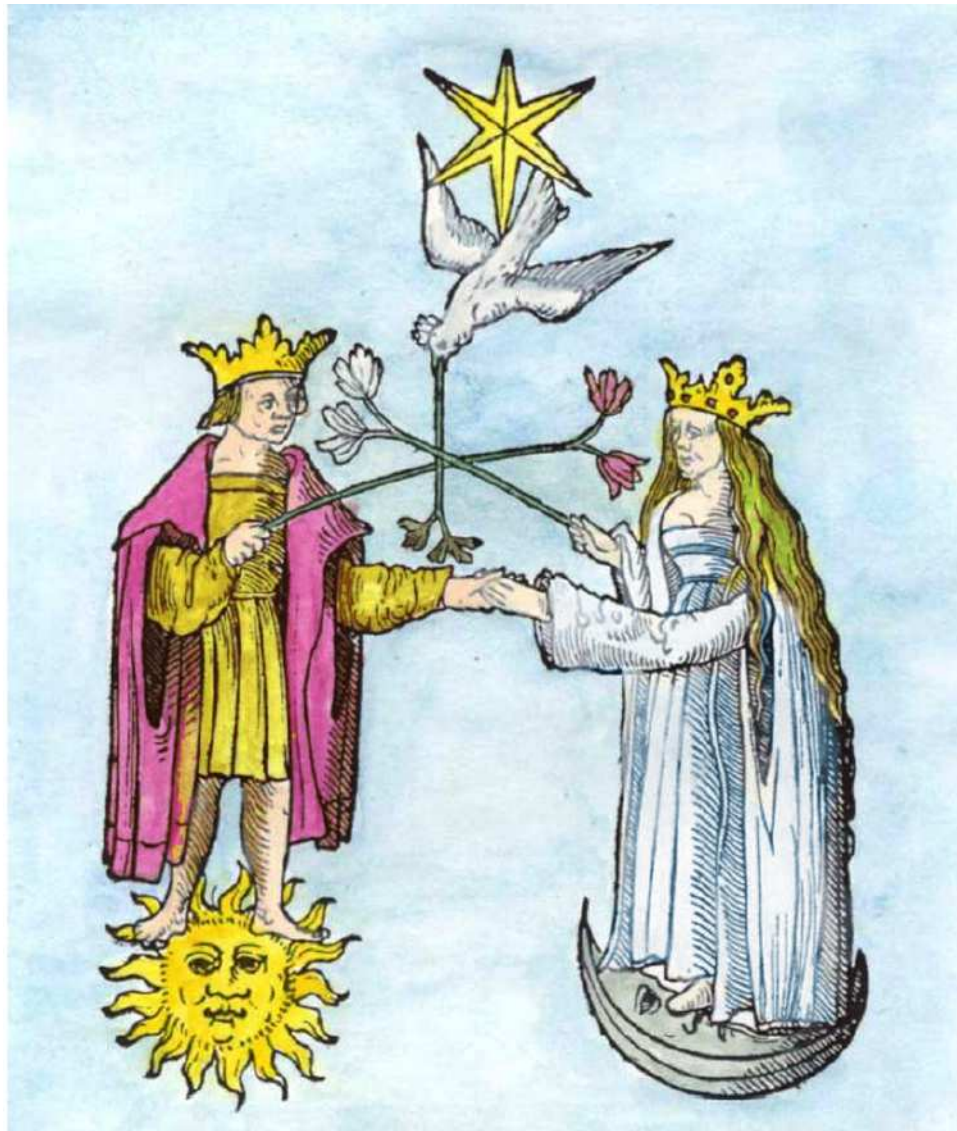


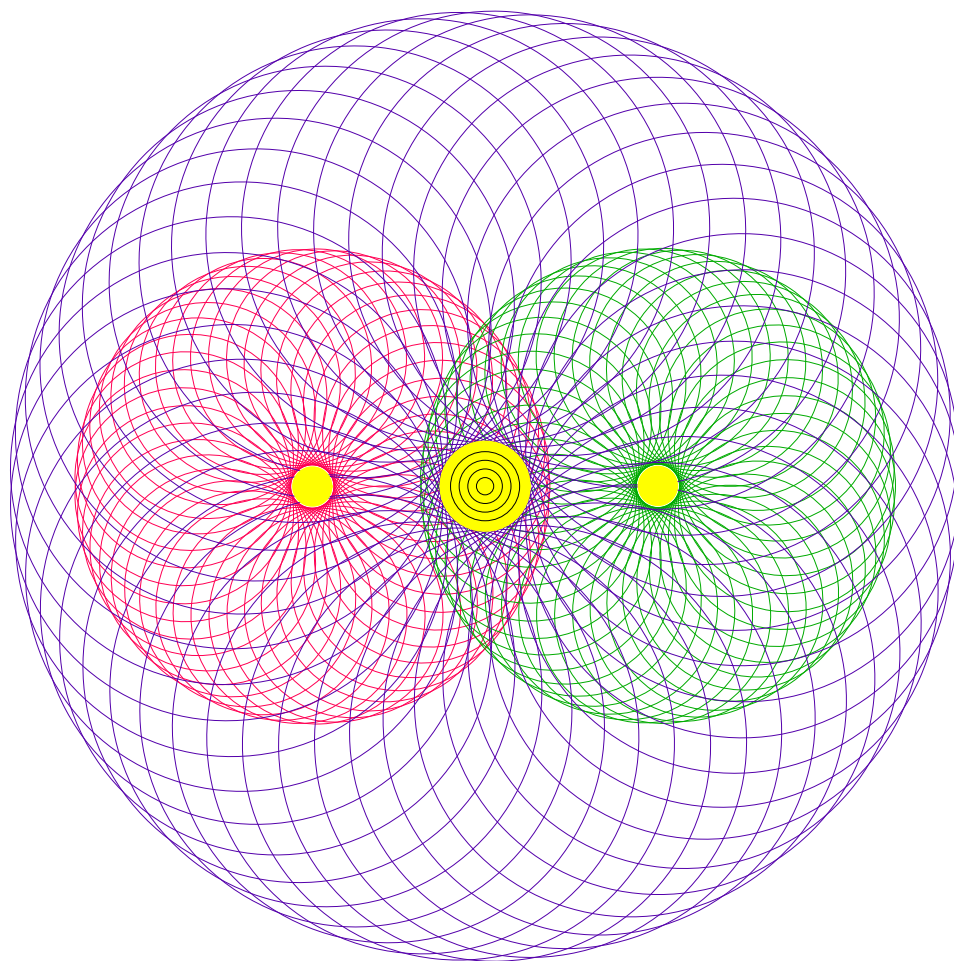
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The Relationship Handbook

for

John Lennon

and

Paul McCartney

A human being is a part of the whole, called by us 'Universe,' a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts, and feelings as something separated from the rest – a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

— Albert Einstein

For two personalities to meet is like mixing two chemical substances: if there is any combination at all, both are transformed.

— Carl Jung

Here is your **RELATIONSHIP HANDBOOK**.

It has been calculated for the following birth data:

JOHN LENNON

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INTRODUCTION

How do we “free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty?” Relationship is the school in which we primarily learn to free ourselves. If our prison consists of the delusion that we are separate from the rest of the Universe or the whole of existence, when we really are part of that whole, then we free ourselves by giving up our belief in that separateness. This is the transformation that can come from combining two personalities.

The personal material provided in the following sections is offered in the hope that it will bring insight into what makes your relationship operate the way it does. Where there is harmony and compatibility, celebrate and nourish it. Where there are challenges, accept them and work with them. Remember, the work is within. These are your assets and liabilities. There is no way to predict the outcome of a relationship. Something mysterious brings us together and we do the best we can. Permanence is not a measure of the quality of a relationship. Again, *there is no way to predict the outcome of a relationship*. The information contained here is to help you understand what you are working with. By reading about the dynamics you may be experiencing, they can become more objective, allowing you to work with them, rather than having them compel you.

WHY USE ASTROLOGY?

The astrology used here is not about prediction or fatalism. Astrology is simply the study of meaningful correspondences between planetary movements and our lives. The rhythms of the planets reveal an order and pattern which can show us hidden patterns in our lives. Astrology is being used here because of its power as a tool which can reveal hidden information, based (irrational as it may seem) only upon the time and place of birth of the individual. It cannot predict the outcome of relationship – success or failure. You need not be a believer or follower of astrology to be open to what it can tell you. The information found in Parts I and II is unique to the two of you.



USING YOUR HANDBOOK

The Handbook is organized into the following:

I. Your Personal Individual Dynamics Matchup: The heart of this report is the comparison of the positions of each factor in **John Lennon's** birth chart with each factor in **Paul McCartney's** birth chart. These are called *aspects*. In this way specific strengths and weaknesses of the relationship can be described. These are intended to help you to see the deeper motives influencing your relationship. They are not about outer personalities or behaviors as much as they are trying to describe inner psychological dynamics and motivations. For this is the level from which we truly do our relating, whether we are usually aware of it or not. We recommend that you read these with an open and curious mind, and take them as food for *slow* reflection. These are not really meant to be a kind of scorecard for how "good" a relationship you have. For your convenience, they are arranged in four groupings.

First, you will find the **most intense aspects** listed, in order of their strength. Compatibilities and challenges are both included. Intensity means that these two factors form the strongest ties, for better or worse, between the two charts. It is possible that these form the core of your relationship, with the "Other Aspects" found in the following section making up an outer "shell" of less important connections. The first one listed is the strongest link.

Next the **remaining aspects** are given ("Other Aspects"), still in descending order of strength, and including both compatibilities and challenges. By the end of this section, you will have read all the aspects between the two of you.

Third, you are shown a summary of your **most harmonious or compatible aspects**. This simply repeats what you've already found in the first two sections, but organizes the most helpful aspects (in descending order of strength) for easy reference when you want to concentrate on your relationship's assets.

Finally, there is a summary of your **most challenging aspects** (in descending order of strength). These are likely to present the areas in which you will need to work. Think of them as the learning opportunities presented by this particular relationship.

Note: In presenting your challenging aspects, you will find suggestions to look for other specific harmonious aspects. For example, you might read, "See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Sun or Paul's Moon in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem." These harmonious aspects (if there are any) show compatible areas between the two of you which, when you give them attention, may provide an outlet for tension caused by the challenges. You can identify these harmonious aspects, when they occur, because they are followed by indicators like these:

Helpful: John's Venus.

II. Your Personal Individual Temperament Compatibility: An overview of each person's temperament, based on the fourfold classification of Feeling type, Thinking type, Sensation (physical) type, or Intuitive type. What are each of you strongest in, and what do you lack? How do these two general ways of categorizing your personalities fit together?

Also, are each of you more likely to be active-initiative-starter types, solid-persistent-finisher types, or versatile-flexible-adjuster types? How do these fit together?



I. Your Personal Individual Dynamics Matchup:

Again, as we noted in the introduction: These are intended to help you to see the deeper factors influencing your relationship. They are not about outer personalities or behaviors as much as they are trying to describe inner psychological dynamics and motivations. For this is the level from which we truly do our relating, whether we are usually aware of it or not. We recommend that you read these with an open and curious mind, and take them as food for slow reflection. Chew on them. These are not really meant to be a kind of scorecard for how "good" a relationship you have.

NOTE: Please remember that some of this information is likely to be contradictory. This is not a flaw in the method, but is indicative of contradictory qualities of your dynamics. You may find that one paragraph tells you that you are emotionally compatible and another may say you are not. Consider that both may be true, and look at the differences in how they are explained, and see if you can find correspondences in your actual relationship experience.

See the Appendix in the back for planetary symbol meanings if you wish. Also please note that *every* relationship will have harmonious or compatible aspects and challenging ones. A relationship is not doomed by its challenges, nor is it insured by its compatibilities. These are all just *what is*. What matters is what you do with them.



Your Matchup Overview for John Lennon, and Paul McCartney:

You have a total of **41** aspects between you, of which **23** are very strong, your most intense (see next section). Out of this **41** total, **19** may be considered harmonious or compatible, and **16** are likely to be challenging. The rest could go either way.

With so many intense or close aspects (more than average) between you, there is a powerful bond or connection between you. You have many harmonious aspects, suggesting a strong compatibility between you. You have many challenging aspects, indicating the likelihood of stress, effort and growth. Since you have more harmonious aspects than challenging ones, you may expect to find that the relationship is a source of nourishment and balance, and has resources to meet challenges.

YOUR MOST INTENSE ASPECTS

(Strongest links between you in descending order, strongest first)

Compatibilities and challenges are both included. Intensity means that these two factors form the strongest ties, for better or worse, between the two charts. It is possible that these form the core of your relationship, with the "other aspects" found in the following section making up an outer "shell" of less important connections. The first one listed is the strongest (though not necessarily the most important) link.

John's Mars (♂)

Sextiles

Paul's Mars (♂)

There is a lot of energy here between you and it can stimulate you to cooperative activity. Your motivations may be quite similar and each of you is sensitive to how the other acts, particularly how the other pushes for what he or she wants, or tries to impose his or her will on the environment. You can be supportive of each other in these areas. Your desires are compatible, and you can work well together, encouraging each other's ambition and daring. Each of you can support the other's passion and initiative. It's as if each of you can easily give the message, "Yes, go!" to the other. This might also indicate sexual compatibility, and you may enjoy the same forms of recreational activity. The masculine, active sides of each of your personalities are well matched.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Mars

John's Uranus (♅)

Trines

Paul's Ascendant (AC)

John is likely to have a positive impact on Paul. The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's originality, magnetism or unpredictability. John can help to liberate Paul. This connection is not necessarily long lasting by itself, though other aspects may indicate stability. But it is highly likely that John will bring something new into Paul's life. This may upset Paul's routines but it can also open him to new possibilities. This aspect suggests a connection which can help Paul realize his purpose for being.

John's Neptune (♆)
Squares
Paul's Sun (☉)

Imagination and idealism come into play here. There is a large gray area between you where John in particular may tend to project his inner fantasies onto Paul. Paul may always find it hard to know John with certainty, experiencing him as elusive or mysterious. Paul may feel less certain or sure about himself. This aspect may indicate deception and illusion. It is often easy with this aspect to imagine a spiritual or otherworldly connection to each other. In a love relationship, this aspect may bring evasion and lack of trust. Paul can feel weakened or misled by John. It is hard to know what is real between the two of you. Paul may help John to see where he tends to be unrealistic, or Paul may join John in a shared idealistic fantasy, partly out of the desire to escape from responsibility or limitations. Paul may have difficulty with John's ways of "hiding," of trying to avoid attention or covering up. Honesty with each other and yourselves is crucial. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Sun in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Mercury (☿)
Sextiles
Paul's North Node (♁)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's thinking, perceptions, and the ways he communicates. You may have a lot to talk about, or share common intellectual interests. Words can feel like "soul-talk," as if there is a deeper exchange going on beneath the surface. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

John's Mars (♂)
Trines
Paul's Uranus (♅)

You have a lot of creative possibilities in this relationship. Paul will offer John opportunities to find new ways to act and assert himself. John will probably find that Paul offers him a great deal of freedom and with this new freedom John has the chance to experiment and play with new behaviors, particularly in risk-taking and being more aggressive, passionate or forceful. Paul's freedom-loving and independent nature can thrive here, as he sees John's willingness to act and initiate experimentally. You can both experience greater originality and adventurousness by being together. This aspect does not promise longevity, look to see if others do that. What is here is liberation, change, and the freedom to be yourselves.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Uranus

John's Moon (☾)
Opposes
Paul's Pluto (♇)

There are deep and powerful forces at work here. It's as if there is a compelling unconscious reason for the two of you to be together. John in particular is likely to be greatly affected by this relationship. This is an indication of some kind of extreme or intense chemistry between you, and one cannot predict whether the outcome will be constructive or destructive. There is always a danger when such powerful underground forces are at work. The potential is for John to become aware of early life emotional wounds or dysfunctional patterns of attachment. These are unconsciously brought to the surface by Paul. The best relationship for this aspect would be if Paul were John's psychotherapist. In a personal relationship between lovers or parent and child, a great deal of love and wisdom is called for if the result is not to be harmful. First acknowledge that neither of you really knows fully what is at work between you. It would also help if John would consider that most of his emotional reactions to Paul have more to do with John's early life history than the present. Paul may be compelled to act out destructive behaviors at John's expense, particularly trying to control John or his feelings, to dominate, to possess John. Jealousy would not be unusual here.

John may find Paul to be fascinating, in such a way that John can feel that he is under Paul's power. John needs to take care not to give his own power of choice over to Paul. If the two of you have tendencies to cruelty or playing the victim, this could be a painful relationship. You might consider asking in meditation a "higher power," perhaps the force that brought the two of you together, what its purpose is in doing so. Great and powerful change can happen here, but you must be committed to mutual respect and know when pain is a sign of healing and when it is abusive. This is not easy to do. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Moon in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Neptune (♆)
Conjuncts
Paul's Ascendant (AC)

Though this paragraph may be brief, this is a very personal link in which John is likely to have a major impact on Paul. The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's idealism and imagination. There can be a lack of realism or practicality in this aspect, and you may not be able to see each other clearly for who you are. Whether this idealism leads to inspiration, disappointment or deception remains to be seen. Just know that much of what you see is really being projected onto the other from within yourself. This aspect suggests a connection of significance between the two of you, which can help Paul realize his purpose for being.

John's Midheaven (MC)
Trines
Paul's North Node (Ω)

There is an inexplicable connection between you. Words cannot really capture the urge from soul levels that bonds you. This is a rare aspect that suggests a gift for helping each other along your paths. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand both of your lives.

John's Mars ($\♂$)
Squares
Paul's Jupiter ($\♃$)

Together you stimulate each other's ambition and idealism in ways that may conflict or lead to friction. Paul can be very supportive of John's efforts, and can provide encouragement and even ideas or possibilities which motivate John to work to achieve. But this encouragement may not be realistic or in John's best interests. Judgment is often faulty here. You can encourage risk-taking and daring in each other; possibly this optimism may not always be appropriate. You tend to stimulate qualities of extravagance or foolhardiness in each other. This aspect conveys the enthusiasm and aspiration, it does not necessarily indicate common sense or practicality. That has to come from elsewhere. It may be hard for you to learn about respecting limits. Successes may create an unrealistic optimism. It is possible that John could feel at times that Paul's expectations and ideals are beyond his capacity, leading John to feel pushed or to promise more than he can deliver. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Mars or Paul's Jupiter in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Moon (☾)
Opposes
Paul's Mars (♂)

Friction is likely to play an important role in your relationship. John is very sensitive to Paul's masculine, active nature. If Paul is not easily able to be assertive or decisive, then John will be sensitive to this inhibition as well. So a lot depends on how comfortable Paul is about his masculine side of his personality. John may find Paul stimulating and exciting when Paul is aggressive, forceful, or competitive. But John may be over-reactive or feel threatened when Paul is angry, even when Paul may not know he really is angry. In any case, John will probably find his feelings being stirred up or energized by Paul. He is particularly vulnerable and reactive to Paul's aggressive instincts. Quick reactions are easily triggered, and John may find himself on the defensive frequently. It would be helpful to learn how to fight cleanly and not hold grudges, because this aggressive energy needs expression if it is not to become a source of criticism and undermining. John may find this sexually exciting in a romantic relationship, though it also suggests turbulence. In a parent-child relationship it may have more to do with how you play together and your capacity for cooperation. Physical or mental activity is a good outlet for tensions that occur. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Moon or Paul's Mars in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Pluto (♇)
Sextiles
Paul's Saturn (♄)

This relationship seems to have as part of its purpose the undoing of defenses. It would be best to learn to stay together with detachment. The will of evolution itself, so mysterious or even unacknowledged by most of us, is operating here. It may be called God, psyche, Higher Power, the Universe, the unconscious. They're just names. It can break up crystallizations in you, particularly in Paul, that are impeding the flow of life. These crystallizations are formed by his defense system, and it's often hard to undo these. It means facing your fear. Usually our defenses have been created very early in life, and even when we see how self-defeating they are as we mature, we can't find the "program" to shut them off. John has come along to help you do that. John may not even be aware of this, probably in fact is not, but he is an instrument of a higher Will. Letting go is about finding out that there really is something greater supporting you. This aspect may indicate a tremendous staying power, the will to endure hardship in order to reach a goal. This aspect is about the capacity to survive. Tangible and enduring transformation is possible between you.

Helpful: Paul's Saturn, John's Pluto

John's Sun (☉)
Sextiles
Paul's Moon (☾)

This is a powerful connection between the two of you which enhances your ability to understand and support each other. Paul can be very receptive and responsive to John's self-expression. John is likely to feel nurtured and supported by Paul, who is sympathetic to John. John is likely to feel protected by Paul when John is being strong and expressive. Paul can also become more aware of his feelings from being with John, especially childhood conditioning about having needs or being vulnerable. There is no stronger indicator of the potential for deep affinity and sympathy in a relationship.

Helpful: Paul's Moon, John's Sun

John's Venus (♀)
Squares
Paul's Uranus (♅)

There is likely to be a strong quality of fascination or infatuation here in a romantic relationship. Excitement and stimulation can be part of the attraction, and creative expression can be aroused from the feelings between you. John in particular can be capable of more originality and experimentation in creative or artistic expression as the result of interacting with Paul. Paul may appear independent and unpredictable to John and this can be upsetting to him. If Paul is erratic, this can keep John off balance. This could be particularly important in a parent-child relationship. This aspect is not one noted for its long-term stability or loyalty, in part because of Paul's need for freedom. Paul may prove to be unreliable or a disappointment to John. This relationship needs to embody a lot of freedom, without expecting a particular outcome. Feelings may change suddenly or unpredictably which can produce separations. Commitment may be avoided by one or both of you. The quality of uniqueness and possibly something unusual or unconventional about the relationship can keep it alive. It is likely that even if the relationship is not long in duration, it will have an awakening effect on you, particularly on John. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Venus or Paul's Uranus in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Venus (♀)
Sextiles
Paul's Jupiter (♃)

There is a quality of abundance in your relationship. Expansive feelings and the enjoyment of the more luxuriant aspects of life can be active here. You can share many pleasures together and are likely to be able to provide a materially secure environment for yourselves. Financial speculation and prosperous investments are favored. You are likely to be mutually supportive of one another and to appreciate the same kinds of pastimes and cultural pursuits. There are generous feelings, encouragement and appreciation of each other and, while they are a blessing, these may lead John to place too much emphasis on harmony and being pleasant. Remember to find the balance with work, responsibility, effort, patience. Likewise, this relationship could foster a tendency in Paul to lose track of certain limitations that need to be observed. You might also place too much stress on formality, outer appearances or material pursuits. Who can judge what is too much? Perhaps it could be defined as when the desire for possessions or an attractive face or body makes us overlook deeper values or inner qualities like integrity, honesty, love or loyalty.
Helpful: John's Venus, Paul's Jupiter

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John's Pluto (♇)
Conjuncts
Paul's Mars (♂)

Are you in therapy yet? Some powerful energy is present here, and it is likely that some kind of in-depth exploration and reconstruction will be necessary. This does not mean that there is anything more wrong with you than anyone else. It's just that part of the dynamic between the two of you calls for a deep and thorough exploration of how you interact, particularly with regard to control, aggression, anger, and domination. Of course, most people won't do this kind of exploration, in which case an aspect like this can wreak havoc. Paul can find himself acting in strange or compulsive ways with John, asking "Why am I doing this?" It's as if John has a magnet that draws buried desires, frustrations and passions out of Paul. This can be a tremendously healing experience for each of you, if Paul is able to contain these reactions and not dump them on John and the rest of the environment. Deep early childhood feelings of willfulness, of wanting to have it all your way, are somehow brought to a greater intensity by being with John. This can, when worked through over time, uncover a wealth of passion and ambition for Paul. John, meanwhile, may be trying to control or manipulate Paul's actions. Or maybe Paul is just imagining this, because of early buried memories of Mom or Dad trying to control him. You can see how this sorting out process may be challenging. It is easy in this situation for either of you to project your inner material onto each other. Try asking yourself if the behavior in the other person that so bothers you may in fact be reflecting a denied aspect of yourself. Instead of engaging in power struggles, which is highly likely, learn how to let go of the need to control. Keep asking yourself, "What am I struggling to hold on to?"

If John is in fact trying to control Paul's behavior, and particularly his anger or assertiveness, this may point to John's fear of aggression, and a lack of trust. This relationship can help both of you to realize that neither of you, in fact, is truly in control here. If you don't want the relationship run by these buried childhood wounds, you need to pay attention to how you're acting and seek the deeper motives behind the actions. That is how this relationship can be so potentially healing. The result of not doing this kind of inner work on yourselves can be quite harmful, with repressed frustration erupting as anger or manipulation, and in some cases, overt cruelty and sadistic domination. That is how 2-year-olds act when they're in a relationship in adult bodies. This relationship can help you take responsibility for addictive behaviors that are probably not serving you well. It may take courage to face yourself, but the growth is worth it. If the relationship seems stuck in abusive behavior, your growth may necessitate that you remove yourself. This act, in itself, can be a healing one. It can be difficult to tell the difference between when you are taking care of yourself by removing yourself from an abusive situation and when you are running from an opportunity for transformation. Clarify what your purpose and commitment really is to each other. And good luck; this relationship calls upon you to be a warrior and live on the edge as you shed defenses and become more authentic in your actions. It also suggests a tremendous resourcefulness and endurance, either in your growth with each other, or for the two of you as a team in joint undertakings. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Mars or John's Pluto in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Ascendant (AC)

Sextiles

Paul's Mercury (☿)

Paul's mind is likely to have a positive impact on John. The connection between the two of you is in part due to Paul's thinking, perceptions, and the ways he communicates. You may have a lot to talk about, or share common intellectual interests. This aspect suggests a connection which can help John realize his purpose for being.

John's Moon (☾)

Trines

Paul's Uranus (♅)

There is a very exciting and magnetic quality here. John is receptive to Paul's uniqueness or unconventionality. Paul's unpredictability and need for freedom may be attractive and liberating to John. Paul is very likely to bring change and greater freedom into John's life. Paul offers new emotional experiences to John, and can awaken childhood emotional security needs. If this happens, John may find the opportunity to free himself from old attachments or dependencies. Ideally, John will support and nurture Paul's freedom and desire to experiment, leading both of you to new areas of experience. This aspect does not convey much stability in itself, but is adventurous, restless and spontaneous.

Helpful: John's Moon, Paul's Uranus

John's Mars (♂)

Sextiles

Paul's Pluto (♇)

Some powerful energy is present here, and it is likely that some kind of in-depth exploration and reconstruction can be helpful. Part of the dynamic between the two of you says you are suited to a deep and thorough exploration of how you interact, particularly with regard to control, aggression, anger, and domination. It's as if Paul has a magnet that draws buried desires, frustrations and passions out of John. This can be a tremendously healing experience for each of you. Deep early childhood feelings of willfulness, of wanting to have it all your way, are somehow brought to a greater intensity by being with Paul. This can, when worked through over time, uncover a wealth of passion and ambition for John. This relationship can help both of you to realize that neither of you, in fact, is truly in control here.

This relationship can help you take responsibility for addictive behaviors that are probably not serving you well. It may take courage to face yourself, but the growth is worth it. Clarify what your purpose and commitment really are to each other. This relationship offers you the opportunity to be a warrior and live on the edge as you shed defenses and become more authentic in your actions. It also suggests a tremendous resourcefulness and endurance, either in your growth with each other, or for the two of you as a team in joint undertakings.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Pluto

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John's Moon (☾)

Trines

Paul's Saturn (♄)

Your relationship is best suited for practical pursuits or for providing security. John can expect to feel taken care of by Paul, who offers stability and structure to John. Often Paul has greater experience with which he can support and advise John. Sometimes this connection leads to situations where John's vulnerability and emotional needs scare Paul, causing Paul to try to meet John's emotional needs with financial or other kinds of concrete solutions, like clothing, housing, etc. This may not feel satisfying to John, who really needs an emotional response. If the relationship is one in which Paul is providing financial or other forms of practical security, and this is what John expects, then this aspect is a favorable one. This is an ideal parental aspect, provided John is the child and Paul the parent. Paul can provide structure and stability, but may also occasionally feel too rigid to John. Whether or not this relationship is felt to be satisfying, this aspect usually suggests the potential for an enduring and steady association.

Helpful: John's Moon, Paul's Saturn

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John's Venus (♀)
Squares
Paul's Saturn (♄)

This is an important aspect between the two of you, and it represents a test. This relationship may need a lot of time to develop. A great deal of work is probably necessary if this is a close relationship. John is very sensitive to rejection from Paul, and Paul's fears or defenses are not easily able to let in John's love. This is one reason patience is indicated. Fear is not overcome quickly and trust takes time. Paul may be critical, cold, selfish or jealous toward John. There actually may be little love between you. Paul may exhibit an obligatory love toward John, which may be more appeasement than voluntary love, if Paul is harsh or cruel. This is most serious if Paul is the parent of John. Paul could be a worry to John and can bring unhappiness to him and needs to take care to be sensitive to the damage which may result from his imposing his defenses on John. This sensitivity would entail Paul courageously examining his fears and being willing to face rejected parts of his personality. Needless to say, if this is done, this can be a major growth opportunity for Paul.

If Paul persists in rejecting John, John will need to withdraw his affection or sympathy or run the risk of losing confidence and self-esteem from the ongoing rejection. It's as if John is providing warmth to a cold and stunted place in Paul's development. Paul has a real opportunity here, if he can allow this warmth to reach the frozen or inhibited places within. In return, Paul can offer endurance, dependability, consistency and loyalty. Sometimes this aspect indicates that Paul is significantly older and thus perhaps parental or authoritarian toward John. Paul needs also to take care, in the best of circumstances, not to be overly protective of John and thus stifling. Paul needs to see that this tendency to protect John is coming more from his own fears and that it is Paul's own fears that need to be reassured. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Venus or Paul's Saturn in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Sun (☉)
Trines
Paul's Mercury (☿)

Paul is likely to feel mentally stimulated by John while John can have a strong influence on Paul's thinking and communication. Paul can understand John and his ways of expressing himself and may become more curious and outgoing through this relationship. This connection is particularly positive if John is parent or teacher to Paul. John tends to be the dominant figure here.

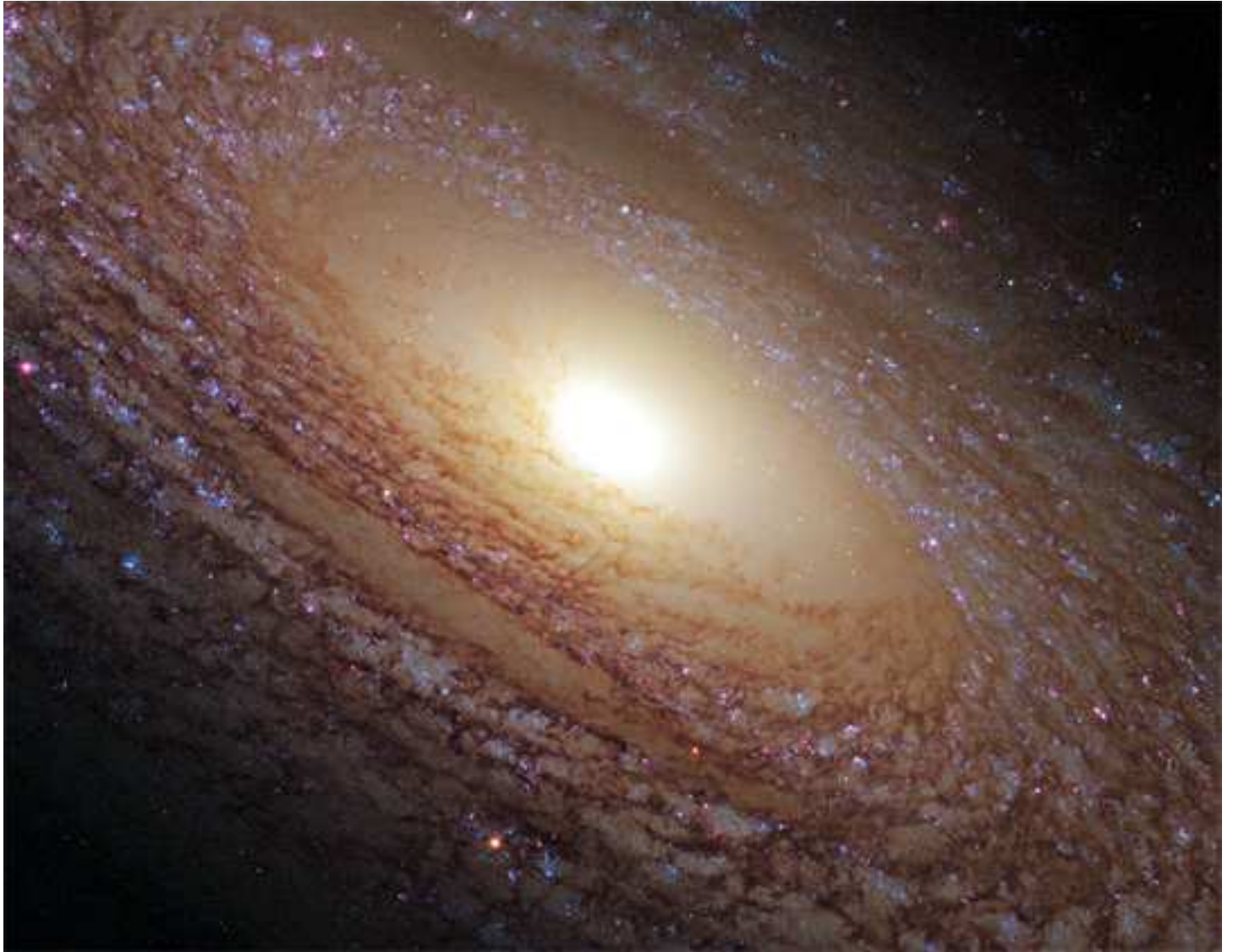
Helpful: Paul's Mercury, John's Sun

John's Neptune (♆)
Squares
Paul's Midheaven (MC)

John is likely to have a stressful impact on Paul. The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's idealism and imagination. There can be a lack of realism or practicality in this aspect, and you may not be able to see each other clearly for who you are. Whether this idealism leads to inspiration, disappointment or deception remains to be seen. Just know that much of what you see is really being projected onto the other from within yourself. This aspect suggests a challenging connection which can help Paul realize his inner sense of identity and how that fits into the world.

John's Ascendant (AC)
Trines
Paul's Moon (☾)

Paul's feelings are likely to have a positive impact on John. Paul is sensitive to John and will probably seem psychic in intuiting or responding to John. John can experience Paul as nurturing and caring. Paul's inner child is activated around John and so the quality of this aspect of the relationship depends on how Paul instinctively feels about his playfulness and vulnerability. There is an emotional bond between you. Feelings are a central component in this relationship. This aspect suggests a connection which can help John realize his purpose for being.



YOUR OTHER ASPECTS

(Other than most intense, in descending order, strongest first)

John's Mars (♂)

Trines

Paul's Saturn (♄)

There can be definite benefits here. This combines John's ambition and will with Paul's caution and instinct for safety. At its best, Paul will help discipline and organize John's energies, so they can patiently be applied to productive and practical goals. Paul may have more experience or be older than John and thus be a source of guidance to John in decision-making. This aspect favors perseverance and patient application of effort toward a goal. This aspect can help support long-term commitment and endurance. Paul could probably learn to be more confident and assertive from John.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Saturn

John's Jupiter (♃)

Squares

Paul's Moon (☾)

There is something ideal about this relationship. You may find yourselves saying "This is too good to be true." This statement reveals a lot about the chemistry between you. Part of your connection is in bringing inspiration, idealism, or upliftment to each other. John may in particular serve as a teacher or guide to Paul. Because Paul is so receptive and sensitive to John's idealistic ideas or goals, Paul may forget that John is also an imperfect human with limitations. These may then either be selectively ignored (in which case John really is "too good to be true") or will at times intrude causing temporary disillusionment or disappointment.

It's as if John has a magic potion that helps Paul feel expansive and more confident, because John somehow brings to light opportunities for growth and possibilities that appeal to Paul. But Paul may then become addicted to this potion, and forget that John is a protective, generous influence, but also subject to weaknesses and flaws as we all are. Otherwise, Paul lays himself open to experiencing betrayal when John cannot constantly live up to Paul's expectations. Paul's deep wish for an ideal relationship is likely to be activated here, and Paul's idealising of John may possibly foster tendencies for John to have an inflated sense of his importance. Thus the main caution in this beneficial link between you is to be aware of the tendency to want too much of a good thing. Set limits, be practical and see what happens when you try to bring the idealism between you into specific, concrete form. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Jupiter or Paul's Moon in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Ascendant (AC)
Sextiles
Paul's Midheaven (MC)

This shows compatibility in how you each orient yourselves toward the outer world. There is something unique about each of you that finds a response from each other. There is also a harmonious correspondence in the paths each of you are following to find yourselves, sharing a common framework or heritage which gives you compatible outlooks on the world and your relations to it.

John's Saturn (♄)
Squares
Paul's Moon (☾)

This aspect challenges Paul to develop healthy boundaries in this relationship, to be able to keep certain fearful or negative qualities of John's personality from upsetting him. There is the potential here for an enduring association, but it is likely to require hard work. Paul is likely to feel that his feelings are ignored by John. The chemistry between you is such that John's need for some kind of tangible and bounded zone of safety is activated by Paul's need for emotional support. Sometimes this connection leads to situations where Paul's vulnerability and emotional needs scare John, causing him to try to meet Paul's emotional needs with financial or other kinds of concrete solutions, like clothing, housing, etc., if at all. This may not feel satisfying to Paul, who really needs an emotional response. Or it may be that John's fear or inadequacy may make John unable to respond at all. In either case, Paul is likely to feel like John is not able to meet his needs in a responsive way on a feeling level. Needless to say, this can lead to estrangement, resentment, or simply acceptance of John's limitations. This could have a depressing effect on Paul who is prone to feel rejected or abandoned by John. These may really be childhood feelings that deserve attention.

If John is very defensive, then he may discourage Paul with criticism, negativity, or selfishness. Paul can learn important lessons here about patience and responsibility and not accepting blame for others' difficulties, since it could be John's tendency to shift the blame. In the event that John is willing, he can learn a great deal about his fears, defenses and insecurities by observing his impact on Paul. John is also likely to play a responsible, parental role for Paul which can provide structure and stability, but may also feel too rigid or authoritarian to Paul because John is likely to be uncomfortable with Paul's vulnerability or sensitivity. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Moon in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Mercury (☿)
Squares
Paul's Pluto (♇)

The words that go between you and the thoughts that are generated in this relationship are often deep and intense. Paul in particular may seem to always be trying to get at the root-source, the hidden motive behind every statement or action. This can help John to become more perceptive, as well as more honest. This aspect asks John to speak his truth, to let go of veneer, facade and pretense. There is something about Paul and his intensity which compels such honesty from John. Conversations may often center on the ultimates of life: death, meaning, transformation, healing. They can easily become power struggles if there is not a basis of love supporting this relationship. John is likely to have his ways of thinking powerfully altered by this relationship.

At its worst, this means that Paul is manipulative and controlling, trying to dominate and change John's thinking to match Paul's willful intent, to brainwash. This could be done either ruthlessly or covertly. At its best, John can reach levels of understanding and self-revelation that may not previously have seemed possible, often as a result of feeling challenged by Paul. Much will depend on Paul's integrity and the degree to which Paul has been able to uncover and accept his own darker or shadow side of his personality. John can help in this process by being able to understand and perhaps articulate Paul's hidden tendencies, particularly having to do with domination and control, which come from a lack of trust. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Mercury or Paul's Pluto in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Venus (♀)
Conjuncts
Paul's North Node (♁)

Though this paragraph may be brief, this is a very personal link in which John's physical appearance, love, or beauty is likely to have a major impact on Paul. The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's esteeming, appreciation or loving of Paul. This is one of the best aspects for love and harmony. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. This is a powerful connection between you. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

John's Midheaven (MC)

Opposes

Paul's Jupiter (♃)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to Paul's optimism, enthusiasm and trust of life. This may seem overdone to John. There is the likelihood that John will find Paul extravagant or too expansive in some way. There may be too much to choose from or not enough limits. However, Paul's enthusiasm or generosity may be emphasizing exactly the qualities that John needs to privately balance his outer world role. This aspect suggests a challenging connection which can help John realize his inner sense of identity and how that fits into the world.

John's Saturn (♄)

Trines

Paul's North Node (♆)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's security needs and desire for safety and structure. It may seem that John offers Paul protection or some kind of stability. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

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John's Jupiter (♃)
Conjuncts
Paul's Venus (♀)

There is a quality of abundance in your relationship. Expansive feelings and the enjoyment of the more luxuriant aspects of life can be active here. You can share many pleasures together and are likely to be able to provide a materially secure environment for yourselves. Financial speculation and prosperous investments are favored. You are likely to be mutually supportive of one another and to appreciate the same kinds of pastimes and cultural pursuits. You might go overboard in showing your love, especially if your love is mainly shown through extravagance. There are generous feelings, encouragement and appreciation of each other and, while they are a blessing, these may lead Paul to place too much emphasis on harmony and being pleasant. Remember to find the balance with work, responsibility, effort, patience. Likewise, this relationship could foster a tendency in John to lose track of certain limitations that need to be observed. The question is raised as to whether there can be too much of a good thing. There could be a tendency to overdo, to be extravagant, overly generous, to waste resources. You might also place too much stress on formality, outer appearances or material pursuits. Who can judge what is too much? Perhaps it could be defined as when the desire for possessions or an attractive face or body makes us overlook deeper values or inner qualities like integrity, honesty, love or loyalty.

Helpful: John's Jupiter, Paul's Venus

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John's North Node (♆)
Trines
Paul's Saturn (♄)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to Paul's security needs and desire for safety and structure. It may seem that Paul offers John protection or some kind of stability. Paul can bring to light qualities in John that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand John's life.

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John's Mars (♂)
Conjuncts
Paul's Neptune (♆)

You may be able to direct your energies to idealistic or altruistic goals, but you may also waste yourselves in the pursuit of unrealistic dreams. There may be confusion or deception, particularly in decision-making or about your motives. Paul brings an uplifting or transcendent quality to the relationship. But is it imaginative in a constructive sense, or escapist? Drugs or alcohol could be particularly harmful in this relationship. If John tends to be impatient or abrupt or willful, Paul can soften these qualities and offer John more peace of mind. John can feel undermined or confused by Paul, or irritated or angry at Paul's elusiveness or vagueness. In response, Paul may "disappear" when John is aggressive or angry. In the worst case, Paul may be intentionally deceptive or dishonest with John. This aspect has real possibilities for musical, dance or other artistic expression.

Creatively you can combine John's initiative with Paul's imagination, particularly where Paul may have been content to dream without taking action. John can stimulate and motivate Paul. John may help Paul put into action Paul's dreams and aspirations. The two of you may put energy into the pursuit of psychic, mystical, or other spiritual endeavors. Paul may bring uncertainty to John, but ultimately this may serve to open John's eyes to a broader or more inclusive viewpoint in which his choices and ambitions serve a more universal or spiritual purpose than before. The doubt and questioning that Paul may inspire can sap John's confidence or open up new possibilities. There is obviously a lot of ambiguity here. (If this seems to be a problem, see if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Mars or Paul's Neptune in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Jupiter (♃)
Trines
Paul's North Node (♁)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's optimism, enthusiasm and trust of life. It may seem that Paul wants to be supported by John. It may in fact be true that John is here to provide for Paul in some way, perhaps as a teacher. John may also bring more humor or playfulness to Paul. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

John's Saturn (♄)
Conjuncts
Paul's Venus (♀)

This is an important aspect between the two of you, and how it manifests will depend a lot on you. There is something solid, patient and slow moving about this relationship. It may need a lot of time to develop. Paul can help to soften John and in the process can help him to lower his defenses. Paul is capable of the kind of love that Beauty gives to the Beast in the fairytale. But this love and appreciation, in which Paul can see and accept parts of John of which he is perhaps ashamed, has its dangers. There are wounded, hidden parts of ourselves, especially parts of our personality that have been rejected or abandoned by our parents or teachers. We often continue to reject these "shadow" parts of ourselves without realizing it. When someone comes into our life who sees this side of us, even though they may be friendly and compassionate, our defense alarms may be triggered, and that person can seem to be a threat. Even their love can seem to be a threat. The Chinese oracle, the I Ching, describes this:

*Isolated through opposition,
One sees one's companion as a pig covered with dirt,
As a wagon full of devils.
First one draws a bow against him,
Then one lays the bow aside.
He is not a robber; he will woo at the right time...*

The danger here is that Paul will experience rejection from John, because John's defenses are not able to let in Paul's love or appreciation. This is one reason patience is indicated. Fear is not overcome quickly and trust takes time. John may be critical, cold, selfish or jealous. If he persists in this, Paul will need to withdraw his affection or sympathy or run the risk of losing confidence and self-esteem from the ongoing rejection. It's as if Paul is providing warmth to a cold and stunted place in John's development. John has a real opportunity here, if he can allow this warmth to reach the frozen or inhibited places within. In return, John can offer Paul endurance, dependability, consistency and loyalty. Sometimes this aspect indicates that John is significantly older and thus perhaps parental toward Paul. John needs also to take care, in the best of circumstances, not to be overly protective of Paul and thus stifling. John needs to see that this tendency to protect Paul is coming more from his own fears and that it is John's own fears that need to be reassured. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Venus or John's Saturn in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Neptune (♆)
Squares
Paul's Jupiter (♃)

Issues of trust or practicality may be brought to the surface here. There is a tendency in Paul to place too much faith in John, resulting in disappointment or misunderstanding. John may let Paul down by being evasive or dishonest. We all carry inner fantasies of the ideal partner, child, parent, relationship, marriage, etc. These fantasies are probably activated strongly in the two of you. What remains to be seen is whether you have the other qualities – patience, courage, practicality – to realize what you can imagine and to see and accept each other's limitations. John may bring confusion or uncertainty to Paul's plans. This could be a way of opening Paul's vision to be more inclusive or idealistic. Paul may go through a crisis of losing his sense of direction.

With such a strong emphasis on imagination and the yearning for the ideal, you may try to live the relationship in an abstract fantasy, rather than dealing with the problems, flaws, or demands that it entails. If so, this aspect can represent an escapist tendency, the attempt to transcend together the problems of living. You may reinforce these characteristics in each other. Whether this works to your advantage is up to you. If other aspects support your capacity to be realistic together, this one can add a real sense of expansiveness and the possibility of prosperity. Details may slip through the cracks, the house may not get cleaned. How well does your life work when it comes to obligations, responsibilities, paying the bills, etc.? (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Jupiter or John's Neptune in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Mercury (☿)
Squares
Paul's Mars (♂)

A lot of mental and communication energy is found between you, which is more likely to find expression as restlessness or irritability. Thus if you find yourselves having this problem, the solution can be to become more active, get out and do something. Assertive expression needs to come out in some way between you, especially from Paul. John may find himself being more expressive and curious around Paul. There may often be a quality of mental competition between the two of you, as if discussions need to end up with a winner and a loser. Paul tends to seem pushy or willful to John who may feel resentful or irritated, and arguments are likely. It may be difficult to reach cooperation or harmony between the two of you. It's as if John's words can trigger Paul's temper, while John sees Paul as trying to push or force John to see things Paul's way. Sometimes Paul may feel impatient with John's tendency to reason or analyze, while Paul wants action. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Mercury or Paul's Mars in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Mars (♂)
Squares
Paul's Sun (☉)

This is a tense combination which is likely to produce conflict. Competition or rivalry can provide an outlet for energies which need expression. If this relationship is one which is partly designed to push each of you to greater ambition then this can work for you. But in a romantic relationship there is likely to be frustration, anger, even hostility, particularly from John. Arguing or fighting can be a form of intimacy in some relationships, an avoidance of it in others. This aspect doesn't doom a relationship, but you need to be ready to find constructive outlets for this assertive energy if you don't want it to bring disruptive resentment and impatience with each other. There really is nothing wrong with fighting, just learn how to fight fairly and with respect. This lesson alone can be great training for wounded aggressive or expressive energies. Paul can help John to see his motives and thus to become more aware of the basis for his choices. In addition to discovering greater forcefulness of will or decisiveness, this combination is also about friction, desire, heat, and passion. Things will probably never be dull between you, unless this passionate energy is being repressed. There is much life and vitality here. What will you do with it?

John has the opportunity here to become more aware of his aggressive tendencies, which in some people can be expressed in passive behavior. John should look within and see if he may be frustrated because Paul is not being the way John wants him to be. Paul also can learn about himself by watching his reactions to John's aggressive energies and pushiness. Is there some way Paul may be trying to dominate when John becomes assertive or does Paul retreat and hide? See if other aspects provide the understanding, support and patience needed to soften this, in which case this will add excitement to the relationship. In a spiritual relationship, this aspect will help make you aware of your egos and self-centered attitudes. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Sun or John's Mars in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Moon (☾)
Trines
Paul's Neptune (♆)

"I've got you under my skin." Don't expect a lot of privacy. There is a psychic connection between you, a sensitivity to each other's feelings. This can also be an idealistic relationship, and if you are so inclined, it is easy to imagine a spiritual tie between you, as if this relationship has other-worldly or past-life support. Paul may feel particularly compassionate and understanding of John's feelings and needs, and may want to be careful not to become a care-taker for John. Paul should find it easy to be accepting in an unconditional way of John, and John's inner child (or perhaps John is still really a child if this is a parental relationship) can feel nurtured by this sympathetic understanding.

Spiritual practice and devotion, as well as imaginative or idealistic pursuits are also highlighted by this connection. You may find your mutual interests include occult or mystical subjects, and nature and bodies of water can be nourishing for the two of you. The main potential problem here is that it may be difficult for the two of you to feel a sense of firm individual boundaries, which can create a state of enmeshment, or codependency, where one of you feels responsible (most likely Paul) for the other's feelings and comfort level. In the process, if this happens, Paul can tend to ignore or deny his own needs, believing well-being depends on how John is feeling. If this is happening, you might each try affirming regularly: "What I think, feel and do as a result of my thinking and feeling are all about me, and not you. And what you think, feel and do as a result of your thinking and feeling are all about you, and not me." [Pia Mellody]

Helpful: John's Moon

John's Uranus (♅)
Conjuncts
Paul's Venus (♀)

It is the newness of this connection that is part of its appeal. In a romantic relationship there is likely to be a strong quality of fascination or infatuation. Excitement and stimulation can be part of the attraction, and creative expression can be aroused from the feelings between you. Paul in particular can be capable of more originality and experimentation in creative or artistic expression as the result of interacting with John. There is likely to be a mutual desire to socialize, to be socially active. John may appear independent and unpredictable to Paul and this can be both attractive and upsetting to Paul. If John is erratic, this can keep Paul off balance. Paul can be loving and supportive of John's unique and independent nature. This aspect is not one noted for its long-term stability or loyalty, but other dynamics between the two of you may offset this, in which case this aspect can bring a constantly renewing interest between you and an enjoyment of each other's company. Commitment may be avoided by one of you. The quality of uniqueness and possibly something unusual or unconventional about the relationship can keep it alive. It is likely that even if the relationship is not long in duration, it will have an awakening effect on you, particularly on Paul.

Your Other Aspects

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YOUR HARMONIOUS ASPECTS

(Most compatible links from first two sections, in descending order, strongest first)

These are likely to be the ingredients of your relationship that foster attraction, the places where you "fit." These usually do not take work, but just naturally mesh. Not all will necessarily be noticeable. Some may be quietly in the background. Look for relief here for any problematic factors that show up in the following "Challenging" section.

John's Mars (♂)

Sextiles

Paul's Mars (♂)

There is a lot of energy here between you and it can stimulate you to cooperative activity. Your motivations may be quite similar and each of you is sensitive to how the other acts, particularly how the other pushes for what he or she wants, or tries to impose his or her will on the environment. You can be supportive of each other in these areas. Your desires are compatible, and you can work well together, encouraging each other's ambition and daring. Each of you can support the other's passion and initiative. It's as if each of you can easily give the message, "Yes, go!" to the other. This might also indicate sexual compatibility, and you may enjoy the same forms of recreational activity. The masculine, active sides of each of your personalities are well matched.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Mars

John's Mercury (☿)

Sextiles

Paul's North Node (♁)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's thinking, perceptions, and the ways he communicates. You may have a lot to talk about, or share common intellectual interests. Words can feel like "soul-talk," as if there is a deeper exchange going on beneath the surface. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

John's Mars (♂)
Trines
Paul's Uranus (♅)

You have a lot of creative possibilities in this relationship. Paul will offer John opportunities to find new ways to act and assert himself. John will probably find that Paul offers him a great deal of freedom and with this new freedom John has the chance to experiment and play with new behaviors, particularly in risk-taking and being more aggressive, passionate or forceful. Paul's freedom-loving and independent nature can thrive here, as he sees John's willingness to act and initiate experimentally. You can both experience greater originality and adventurousness by being together. This aspect does not promise longevity, look to see if others do that. What is here is liberation, change, and the freedom to be yourselves.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Uranus

John's Midheaven (MC)
Trines
Paul's North Node (♁)

There is an inexplicable connection between you. Words cannot really capture the urge from soul levels that bonds you. This is a rare aspect that suggests a gift for helping each other along your paths. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand both of your lives.

John's Sun (☉)
Sextiles
Paul's Moon (☾)

This is a powerful connection between the two of you which enhances your ability to understand and support each other. Paul can be very receptive and responsive to John's self-expression. John is likely to feel nurtured and supported by Paul, who is sympathetic to John. John is likely to feel protected by Paul when John is being strong and expressive. Paul can also become more aware of his feelings from being with John, especially childhood conditioning about having needs or being vulnerable. There is no stronger indicator of the potential for deep affinity and sympathy in a relationship.

Helpful: Paul's Moon, John's Sun

John's Venus (♀)
Sextiles
Paul's Jupiter (♃)

There is a quality of abundance in your relationship. Expansive feelings and the enjoyment of the more luxuriant aspects of life can be active here. You can share many pleasures together and are likely to be able to provide a materially secure environment for yourselves. Financial speculation and prosperous investments are favored. You are likely to be mutually supportive of one another and to appreciate the same kinds of pastimes and cultural pursuits. There are generous feelings, encouragement and appreciation of each other and, while they are a blessing, these may lead John to place too much emphasis on harmony and being pleasant. Remember to find the balance with work, responsibility, effort, patience. Likewise, this relationship could foster a tendency in Paul to lose track of certain limitations that need to be observed. You might also place too much stress on formality, outer appearances or material pursuits. Who can judge what is too much? Perhaps it could be defined as when the desire for possessions or an attractive face or body makes us overlook deeper values or inner qualities like integrity, honesty, love or loyalty.
Helpful: John's Venus, Paul's Jupiter

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John's Ascendant (AC)
Sextiles
Paul's Mercury (☿)

Paul's mind is likely to have a positive impact on John. The connection between the two of you is in part due to Paul's thinking, perceptions, and the ways he communicates. You may have a lot to talk about, or share common intellectual interests. This aspect suggests a connection which can help John realize his purpose for being.

John's Moon (☾)
Trines
Paul's Uranus (♅)

There is a very exciting and magnetic quality here. John is receptive to Paul's uniqueness or unconventionality. Paul's unpredictability and need for freedom may be attractive and liberating to John. Paul is very likely to bring change and greater freedom into John's life. Paul offers new emotional experiences to John, and can awaken childhood emotional security needs. If this happens, John may find the opportunity to free himself from old attachments or dependencies. Ideally, John will support and nurture Paul's freedom and desire to experiment, leading both of you to new areas of experience. This aspect does not convey much stability in itself, but is adventurous, restless and spontaneous.

Helpful: John's Moon, Paul's Uranus

John's Mars (♂)
Sextiles
Paul's Pluto (♇)

Some powerful energy is present here, and it is likely that some kind of in-depth exploration and reconstruction can be helpful. Part of the dynamic between the two of you says you are suited to a deep and thorough exploration of how you interact, particularly with regard to control, aggression, anger, and domination. It's as if Paul has a magnet that draws buried desires, frustrations and passions out of John. This can be a tremendously healing experience for each of you. Deep early childhood feelings of willfulness, of wanting to have it all your way, are somehow brought to a greater intensity by being with Paul. This can, when worked through over time, uncover a wealth of passion and ambition for John. This relationship can help both of you to realize that neither of you, in fact, is truly in control here.

This relationship can help you take responsibility for addictive behaviors that are probably not serving you well. It may take courage to face yourself, but the growth is worth it. Clarify what your purpose and commitment really are to each other. This relationship offers you the opportunity to be a warrior and live on the edge as you shed defenses and become more authentic in your actions. It also suggests a tremendous resourcefulness and endurance, either in your growth with each other, or for the two of you as a team in joint undertakings.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Pluto

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John's Moon (☾)
Trines
Paul's Saturn (♄)

Your relationship is best suited for practical pursuits or for providing security. John can expect to feel taken care of by Paul, who offers stability and structure to John. Often Paul has greater experience with which he can support and advise John. Sometimes this connection leads to situations where John's vulnerability and emotional needs scare Paul, causing Paul to try to meet John's emotional needs with financial or other kinds of concrete solutions, like clothing, housing, etc. This may not feel satisfying to John, who really needs an emotional response. If the relationship is one in which Paul is providing financial or other forms of practical security, and this is what John expects, then this aspect is a favorable one. This is an ideal parental aspect, provided John is the child and Paul the parent. Paul can provide structure and stability, but may also occasionally feel too rigid to John. Whether or not this relationship is felt to be satisfying, this aspect usually suggests the potential for an enduring and steady association.

Helpful: John's Moon, Paul's Saturn

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John's Sun (☉)
Trines
Paul's Mercury (☿)

Paul is likely to feel mentally stimulated by John while John can have a strong influence on Paul's thinking and communication. Paul can understand John and his ways of expressing himself and may become more curious and outgoing through this relationship. This connection is particularly positive if John is parent or teacher to Paul. John tends to be the dominant figure here.

Helpful: Paul's Mercury, John's Sun

John's Ascendant (AC)
Trines
Paul's Moon (☾)

Paul's feelings are likely to have a positive impact on John. Paul is sensitive to John and will probably seem psychic in intuiting or responding to John. John can experience Paul as nurturing and caring. Paul's inner child is activated around John and so the quality of this aspect of the relationship depends on how Paul instinctively feels about his playfulness and vulnerability. There is an emotional bond between you. Feelings are a central component in this relationship. This aspect suggests a connection which can help John realize his purpose for being.

John's Mars (♂)
Trines
Paul's Saturn (♄)

There can be definite benefits here. This combines John's ambition and will with Paul's caution and instinct for safety. At its best, Paul will help discipline and organize John's energies, so they can patiently be applied to productive and practical goals. Paul may have more experience or be older than John and thus be a source of guidance to John in decision-making. This aspect favors perseverance and patient application of effort toward a goal. This aspect can help support long-term commitment and endurance. Paul could probably learn to be more confident and assertive from John.

Helpful: John's Mars, Paul's Saturn

John's Venus (♀)
Conjuncts
Paul's North Node (♁)

Though this paragraph may be brief, this is a very personal link in which John's physical appearance, love, or beauty is likely to have a major impact on Paul. The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's esteeming, appreciation or loving of Paul. This is one of the best aspects for love and harmony. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. This is a powerful connection between you. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

John's Saturn (♄)
Trines
Paul's North Node (♁)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's security needs and desire for safety and structure. It may seem that John offers Paul protection or some kind of stability. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

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John's Jupiter (♃)
Conjuncts
Paul's Venus (♀)

There is a quality of abundance in your relationship. Expansive feelings and the enjoyment of the more luxuriant aspects of life can be active here. You can share many pleasures together and are likely to be able to provide a materially secure environment for yourselves. Financial speculation and prosperous investments are favored. You are likely to be mutually supportive of one another and to appreciate the same kinds of pastimes and cultural pursuits. You might go overboard in showing your love, especially if your love is mainly shown through extravagance. There are generous feelings, encouragement and appreciation of each other and, while they are a blessing, these may lead Paul to place too much emphasis on harmony and being pleasant. Remember to find the balance with work, responsibility, effort, patience. Likewise, this relationship could foster a tendency in John to lose track of certain limitations that need to be observed. The question is raised as to whether there can be too much of a good thing. There could be a tendency to overdo, to be extravagant, overly generous, to waste resources. You might also place too much stress on formality, outer appearances or material pursuits. Who can judge what is too much? Perhaps it could be defined as when the desire for possessions or an attractive face or body makes us overlook deeper values or inner qualities like integrity, honesty, love or loyalty.

Helpful: John's Jupiter, Paul's Venus

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John's North Node (♆)
Trines
Paul's Saturn (♄)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to Paul's security needs and desire for safety and structure. It may seem that Paul offers John protection or some kind of stability. Paul can bring to light qualities in John that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand John's life.

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John's Jupiter (♃)
Trines
Paul's North Node (♁)

The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's optimism, enthusiasm and trust of life. It may seem that Paul wants to be supported by John. It may in fact be true that John is here to provide for Paul in some way, perhaps as a teacher. John may also bring more humor or playfulness to Paul. John can bring to light qualities in Paul that encourage him forward in his growth. There may seem to be a "fated" quality to the relationship, a mysterious soul-connection which can inspire and expand Paul's life.

John's Moon (☾)
Trines
Paul's Neptune (♆)

"I've got you under my skin." Don't expect a lot of privacy. There is a psychic connection between you, a sensitivity to each other's feelings. This can also be an idealistic relationship, and if you are so inclined, it is easy to imagine a spiritual tie between you, as if this relationship has other-worldly or past-life support. Paul may feel particularly compassionate and understanding of John's feelings and needs, and may want to be careful not to become a care-taker for John. Paul should find it easy to be accepting in an unconditional way of John, and John's inner child (or perhaps John is still really a child if this is a parental relationship) can feel nurtured by this sympathetic understanding.

Spiritual practice and devotion, as well as imaginative or idealistic pursuits are also highlighted by this connection. You may find your mutual interests include occult or mystical subjects, and nature and bodies of water can be nourishing for the two of you. The main potential problem here is that it may be difficult for the two of you to feel a sense of firm individual boundaries, which can create a state of enmeshment, or codependency, where one of you feels responsible (most likely Paul) for the other's feelings and comfort level. In the process, if this happens, Paul can tend to ignore or deny his own needs, believing well-being depends on how John is feeling. If this is happening, you might each try affirming regularly: "What I think, feel and do as a result of my thinking and feeling are all about me, and not you. And what you think, feel and do as a result of your thinking and feeling are all about you, and not me." [Pia Mellody]

Helpful: John's Moon



YOUR CHALLENGING ASPECTS

(Least compatible links from first two sections, in descending order, strongest first)

These provide the "spice" in your relationship, the friction that comes from two dissimilar needs or attitudes. These do not necessarily have to indicate hostility or problems. They could be indicative of a kind of "contrast" between parts of yourselves that add color, variety, and "heat" that comes from friction. But they will be more likely to call for attention if they are not to result in misunderstanding or disagreement. Here you can work at owning what's yours and appreciating each other's differences.

John's Neptune (♆) Squares Paul's Sun (☉)

Imagination and idealism come into play here. There is a large gray area between you where John in particular may tend to project his inner fantasies onto Paul. Paul may always find it hard to know John with certainty, experiencing him as elusive or mysterious. Paul may feel less certain or sure about himself. This aspect may indicate deception and illusion. It is often easy with this aspect to imagine a spiritual or otherworldly connection to each other. In a love relationship, this aspect may bring evasion and lack of trust. Paul can feel weakened or misled by John. It is hard to know what is real between the two of you. Paul may help John to see where he tends to be unrealistic, or Paul may join John in a shared idealistic fantasy, partly out of the desire to escape from responsibility or limitations. Paul may have difficulty with John's ways of "hiding," of trying to avoid attention or covering up. Honesty with each other and yourselves is crucial. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Sun in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Moon (☾)
Opposes
Paul's Pluto (♇)

There are deep and powerful forces at work here. It's as if there is a compelling unconscious reason for the two of you to be together. John in particular is likely to be greatly affected by this relationship. This is an indication of some kind of extreme or intense chemistry between you, and one cannot predict whether the outcome will be constructive or destructive. There is always a danger when such powerful underground forces are at work. The potential is for John to become aware of early life emotional wounds or dysfunctional patterns of attachment. These are unconsciously brought to the surface by Paul. The best relationship for this aspect would be if Paul were John's psychotherapist. In a personal relationship between lovers or parent and child, a great deal of love and wisdom is called for if the result is not to be harmful. First acknowledge that neither of you really knows fully what is at work between you. It would also help if John would consider that most of his emotional reactions to Paul have more to do with John's early life history than the present. Paul may be compelled to act out destructive behaviors at John's expense, particularly trying to control John or his feelings, to dominate, to possess John. Jealousy would not be unusual here.

John may find Paul to be fascinating, in such a way that John can feel that he is under Paul's power. John needs to take care not to give his own power of choice over to Paul. If the two of you have tendencies to cruelty or playing the victim, this could be a painful relationship. You might consider asking in meditation a "higher power," perhaps the force that brought the two of you together, what its purpose is in doing so. Great and powerful change can happen here, but you must be committed to mutual respect and know when pain is a sign of healing and when it is abusive. This is not easy to do. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Moon in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Neptune (♆)
Conjuncts
Paul's Ascendant (AC)

Though this paragraph may be brief, this is a very personal link in which John is likely to have a major impact on Paul. The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's idealism and imagination. There can be a lack of realism or practicality in this aspect, and you may not be able to see each other clearly for who you are. Whether this idealism leads to inspiration, disappointment or deception remains to be seen. Just know that much of what you see is really being projected onto the other from within yourself. This aspect suggests a connection of significance between the two of you, which can help Paul realize his purpose for being.

John's Moon (☾)
Opposes
Paul's Mars (♂)

Friction is likely to play an important role in your relationship. John is very sensitive to Paul's masculine, active nature. If Paul is not easily able to be assertive or decisive, then John will be sensitive to this inhibition as well. So a lot depends on how comfortable Paul is about his masculine side of his personality. John may find Paul stimulating and exciting when Paul is aggressive, forceful, or competitive. But John may be over-reactive or feel threatened when Paul is angry, even when Paul may not know he really is angry. In any case, John will probably find his feelings being stirred up or energized by Paul. He is particularly vulnerable and reactive to Paul's aggressive instincts. Quick reactions are easily triggered, and John may find himself on the defensive frequently. It would be helpful to learn how to fight cleanly and not hold grudges, because this aggressive energy needs expression if it is not to become a source of criticism and undermining. John may find this sexually exciting in a romantic relationship, though it also suggests turbulence. In a parent-child relationship it may have more to do with how you play together and your capacity for cooperation. Physical or mental activity is a good outlet for tensions that occur. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Moon or Paul's Mars in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Venus (♀)
Squares
Paul's Uranus (♅)

There is likely to be a strong quality of fascination or infatuation here in a romantic relationship. Excitement and stimulation can be part of the attraction, and creative expression can be aroused from the feelings between you. John in particular can be capable of more originality and experimentation in creative or artistic expression as the result of interacting with Paul. Paul may appear independent and unpredictable to John and this can be upsetting to him. If Paul is erratic, this can keep John off balance. This could be particularly important in a parent-child relationship. This aspect is not one noted for its long-term stability or loyalty, in part because of Paul's need for freedom. Paul may prove to be unreliable or a disappointment to John. This relationship needs to embody a lot of freedom, without expecting a particular outcome. Feelings may change suddenly or unpredictably which can produce separations. Commitment may be avoided by one or both of you. The quality of uniqueness and possibly something unusual or unconventional about the relationship can keep it alive. It is likely that even if the relationship is not long in duration, it will have an awakening effect on you, particularly on John. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Venus or Paul's Uranus in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Pluto (♇)
 Conjuncts
 Paul's Mars (♂)

Are you in therapy yet? Some powerful energy is present here, and it is likely that some kind of in-depth exploration and reconstruction will be necessary. This does not mean that there is anything more wrong with you than anyone else. It's just that part of the dynamic between the two of you calls for a deep and thorough exploration of how you interact, particularly with regard to control, aggression, anger, and domination. Of course, most people won't do this kind of exploration, in which case an aspect like this can wreak havoc. Paul can find himself acting in strange or compulsive ways with John, asking "Why am I doing this?" It's as if John has a magnet that draws buried desires, frustrations and passions out of Paul. This can be a tremendously healing experience for each of you, if Paul is able to contain these reactions and not dump them on John and the rest of the environment. Deep early childhood feelings of willfulness, of wanting to have it all your way, are somehow brought to a greater intensity by being with John. This can, when worked through over time, uncover a wealth of passion and ambition for Paul. John, meanwhile, may be trying to control or manipulate Paul's actions. Or maybe Paul is just imagining this, because of early buried memories of Mom or Dad trying to control him. You can see how this sorting out process may be challenging. It is easy in this situation for either of you to project your inner material onto each other. Try asking yourself if the behavior in the other person that so bothers you may in fact be reflecting a denied aspect of yourself. Instead of engaging in power struggles, which is highly likely, learn how to let go of the need to control. Keep asking yourself, "What am I struggling to hold on to?"

If John is in fact trying to control Paul's behavior, and particularly his anger or assertiveness, this may point to John's fear of aggression, and a lack of trust. This relationship can help both of you to realize that neither of you, in fact, is truly in control here. If you don't want the relationship run by these buried childhood wounds, you need to pay attention to how you're acting and seek the deeper motives behind the actions. That is how this relationship can be so potentially healing. The result of not doing this kind of inner work on yourselves can be quite harmful, with repressed frustration erupting as anger or manipulation, and in some cases, overt cruelty and sadistic domination. That is how 2-year-olds act when they're in a relationship in adult bodies. This relationship can help you take responsibility for addictive behaviors that are probably not serving you well. It may take courage to face yourself, but the growth is worth it. If the relationship seems stuck in abusive behavior, your growth may necessitate that you remove yourself. This act, in itself, can be a healing one. It can be difficult to tell the difference between when you are taking care of yourself by removing yourself from an abusive situation and when you are running from an opportunity for transformation. Clarify what your purpose and commitment really is to each other. And good luck; this relationship calls upon you to be a warrior and live on the edge as you shed defenses and become more authentic in your actions. It also suggests a tremendous resourcefulness and endurance, either in your growth with each other, or for the two of you as a team in joint undertakings. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Mars or John's Pluto in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Venus (♀) Squares Paul's Saturn (♄)

This is an important aspect between the two of you, and it represents a test. This relationship may need a lot of time to develop. A great deal of work is probably necessary if this is a close relationship. John is very sensitive to rejection from Paul, and Paul's fears or defenses are not easily able to let in John's love. This is one reason patience is indicated. Fear is not overcome quickly and trust takes time. Paul may be critical, cold, selfish or jealous toward John. There actually may be little love between you. Paul may exhibit an obligatory love toward John, which may be more appeasement than voluntary love, if Paul is harsh or cruel. This is most serious if Paul is the parent of John. Paul could be a worry to John and can bring unhappiness to him and needs to take care to be sensitive to the damage which may result from his imposing his defenses on John. This sensitivity would entail Paul courageously examining his fears and being willing to face rejected parts of his personality. Needless to say, if this is done, this can be a major growth opportunity for Paul.

If Paul persists in rejecting John, John will need to withdraw his affection or sympathy or run the risk of losing confidence and self-esteem from the ongoing rejection. It's as if John is providing warmth to a cold and stunted place in Paul's development. Paul has a real opportunity here, if he can allow this warmth to reach the frozen or inhibited places within. In return, Paul can offer endurance, dependability, consistency and loyalty. Sometimes this aspect indicates that Paul is significantly older and thus perhaps parental or authoritarian toward John. Paul needs also to take care, in the best of circumstances, not to be overly protective of John and thus stifling. Paul needs to see that this tendency to protect John is coming more from his own fears and that it is Paul's own fears that need to be reassured. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Venus or Paul's Saturn in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Neptune (♆)
Squares
Paul's Midheaven (MC)

John is likely to have a stressful impact on Paul. The connection between the two of you is in part due to John's idealism and imagination. There can be a lack of realism or practicality in this aspect, and you may not be able to see each other clearly for who you are. Whether this idealism leads to inspiration, disappointment or deception remains to be seen. Just know that much of what you see is really being projected onto the other from within yourself. This aspect suggests a challenging connection which can help Paul realize his inner sense of identity and how that fits into the world.

John's Saturn (♄)
Squares
Paul's Moon (♁)

This aspect challenges Paul to develop healthy boundaries in this relationship, to be able to keep certain fearful or negative qualities of John's personality from upsetting him. There is the potential here for an enduring association, but it is likely to require hard work. Paul is likely to feel that his feelings are ignored by John. The chemistry between you is such that John's need for some kind of tangible and bounded zone of safety is activated by Paul's need for emotional support. Sometimes this connection leads to situations where Paul's vulnerability and emotional needs scare John, causing him to try to meet Paul's emotional needs with financial or other kinds of concrete solutions, like clothing, housing, etc., if at all. This may not feel satisfying to Paul, who really needs an emotional response. Or it may be that John's fear or inadequacy may make John unable to respond at all. In either case, Paul is likely to feel like John is not able to meet his needs in a responsive way on a feeling level. Needless to say, this can lead to estrangement, resentment, or simply acceptance of John's limitations. This could have a depressing effect on Paul who is prone to feel rejected or abandoned by John. These may really be childhood feelings that deserve attention.

If John is very defensive, then he may discourage Paul with criticism, negativity, or selfishness. Paul can learn important lessons here about patience and responsibility and not accepting blame for others' difficulties, since it could be John's tendency to shift the blame. In the event that John is willing, he can learn a great deal about his fears, defenses and insecurities by observing his impact on Paul. John is also likely to play a responsible, parental role for Paul which can provide structure and stability, but may also feel too rigid or authoritarian to Paul because John is likely to be uncomfortable with Paul's vulnerability or sensitivity. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Moon in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Mercury (☿)
Squares
Paul's Pluto (♇)

The words that go between you and the thoughts that are generated in this relationship are often deep and intense. Paul in particular may seem to always be trying to get at the root-source, the hidden motive behind every statement or action. This can help John to become more perceptive, as well as more honest. This aspect asks John to speak his truth, to let go of veneer, facade and pretense. There is something about Paul and his intensity which compels such honesty from John. Conversations may often center on the ultimates of life: death, meaning, transformation, healing. They can easily become power struggles if there is not a basis of love supporting this relationship. John is likely to have his ways of thinking powerfully altered by this relationship.

At its worst, this means that Paul is manipulative and controlling, trying to dominate and change John's thinking to match Paul's willful intent, to brainwash. This could be done either ruthlessly or covertly. At its best, John can reach levels of understanding and self-revelation that may not previously have seemed possible, often as a result of feeling challenged by Paul. Much will depend on Paul's integrity and the degree to which Paul has been able to uncover and accept his own darker or shadow side of his personality. John can help in this process by being able to understand and perhaps articulate Paul's hidden tendencies, particularly having to do with domination and control, which come from a lack of trust. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Mercury or Paul's Pluto in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Mars (♂)
Conjuncts
Paul's Neptune (♆)

You may be able to direct your energies to idealistic or altruistic goals, but you may also waste yourselves in the pursuit of unrealistic dreams. There may be confusion or deception, particularly in decision-making or about your motives. Paul brings an uplifting or transcendent quality to the relationship. But is it imaginative in a constructive sense, or escapist? Drugs or alcohol could be particularly harmful in this relationship. If John tends to be impatient or abrupt or willful, Paul can soften these qualities and offer John more peace of mind. John can feel undermined or confused by Paul, or irritated or angry at Paul's elusiveness or vagueness. In response, Paul may "disappear" when John is aggressive or angry. In the worst case, Paul may be intentionally deceptive or dishonest with John. This aspect has real possibilities for musical, dance or other artistic expression.

Creatively you can combine John's initiative with Paul's imagination, particularly where Paul may have been content to dream without taking action. John can stimulate and motivate Paul. John may help Paul put into action Paul's dreams and aspirations. The two of you may put energy into the pursuit of psychic, mystical, or other spiritual endeavors. Paul may bring uncertainty to John, but ultimately this may serve to open John's eyes to a broader or more inclusive viewpoint in which his choices and ambitions serve a more universal or spiritual purpose than before. The doubt and questioning that Paul may inspire can sap John's confidence or open up new possibilities. There is obviously a lot of ambiguity here. (If this seems to be a problem, see if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Mars or Paul's Neptune in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Saturn (♄)
Conjuncts
Paul's Venus (♀)

This is an important aspect between the two of you, and how it manifests will depend a lot on you. There is something solid, patient and slow moving about this relationship. It may need a lot of time to develop. Paul can help to soften John and in the process can help him to lower his defenses. Paul is capable of the kind of love that Beauty gives to the Beast in the fairytale. But this love and appreciation, in which Paul can see and accept parts of John of which he is perhaps ashamed, has its dangers. There are wounded, hidden parts of ourselves, especially parts of our personality that have been rejected or abandoned by our parents or teachers. We often continue to reject these "shadow" parts of ourselves without realizing it. When someone comes into our life who sees this side of us, even though they may be friendly and compassionate, our defense alarms may be triggered, and that person can seem to be a threat. Even their love can seem to be a threat. The Chinese oracle, the I Ching, describes this:

*Isolated through opposition,
One sees one's companion as a pig covered with dirt,
As a wagon full of devils.
First one draws a bow against him,
Then one lays the bow aside.
He is not a robber; he will woo at the right time...*

The danger here is that Paul will experience rejection from John, because John's defenses are not able to let in Paul's love or appreciation. This is one reason patience is indicated. Fear is not overcome quickly and trust takes time. John may be critical, cold, selfish or jealous. If he persists in this, Paul will need to withdraw his affection or sympathy or run the risk of losing confidence and self-esteem from the ongoing rejection. It's as if Paul is providing warmth to a cold and stunted place in John's development. John has a real opportunity here, if he can allow this warmth to reach the frozen or inhibited places within. In return, John can offer Paul endurance, dependability, consistency and loyalty. Sometimes this aspect indicates that John is significantly older and thus perhaps parental toward Paul. John needs also to take care, in the best of circumstances, not to be overly protective of Paul and thus stifling. John needs to see that this tendency to protect Paul is coming more from his own fears and that it is John's own fears that need to be reassured. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Venus or John's Saturn in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

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John's Neptune (♆)
Squares
Paul's Jupiter (♃)

Issues of trust or practicality may be brought to the surface here. There is a tendency in Paul to place too much faith in John, resulting in disappointment or misunderstanding. John may let Paul down by being evasive or dishonest. We all carry inner fantasies of the ideal partner, child, parent, relationship, marriage, etc. These fantasies are probably activated strongly in the two of you. What remains to be seen is whether you have the other qualities – patience, courage, practicality – to realize what you can imagine and to see and accept each other's limitations. John may bring confusion or uncertainty to Paul's plans. This could be a way of opening Paul's vision to be more inclusive or idealistic. Paul may go through a crisis of losing his sense of direction.

With such a strong emphasis on imagination and the yearning for the ideal, you may try to live the relationship in an abstract fantasy, rather than dealing with the problems, flaws, or demands that it entails. If so, this aspect can represent an escapist tendency, the attempt to transcend together the problems of living. You may reinforce these characteristics in each other. Whether this works to your advantage is up to you. If other aspects support your capacity to be realistic together, this one can add a real sense of expansiveness and the possibility of prosperity. Details may slip through the cracks, the house may not get cleaned. How well does your life work when it comes to obligations, responsibilities, paying the bills, etc.? (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Jupiter or John's Neptune in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Mercury (☿)
Squares
Paul's Mars (♂)

A lot of mental and communication energy is found between you, which is more likely to find expression as restlessness or irritability. Thus if you find yourselves having this problem, the solution can be to become more active, get out and do something. Assertive expression needs to come out in some way between you, especially from Paul. John may find himself being more expressive and curious around Paul. There may often be a quality of mental competition between the two of you, as if discussions need to end up with a winner and a loser. Paul tends to seem pushy or willful to John who may feel resentful or irritated, and arguments are likely. It may be difficult to reach cooperation or harmony between the two of you. It's as if John's words can trigger Paul's temper, while John sees Paul as trying to push or force John to see things Paul's way. Sometimes Paul may feel impatient with John's tendency to reason or analyze, while Paul wants action. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of John's Mercury or Paul's Mars in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Mars (♂)
Squares
Paul's Sun (☉)

This is a tense combination which is likely to produce conflict. Competition or rivalry can provide an outlet for energies which need expression. If this relationship is one which is partly designed to push each of you to greater ambition then this can work for you. But in a romantic relationship there is likely to be frustration, anger, even hostility, particularly from John. Arguing or fighting can be a form of intimacy in some relationships, an avoidance of it in others. This aspect doesn't doom a relationship, but you need to be ready to find constructive outlets for this assertive energy if you don't want it to bring disruptive resentment and impatience with each other. There really is nothing wrong with fighting, just learn how to fight fairly and with respect. This lesson alone can be great training for wounded aggressive or expressive energies. Paul can help John to see his motives and thus to become more aware of the basis for his choices. In addition to discovering greater forcefulness of will or decisiveness, this combination is also about friction, desire, heat, and passion. Things will probably never be dull between you, unless this passionate energy is being repressed. There is much life and vitality here. What will you do with it?

John has the opportunity here to become more aware of his aggressive tendencies, which in some people can be expressed in passive behavior. John should look within and see if he may be frustrated because Paul is not being the way John wants him to be. Paul also can learn about himself by watching his reactions to John's aggressive energies and pushiness. Is there some way Paul may be trying to dominate when John becomes assertive or does Paul retreat and hide? See if other aspects provide the understanding, support and patience needed to soften this, in which case this will add excitement to the relationship. In a spiritual relationship, this aspect will help make you aware of your egos and self-centered attitudes. (See if there are more harmonious aspects of Paul's Sun or John's Mars in this report, and look to those for ways to reduce this potential problem.)

John's Uranus (♅)
Conjuncts
Paul's Venus (♀)

It is the newness of this connection that is part of its appeal. In a romantic relationship there is likely to be a strong quality of fascination or infatuation. Excitement and stimulation can be part of the attraction, and creative expression can be aroused from the feelings between you. Paul in particular can be capable of more originality and experimentation in creative or artistic expression as the result of interacting with John. There is likely to be a mutual desire to socialize, to be socially active. John may appear independent and unpredictable to Paul and this can be both attractive and upsetting to Paul. If John is erratic, this can keep Paul off balance. Paul can be loving and supportive of John's unique and independent nature. This aspect is not one noted for its long-term stability or loyalty, but other dynamics between the two of you may offset this, in which case this aspect can bring a constantly renewing interest between you and an enjoyment of each other's company. Commitment may be avoided by one of you. The quality of uniqueness and possibly something unusual or unconventional about the relationship can keep it alive. It is likely that even if the relationship is not long in duration, it will have an awakening effect on you, particularly on Paul.

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John Lennon and Paul McCartney

II. Your Personal Individual Temperament Compatibility:

There are many ways to classify or group people: by body types, nationality, intelligence, gender, etc. The psychologist C. G. Jung theorized that one could see humans as having four functions with which we respond to our environment:

Sensate:	through the five physical senses, responding to the material environment of sights, sounds, smells, etc. around us
Feeling:	through an internally felt sense of evaluation, responding by attraction or repulsion to the more subtle qualities around us
Thinking:	through an attempt to use objective rational concepts and rules, responding to abstract ideas and generalizations
Intuitive:	through subtle perception of whole situations that gives insight into the meaning of any particular event or object within that situation

Astrology has considered that the zodiac is also divisible into four elements or types of signs. The signs considered in your Handbook for each of you are not just your sun signs, but the signs in which all the important factors in your birth charts are located.

The elements found in the zodiac are:

Earth: (Sensate)	practical, earthy, here-and-now, materialistic, steady (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn)
Water: (Feeling)	sensitive, psychic, emotional, subjective, empathic (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces)
Air: (Thinking)	rational, intellectual, curious, communicative, objective (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius)
Fire: (Intuitive)	animated, vital, energetic, enthusiastic, future-oriented (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius)

It is through the rough correspondence between these astrological elements and Jung's four functions that we can assess certain aspects of temperament and their possible combination between you. We all possess all four functions, and all four elements of the zodiac

Your Temperament Compatibility

can be found in our charts. This assessment is based on the relative strength or weakness of the elements in their emphasis in your charts.

Jung thought that the Intuitive function was complementary or opposed to the Sensate function, and that the Feeling function was likewise opposite the Thinking function. Thus when we are strong in one of these, we may lack its opposite or at least tend to devalue it. Thus Thinking types may be weak in Feeling or give it less importance; Intuitive types may not consider the Sensate, practical world of as much importance as their inspirations and hunches.

It is the need for a balance between these four functions that drives much of our growth. In relationships we often tend to attract those who have a similar temperament to ours because we feel we speak the same language or share common perceptions of how the world works or of what's important. The price of this alliance may be that we reinforce each other's blind spots or prejudices, creating a mutual defense against recognizing our need for including our weakest and least developed function.

But just as often we may be attracted to someone who is our opposite, someone who provides the alternate viewpoint which can balance ours and give a more complete perspective when combined with ours. If this is the case and it is not understood, we can tend to polarize around our differences and become locked in conflict and disagreement without looking for a mutual resolution that represents growth for each of us.

There is no guarantee, of course, that you will find the following descriptions match your self-image. If you find, for example, that a strength indicated doesn't seem to fit you, consider the possibility that your upbringing or family values may not have acknowledged or nurtured this side of your temperament. It may be waiting for discovery. Check it out. It is also sometimes possible that certain other factors in your chart may compensate for temperamental weaknesses listed here, in which case they are not weaknesses after all. The following are based solely on your fire-earth-air-water makeup.

(Note: broad statements like these, based upon element analysis of the charts, are speculative. There are often other facets of the chart that contradict or balance indications like those that follow. Even if you feel your individual Temperament description is not accurate, statements comparing the two of you are less speculative and probably therefore more reliable.)

In particular, some indications described here as part of your temperament may be offset by factors that show up in the previous sections. For example, your temperament may indicate a lack of objectivity, or of sensitivity to feelings, but previous paragraphs between the two of you may say otherwise. This means that in this particular relationship, weaknesses of temperament are reduced or reversed by the chemistry between you.)



John Lennon's Temperament

John is a starter, somebody who likes to initiate, get things moving, especially in regard to thinking, ideas and discussion. Paul is an adjuster, so you can both enjoy change and new possibilities. But you may have difficulty bringing things to completion.

John is predominantly air – verbal and intellectual. By processing mainly through the mind, he may place a higher value on ideas and abstract principles than on physical details or sensitivity to feelings. The detachment of the airy temperament can be useful in some emotional situations, but it can also be a way of avoiding feelings. This is the classic "living in the head" syndrome. John may bring stimulating ideas and conversation to the relationship, and the capacity to think things through, to see the reasonable point of view. John's airy energy is so strong that he needs to balance it with attention to his body and to listen to what his gut is saying as well as his mind. Paul shares in this airy tendency, and so the two of you have a common basis for communication and intellectual interests in your relationship.

Because John's secondary tendency is toward earth, his intellect can be applied to the service of practical needs. This suggests logic and common sense. There may be, however, a lack of imagination or rejection of non-traditional points of view. This is an organizational aptitude good for thinking things through and getting things done. Emotional or impulsive behavior from others is probably not appealing, and in fact may evoke an intolerant response from John.

Since John also is weakest in the feeling or watery realm, he may have difficulty hearing the emotional content of communication. He will tend to hear only the words and to get caught frequently arguing over principles or semantics. The feeling aspect within himself as well as in others may be overlooked. This lack of empathy or compassion can be difficult for others to accept. The inner world of feeling or intuition can be scary, and emotional pain may be unacceptable to John, whether his own or someone else's. Paul shares in this lack of water, and so the two of you may have a common desire to avoid feelings and emotional vulnerability in your relationship. This shared lack of development of your watery natures can be an important area of growth for the relationship, but it also can be the weakest point within it if you are assisting each other in trying to escape from feeling your inner world and being willing to hear each other's fears or pain.

Paul McCartney's Temperament

Paul is an adjuster, someone who can be flexible and adapt to changing situations, especially in regard to thinking, ideas and discussion. This fluidity seems to actually prefer freedom and change, and to be uncomfortable with too much stability or commitment. John is a starter, so you can both enjoy change and new possibilities. But you may have difficulty bringing things to completion.

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Since Paul's secondary tendency is toward the temperament of fire, he should be capable of bringing logic and thoughtful communication to assist his intuitive talents. The vision of possibilities can be explained to others, and this combination can be creative. Thoughts combine with action, and the mind can reflect on the implications of what these actions mean. He does tend to be rather abstract or universal, rather than focused and practical. The shadow side of this active and expressive combination can be to tend to live in his head or future goals, and to neglect physical or emotional needs. In spite of his optimism, there can be difficulty in seeing things through to completion, because of a lack of grounding. Responsibilities, persistence and patient work are not appealing to air-fire. Paul needs to pay attention to his physical or emotional needs if he is not to wear himself out.

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RELATIONSHIP

This Handbook was designed to provide you with information which can be helpful in making the most of the relationships in your life. Our lives consist of a web of connections between us and our mates, children, parents, and others. Life lives itself through these relationships, as well as our relationship with the Earth and our natural surroundings. And yet we are taught almost nothing about *how* to relate to each other, what a relationship is for, or how to deal with its inevitable challenges. As a result of our ignorance, we are handicapped in how we relate to each other.

How do we "free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty," as Einstein said on the first page? Relationship is the school in which we primarily learn to free ourselves. If our prison consists of the delusion that we are separate from the rest of the Universe or the Whole of existence, when we really are part of that Whole, then we free ourselves by giving up our belief in that separateness. This is the transformation that can come from combining two personalities.

In our lover, child, parent, or friend, as well as in the countless others whom we meet – the butcher, the baker, the paperboy, or sales clerk – we are brought face-to-face with another aspect of the Whole, in which we are, in fact, co-participants. When we can really let this fact into our experience, we lose our delusion of separateness and widen our circle of compassion. But our human dilemma is that the natural evolutionary forces that have made us strive to become individuals (from Latin, *individuus*, meaning "not divisible") must defend our separateness. An ancient Hindu holy book says it: "*Where there is other, there is fear.*" It's as though Nature challenges us both to preserve our unique individuality and at the same time to give it up and recognize our participation in Life, something which we cannot control. This generates fear and tension.

Wise people, who have given a lot of thought to these dilemmas, tell us that the solution is to hold this tension, to bear with these apparently irreconcilable needs. The borderline between defending our separate identity and truly uniting with another is what we call *intimacy*. Intimacy is not only about sexuality, with which it is often confused. Intimacy is about being honestly who you are without defense or pretense, with another who is doing the same. Intimacy is really a mystery, but it seems that in our moments of intimacy the dilemma is healed. We are both fully our self and fully with another. And intimacy is of such power that most of us crave it, probably because it heals our split from the rest of life, and also fear it, because it leaves us feeling defenseless, which alarms those natural evolutionary forces which care only about self-preservation and our survival.

Relationships are either *voluntary*, as in a marriage, friendship, or business partnership, or *involuntary*, as between family members. This Handbook is written to help you learn the lessons that one particular relationship offers you, the one between **John Lennon** and **Paul McCartney**. It focuses primarily on two kinds of relationship: between two adults, or between parent and child. But it may apply to any two entities. It could even be read as describing the strengths and challenges present in the relationship between a human and

a corporation, or a human and an event which occurred at a certain moment and place, like a marriage. For example, if you are married, this Handbook could be prepared and used to help you understand the unique interplay between you and your marriage.

WHAT IS RELATIONSHIP?

For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks, the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation.

— R. M. Rilke

Relationship Is A Mystery

Relationship, any relationship, is primarily the means by which we are taught about who we really are. This thought helps us keep perspective on the joy and pain that we experience with another. Relationship can also be escape, defense against life. The prevailing message of our culture with regard to relationship is that its purpose is happiness. But the Buddha said that the pursuit of happiness leads to pain, because you cannot have one without the other. So why not accept both and seek to see what is behind them? If we are not with our husband, wife, lover, friend, or child just to be happy, then why are we? *We don't really know.* Is it to seek or provide financial security? Emotional security? To grow? To learn? Maybe it is to remind us that *we don't really know.* It's a *mystery.*

Mystery is to be celebrated. In our modern world which sees knowledge as the end product of our efforts and the means to greater power, mystery is what keeps us alive. We don't know why we are here. No one knows. It is a mystery. With so many experts, schools, philosophies, or religions shouting their answers, it's easy to forget that *no one really knows.* And even if someone has had a great transcendent mystical experience from which they truly do know something, all they can know is about themselves, not about anyone else. So celebrate the fact that the reason **John Lennon** and **Paul McCartney** are in relationship is a mystery. Say often: "I don't really know." Mysteries make us curious and open us to all possibilities. Then we can learn.

Relationship Is Sacred

Any relationship is a means to restore our sense of wholeness, of being part of an intelligent and interconnected web of life. This healing begins by living our individual relationships to become aware of how interdependent we all are. There is something sacred in the intelligence that brings two people together for a mysterious purpose. Often we will feel this at the start of a relationship but forget it. People falling in love, or gazing at their newborn, know this. But how can we retain this sense of the sacred when we are fighting over money or trying to get our 8-year-old to pick up his clothes? If we do not see this sacredness, we make our relationships profane, we degrade them. We use them, instead of learning from them. Instead of believing we know the answers, we can make each of

our relationships an altar, a sacred container to remind us that it is an intelligent mystery that connects two people.

Relationship Is A Teacher

Our relationships show us how we avoid openness to life by being defensive, inexperienced (ignorant – we all are), or incomplete. The other, if we are committed to the relationship as a teacher, brings us another perspective, which (like two eyes) gives depth perception that our singular point of view cannot have. The relationship shows us to ourselves through the eyes of another, illuminates our limitations and strengths, and confronts us with our own vulnerable human nature. If we accept our assignment, that is, if we live our commitment to each other, we will have to stretch ourselves, to grow where we have been immature, to heal our wounds. The relationship teaches us how. And it knows just how and where to do this.

Relationship Is A Container

Relationship is a mysterious, sacred, teaching container which is built slowly over time through trust. It is meant to hold the words, feelings, promises, and vision which are shared by the participants. A container that will not allow each person to have *all* of his or her true feelings or to be his or her true self is by definition one which excludes some part of the person(s). In such a relationship, something will always be missing. For our primary relationships, it is as if the relationship itself, as a mysterious third factor which brings the two people together for a purpose, wants this container to be built and maintained. Within it we are subjected to an intensified growth process, in which the impurities of our ignorance and wounded selves are "heated up" and cooked or transformed. Great patience and endurance, as well as commitment are necessary for this process. Marriage or parental relations are typical containers.

This idea is in contrast to our prevalent cultural "fairy-tale" ideal of relationship, in which we live happily ever after. This ideal fails to realize that the container of the relationship will bring about a "chemical" combination – that something (God? Psyche? Fate? Luck?) has brought us together to change. In fact, the fairy tales tell us this by narrating the tests that the hero or heroine has to submit to in order to be married to the beloved. Without this understanding, one leaves the relationship when it isn't providing happiness. And that's just what *most* people are doing.

Likewise, in a parent/child relationship, a container is provided in which both the parent and child are meant to grow. Our cultural assumption is that only the child will be changed, and that will be by the will of the parent. The sacred mystery of any relationship says that parent and child have been brought together to do something together, something which will ultimately serve *both*. But current attitudes assume that because the parent is older and more experienced, only he or she has something to teach. This relationship will be very different if the parent realizes that he or she has just as much to learn from the child.

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The container may be love, a commitment, or a purpose. It may be to make money, to raise a child, to share the ups and downs of life. If it is based on love, it must be a love which transcends and includes the opposites. If it is based on a love which must be happy, giving, pleasant, or cooperative, sooner or later it will suffocate or collapse from the imbalance which is created by trying to exclude sadness, self-care (sometimes mistaken for "selfishness"), or meanness. Real love which contains must have room for the existence of all opposite feelings in each person. It doesn't just idealize the other person, but also accepts his or her limitations, imperfections, annoying habits, and the need to take care of him or herself sometimes by saying "no" to our needs.

What does a relationship contain?

Phases of growth: If a relationship is an entity then it will go through a continual process of change. If we believe that a relationship will always be what it seems to be in its present pleasing form of expression, we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. When we are disappointed, we often blame the other person for changing. And times of stress and conflict would – if permanent – shorten our lives considerably, so our survival instincts often advise retreat. But the containing idea of relationship as a changing process offers hope through crises. Prime examples of this are the desire for the romantic relationship to stay in the infatuation stage, or for the child to stay in the dependent stage. One phase is idealizing the other person, and another is seeing their less acceptable aspects or "shadow." Relationship is a container in which change is accepted as not only part of the natural evolution of the relationship, but perhaps as the very purpose of the relationship itself.

Opposites: Nothing exists without its opposite. It is our natural tendency to favor happiness and avoid unhappiness, or to prefer feeling good over feeling bad. A true relationship container will allow each person to be bored as well as excited by the other, to need alone time as well as companion time, to be dysfunctional as well as healthy, to want freedom as well as closeness. Again, if we set ourselves up with expectations that are contrary to nature, i.e., that we can have one half of an opposite and avoid the other, then we will be disappointed and feel betrayed. The balance between these opposites is not static and not found by formula. It is a continual dance, a dance which takes patience and devotion to learn.

Trust for the process: If we are in a committed relationship then we will trust that everything that comes along is part of the "curriculum" that this relationship wishes us to learn. We say "yes" to whatever arises in either of us. Perhaps the key to a loving relationship is in placing our trust in the mystery, in the container, in the third entity which has brought "me" and "you" together. There is an Identity which exists equally in "me" and in "you." If we trust the mysterious purpose of this Identity in bringing us into relationship, we don't need to control the relationship or each other. Thus relationship can be a sacred path by which we become more aware of the Mystery, Identity, or Divinity which exists in the heart of each of us – both – simultaneously.

WHAT IS A LOVING RELATIONSHIP?

The love problem is part of mankind's heavy toll of suffering, and nobody should be ashamed of having to pay his tribute.

— Carl Jung

This all sounds so heavy. Why be in a relationship at all? For one thing, we cannot help but be in some kind of relationship. We are all born and have parents. There is wonder, joy, excitement and growth. This Handbook is offered in counterpoint to the cultural attitude which expects comfort, security and happiness and sees pain or hard work as a sign that something is wrong. Let us celebrate the joy and ecstasy relationships can offer. We want to affirm here the necessity of occasional pain and the value of working on one's relationships. The best way to work on our relationships is to *work on ourselves*. Look inside. Explore yourself. Remember what was said earlier: relationship, any relationship, is primarily the means by which we are taught about who we really are. And whether we are pursuing fame, fortune, comfort or any other goal, ultimately, deep down, what we really want is to know who we really are and what we are supposed to be doing here.

A loving relationship is one in which each participant accepts and honors the other for being who they are. Each recognizes the sacredness and mystery that the other embodies. In order for this to occur, each must also love, respect and honor themselves. Sounds great, but how do we do this when we have needs, many of which may not even be conscious? If I need attention, and I am in a relationship with you, then I need you to pay attention to me. If I am unaware of this need and how it drives me, then it takes priority over my desire or intention to accept you for who you are. I want you to be someone who pays attention to me. If you do, I'll reward you, and if you don't, I'll probably punish you.

Who really knows what a loving relationship really is? So much has been written and said about it throughout history that we can only conclude what we've already said: it's a mystery.

If there's one ingredient that seems necessary for a loving relationship, it is respect. Giving the other the freedom to be however they need to be – angry, depressed, unreliable – shows respect. It may take great inner effort to do this, especially when our own inner needs or insecurities are crying out. This is when the act of love, for both oneself and the other, is to take care of oneself. In a loving relationship, we respect each other's private inner world, our solitude. Rainer Maria Rilke said: *"Human love...consists in this, that two solitudes protect and border and salute each other."*

Most of the problems we experience in our adult relationships were created in childhood. Parents who never had their solitude protected when they were children are unaware of the need to respect their own child's boundaries. Healthy psychic boundaries allow the other to think, feel and be the way they want to. We do not make ourselves responsible for how they feel, but we note the impact we have on them. We don't try to control them. When we feel frustrated by our mate, friend, child, or parent and want to change them,

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we are being signalled to look inside, see what's driving our desire to control the situation, and take responsibility for those feelings or needs.

The personal material provided in the previous sections is offered in the hope that it will bring insight into what makes your relationship operate the way it does. Where there is harmony and compatibility, celebrate and nourish it. Where there are challenges, accept them and work with them. Remember, the work is within. These are your assets and liabilities. There is no way to predict the outcome of a relationship. Something mysterious brings us together and we do the best we can. Permanence is not a measure of the quality of a relationship. Again, *there is no way to predict the outcome of a relationship*. The information contained here is to help you understand what you are working with. By reading about the dynamics you may be experiencing, they can become more objective, allowing you to work with them, rather than having them compel you.

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Where Do We Go From Here?

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When we are disappointed, we often blame the other person for changing.

And times of stress and conflict would – if permanent – shorten our lives considerably, so our survival instincts often advise retreat.

But imagine a baby trying to retreat from the intense danger arising during birth.

Many are born in just such a state, which they never relinquish.

Without hope for the future, the only movement forward into life's flow will be *involuntary*.

Victimhood as a way of life.

The truth lies somewhere in-between the powerlessness of the infant and the powerlessness we experience every moment when weighed against the earthquake, volcanic, cyclonic, typhoonic, meta-mega-tonnage of yet unperceived life-threatening bogeymen of cosmic origins.

Move forward.

Walk on.

Put one foot in front of the other.

Life pushed you out of the womb and life's pushing you now.

There must be at least three other things you can do that would provide more satisfaction than struggling against the push of life.

Pull on the push let it pull you push you.

It wants you to live.

Don't fear it.

Be it.

Don't fear it.

Be it.

Bear it.

Rear it.

The only way to get to where you always wanted to go is surrender.

Let go.

Let's go.

Appendix

Planetary symbols and their meaning:

- ☉ **Sun:** Personal intention, integrity, vitality, self-expression
- ☾ **Moon:** Emotional and instinctive response, need for nurturing, vulnerability, closeness
- ☿ **Mercury:** Thought and communication, mental abilities
- ♀ **Venus:** Attractiveness, self-worth, desire for harmony, appreciation, and love
- ♂ **Mars:** Initiative, action, assertiveness, anger, competition
- ♃ **Jupiter:** Expansion, enthusiasm, visionary, idealism, belief systems
- ♄ **Saturn:** Security, self-protection, boundaries, fear, inhibition, defenses, stability
- ♅ **Uranus:** Freedom, independence, unpredictability, innovative, experimental
- ♆ **Neptune:** Yearning for perfection, idealism, sensitivity, escapism, transcendence
- ♇ **Pluto:** Core experiences, control, domination, letting go, death-rebirth
- ♁ **North Node:** Path of growth for fulfilling this life's purpose
- ♂ **South Node:** Habitual patterns resistant to new growth
- AC **Ascendant:** Self-awareness and mask presented to others
- DC **Descendant:** Approach to relating to others
- MC **Midheaven:** Outer fulfillment through career or vocation
- IC **Nadir:** Inner integration and sense of individual foundation



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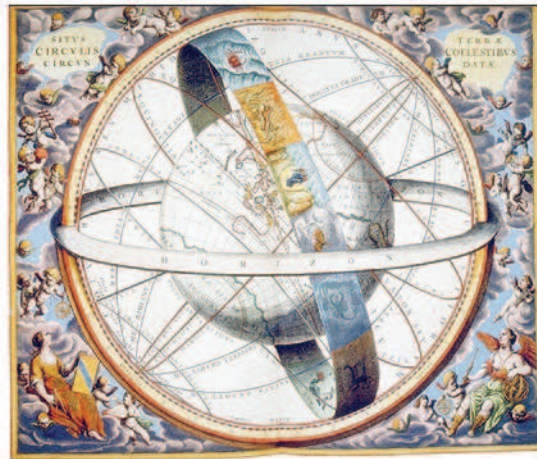


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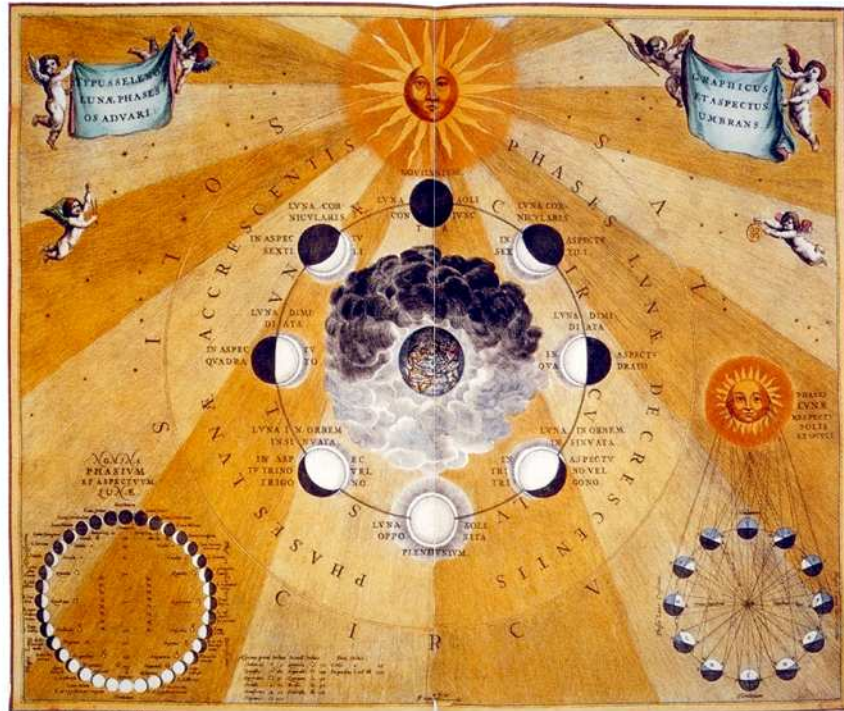
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