

Marriage  
by the Moon



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A friend and her husband, married for many years, have a running gag that pokes gentle fun at their affable relationship. One of them will say something like, “Of course, we’re only happy together because *you* are so sweet/wonderful/patient/etc.” – to which the other fawningly replies, “Oh no, it’s *you*, it’s *you*.” Then they giggle at their charade of exaggerated sweetness (though the twinkles in their eyes imply that they aren’t exaggerating by much).

Not surprisingly, they were married on a day when the Moon was in Libra, the sign of harmony, diplomacy, and flattery. Individually, both are driven and highly independent; yet somehow, the character of their marriage is tranquil and accommodating. Their marriage is definitely greater – and quite different – than the sum of its parts!

I’m sure you’re aware of your natal chart, based on the date, time, and location of your birth. But did you realize that your marriage has a birth chart, too? To a trained astrological eye, the horoscope for your wedding – specifically, the chart for the moment you exchanged vows – is a schematic of your union and all its unique strengths, weaknesses, blessings, and challenges.

Each planet’s placement on that date offers a different prismatic glimpse into your marriage. The Sun’s placement hints at your marriage’s purpose (see my book *Star Guide to Weddings* for all the juicy details!); Venus describes your style of expressing affection and reach compromise; Saturn weighs in on the role of structure, rules, and obligations in your marriage – and so on.

## What the Moon says about your Marriage

The Moon's sign on your wedding day symbolizes the *soul* of your marriage – the home you make together, the tempo and rhythm of your daily, domestic lives. What comforts you as a couple and nourishes your relationship?

Walk into a place – it may be a home, but it could as easily be an office, a restaurant, a classroom – and you immediately sense the rhythm of the people who spend time there. Is it a steady, quiet cadence, or a stimulating, syncopated one? Do you feel at peace there, or challenged? As the Moon moves along in its monthly turn through the zodiac, it takes on the colors and perspectives of each sign in turn – some peaceful, some assertive, some sensitive, some acerbic. The Moon's sign on the day of your wedding illustrates your marriage's daily pleasures, comforts, and rhythm - where you *live* as a couple.

## How to find your Marriage Moon Sign

The Moon moves through the zodiac quickly, and unlike the Sun, is not always conveniently placed in the same sign on the same date every year! Ask an astrologer to calculate your wedding chart using the date, time of your vows (estimate if necessary), and location of your ceremony. Or, you can use a free online system such as Astro.com to calculate the chart yourself!

## The Moon's Modality: The tempo of your day-to-day life

The twelve signs of the zodiac are commonly classified into three **modalities**, or fundamental approaches to life. *Cardinal signs* initiate action and set goals. *Fixed signs* sustain and maintain the status quo. *Mutable signs* are flexible, adaptable, and comfortable with change.

The modality of your marriage's Moon sign describes the way you *move through the world* as a couple – quickly, deliberately, or in synchrony with the steps of others.

- **Moon in a Cardinal Sign (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn)** – The Moon in any cardinal sign is action-oriented, and your daily lives will be busy and filled with energetic activities and people. Be sure to get enough rest and to occasionally look before you leap! *What makes you feel grounded, nurtured, and comfortable:* Setting goals, being in motion, and starting new projects.

- **Moon in a Fixed Sign (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius)** – A fixed-sign Moon is a bit like a pendulum – set it going and it will keep going exactly as it began. This

steadiness is beneficial, as long as the relationship starts out in a positive way! *What makes you feel grounded, nurtured, and comfortable:* Routines, stability, and predictability.

- **Moon in a Mutable Sign (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces)** – If you marry when the Moon is in a mutable sign, there will be a light, changeable, and fluid quality to your daily lives together. Mutable signs also readily absorb the energies around them, so it's important to surround yourselves with positive people, in a calm, nourishing environment. *What makes you feel grounded, nurtured, and comfortable:* Options, a flexible schedule, and the ability to retreat when you get overwhelmed.

### **The Moon's Element: What Your Marriage Needs to Thrive**

The *element* of your marriage Moon sign describes the emotional food that keeps your daily lives nourished and thriving.

**The Moon in a Fire Sign (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius)** – As a couple, you need a marriage rich in excitement, entertainment, physical challenges, and inspiration. Fire signs like to create, perform, and inspire others, so regular social engagements are in order – dinner parties, book salons, game night for family and friends.

**The Moon in an Earth Sign (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn)** – Your marriage needs financial security, organization, and physical comfort in order to flourish. Making your home feel luxurious and orderly (without breaking the bank) and devising a winning system for handling your finances are imperative.

**The Moon in an Air Sign (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius)** – Communication, new ideas, and a network of interesting friends fuel your marital engine. You won't be happy unless you have plenty to talk about with each other and abundant opportunities for social interaction with other people – whether in person, by telephone, or online.

**The Moon in a Water Sign (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces)** – Yours is a marriage that is nourished by empathy, emotional intensity, and spiritual rapport. Shared participation in religious or spiritual practice, regular heart-to-heart talks, and small gestures that show your partner that you understand and are thinking of him or her – these will help your marriage flourish.

## **Marriage Moons by Sign**

### **Moon in Aries (cardinal/fire): The Pioneer Marriage**

Aries is considered a challenging sign for the Moon in a wedding chart because the energy of Aries is about “Me,” while a congenial marriage tends to emphasize Libran pronouns like “We.” The Aries Moon has its strengths, however! As a couple, you will tend to move fast, make quick decisions, and be regarded by your family and friends as leaders and pioneers. You are unlikely to succumb to peer-pressure; you’ll do things your own way!

### **Moon in Taurus (fixed/earth) – The Simple Marriage**

Astrological tradition considers the Moon to be exceptionally strong in stable, contented Taurus. When you marry with the Moon in this sign, the natural rhythm of your day-to-day lives together will be peaceful and steady, and you will take enjoyment from life’s simplest, most honest pleasures. Taurus enjoys the pleasures of the table, soothing music, and simple but beautiful surroundings. Your home will be comfortable and unpretentious, and you will likely cultivate a thriving garden together – or at least some window boxes.

### **Moon in Gemini (mutable/air) – The Convivial Marriage**

The Moon in Gemini marriage needs conversation, variety, and movement in order for the two of you to feel centered and to recharge your emotional batteries. For you, variety truly is the spice of life; a stagnant routine will quickly derail your domestic happiness. You may be exceptionally sensitive to noise, so a peaceful household is essential. With your love of communication, a good high-speed internet connection is a necessity, not a luxury for your home!

### **Moon in Cancer (cardinal/water): The Comforting Marriage**

When you marry with the Moon in Cancer, you’re not just taking on a spouse: you’re creating a family. Your household is a revolving door of visiting relatives, friends who have fallen on hard times, and your children’s latchkey friends. You will tend to flourish at home and may not travel much – although other factors in your marriage chart or your birth charts can make exploration much more likely. Cooking, and caring for your home, children, and pets, brings great contentment to your marriage.

### **Moon in Leo (fixed/fire): The Fun Marriage**

**The Moon in Leo** emphasizes the importance of creativity, fun, loyalty, and inspiration in your union. You're a couple that, above all, offers *warmth* to your wide circle of friends and family. Children and young people will be especially drawn to your home because you make them feel important; they sense your sincere enjoyment of their company. People love to visit your home because they know they will laugh, eat and drink well, and meet other interesting people. If you are artistic or musical, your home will reflect these interests with an unusually colorful and creative décor and frequent salons of like-minded friends.

### **Moon in Virgo (mutable/earth): The Helpful Marriage**

Virgo is among the sweetest and most truly giving of all the signs, showing its affection with practical gestures and an honest desire to be helpful. The Moon in Virgo excels at untangling emotional knots and bringing order to a chaotic world; however, it comes with a caveat. When your relationship loses its balance, Virgo can manifest in an unpleasant tendency toward destructive criticism. Focus on helping each other to become your best selves, without feeling compelled to point out areas for improvement!

### **Moon in Libra (cardinal/air): The Other-Oriented Marriage**

Marry with the Moon in Libra, the sign of marriage and other important partnerships, and your instinctual approach to day-to-day life will be to figure out what your partner needs or wants and do everything you can to help achieve these goals. The natural rhythm of your day-to-day lives together will be busy but with a healthy work/life balance. Your gracious, welcoming home will be filled with artists, musicians, writers, and their creations. You may be much more inclined than other couples to spend nearly all your leisure time together – you thrive on togetherness.

### **Moon in Scorpio (fixed/water): The Mysterious Marriage**

Scorpio was traditionally considered a weak sign for the Moon. There is some logic to this, and it would be dishonest to say this placement describes an easy-going approach to everyday life. The Moon in Scorpio is not the most trusting placement, because Scorpio sees and understands so much of what other signs ignore; this, obviously, can be a challenge in a relationship that requires total trust. So with the Moon in Scorpio in your wedding chart, your challenge is to remain absolutely, scrupulously honest and open with each other – and to patiently build the trust that



Scorpio demands. Once that trust is in place, yours should be an unusually loyal and enduring union.

### **Moon in Sagittarius (mutable/fire): The Globetrotting Marriage**

The Moon in Sagittarius emphasizes the themes of travel, academia, and religion. Your home will likely be filled with books and with cultural influences from many different lands and peoples. It will be chosen for its view, its square footage, and the size of the land on which it sits, which are generally more important to Sagittarius than the style of the structure. Sagittarius likes wide-open spaces – a limitless horizon for both the body and the mind! Even when you're unable to travel, new ideas and unfamiliar experiences can keep you grounded and invigorated.

### **Moon in Capricorn (cardinal/earth): The Administrative Marriage**

The Moon in Capricorn is not considered one of the Moon's stronger signs, because the pragmatic and worldly interests of Capricorn may conflict with the nurturing, emotional qualities of the Moon. Still, it can be an ideal lunar placement for a couple who are devoted to the notion of *shared responsibility* – to their families, their work, and society. You naturally assume care-taking roles with aging relatives and chronically ill friends. This is also an ideal lunar placement for a couple who work together, particularly in a home-based business.

### **Moon in Aquarius (fixed/air): The Friendly Marriage**

The Moon in Aquarius needs a daily routine that emphasizes friendship, community, and societal progress. In fact, your friends will very likely serve as a kind of surrogate family for you, and your home is likely to be a popular place for friends to congregate. (Oddly, though, you may choose to maintain more of a distance from your families.) Though your fixed Moon sign is resistant to change, you may move from house to house relatively often, and you should always choose your home with an eye toward resale value!

### **Moon in Pisces (mutable/water): The Spiritual Marriage**

The **Moon in Pisces** is a particularly loving and happy placement for marriage. The Pisces Moon couple loves one another unconditionally, with compassion and an unshakable faith in one another's goodness. A long and intimate marriage will inevitably bring you to the moments when you must forgive one another for something,

or believe in one another when all evidence points to failure - or simply to see things from one another's individual perspectives. These are the moments when the Moon in Pisces comes through with flying colors.

### **The Care and Feeding of Your Marriage Moon**

Just as you may have children whose personalities – and birth charts! – differ from yours, your marriage also has needs of its own that may require compromise and patience from both of you. But marriage, like children, also provides an enviable opportunity to see the world through an entirely different lens. Knowing your marriage Moon sign can help bring your daily lives into clearer focus – and help you give your marriage the care and feeding it needs to endure and prosper!



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