse

Venus and Mars

To the ancient mythmakers, Venus and Mars were consistently paired together as companions, either lovers or close sibling allies. In Roman mythology they are the deities who preside over the Empire. To the Greeks Aphrodite and Ares were deeply attached passionate lovers or siblings. In the story of *“The Odyssey”* they are caught in a golden web woven by Hephaestus who wove the fine filament in order to entrap Aphrodite in bed with Ares. Their relationship is an erotic one. In Homer’s earlier epic *“The Iliad”* their relationship is depicted as less magnetic, yet just as close. Aphrodite refers to him in this epic as ‘dear brother’. Their relationship is devoted and warm-hearted. When we imagine these gods we think of them as eternal lovers, sometimes married, other times not. They represent two layers of soulmates: erotic and emotional intimacy as well as companionship. In psychological terms they represent our inner orientation to pleasure and passion, while in astrological terms they help identify what qualities attract us to others, what we value and desire. Physiologically they are our scent and libido, the innate attractive and active forces that draw us towards companionship.

In term of compatibility and conflict in relationship, Venus and Mars play a leading role. The complete picture of their placement in your horoscope can be fully assessed by a professional astrologer. For this report we are only analysing the planetary sign which signifies qualities and essences important in your intimate relationships.

Venus is pleasure and beauty. Both in body and in spirit, Venus symbolises what you find attractive and the values you place upon your relationships, what you need to feel partnered and your own inner sense of worth and value that wants to be appreciated, honoured and respected. Your Venus sign is a metaphor for those qualities you need in relationship to feel complete.

Mars is passion and desire. Whether spiritual, physical, intellectual or emotional Mars symbolises how you

express your desires, frustrations and energy. In terms of relationship it suggests how you assert yourself, deal with conflict and make your desires transparent. Your Mars sign describes how you might express yourself, go after what you want and how you may deal with anger in relationship. In essence it is a symbol of how your life force naturally seeks expression.

Being opposite in nature, Venus and Mars are naturally attracted to one another and often a highlight of your soul mate's astrological constitution. Therefore take note of the sign placements of both Venus and Mars and how they are reflected in the horoscopes of intimate others. Use these descriptions to reflect on your values and desires. Venus themes in relationship focus on shared values, feeling loved and appreciated, money and pleasure, affection and sensuality while Mars brings themes of sex and desire, independence and individuality, dealing with conflict and the sharing of goals out into the open. By nature Venus is feminine and Mars is masculine; therefore gender wise Venus might be more integrated into the personality for women while Mars might be more accessible for men. That *"Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus"* thing again. Hence a man's Venus might be a fair description of women he is attracted to while a woman's Mars often describes the men she attracts.

Venus is in Libra

Art Enthusiast seeks Elegant Other

Imagine this advertisement in the personal column of your local paper. Well it's not quite your style, but there may be a grain of truth in it for you. Be honest. You don't want people who are ordinary, uncivilised, bad mannered or rude answering your ad or showing up at your door. But what if they did? Well you would be polite I am sure, but you would hold your ground and get your point across. Libra is supposed to be sweet, but perhaps it just gets what it wants in the sweetest way. With Venus in Libra you could swing between being too accommodating and then counterbalancing that with aggression. It's hard for you to create waves, which means you might end up going along with something that does not suit you because you do not want to offend someone. You say to yourself *"what the heck, it doesn't really matter"* when it does. Sooner or later it is going to blow up. Other times you are just ambivalent and then it doesn't really matter.

It is difficult for you to be confronting or show your displeasure. You value harmony and aesthetics because you have a natural affinity with beauty. Whether it's a pre-Raphaelite or a Monet is not that important, what matters is its beauty. From an early age you appreciated art, sculpture and all things sophisticated. Unfortunately people aren't works of art or museum pieces, which is a great shame. Therefore you will have to get used to the idea that those you love can sometimes appear tired, dishevelled and crude. It's not that much of a problem as you do love to share and be part of the ups and downs of their life script. You make a great partner because you love to please and take care of those you love.

Innately you are social and people-orientated. You are romantic too. However you also need your own space which sometimes gets a bit crowded because you've agreed to do so many things with so many people. You need to learn that intricate balance of saying no when you do not want to be involved, and yes when you truly do. No is not easy to say, but necessary. You value relating and are genuinely interested in others but you also need to balance that with your own time and space, which you often forget. When you figure that one out, you will be blessed to find many kindred spirits who love you for being so loving.

Mars is in Capricorn

How you assert yourself in your relationship and take the courage to be your own person is the domain of the Planet Mars. In the earthy Sign of Capricorn you strive to be the captain of your own ship. And you've got the determination, will power, grit and commitment to succeed. The Planet Saturn rules your Mars sign and brings his age-old wisdom and experience to what you desire. As a young person this might have been more difficult as you were only allowed training wheels when you were capable of so much more. But with adulthood comes the opportunity and wherewithal to apply yourself to your ambition. You will find your own way to express this powerful astrological archetype, but what is probably common to all the possible expressions is the attitude of authority and the quality of responsibility that you display in all your assignments.

These are highly valuable traits to use in your professional life to get what you desire. But what about the personal arena, how do you express your desires here? Well in a calculated way you could choose partners that support your professional goals. However, more that likely, you will take your time, assess the situation and hold back a bit until you know that you are respected for who you are, not what you do. You have a strong will that can be projected onto your intimate others who might complain about your controlling nature. Be aware of that fine line between controlling and sharing. And also take note of taking time away from your relationships to accomplish your worldly ambitions. You might find you're successful but not partnered, humming the popular Neil Sedaka song "*I miss the hungry years*" to yourself. That song is a lament about trading success for relating.

You just want things to work and work well. So you might have to make some room for human frailty, irrationality and emotionality. It's bound to show up. You want to work hard and be accomplished and you want those you love on board as well. So it's possible you may start a business together or work in the same profession. Desire for success at work might clash with relationship responsibilities and hence time management is essential in satisfying the demands of a busy life. You bring dignity and worldly wisdom into your relationships and strive to find those who can share your goals and ambitions.

CROSSING PATHS

Close Encounters with Kindred Spirits



“Lovers don’t finally meet somewhere. They’re in each other all along.”
- Rumi

The Nodes

You won’t meet your kindred spirits accidentally. In the chronicles of the soul, there are no accidents, only meaningful coincidences; therefore your soulmates are already familiar to you. Whether you come across them in the sacred circle of your family, the playgrounds of your childhood, in your adult establishments or your elderly neighbourhoods, they are already part of you. Whether these relationships last a minute or a lifetime, are filled with happiness or conflict, they are destiny’s design woven into your life’s intricate tapestry. Therefore it is inevitable that at some time your path will intersect the paths of your soulmates.

But when? Well this is the riddle of relationship. Whatever arrangement or timing brings you into alignment with your kindred spirits is the inexplicable mystery of the soul. Astrology is a great aid in this regard as it can bypass layers of rational minds to explore timing in relationships. Astrology’s timing techniques are invaluable in helping to focus on major and meaningful passages in relationship. Consulting a professional astrologer to explore these questions can be highly revealing and rewarding. Within the limits of this report we can draw on an aspect of your horoscope that will help you reflect on your encounters with kindred spirits. This is the House position of the North Node, a signpost that points to where soul may be encountered in relationship.

The House positions of the Nodes illustrate environmental factors that shape and influence your fate, including relationship. This is where the inner and outer worlds lead us to a rendezvous with soul. North Node experiences are out of the ordinary, since its nature is both subjective and participatory with the spiritual world. Therefore the House position of the North Node locates one of the settings where engagement with the spiritual self occurs. The South Node is in the opposite House and describes a familiar place, an area of safety, and a comfort zone that supplies an anchor for our relationships. However it is also a place where we can become fixed, caught in the safety zone of our complacency and neglect the invitation of the North Node. That would be a shame as it is at this pole where you might cross paths with a kindred spirit.

Considering this one image in your Horoscope invites you to feel more masterful in participating with your soul's journey and more receptive to close encounters with kindred spirits.

The North Node is in the 4th House

Having your North Node in the 4th House in your birth chart does not always guarantee a close knit family or happy memories of home. However what it does imply is that you are destined to search for the place where you belong. Part of this quest involves an in-depth probe into your ancestry and your beginnings, as you instinctually know that your genealogy and ancestry play an important role in your destiny. Sometimes we need to untangle the root system of our own family tree before we can plant our own. Going back into the family history might let us go forward into our own. Deep in the annals of the family history you might unearth some kindred souls whose spirits are part of you. So while you might never have realised it, you are secured in a past brimming with history. Your soul is deep-toned, forged out of the complexities that have gone before. Yet, as we know, soul is more often crafted in the depths of the underworld than in the lofts of heaven. You prepare to meet your soulmates through encountering your own soul, its needs and its foundation principles.

Your 4th House North Node has its South Node polarity in the 10th House highlighting your instinctual awareness of the world, its rules and morals. In relationship, when you feel insecure, you may unconsciously revert to control, authority or laws to regain your sense of belonging. Such a fine line between relating and controlling exists that you need to be careful that you do not sacrifice closeness for being in control. When rules become decrees relationships are compromised, a pattern you need to be alert to. However, your fate might be that you are elevated easily to positions of authority, not to rule the roost, but create a safe and nurturing community. Kindred spirits seek your advice and expertise and you are able to care for them in this way.

This Nodal Axis brings the private world and public life into focus. The demands of the inner and outer worlds might seem at odds and therefore you are challenged to find a meaningful balance between your private and your public life. Your natural tendency might find it easier to be in the world, be public and involved with your career; however, your 4th House Node highlights the importance of the inner and private world. You need quiet time and a private space to recharge. But you also need to share this inner sanctum with your soulmates. Therefore you are challenged to communicate your deepest feelings, risk being vulnerable and intimate and trust your own responses. When you do you are amazed at how your kindred spirits understand and respect your private self. You don't have to be in charge to be loved. In reality this means you often experience a tug of war between your career and your family, outer achievements and inner peace or the feeling of being successful versus the feeling of being settled. In terms of the soul your task is to become sensitive to your deepest needs relinquishing the inauthentic values of the world.

Destiny points to the need to consciously create a strong and secure base before launching yourself. It is important to recognise where your foundation lies, as you need a strong rock to build upon. Ironically your outer world opens its arms to you when you make the effort to develop your inner nature. Whatever way fate weaves her pattern the two threads of career and family are the brighter colours in the fabric. Innately you have a successful relationship with the world and what it has to offer when you are able to build your own nest and family life. Kindred spirits are those rare individuals who are able to share your private world, who see you as you truly are, not what you accomplish, nor your rank or profession, but simply you.

CONCLUSION



*“Love to some is like a cloud, to some as strong as steel
 For some a way of living, for some a way to feel
 And some say love is holding on and some say letting go
 And some say love is everything, some say they don’t know.”
 -John Denver, Perhaps Love*

Songwriter John Denver’s lyrics capture the paradoxical nature of love for each individual. Every relationship whether it is familial or formal, professional or personal, intimate or casual is an invitation to self-discovery. We bring our hopes, secrets, expectations, resources and desires to our relationships and through the alchemy of interaction come to better know ourselves and others. Soul does not strive to work out or control relationship but inspires us to consider what is being asked of us; what is the fate of this relationship? In this way astrology is a unique tool in helping us reflect on the purpose and patterns of our relationships, not to fix or control them, but to understand their complexity and place in our lives.

Kindred spirits are relationships in which a deep bond is present, not inspired by the teachings of a self-help manual but through the soul’s grace. And that is a mystery which astrology helps us to consider. I have written this report to promote a spirit of inquiry into the patterns and purposes of soul in your relationships. Like soul there may be contradiction and confusion, as it seeks understanding not clarity. Also the report is limited in its nature to explore the more detailed and intricate patterns of your horoscope. However it is the author’s sincere hope that it provides an initial step to your reflection on relationships. Perhaps love in the end is what we are willing to bring to it, like the poet Ovid implied in *“The Art of Love”*: *“If you’d be loved, be worthy to be loved”*.

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