



INTERPRETING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ASTROLOGY

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Class 3: Transits

Synastry and composites help show you your compatibility with someone, the focus on your relationship, its strengths and weaknesses. Transits show you the conditions under which you can meet someone, enter into a relationship/partnership, and you can plan every step with transits. Transits are a reference to transit planets, which are the currently moving planets. As they move, they make aspects to your natal chart, which are when they come to certain angles. Sextiles and trines are easy aspects so mostly positive, while squares and oppositions are hard aspects so mostly challenging, and conjunctions are neutral aspects that can go either way.

Let's start with a first date. So, dating is ruled by the 5th house, so usually the best time for a date is when the Moon is in your 5th house (this occurs for 2-3 days every month), or you have a conjunction, sextile, or trine by the Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, or Jupiter to the 5th house cusp or 5th house ruler in your chart. In general, you can also do well on a date when the Moon is in Leo, the sign that naturally rules the 5th house.

When you have any of the planets making a square or opposition, the hard aspects, to your 5th house cusp or ruler, this can bring difficult energy, and the date may not go so well or as you planned. In general, you want to avoid a date during a void-of-course Moon, which occurs

when the Moon no longer makes any major aspects to any other planets until it enters a new sign. The void-of-course Moon can make it so that perhaps the date is fine, but it's just fine, no sparks are flying, the chemistry just isn't there, one or both of you aren't invested, and the next date just may not happen for some reason.

Venus, the planet of love, can also be helpful for your first date, and you can look for transit Venus conjunct, sextile, or trine your Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, 1st house cusp (house of the self), or 7th house cusp (house of relationships). If you want to increase your odds even more, make sure both of you have one of these nice aspects going on at the same time so you're both on the same feel-good page!

How about the next step - saying I love you? (but without the question mark, ha!) Communication is governed by Mercury, the 3rd house, and Gemini, so you can focus on when the Moon is in your 3rd house, Gemini, or conjunct, sextile, or trine your natal Mercury, 3rd house cusp, or 3rd house ruler. Bonus points if there are Venus aspects at the same time by transit Venus or to your natal Venus. Extra bonus points if it's a conjunction, sextile, or trine between transit Mercury and your natal Venus, or transit Venus and your natal Mercury, 3rd house cusp, or 3rd house ruler. You can find it easier to communicate loving feelings then (a lot easier!). Try to make sure they also have positive communication aspects - otherwise they may not take it well (or say it back!).

And the next step - moving in together. Your home and living situation is ruled by the Moon, 4th house, and Cancer, so you want to see positive aspects (sextiles and trines) to your natal Moon, 4th house cusp or ruler, by your Progressed Moon to your natal planets or house cusps, or a progressed planet entering Cancer.

Since this is a "next step" in the relationship, you also want to see positive aspects involving the relationship parts of your chart: Venus, the 7th house, and Libra. This can involve sextiles and trines to your natal Venus, 7th house cusp or ruler, by your progressed Venus to your natal planets or house cusps, or a progressed planet entering Libra. Saturn is also usually present with commitment, so a positive transit Saturn aspect to your natal chart (especially to natal Moon or Venus), Saturn transiting your 1st house (of the self), 4th house, 5th house (of love), or 7th house, a conjunction, sextile or trine by transit Jupiter to your natal Saturn, or a sextile or trine by transit Uranus or Pluto to your natal Saturn is also good to see, and helps to ground the energy and add to your level of commitment to one another and to taking the next step.

Finally, it's also good to see positive 8th house or Pluto aspects. They rule "other people's money" - basically any finances that impact yourself and another person, and this includes joint finances and resources, which is an important part of moving in together as you merge not only your personal and daily lives, but your financial ones as well (and with money problems being one of the top reasons for relationships ending,

it's kinda important!). Positive 8th house and Pluto aspects help you to merge the financial side of things more easily and hopefully avoid the financial issues that can drive a wedge between you quickly.

Now you move on to wanting to get engaged - like with moving in together, this is a big next step in commitment, so you'll want to see positive aspects with Venus, the 7th house, or Libra. Like with saying I love you, this is also a communication thing, so you'll want to also have positive aspects with Mercury, the 3rd house, or Gemini.

For choosing a wedding date, electionals may be of better use than personal transits since so many people are involved (covered in a bit).

The general conditions for meeting someone and entering into a relationship personally involve aspects to the 5th and 7th house rulers or cusps, natal or progressed Venus, or progressed 5th or 7th house aspects. Jupiter helps with being open to love, while Saturn helps with being open to commitment. If you only have Jupiter and no Saturn, then this can create love, but it may not last without stabilizing Saturn. If you only have Saturn and no Jupiter, this may bring commitment and a relationship, but one that ultimately lacks love and affection (and may be based more on comfort and security).

If you have transit Uranus aspects in play, this can show going for someone totally different from what you'd normally go for, entering into

an unusual or unconventional relationship, or experiencing love at first sight. If you have transit Neptune aspects in play, this can show feeling like you have a soul mate connection with someone, but it can also show being deceived and not seeing someone for who they really are. Both Uranus and Neptune need Saturn aspects in play to help tone down their challenges and make them manageable, otherwise you may end up in a very wonky relationship!

If you have transit Pluto aspects in play, this can bring out obsessive qualities. If you're naturally inclined to be a little obsessive or attract obsessive people, it can be much worse (hello stalker). Pluto also greatly increases passion, so connections can be passionate and intense. Purely sexual relationships can benefit from Pluto aspects, though Pluto may not be too happy with the no strings part (Pluto is too jealous and possessive to have no strings). The 8th house tends to be in play for a purely sexual relationships (and Mars in the 8th house can be notorious for it, especially since it's only for about 2 months so it can be fling-y).

Retrogrades govern redos, so exes coming back into your life can come with retrogrades of Mercury or Mars in your 5th or 7th houses, Venus retrograde, Jupiter retrograde in the 1st, 5th, or 7th houses, or any of them aspecting the ruler of the 5th or 7th houses, aspecting the 5th or 7th house cusps, aspecting natal or progressed Venus, or aspecting the progressed 5th or 7th house cusps.

And then there is breaking up. This usually comes with transit Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto touring the 1st, 5th or 7th houses, making hard aspects to the 1st, 5th, or 7th house cusps or rulers, or to natal or progressed Venus. Hard Saturn aspects in particular tend to break a lot of people up during the first year of your relationship. As your relationship moves on, grows and strengthens, you can work through these hard aspects (and all long-term relationships do). It's just difficult when it hits in that first year or so since you're not in that super committed, established place yet.

When long-term relationships break up, you usually need to see hard Saturn plus hard Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto, and the more hard aspects, the more likelihood you'll break up. There have been times when I've done relationship readings and seen that one person in the relationship will have very hard aspects, and the other person won't; I find that this usually shows that the person without the many hard aspects is the one who wants the breakup and likely instigates it, and the one with the many hard aspects isn't going to be too happy about it!

And, you can assess aaaalllllll of this not only with your natal charts, but also with the composite chart. You can focus on the transits happening to the composite chart, and this can tell you more about the conditions you're experiencing in the relationship.

When he met and married Amal, transit Uranus was conjunct that natal Venus of his. Uranus can make you want something totally different from what you've wanted before and make different relationship decisions than you have been. In his case, it meant finally committing to someone, and someone different from those he'd been with before. They got married under transit Jupiter trine his natal Venus as well, and transit Pluto trine his natal 7th house cusp. Saturn was transiting his 8th house (no more intimacy-less sex), and interestingly, opposing his 7th house ruler. Both transit Venus and the Sun were in his 7th house of relationships when they got married, and the Moon was transiting his 7th and 8th houses. And his progressed 1st and 7th houses moved into new signs, showing a whole new approach to relationships.

You can also use electional astrology to plan things out (helpful if you have no known birth time). Electional astrology focuses on what the planets are doing to each other rather than what they're doing to your charts. With electionals, you choose the moment of an event based on the chart for that specific moment. This is taken from the electionals class (Choose the Right Time; originally from an old intermediate class), and covers the 5 aspects of relationships: going on a first date, moving in together, getting engaged, getting married, and getting divorced (start to finish!). Try to hit as many points as you can listed. It'll likely be impossible to hit them all, so use your judgment which you're going to focus on as most important.

For going on a first date look for:

- The Moon in Leo (ruling dating) or Libra (ruling relationships)
- An applying sextile or trine to Venus by the Moon
- Sextile or trine between Venus and Mars
- Avoid Venus retrograde (if you can't, absolutely do not allow Venus retrograde to rule the 1st, 5th, or 7th houses)
- Avoid the ruler of the 1st, 5th, or 7th houses retrograde
- Ascendant in Leo or Libra
- The ruler of the 1st house in the 5th or 7th houses, or the ruler of the 5th or 7th houses in the 1st house
- Venus in the 1st, 5th or 7th houses
- Avoid Venus in the 12th house
- Jupiter in the 5th or 7th houses
- Avoid malefics in the 7th house
- The 5th or 7th house ruler sextile or trine the 1st house ruler or 1st house cusp

For moving in together, look for:

- The Moon in Cancer (ruling the home) or Libra
- An applying sextile or trine to Venus and Saturn by the Moon
- Avoid Venus retrograde
- Avoid the rulers of the 1st, 4th, or 7th houses retrograde
- Ascendant in Cancer or Libra
- The ruler of the 1st house in the 4th, 5th, or 7th houses
- The ruler of the 4th house in the 5th or 7th houses

- The rulers of the 5th or 7th houses in the 4th house
- Venus in the 1st, 4th, or 7th houses
- Jupiter in the 1st, 4th, or 7th houses
- Avoid malefics in the 4th house
- The 4th house ruler sextile or trine the 1st house ruler or cusp
- The 4th house ruler sextile or trine the 7th house ruler or cusp
- The Moon sextile or trine the 5th or 7th house ruler or cusp

For getting engaged, look for:

- The Moon in Libra
- An applying sextile or trine to Venus and Saturn by the Moon
- Sextile or trine between Venus and Saturn
- Avoid Venus retrograde
- Avoid the ruler of the 1st, 7th, or 10th houses retrograde
- Ascendant in Libra
- The ruler of the 1st house in the 7th house
- The ruler of the 7th house in the 1st or 10th houses
- Venus in the 1st, 5th, or 7th houses
- Jupiter in the 1st, 5th, or 7th houses
- Avoid malefics in the 7th or 10th houses
- The 5th, 7th, or 10th house ruler sextile or trine the 1st house ruler of 1st house cusp

For getting married, look for:

- The Moon in Libra or a fixed sign (grounding energy that lasts)

- An applying sextile or trine to Venus by the Moon
- Well-aspected Venus
- Avoid Venus retrograde (unless both people have Venus retrograde in the natal or progressed charts)
- Avoid the ruler of the 1st or 7th houses retrograde
- Ascendant in Libra or a fixed sign
- The ruler of the 1st house in the 7th house or 7th house ruler in the 1st house
- Venus in the 1st, 3rd (expressing love), 5th, 7th, 10th, or 11th (groups) houses
- Avoid malefics in the 1st or 7th houses
- The 7th house ruler sextile or trine the 1st house ruler or 1st house cusp

For getting divorced, look for:

- The Moon in Libra or Sagittarius (the law)
- An applying sextile or trine to Jupiter by the Moon
- Avoid Jupiter retrograde unless you have Jupiter retrograde in the natal or progressed chart
- Avoid the rulers of the 1st, 7th, or 9th houses retrograde
- Ascendant in Libra, Sagittarius, or Pisces (dissolving)
- The ruler of the 1st house in the 7th or 9th houses
- The rulers of the 7th or 9th houses in the 1st house
- Venus in the 9th or 12th houses (ending)
- Saturn in the 7th or 9th houses

- The 9th house ruler sextile or trine the 1st house ruler of 1st house cusp