

Part One -- Planets and Aspects

Each of us has every planet in his or her chart. Each planet symbolizes a different facet of life. In synastry, when we compare two charts, we look at the aspects (distance in degrees) between the planets of one chart and the planets of the other to determine areas of potential ease or difficulty. In general, sextiles and trines are easy aspects; squares and oppositions are challenging or dynamic aspects. Conjunctions can be either easy or difficult, depending on the planets involved.

Below, a brief (necessarily incomplete) description of the areas of life ruled by each of the planets: SUN: The life force, the ego center, who you are at your core. MOON: Feelings, home, mother, family, sensitivity, nurturing, moods. MERCURY: Communication, schooling, short trips, negotiations, the mind. VENUS: Emotions, aesthetic and artistic sense, what you have to offer a lover or partner if you're a woman; what you want in a partner if you're a man. MARS: Aggression, desires, competitiveness, ego drive, conflict, what you bring to a relationship if you're a man; what you want if you're a woman. JUPITER: Expansion, generosity, travel, optimism, knowledge, beliefs. SATURN: Restrictions, discipline, fear, burdens, status, ambition, authority. URANUS: Innovativeness, quirkiness, rebelliousness. NEPTUNE: Dreams, illusions, drugs, deception, spirituality. PLUTO: Death and regeneration, elimination, tumultuous change, power.

Common Aspects

Mars square Mars



If your relationship sometimes feels like love and at other times feels like war, this square should account for the warlike characteristics. It tends to be a particularly difficult aspect. While it may indicate sexual attraction it also usually indicates two people who see challenges in a great deal of what the other says and does. You may wound each other's egos without meaning to (or possibly, sometimes, because you fully intend to). There is the potential for lots of conflict, arguing and inconsiderate behavior toward one another. On the positive side, you can greatly energize each other. But it may be difficult to work cooperatively together unless other aspects in the comparison indicate the ability to be tactful and patient with one another.

Brad Pitt's Planets Aspecting Angelina Jolie's Planets

Sun opposite Mercury



As the Mercury person's mind is working in a way that can be the polar opposite of how the Sun person's ego needs to deal with mental processes, there is likely to be an occasional clash of ideas in this relationship. However, as you are really just approaching the same situations from opposite perspectives, you are likely just as often to meet in the middle, with the added benefit that each of you can open the other's mind to a broader viewpoint. The best manifestation of this aspect occurs when each of you learns to accept the validity of the other's approach, without necessarily adopting it. In that instance, you can aid each other in gaining greater awareness and objectivity.

Sun sextile Uranus



You tend to bring out the adventurous side in each other. Because of this, you're likely to take greater risks together than either of you might take alone. While there are, of course, caveats to observe, the cooperation and support you offer each other tends to help you get away with more of the gambles you take together than you might otherwise. You may also be sexually adventurous together.

Mercury square Jupiter



This combination can produce a lot of talk – sometimes quite grandiose – but rarely produces an equivalent amount of action (or, at least, action of any consequence). Other than the tendency toward wasting time and energy in discussions that go nowhere, this is not a particularly bothersome square.

Mercury opposite Saturn



This comparative aspect can cause each of you to encourage the other to see things in a pessimistic light. The Mercury person may feel that too many demands are made by the Saturn person. The Saturn person may feel the Mercury person lacks commitment and/or discipline. Each of you may bring out the tendency in the other to worry.

Mars conjunct South Node



This is not a particularly strong influence, but when it operates, there are some potential problems to note. The South Node person may impede the Mars person's ability to take action and may be somewhat of a drain on that energy. The Mars person can potentially encourage the South Node person to take ill-considered action or to follow the path of least resistance, which may have unpleasant consequences down the road.

Jupiter trine Neptune



Because Neptune spends so many years in each sign, this trine is more significant as an indicator of the Jupiter person's response to an entire generation than as an indication of one-to-one relationship traits. If the aspect is within a degree or so of exact, it can bring a very benevolent, generous, idealistic and tolerant relationship that enriches both of you. Spiritual, religious and ideological compatibility are probable with this trine.

Jupiter opposite Pluto



Because Pluto spends so many years in each sign, everyone born within a few years of each other will have Pluto in more or less the same position. This opposition is therefore more significant as an indication of the Jupiter person's response to an entire generation than as a trait in a one-to-one personal relationship. If the aspect is within a degree or so of exact, it can indicate that one or the other of you may use manipulation or propagandist techniques in an attempt to gain an advantage from the other.

Uranus square Neptune



This is a generational aspect, which has little bearing in one-to-one relationships. You may have conflicting or differing attitudes toward issues of social, spiritual and humanitarian issues, but these are unlikely to have a detrimental effect on a personal relationship.

Angelina Jolie's Planets Aspecting Brad Pitt's Planets

Sun square Uranus



Dynamic, stimulating, challenging and perhaps a bit unstable generally describe relationships with this comparative aspect. You can incite each other to new adventures, new risks and new activities; but you may also see each other as competition -- and may go too far in your attempts to one-up one another. It may be somewhat difficult to cooperate with one another as one or the other may see it as a challenge to his or her freedom and autonomy.

Sun square Pluto



Because Pluto spends so many years in each sign, everyone born within a few years of each other will have Pluto in more or less the same position. This square is therefore more an indication of the Sun person's response to an entire generation than an indicator of one-to-one relationship traits. If the aspect is within a degree or so of exact, there can be intense struggles for authority and control between you. You may see each other as threats to your personal power or there may be jealousy, envy and scheming.

Sun opposite Ascendant



This is one of the better indications of a romantic attraction, as it puts the Sun person into the Ascendant person's seventh house, the house of relationships. Each of you should be able to open up the other's point of view and to balance each other in a typical yin/yang sense. There is some potential for clashes, as with all opposites -- male/female, heads/tails, black/white -- but mostly this aspect shows that each can, hopefully, be the other's better half and can provide objectivity and perspective when needed.

Moon square Mercury



This square can indicate an occasional clash between the intellectual, rational and other mental doings of the Mercury person and the emotional life of the Moon person.

The Moon person may sometimes feel the Mercury person is shallow, unfeeling or overly critical. The Mercury person may feel smothered by the Moon person's tendency to emotionalize situations. You each may have difficulty understanding the other's approach to domestic issues. There's also a tendency with this aspect to nitpick at each other or get overly emotional about insignificant comments or events.

Moon square Mars



This can be a real ouch, emotionally. There is likely to be a great deal of volatility in this relationship and, when emotions flare (as they most definitely will) one of you -- often the Mars person -- may lash out without regard for the emotional pain you may cause the other. There is a tendency to have many disagreements, which you may be incapable of settling rationally and which can often become tearful or angry scenes. The Mars person is likely to feel defensive during clashes, while the Moon person feels wounded. The best way to handle these situations is to learn not to take everything the other says so personally, even if it seems as if there's not other way to take it, but to try to see where the other is coming from. Most important -- be kind in what you say to, and how you act toward, each other. Disagreements should never be cause for, or include, personal attacks and insults.

Moon conjunct Jupiter



This tends to be a harmonious "feel-good" combination that makes both of you see the bright side of your relationship and of life in general when you're together. Each of you tends to be willing to provide the other with emotional support when needed. The only down side here is that the Moon person may be a bit too clingy for Jupiter person.

Mars conjunct Jupiter



This can be a "lucky" combination, in that the partners tend to help each other take the right kind of action in the right way to get what they want. The Mars person supplies the energy, while the Jupiter person provides the knack for finding the path of least resistance so that the energy does the most good. The only downside of this pairing is that there is a potential for each of you to lead the other into wasteful spending and/or unwise investments; the Mars person, due to a tendency to act first and think later, and the Jupiter person due to a tendency toward over-optimism.

Jupiter sextile Saturn



This sextile tends to produce relationships based on seriousness and high principles. You can support each other in achieving your individual and joint goals, especially those concerning business, education and ideals. The Jupiter person can help the Saturn person be more adventurous and open minded; the Saturn person can help the Jupiter person to focus, become more disciplined and get more accomplished.

Saturn trine Neptune



Because Neptune spends so many years in each sign, this trine is more significant as an indicator of the Saturn person's response to an entire generation than as an indication of one-to-one relationship traits. If the aspect is within a degree or so of exact, you are likely to support each other in actualizing your ideals and dreams . The Neptune person can encourage the Saturn person to be more sensitive and imaginative; the Saturn person can provide the structure through which the Neptune person can make something practical out of his or her dreams and hopes.

Neptune conjunct Ascendant



Is it real or is it. . ? With this conjunction, there is likely to be a strong fascination between you, but it may be based more on what each of you wants to see in the other, than what is actually there. You may, in fact, have found your dream lovers in each other. Then again, you may wake up one day and find that what you have isn't anything close to what you thought you had. This is not to say that the feelings of romance and allure you experience are necessarily based on fantasy, just that you should try to look at each other with a cold clinical eye occasionally and check the synastry chart to be certain other positive aspects are present before you go off and buy matching wedding bands. There is the potential, in a close conjunction (within a degree or two) of intuitive communication between you. .

Part Two -- Planets in Houses

This section is concerned with where the planets of one partner fall in the houses of the other, also known as comparative house placement. For instance, if you have 12 degrees Cancer rising (also known as Cancer Ascendant or Cancer on the first house cusp) and your partner has Moon in 15 degrees Cancer, your partner's Moon falls in your first house. Your experience of your partner's emotions, family and moods (Moon) will influence how you see yourself (Ascendant). In comparative house placement analysis, the planets generally have a greater impact on the houses than the houses do on the planets. In other words, where your partner's planets fall in your houses is a better indication of how you experience him or her than vice-versa. And where your planets fall in his or her houses will tell more about how he or she experiences you.

Angelina Jolie's Planets Aspecting Brad Pitt's Houses

HOUSE FOUR

The fourth house rules the home, real estate, your mother (and your mothering

instincts), as well as home, domestic and family situations in general. It is also the house ruling your final resting place. Those whose planets fall in your fourth house will affect you on a deep level, and may arouse your protective and nurturing instincts. If the Sun, Moon, Venus, Jupiter or Ascendant of another falls in your fourth house, you may make good housemates or domestic partners.

Moon in House 4

☾ in 4th

This is a particularly favorable placement for those living under the same roof. There is probably a strong identification between you on an emotional level, with the potential for great empathy, or even an intuitive link. You can nurture each other and be protective of one another, but you can also exacerbate each other's moodiness. You're likely to depend on each other for emotional security and may retreat into a cocoon together -- in a kind of "you and me against the world" response -- when things aren't going your way.

Mars in House 4

♂ in 4th

The Mars person has the potential to stir up or upset the fourth house person's family or domestic situation and feelings. This is often a difficult placement for those living under the same roof as the Mars person can be selfish or argumentative about shared domestic responsibilities. The placement works best when you're doing something active regarding home or real estate together.

Jupiter in House 4

♃ in 4th

This tends to indicate that you will have a generous, tolerant attitude toward one another in domestic situations. The Jupiter person may be overly indulgent or overly-protective of the fourth house person. You are likely to share similar family values or ideals regarding family and home.

HOUSE SEVEN

The seventh, also known as the Descendant, is the house of marital and other partners. It is exactly opposite the first house, which represents you. As the old saying goes: opposites attract. The seventh is also the first of the houses above the horizon in your chart, and is the beginning of that part of the chart which represents your dealings with the public. When the planets of

another person are in this house, the energies of those planets will have an impact on your seventh house issues. For instance, if someone's Moon is in your seventh, that person's emotional make-up and nurturing instincts are likely to be in sync with those you would want in a partner.

Sun in House 7

☉ in 7th

This is the classic yin/yang placement and is a strong indication of a serious partnership, if other chart factors support this. The closer the Sun is to the seventh house cusp, the more likely there will be a mutual attraction and interest. The Sun person brings the seventh house person what he or she lacks and therefore seeks in another. This placement can indicate equality in a relationship if other factors do not contradict it.

Mercury in House 7

☿ in 7th

There is probably going to be a lot of thought and discussion about the relationship itself with this comparative placement. There may be a tendency to continually analyze the relationship, especially by the Mercury person. The Mercury person's ideas are likely to influence how the seventh house person sees relationships in general, and this relationship in particular.

HOUSE EIGHT

The eighth house deals with a host of intense and weighty issues: death, obsessions, repression, jealousy, taxes, joint resources, inheritances and other people's possessions. It also represents what you want or need sexually. When someone else's planets fall in your eighth house, the energies of those planets will have an impact on how you think, feel and act concerning eighth house issues. If, for instance, your rich old Great-Uncle Harry's Jupiter falls in your eighth house, he might bequeath you a generous inheritance in his will.

Venus in House 8

♀ in 8th

This can be an indication of intense romantic attraction, but it may be tinged with jealousy, secretiveness or desire for material gain. The Venus person can have a beneficial effect on your joint resources as a partner or may enjoy an improved financial situation as a result of the association. You can benefit as a couple through matters relating to taxes, insurance, inheritance and investments.

Saturn in House 8

♄ in 8th

This placement offers both positive and negative potentials. It can either show that together, you can make careful, conservative, practical financial decisions that result in a slow but steady growth of your joint resources, or it can show that fears or bad timing result in financial loss. There is a slight danger of sexual coldness of one partner toward the other. There is also a slight danger of excessively materialistic attitudes in the partnership. If Saturn makes harsh major aspects to planets in the eighth house, there is some danger of miserliness, or of one partner controlling the joint resources to the point of limiting or disallowing the other's access.

HOUSE TEN

Achievement, professional life, authority, status and ambition are all governed by the tenth house, also known as the Midheaven. This is also the house that represents your father, just as the fourth house represents your mother. (Please note: in some families, where the mother was the dominant parent, or the father was the greater nurturer of the two, the house rulership works better in reverse, with the fourth representing the father; the tenth the mother. Usually, however, the traditional rulership works best.) When the planets of another person fall in your tenth house, the energies of those planets will affect the way you respond to tenth house issues. For instance, if someone's Mars, the planet of competitiveness and aggression, falls here, you might find yourself in professional competition with him or her.

Pluto in House 10

♇ in 10th

If Pluto is closely conjunct the tenth house cusp, the Pluto person can help the tenth house person focus on ambitions and achieve more personal power and authority. A close conjunction can also indicate power struggles between the partners, especially in professional matters.

HOUSE ELEVEN

Friends, acquaintances, associates, associations, clubs, and virtually any other group you feel a part of are all matters related to the eleventh house. This is also the house governing your hopes, wishes and professional values (personal values are matters of the second house). When someone else's planets fall here in your chart, the energies of those planets will affect your reactions to eleventh house issues. For instance, if a friend's Pluto, the planet of power, falls in your eleventh, your association with that person can potentially bring you greater power and control.

Uranus in House 11

♅ in 11th

You are likely to have a relationship based on friendship, and respect for each other's individuality and freedom. There is a likelihood that you both feel part of some larger group or association.

HOUSE TWELVE

This is the house of illusion, where things are not quite what they seem. Secrets, ideals, deception and self-deception, dreams, drugs, chronic illness,

institutions and intuition are all matters of the twelfth house. Older astrology texts call this the house of self-undoing, but this is probably too negative a reading in most cases. It is true, though, that it is difficult to get a clear picture of what is going on in this house; so the energies of any planets of another person that fall into your twelfth are likely to be harder for you to understand than those falling in other houses. If, for instance, someone's Venus falls in your twelfth, you may find it difficult to see that person's flaws and you may respond to the person as if he or she were your ideal mate, whether or not this is objectively realistic.

Neptune in House 12

♆ in 12th

You can bring out the best and the worst in each other. On the positive side, you can inspire each other to greater empathy, charitability, spirituality and compassion. On the negative side, there can be victimization, deception, clinging-vine dependency, or aggravation of neurotic tendencies or substance abuse.

Brad Pitt's Planets in Angelina Jolie's Houses

HOUSE TWO

This is the house of what you have, both in a tangible and intangible sense. It rules your possessions, your values and what you have to give sexually to your partner. When the planets of another person fall into this house, you are likely to experience the energies symbolized by those planets as having an impact on your sense of self-worth, your possessions, your material security or your personal value system.

Uranus in House 2

♅ in 2nd

The Uranus person is likely to shake up the second house person's value system. The Uranus person can also have an unexpected impact on the fortunes of the second house person -- either positive or negative, depending on aspects between Uranus and the second house person's planets, as well as major transits.

Pluto in House 2

♇ in 2nd

The Pluto person can help the second house person to be more resourceful and to focus more effectively on finances. There is a slight potential for resentment if the Pluto person tries to impose his or her own values on the second house person.

HOUSE FOUR

The fourth house rules the home, real estate, your mother (and your mothering instincts), as well as home, domestic and family situations in general. It is also the house ruling your final resting place. Those whose planets fall in your fourth house will affect you on a deep level, and may arouse your protective and nurturing instincts. If the Sun, Moon, Venus, Jupiter or Ascendant of another falls in your fourth house, you may make good housemates or domestic partners.

Neptune in House 4

♆ in 4th

Usually, this placement indicates empathy between you and a deep emotional or intuitive understanding. The Neptune person can bring beauty and creativity into the fourth house person's home. There is a slight danger that the Neptune person will be

an emotional drain on the fourth house person or erode fourth house person's domestic/family situation, but this will probably only be so if there are harsh major aspects from Neptune to the fourth house person's planets.

HOUSE FIVE

Some astrologers refer to the fifth as the party house, and it's an apt description. The fifth house presides over entertainment and fun of all kinds; including romance, gambling, parties, creativity and pleasure in general. It is also the house of children, and may describe certain traits of your first child. When the planets of another fall into your fifth house, the energies of these planets will have an affect on what you do, think and feel about fifth house issues. If someone's Sun falls into your fifth house, for instance, you may be attracted to that person as a romantic partner or as someone to simply go out and have good times with.

Sun in House 5

☉ in 5th

The fifth is generally considered the "party" house, so with this placement, you are likely to enjoy each other's company, especially when sharing pleasurable activities together. This combination is favorable for people who want to have children together, but equally favorable for those who simply like to go out to the movies, a concert or a restaurant with each other and have a good time. The Sun person can stimulate the fifth house person's creativity and gregariousness and will know how to make him or her laugh and smile. If either of you is particularly attractive, your partner will probably enjoy showing you off on his or her arm.

HOUSE SIX

The morning after the partying of the fifth house, you've got to get back down to business, and that's what the sixth house is about. It rules work, health, service, worries, diet, dress, personal habits and other mundane, but necessary details of life. When someone else's planets fall into your sixth house, the energies of those planets will affect the way you respond to the above sixth house issues. If, for instance, someone's Saturn is in your sixth house, he or she might be an authority (Saturn rules authority figures) who you consult about health, such as a doctor; or he or she might be your boss at work.

Moon in House 6

☾ in 6th

This comparative placement often occurs when a relationship centers around a workplace, health club, medical office; any place or in any situation where a service is rendered. The moods of the Moon person can have an impact on the sixth house person's sense of well-being. The rules and methods of the sixth house person can affect the emotions of the Moon person. There may be problems arising from a difference in approach to neatness, hygiene or organization.

Mercury in House 6

☿ in 6th

There are both positive and negative potentials to this placement. On the positive side, the Mercury person's ideas can influence the sixth house person to achieve better health, physical fitness and/or fashion sense. On the negative side, each of you can be excessively critical of the other. This placement tends to be more favorable for partnerships that deal in details and organization, provided other chart factors support it.

Venus in House 6

♀ in 6th

Often, with this placement, your relationship will have started as a result of your working together, or meeting in a work environment. The Venus person can help the sixth house person make working conditions more pleasant, gracious and socially enjoyable, but may also encourage laziness. The Venus person is likely to have a favorable impact on the sixth house person's diet, fashion sense and health habits.

Mars in House 6

♂ in 6th

This placement can be a double-edged sword. At best, the Mars person can stimulate the sixth house person to a healthier lifestyle; at worst, he or she can cause aggravation that may lead to health problems or accidents. The Mars person can energize the sixth house person to take a more aggressive, active stance in work situations, and may challenge the sixth house person's attitudes toward diet, health, fitness and/or fashion.

HOUSE SEVEN

The seventh, also known as the Descendant, is the house of marital and other partners. It is exactly opposite the first house, which represents you. As the old saying goes: opposites attract. The seventh is also the first of the houses above the horizon in your chart, and is the beginning of that part of the chart which represents your dealings with the public. When the planets of another person are in this house, the energies of those planets will have an impact on your seventh house issues. For instance, if someone's Moon is in your seventh, that person's emotional make-up and nurturing instincts are likely to be in sync with those you would want in a partner.

Saturn in House 7

♄ in 7th

Generally, this is an indication of a serious partnership, with mutual feelings of responsibility and loyalty. If other comparative chart factors are favorable, it can show that this is a lasting bond that endures through the years. If other chart factors are unfavorable, particularly if Saturn makes harsh major aspects to the seventh house

person's planets, it can show coldness or a lack of consideration for each other or an unwillingness to share responsibility equally.

HOUSE NINE

The ninth house is directly opposite the third in your chart and represents a higher order of some of the issues governed by the third house. Foreign travel or other long trips, higher learning, philosophy, culture, religion, law and book publishing are all matters related to this house. When the planets of another person fall into your ninth house, the energies of those planets can affect how you respond to ninth house issues. For instance, if a friend's Uranus, the planet of innovation and surprises, falls in your ninth, he or she might introduce you to a new philosophical system or a new way of thinking about situations or events; or he/she might be the perfect traveling companion for an adventurous trip.

Jupiter in House 9

♃ in 9th

This is Jupiter's natural house and an excellent comparative placement for any relationship. You are likely to be generous and helpful to one another and to aid each other in achieving idealistic goals. Together, you can be more optimistic, adventurous and confident than either is alone. You can also help each other expand your cultural, scholarly and intellectual horizons. You should make good traveling companions as well as being intellectually compatible.