

# Astrological Indicators of Marriage

## ***Our hypothesis***

In this study, the Astro Investigators examine the astrological aspects between natal charts of married couples to determine if astrology has a role in making a marital commitment. It is our hypotheses that some aspects occur with statistically significant high frequency, coinciding with factors that draw people to marriage, and that other aspects occur with statistically significant low frequency, coinciding with factors that repel people from marriage.

For purpose of this study, we define marriage as the legal pronouncement of marriage occurring between a man and a woman, regardless of how long the marriage lasted.

## ***Our data and methodology***

Our data consists of two files of birth data (Rodden Rating "B" or better) either solicited by us through a questionnaire on our Gators' website or donated to us. The first file contains 749 charts of married men born between 1874 and 1978, calculated for their known birth times, each coupled with a chart for his wife calculated for her birthday at noon. The second file contains 829 charts of married women born between 1831 and 1983, calculated for their known birth times, each coupled with a chart for her husband calculated for his birthday at noon. Both files contain persons with more than one marriage, thus coupled with more than one spouse in our study.

Our analysis compares 3,126 aspects between each couple's charts. We are using the five Ptolemaic aspects (conjunction, sextile, square, trine and opposition) with a 7-degree orb. We are using the following astrological points: Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, Lunar Mean North Node, Chiron, Ceres, Pallas, Juno and Vesta. We are also using aspects to the Moon, Ascendant, Mid Heaven, Part of Fortune, East Point and Vertex of the primary chart (i.e. the spouse whose chart has been calculated for exact birth time) but have omitted these from consideration of the partner's chart (i.e. the spouse whose chart has been calculated for noon.)

Our research program is *Astro Investigator* by AIR Software. We set the critical limit for chi square at 2.0 or above and the critical number of occurrences at 20 or above. We use 15 control groups, generated using a random distributed age algorithm, to compare against our two files of birth data. *Astro Investigator* calculates the average number of times each of our 3,126 aspects occurs in the control groups, and then compares these averages (i.e. chance) to the number of times each aspect occurs in the files we are analyzing, reporting the result of the comparison as a chi square. A high chi square indicates a statistically significant difference between our analyzed group and chance. A statistically significant event can occur either more frequently than chance or less frequently than chance. *Astro Investigator* refers to "more frequently" as "Often", and refers to "less frequently" as "Seldom."

## ***Our observations***

Of the 3,126 aspects analyzed, 2,338 are statistically insignificant. In addition, we excluded from analysis certain aspects between slow-moving planets, for example the Neptune sextile Pluto present in the synastry of most persons born from the early 1940's through the remainder of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, because they are logically insignificant.

This report includes some of our more significant findings. A complete list of all aspects, significant or not, can be found on our website, [www.astroinvestigators.com](http://www.astroinvestigators.com).

Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the distribution of Often events by planet in the husbands' and wives' charts. It is interesting to note that Moon, Mercury, Mars and Venus have significantly higher counts in the husbands' charts than in the wives' charts, and that Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune have significantly higher counts in the wives' charts than in the husbands'.

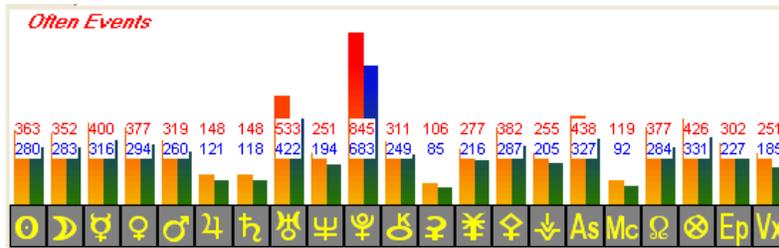


Figure 1 – Planets aspected Often in Husband's chart

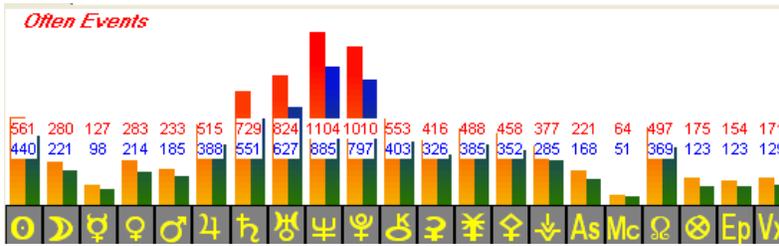


Figure 2 – Planets aspected Often in Wife's chart

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the distribution of Often events by Aspect. It is curious that, while sextiles account for a large percent of the Often aspects for both husbands and wives, the opposition plays a bigger role in the husbands' charts than the wives', and the conjunction plays a bigger role in the wives' charts than the husbands'.

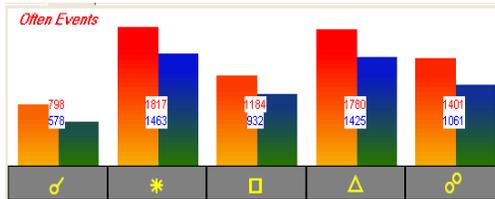


Figure 3 - Aspects occurring Often in Husband's chart

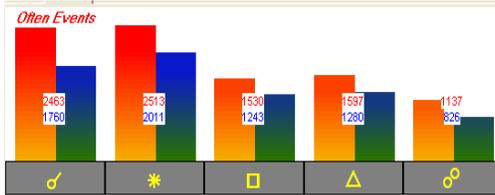


Figure 4 - Aspect occurring Often in Wife's chart

Sun – Overall, there are more significant aspects involving the Sun than any other planet, with 15 Often aspects and 13 Seldom aspects. Of these, there are 12 Often occurrences to the wife's Sun and 9 Seldom occurrences to the wife's Sun, compared to 3 Often occurrences to the husband's Sun and only 4 Seldom occurrences to the husband's Sun. It would appear therefore that the Sun is more significant an indicator for marriage in a woman's chart than in a man's. Neptune, Mercury and Juno are involved in the greatest number of aspects to the wife's Sun. Mars, Uranus and Pallas are involved in the fewest number of aspects to her Sun.

| Aspects to the Sun                | Frequency | Analyzed couples | Chance | Chi Square | % above chance |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| her Sun sextile husband's Jupiter | OFTEN     | 84               | 64     | 6.3        | 98.80%         |
| her Sun square husband's Mercury  | SELDOM    | 46               | 66     | 6.1        | 98.60%         |
| her Sun sextile husband's Node    | OFTEN     | 86               | 67     | 5.4        | 98.00%         |
| his Sun conjunct wife's Sun       | OFTEN     | 45               | 32     | 5.3        | 97.80%         |
| her Sun opposite husband's Chiron | SELDOM    | 19               | 32     | 5.3        | 97.80%         |
| her Sun opposite husband's Pluto  | OFTEN     | 43               | 31     | 4.6        | 96.90%         |
| her Sun square husband's Pallas   | SELDOM    | 47               | 64     | 4.5        | 96.60%         |
| her Sun opposite husband's Ceres  | OFTEN     | 44               | 32     | 4.5        | 96.60%         |
| her Sun conjunct husband's Ceres  | SELDOM    | 20               | 32     | 4.5        | 96.60%         |
| her Sun trine husband's Mercury   | OFTEN     | 78               | 62     | 4.1        | 95.80%         |
| her Sun conjunct husband's Sun    | OFTEN     | 42               | 31     | 3.9        | 95.20%         |
| his Sun opposite wife's Mercury   | OFTEN     | 37               | 27     | 3.7        | 94.60%         |
| her Sun trine husband's node      | SELDOM    | 49               | 64     | 3.5        | 94.00%         |
| his Sun conjunct wife's Mercury   | SELDOM    | 20               | 30     | 3.3        | 93.20%         |
| her Sun conjunct husband's Pallas | OFTEN     | 41               | 31     | 3.2        | 92.70%         |
| her Sun square husband's Node     | SELDOM    | 50               | 64     | 3.1        | 92.00%         |
| his Sun square wife's Pallas      | SELDOM    | 48               | 61     | 2.8        | 90.40%         |
| his Sun conjunct wife's Ceres     | SELDOM    | 21               | 30     | 2.7        | 90.00%         |
| her Sun opposite husband's Juno   | OFTEN     | 42               | 33     | 2.5        | 88.30%         |
| her Sun opposite husband's Pallas | SELDOM    | 24               | 33     | 2.5        | 88.30%         |
| her Sun square husband's Pluto    | OFTEN     | 76               | 64     | 2.3        | 86.60%         |
| her Sun trine husband's Pluto     | SELDOM    | 52               | 64     | 2.3        | 86.60%         |
| her Sun opposite husband's Sun    | SELDOM    | 26               | 35     | 2.3        | 87.20%         |
| her Sun sextile husband's Chiron  | OFTEN     | 77               | 65     | 2.2        | 86.30%         |
| her Sun trine husband's Venus     | OFTEN     | 70               | 59     | 2.1        | 84.80%         |
| his Sun sextile wife's Jupiter    | OFTEN     | 69               | 58     | 2.1        | 85.10%         |
| his Sun trine wife's Neptune      | SELDOM    | 48               | 59     | 2.1        | 84.80%         |
| her Sun conjunct husband's Node   | OFTEN     | 39               | 31     | 2.1        | 84.90%         |

**Figure 5 - Aspects to Sun**

*Juno* – After the Sun, *Juno* has the next most significant aspects, with 10 Often aspects and 5 Seldom aspects. The occurrence frequencies are divided more evenly than the Sun's; *Juno* is a significant indicator of marriage for both men and women. The wife's Sun and Mars Often oppose the husband's *Juno*; the husband's Venus, Mars and Mercury Often trine the wife's *Juno*.

| Aspects to Juno                   | Frequency | Analyzed couples | Chance | Chi Square | % above chance |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| Her Juno sextile Husband's Juno   | OFTEN     | 61               | 34     | 21.4       | 100.00%        |
| His Juno conjunct wife's Juno     | OFTEN     | 61               | 41     | 9.8        | 99.80%         |
| Her Juno conjunct husband's Node  | SELDOM    | 20               | 33     | 5.1        | 97.60%         |
| Her Juno trine husband's Venus    | OFTEN     | 85               | 68     | 4.3        | 96.10%         |
| Her Juno square husband's Mercury | SELDOM    | 51               | 67     | 3.8        | 94.90%         |
| His Juno opposite wife's Node     | OFTEN     | 37               | 27     | 3.7        | 94.60%         |
| His Juno opposite wife's Mars     | OFTEN     | 38               | 28     | 3.6        | 94.10%         |
| His Juno square wife's Node       | OFTEN     | 70               | 56     | 3.5        | 93.90%         |
| His Juno opposite wife's Sun      | OFTEN     | 39               | 29     | 3.4        | 93.70%         |
| His Juno trine wife's Mars        | SELDOM    | 45               | 59     | 3.3        | 93.10%         |
| Her Juno trine husband's Mercury  | OFTEN     | 75               | 62     | 2.7        | 90.10%         |
| her Juno trine husband's Mars     | OFTEN     | 77               | 64     | 2.6        | 89.60%         |
| Her Juno sextile husband's Uranus | OFTEN     | 71               | 59     | 2.4        | 88.20%         |
| His Juno sextile wife's Venus     | SELDOM    | 47               | 59     | 2.4        | 88.20%         |
| His Juno square wife's Ceres      | SELDOM    | 47               | 59     | 2.4        | 88.20%         |
| Her Juno sextile husband's Mars   | OFTEN     | 78               | 66     | 2.2        | 86.00%         |

**Figure 6 - Aspects to Juno**

The planet receiving the third greatest number of aspects is Jupiter. There are 12 Often occurrences, 9 aspecting the wife's Jupiter. And there are 12 Seldom occurrences, 7 of which are aspects to the husband's Jupiter.

Often aspects to Moon, Mars and Venus are all more predominant in the husband's chart than the wife's as indicators of marriage: 6 of 8 Often occurrences for the Moon, 7 of 10 Often

occurrences for Venus, and 8 of 10 Often occurrences for Mars are aspects to the husband's natal planets. By contrast, Seldom occurrences for these same planets are more predominant in the wife's chart: 8 of 12 Seldom occurrences for the Moon, 6 of 10 seldom occurrences for Mars, and 5 of 10 seldom occurrences for Venus are aspects to the wife's natal planets.

Figures 7 and 8 illustrate the top 10 Often and top 10 Seldom aspects to points in husbands' and wives' charts, respectively ordered by decreasing chi square. These indicate a man infrequently marries a woman whose Sun conjuncts his MC or whose Mars opposes his Saturn. 21 of 40 combined aspects involve asteroids; nearly half involve points derived from Great Circles. About a fourth involve inner planets. Conspicuously absent are Venus/Mars aspects, often stated as traditional indicators of compatibility.

| Top aspects to husband's Natal Chart  | Frequency | Analyzed couples | Chance | Chi Square | % above chance |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| his Vertex conjunct wife's North Node | Often     | 41               | 23     | 14.1       | 100.0          |
| his Ascendant square wife's Ceres     | Often     | 68               | 45     | 11.8       | 99.9           |
| his MC conjunct wife's Sun            | Seldom    | 7                | 23     | 11.1       | 99.9           |
| his Juno conjunct wife's Juno         | Often     | 61               | 41     | 9.8        | 99.8           |
| his Pluto trine wife's Ceres          | Often     | 81               | 58     | 9.1        | 99.7           |
| his Pallas conjunct wife's Pallas     | Often     | 56               | 38     | 8.5        | 99.6           |
| his East Point sextile wife's Neptune | Often     | 63               | 44     | 8.2        | 99.6           |
| his Saturn sextile wife's Ceres       | Often     | 75               | 55     | 8.0        | 99.5           |
| his Pallas sextile wife's Jupiter     | Often     | 77               | 56     | 7.9        | 99.5           |
| his North Node sextile wife's Saturn  | Seldom    | 36               | 57     | 7.7        | 99.5           |
| his Sun conjunct wife's Sun           | Often     | 45               | 30     | 7.5        | 99.4           |
| his Mercury square wife's Juno        | Seldom    | 39               | 60     | 7.4        | 99.3           |
| his Pallas conjunct wife's Sun        | Often     | 41               | 27     | 7.3        | 99.3           |
| his Uranus sextile wife's Vesta       | Seldom    | 40               | 61     | 7.2        | 99.3           |
| his Saturn opposite wife's Mars       | Seldom    | 15               | 29     | 6.8        | 99.1           |
| his East Point square wife's Sun      | Seldom    | 29               | 46     | 6.3        | 98.8           |
| his Jupiter conjunct wife's Uranus    | Seldom    | 18               | 32     | 6.1        | 98.7           |
| his East Point opposite wife's Saturn | Seldom    | 12               | 24     | 6.0        | 98.6           |
| his Saturn square wife's Saturn       | Seldom    | 35               | 52     | 5.6        | 98.2           |
| his MC square wife's Pallas           | Seldom    | 32               | 48     | 5.3        | 97.9           |

Figure 7 – Top 20 aspects to Husband's chart

| Top aspects to wife's Natal Chart            | Frequency | Analyzed couples | Chance | Chi Square | % above chance |
|--|-----------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| her Vesta sextile husband's No. Node         | Often     | 87               | 62     | 10.1       | 99.8           |
| her Pluto opposite husband's Chiron          | Often     | 66               | 45     | 9.8        | 99.8           |
| her Saturn sextile husband's No. Node        | Seldom    | 41               | 66     | 9.5        | 99.8           |
| her Vertex opposite husband's No. Node       | Often     | 39               | 24     | 9.4        | 99.8           |
| her Vesta opposite husband's Vesta           | Seldom    | 15               | 32     | 9.0        | 99.7           |
| her Ascendant square husband's Jupiter       | Seldom    | 29               | 50     | 8.8        | 99.7           |
| her Ceres conjunct husband's Ceres           | Often     | 50               | 33     | 8.8        | 99.7           |
| her Part of Fortune conjunct husband's Pluto | Often     | 41               | 26     | 8.7        | 99.7           |
| her Vesta sextile husband's Uranus           | Seldom    | 44               | 68     | 8.5        | 99.6           |
| her Vesta opposite husband's Pluto           | Often     | 51               | 34     | 8.5        | 99.6           |
| her Venus conjunct husband's Pallas          | Often     | 47               | 31     | 8.3        | 99.6           |
| her Saturn trine husband's Vesta             | Often     | 83               | 61     | 7.9        | 99.5           |
| her Vesta opposite husband's Pallas          | Seldom    | 17               | 33     | 7.8        | 99.5           |
| her Saturn square husband's Pallas           | Often     | 85               | 63     | 7.7        | 99.4           |
| her Saturn square husband's Mercury          | Seldom    | 42               | 64     | 7.6        | 99.4           |
| her Moon sextile husband's Sun               | Often     | 87               | 65     | 7.4        | 99.4           |
| her Sun opposite husband's Chiron            | Seldom    | 19               | 35     | 7.3        | 99.3           |
| her Venus opposite husband's Neptune         | Seldom    | 17               | 32     | 7.0        | 99.2           |
| her Jupiter sextile husband's Mars           | Seldom    | 45               | 66     | 6.7        | 99.1           |
| her Mars opposite husband's Saturn           | Seldom    | 16               | 30     | 6.5        | 99.0           |

Figure 8 – Top 20 aspects to Wife's chart

## The Wedding Day

For wedding day analysis, we again use two files of timed birth data, one of males and the other of females, looking at transits to their charts on their wedding days. We use the Ptolemaic aspects, with seven degree orb, and the same planets and points we considered in our couples analysis.

Part of Fortune, Jupiter and Mercury receive the most Often transits in the husbands' charts; and Moon and Midheaven receive the most in the wives' charts, with Pluto, Vesta and Part of Fortune almost tied for third.

Squares are the most Often aspect to husband's charts, and sextiles the most Often aspect to wives' charts.

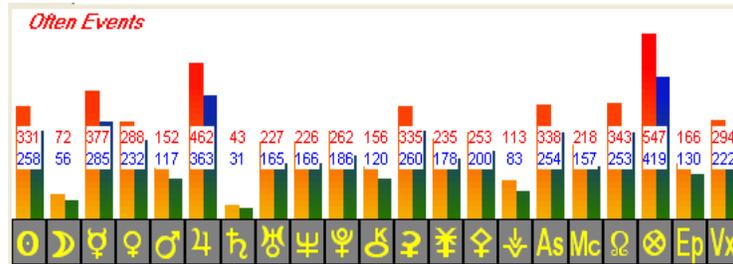


Figure 9 – Husband's planets aspected on Wedding Day



Figure 10 - Wife's planets aspected on Wedding Day

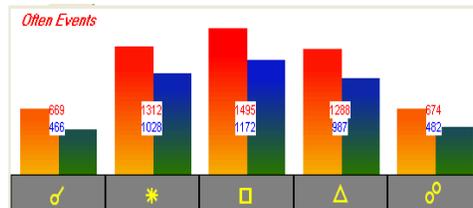


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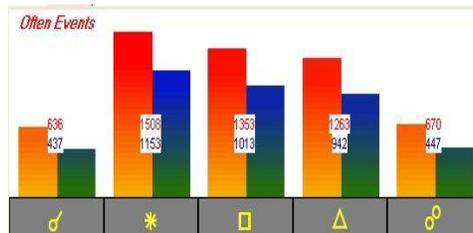


Figure 12 - Wife's aspects on Wedding Day

Figures 13 and 14 list the 25 wedding day transits with highest statistical significance, in order of decreasing chi square. In husbands' charts, transiting Vesta, known mythologically as goddess of the hearth and household abundance, makes aspects to Mercury and his ascendant; Mercury and Venus make aspects to the North Node; Juno aspects his Part of Fortune. In wives' charts, Vesta aspects her Ascendant and Part of Fortune; Mars is on her Midheaven; Pluto opposes her Moon and Sun conjuncts her Moon.

| Wedding Day Aspects to Husband    | Frequency | Analyzed Couples | Chance | Chi Square | % above chance |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| Vesta trine his Mercury           | OFTEN     | 82               | 56     | 12.1       | 99.9           |
| Mercury conjunct his North Node   | OFTEN     | 45               | 27     | 12         | 99.9           |
| Pluto conjunct his Moon           | SELDOM    | 11               | 29     | 11.2       | 99.9           |
| Venus conjunct his Neptune        | OFTEN     | 45               | 28     | 10.3       | 99.9           |
| Sun square his Uranus             | OFTEN     | 77               | 54     | 9.8        | 99.8           |
| Juno sextile his MC               | OFTEN     | 62               | 42     | 9.5        | 99.8           |
| Juno conjunct his Part of Fortune | OFTEN     | 39               | 24     | 9.4        | 99.8           |
| Vesta opposite his Ascendant      | OFTEN     | 35               | 21     | 9.3        | 99.8           |
| Jupiter trine his MC              | OFTEN     | 66               | 46     | 8.7        | 99.7           |
| Mars square his Uranus            | OFTEN     | 83               | 61     | 7.9        | 99.5           |
| Vesta square his Pluto            | SELDOM    | 35               | 56     | 7.9        | 99.5           |
| Pallas sextile his Vertex         | OFTEN     | 60               | 42     | 7.7        | 99.4           |
| Venus conjunct his Vesta          | OFTEN     | 41               | 27     | 7.3        | 99.3           |
| Chiron square his Juno            | SELDOM    | 42               | 63     | 7          | 99.2           |
| Mercury trine his Pluto           | SELDOM    | 43               | 64     | 6.9        | 99.1           |
| Venus conjunct his North Node     | OFTEN     | 43               | 29     | 6.8        | 99.1           |
| Uranus opposite his Vertex        | OFTEN     | 29               | 18     | 6.7        | 99.0           |
| Ceres sextile his North Node      | SELDOM    | 41               | 61     | 6.6        | 99.0           |
| North Node sextile his Saturn     | SELDOM    | 42               | 62     | 6.5        | 99.0           |
| Juno conjunct his Mercury         | SELDOM    | 17               | 31     | 6.3        | 98.9           |
| Chiron square his Neptune         | SELDOM    | 25               | 41     | 6.2        | 98.8           |
| Pallas opposite his Saturn        | SELDOM    | 18               | 32     | 6.1        | 98.7           |
| Ceres opposite his Ascendant      | SELDOM    | 12               | 24     | 6          | 98.6           |
| Venus opposite his Venus          | SELDOM    | 19               | 33     | 5.9        | 98.5           |
| Venus opposite his Ceres          | OFTEN     | 42               | 29     | 5.8        | 98.4           |

Figure 13 – Top Wedding Day aspects to Husband’s chart

| Wedding Day Aspects to Wife         | Frequency | Analyzed couples | Chance | Chi Square | % above chance |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| Vesta trine her Ascendant           | OFTEN     | 48               | 29     | 12.4       | 100.0          |
| Venus sextile her Sun               | OFTEN     | 57               | 37     | 10.8       | 99.9           |
| Uranus opposite her East Point      | OFTEN     | 29               | 16     | 10.6       | 99.9           |
| North Node square her P. Fortune    | OFTEN     | 45               | 28     | 10.3       | 99.9           |
| Pallas square her East Point        | OFTEN     | 47               | 30     | 9.6        | 99.8           |
| Jupiter sextile her Part of Fortune | OFTEN     | 48               | 31     | 9.3        | 99.8           |
| Vesta sextile her Ascendant         | OFTEN     | 44               | 28     | 9.1        | 99.7           |
| Vesta trine her Vertex              | SELDOM    | 17               | 34     | 8.5        | 99.6           |
| Ceres trine her Chiron              | OFTEN     | 55               | 38     | 7.6        | 99.4           |
| Pluto opposite her Moon             | OFTEN     | 31               | 19     | 7.6        | 99.4           |
| Mars conjunct her MC                | OFTEN     | 27               | 16     | 7.6        | 99.4           |
| Vesta opposite her Part of Fortune  | OFTEN     | 27               | 16     | 7.6        | 99.4           |
| Uranus opposite her Mars            | SELDOM    | 7                | 19     | 7.6        | 99.4           |
| Sun trine her Vertex                | SELDOM    | 18               | 34     | 7.5        | 99.4           |
| Chiron opposite her Neptune         | SELDOM    | 39               | 60     | 7.4        | 99.3           |
| Chiron opposite her Vesta           | OFTEN     | 32               | 20     | 7.2        | 99.3           |
| North Node trine her Ceres          | OFTEN     | 58               | 41     | 7          | 99.2           |
| Mercury trine her Jupiter           | OFTEN     | 59               | 42     | 6.9        | 99.1           |
| Neptune opposite her Ascendant      | OFTEN     | 21               | 12     | 6.8        | 99.1           |
| Sun square her Ascendant            | SELDOM    | 20               | 35     | 6.4        | 98.9           |
| Vesta sextile her Jupiter           | SELDOM    | 24               | 40     | 6.4        | 98.9           |
| Mercury sextile her Saturn          | OFTEN     | 56               | 40     | 6.4        | 98.9           |
| Sun conjunct her Moon               | OFTEN     | 30               | 19     | 6.4        | 98.9           |
| Mars opposite her MC                | SELDOM    | 6                | 16     | 6.3        | 98.8           |
| Venus trine her Sun                 | SELDOM    | 30               | 47     | 6.1        | 98.7           |

Figure 14 - top Wedding Day aspects to Wife’s chart

## Conclusions

There are identifiable astrological aspect patterns between charts of married couples. Analyzing these patterns between two unmarried persons should provide a strong indication of whether or not the couple will marry; however the process is more complex than identifying one or two aspects – such as the couple must have a good Mars and Venus aspect. This report includes the highlights of our findings; a complete list of all 3,126 aspects analyzed can be found on the Gator’s website, [www.astroinvestigators.com](http://www.astroinvestigators.com) .

The validity of these findings should be tested against other similar size or large data files. The scope of the project can be expanded to include factors such as aspects from husband's natal planets to the wife's planetary midpoints or house placement husband's natal planets and points in the wife's chart.