

## **PHILIP COMI – “The Drama of One on One: Relationships in Your Chart”**

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Definition of a significant relationship is one in which we share a checkbook and a house. All of our significant relationships can be found in our 7<sup>th</sup> house, even though our relationships change as we grow through experience. The point of this workshop was to find the highest possible expression for each chart.

### **When will I meet someone?**

Philip shared some secrets on timing of relationships.

No. 1: In many charts, the degree of the Ascendant shows the year a person will marry or enter into a significant relationship. If the Ascendant is below a marriageable age, add 30. It is as though a certain internal ripening occurs at that age. In some instances, this could be the year of the first divorce.

No. 2: The degrees of Venus and Mars are significant. The degree of Venus can indicate the year in which the heart chakra comes alive. Mars' degree can indicate the age of the first sexual encounter or unfoldment of sexual energy.

No. 3: The ruler of the 7<sup>th</sup> house is crucial. Philip uses Earth as the ruler of Taurus and the asteroids as the ruler of Virgo. Also, the degree of the ruler of the Ascendant can show the number of months a relationship will endure before it undergoes its first major testing or termination.

No. 4: Solar arc everything in the chart to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> angles. Add 30 degrees if necessary. Do this especially with the rulers of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> houses.

No. 5: In secondary progressions, look for sign and house changes of Mars, Venus, and the rulers of the 1st and 7th houses. Also watch for stations of these planets. You will find significant facets of your relationship history at these points. The more rare a progressed aspect is, the more significant it is.

### **Nature of the relationship**

Aspects to the ruler of the 7<sup>th</sup> describe our relationships. The tighter the orb, the more important the relationships will be. Trines and sextiles to Saturn through Pluto are still challenges, simply because the planets involved are not easy. The real challenge is to resolve the energy within ourselves; for example, if you have Pluto ruling the 7<sup>th</sup> and Venus squaring it, your mate may try to remake you until you gain enough self-confidence to ignore him, at which point he will either leave or shut up.

Oppositions involving Jupiter bring creed problems: a “my way, my creed, this is how life is” mentality. In Philip’s view, some terrible things come under Jupiter, including self-righteousness, rigidity, and smug superiority. Venus trine Neptune can give you a true understanding of love and a promise of having true love in this lifetime.

### **Relationship issues**

If Neptune is associated with the 7<sup>th</sup> be sure that you or your potential mate do not have addiction problems.

If Saturn is involved, there’s a control issue and it’s usually out in the open. Mars and Pluto can mean physical and psychological abuse, respectively.

Aspects from Uranus often bring infatuation and relationships that don’t last. Jupiter brings out issues of belief. Mercury problems can mean the members of a couple communicate in different modalities and must become aware of that fact and learn to listen to one another differently. The Sun has ego issues, the Moon has feeling issues, and Venus can indicate problems with money.

### **Marriage and divorce aspects**

Saturn transits in the 7<sup>th</sup> are not easy, but Saturn has a way of clarifying issues, often by leaving you with only one alternative. Marriages can and do endure Saturn transits. If there is no one in your life, Saturn will help you with the inner work that must be done to change that situation.

Many divorces happen under Uranus transits, even when it hits the 1<sup>st</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. Often infatuation is involved, in which case the astrologer can try to talk some common sense into the client. The transit must be reinforced by a progression to predict divorce.

When Neptune aspects someone’s marriage, that person is likely to feel disillusioned and unhappy for no apparent reason. Philip counsels his client to wait out the transit. Neptune is the planet of faith, and faith is what is needed. Often, good things are happening that the Neptune-afflicted client is not aware of.

### **Mars and Venus**

Mars is our mode of action toward achieving our desires. Venus is our mode of relating through expression of emotions. Our assertive drive and emotional expression are what connect us to other people. “Mars goes after what Venus wants.” When either Mars or Venus is retrograde, the animus/animal energy is subdued. You may have to look into yourself more deeply and love yourself more deeply than the average person. It is not a problem in relationships except that the energy is reflecting inward.

### **How to turn a square or opposition into a trine or sextile**

If you have a difficult aspect natively, for instance Saturn opposing Pluto, you want to understand how this affects your marriageability. List each component: Saturn, opposition, and Pluto. Think of as many keywords related to each component as you can to get a good understanding of how this aspect works in your life. Then list antidote words. For an opposition, some antidote words would be “meld, mix, blend, harmonize, and balance.” Use those words to think about ways to use the aspect positively, and program your subconscious mind to do so.