Astrology and the Unseen Side of Relationship

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Love and Trouble

“God made woman beautiful and foolish; beautiful that man might love her, foolish, that she might love him.”
Anonymous

“A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice in her life, to be thankful for a good one.”
Marjorie Rawlings

“For some unknown reason, bad boys draw you in, despite the fact that they are jerks.”
Alexis Bledel

"Lovers don’t finally meet somewhere. They’re in each other all along."
– Rumi

“This thing of darkness I acknowledge mine.”
Shakespeare
Itinerary

Relationships
The Dark Others
The Chart
Orienting reality - rising polarities
Planetary figures as Other
Venus in relation
Elements, modalities, orientation
Outer transits
Raising awareness
Sample charts
Conclusion
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Male Chart
Jul 29 1950, Sat
9:52 pm EDT +4:00
Hartford, Connecticut
41°N45'43" 072°W41'08"
Geocentric
Tropical
Campanus
True Node
Rating: AA
From Hospital record
Plato’s explanation for attraction
“You could not discover the limits of Soul [psyche] even if you traveled every road to do so, such is the depth [bathos] of its meaning [logos].”
The Hearts of Darkness

• The 7\textsuperscript{th} house and any planets contained therein for unrecognized, unappreciated, or disowned material
• Hard aspects from outer planets to Venus/Aphrodite
• Inferior function - element, mode, orientation
• the 4\textsuperscript{th}, 8\textsuperscript{th}, and 12\textsuperscript{th} houses for matters left out of awareness
• Hard aspects from the outer planets perhaps especially Saturn and Pluto to inner planets.
The 1st House - Ascendant

This is our sense of separation, our first impress on the world, what we spontaneously assert into the world and how we approach life.

The sign on its cusp is our subjectivity, the lens or glass (POV) reflecting our self image and outlook on the world, giving them a certain color and tone.

It goes with the 7th in the same manner as inside to outside, near to far, and foreground to background.
The 7th House - Descendant

This is the area of our initial engagement with the Other, our encounter with inter-subjectivity. We are the subject, the 7th is the unfamiliar, and Other. It images our intimate others, our partners, and our adversaries.

In our relations we tend to meet elements of psyche that help round out and complete our experience of the “I/Thou” (1st/7th) axis of a closed gestalt. I exist because I am perceived.
The Asc./Desc. Axis

The 1<sup>st</sup>. And 7<sup>th</sup> Houses of Self and Other
Aries Asc. – Libra Desc.

Aries rising with its orientation toward being assertive, competitive, direct, impulsive, spontaneous, decisive, fearless, and impatient.
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Has difficulty claiming the Libran qualities of being relational, cooperative, compliant, collaborative, diplomatic, tactful, considerate, fair and balanced that are in the background i.e., to be found in others.
Taurus Asc. – Scorpio Desc.

Taurus rising with its orientation toward being calm, placid, stable, reliable, conservative, patient, steadfast, comfortable and pleasure seeking.
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May have difficulty admitting the Scorpionic qualities of being passionate, intense, provocative, erotic, penetrating, deep, destabilizing, transformative, dramatic, and power-oriented.
Gemini Asc. – Sagittarius Desc.

Gemini rising is oriented toward being curious, immediate, amoral, restless, versatile, superficial, scattered, clever, witty, endless fact gathering and studious.
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Finding a place for the Sagittarian qualities that establish frameworks of meaning for the facts, (morals and philosophy) for being visionary, for planning ahead, seeing the big picture, knowing when to stop and teach, preach, promote, and disseminate.
Cancer Asc. – Capricorn Desc.
Cancer rising is oriented around being tender, emotionally warm, nourishing, caring, gentle, protective, nurturing, sensitive, responsive, and unconditionally accepting.
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Has difficulty owning the Capricornian qualities of conditional acceptance, being judgmental, no nonsense, exacting, disciplined, reserved, rigid, perfectionistic, and prudent.
Leo Asc. – Aquarius Desc.

A Leo Asc. is oriented toward being special, creative, expressive, fiery, showy, egocentric, boastful, dramatic, prideful, confident, and playful.
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There may be difficulty honoring the Aquarian qualities of just being a face in the crowd, part of the group, democratic, freedom loving, aloof, detached, unusual, impersonal, and shocking.
Virgo Asc. – Pisces Desc.

Virgo rising is oriented toward precision, competence, discriminating, improvement, utility, and looks at the world as needing to run more efficiently, to be made better through critical assessment, and analysis of detail.
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It finds it hard to imagine Piscean compassion, mushiness, complacency, vacillation, laissez faire, inclusivity, and go with the flow, let-it-be attitudes.
Libra Asc. - Aries Desc.
Libra rising exemplifies the qualities of being relational, cooperative, compliant, collaborative, diplomatic, tactful, considerate, peace making, fair and balanced.
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Difficulty affirming being assertive, me first attitude, competitive, direct, impulsive, decisive, spontaneous, and impatient.
Scorpio Asc. – Taurus Desc.

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Difficulty incorporating a sense of calm, stability, reliability, conservatism, patience, steadfastness, and just being placid.
Sagittarius Asc. – Gemini Desc.
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It may have a problem owning the trivial, superficial, restlessness, scatteredness, and endless curiosity, fact gathering, and cataloging.
Capricorn Asc. – Cancer Desc.

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Aquarius Asc. – Leo Desc.

Aquarius wants to be part of the like-minded group, democratic, freedom loving, easily gathers perspective, innovative, progressive, and liberal.
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Pisces Asc. – Virgo Desc.

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It has trouble with Virgo’s dynamic to involve itself and serve in a pragmatic fashion, seeking self-improvement to function competently, efficiently, and able to effectively manage the world.
Darkness at Sunset
Do you see how easy it would be to leave these aforementioned qualities at the feet of the Other and ask him or her to carry them for you?
This doesn’t just hold true for the sign on the cusp but also for any planets located in the 7th house in your chart. Let’s look at the planets...
Sun in the 7th House
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Moon in the 7th House

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The dark side appears when the person labels the partner as being too dependent, too clingy, insecure and moody, always allowing the person to lead the way.
Mercury in the 7th House

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Tiny devils gather when the person starts to complain about the partner being too critical or intrusive, or a know it all who just chatters on all the time about trivial matters.
Venus in the 7th House

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Disappointment arises when the person charges the partner with being flirtatious, a people pleaser, not standing up for oneself, overly accommodating and too conciliatory.
Mars in the 7th House

The person may seek a partner who comes across as confident, bold, decisive, assertive, energetic, heroic, and dynamic.
**Mars** in the 7\textsuperscript{th} House

The person may seek a partner who comes across as confident, bold, decisive, assertive, energetic, heroic, and dynamic. Difficulties can be found when the person complains to the partner of insensitivity, impatience, touchiness, selfishness, domineering, being pushy, hot headed, and always on the go.
Jupiter in the 7th House

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The underside is seen when the person complains that the partner is too preachy, pompous, dogmatic, hypocritical, restless, or given to exaggeration, with commitment difficulties.
**Saturn in the 7th House**

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The scene darkens when the person complains that the partner is an old stick in the mud, lacking excitement, and playfulness, never wants to have fun. Perhaps too demanding, critical, and miserly.
Uranus in the 7th House

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Difficulties begin to peek out when the person alleges that the partner is detached and distant, more involved with causes than intimacy, always agitating, inconstant in affection, and undermining the relationship.
Neptune in the 7th House

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Darkness seeps in when the person starts to complain about the big dreams and no results of the partner, of passivity, apathy, being unrealistic, impractical, drinking too much, and escapist behavior.
Pluto in the 7th House
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Venus in growth inducing aspect to

**Sun** - may seek a partner who can carry the radiance for them while they bask in the light.

**Moon** – May be attracted to someone who will nurture and support without smothering.

**Mercury** – Can be drawn to someone who seems endlessly curious, stimulating, and on the move.

**Mars** – Likes the idea of the hero/ine; assertive, bold, takes initiative.
Venus in growth inducing aspect to Saturn – may seek partners with status and authority who are emotionally restrained.

Uranus – may draw partners who are erratic in giving affection, detached, eccentric, or poorly committed but exciting.

Neptune – may be drawn to dysfunctional partners whom they can rescue or who may save them.

Pluto – Seeking drama, power plays, intensity, passion, and may wish to remake their partners.
Houses of Identity

The 1\textsuperscript{st}, 5\textsuperscript{th}, and 9\textsuperscript{th} houses are referred to as houses of identity by Arroyo and others. They emerge out of the 12\textsuperscript{th}, 4\textsuperscript{th}, and 8\textsuperscript{th} houses which stand behind our conscious sense of identity, at our backs, below our awareness.

Any planets domiciled in the 4\textsuperscript{th}, 8\textsuperscript{th}, and 12\textsuperscript{th} may be difficult to feel owned or well understood.
No planets or one planet in Fire may erupt with heated intensity as rage, inappropriate anger, and incendiary temper tantrums, self-consuming.
Inferior Earth may erupt in illness, eating disorders, sexual disorders, substance abuse, depression, withholding, withdrawing, miserliness, carping criticism, and rigidity.
Air erupts with anxiety, panic, can’t breathe, not enough air, too much spaciousness, agoraphobia, a fear of going crazy, misjudging relational space being too close or too distant.
Water may erupt with emotional flooding, feelings of being overwhelmed, fear of drowning in chaos, identity dissolution, escapist behaviors.
Modalities
Modal Inferiority

• Lacking planets in Cardinal signs may burst out in impulsivity, sudden and unexpected starts and stops, reckless spontaneity.

• Lacking Fixity can erupt in irrational resistance to change, stubbornness, fixation or obsession upon someone or something, unhealthy attachments, difficulties letting go and moving on.

• Mutability can shadow forth as a coming apart at the seams, a falling to pieces, physical and emotional collapse, indecisiveness, paralysis, hysterical responses.
Orientational Inferiority

• Lacking planets in Personal signs may erupt as irrational selfishness and self centeredness.

• Lacking Interpersonal signs may burst with social neediness, may not wish to be alone, anxiousness in solitude.

• Lacking Transpersonal signs can emerge with a sudden zealousness or fanaticism for causes or movements.
When life is too settled

We get comfy in life and transiting Saturn comes along as a reflection of a focused awareness of our situation. We begin sensing that the boundaries of our life have become stifled, brittle, hardened, and calcified.
Transits of the Invisibles

Think of the outer planets as the tranpersonal elements of the Way of the World, breaking us out of our lives.

*Uranus* – disrupting, fracturing, shattering

Neptune – dissolving, eroding, melting, fusing

Pluto – flaying us alive, then dismemberment and crucifixion
Is it easy working with the Invisibles?

Not in the least, nor is it easily apparent to us, because they sit outside of our awareness and are as complicated as the chart is deep and as complex as the person. We are enigmatic creatures and relationships are one of the deep mysteries of being human.
Where to begin

Context (Leo)
Awareness (Virgo)
Engagement (Libra)
Intimacy (Scorpio)
Understanding (Sagittarius)
Whitney Houston
Natal Chart
Aug 9 1963, Fri
8:55 pm +4:00
Newark, New Jersey
40°N 44°08’ 07°W 10°22’
Geocentric
Tropical
Campanus
True Node
Rating: AA
Popularly described as

“angelic”
“having divine talent”
“a national treasure”
“a singer’s singer”
“a talent beyond compare”
“an amazing inspiration”
“the greatest singer ever heard”
Whitney Houston
Natal Chart
Aug 9 1963, Fri
8:55 pm +4:00
Newark, New Jersey
40°N 44°08' 074°W 10°22'
Geocentric
Tropical
Campanus
True Node
Rating AA
David Bowie
Male Chart
Jan 8 1947, Wed
9:15 am GMT +0:00
Brixton, England
51°N28' 000"W06'
Geocentric
Tropical
Canopus
True Node
Rating: A
Concluding Thoughts

Befriending the invisibles is a choice.

Relationships make room for the Other in our lives, making visible our unseen face.

Intimacy teaches us to let go, to willfully open, to intentionally give up control.

Opening allows us to discover trust in Life, to have faith that your life and chart are perfect just as they are in this moment despite the discomfort, disappointments, and failures.
There is no coming to consciousness without pain. People will do anything, no matter how absurd, in order to avoid facing their own soul. One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious.

~ Carl Jung ~
THE GUEST HOUSE
This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.
The dark thought, the shame, the malice.
meet them at the door laughing and invite
them in.
Be grateful for whatever comes.
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.
– Jelaluddin Rumi,
Translation from The Essential Rumi by
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True Node

Upper Right
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Mar 9 1952 NS, Sun
5:17 pm EST +5:00
Buffalo, NY
42° N 53' 07" W 53'
Geocentric
Tropical
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Mean Node