

INTRO TO
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When you read about astrology and relationships, this is often focused on 3 areas of the natal chart: **Venus, the 5th house, and the 7th house.** Venus is the planet of love and relationships, the 5th house rules love, dating, romance, and affection, and the 7th house rules committed relationships and partnerships, so this makes sense. You'll usually focus on the sign and house placement of Venus as well as aspects made to the other planets in your natal chart (with heavy emphasis on conjunctions), and the sign on the cusp of and planets in the 5th and 7th houses.

Lesson 1: Getting Started With Elements

You can find a lot of information about these placements online, so I want to review some non-cookbook relationship info. **We'll focus on the elements first**, and you may want to make a list of your placements to get started, so write down your:

- Natal Venus sign and house
- Planets conjunct your natal Venus
- Sign on the 5th house cusp
- Planets in the 5th house (if any)
- Sign and house location of the 5th house ruler
- Sign on the 7th house cusp
- Planets in the 7th house (if any)
- Sign and house location of the 7th house ruler

Take a look at **elemental energy** with these placements. There will usually be one or two elements that stand out among them. Don't know your elements yet? They are:

Fire: Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius; 1st, 5th, and 9th houses; Sun, Mars, and Jupiter

Earth: Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn; 2nd, 6th, and 10th houses; Venus, Mercury (though Mercury can lean toward air), and Saturn

Air: Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius; 3rd, 7th, and 11th houses; Mercury, Venus (though Venus can lead toward earth), and Uranus

Water: Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces; 4th, 8th, and 12th houses; Moon, Pluto, and Neptune

So let's say your natal Venus is in Leo and the 6th house and conjunct Jupiter, Virgo is on the 7th house cusp, Mercury is in Virgo in the 7th house and the Sun is in the 7th house, and Cancer is on the 5th house

cusps with Moon in Sagittarius and the 10th house, and Mars is in the 5th house. That puts Venus in a fire sign, conjunct a fire planet, in an earth house; an earth sign on the 7th house cusp, a fire planet in the 7th house, and the ruler of the 7th house in an earth sign and air house; and a water sign on the 5th house cusp, a fire planet in the 5th house, and the 5th house ruler in a fire sign and earth house = 5 fire placements, 4 earth placements, 1 air placement, and 1 water placement. So there would be emphasis on primarily fire and secondarily earth for love and relationships in this case.

Fire emphasis on the love and relationship areas shows you may feel comfortable with taking the initiative in your relationships, and you put a lot of stock in having fun, being with people who can keep up with you, and having excitement. You can burn bright in relationships, and bring energy and affection.

Earth emphasis on the love and relationship areas shows putting a lot of stock in dependability, wanting people around you to be reliable, responsible, and who stay on the right track. You can be more practical in your relationships, and can take commitment very seriously. It can be easier for you to stay committed to someone once you do make the initial commitment.

Air emphasis on the love and relationship areas shows you may focus most on mental connections, wanting people around who are interesting and intellectually stimulating. You may want people who you feel are intellectually your equal, or whose opinions you respect, and you can have varied conversations with.

Water emphasis on the love and relationship areas shows emotional connection can be the greatest focus. You need people who support you emotionally and you feel understood emotionally. You may

want people who are nurturing, and can be very nurturing and loving in return.

In terms of each placement itself, **let's form some distinctions between them**. The 5th house is the house that rules dating, romance, and the early stages of relationships (the honeymoon phase, as it were). This house can show how you are when you first start dating someone, as well as how you express affection. The 7th house is the house that rules commitment, so it's the next stage in your relationships (so in modern terms, it's like, when you're "exclusive"). As you become more committed, this falls under the 7th house. Attitude and approach toward commitment is shown with the 7th house. Venus sort of encapsulates everything in a general way, but Venus is natural ruler of the 7th house, so Venus tends to lean more toward the commitment side of things. In terms of affection, Venus represents sensuality (as ruler of the senses).

These placements are obviously the important ones for romantic relationships, but they also come into play in your other relationships, particularly the 7th house and Venus as they govern all of your relationships in general. For **other relationship rulers**:

- The 3rd house and Mercury rule your siblings, neighbors, and young people in your life, and can represent those you teach
- The 4th house and the Moon rule your family members, and can rule one of your parents (the other being ruled by the 10th house and Saturn)
- The 5th house and Sun, in addition, to ruling those early relationships, also rule your children
- The 6th house and Mercury rule your work relationships (coworkers and people who work for you), and health professionals

- The 7th house and Venus, also specifically rule your open enemies (the ones you know about)
- The 8th house and Pluto rule your business partnerships, financial partnerships, and any mutually beneficial relationships
- The 9th house and Jupiter rule your teachers and mentors, and legal professionals
- The 10th house and Saturn rule your bosses, one of your parents, and other authoritative figures
- The 11th house and Uranus rule your friends, the people you know casually, people in groups you belong to or participate in, crowds (if you're in front of a crowd), and stepchildren or stepparents
- The 12th house and Neptune rule your the enemies you don't know about (hidden enemies), people from the past, and your spiritual leaders

You can take a similar assessment with these positions as to the 5th and 7th houses, and look at the sign on the cusp, planets in the house, sign and house location of the ruler of the house, and sign and house location for the natural planetary ruler.

Lesson 2: Love Challenges

A few considerations for **indicators of love/commitment difficulties**:

Retrogrades. If your natal Venus is retrograde, or the planet ruling your 5th or 7th houses is retrograde, this can impact your ability to connect with others and show affection (5th) or commit (7th). You may express the energy in the opposing sign the planet is in and struggle with the energy of the sign itself, and need to work on finding some middle ground between the two signs.

Anaretic/critical degrees. If your natal Venus, the planet ruling your 5th or 7th houses, or your 5th or 7th house cusps are anaretic (at 29 degrees) or at critical degrees (0, 13, 26 degrees Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn; 8-9, 21-22 degrees Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius; 4, 17 degrees Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces), this can bring challenges that need to be worked on in order to have healthy, positive connections with others.

Interceptions. If your natal Venus or the planet ruling your 5th or 7th houses is intercepted (so the sign the planet is in isn't on any house cusp, and it's intercepted in the house with the previous sign on the cusp), this contains the energy of the planet and can represent blocks to having healthy, positive connections. The block can often be linked to the house the planet is in, and/or the sign on the cusp.

Chiron. If your natal Venus conjuncts, squares, or opposes Chiron, or if Chiron is in your 5th or 7th house, this might show that you have some love/relationships wounds that you need to heal from. Chiron is an asteroid dubbed the wounded healer, and you may need to work on the wounds associated with love/commitment before you can have healthy

love/commitment (otherwise you may avoid it completely or end up subconsciously choosing people who keep wounding you).

Lunar Nodes. The Lunar Nodes are the points in the Moon's orbit where the Moon crosses the ecliptic, and are spiritual/karmic in nature; there's a North Node and a South Node, and they exactly oppose each other. If your Venus is in the same sign as your North Node, or your North Node falls in your 5th or 7th houses, you may struggle with love and commitment, usually out of fear. The North Node represents what you need to grow into, and is unfamiliar, so we tend to avoid the energy out of fear. You may need to target what the cause of the fear is for you, or what exactly it is you're afraid of. If your Venus is in the same sign as your South Node, or your South Node falls in your 5th or 7th houses, you may fall into relationships too quickly/easily, or carry with you relationship baggage from your younger years or past lives that needs to be released. The South Node represents the past, what's familiar and becomes a crutch, and baggage that you need to let go of. If your Venus or a planet in your 5th or 7th house is square (3 signs away) your Lunar Nodes, that can show a love/relationship issue actually blocks your path in life, and you need to work on that in order to access your potential and purpose.

Lesson 3: General Interpretations

So now for some **general interpretations**; these have been taken and edited from the website, and start with Venus in the signs, which can also apply for the 5th and 7th house cusps in the signs:

In *Aries*, you don't take love too seriously. You have a childlike approach to love and relationships, an innocence about you, and you need for things to be exciting or you get bored. Something has to always be happening, and you don't mind if it's daring or spontaneous. You're honest with your love, and you expect the same in return. You like to chase rather than be chased, so it can be hard to keep you tied down for long, and especially in your younger years, you may go from one relationship to the next quickly.

In *Taurus*, you're a stable partner who wants a stable relationship. You don't care for people who have too much energy and want to go outside of the box. You want someone dependable and loyal. Loyalty is important to you, and at times, this can make you possessive. You take your time with matters of the heart, and need someone who can be patient with you. You're not a fan of change in your relationships and like things to stay as they are, but you can become too comfortable. You're highly sensual in love, and need to connect with your partner physically so you can stimulate your senses.

In *Gemini*, you need some variety in your relationships. If you feel like you're tethered, you feel trapped. You want to keep things light, and avoid getting too serious in love. It's all about having some fun for you. You can be a flirt, and especially when you're young, date many people but none for long. What you want in a relationship can change with the wind, so you need someone who's adaptable and can go with the flow. Change is a good thing for you in relationships, so someone who can

keep you on your toes is good. You want love to be stimulating, and crave someone who will keep up with you in conversation and have many interests.

In *Cancer*, you tend to be more emotional in your relationships, though you may not be very mature about it. You can get moody and avoid your partner when upset, and need to work on not being passive-aggressive with your partner when you want to get your way. You want a partner that is loyal to you and the relationship, and who can comfort you and show a lot of sweet affection. You're always afraid that they'll leave you, so you need someone who can reassure you that won't happen. When you feel secure in love, you bloom, and are the most encouraging, supportive, and caring partner anyone can ask for.

In *Leo*, you crave love above everything else. You're an extremely loyal partner, but you're also a flirt who loves to get attention from people that aren't your partner. If you have a possessive partner, this won't work. As long as they understand you're just showing what a great catch you are and know you're not going anywhere, it'll be fine. Despite how much you like the attention, you're not one to waste time on relationships that are purely physical. You want love, and won't settle for anything else. You can demand a lot of attention in love, and in return, you'll give a warm heart. You want to keep some excitement in your relationship at all times.

In *Virgo*, you take a practical approach to love. You may not be the most romantic of people, but you're incredibly dedicated, and you show how much you care by doing lots of little things for your partner and paying attention to all of the little details of their personality and life. At times, you can point out what they're doing wrong too much, but in your mind, you're just trying to help them be the best they can be. You don't want someone who is too clingy or dishonest. You're also not fans of people

who seem too flashy and want to be the center of attention. You don't need to be in a relationship, and can be a bit insecure in love, so this keeps you from being in many of them, and you take your time getting to know someone first.

In *Libra*, you try to be as fair as possible and treat your partner as an equal. If they don't see you as an equal, you don't have any interest. You want someone who carries themselves well in public and is considerate of other people. You can compromise in your relationships, and are willing to give whatever it takes to make your partner happy. This can lead to a one-sided relationship though if you end up with someone who takes advantage of that. Eventually, you don't like them for treating you that way. You need to strike a balance in love and with your relationships, otherwise you won't be happy.

In *Scorpio*, love is an intense experience for you, and you wouldn't have it any other way. You're fiercely committed to your partner, and can almost be obsessive. You're certainly possessive, and can't stand anyone who won't be completely loyal to you. Consciously or subconsciously, you like to have the control in the relationship, and need to watch for becoming too controlling. You don't like for things to get too light, and take love seriously. You like knowing as much as you can about your partner, digging deep, but like to remain a mystery yourself. When you get hurt, you have an incredible wrath, and can make them pay. You can undergo transformations in love throughout your life.

In *Sagittarius*, you want love that expands your mind and life. You love new experiences, and want a partner who can open you up in new ways and share knowledge with you. They need to be good conversation, humorous, and laugh at your jokes. You can be a flirt, and hard to pin down, needing as much freedom as possible in your relationships. A

clingy partner won't do it for you. You can have the tendency to run away from someone if things get hard or serious, and need to work on resisting that impulse. Just because you come back doesn't mean they'll take you back. You want someone who loves to live, have grand adventures, and isn't afraid of being daring.

In *Capricorn*, you take a cautious approach to love. You don't jump into anything, don't want anyone too daring, and need to plan things out first. You need a certain level of predictability, and want a partner who is on the same page with your plans. You can come across as someone who doesn't care much for love, but underneath it all, are romantic and crave a partner. You need to work on being more open externally. You may be overly concerned with the way other people view your relationships, and need to only concentrate on what you think without any judgments from anyone else.

In *Aquarius*, you need an unusual partner and an unusual relationship. If it's too predictable, too normal, or too traditional, you're out. You tend to not be the emotional type, and people who are aren't all that attractive to you. You're all about the mind in love, and want someone who loves you for your mind, and who stimulates you mentally. You need a certain amount of independence in love, not wanting to be caged, though you can be loyal so you won't run off and find someone else while you're away. You have big dreams for your future, seeming like an idealistic dreamer, and need someone who appreciates that.

In *Pisces*, you're the ultimate romantic. You're sensitive in love, and with everyone else. You can be attracted to people who need to be saved, or who want to save you, and it can lead you to be in bad relationships with people who cause more harm than good. You see the good in everyone, even the people that are the worst of the worst, and need to be more discriminating in love. You can be unreliable at times, having a hard time

being dedicated to anything with your partner, despite how much you may love them. It can be hard for you to commit as you have a hard time sifting through your feelings or figuring out where you should be going together. You accept people for who they are, and are understanding and loving.

Venus in the Houses:

With your natal Venus in your *1st house*, you tend to be someone that people are attracted to, and you can be charming and fair. You present yourself well in public, and try to negotiate compromises and make sure everyone is getting along. You need a partner all of the time, especially in love, and may always be on a quest for love.

With your natal Venus in your *2nd house*, you can use gifts as a way to win people over. In love, you take things slow and let feelings slowly grow. You need love that's secure and stable, and you can be quite loyal and sensual.

With your natal Venus in your *3rd house*, you have a way with words, and know exactly what to say to people to get them to do what you want. You want a mental connection in relationships, and can focus on finding someone you can talk to about anything.

With your natal Venus in your *4th house*, you want someone who's supportive and reliable, and you need to watch for being too clingy. An emotional connection can be important to you, and you may rely on your partner emotionally.

With your natal Venus in your *5th house*, love is important to you, and you crave attention and affection. You always have a crush on someone, and your approach is light and playful. You may be a little too dramatic

at times in love, but it's an attempt to get more attention. With your charm, they'll give you plenty, so you don't need to go overboard.

With your natal Venus in your *6th house*, you like to do things for your loved ones. You want to always be there for them, and that's how you show your love for them. You're not much for regular romance, and prefer to pay attention to the little things. You may think you deserve the kind of love that would be best for you, sacrificing love to be more practical.

With your natal Venus in your *7th house*, you need a partner in life. There isn't much you can handle doing alone. You're yielding in love, and can give too much to your partner to make them happy. You're attracted to people who are beautiful, charming, or wealthy, and you want someone who will engage with you a lot. You may go from one relationship to the next without taking any time off in between, and don't give yourself the time to focus on yourself and figure out what you really want from someone. You need to forge a better relationship with yourself before you can handle the kind of committed relationship that you want.

With your natal Venus in your *8th house*, you need some intensity in your relationships. You have zero patience for superficial people, and don't care much for casual affairs. You require depth, passion, and an intense connection to be truly satisfied. You're afraid of getting hurt, and can be possessive of your partner as a result. Love runs deep for you, and you give your all in love, so there's a lot at stake for you. You can have passionate love affairs that border on obsessive, stalker-like, and become unhealthy. You need to work on allowing yourself to be vulnerable with people.

With your natal Venus in your *9th house*, you're interested in people who are from a different country, culture, or background as yourself. You

want someone who will teach you things and you can teach them, who'll share experiences with you, and who won't be clingy. If someone can help you grow as a person, you're all theirs. You want to have fun with your partner, and you can have a hard time committing, believing that there's always something better out there waiting for you.

With your natal Venus in your *10th house*, you come across as very charming, and this attracts many people to you, but you tend to keep them at a distance. You want people to view you as charming and beautiful, and can put too much stock in what other people think of you. You may be attracted to people who are much older than you.

With your natal Venus in your *11th house*, you like to be friends with someone first before getting involved with them romantically. You can stay friends with them after you break up, and it's important for you to have an intellectual connection with someone. You want someone who's an individual, who's original, and who's unusual. Quirky types are right up your alley.

With your natal Venus in your *12th house*, you can get lost in love. You have to work hard to keep your identity separate from your partner. You let people take advantage of you as long as you believe they love you and need to stand up for yourself. You can be attracted to all types of people, and are highly compassionate. You want a karmic connection to your partner, looking for a soul mate. You may feel like you have to make sacrifices for love, but you give up too much. You can keep your affection to yourself when in public, and prefer to keep things behind closed doors. It may be hard for you to open up about love, and you may seem quite shy with matters of the heart.

Planets in the 5th and 7th Houses:

The *Sun* in the 5th or 7th houses can show you feel most comfortable getting attention (5th) or with others (7th). You can feel most like yourself and shine when you're with others, and give a lot of attention to love (5th) and relationships (7th).

The *Moon* in the 5th or 7th houses can show you need love (5th) and relationships (7th) in order to feel emotionally stable and secure. You can be emotionally expressive with others, and want an emotional connection.

Mercury in the 5th or 7th houses can show you need a mental connection with others, and can make open lines of communication a priority. You can be engaging with others, and can be gregarious (5th) or charming (7th).

Mars in the 5th or 7th houses can show you give a lot of energy for love (5th) and commitment (7th). You can have more energy and drive when in love (5th) or committed (7th), and can do a lot of dating (5th) or enter into many relationships (7th).

Jupiter in the 5th or 7th houses can show you find more opportunities to expand and explore in your life through love (5th) and relationships (7th). You can be very giving in love (5th) and relationships (7th), and enjoy being with others.

Saturn in the 5th or 7th houses can show you may struggle with love and affection (5th) or commitment (7th). You can take them very seriously, and this may prevent you from being able to go into love/relationships. You may have lessons to learn with love (5th) or commitment (7th) before you have them.

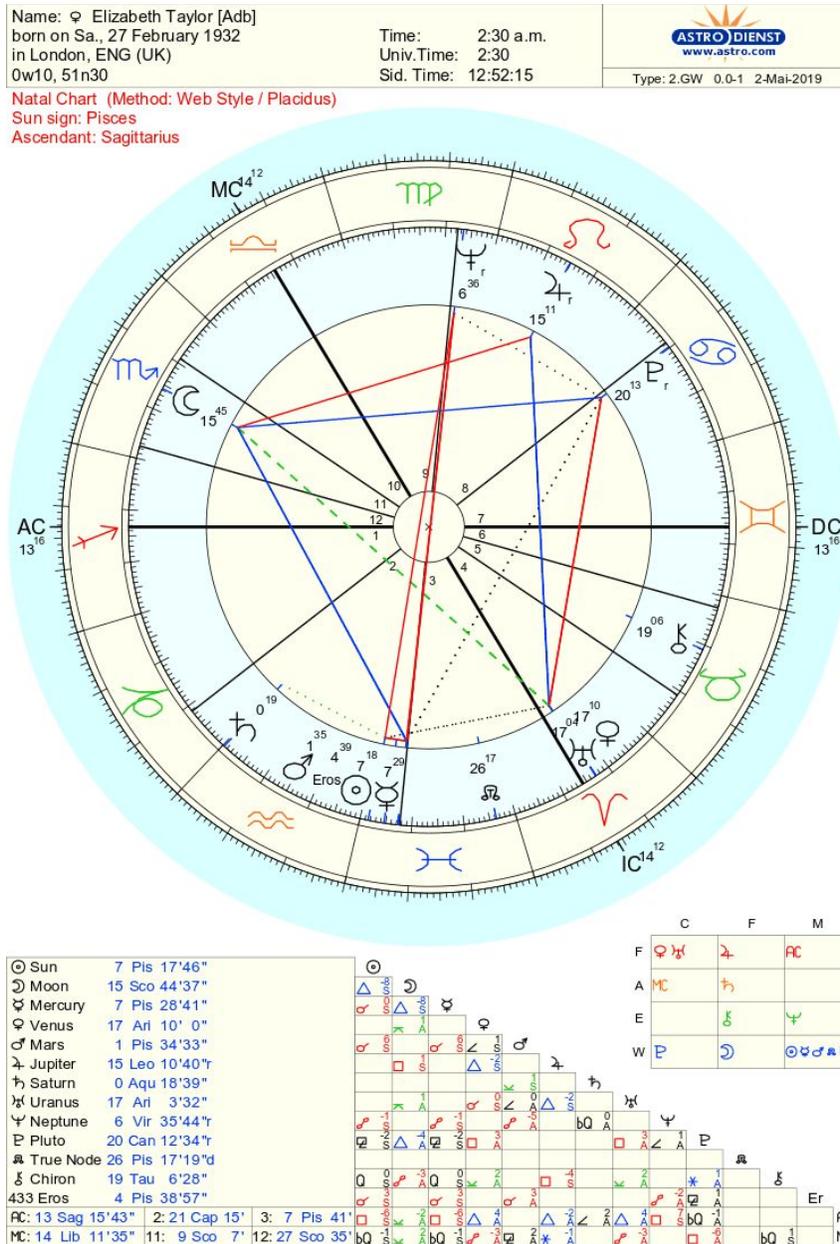
Uranus in the 5th or 7th houses can show you may experience many changes or upheavals in love (5th) or relationships (7th). You may be attracted to people who are unusual or different in some way (5th), or need relationships and commitment that is unconventional (7th).

Neptune in the 5th or 7th houses can show you need a spiritual connection with others, wanting to feel a karmic link. You can make sacrifices for others and give a lot, but may need to work on having healthy boundaries.

Pluto in the 5th or 7th houses can show you need a lot of passion in love (5th) and relationships (7th), but you may also have to work on not being controlling or being controlled by others. There may be a transformation that needs to occur impacting love (5th) or relationships (7th).

Lesson 4: Celebrity Examples

I want to close with some quick **analysis of a couple of celebrities who had some incredibly famous love lives**, Elizabeth Taylor and George Clooney. Elizabeth Taylor is well-known for having married 8 different men. Here is her chart:



We can focus first on her Venus, which is in fiery Aries, bang on conjunct erratic Uranus, with both conjunct her 4th house cusp. So no surprise she'd jump from one to the next and jumped so many times! The 4th house cusp is the bottom of the chart, so it represents your core being, making this something that was just a part of her core self.

Playing the elements game, her Venus is in a fire sign and water house; her 7th house cusp is an air sign, and 7th house ruler is in a water sign, conjunct an air house cusp, and conjunct 2 fire planets; and her 5th house cusp is an earth sign, and the ruler is Venus, so the ruler is in a fire sign and water house = 4 fire placements, 1 earth placement, 2 air placements, and 3 water placements. Dominated by fire, secondarily water - quick to act and super emotional!

Her Eros, asteroid of sex, is sandwiched between her Sun and Mars - talk about sex appeal! Eros on the Sun tends to make for someone others find highly sexually attractive.

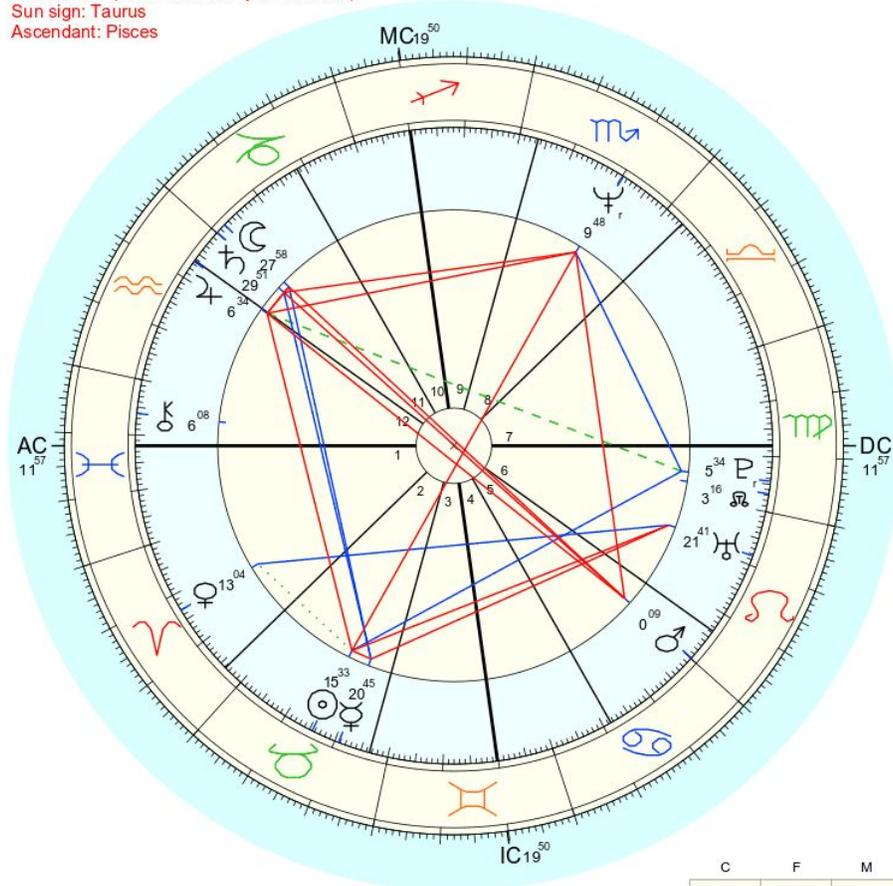
Her Chiron is in the 5th house, which adds to the battles she had in her relationships. Love would have had the ability to help her heal and grow, but likely acted to wound her quite a bit. With Chiron opposite her Scorpio Moon, emotions ran high and likely spurred impulsive behavior.

She had Saturn intercepted in her 2nd house; while Saturn doesn't rule her 5th or 7th houses and the 2nd house doesn't have too much to do with love, Saturn can be linked to commitment. The 7th house rules our committed relationships, but Saturn is sort of our ability to commit and take commitment seriously (really in every area of life). A challenged Saturn may show difficulties with being able to do that. Intercepted Saturn can make staying committed to someone more difficult without others beneficial aspects to smooth it out.

Now look at George Clooney's chart:

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Natal Chart (Method: Web Style / Placidus)
Sun sign: Taurus
Ascendant: Pisces



☉ Sun	15	Tau	32'57"
☾ Moon	27	Cap	58'22"
☿ Mercury	20	Tau	45' 6"
♀ Venus	13	Ari	4'14"
♂ Mars	0	Leo	8'42"
♃ Jupiter	6	Aqu	33'38"
♄ Saturn	29	Cap	50'45"
♅ Uranus	21	Leo	40'35"
♆ Neptune	9	Scor	47'41"
♇ Pluto	5	Vir	34' 5"
♁ True Node	3	Vir	15'40"
♄ Chiron	6	Pis	7'32"



George's Venus is also in Aries, like Elizabeth Taylors (I find many Aries Venus folks have an easy time finding many suitors; even my own Aries Venus mother had 7 different men want to marry her!). His Venus is in

the 1st house, so he was a hunter, for sure. He liked the game and played it well.

For the elements, his Venus is in a fire sign and fire house; his 7th house cusp is in an earth sign, and 7th house ruler is in an earth sign, earth house, and conjunct a fire planet; and his 5th house cusp is in a water sign, with a fire planet in the 5th house, and the 5th house ruler in an earth sign, conjunct an earth planet, and in an air house = 4 fire, 5 earth, 1 air, and 1 water. Almost all earth and fire! He's actually pretty earthy in his chart, and earth takes time to commit, letting the fire lead him around first before settling down.

Interestingly, George also has a challenged Saturn, but instead of intercepted, it's anaretic conjunct the 5th house ruler, his Moon. When you have an anaretic planet, you can either play up the energy too much, or avoid it entirely - like avoiding commitment! It did seem like he was trading in girlfriends every 2-3 years for a while there like a car or something (lol). Conjunct his Moon, caused it to be something he felt innately emotionally, and focused it on the house the Moon ruled, his 5th house of love. His Venus is also at a critical degree, adding to the challenge in love. Since he's taken the leap, and he has all of that earth energy in his chart, that would seem to say he sticks with it!