

**Section 2 Question 3**

**Jack born 30th August 1953, 1:38pm, Melbourne, Australia, AEST - 10:00, Ascendant: close to 15 degrees Capricorn**

*Jack has been single for most of his life, however approximately four years ago he met an amazing woman who he began dating. They are very happy together and decided to live together a year ago. This was a big step for Jack who has never married and has lived alone for many years. Although he has adjusted to living with his partner, Jack wonders why he has found it so difficult to commit. He would like to understand why he is so cautious about marriage and wonders whether he will ever want to.*

*Provide insight and guidance to help Jack understand his intimate relationship patterns and what strengths he can draw on to assist him in creating a fulfilling long-term relationship.*

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Connection is an essential human need. There is no greater area of human experience that can bring us more healing and fulfilment than a deeply intimate relationship with another person, yet it is also the area of life that can bring us the most pain and trauma when it is not navigated well. It also has the potential to act like a mirror, reflecting back to us the parts we have disowned within ourselves - those things we love in another are positive traits we have disowned, and those things we hate in another are negative traits we have disowned.

The natal chart can provide insight into the psychological patterning of a person. Its interpretation yields insight into the personality and agenda of the different parts of the chart-holder. The goal of an astrological reading is to come into greater awareness of these parts of us. If the chart-holder can work to bring these aspects into a degree of harmony, then they can strive towards living into their most fulfilled life. It is also important to become aware of the negative manifestation that can happen to the different parts of us so that we can avoid dysfunction and unfulfillment.

By delineating Jack's natal chart I intend to provide him with greater insight into his intimate relationship patterns and identify his strengths which he can draw on to assist him in creating a fulfilling long-term relationship. If he can use the reading to increase his self-awareness in relation to why he feels the way he feels about marriage, he can be more empowered to act

consciously to improve the relationship so that it becomes more satisfying for himself and his partner.

Jack's natal chart suggests that he is a highly grounded and pragmatic man (Primal Triad in earth Grand Trine: Capricorn Ascendant, Moon in Taurus, Sun in Virgo). He is likely known for his ambition, focus and objectivity (Capricorn Ascendant). He naturally finds his joy and happiness in being practical in making or creating things of value for self and others (Moon exalted in Taurus 5th house). He is identified with being quite discerning, meticulous and down-to-earth in embracing new experiences or situations that broaden his horizons for the sake of being useful or of service to others (Sun 9th Virgo). With these dominant personality traits, probably finds he is generally quite successful when it comes to work (Jupiter 6th) although it may have taken him some time to build the reputation and achievement that he has attained (Saturn 10th).

Navigating the inner world does not come as easily to Jack as does the outer world (lack of planets in water signs, upper hemisphere dominance) and delving into his insecurities around around intimacy and commitment require courage, bravery and honesty (Mars and Pluto in 8th house). In spite of this, he is naturally quite relationship oriented (Western hemisphere bowl chart, 7th and 8th house stellium) which is a very important part of his life journey. Consequently it is very important for Jack that he is able to successfully navigate intimate relationships if he is to move into a space where he can line up with his desires.

Jack's pre-birth intention was to move past being too dependant on the conditional approval of others by living into the true authenticity of who he is (South Node Leo 7th, North Node Aquarius 1st). His challenge is to stay true to himself and risk embracing all parts of himself - both the ones that others will approve of as well as the other parts of him which others may disapprove of. In the past, Jack may have had the tendency present an inauthentic self to

others in order to gain approval. When he does this, he may find that although he is praised and celebrated by others, he also feels that he really is not accepted for the totality of who he is. The praise and approval he receives can feel rather empty and meaningless as a large part of who he is remains invisible to others and is suppressed. This can send the message on an inner level that part of him is unlovable, simply because it has not been given the chance to be loved. It has been put 'in the closet' so to speak. The remedy for Jack is to embrace his idiosyncrasies and his quirks to form a more self-loving relationship (North Node Aquarius 1st). The work is to then be able to be brave enough to present a more unified sense of self to others - including the parts that are less socially approved of, and to be ok to risk disapproval because it isn't worth giving up his authenticity. A marriage proposal exemplifies this for Jack; being able to present an authentic sense of self to his partner, including both the light and shadow aspects of himself and have her love him back for who he really is, and not just the acceptable parts of himself that he shows. In this way, Jack has to be brave, but it also allows for his partner to really get to know him in a more intimate way, and it is ultimately more fulfilling for their marriage in the long run.

I would comfort Jack at this part of the reading that it would be natural for him to feel that he may have emphasised relationships with others to the detriment of the relationship he has with himself due to the large stellium of planets clustered in his 7th and 8th houses (Juno, Athena, Uranus, Venus, Mars, Ceres, Pluto, Mercury) drawing his attention to external relationships rather than his relationship to himself, and the lack of planets near his North Node, suggesting it is unfamiliar territory - yet to be integrated. What is important for Jack to recognise is that relationships with others act like a mirror for the relationship with the self. The difficulty he has in remaining separate and uncommitted to his partner is a reflection of the parts of him he remains separate from and uncommitted to within himself.

Jack appears to have a somewhat guarded approach to relationships (Cancer Descendant), preferring to slowly let another person in as he gets to know them better and trusts that it is safe to do so. This is evident from Jack's admission that moving in with his amazing partner after one year was a big step as he had lived alone for many years. I would highlight to Jack that he does have a strong connection to his heart (Cancer Descendant, Cancer Stellium Juno, Pallas Athene, Uranus) which can make him incredibly loving, nurturing and sensitive to his partner as long as he feels safe to do so.

Deep down, there is a part of Jack that really does want to commit to a relationship (Juno Cancer 7th), but may be held back by fear of past hurts or being overly sensitive to perceived threats in relationships. My advice to Jack is to recognise that a part of him really does want marriage, or at least a committed relationship. The next step is finding the delicate balance of progressively letting down his walls so that he can let his partner love him. I would advise him to find a degree of bravery (Mars 8th Leo) to risk giving his partner opportunities to get to know him more deeply by expressing himself and then go about the work of building trust so that he can feel more secure with the concept of being in a marriage.

I would also reiterate that the work of coming into a more authentic relationship with himself (North Node Aquarius 1st) also carries over into the relationship with his partner (North Node Ruler Uranus Cancer 7th). The relationship he has with himself will constantly be brought up for healing via the relationship with his partner (7th house Cancer Stellium opposite Chiron conjunct Ascendant). If he can be devoted to the work of developing his own level of inner security and self esteem (Vesta Aquarius 2nd), he can then go about the work of feeling confident in expressing himself from a secure place to his partner (Venus 7th Leo). For instance, this may be admitting to himself that he is generally a reserved, cautious person who may be classified as an introvert which, through the process of socialisation, was perhaps

something to be rejected as we live in a culture that values extraversion (Primal Triad in earth grand trine). However, finding the positive aspects of these parts of his personality can help to build his confidence and self-esteem. He might choose to see that he has the strength of being grounded, hard-working, sensible, reliable and committed. He can then capitalise on these positive qualities in relationship - demonstrating he can be a reliable, consistent and pragmatic partner. This is an example, but the same process can be applied to any other insecurity he may have about himself.

In spite of Jack's years of being alone, he has the capacity to develop wisdom and intelligence when it comes to emotional awareness and sensitivity in the context of external relationships (Pallas Athene Cancer 7th). He can use this as a strength when it comes to conflict management in the relationship - provided he doesn't get overwhelmed and withdraw in the event of conflict. He can employ empathy to reason through conflict to reach a greater level of harmony in the relationship, which is an important goal for him (Venus 7th).

Jack can draw on his creative and practical nature as a strength to help in his relationship (7th house ruler Moon in 5th house Taurus). For instance, Jack may not be the most forward when it comes to expressing himself in the relationship, but he could show his sense of love to his partner through gift-giving or making heartfelt expressions of his love for her.

As I alluded to earlier, an important experience for Jack this lifetime is to be brave and vulnerable enough to express and expose the deep and intimate parts of himself to those he can trust for the opportunity to heal and transform old wounds around disapproval (Leo 8th house stellium Mars, Ceres, Pluto, Mercury, South Node Leo 7th). I would comfort Jack that this is not easy territory as it always involves a level of risk and insecurity, yet it is a necessary step for personal growth and empowerment so he is less controlled by fear and so he can find greater levels of fulfilment in his life. Being able to find a way to express his

vulnerable side by proposing and overcoming his fears around insecurity, betrayal or loss of freedom in marriage is important for him to work on if he is to find greater fulfilment in his life. For Jack, this may look like sitting down with his partner at an appropriate time and having a deep and meaningful talk about his desire and insecurities around the concept of him committing to a marriage with her (Mercury Leo 8th). Although this will be scary, I would encourage him to see it as an exercise in courage and bravery (Mars Leo 8th), as well as radical honesty and opportunity for healing and empowerment (Pluto Leo 8th). The best case scenario is that it allows his partner to be on board with the idea of working towards marriage if she can be patient and sensitive enough to help him through his journey. Worst case scenario may be rejection and heartbreak - but again, this is an opportunity for him to build on his own self-worth and find love for himself regardless of disapproval from others, an important lesson for him this lifetime.

I would also stress that doing the work of 'coming-out' to those he can put enough faith in to trust is a really important need for him (Ceres Leo 8th). On some level, if he puts off this work, he may find a sense that he is emotionally starved and there will be a sense of a gnawing unfulfillment. Again, I do suggest that he works himself toward a place where he can have the discussion with his partner about marriage for his own sake so that he can find greater fulfilment in his life.

Jack can draw on his sense of intellect and discernment when it comes to doing the deep intimate work of relationships (Mercury 8th Leo, 8th ruler Sun in 9th Virgo). Jack has a great strength of having a deep probing mind (Mercury 8th conjunct Pluto). If he can gain a greater conscious awareness and verbalise what holds him back from intimate connection, it can put him in a more empowered position to deal with these insecurities. For instance, this might look like asking questions to himself, becoming aware of what answers intuitively come up and creating a mental understanding of these suppressed aspects of self.

Another important part of Jack's life is his work and his career (Jupiter Gemini 6th Trine Saturn and Neptune Libra 10th, Primal Triad in earth grand trine: Capricorn Ascendant, Moon Taurus, Sun Virgo). I would caution Jack to not allow workaholism to become an escape for his commitment issues for his relationship. He may have the tendency to take on too much work to occupy himself (Jupiter 6th) and use his career ambition (Saturn 10th) as a form of escape (Neptune 10th). If Jack can be aware of this potential pitfall, he is more likely to identify if this is occurring and deal with his insecurities surrounding marriage in a healthier and more direct way.

In conclusion, Jack's reticence towards deepening and formalising a connection with his partner may stem from a lack of awareness of his inner world. To improve his situation, Jack needs to become brave and honest with himself about the parts of him that he has denied, disowned or suppressed so that he can come to a place of greater authenticity in the relationship. Jack can capitalise on the strengths of his grounded, practical, meticulous nature along with his commitment to intimate relationship experience to help him navigate his insecurities and find himself in a more conscious and empowered position to deal with them.

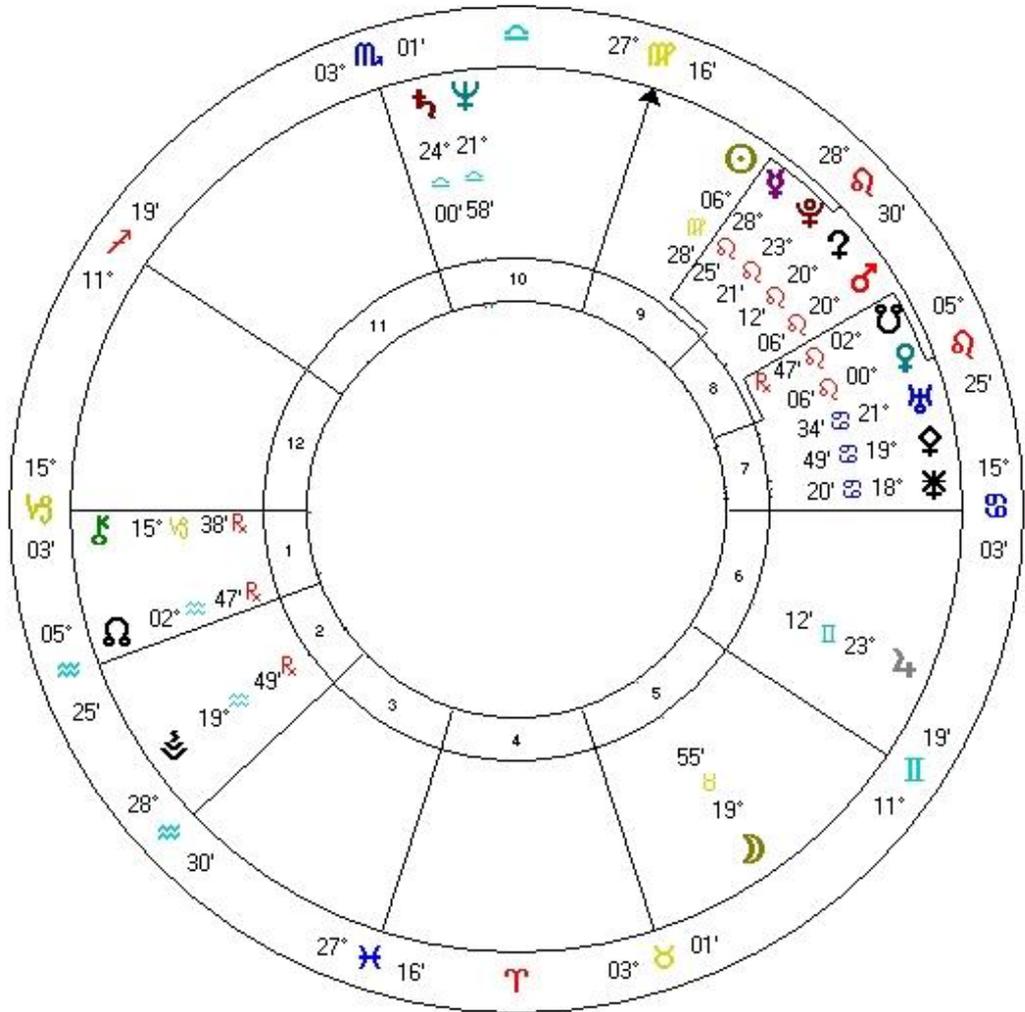
Jack's journey to find greater intimate connection in his relationship requires him to continue the work of coming more into his own authenticity and willingness to embrace all aspects of himself, and then express these to others.

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Appendices

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**Natal Chart**  
30 Aug 1953, Sun  
1:38 pm AEST - 10:00  
Melbourne, Australia  
37°S49' 144°E58'  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Placidus*  
*True Node*



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