



INTERPRETING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ASTROLOGY

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ASTROLOGY

Class 2: Composites

Composites is a reference to the composite chart, which combines your chart with someone else's and creates a new chart that is the chart of your relationship itself. Your relationship is viewed as its own being, and composites can help explain the people who seem really different on the outside coming together in a way that works. It can also help explain the people who seem like they should fit together well not being good together at all.

You can analyze the positions in the composite chart similarly to analyzing a natal chart. A composite planet in a sign, house, and the aspects it makes will operate like they would in a natal chart, except instead of showing a portion of a person's personality and life, it shows a portion of the relationship.

The composite Sun is the identity of your relationship itself, just like it's your true identity in the natal chart. The house location of the composite Sun can often show the biggest focus within the relationship. You usually want to see a good Sun in the composite chart that's not making too many hard aspects, otherwise there can be some core issues. The composite Moon is the emotions within the relationship, how you express emotions together and how the relationship impacts you both emotionally.

Composite Mercury represents communication in the relationship, and how you engage with one another. Composite Venus is the love and affection in the relationship when it's any kind of love relationship (romantic, family, friend); in a business relationship, it may focus more on money. You generally want to see a good composite Venus, like with the Sun, for love relationships. Composite Mars can show where the energy of your relationship is located, and how you take action together.

Composite Jupiter can show where you can expand together, explore together, and where there is happy energy in the relationship.

Composite Saturn can show where you experience struggles, feel restricted together, or have lessons to learn together. Composite Uranus can show where you can experience sudden changes, where the relationship may experience instability, or where you may need things to be different in the relationship. Composite Neptune can show where you may struggle with seeing reality in the relationship, have difficulty grasping, or require a spiritual connection. Composite Pluto can show where you may need to transform together, where you may fight over power/control, or where you may need to dig deeper.

The composite 1st house represents the outward face of the relationship; the 2nd house represents finances and values in the relationship; the 3rd house represents communication (with Mercury); the 4th house represents the core of the relationship (and the home/family life you have together in a romantic or family relationship);

the 5th house represents the love/affection between you; the 6th house represents the details of the relationship, the mundane aspects; the 7th house represents the others you encounter together; the 8th house represents the things you may push away in the relationship; the 9th house represents where you may need space; the 10th house represents the peak of your relationship, what you can aspire for together; the 11th house represents how you come together as peers and the future of the relationship; and the 12th house represents what's hidden in the relationship along with subconscious/karmic baggage.

The North Node represents what you can grow into together to manifest the potential of the relationship, while the South Node represents emotional baggage and bad habits you can fall into together. Chiron can show where healing may need to occur together in order to grow.

You can also compare the composite chart to each of your natal charts and perform a little synastry for each of you with the chart of the relationship itself. This can give you an idea of how the relationship itself influences each of you individually, since most relationships impact the people in them differently. It can also help explain why one person in a relationship may be happy with it while the other is not (transits can also explain that too - next class!).

So what are some things that stand out in a composite chart? The first thing is going to be overabundance, having many planets in one sign or house. This can stifle the focus of the relationship, putting too much emphasis on just one area, or it can be a point of great energy. In business relationships, this can be helpful if in the 2nd, 6th, or 10th houses (the professional houses) or Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn (the professional signs); this can be helpful in a romantic relationship if in the 1st or 5th houses. It can be super challenging if in the 4th, 8th, or 12th houses, Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces, in part because these are water houses/signs, which are emotional, so the emotional aspect of the relationship can be greatly heightened. In Cancer/the 4th house, there can be issues at the core of the relationship that run deep; in Scorpio/the 8th house, you both may feel like avoiding problems, yet can be prone to major battles and there can be major inequality between you; and Pisces/the 12th house can be most challenging since it hides energy, is subconscious, and the 12th house is the house of being your own worst enemy, so sometimes the relationship can sort of eat itself and you're barely aware. Romantic relationships can really struggle with 12th house energy unless you both have strong 12th house energy in your natal charts (so you're comfortable with the energy).

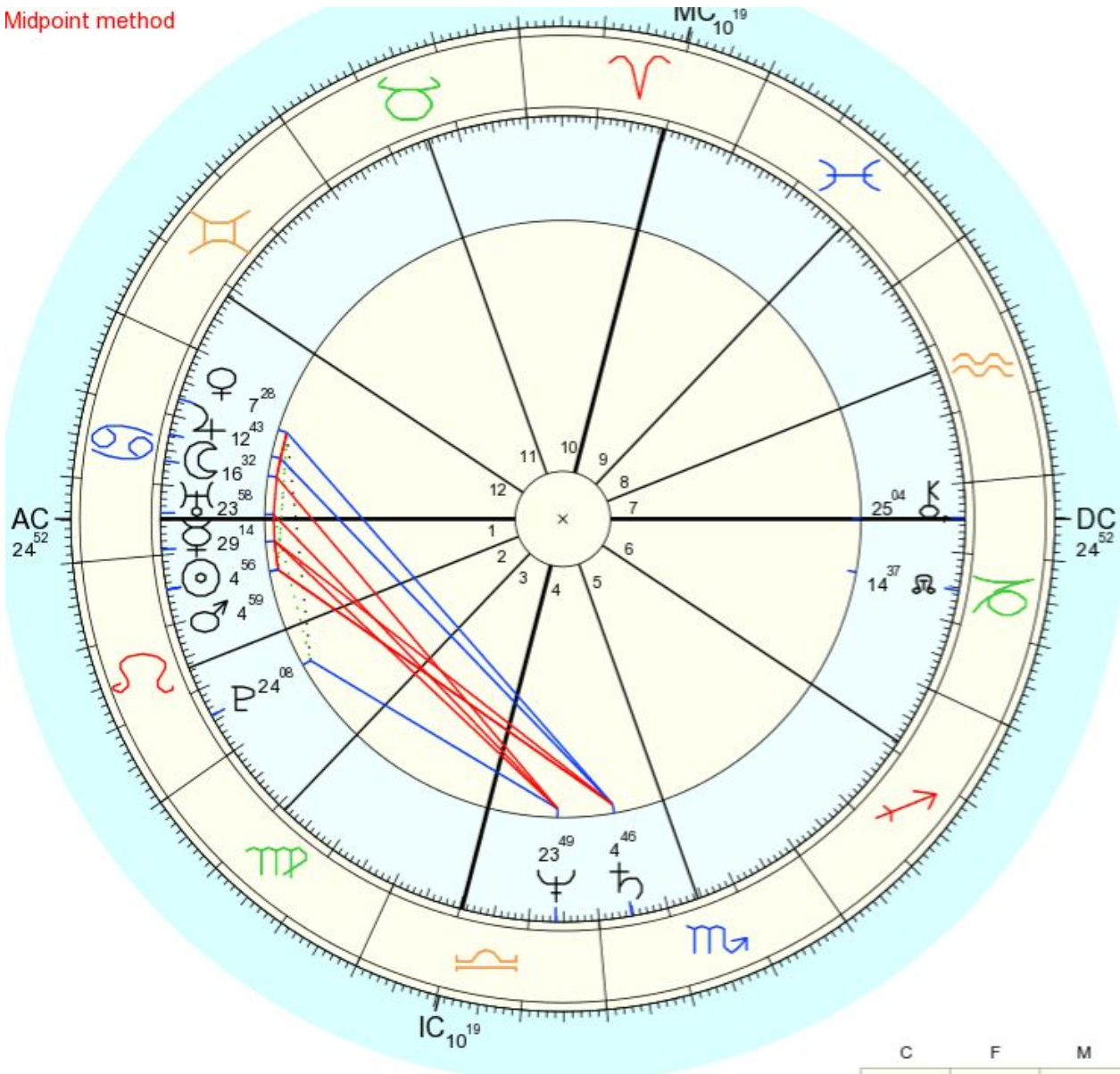
It can be great to have planets conjunct one of the angles in the composite chart, except for Saturn (unless Saturn is conjunct the 10th house cusp since Saturn naturally rules the 10th house). Planets on the angles have greater importance and their energy is stronger in the

relationship (so since Saturn is restrictive, you generally don't want Saturn on the 1st, 4th, or 7th house cusps in the composite chart, though like in synastry, Saturn can create strong commitment to one another).

In general, you want to avoid interceptions in a composite chart. An intercepted planet is cut off, contained energy that is difficult to access, and it's especially difficult if it's one of the composite personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars) or the composite 1st house ruler. If a planet in the composite chart is a singleton, the energy of that planet is elevated in the chart, which can be beneficial once you master the energy together, and challenging until you do.

Sometimes you can just look at a chart and see something striking in the layout. Take a look at the Zodiac wheel for this composite chart:

Midpoint method



What you should see is all of those planets around the 1st house cusp (AC). 7 of the 10 planets surround the 1st house cusp! (8 if you count Pluto) Which tells you that the couple is suuuuper focused on one another and their relationship. And when they met, it was in fact an instant coupling, and they spent every single day together from the day they met for years. The first time I looked at this chart, I felt like those 7

planets were enveloping the 1st house cusp like a hug, and when I asked, sure enough, my client said they were extremely affectionate and always holding hands, kissing, hugging, etc. So this is an instance where the 12th house energy is alright because the planets in the 12th house aren't focused solely on the 12th house, they're really focused on the 1st house cusp. Any time you see planets surrounding a house cusp, that house cusp gets the main attention.

You see Chiron is on an angle in that chart, conjunct the 7th house cusp - both people in the couple were widows, and their relationship helped each other to heal from losing their spouses. The only difficulty in the relationship was with their children - Pluto in Leo (natural ruler of children), Saturn and Neptune in the 4th house (of family). The husband's children in particular were hostile to the relationship at first, fearful of losing some of their inheritance to the second wife - Pluto, ruler of power struggles as well as legacies, in the 2nd house of money; paranoid Neptune in the 4th house of family; restrictive Saturn in the 4th and Scorpio, the sign Pluto naturally rules.

I wanted to touch on one that wasn't romantic to show how it can work in a different relationship, so we'll look at one for a famous friendship (and professional relationship, actually). This is the composite chart for Matt Damon and Ben Affleck:

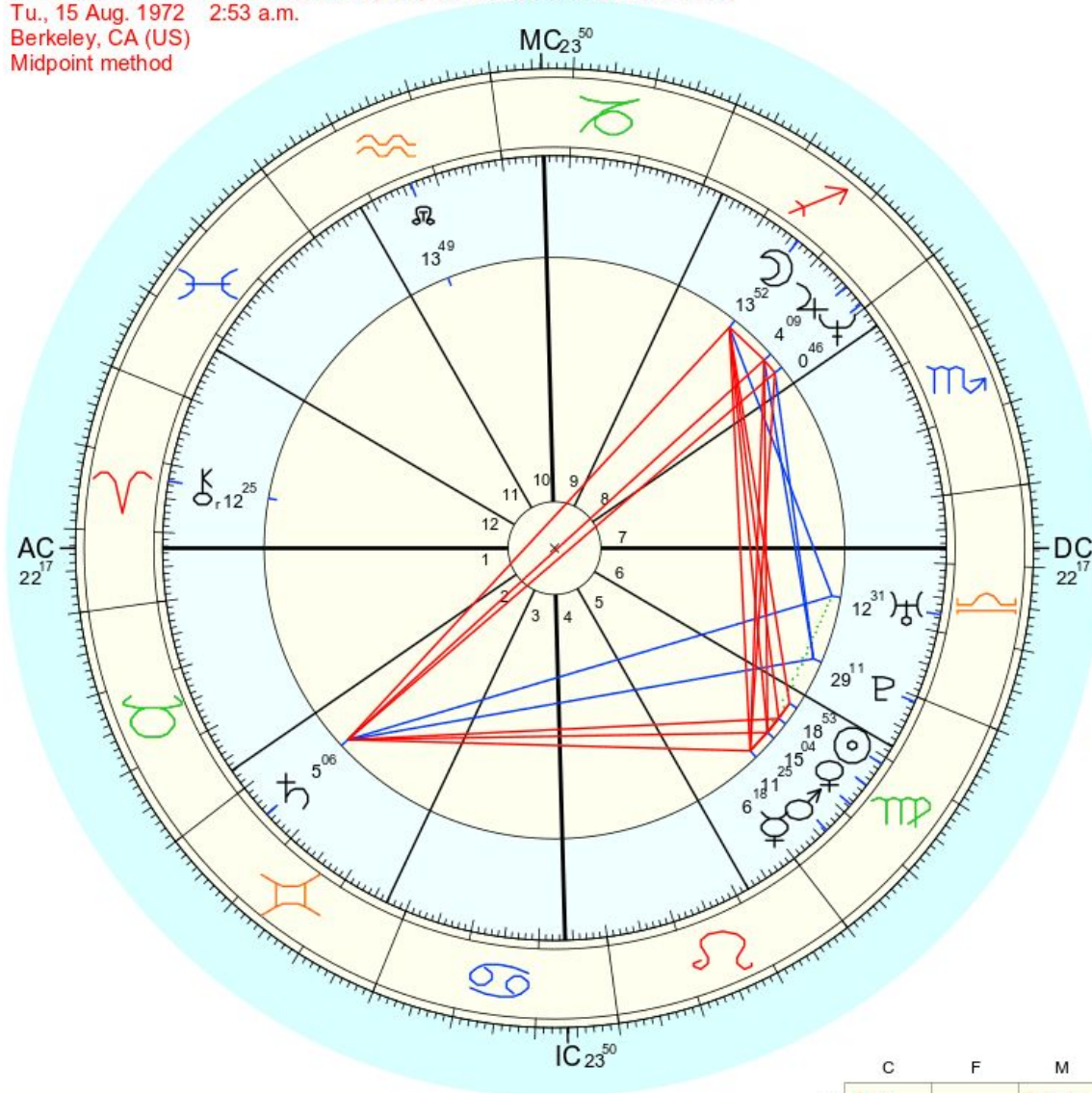
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Composite Chart with: ♂ Ben Affleck [Adb] (Method: Web Style / Placidus)
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 Berkeley, CA (US)
 Midpoint method



☉ Sun	18 Vir 52'34"	
☾ Moon	13 Sag 51'42"	
☿ Mercury	6 Vir 18' 1"	
♀ Venus	15 Vir 4' 8"	
♂ Mars	11 Vir 25'18"	
♃ Jupiter	4 Sag 9'13"	
♄ Saturn	5 Gem 5'31"	
♅ Uranus	12 Lib 30'35"	
♆ Neptune	0 Sag 45'49"	
♇ Pluto	29 Vir 10'36"	
♁ True Node	13 Aqu 48'41"	
♄ Chiron	12 Ari 25'22"r	
AC: 22 Ari 16'58"	2: 26 Tau 50'	3: 26 Gem 54'
MC: 23 Cap 50'15"	11: 21 Aqu 56'	12: 21 Pis 51'

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You should see 6 planets in the 5th and 6th houses - 5th house rules creativity, 6th house rules work. Then there is Jupiter conjunct Neptune, both widely conjunct the Moon, all in Sagittarius and the 8th house - Sagittarius is one of the writing rulers, 8th house rules mutually beneficial endeavors. So how fitting they hit it big with a film they wrote together! Moon-Jupiter-Neptune in Sagittarius along with the 5th house planets creates a lot of good feelings between them as Sagittarius/Jupiter and the 5th house are positive. Interesting Saturn there, in Gemini and the 2nd house - Saturn rules career, Gemini is the other writing ruler sign, and the 2nd house rules money.

There are also no planets in a fixed sign and only one planet in a cardinal sign, making it a singleton: Uranus (who I find is the one tied to fame, which makes sense given Uranus rules the masses) in the 6th house (of work) and Libra (ruling partners). All other planets are in mutable signs (so they must have a very flexible adaptable relationship!); and there are no planets in a water sign, which would be bad for emotional connection but they are helped in their synastry (Damon's Jupiter and Venus is in Scorpio, which is Affleck's Moon sign; there's actually a lot of Scorpio/Pluto/8th house energy between them in their natal charts and in this composite chart, which helps with the mutually beneficial aspect of their relationship, and also helps with some emotional understanding in a deep way).