

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> GATE, the home of Libra and the planet Venus. Here your higher sense of balance and equipoise will be challenged. Venusian Encounters - lovers, friends and enemies including those that transcend time await.

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# MADE FOR EACH OTHER?



**Astro-Compatibility Analysis** 

So, you've found that perfect someone and your friends are urging you to check in with an astrologer about the relationship and the compatibility quotient before you get in any deeper. You think about it but then begin to experience some reservations because you fear the astrologer is going to tell you to "run for the hills!" This is something that you don't want to hear yet somehow you know that it might be worth it to find out more about that "human embodiment of perfection" you adore.

Real astrology is about finding balanced solutions for dealing with situations and people. Psychology 101 tells us that "who" we are attracted to is strictly a psychological matter and while this is certainly true, it is not a full equation. Relationship Astrology does not discriminate ... it does not care about age difference, sexual gender preference, or racial preference. Astrology tells us that we are attracted to those who round us out as an individual and help us to fulfill Karma so our Souls can achieve growth in this particular life adventure. Astrology is a very accurate and useful tool for helping us understand another individual be it friend, lover, life partner, parent, child or even a boss on the psychological, emotional, and intellectual levels. When we understand how we react and interact with someone else we become equipped for equipoise and harmony and able to achieve common ground which promotes healthy communication and allows us to deal with the core essence of the any matter that challenges us. Does this mean that astrology is the magic pill that can turn EVERY relationship into "la-de-da pie in the sky" wonderful by supplying means to circumvent the sometimes harsh realities and disappointments we all experience at one time or another? Let's face it, not every relationship is meant to be BUT astrology does reveal the TRUTH of co-existence. Forgive this bit of a corny play on words but "the astrological truth can set you free"... one way or another!

So, what exactly does an astrologer analyze when comparing the energies of two individuals?

## The Individual NATIVITIES

All good astrology starts with analysis of the NATAL CHART and relationship analysis is no exception. A NATAL CHART or NATIVITY is a basic map of where all astral bodies were posited at the time of an individual's birth. It is a guide to the personality and carries the "potentials" of an entire life. In relationship analysis, it gives the astrologer a good view of an individual's propensity to love

and be loved. Transits and progressions show how current life events and life cycles are affecting an individual and if the time is ripe for love and commitment.

## The SYNASTRY

A Synastry is an astrological study of human relationships. The word "Synastry" is derived from an ancient Greek term meaning "similarity of stars." A Synastry is an inter-chart comparison between two individuals. This means that all of the aspects that occur between the two charts come under scrutiny for their energetic propensities to produce ease and harmony known as soft aspects OR for challenge and block known as hard aspects. Astrologers use the Synastry to discern, compare and to view the causes of crisis and impetus for growth that can exist between two people.

A perfect Synastry does not exist just as a perfect human being does not exist. An astrologer looks for balance when analyzing a Synastry between hard and soft aspects. Too much ease provided by many soft aspects would make a relationship boring and complacent. Too many hard aspects can cause volatility or propensity for control. The best combination of aspects grants stability with just enough spice to keep things interesting. In every relationship, the interplay of human nature requires adjustments and compromises if the relationship is to function and flourish. The benefit of the information provided by Synastry analysis should not be used to deem a relationship good or bad but rather to glean knowledge for the most positive interaction possible. Much light can be shed on the deeper ramifications of an initial attraction and whether it has the capacity to grow into a meaningful and healthy proposition. The propensity for longevity and stability can also be discerned. Most importantly, since the problems in most relationships tend to sustain themselves at an unconscious level, the Synastry can prove to be an invaluable tool for opening the door to conscious development and growth because it pinpoints the emotional and psychological factors inherent in human exchange.

## The COMPOSITE

A Composite chart is actually a hypothetical chart that is calculated by using the midpoints of the inter-chart planets in the Synastry thus forming a chart of the "relationship." An astrologer will look for balance between the Synastry which tells you how you get along on all levels with someone else, and the Composite which relays how the relationship is likely to play out. The astrologer will study the basic composite to tap into the flavor of the relationship and the potential for partnership. The Composite has proven itself to be a very effective tool of

discernment and of understanding a relationship and its perspective gives the individuals involved a bit more control to alter or repair issues that would have been left undone due to lack of awareness. The Composite map has its own set of rules for planetary placements and aspect interplay. It is an invaluable template of the future.

## The OTHER ASTRAL BODIES

Many astrologers like to include certain asteroids in relationship analysis as they add a bit more depth or often provide a different tilt on regular analysis. Some of the asteroids that are often used are Cupido, Eros and Amor. Sappho is often considered in Gay relationships.

Cupido is named after that infamous mythological arrow shooting cherub Cupid. Those who have been struck by Cupid's arrow tend to become besotted with love and desire for their intended and whether or not this means "intended victim" or "intended idol" depends much on the cosmic condition of Cupido in a natal chart and in an inter-chart Synastry of those involved. Let's remember that in mythology Cupid was the son of Venus or Aphrodite the Goddess of Love so his intentions when he takes aim at a hapless human can lead to some pretty complicated situations when it comes to matters of the heart. For example, Cupido connecting with the planet Saturn can represent bondage or confinement, often self-imposed, because the idolizer is often acting as a martyr or an enabler just asking for heartache. While this is often a temporary situation it can be very disconcerting until reason and reality are restored. Conversely, Cupido connecting with the benefic planet Jupiter can signify release and freedom of choice, happiness and joy in a relationship be it old or new. So, regardless of your current status concerning Cupido remember a few things... the word "cupidity" is derived from the legendary god Cupid and it equates with carnal desire, greed and covetousness. Too much of a good thing can be unhealthy indeed.

Eros defines unconscious instinctual sexual drive and eroticism. In other words it defines what turns you on via whom or what is sexually attractive to you. It is a good indicator of sexual spontaneity and the emotional response needed to

consummate earthy desires. Acting as a type of "vitality meter" certain expressions of Eros can manifest as blocked sexuality and low physical drive such as when it I being adversely affected by Mars, Saturn or Pluto. ON the other hand, supportive energy from planets like Mars or Pluto can indicate a veritable love machine! Wowza!!!

Amor is a Roman god of Love who represents the lofty principle of "platonic love." The energy of Amor is expressed as loving kindness and compassion that houses no judgment and expects nothing in return. In many ways Amor is somewhat of a good will ambassador who provides selfless service to others. One of the important factors concerning the energy of Amor is that it is a good indicator of how an individual is capable of lending support both emotionally and physically to another person which is necessary in a good relationship and human exchange.

Sappho was actually a Sixth Century B.C. Greek poetess who died because of unrequited love. In astrology she represents not only artistic sensitivity but also romantic sensitivity. Emotions of all kinds are associated with Sappho and include everything from sexual pain to ecstasy. All types of love-conjugal and nonconjugal, heterosexual, gay, single, multiple and even maternal are represented by Sappho. More importantly the power to heal through love by facing how love is presented in one's life is the gift of Sappho. When Sappho is adversely affected in a chart, the energy can manifest as emotional difficulties in sexuality and love due to lack of honesty within the self-regarding the fulfillment of true needs and desires.

For those individuals who are interested in the deeper esoteric meanings of relationships such as possible shared past life experiences, some astrologers who specialize in this genre can also offer a third type of Synastry chart.

## The KARMIC SYNASTRY

There are different ways of calculating a Karmic Synastry depending upon the specialization of the astrologer. The astrological method used by STAR LOGIC ASTRODYNAMICS for the Karmic Synastry is based on an ancient Middle

Eastern procedure encompassing reincarnation. In this process, it is believed that a soul is reincarnated into successive lifetimes until it has been karmically and spiritually purged of all desires through archetypical experiences expressed within the Zodiac. This analysis involves a good deal of hand calculated aspects and a comparative of points including those of the South Node, Fixed Stars, pre-natal eclipses, the Vertex/Anti Vertex Points, Nodal essences, retrograde planets, and Arabian Parts. Generally speaking, there are roughly 125 comparative points or more to discern.

A Karmic Synastry uncovers the subliminal nuances that underscore any type of significant relationship. These undercurrents are often hidden and tied to Karmic lessons.

Relationships are one of the gifts of life. All relationships, whether we perceive them as positive or negative, exist for a reason ... evolutionary soul growth. Karmic relationships provide awareness by stripping away any illusions connected to old Karmic baggage.

Karmic relationships are often described as "unavoidably irresistible." This is because each individual sees in the other the capacity for help or assistance with the resolution of old Karmic issues. Residual memories of a past life can be so strong that an individual will seek or attract similar relationship themes in the current lifetime. These relationships may be viewed as fact finding expeditions used for collection of information that will be valuable at some future time in the resolution or closure of karmic signature.

Why is karmic analysis important? If one believes the basic tenants of reincarnation then it is easy to accept and understand that every single experience in life is representative of a choice made on a Soul level in order to gain wisdom and thus perfect the essence of the Spirit. When an individual seeks individual personal or relationship karmic analysis, he or she is seeking to improve the quality of life by gaining more insight into what makes them and others "tick." On a very intimate and innate level it is already understood that all of us learn karma a few steps at a time through a series of lessons that transcend from one lifetime or one human existence to another. Karma is not always difficult but rather reflects our human capacity for give and take in any given lifetime. Based upon this capacity, many of us carry residual energies for good or ill from one space of existence into another. Through higher spiritual understanding, we can break the old habits and open the door to true expression which brings us greater happiness and a closer

connection to God or Source. Indeed, this makes our karmic obligation for give and take much easier.

I have personally found the Karmic Synastry to be invaluable in instances where two people literally "can't stand one another" despite all efforts to change the energy between them. This is often not just tied to "old" situations or experiences but has to do with the essence of the individual Soul, how it is trying to grow, and the Karmic Contract that has been struck between the two individuals and whether it will or will not be fulfilled in this lifetime.

With all of this wonderful and useful information available, who would not want to pursue it? The TRUTH and a good astrological analysis can set you free!



# **Composite Chiron in Relationships**

By Joshua Bedetto



Chiron is the asteroid (or planetoid depending on how you would like to view it) that shows us where we are the most wounded in our lives and where we will have the most growth throughout our lives. In the Composite Chart (otherwise known as the relationship chart, not to be confused with the Synastry Chart which is a comparative of character and compatibility chart between two people) we see where and how people are evolving in a relationship. You will need to find out where Chiron (by sign) appears in your nativity and then read on ...

First I will start with Chiron in Aries. With Chiron in this sign couples can tend to be very impatient with their partners, whether it be timing or waiting around for them to do something like taking out the trash. Also anger issues may arise at times especially if the man in the relationship is expressing this. The positive way to work the energy of Chiron in the sign of Aries is to use clear communication with your partner. The sign demands facts and concrete boundaries. Everyone has to play in the sandbox together; becoming a team is the best way to get along here. Both partners must have an equal say in the direction of things so that everyone is getting their needs met. In this way Chiron helps people to find themselves in the relationship and also to find their personal power.

When one finds Chiron in Taurus or any of the fixed signs, change may be difficult for the people in the relationship to bear. This is seen in relationships that may have a great start but difficulty later on, especially with regards to money. With Chiron in Taurus people may be pack rats to a difficult degree. The things that are stored are often not used and things simply sit taking up space. The refusal to let go of things comes into play here. Also the people in the relationship may be on different economic levels thereby giving one person the upper hand in arguments and therefore a subtle level of control in the relationship that can be passive aggressively brought up from time to time. The way in which to positively express Chiron in this sign is to have a great love of healthy foods and creature comforts. One also needs to have an open mind about food and experiences. Also making a habit of Feng Shuiing your home can reduce clutter and keeps the energy changing which helps to facilitate changes in life. Money should be made a non-issue by finding things to do that do not cost much money like a dance class or something in which bodily movement is taking place.

When Chiron is found in Gemini the issues that may come up will require drugs! If at all possible run away from this relationship at all costs!! Just kidding. This is the nature of Chiron in this sign. Everything has the potential to be very dramatic. The key to overcoming this is to laugh. Do not take things too seriously with one another. People have different sides to them and some personalities grate on the nerves more than others. Learning to go with the flow is being worked on here. It takes a bold couple indeed to overcome this sign, or perhaps one that is just looking for fun and adventure. This couple may have to learn how to act in large groups. The other side is that one or both of the partners may use friends or distractions such as technology (computers, TV, cell phones, etc ....) to keep from being intimate with one another. Put down the magazine and talk to one another. Causes may also be taken up by this couple in order to help our "Fellow Man".

When Chiron is found in Cancer family is usually the issue. Whenever you date someone, if you are serious, you will end up dating the family too. Chaperoned dates are to be expected in the beginning whether by a friend or a double date or at a place where one of the two people knows people who work there. It can be

blood family too of course. It can also be that the couple is extremely emotionally volatile or reclusive in some way. The way to overcome these aspects is to get out of the house. Have fun and explore! Live life and love the simple pleasures that life has to afford. Learn to knit or some other type of creative expression that you can do with your partner.

If Chiron is found in Leo, then stuff may in fact, be the issue. People all over the world can over extend themselves through their debt in a quest to acquire things. If your partner insists on having a big house and car then make sure that you have the money to pay the bills. Also someone has to pay for these things. When will there be time for love if both people are always working? In short, the couples with this in their chart many times do not own their possessions, their possessions own them. Finances should be kept under close scrutiny. Credit cards should have a low limit. Have you heard the stories of people who are thousands of dollars in debt because the wife or husband has a shopping addiction? This is where you see it. How do you focus these energies better? Find things to do that do not cost money, or be bargain shoppers. Be generous to other people. Find common interests that the two of you have and then run with it. You could also find a hobby together that the two of you can make money off of. An example might be leading white water rafting groups down rapids. You make money on the weekends for doing what you would normally do anyway. Be CREATIVE!!!

When Chiron is found in Virgo in the composite chart values can come into play. Some people initially pretend to be people they are not (as far as likes and dislikes go). This can come about from drawing on the polarity of Virgo which is of course Pieces. There is an air in the relationship of something someone has done that is not good enough or who someone "is" isn't good enough. Also mistakes or blunders in this relationship will be remembered and brought up with EVERY argument. The key to making Chiron work for you in this sign is to let go of the judgment and laugh at mistakes. People are imperfect. We all know this. Move on. Have fun making meals. Cooking together and doing things that nourish the body as well as creativity are a must here! Have fun and good conversation. When emotional tensions are on the rise meditate and then talk

about things in a calm manner. Do Not Make A List Of Everything Wrong In the Relationship! Just casually talk things out.

When Chiron appears in Libra it is an interesting Composite sign to say the least. This may be a couple who has trouble keeping their eyes on their partner at times. Have intellectual conversations and keep your partner updated on your changing values in life and your outlook on things. Be active in the relationship. No one person should be responsible for the life of the relationship. Co-dependence can come into play here. Sometimes there is a lack of trust in the relationship. The way to overcome these things is to stay focused on your partner and to equally take into account their and your own needs. Find compromises. Both people must be united in the goals of the relationship. Also you must trust each other. When you have trust in a relationship it makes one less apt to leave from being too controlled. At the same time neither person should be a doormat for the other. Stay your ground on issues that you feel strongly about. The phrase "Trust god and tie your camel," comes into play here.

If Chiron is found in Scorpio then control may be the issue. This couple has a tendency to check on their partner much more than when Chiron is housed in the other signs. It can be hard for people with Chiron in this sign because it can mean a lack of space. It is very much a blessing though. If your find Chiron in Scorpio you have found a partner for life if you are will to work through the inevitable things that come up. This couple really "gets one another." Projects are normally not an issue, and the emotional undertow of this relationship can be overwhelming. This is a relationship where you are connected to your partner on a deep level. Your partner can make or break your day. This is also associated with extreme emotion. Some people need therapy to work through their issues. You do not need to be their counselor! Pay someone for that instead.

When Chiron is found in Sagittarius then spirituality can come to the fore. This couple can be immensely spiritual. They are the couple that goes to church every day of the week. Spirituality is good. Dogma is not always good. Learn to find God together on hikes or through day to day life. Romantic things together should not be an issue. What may be an issue is overindulging. Do not go gambling with a debit card! You will come back in debt. Excess is nice for a while until it

becomes a hindrance. Keep indulgences down if at all possible to a manageable level. If the two people in this relationship have a different view of god, neither one should attempt to convert the other. That is a tender issue that most people are willing to fight over. As the old saying goes, "Let live, and let God!"

With Chiron in Capricorn careers can become the issue. We spend most of our energy working hard and trying to obtain what we were shown on TV with the Brady Bunch and The Cosby show only to find that we have worked ourselves to the point to where we cannot enjoy our family life. This sign can be a hard one to tackle head on, but not to worry! Your friendly astrologer is here to help! If it is hard to find time for one another in the relationship then set day in which you may spend time with one another. Plan things to do with one another or plan to do nothing with one another! The only this is to be with each other and make sure that your partner knows that they are important in your life. Everyone needs to show the love here. Also plan surprises for one another that randomly come out during the week. It could be as small as giving flowers because it is Thursday.

If Chiron is found in Aquarius the friends and distractions may be the issue. Some people find it is hard to connect with one another for long periods of time with their partners because a lot of metaphorical chickens cooking in the oven. They do not feel important and pushed to the side. It may be that this happens in a cycle and just when one person has had enough the partner comes just in time to show them some love. What works in this relationship best is clear communication and structure. The couple may have trouble with plans, but without them the chances of the couple enduring is slim. Make a plan. The order of importance in life should not be; friends, job, parents, side job, hobbies, relationship. Find out what is important to one another and be supportive. This couple will need more space and time alone than others. This is fine. You are with an individual person and not a turning cog in a clock that is meant to fit in. Respect this about one another.

Finally, we come to the sign of Pisces. With Chiron in this sign in the Composite Chart the couple tends to be very spiritual in their own ways and very loving toward one another. Lying can be one of the issues that this relationship has or secrets for that matter. The way to express Chiron in this sign is to emote to your partner everything that you feel with and about one another. Respect each other's

space and do not laugh at their oddities. Every person is different, and men and women are sensitive. Be sensitive to that. Did I mention that one might want to be sensitive? Good! Because the people in this relationship are marsh mellows. They need kindness and patience. Watch what you say. Every word will be scrutinized and pondered on for longer than you might think. The bright side of this is that many people relive their childhood through this relationship. There is a lot of healing going on over the earlier development. Be a kid about things and laugh and cut loose!





## THE LOVE THAT TRANSCENDED TIME

## The Legend of Lucy Lightfoot

Lucy Lightfoot left her horse tethered at the gateway to Gatcombe Church, and was never seen again ... Did an electrical storm induce a timeslip?

In the sanctuary at the East end of the Gatcombe Church (Isle of Wight, UK) lies the carved oaken effigy of Edward Estur, a crusader night who died in Palestine in 1303. The figure lies in a suit of mail with a shield upon his left arm. His feet lie crossed (the sign of a knight who fought in the Crusades) on the back of a faithful dog. Old eighteenth century engravings show a short sword known as a misericord in the right hand.

According to the legend, on the morning of June 13, 1831 the steel misericord attached to the wooden effigy of Edward Estur was found to be missing. According to Wikipedia it was said to be shattered and a valuable chrysoberyl set in lodestone on the hilt was found to be missing.



The first person to write about Lucy Lightfoot was Reverend James Evans, a former rector of Gatcombe. According to Evans, Lucy Lightfoot was born to a local farmer and his wife who lived about two miles from Gatcombe in the hamlet of Bowcombe. She grew into a beautiful dark-haired beauty with a fiery passion for life and independent spirit. She also became a competent horsewoman. Bowcombe was not in the parish of Gatcombe but it was the nearest church in the vicinity so Lucy became a regular worshipper at St. Olave's. She rather quickly became attracted and obsessed with the effigy of Edward Estur. She would regularly be seen entering the church, for no other reason than to stare for hours on end – at the Knight. Lucy could not explain her actions to others, only that she felt a powerful force that would pull her to the effigy. She felt very comfortable around the Knight and to her it was as though a powerful bond existed.

'Why do you stand so? I would love to be with him and accompany him on his adventures in my thoughts and dreams', she mused.

On the morning of June 13, 1831 at about 10:30, Lucy was seen to leave her horse tethered to the church gate. She entered the building. While she was in the building, a total eclipse of the sun occurred darkening the land leaving it in pitch black for more than half an hour. A violent storm burst upon the island flooding the land and flattening crops. It was reported that several farmhouses were struck by lightning.

Nearly three hours later, a farmer by the name of George Brewster noticed Lucy's frightened horse still tied at the church gate. There was no one in the church or churchyard. Lucy had disappeared. Further searches of neighboring cottages turned up nil. When it was realized that Lucy was missing, her parents offered a substantial reward for information about her whereabouts. It was never claimed and Lucy was never seen again.

Years passed and then in 1865 a distinguished Medievalist scholar Samuel Trelawney came across a document dated 1297 written by Phillipe de Mezi'eres recording how the King of Cyprus had been in London recruiting English knights for the sacking of Alexandria. One of those volunteers was Edward Estur and, accompanying him to Cyprus went a dark haired beauty from Carisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight going by the name of.... Lucy Lightfoot.

They parted at Larnaca. Lucy vowing to waited three years for his return. Edward sailed bravely on but sadly with the battle raging and the town repelling all advances, he took a blow to the head, suffered severe amnesia and was transported straight back to England to convalesce. Lucy waited for three years and then, believing him to be dead, married a Sicilian fisherman. She never returned to these shores. At least not in that lifetime.

Post note: An intense electrical storm, a piece of lodestone apparently reduced to nothing. A legend that seems to imply some kind of side-step in time - these are items that can perhaps give us a clue to some of the mysteries of the Isle of Wight.

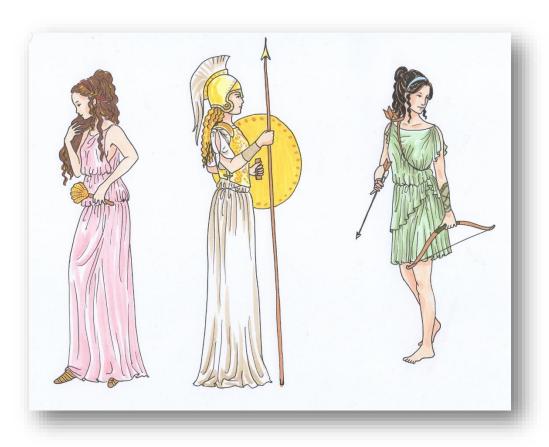
**VENUS**She's Not Always That Nice



Venus. The goddess of love, passion, beauty, harmony and satisfaction. The great goddess has sides to her however that are less than pleasant. She has very high expectations of perfection and harmony and those who don't meet those expectations will suffer disillusion and disappointment. After all it's all about ideals, although an individual can always turn such situations around if the harshness impels you to do something better.

In mythology, Venus was very jealous and hated competition as evidenced in the story of Psyche and Cupid (Eros). Poor Psyche was put through the paces to prove her love for Cupid (Eros), son of Venus all because Venus felt Psyche needed a

lesson in humility because Psyche was admired for her beauty. She also had a problem with Paris who was called upon to judge a beauty contest between Venus, Athene and Hera. She had no problem stooping to dirty tricks by stripping down naked and offering him Helen of Sparta to bias his opinion. This of course ended in Trojan War but then a woman's wrath knows no bounds.



Sometimes Venus did redress imbalance such as in the case of Pluto and Persephone. Feeling Persephone was too innocent and virginal and for her own good, Venus had her son Cupid shoot Pluto with one of his infamous arrows giving him the hots for Persephone who he kidnapped and made Queen of the Underworld. Can Hell be Heaven?

## Quite a gal ...

Where the astrological Venus appears in one's natal chart shows both the pleasant and unpleasant sides of Venus. Try not to take it too personal.

If natal Venus is in the ...

#### FIRST HOUSE:

Many astrologers feel Venus in the First House is a sign of physical beauty either inner or outer or both. There is a natural attractiveness. The physical self may indeed be quite pleasing or beautiful and even those who may not necessarily be outwardly attractive harbor an inner beauty which radiates outward with refinement and goodwill. No matter what the recipe, it is mandatory that the individual develop a strong sense of self-worth and self-esteem. If this factor is missing, the individual can easily become a manipulator trying to garner as much attention and flattery from others as possible to fill the gap. This can also be a very shamelessly erotic placement known as Aphrodite's Girdle syndrome whereby seduction is used treacherously for personal benefit.

## RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 1:

If Venus is retrograde in the First House or in the Sign of Aries, past life residuals ca include an inclination towards romantic selfishness. Relationships are made and broken for self- gratification physically and romantically. The social lessons here are to properly develop dignity and respect for others and to learn to share without expecting reciprocation.

#### **SECOND HOUSE:**

This placement speaks strongly about the sense of well-being and the ability to attract what is needed and valued. There is an innate sense of diplomacy and tact and fairness. On the flip side, Venus in the Second House if making or receiving poor aspects may be too extravagant with expenditure AND too possessive of other people which are viewed as valuable objects. Some of this can be psychologically generated by fear and worry of lack or not having "enough." Venus well aspected here can also be the odd couple – very sensual and tactile in love and in a totally different vein, practical where love is thought of as a quantity which is measured out and consumed according to satisfaction levels.

### RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 2:

If Venus is retrograde in the Second House or in the Sign of Taurus, past life residuals may indicate that too much importance is placed on material security. A balanced approach needs to be adopted. Certainly the real value of things should be

recognized and attained for survival but this must be achieved with a full understanding of what is important in life. There is often a tendency to show off founded in the need to show others "things" as poof of success OR a gaudiness of vanity in clothing jewelry.

#### THIRD HOUSE:

A gift for gab and fluent communication is evident with this placement provided Venus aspects are not hampered. If hampered, early education may not be as pleasant as it could be and in some cases there can be some sort of speech impediment. This Venus has a sensitive radar for the needs of others around them but often speak too much trying to please them or make them happy. People do however usually feel comfortable enough to open up to someone with a Third House Venus so in a sense this Venus operates like the High Priestess of the Tarot who has the reputation for being quite capable of soliciting information from just about anyone.

## RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 3:

If Venus is retrograde in the Third House or in the Sign of Gemini, past life residuals include problems and joys associated with communication. Respect was also an issue and there may have been over-involvement with others and thoughtless, immodest and impulsive attitudes towards others that require adjustment in the current life. There was a lack of self-discipline resulting in some sarcasm and there was a tendency to be possessive of others and a leaning towards touchiness, being easily offended.

#### FOURTH HOUSE:

Venus in the Fourth House loves peace and harmony above all else. If an atmosphere has any discord or strife, this Venus becomes the "smoother" until all is rectified and everyone is happy again. It should never be assumed that a Fourth House Venus is "easy," or a pushover or doormat. The need for security is the foundation upon which all else is built. Territorialism is inherent along with conservatism and caution. Clear values are of the utmost importance and at times a righteous attitude might become evident. This Venus will take its times to assimilate the environment, life events and experiences.

## RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 4:

If Venus is retrograde in the Fourth House or in the Sign of Cancer, past life residuals can indicate a laziness to create a sociably acceptable personal space or environment. The home life may have been harsh or disruptive which could have hampered personal development and had a negative effect on the initiating of relationships with others. Should this be the case, the individual with this placement has an "off-putting" effect on others simply because the auric field is holding the old energy pattern and others can feel it.

#### FIFTH HOUSE:

Creative self-expression is the key to personal self-fulfillment and well-being. Public appeal comes easy to this Venus placement if manifestation of creativity is manifested. All that is beautiful and aesthetic is of major importance. In the love/relationship department "being in love with love" happens all too easily and is not likely to be very realistic. It is the throes of romance and not the physical side of love that is appealing in other words this Venus likes to play and not be very serious. It is all play and no work, after all work is not very pleasurable. The result of all this can wreak havoc in the lives of others who may have a different impression of what is going on.

## RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 5:

If Venus is retrograde in the Fifth House or in the Sign of Leo, past life residuals can include creative urges based solely on the gratification of ego. Immoral values may have ruined the lives of others and there might also have been heavy debt both financial and emotional. Excessive sexual pursuits some of which could have ended in unrequited love can be a strong past life residual where revenge or obsession becomes a prominent issue in the current life. In some cases there may be unusual or unorthodox sexual orientation and extramarital affairs with the same or opposite sex. In the early part (youth) of a past life there may have been neglect or sexual abuse bringing forth rash or impulsive tendencies in the current life.

#### SIXTH HOUSE:

This Venus is highly attuned to mundane or everyday life and finds joy in daily duties and taking care of the self and business. The importance of developing good

relationships is part of the plan. Venus in this house is body conscious and not only likes to look good but also wants peak health so it stands to reason that any imbalances in in relationships is often based in physical or emotional problems. If Venus makes or receives harsh aspects obsession can also be a problem not only in the love life but also psychologically. This is placement of determination for Venus needing everything to be just right including people who should be in their proper place. Antagonizing others can be a problem if too much perfection is demanded. Venus here can also be determined to be diplomatic and tactful in dealing with others. It all depends on the environment and whether things are moving smoothly.

#### RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 6:

If Venus is retrograde in the Sixth House or in the Sign of Virgo, past life residuals can include a carryover of discrimination based in economic or social status. Lack of development of the ego which constantly sought out avenues of approval is the reason for that attitude. Lifetimes of inappropriate living including abuse of health and environment as well as lack of communication in public and social circles are at the root as well. The Sixth House is generally known as the house of service to others and in past lives experience gained that could have benefited others was not shared because they were not deemed worthy.

#### **SEVENTH HOUSE:**

As Venus naturally rules the Seventh House through the sign of Libra almost the total focus is on love and relationships. The "I am you and you are me" premise operates strongly here and the native of this placement only feel complete and happy if he or she is involved and totally immersed in a relationship. The native believes the beauty inside them is reflected back to them through the beloved who is often held on a pedestal of perfection even if they are the only one who sees it. It is always good to see someone else in a positive light however no partner can live up to perfection. When Venus here is disappointed the beloved finds they are standing on that pedestal with clay feet. Venus knows how to play the game well from this house offering beauty, diplomacy, love and devotion but she is also highly jealous and possessive from this stance.

#### RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 7:

If Venus is retrograde in the Seventh House or in the Sign of Libra, past life residuals can include thoughtlessness in all types of relationships. As a result the individual became his or her own worst enemy. Inconsiderate, emotional and extravagant, the individual took love and rarely reciprocated it. Highly ego - centered possessiveness, selfishness and greed destroyed anything mutual. Past life marriages were exercises in control where honesty was nil. An unexplained need to be more refined in the current life is not only a clue but an obligation to the development of harmony in all relationships. Integrity and truthfulness in public relations is also important goal for the current lifetime.

#### **EIGHTH HOUSE:**

Venus in the Eighth House tends to be a mediator and negotiator that strives for harmony between people. This can work well in business partnerships and couplings where money is involved. On the other hand, Aphrodite's Girdle becomes a corset of seduction in this house and no other Venus is better than using sexual charm to rid partners of any sexual inhibitions. Sexual fulfillment is a ways and means to fell complete. This Venus can entice anyone into anything. Everything is exposed including secrets and maybe even bank account numbers. The treasure box key is handed over gladly. There is also a love of anything mysterious or arcane and to probe, turning over every rock in search of answers. Venus in this house also tends towards psychic abilities which is used as a sixth sense in understanding others and, should it be decided, will use that input to control and/or manipulate.

### **RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 8:**

If Venus is retrograde in the Eighth House or in the Sign of Scorpio, past life residuals can include lifetimes of disagreeable endings including unpleasant, even violent deaths. Inappropriate values and dependence on the financial generosity of others is at the root. Theft and embezzlement and the mishandling of funds was prominent perhaps via organized crime. There was a very strong vein of interest in the occult and metaphysics as well strong psychic ability that is most likely realized and recognized in the current lifetime but was misunderstood in past lifetimes because it may have been fraudulently advanced or simply against the law according to religious beliefs at the time.

#### NINTH HOUSE:

Venus in the Ninth House tends to be visionary contemplating the meaning and mysteries of life but it also struggles with religious and philosophical issues. The key to happiness is believing in a Lofty Untouchable Power with peace, liberty and justice for all. This Venus is highly attuned to higher education (including the self-taught variety) and more than willing to share or teach the most profound or scholarly subjects. From the Ninth House posit Venus has a great love of diversity of people and therefore embraces different cultures and travel. Unless Venus makes or receives harsh aspects, there is a knack for getting along well with others (including in-laws). Despite the capacity to get along well with others, Venus here can be annoyingly argumentative if she feels she has found practical justification for what is strongly held as personal belief or knowledge. Because of the high ideals of this placement there may also be a tendency to expect too much of others.

### RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 9:

If Venus is retrograde in the Ninth House or in the Sign of Sagittarius, past life residuals can include a religiously dogmatic attitude, narrow view and bigotry resulting in spiritual arrogance. There was a love of the glamor provided by religious ritual and practices especially those of foreign cultures. The individual has yet to learn that "all the glitters is not gold." There was a lack of self-discipline with regards to observing the law, social order and education. There may also be an urgency to pursue a righteous path and to use current talents for the benefit humanity. If this exists, then the individual has recognized what needs to be corrected on the deepest levels which will enhance soul development and growth.

#### TENTH HOUSE:

Venus in the Tenth House is concerned with image. Looking disheveled at any time for any reason is simply not allowed. Natural diplomacy is also prevalent and Venus here likes to be noticed, appreciated and if possible adored. Status and power is a goal and should a position of authority be achieved it will be held onto tooth and nail. Partnerships and joint efforts with others work well generally speaking unless Venus makes or receives harsh aspects. If problematic aspects exist, even though there is dedication to task and much to offer, this can be misunderstood as demands which are resented. This Venus likes to choose how it

functions on the work scene and seeks to promote harmony with others. Since power is power, sexual power is also part of the picture and a tendency towards rivalry is not out of the question.

#### RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 10:

If Venus is retrograde in the Tenth House or in the Sign of Capricorn, past life residuals can include a tendency to seek approval or status because it was denied in past lives. Because of overreach and negative personality traits, the individual met with disapproval, disfavor and discredit from authority figures. There existed a strong desire for fame and notoriety then and most likely a similar desire for honor and approval of contemporaries exists in the current lifetime. The individual cared less for others in past lives leaving them behind as he or she stepped on them to get ahead and gain personal glory. The idea is to channel ambition in the right direction in the current lifetime and work with consideration and harmony with others.

#### **ELEVENTH HOUSE:**

This Venus enjoys people and wants cooperation in all group situations and friendships. This is a positive, out-going and around and about Venus. There is showmanship and a need to entertain and be entertained. The individual feels when accepted in social situations and can sense opportunities through contact made with others. If Venus makes or receives harsh aspects cultural promise can be more difficult to achieve and require a great deal of determination to reach desired goals. There can be too much obsession with being accepted by the 'right' crowd when emphasis should be placed on the group or crowd that provides benefit for all involved and by extension for all who are not involved - in other words, humanitarian efforts. A high standard for friendship also exists and effort can be met with disappointment if that standard is not recognized and held by others. There can also be an overdependence on others which is never healthy. Friendships can turn into romance or a love/hate situation.

### RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 11:

If Venus is retrograde in the Eleventh House or in the Sign of Aquarius, past life residuals can include associating people who are felt to be lesser than in order to look and feel superior. There is a tendency to be highly susceptible to flattery which does not work out well. Most astrologers agree that this is a very karmic Venus and that friends and foes from the past will be present in the current lifetime in the same roles. There will also be similarities between past incarnations and the current incarnation as to the type of social activities that are being pursued. Negatively this would include the desire to revisit past life tendencies for overindulgence in sexual pursuits and orgies. The goal is to employ better values and productive relationships and resist self-indulgence of body.

#### HOUSE 12:

Venus in this house wants to merge generally with something greater than the self-numinous and divine. Seeking somethings this lofty in another human being can be a little difficult as no man or woman is a god or goddess. Adoration may be sought but to desire a love that has no bounds makes adoration less than sufficient. This Venus easily drifts off into the world of the intangible in pursuit of beauty and love. There can be affairs with those who are not available or free because this Venus is willing to sacrifice and live with restriction and even pain. He or she might be a defender of the underdog, the lowly or even a criminal. The individual believes these things can be fixed and others simply don't understand. In some cases there may be a lack of common sense or practicality. Learning to love keeping emotions in balance and setting proper boundaries while allowing personal time for oneself is a must.

#### RETROGRADE VENUS, HOUSE 12:

If Venus is retrograde in the Twelfth House or in the Sign of Pisces, past life residuals can include the karmic goal of integrating the inner and outer selves. This was lacking in the past lifetimes and probably is the case in the current lifetime. What does this mean? It means there is too much emphasis placed on ego (sacrifice is ego based) and not enough attention placed on soul ... in other words, the spiritual doormat. How can this be achieved? Simply by employing compassionate (not sacrificial) comprehension of all mankind and the unity of all people. This may be done via unselfish service to others with conducted with equipoise and good sense.



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