

So Kate's split from Chris, Angelina won't marry Brad and Kate and Pete are off and on like a gas cooker. What's going on? Apparently it's all in the stars discovers
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Star Gazing

It's been the year of splitsville in 2006. If it isn't Sienna splitting up then getting back together, then splitting with Jude for the millionth time, it's my next door neighbour finding herself yet again single. We all thought that Kate Hudson had the perfect marriage, particularly since she was so realistic about marriages not being perfect, but lo and behold, come this August the two publicly announced they were no longer a couple. Is there something in the water or are we just unable to hold down a decent relationship in this day and age?

The fact of the matter is it's not just 2006, relationship break-ups happen year in, year out and citing why this happens is just a matter of compatibility. Or is it? What if you have the same interests, fundamental beliefs and set of values, but just can't seem to make things work? Is there something else we're missing out on?

According to US-based relationship astrological counsellor Lynn Hayes, much about a couple's relationship and how each individual reacts within one can be revealed by studying birth charts. The chart can identify psychological complexes of the individual and can reveal where problem areas are likely to occur and how to resolve them.

Lynn says a birth chart helps us to identify potential conflicts within ourselves that we may play out in the arena of our relationships. Often we attract partners to use that embody a part of ourselves that is not finding its full expression. Once we are able to identify the lost parts of our self, we discover greater wholeness in our own life and are better able to experience greater joy in our relationships with others.

For example, she recently did a session on a couple married for over 20 years and the wife never realised that her husband felt she was overbearing which brought out his deep insecurities. He never told her, yet Lynn was able to see this in the dynamics of their two charts. The husband actually thought he was pleasing her by letting her take charge, but it turned out what she really wanted was for him to take more control of different aspects of their life.

Lynn is quite often asked to analyse celebrity relationships by the international press and she was able to come out with some interesting analogies regarding the reasons behind Kate Hudson and Chris Robinson's split.

"Although Kate and Chris' Sun signs (Sagittarius and Aries) are compatible, both being fire signs, they have some other issues. Mercury shows how we communicate with others, and Chris and Kate's charts show that they communicate well with each other. However, their charts indicate



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Tried & Tested

I got Lynn to analyse my last two relationships and look at whether she was able to pinpoint their dynamics. She said although I am a Gemini and desire a need for change, my Moon and Venus are in Taurus so I have a deep emotional need for stability and security. My Mercury is in Cancer so in relationships I need a partner who understands my sensitivity.

One of my relationships was with a Virgo, an earth sign like Taurus, with Venus and two other planets also in Virgo. "The detailed precision and cautious nature of Virgo is very compatible with the Taurus side of your nature, and he had the Moon in Gemini so he shared your need for stimulation and change. Aspects to Mars (his

personal drive) show that there was a part of him that embraced change, but again, that part of him would not have squared well with his strong Virgo nature, which is not comfortable with change. His Mars was square to your Mars, which would have meant the sparks of passion were flying, but also could have led to arguments and disagreements," says Lynn.

"It looked like you communicated well, but that he had a tendency to hurt your feelings. Some challenging aspects between you two show that the relationship was not an easy one although there was a great deal of affection, and that it was more difficult for you than for him. Perhaps you both wanted commitment, but at

different times so it never quite came together." Lynn continues. I found her analysis spookily accurate here and was quite amazed that she could spot all of this through astrology!

The other relationship I had was a with Capricorn. "Capricorn is very responsible, very duty-oriented and practical. Again you chose someone who fulfilled your desire for the earth element, but this guy also has some strong inner conflicts," says Lynn.

"Part of him is so responsible and disciplined, but he has a tendency to be somewhat arrogant and needs a lot of adoration from those around him. Also, his Moon is in detached Aquarius, which needs space and room to maintain his individuality. It looks like

there was a lot of stimulation in this relationship, but not enough to really come together in a commitment," notes Lynn. Again Lynn's analysis here is very true and very spot-on. But the question remained to whether Lynn was able to predict each of the relationships' longevity.

"I don't ever predict whether a client's relationship will break up, but I might have foreseen that this second relationship would not last. The first offered you a great deal of connections, but ultimately there wasn't enough to really feed your needs." Amazing... I think with all my relationships I'll get Lynn to look at our birthcharts so I can get an idea of how long they'll last!

great sexual chemistry, but also a tendency towards explosive arguments. They express their love in different ways as well: Chris with Venus in Capricorn wants to be the provider, the one in charge, but Kate's Aries Venus is always a few steps in front of him," notes Lynn.

"Kate has been going through a challenging transit in her chart, turning her relationships inside out since February of this year and continuing through December. It's not uncommon for relationships to break up under such cycles, particularly if they don't have a strong foundation.

"Theirs is a passionate relationship that has an underlying potential for great compatibility, but which also requires a great deal of work and communication in order to remain balanced, perhaps an impossibility in the fishbowl of celebrity. However, both Chris and Kate have more positive planetary cycles coming up and perhaps they will be able to resolve their difficulties and come back together in a more successful partnership," says Lynn.

So can Lynn see a reunion? "Kate is an example of a young person in a challenging career where she is playing love scenes with other men while her husband is on tour which is a very challenging situation for anyone. Their relationship has some nice cross-aspects, but she has an impulsive nature and is very young. Sometimes we leave a situation because it's not perfect and we think something else would be better, only to find that it doesn't have the things we really need."

According to Lynn, Brad and Angelina are on the road to splitsville too as they are totally different astrologically – although each offers the other what is lacking in their own chart, they ultimately won't last.

She points out that according to their chart, they possess a sense of opportunity and fortune when they are together. However, Brad has a stellium of planets in responsible earthy Capricorn which can feel heavy and burdensome and Angelina's fire provides stimulation and excitement. All that earthy Capricorn helps to ground Angelina and gives her a sense of security that she lacks in her own chart.

However as Lynn notes, all of Angelina's Aries planets conflict with Brad's Capricorn planets, creating an environment that is passionate and exciting, but could ultimately be destructive. Their desire and drive conflict with each other, which creates a very dynamic sexual attraction, but doesn't hold up over time without a great deal of effort and communication.

"The saying 'opposites attract' is true in astrology, but we often see that although opposites attract initially, it is difficult to sustain that attraction over time. Quite often in relationships we are attracted to traits in others that we lack, but that isn't always effective in long-term

relationships. Angelina has Mercury in Gemini, which is flighty and doesn't like to be tied down and Brad has Mercury in Capricorn, which is practical and very disciplined. This could lead to communication issues along the way," says Lynn.

So what does the future look like for Brad and Angie? "According to Brad's chart, he is undergoing some significant cycles of change and disruption. Angelina is in a period of intense desire for autonomy and freedom. Her strong Aries influence gives her a fierce independence naturally, and this cycle will exacerbate it and make her even less interested in settling down into a conventional family arrangement.

"Brad and Angelina have a rocky road this year, and only hard work, lots of counselling and a strong commitment will carry them through. I could be wrong, but I don't see them staying together past the end of the year," says Lynn.

All this stargazing is addictive and Lynn has plenty more celebrity predictions up her sleeve. The recent coming together of *Lost* stars Evagelina Lilly and Dominic Monaghan was one of her recent studies.

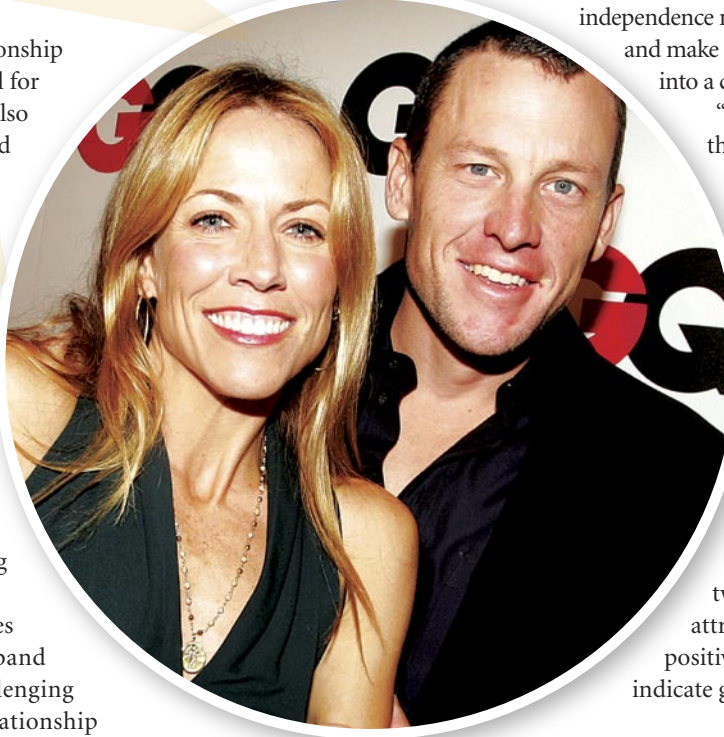
"Comparing the charts of the two, there is obviously a lot of fiery attraction and there are a number of positive contacts between their chart that indicate good fortune and a general feeling of well-being between them.

There are also several contacts that show lots of excitement and a powerful attraction that is nearly instantaneous. However, their charts also indicate that Evis is likely to feel constrained by Dominic. For someone with her intense need for freedom, this could be difficult unless they are able to communicate their needs with each other and allow

their differences to blossom within the relationship.

"Evis has probably had a rough time over the past few months according to her chart and during this period we naturally seek stability and security, and it's not surprising to hear an engagement announcement during times like this. For Dominic, Neptune is transiting Saturn in his chart, a time when we sometimes question the structures that we've built in our life and desire something more real. The key to their relationship will be keeping it fresh and exciting, honouring each other's differences and avoiding the tendency to slip into habits that breed boredom. I certainly wish them all the best!"

Lynn also points out Astrological compatibility is an interesting adventure, for example, Lynn has Gemini rising and her husband has Virgo rising and these two signs are traditionally incompatible, but thanks to understanding astrology they are able to identify their



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"Relationships can still prosper even though their birth charts clash," says Lynn. "You can see that a relationship is not easy or perfect, but has lots of energy for growth. As long as each person cares for one another and is motivated to work out compromises where the needs of both parties can be met, these relationships can work out well.

"The textbooks would say that Lance Armstrong as a Virgo and Sheryl Crow as an Aquarius are incompatible, yet they had some strong attractive qualities between them," continues Lynn.

"Their charts show chemistry and compatibility and that they felt a strong commitment to each other and a desire to formalise their relationship. However, the difficulties were evident: Lance's strong Virgo need to continue to focus on his work in order to achieve the famous Virgo perfection could not accommodate Sheryl's need to continually reinvent her life and break free of the routine that Virgo craves. There is some evidence in their chart interaction that Sheryl may have overwhelmed Lance with her intensity, especially since his chart predisposes him to conflicted emotions. There is also some evidence

that she could be deceived by him, or that she failed to clearly see where the relationship was going," says Lynn.

According to Lynn Sheryl has been having a rough time over the past year or so. Movements in her chart have turned her world upside down and disorientated her completely. Ironically, the final pass of this transit occurred on February 3, the date the split was announced. Saturn has been testing her, creating blocks and

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disappointments and keeping her from moving forward. However, her chart also shows us that this experience will help to facilitate a powerful transformation in the way that she approaches relationships in her life.

Previous interviews with Lance Armstrong show that marriage was never a strong goal for him, and the gossip mill indicates that he was the instigator of the split. His transits marking the period before the break-up indicate that he was in an evolutionary process of healing. But he was also experiencing transits which instigated sudden changes in direction and unpredictability. "Rumour has it that Lance had already broken it off with Sheryl several times during this period and perhaps they will ultimately reconcile. In order to achieve lasting happiness in a partnership, however, the individuals must realize the truth of their own direction and that of their partners," she says.

In the past, through her birthchart readings, Lynn has helped many couples resolve their difficulties. "It's like marriage counselling – only better – because it helps foster greater understanding between the two so that the changes made are deep and permanent." ●

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