

WHAT THE STARS SAY ABOUT.

# Tess & Vernon



*Soul&Spirit* astrologer **Fiona Graham** delves into the charts of this media-savvy couple, to find out why they are a match made in heaven.

## TESS DALY

**Birthday:** April 27, 1971  
**Sun Sign:** Taurus  
**Element:** Earth  
**Planet:** Venus  
**Gemstone:** Emerald

## VERNON KAY

**Birthday:** April 28, 1974  
**Sun Sign:** Taurus  
**Element:** Earth  
**Planet:** Venus  
**Gemstone:** Emerald



## Golden girl

Taurean Tess is an Earth goddess, combining sensuality and no-nonsense earthiness. With a grand trine configuration involving all Earth signs, she exudes a sense of material and physical wellbeing. Venus-ruled Taurus is the ultimate in glam. As an all-natural woman, she vocalises her anti-cosmetic surgery views. Venus (love, beauty) trine Neptune (illusions, music, dance) and Jupiter (mass-appeal) describe her larger-than-life showbiz persona as model, presenter, and especially as the darling of the *Strictly Come Dancing* scene. Fire is the other dominant element in Tess's chart, including Venus and Mercury in go-getting Aries; Tess is definitely driven. Fire added to the Venus principle of attraction make her a show-stealer (despite her down-to-earth, almost apologetic girlie appeal) that was expressed via a 'look-at-me' shocking-pink frock or recently posing naked for a magazine, painted in gold.

## Sugar and spice

With good humour and good looks Vernon Kay personifies the Venus-ruled Taurus archetype, too. For all the hype of his public profile, he has an unmistakably dependable earthy quality. He is clear thinking and 'on the ball', too, with communication planet Mercury conjoining his Sun. Contacts between feisty Mars and transformational Pluto, plus Mars conjoining disciplined Saturn, suggests steely resolve and resourcefulness belied by his media-friendly charms. Yet Vernon also has a

strong emphasis on the water signs Cancer and Pisces, showing a sensitive, perceptive nature, with a rich, emotional inner-life. Regardless of their respective darkly handsome and blondly beautiful images, in many ways Vernon expresses the feminine principle in this relationship while to some extent, fiery Tess is a 'trouser-wearing' warrior-woman.

## Like attracts like

With Suns conjunct in Taurus, Tess and Vernon are twin souls. Both were born and bred in Greater Manchester, becoming models before morphing into TV presenters. Although they and the relationship are utterly genuine and real, their marriage resembles a personalised media-merger. They met at a BBC Christmas party, pursue parallel careers, and actually co-presented *Just the Two of Us*. Both have Jupiter/Neptune contacts, hinting at a 'fairytale' union. Their profile tends to be the squeaky clean, wholesome and pure celebrity duo, (e.g. both wore white at their wedding), diametrically opposed to the much murkier Katie Price and Peter Andre fiasco. Taurean familiarity makes their relationship close and comforting; Tess reportedly said that on meeting Vernon "he felt like home". Yet stubborn Taurean fixity causes bullish clashes. A recent tiff became media property when Tess objected to Vernon proudly publicising her post-pregnancy body-shape.

Despite the apparent placidity and calm at their Taurean core, both have an emphasis on the

cardinal signs, so they love initiating projects and being in charge. This is vital to the ambition underlying their 'girl and boy next door' brand image. Each has intense Pluto opposite the other's Venus, which demonstrates a compelling, even inevitable, attraction. Both are determined in pursuit of goals: Vernon's motivational Mars conjoins hard-core Saturn, while Tess's Mars inhabits Saturn's own sign Capricorn.

## Glowing prospects

Tess delivers fire and faith in the future to their marriage and Vernon brings the nurturing, emotionally aware qualities associated with water. They each import into the relationship the element the other most lacks. Teamwork in every sense.

Tess is currently in the spotlight with *Strictly*, as glamorous dream merchant Neptune transits her hard-working Saturn. Vernon is undergoing his own revamp both of image and personal values, with Venus sparked off by extremist Uranus. Now and into 2010, life-changing Pluto opposes his Mars and Saturn, so tough yet rewarding changes of direction are ahead. Next year these two could surprise us all.