



RELATIONSHIP PATTERNS
SAMPLE REPORT FOR DWAYNE JOHNSON

IN THE BEGINNING IS FAMILY

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

Lunar Legacies

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

The Moon is in Capricorn

Your Moon is in Capricorn, which is the third Earth sign in the Zodiac. When you are born with your Moon in the Element of Earth this suggests that to feel bonded you first need to feel safe, comfortable and secure, knowing your physical needs will be met. Love and respect are intimately woven together and in an adult context you are more prone to bonding when there is maturity and self-regulation. In Classical Astrology the Moon ruled Cancer, and was considered to be in its detriment in the opposite sign of Capricorn. Detriment does not imply that your Moon is disadvantaged or impaired in any way, but suggests a different way of thinking about how your Moon functions. The Moon is fluid and reflective; Capricorn is structured and masterful. The Moon is dependent while Capricorn is more autonomous. Finding ways to embrace these paradoxes in order to nurture your needs is the challenge. For instance you need structure, control and organisation, feeling safer and more akin to bonding when there are enough boundaries to feel protected from potential harm. However, with your Moon in Capricorn early feelings of love and acceptance may have been tinged with feelings of disapproval.

You are sensitive to the need for discipline, authority, and regulations. You also need boundaries, administration and rules. How you respond and learn to feel safe and secure within these parameters depends on your early conditioning. In a household where boundaries are rigid, rules and regulations are not enforced or well-supported and the parental figures are not responsible,, then you probably learnt to rebel against your own needs for structure, having experienced anarchy rather than order. Your learning curve as an adult in relationship is to recognise and nurture these strong needs for autonomy, structure and control. In this case you would also be more prone to unconsciously drawing out the authority and controlling aspects of others. However, when you feel that authorities have been supportive and that rules have helped you achieve and accomplish your needs,, then you work with your instincts to organise and control feeling more authoritative and aware of how to manage your needs. You also are less inclined to seek approval and acknowledgement from others having felt supported and

fostered. Your need for acknowledgement and recognition is high. As a child you would seek this approval through your authority figures: first the parent,, then teachers, coaches, bosses. However, the irony is that until you can acknowledge yourself, it is difficult to hear or feel the support of others.

With your Moon in Capricorn you innately set high standards. In adult relationships this can often be experienced as a barrier to intimacy. If you feel inadequate or that the situation is not quite good enough,, then the ability to be intimate is compromised. Or you might feel that exposing your needs or feeling vulnerable is weakness. Again your self reliance becomes a barrier to relating. As an adult you are challenged with what is good enough in relationship. Instinctually your perfectionism is questioned and you are confronted with reality. Reality is not so bad because your Earth Moon needs the physical stimulus and affection of a relationship. However, you need to be sure you feel there is enough boundaries, maturity and discipline for you to be inclined to step into the experience of relating. You feel nurtured when others genuinely acknowledge and respect you. Love and respect are interlaced in your close companionships.

When the Sun is forming an astrological aspect to the Moon, your parental relationship is emphasized. The Sun personifies your father while the Moon personifies your mother. The contrast between activity and passivity, doing and being, masculine and feminine is highlighted. It is likely that you learnt to bond and feel safe through being identified and mirrored by others in the family. Hearing the applause of your achievements and feeling supported in your development and identity instilled a sense of confidence and achievement. When this sense of support is missing or your parent has sought their own reflection through you,, then your confidence may be at risk unless you are identifying with others or echoing their needs.

Astronomically you were born within 24 hours of the New Moon when the Moon is invisible, having lost her reflective ability by being so close to the Sun. Astrologically the planets are aligned; however, not necessarily allied psychologically, bringing stress into their relationship. This stress may actually be part of your experience of your parent's relationship. The conjunction is highly subjective and often internalised, suggesting you might feel the conflict between what you need and what you want, or what you want to do and what you feel, but are uncertain how to act. You are likely to undergo a lifelong learning curve of how to juggle both energies simultaneously. In adult relationships this could imply feeling confused between trying to identify what others want and your own needs.

When you are born near the New Moon this suggests that it may be difficult for you to discern what you need. A child learns to bond and feel safe through being identified and mirrored by others in the family. With the Sun and Moon so close together it is not an easy task to be objective emotionally. You may instinctively identify other's moods and feelings as your own. Hopefully your parents supported your development and identity through instilling a sense of confidence and achievement through active encouragement and applause. Without an active participation in helping establish a separate sense of self you would have been unable to fully separate from your mother and may well have been vulnerable to identifying her maternal moods and anxiety as yours. Like a barometer you might read the emotional atmosphere and unknowingly identify it as your own. In later relationships it is imperative to be cognisant of personalising other's reactions and learning to be more patient and objective in reading responses and feelings in your environment. Your parents may have been preoccupied with their needs, not fully aware of yours, resulting in you feeling you lacked an identity in the system, uncertain unless you were echoing the other. In later relationships it is imperative to fight off the compulsion to mirror others' needs at the expense of your own.

When the Sun and Moon occupy the same Zodiacal space, it suggests that your parents might also be aligned, unable to be easily differentiated in your experiences. In other words, you might feel left out, not a part of their relationship. The feeling that you were not a part of the unit may underpin earlier feelings of safety. In later years you might feel like you are your own unit and it takes a conscious attempt to feel you belong to your partner's unit. Fate might arrange it so you are challenged to find a way to belong to the systems of your friends and partners. You may unconsciously identify so personally with other's moods and feelings that you are no longer aware of yours. However, your kindred spirits will let you know when you're taking it too personally and gently show you that what you heard is not what they meant.

Venus is Opposite The Moon

Two powerful feminine forces are highlighted when the planet Venus combines with the Moon. While both are feminine by nature, they not necessarily feel or want similar things, having their own unique values, urges and desires. Astrologically the planets are aligned; However, not necessarily psychologically, bringing stress into their relationship. This stress may be focused around family values, likes and dislikes as well as the comfort of having what you want. In later years it might surface through needing to live harmoniously with others even though they may not always share the same value system as you.

Attitudes towards wealth, the experience of money and having things in the family system underlie your sense of security. The likes and dislikes of your parents were strongly impressed upon you. Hopefully this meant your parents supported a healthy sense of self-esteem and showed attractive qualities that helped instill a sense of worth and value. Your choices between what you liked and disliked needed encouragement and support so that you learned how to make your own valid choices and decisions. In a family where self esteem and personal values are not supported it is more difficult to feel connected to your own inner sense of worth. Without this supportive value system you might feel you did not know how to make healthy choices, unsupported in the development of your personal tastes and values. As a young boy you may have felt valued when partnering your mother's needs, or as a girl you might have felt that your feminine values were denied in the family. Either way you may feel you have no choice.

It is important to reflect on the family attitudes towards both the feminine aspects of life and females in general. There may have been conflict in developing a safe and supportive relationship to the feminine in previous generations of women in your family. as such it is important to know how to value your needs as well as support your values so you feel appreciated and valued for yourself and not a role scripted by others. The family attitudes towards femininity and sexuality may not have supported you contributing to your adolescent angst. When younger the entangled feelings of self worth and relationship to others might have been focused on your weight, your attractiveness, and your sexuality; when older it might be directed towards money and security. Wherever the focus is, the inner urge is to accept your worth and value. For a man it is important to recognise that your relationship with women may be complex, as there are many competing and often conflicting needs. For instance boyish charm and seduction may be motivated by the need to be taken care of rather than the urge to be in relationship. Or the strong urge to relate might be intermingled with the feelings of having to responsible and care taking for others.

Receptivity, magnetism, grace and sensitivity all combine to make you attractive to others, something you might not actually know. So it is that sense of something familiar in the other, a feeling of being valued and appreciated and a warmth of connection that converge in your adult relationships. Your kindred spirits value you and you feel safe and receptive when in their presence. You feel nurtured in

relationship when you are able to express your individual tastes and values without compromise.

Jupiter is Conjunct The Moon

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

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

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

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

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

Pluto is Square The Moon

This combination suggests intense and powerful feelings that may have been first experienced in the family. Issues of trust, honesty, integrity and reliability are forged with the need to feel safe. This suggests very potent, even forbidden or repressed, feelings may have leaked into your family atmosphere. Your fate suggests that there is a dark depth to your feeling life and this is where you will find soul. Like Persephone you need to descend into the feelings to find the authentic other side of self. This might leave you feeling out of control in any relationship, as you find it difficult to trust another.

Your family system may have been confronted with powerful issues of loss and grief as well as taboos and secrets. Power and influence are issues or they have been in the family past and these affect the integrity of your family. The family need for honesty, trust and cohesion are strong due to the ancestral denials and unexpressed grief that infiltrate the current family climate. You were privy to these denials and secrets, even though they were not spoken about. However, you knew them in the depths of yourself, and your destiny is to know that you know the truth even though everyone else may be denying or lying about it.

When safe, you felt protected from harm and part of a tribe that was bound by trust. Emotional honesty in the family would encourage you to be intimate and truthful about what you feel. Negative feelings were allowed to be expressed without fear of judgement or reprisal and were not allowed to pollute the atmosphere of the family. If grief and loss were acknowledged as part of the life cycle,, then you were better equipped to let go and move forward with life. But this is not generally the case, as when Pluto and the Moon combine the darker feelings are often left to fester. If so you felt them and were influenced by their potency. However, when authentic feelings are allowed to be expressed this engenders honesty, integrity and the powerful sense of being protected and sheltered by indelible strength.

However, a darker side could exist especially if your family atmosphere was polluted with secrets, shame or unexpressed grief. This complicates your ability to be close or intimate with others for fear of exposing the secret and betraying the family. In this case separation from your family may be accomplished in a Persephone-like way through being snatched, abducted or seduced into another atmosphere of control and dominance. If power and control are mobilised to suppress a secret, a sense of shame is instilled leaving you unable to differentiate between what is private and what is secret. Power may also have been abusive in that it kept you from expressing your true self. Powerlessness induces rage as such your family atmosphere might have been polluted with rage and brutal feelings. Feeling unprotected and vulnerable to attack, you learn to mistrust the world at large. When the family is bonded together by an inappropriate secret or shame the risk of difficulty with separation is heightened and anyone outside the family unit is cast in the role of enemy. Transferring loyalties to someone outside the family constitutes betrayal, leaving you in fear of being disinherited.

You could swing between being charismatic and compulsive. You are charismatic because you are able to confront others honestly and with integrity encouraging a sense of trust. Compulsive because when you hide your true needs or feelings you begin to ruminate and feel compelled to try to hide them. So as an adult issues of trust, power and control will be themes that help you confront you inner strength and conviction. Your kindred spirits trust you and are able to be intimate with the deepest and darkest part of your self without you feeling ashamed or defended. You know you can be completely honest about your feelings, even the darkest ones, and not be chastised or rejected. Your capacity to forge an intimate bond is great; However, on the other side you also have the capacity to withhold due to mistrust. But your fate is to learn to trust yourself and know you will be safe. Your family experiences laid the groundwork for this great task.

With the Moon in your 4th House your emotional security and your sense of belonging was considerably shaped by your family of origin. A strong link to your family develops because you need their support, guidance and nurturing to feel safe. Of course this is a human need, but for your need to belong and feel attached is highlighted by this placement in your Horoscope. With a positive attachment to your family, you are able to leave the nest and return on your own terms. However, if your family experience was

fractured and unsettled,, then you have a more difficult time separating and becoming independent. Your ability to develop a sense of independence may have been compromised by others' needs, your parent/s' dependence upon you or undertones and moods that remained unspoken in your family.

You have a sixth sense about what others need. You first experienced this in your family. It might not be something that you are conscious of, but you innately respond to what is in the atmosphere, sensitive to emotional undertones, jarring vibrations or darkened moods. This is not an intellectual knowing; rather it is a gut knowing. The emotional climate in the environment is absorbed by you, often settling in the stomach or solar plexus. Without conscious knowledge of this pattern you might be responding to everyone else's needs rather than your own, unaware of what it is that you need because of the unfulfilled needs of those around you. When this occurs you feel out of sorts, alone, unsupported, as if no one really understands. Establishing a clear sense of self when it comes to your feelings is difficult for you, but it is a necessity. Hopefully you have an emotionally mature mother and family to help you feel supported and separate enough to know what you need. But if you grew up in a volatile or dysfunctional environment you probably took responsibility for some of the stress, leaving you feeling insecure and unloved. In this environment you feel that to be loved you need to take care of others and put their needs first. Love becomes dependent rather than unconditional. as such it is always wise in later years to reflect on the extent to which you care for others at the expense of your own needs. Your tenancy to bond, merge, be symbiotic is great for nurturing a child, but not necessarily supportive in developing friendships and relationships.

Home is important both literally and metaphorically as an image of belonging. Country too. as such your natural state suggests you love to be nestled in your home, active in the community and even may wave the flag on the national holiday. In a perfect world you want everyone to come to your house as you have a heart that opens wide to let people in. You are loyal and devoted. But big hearts also hurt big and over time this may have affected the way you love. In an adult context remember your task to provide enough emotional containment and boundaries to protect your sensitivity; be selective about who you invite into that private and sacred space you call home. Your home is the reflection of your inner life and security. When you are unsettled in your self you are unsettled in the home and many of your great life changes will go hand in hand with an important move.

While you do not need to learn to love you do need to learn who you can love. You also need support and encouragement in your closely-knit circles. Remaining conscious of this helps ward off the instinct to care for others when there is nothing in it for you. Common sense dictates you do have to leave home at some point and that may be difficult emotionally and psychologically. Being habitual change does not come easily. But on an emotional level you will return home time and time again, recreating the habitat that is most familiar to you. You want to bring your friends home; you might even bring your work into your home. And from home to home you carry those transitional objects that have become dear to you. Stuffed toys, childhood photos, greeting cards are all-important mementoes of your past. It is natural to collect memorabilia from your life and give it an honoured place in your home.

Your kindred spirits will nurture you just as much as you nurture them. There's nothing like dinner parties with your closet friends or intimate gatherings to bring it back home to you just how important the image of family is. Family is belonging. Whoever is in your orbit feels like family so just be more select about who that might be. You couldn't choose your family but you can be choosy about those you share your adult life with. Making a nest is important and in your adult life home plays a major role in your relationships.

PRIMARY RELATIONSHIPS

Our Early Soulmates

Siblings, Cousins, Neighbours, Playmates and School Chums

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

3rd House Cusp is in Sagittarius

The Fire Sign Sagittarius on your 3rd House Cusp suggests that adventure, travel, intellectual and philosophical pursuits, along with faith and vision in the future are primary qualities of relationship that are important to you and experienced in some way with your siblings and early friends.

In your early childhood you likely sought adventure beyond your family and cultural inheritance. Early experiences with cousins, neighbours, friends, even step or half siblings might have introduced you to new cultures and new attitudes of life. Or your sibling might be the one who helps initiate you into the vast world that lay beyond the immediate experience of your family and your community. However, this symbol weaves its experiences into your life, deep inside you expect your relationships to be filled with exploration, imagination and the quest for what lay beyond the family’s world view.

You might have perceived your sibling as the voyager, the traveller into the higher realms, asking questions you hadn’t thought of asking, going where you hadn’t dreamt of going and exposing you to a world beyond the picket fence that holds the family’s morals intact. Did your sibs or early friends awaken your search for the truth or inspire you to forge your own beliefs? Or did you instinctively know you urge to explore beyond?

From an early age you appear fluent in the ways of the world and may influence others in forging their beliefs and values in the world. In the soul the early images of your partners are guides, explorers and wise ones; at least this is your expectation. You might be disappointed when you find that they are not the worldly-wise gurus you had wanted them to be. You search for an equal that can share your wonder of the world and explore what lies beyond the neighbourhood, someone to discuss the meaning of life with. From an early age you seek a model, a friend or partner that will be the inspiration behind your choice of travel destination, your course of university study, your interest in an alternative religion or your fascination with a particular author. But deep inside your soul is this urge to learn about these mysteries of life and early on you feel you need a guide. On the other hand you might be the one to try to inspire your sibs and friends to be your companion on the journey.

While your upbringing may have had too many rules and regulations, you sought out the library, the sports field, the church and the bush to expand your mind. It was here that you might have encountered

your fellow adventurers on the journey of life. From a young age it was important to share your ideals and your ideas. As a young philosopher you might have been bored with traditional learning, as you wanted to be inspired and motivated towards the bigger picture. But education, adventure, travel and the search for meaning would have always been a passionate pursuit especially in the early years of relating. Later in adult relationships you are attracted to those who creatively express their ideas. Your soulmates share this adventure of life with you.

The Moon is in the 3rd House

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

Early sibling relationships or the lack of them would have a direct impact on your sense of safety and security, and be important in forging a sense of emotional security. Because of this emotional impact, there may be a strong attachment to your sibling. Separation from your sibling might have been difficult. Early separations (going to school, being taken care of by another, etc.) may have been traumatic if you were not adequately prepared for them. The Moon in the third suggests vulnerability and reaction to emotional changes, especially moving from a state of emotional closeness and separation. Saying goodbye is never easy. While this pattern may not have literally played out in your experience, the difficult is separating is a theme you may recognise. This motif may have also been your mother's experience with her siblings. Whether you are conscious of this pattern or not, it would useful to reflect on your sense of comfort in feeling separate, your reactions when a loved one takes leave, and how comfortable you are letting go of attachments. Throughout your adult relationships the early pattern of closeness and separateness might repeat.

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

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

early life you may still try to make your adult relationships symbiotic and care-based.

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

Jupiter is in the 3rd House

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

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

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

Chiron is Conjunct Mercury

The combination brings the themes of mentoring, wounding and healing together with the image of

your sibling. Perhaps your sibling fostered your spiritual development, encouraging you to be heroic. On the other hand your brother or sister may have been an agent of wounding. This could have manifested in many various ways like name-calling, abandonment or rejection. You may feel alienated or separated from your siblings, as if exiled from your community of peers. Literally, this image suggests a sibling that is handicapped in some way, an adopted sibling or the separation from your sibling through death or a schism in the family. While this not necessarily may be your experience, you may feel that you are separated from the others in some way. You might feel cut off from others due to communication having an early experience of wounding through communication, speaking a foreign language, distinct learning patterns or simply feeling misunderstood. As such your kindred spirits are unique and in communication and relationship you find the freedom that comes by not being identical to others. Through your adult relationships you are able to heal your earlier feelings of exclusion.

Uranus is Opposite Mercury

When the zany planet Uranus combines with the mischievous Mercury there is likely to be evidence that individuality and freedom took precedence in your early experiences with peers and friends. With siblings, and later friends and partners, you need avenues to express your freedom and unique character. With communication and learning you want to adventure and experiment. You have your way of thinking about things which might not always dovetail with the ways others think. The sibling may have been your first image of independence and individuality. Yes you are attracted to the freedom fighter and rebel because you too are self-determined in many ways. However, the other side of the coin may be that your experience of early peer encounters was distant, aloof or cold. In its negative manifestation Uranus-Mercury may feel disengaged, bored, non-committal, leaving you feeling cut off or outside the circle. This is your way of knowing no connection has been made. When connection exists you are lively, wired and expressive. These extremes are part of your early relating until you feel you find your place and your independent nature is accepted and valued. In adult relationships you have an eclectic circle of friends who encourage you to be free and independent enough to feel that you are well connected. Your kindred spirits know how you are wired and love your adventures into outer space, cyber space, and all spaces in between.

KINDRED SPIRITS

Friends, Acquaintances and Colleagues

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

- Aristotle

11th House Cusp is in Leo

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

With Leo on the Cusp of the 11th House, you seek friends who are generous, loyal and loving. Drawn to those who are creative, self assured and self expressive you are likely to meet your kindred spirits in the playground of life when you are enjoying yourself – at a party, a theatre, a ceremony wherever there is a celebration of creativity. Your friends are your celebrities.

Leo rules the heart, an evocative symbol of what you bring to your friendships. Your warmth and generosity are appealing to others and as such it follows that if you want to be, you will be popular. As a youth popularity might have been more important than it is today. As you reflect on the past you recognise that approval and acclamation from others was important to your sense of self-esteem. However, it also was an indication of your creativity and charm. You are playful, optimistic and love to share in the joys of life. When you engage with others you turn on lights. You have the knack, a gift really, of making others feel better about who they are when you are their friend. But that’s mutual as well. Friends encourage your confidence, applaud your achievements and give you a very high approval rating. If not,, then you are not with the right friends.

Being attractive to others has a cautionary side as well. While you may be able to create friendships you not necessarily want your circle of friends to always be an audience where you are the one who is creative and they appreciate that. You need to exchange and co-create. For you true friends are your co-creators in life and ones who share the labours, witness the triumphs and debrief about the reviews. When you need friends to boost your fragile sense of self you may collude with living out their projections of an unlived life. as such it is important to recognise that friends are companions who share the drama of life and together you create the scripts.

Friendship and romance may be entwined at the beginning. Within your circle of friends, a first romance might bloom, as the discovery of your self is revealed through your interactions and friendships. Friends help you make important transitions in your life, as they remind you of what is important are where you need to place your loyalties. When you entered school, when you left home, when you got engaged or had your first child, friends were important. as such friendships are vital to your sense of we being as you are a natural for relationship. Friends reflect back your generous heart, your spirited creativity and

your playfulness and you know your kindred spirits when you feel better about who you are when you are with them.

SOUL AND RELATIONSHIP

Intimate Friends and Committed Partners

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

- Maria Rilke Rainer

7th House Cusp is in Aries

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

Your Ascendant is Libra; as such the Fire Sign Aries is on your 7th House Cusp. Fire is a spirited element and its approach to life experience is generally highly instinctive, spontaneous, forthright and willful. With this Element on your 7th House, you are attracted to adventure and spontaneity in your relationships. You are drawn to courageous, competitive and challenging partners who encourage your sense of self-discovery and bring out the urge for adventure. Relationships are a vital area for investigation and experimentation; hence the qualities of adventure, travel and wanderlust in others stimulate you.

Fire is passionate and, like its element in nature, burns new ground and yearns to move farther afield. But with passion and excitement comes restlessness and boredom. Your natural tendency might be to enter relationship in a flash, with verve and dynamism, but find the fires grow cold quickly. Freedom and exploration without commitment are at odds with a relationship. as such you need to be in relationship with those who are able to accept and meet your need to adventure and explore and be able to take a risk.

Your burning spirit and quest for adventure and absolute certainty can be doused by negative feeling, lethargy and criticism. as such you may easily become frustrated with your partner when you are unable to share your enthusiasm or vigour. You often struggle with negative feelings in your relationship, as you need to be buoyant and feel the rush of life energy. However, your denial of negativity or sadness means that any feelings that are difficult to accept are often brought out into the open by your partners.

What you are first attracted to in others is their independent spirit, vitality, and the way they grab the bill of life by its horns. While you may attract these qualities in your quest for equal relationship, you will also attract the shadow of these qualities. The independent, courageous entrepreneur you admire may also be willful, non-committed and self-centred. But through light and shadow Aries on the 7th draws you into a relationship that helps you be more daring and risk-taking, encouraging you to become the leader you are.

Qualities you admire and are attracted to in others include assertiveness, directness, independence, courage, fearlessness, and self-reliance and get up and go. And it is these very qualities that a partner

helps you find in yourself. So don't be surprised when your kindred spirits have their Sun or Moon in Aries or are champions in their chosen field.

The Sun is in the 7th House

You were born as Dusk was approaching. The Sun was low on the western horizon preparing to draw in its light. Metaphorically this suggests your personal identity is reflective, aware of the interplay of shadow and light and prone to identify with others, seeing your reflection in their light. Comfortable with holding onto the light of your own self you might be instinctively drawn to those who shine and dynamically.

You are drawn to the star quality in others. But you are likely to feel your own identity and confidence being eclipsed, experiencing your partner as more creative, more vital and certainly more self-assured than you are. Unconsciously you empower your partner with the qualities of strength, heroism and great accomplishments, leaving your own sense of self feeling weakened, uncertain, insecure, even powerless. You may feel diminished in the shadow of your partner, leaving you struggling to identify who you are.

By not embracing your pride and confidence in your creative self, you are vulnerable to attracting others who are always on stage. They shine brightly and you adore their creative flair. When you relinquish the desire to shine, while your partner does the star trip on stage, you are left feeling more and more frustrated. This prompts you to reclaim your own magnetism and charisma and find your identity, not through someone else, but through your creative self. If you remain unconscious of your creative needs or your urge to shine and perform, you get the partner who does that for you. While they are on stage, you politely applaud their achievements, but resentment and feelings of inequality are liable to expose your own unfulfilled creative desires. What you once found magnetic and irresistible in someone else now may seem loud and overbearing; or what once was hot has gone off the boil.

In the myth of Narcissus, Echo became drawn to the irresistible beauty of the young man. Yet as we know Narcissus was too mesmerised with his own reflection to be able to relate to her, leaving Echo only able to relate to Narcissus through reflection, draining Echo of any sense of her own self. You could unwittingly collude with a narcissistic partner by denying your sense of self, leaving yourself in the role of Echo who reflects back another person but loses herself. A partner's self absorption leaves no room for you to shine. An excessively egotistical or arrogant partner in your eyes is a good reason to ask if you are out of touch with your own star qualities. Do you want some of that glow of pride in yourself? Often that is the case and your partner exaggerates it for you. The more your qualities are repressed, the more these qualities in the other are exaggerated. It is important that you learn to be in a mutual admiration society; each partner taking a turn being the star. Supporting your qualities in your relationships means that you have your turn to feel some of the magnificence that you easily give away. Once the brilliance and creativity, so glorified in the partner, begins to wane, the shadow of self-absorption and narcissism appear. This is the signal that you need to reclaim some of your creativity, confidence and self-concept., then you share the stage equally, demanding the right to be recognised and appreciated., then you find your creativity and identity through the process of relating.

This placement may also suggest that unfinished business with your father may enter your adult relationships. Your chosen partner may unwittingly trigger incomplete father issues, especially issues of favouritism and the need to be seen and acknowledged. You were born with the Sun preparing to set. By nature the Sun is bright and shining but here it is preparing to withdraw its light. Metaphorically you too are in the psychological process of this task of withdrawing the spotlight away from your other

halves onto your inner creative self. The sunlight is still warming and illuminating but now on an internal and creative level. When you find the balance between acknowledging and supporting your identity and the creative pursuits of your partner, your relationship becomes filled with the laughter and joy of the happy child. Relationships are your creativity and identity and with your partner you find yourself. Your kindred spirits always leave you feeling better about who you are.

PLEASURE, PASSION AND LOVE

The Joys of Venus and Mars

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

- Herman Hesse

Venus is in Gemini

Joker looking for Journalist to tell his story Imagine this advertisement in the personal column of your local paper. On a lighter note there may be some truth in this for you, as you do love a prank and telling a story. And if you don't respond to that, surely you must love hearing a joke or listening to a lively personal discourse. Bottom line is to love to connect and that's usually through storytelling. Naturally social you will veer towards companions who you can communicate with, share your ideas and fantasies with, play computer games with or just hang out with. But you are also easily bored and feel the need to change the channel when things are becoming repetitive or dull. You value variety in your relationships. You like trying out different restaurants, joining new courses and changing your routines. Being involved with you means learning the quick step, so it is important for you to recognise not everyone is as agile as you might want him or her to be. You know when you are attracted to someone as you stumble over your words and your feet, and your nervous system runs amok.

Venus in Gemini suggests that love and companionship are united. This might be a close bond with a sibling, or in a wider context, you value companionship and friendship in your intimate encounters. Your lover is also your best friend. In an ancestral context, Venus, is the feminine principle. In Gemini this would suggest that sister relationships in the family are important. What is the inherited sibling situation: mother's relationship as a sister, father's relationship to his sister? What are the attitudes in the family towards the feminine as an equal? These questions might affect the way you value equal relationships with others.

Your values are not fixed like some others; in fact you can be quite changeable at times about what you like and appreciate. Some might think that it's fickle but you need to experiment with feelings and relationships before you can make up your mind. You also need space and distance and time to make up your mind. The more pressure you feel, the more anxious you become. Commitment is much easier when there is no pressure to commit. You value someone who gives you the space to go through the changes you need to go through. When you are pinned down you panic. You find that you are better able to express the way you feel in an email, by SMS or on the phone. You like that connection but don't want to be present all the time.

The Planet Mercury rules this sign so mobility and versatility in any relationship is important. Love and communication are intertwined and you need to communicate how you feel, light or dark. Talking helps you know how you feel, so chatter away. Some might not be able to listen but your kindred spirits will love your aerial acrobatics and sense of humour. A valued relationship is one where you can communicate without fear of judgment or reprisal.

Mars is in Gemini

How you assert yourself in your relationship and take the courage to be your own person is the domain of the Planet Mars. In the airy Sign of Gemini, this suggests that you love to be mobile, but not always sure of the direction that you want to be going in, as it might change at any moment. And shift it will, as you are an initiator of ideas and an instigator of change. Is it sleight of hand or do things really vanish in thin air around you naturally? Well trickster Mercury rules your Mars sign and when he is underneath your impulses you need to be wary that you can be temperamental and tricky. Fortunately you're astute enough to side step major potholes and flexible enough to handle several demands at once. So what happens when you are attracted to someone? Do you wait for this urge to pass or do you leap in? It depends.

You're interested in so many things that jumping in right now might not take your fancy. But if you're fascinated in the moment, you leap in. Mars in Gemini is fickle; that does not suggest you are fickle, but it does highlight a pattern or tendency you have to be an artful dodger when it comes to committing to an on-going relationship. Siblings, well you didn't have a choice; friendships, yes as long as there's not too many emotional demands; and lovers, as long as you can breathe and get some space to do whatever it is you need to do. Here's some of the main complaints: *"He's like Peter Pan, here today gone tomorrow"*; *"She's so charming, attractive, witty, erudite, but unavailable and unstable"*; *"I wish they were more erotic and less neurotic"*; *"You are the life of the party, but I never know if you are coming back for a repeat performance"*. Is this fair?

No, because like all Gemini energy, there are two sides to the story. The other side is that you are very sensitive to loss and your anxiety about this often drives you towards non-commitment. A deeper side yearns for a more intense connection. The more you are able to express your anxieties and talk through your concerns, the more at peace you feel. You are prone to panic and a simple remedy is in the breath. Take a deep one and gear down. You bring a youthful and playful energy to your relationships and what you long to find is your other half who you feel is missing and also searching for you.

CROSSING PATHS

Close Encounters with Kindred Spirits

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

- Rumi

The North Node is in the 4th House

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

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

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

Destiny points to the need to consciously create a strong and secure base before launching yourself. It is important to recognise where your foundation lies, as you need a strong rock to build upon. Ironically, your outer world opens its arms to you when you make the effort to develop your inner nature.

Whatever way fate weaves her pattern the two threads of career and family are the brighter colours in the fabric. Innately you have a successful relationship with the world and what it has to offer when you are able to build your own nest and family life. Kindred spirits are those rare individuals who are able to share your private world, who see you as you truly are, not what you accomplish, nor your rank or profession, but simply you.