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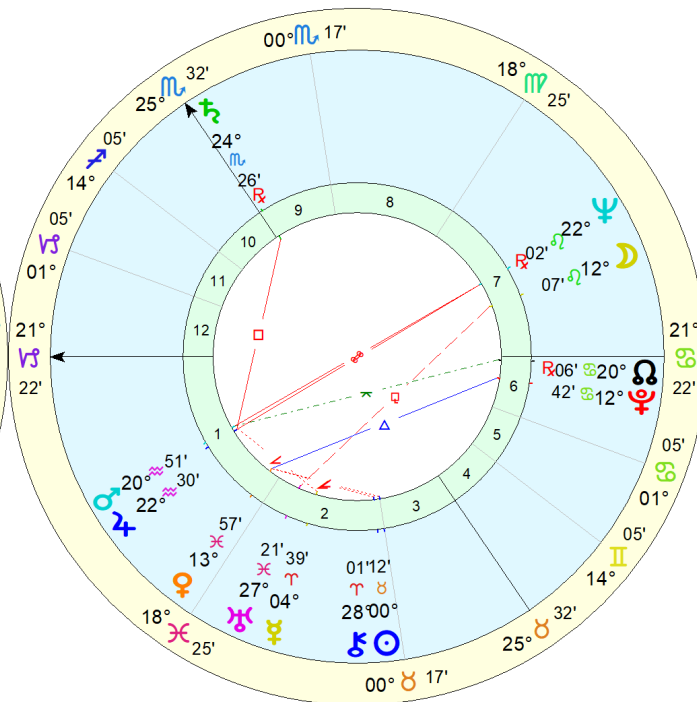
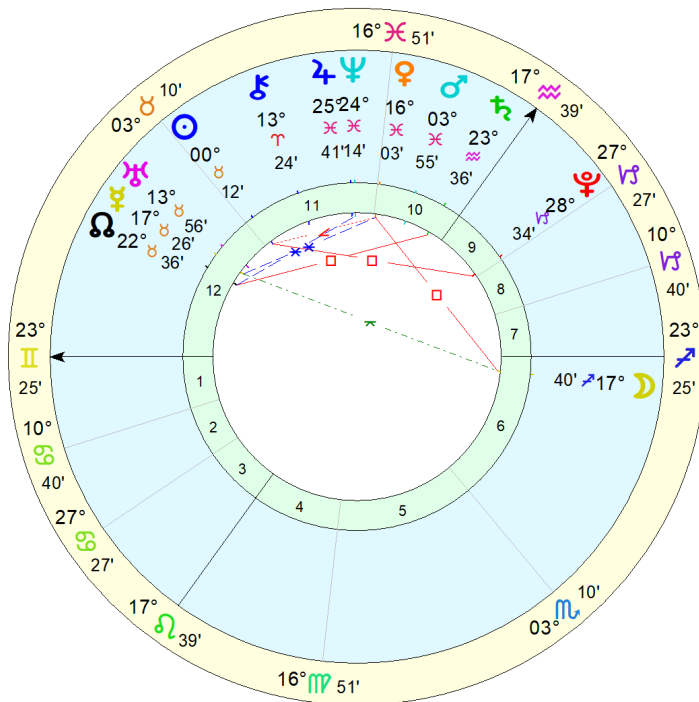
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Introduction



"Because time itself is like a spiral, something special happens on your birthday each year: The same energy that God invested in you at birth is present once again."

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Many people are familiar with their own astrological sign because Sun sign astrology is popular in today's culture. However astrology is a complicated tradition and many other techniques exist. These techniques can be used to gain greater understanding of a person's nature, but also of their current opportunities. A Birth Chart is produced that astrologers can interpret. This you probably know. What you may not know is that astrologers can also calculate a chart for each of your birthdays, and these charts can predict the patterns that you might experience in the forthcoming year. This is because each year the Sun does a full revolution of the Zodiac. Therefore each year the Sun returns to the exact position of your Birth Chart Sun. Wherever you are in the world astrologers can calculate this birthday chart. This chart is called a Solar Return; hence the saying "many happy returns". This chart represents the opportunities and challenges of the forthcoming year. It should also be read in conjunction with your Birth Chart to fully understand the lessons and opportunities available to you in any given year.

When using these Solar Return interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences. As a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually an astrologer will synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person possesses both positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on manifesting the positive traits or qualities. This report outlines both influences, and therefore helps us to rise to the challenges during any given year. Any advice given is meant to be an aid the individual in taking responsibility for his or her own life. Ultimately the decision rests with each individual.

THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME



“And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”

-- Abraham Lincoln, US 16th President

The Ascendant

The Ascendant indicates your primary focus of the year. It shows your main direction and how you are likely to go about achieving your goals. The Ascendant indicates whether you are more likely to be self-motivated, or whether you are more likely to rely on other people during this year.

The Ascendant is in Gemini

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a masculine Air sign indicating that this year you are keen to express yourself more freely. While you are keen to consult other people, and perhaps even to involve them, you are also eager to seek the information that you need to achieve your own goals. You are more likely to consult an expert, study a course, research, socialize and network in order to discover what you need to know. You may actively seek new horizons. As a result you may be more busy than usual, striving for new interests as well as for a more independent lifestyle. You are not necessarily going it alone. In fact your social network may play a key role in helping you achieve your goals. Nevertheless your focus is on mixing with other people in a way that promotes your own interests. You may ask for other people's input, but you will make up your own mind. Other aspects of your birthday chart depict in more details in which areas these interests are likely to lie. Your focus may also be on new ideas and planning for the future, rather than on the past.

The intellectual sign of Gemini emphasizes your need for communication. Whether you have a shy or outgoing nature, this year supports a more extroverted approach. You are more able to step back from your emotions and make an intelligent assessment of all areas of your life. Emotional reactions are replaced with rational responses as you assess the different options facing you this year. Gemini is also one of the most curious signs of the Zodiac and so you are likely to read, watch, observe, study, and perhaps listen more this year. You may also be keen to express yourself through teaching, public speaking, lecturing, acting, or writing. You may learn a new skill that increases your ability to connect with other people. For instance you may learn a foreign language, study astrology, tarot, palmistry or numerology, or discover new methods of connecting via the internet. Whether you realize it or not, language is likely to feature in your life this year.

Perhaps you are teaching a child to speak, perhaps you are supervising a young person's spelling lessons or homework, or perhaps you are learning a new way of expressing yourself. You are keen to try new things, to adlib a little more rather than planning everything to the last detail. You are more dexterous right now. Even if you are not usually adaptable you are able to adapt more easily this year, perhaps juggling several interests at once. As you learn you make decisions that change your course. These changes could be slight adjustments in certain areas of your life, or you could find that your new insights lead to a major change in your life journey. Either way you are excited and eager to embrace new opportunities.

The Sun

The Sun is very important when interpreting a Solar Return chart given that the chart is based on the Sun. It indicates the major theme of the year depicting the area in which you would really like to shine. Parts of your life that have been seemingly unimportant in previous years can become very important once the Sun shines its light in a particular house of a Solar Return chart.

The Sun is in the 11th House

Your hopes and dreams and wishes are the major themes of this year. In previous years you may have been willing to put your personal dreams on hold while you shouldered other responsibilities. You may also have been willing, or felt obliged to, put other people's needs and wishes first, but the time is now ripe for you pursue your own dreams. This could affect any area of your life, but it is more likely that you put professional ambitions on hold while you turn your attention to an enjoyable hobby, a passionate belief, or a new lifestyle. Lifestyle is the key component at the moment. You are looking for ways and means to improve the quality of your life. You may join a special interest group, spend more time with friends, or join a club. If you are already involved in a special interest group or cause, or even a business enterprise then this is the ideal year during which to get involved in promoting and networking. You could do this actively in your community of friends and associates or through social media. The idea is to have fun and enjoy your contacts with the wider community. Opportunities for change are likely to come about through other people. Your network of friends, colleagues and acquaintances offer support.

This is also a year during which you may renew acquaintances with old friends. A school reunion, a chance meeting with someone from the past or a long-lost relative may surface. Whatever else happens in your life during this period it is important that you reach out to other people and enjoy life. You need to make sure that your goals are clear because the following year is one of change based on your efforts this year.

4th House Cusp is in Leo

The Sun also shines its rays on a different area of your annual chart when taking into account rulerships, a system used by astrologers to link planets and signs. In your case your annual Sun is ruling the fourth house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters of home and family. One of the main themes of your birthday year is centred on whether or not your house and living conditions are exactly how you would like them to be. Whether you live on your own or in a family, you are likely to consider changes around the home this year, with the possibility of moving to a different neighbourhood or perhaps a different country. Family members may come and go. The important factor is that you are making decisions regarding where you belong, as well as taking into account your family's needs.

The Sun is Semisquare Venus

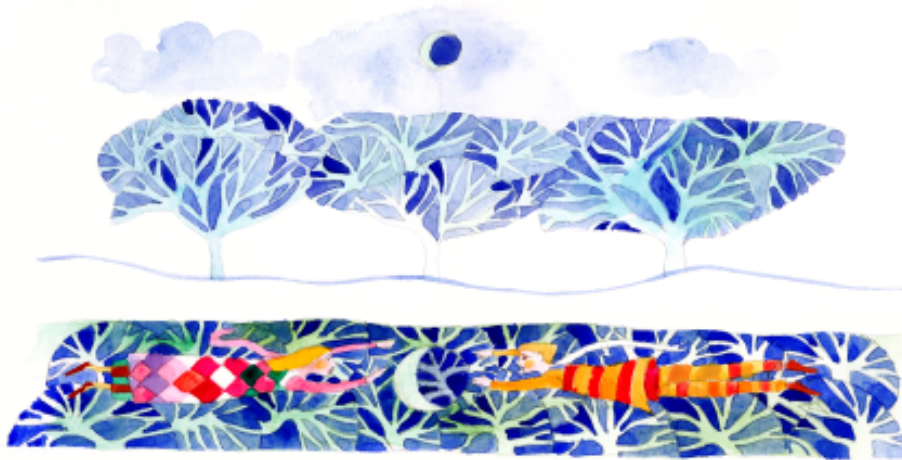
This is your year to be on your toes when it comes to love and money. If you are married you may be feeling a little stale when it comes to romance. You would do well to see if you can spark a little extra pleasure in your partnership, but don't push too hard. Something or someone is just not ready despite your need. If you are single then it is possible that you meet a significant new partner during the year, however; there may be impediments to your relationship. Perhaps your lover has other responsibilities to fulfil before making a commitment. Whether you are single or married this is your year to reassess your relationship values. Where do your true passions lie? Do you want love and commitment, or are you just bored in other aspects of your life? If you are single, do you like the dating game or are you ready to settle down? If so this process

is likely to demand some changes in your lifestyle. Are you prepared to make these changes? The longer that you have been single, the harder you are likely to find it to change some of your habits. If you are already married, or in a committed partnership, then your lover is likely to demand changes. This may relate to the way in which you express yourself and your love, or it could involve money matters. A little financial planning can be a positive course of action during this period. It is a good year to budget and plan for long term goals. If you tighten the purse strings a little now, you are likely to reap the benefits later.

The Sun is Square Pluto

When the Sun and the planet Pluto are influencing each other in your birthday chart then you can be sure that they are also appearing in other forms of your yearly astrology events. This emphasizes the affect, and some would say the lesson, that the powerful Pluto has on your life right now. Quite simply the message is: "it is time to change your habits". This could mean that you need to change personal habits such as diet, consumption of alcohol or nicotine, or lack of exercise. It is likely that as you make the changes to your physical habits you are also required to face the underlying psychological triggers. For instance perhaps you are unaware that a life of drinking, smoking and socializing is really your way of avoiding responsibilities or an intimate relationship. This is your year to do a little soul-searching and get yourself on track to make the most of your full potential. You may need to face some deeply entrenched fears in order to live your own authentic life. The position of the Sun and the planet Pluto may give you some clues as to which areas of your life you need to pay attention. Whichever area needs an overhaul, you are not required to march to someone else's tune, but to find your own path. To a certain extent time is running out. If you are not living a healthy and balanced lifestyle then an event or a person is likely to force matters. You may be forced to say farewell to someone you love dearly because you have not faced up to your own bad habits. Alternatively someone close to you may leave behind someone who has a negative influence on your life. The theme is liberation and the good news is that you have resources and opportunities now that you have not had previously. If you are heading in the right direction then doors open and you walk through with your head held high. However, if you stubbornly refuse to change your ways then you are likely to do it tough. The choice is yours. Control the things that you can, and let go of others. As a result you can make some life-enhancing changes in the way that you handle your overall lifestyle, your career or significant relationships. As you stop resisting change you find that you have a newfound abundance of energy and purpose.

THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS



"The greatest comfort of my old age, and that which gives me the highest satisfaction, is the pleasing remembrance of the many benefits and friendly offices I have done to others."

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

The Moon

The Moon is also an important indicator in a Solar Return chart. Generally speaking the Moon shows which areas of your life are likely to undergo change during the year. More specifically the Moon shows your personal needs. Your individual needs and urges are likely to trigger changes in your life during the course of the year.

The Moon is in the 6th House

It is time to focus on your health and wellbeing, changing any bad habits in favour of life enhancing ones. The good news is that you are now motivated to make the necessary changes. You feel good about adopting a healthier lifestyle. This makes the adjustments so much easier to embrace. On the one hand it is possible that some physical warning signs have prompted you to seek medical advice. A series of tests highlight the areas that need attention and you take appropriate action. On the other hand you may already be living a healthy lifestyle and simply decide to make some slight adjustments. Whatever the scenario this is your year for giving up smoking, reducing your levels of sugar and/or fat, starting an exercise program, and making more time for leisure rather than work. The occasional walk on the beach or a random weekend away may be beneficial, but this alone is not going to cut it this year. You are being called on to change your habits on a daily basis, not just your physical habits but the underlying psychological problems that have led to your bad habits. In other words you need to slow down, reflect on what type of lifestyle is going to be most beneficial to your emotional wellbeing. Ask yourself the question, "what is stressful in my life"? and then ask yourself, "why do I continue to impose these stressful conditions on myself and my loved ones"? Hopefully as you then address these questions you will hopefully reduce your emotional stress, and attend to your emotional needs. You can now embrace a more meaningful lifestyle, and then the physical symptoms that have been plaguing you are likely to dissipate. Meditation, yoga, gym classes, dance lessons, relaxing with loved ones at home are just a few of the ways in which you can slow down and enjoy your life more.

It is always possible that your lifestyle has been the opposite of fast-paced. Perhaps you have been comfortable for some time, and have felt in a bit of a rut. Once again this is the year during which you feel motivated to change. You may change jobs, re-arrange your working environment, become more involved with activities with your co-workers, or start a new work-training program. These changes are likely to be

beneficial. The end result of the changes that you adopt this year, is that you feel more energetic, optimistic, healthy and enlivened in your daily life.

The Moon is in Sagittarius

The fiery sign of Sagittarius can work in two different ways when influencing the Moon in your chart. You may feel a strong urge to seek the meaning of life in an introverted manner through reading, contemplation, meditation and retreat. You yearn to reflect on your life and put it into context, so that you can then set goals for the future. As a result you may consult metaphysical practitioners such as tarot readers, palmists, astrologers, and numerologists. Your library may increase dramatically this year as you seek answers in literature, texts, or self-help books. You are on a quest for the meaning of your own personal life. Questions arise such as, why have I behaved in these ways in the past? Do these patterns of behaviour still serve me well? What can I change and how? You may also seek your answers through academic study. If you have always wanted to study in the halls of learning then this is the year in which you are likely to follow your urge and sign up for a course. The mutable sign of Sagittarius may also influence you in a more extraverted manner as you seek freedom and stimulation in exploring outside of your usual perimeters. You may travel overseas, seek promotion at work, or socialize with people from foreign countries. You are keen to learn your place in the world through sharing experiences with people outside your usual social circle. Whether you seek your answers in an introverted or extraverted manner, this is the year when you want to feel free and impassioned. Sports, religion, politics, law and other such subjects incite your interest. You are keen to explore all options. If your responsibilities are too restrictive then you may feel restless. You would be well advised to take short trips into wide-open spaces, attend a foreign film festival at your local cinema, or go to a boisterous sports game in order to satisfy your need to escape. This is your opportunity to discover and incorporate new and exciting elements into your personal life in a way that helps you feel more optimistic and to realize that your life is an adventure to be enjoyed as an independent person, as well as with your loved ones.

The Moon is Quincunx Mercury

This year you have the right to change your mind as many times as you like. In fact you need to make some adjustments in the way that you feel think and feel, in particular in your opinions about your home and family. It is time to reassess your personal needs and to make new plans. If you are young then you may be reassessing your role in family life, forming your own opinions and preparing to separate from your family of origin. Although challenging this is a natural progression in life. If you are older, then you may be planning a family of your own, or perhaps you have adult children, and one of them is thinking about leaving home during the course of the year. If you have no immediate family you may feel drawn to move closer to your extended family. Whatever your stage in life the changes this year are part of a natural progression. Other adjustments can occur if you are changing your working life in a way that affects your home and family. For instance you may decide to apply for a job in a faraway location, or you want to work from home, or to retire. Whatever your particular life scenario, you need to remain flexible when it comes to home, business, contracts and children. You may need to renovate your house, or move to a different house or location. If you remain adaptable in your personal life this year, then you are more likely to enjoy the changes rather than feeling cornered and fretful. Worry is not helpful. If you feel agitated, then you may benefit from talking to a professional counsellor or a friend who has been through a similar situation. Reading material could also be helpful.

The Moon is Square Venus

Your passions are aroused this year. You have fallen in love with someone, or something. If you are single then it is likely that you meet someone who inspires strong romantic feelings. This person is likely to touch your heartstrings on a very personal level. The path to true love is not likely to be smooth, and you may have to keep a rein on your feelings for a while. However, astrologers consider the planet Venus to have a positive influence on your life and therefore you are likely to win your heart's desires in the end, although this may depend on other aspects of your astrology chart. If you are married then you may seek to rekindle the romance in your relationship. Pleasurable outings could inspire you, or simply a romantic dinner at home. You could also direct your ardour into an artistic project such as taking a role as the romantic lead in a

theatrical production, or joining a choir or dance class. Right now you have a need to be inspired by pleasure and beauty, as well as a need to feel a strong connection to another person, or to a project that is close to your heart. This person or project is likely to ask or prompt you to make changes in your personal life, and perhaps also your finances. For instance if you are planning to get married then you may need to change your spending habits and save your money towards the costs of the wedding. Alternatively you may have to find the funds if you want to redecorate your home.

The Moon is Sextile The Midheaven

The time is ripe to reassess your career ambitions in the light of your emotional needs. In other words do you still enjoy your work? Are you on the right career path? Do you find meaning and purpose in your work, or are you striving for professional goals that are no longer satisfying? If the answers to these questions are not satisfactory, then you need to make some adjustments in your professional life. This is also true for your marital status. If you are happily living a solitary lifestyle then you may focus on your career rather than your marriage. However, this is a year during which your marital status can change. If you are single then you may meet someone and make a public commitment during the course of the year. If you are attached then you may feel the need to take part in a public ceremony that affirms your bond. If you are already married then you may seek changes in your partnership, ones that provide more emotional satisfaction.

Venus

The planet Venus sheds light on the personal areas of love and finance in the forthcoming year. This positive and benevolent planet is all about attraction. What attracts you, what makes you attractive to others and how can you attract what you need? Therefore Venus tells you about your relationship with love, money, pleasure, joy and feeling worthwhile. In a Solar Return Chart this planet of love tells you what you are likely to attract throughout the year. It depicts whether or not personal relationships are likely to be prominent during the year, what kind of personal relationships and whether or not you are likely to be focussed on money and pleasure. If you are single then are you likely to attract a significant relationship? If you are married is this a year of romance and fun, or perhaps one in which you tackle a few changes.

Venus is in the 10th House

The planet of love is closely linked to your livelihood this year. This means that someone close to your heart is also directly connected to your profession. Whether you are single or married, you are likely to form a close bond with someone special who changes the course of your life. If you are single then you may fall in love with someone in your working environment, someone who works closely with you or is associated with your career. You may be negotiating the tricky waters of a work love affair and, depending on other aspects of your astrology, enjoying the frisson of romance. It is not a foregone conclusion that your love is in the workplace. Perhaps your special someone is a step away from your everyday working life, a client, supplier, or an associate from another office. It is also possible that you meet someone special elsewhere, but they are connected to your livelihood and therefore likely to play a role in your future. This romance is likely to be life changing. If romance is in the air, then the marriage section of your chart is highlighted and your affection may lead to a more permanent commitment. If you are already married then you may form a partnership with your spouse that changes the course of your life. Favourable career partnerships are highlighted. If you are not inclined towards romance, then you are more likely to find pleasure in your work. You may enjoy planning your career, spending time with colleagues and incorporating more pleasurable responsibilities into your professional life. You can enjoy success and earn extra bonuses. You may also attract the attention of a prominent woman, one who helps forward your career ambitions. Basically this is a year in which you can boost your prospects for a happy marriage and professional life.

Venus is in Pisces

The planet of love is in a Water sign this year indicating that you seek sensitivity and understanding in love. You are more likely to be focussed on caring and sharing rather than material matters. Feelings are important right now. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you yearn for someone who is simpatico, sharing or supporting your passions. You are well advised to avoid anyone who expresses harsh words. If

you are attached, then you enjoy relaxing with your loved one in beautiful natural surroundings, at artistic or inspirational events, or perhaps even on a spiritual retreat. The key is for you to feel emotionally safe and in tune with your partner. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES



"If we could be twice young and twice old we could correct all our mistakes."
 -- Euripides Ancient Greek Playwright

Mars

The planet Mars tells you about your assertion and drive for the year. It depicts what motivates you in the current year, and what desires drive you most powerfully. Are you ambitious for professional power, or do you desire a meaningful relationship? Are you likely to be highly motivated, or perhaps ready to sit back and cruise for a while? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in your birthday chart.

Mars is in the 10th House

You are keen to take action to achieve your life-long goals. If you have been settling for second best in your career, now you are likely to challenge authority. If you are self-employed then you may employ an adviser, or take a different direction on your own accord. If you are an employee then you are likely to lay down your demands before your boss and expect them to be met. If your boss does not come to the party, then you are likely to seek other employment, or perhaps even defy authority and resign on the spot. There is a famous line in the movie "The Network". Actor Peter Finch says, "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" This is likely to be your motto, if any one blocks your path. At times your career may feel a bit like a battlefield, as you vie for either your own autonomy, or top position. You are arming yourself, gathering allies and ready to march on in your professional life. You may feel a bit driven this year, a kind of "now or never" feeling. As such you may over react at times, but you are focussed on winning the war, not the battle, and so your far-reaching goals are likely to help stabilize your plans. It is also possible that you get married this year, either a long term lover or actively seek someone suitable for marriage. If marriage or parenthood has been a life-long goal then you are keen to fulfil this ambition. It is true that the time is right for you to instigate changes that have long term benefits, but you also need to be wary of making rash decisions that have long-reaching consequences. You are on a quest for your own fulfilment, but remember that others can be co-opted to help you achieve your ambitions, rather than alienated along the way.

Uranus

The planet Uranus is one of disclosure. It reveals the areas that you need to change during the course of your birthday year. If you are the type of person who anticipates and embraces new experiences then you are likely to delight in the challenges, and instigate a few of your own in the area highlighted by this unpredictable planet. If you tend to prevaricate, preferring the comfort on known situations, then you are likely to be in for a few surprises. This erratic planet does not recognise safety and security. Its task is to help you to grow beyond your limitations. You can either accept or resist the challenge and see what happens as a result.

Uranus is in the 12th House

This is a year of personal discovery. Others may not realise the deeply personal transition that is occurring within you right now. It is almost as if you have a secret life. Everything may appear to be carrying on as usual, but you are exploring your inner world in strange and unexpected ways. You may consult psychics, healers, astrologers and other such metaphysical practitioners in order to help you understand some of the deeper matters that are on your mind right now. It is also possible that you experience strange and inexplicable encounters with mystics. Symbolism plays an important role in your life this year. As you delve into your psyche, you may surprise others, and yourself, by instigating some sudden changes during the course of the year. These could appear to be bolts from the blue, but you know that you have been dwelling on these changes for some time. You would be wise to bear in mind that others have not been privy to your inner machinations and therefore are likely to be taken completely by surprise. Therefore you may need to employ some patience and compassion, step up your communication skills and give them time to catch their breath and adjust to your new proposals. If you have been asking for a miracle in some area of your life then this is the year when an unexpected solution can occur, a breakthrough that does indeed appear to be a miracle. Of course, whenever anyone appears to be an overnight success there are usually years of hard work that have been previously unrecognised. This may also be the case for you, however; this is your year to conduct your affairs privately whenever possible without seeking the limelight. The aim is to seek personal enlightenment, not recognition from society. This is an excellent year for conducting a little soul searching, digging deep for solutions to outstanding problems, and enjoy the challenges that arise as a result of your new realisations.

Pluto

Peace can be deceptive. True peace comes when life is balanced, when you are living true to yourself and are sincerely happy with your life choices. You respect other people and assert your own needs and wishes, and live your life with integrity. Sometimes it appears that your life is peaceful, but you are really just sweeping things under the proverbial carpet, keeping the peace by swallowing your own needs or biding your time until events or people force you to make the necessary changes. You can be assured that the powerful planet Pluto will shine a bright light in one or more areas of your birthday chart and you will see your own process very clearly. If you are living your life true to yourself then you are likely to reap benefits from this planet of transformation. However, if you have been dodging the truth then events or people are likely to change.

Pluto is in the 9th House

Did you think that you had learnt all that you could in life? Were you happy with your level of knowledge and the beliefs that you had garnered from your life's journey? Or were you feeling a little staid and bored? Well the powerful planet Pluto is now urging you to do a little soul-searching and discover renewed passion and purpose. This year you are likely to spend some time either discovering, or working consciously, towards your "calling". This is a year of renewal. You may be a tad obsessive in pursuing your aspirations, but hopefully you can balance the need to shoulder your responsibilities with your yearning for more meaning and purpose. Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. If you enjoy a challenge then you are likely to enjoy this year. It will be anything but boring. It is time for you to rethink your beliefs, discard anything that is holding you back and embrace new certainties. These truths could be literal or metaphysical. On a literal level you may decide to return to study a subject of interest, something that inspires you and lifts you out of your everyday concerns into higher realms. This could be anything that expands your knowledge of the world at large. On the other hand you may now be challenged to take an

even bigger leap of faith into spiritual realms. If you have firm religious beliefs, you may undergo a period of doubt. Possibly you are challenged to change your religious beliefs, to dig deeper. Doubts arise and you are challenged to search for your true faith. You may read rapaciously, travel to unexplored territories, and experiment with hitherto unexplored ideas. The underlying motivating force is that in some way, shape or form you are aware that something is missing from your way of life and you are eager to get on the right path, to explore your true purpose.

It is possible that a stressful event has triggered your need to explore the bigger picture. For instance losing a job may force you to reassess your life and take a different approach or follow a different path. This is the ideal year to let serendipity have an influence. Go with the flow and enjoy the opportunities that arise, even if at first they seem adverse. Follow the example of the attitude of Australian businessman Alan Bond, who went bankrupt and served time in prison for deceiving receivers of his corporation. He said, *"I found that in prison that I had more time to read the Bible, I had more time to contemplate life, and more time to look upon my fellow man. And I worked very hard during the period in there to help other people in the same situation."*

Chiron

This section also includes Chiron, an enigmatic point in your Birth Chart. Chiron is known as the Wounded Healer and tells of areas that may trigger some feelings of hurt, present or past. Chiron is also a teacher and shows where you can heal and grow as a person. This could be physical, emotional or spiritual growth.

Chiron is in the 11th House

When Chiron, the wounded healer, lands in the 11th House of your Solar Return it usually indicates an opportunity to heal a friendship, or to join a support group. Occasionally, it can also indicate a hurtful experience with a friend. Either way, this is your year to seek support from friends, particularly if you are going through a rough time. True friends support you when you experience pain and hardship. Of course, they celebrate the good times, but they also need to help you face the hard ones. This is your year to face the truth of your friendships. It's also possible that a friend from the past reappears, wanting to reconnect, or with an apology. If you feel that your friend is sincere, and has taken 100 per cent responsibility, then you may be ready to forgive, and move on. You need to listen to your intuition. Sincerity in friendships is what is required this year. You need alliances, people in your corner. If you are unsure of your support groups, then perhaps you would benefit from taking a trip down memory lane. How did you feel in your early childhood? Were your school day friendships positive? Perhaps you have some healing to do. You may also be the one who is called on to help a friend in need. Either way, this is a profound year during which you can forge positive and meaningful attachments.

THIS YEAR'S LESSONS



"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time."

-- Jean Paul Richter German Writer

Mercury

The planet Mercury helps you plan your year ahead. The Messenger of the Gods in a Solar Return chart indicates whether or not you are encouraged to forge ahead with your plans, or perhaps better advised to wait another year before moving ahead. This is particularly true for any area of your life connected with communications, study, business and transport.

Mercury is in the 12th House

There are undercurrents in your life right now that you may not be aware of. Depending on other aspects of your astrology these may come to light during the year. They can be connected to your home life, work, or hobbies. Someone or something is not as it seems, not acting in your best interests. Your lesson is to keep your thoughts to yourself and act with integrity in all areas of your life. If you do not know it already, then your lesson is to realize that you cannot control other people's behaviour. Contemplation is the key. Go with the flow for your own peace of mind. Think of swimmers who get caught by an undertow. The experts advise them to relax and go with the current rather than try to swim against it and fight it. The advice is the same for you during this year. Change what you can, and let go of the rest. If you speak up now you may say the wrong thing, so silence is your friend. Of course, you don't want to keep quiet at the expense of your own mental health, but you are advised to think carefully before expressing your thoughts, particularly if they are negative. It is time to take a back seat, specifically if you have been busy and mentally overloaded. If you continue to push yourself, then you are likely to become tense, perhaps even distressed, and alienate others. Solitude can be healing this year. On a positive note this is the ideal year for rest and relaxation and pursuing activities that promote tranquillity. Yoga, meditation, tai chi and other such practices are beneficial. You can also benefit from focusing on an imaginative or philanthropic project. If you have always longed to write your memoirs, an epic novel or a symphony then this is your year. Likewise if you have longed to go on a remote retreat, start making plans. This is your year for seclusion, recuperation and restoration.

Mercury is in Taurus

This is a year of commitment. You are likely to commit to a plan of action, or make a promise to another person. You have the mental discipline to carry through on your promises. Others are likely to notice your responsible attitude and your reputation benefits. You deservedly gain their respect by doing your duty. Your responsibilities may increase during the course of the year as you are entrusted with more tasks connected with speaking, negotiating or writing. You know when to speak and when to remain silent. You choose your

words more carefully than usual. The sensible earth sign in which the planet of Mercury resides also indicates a degree of stubborn thinking. You need to make sure that you are not too set in your thoughts, and that you remain open to new ideas. You excel in any situation that requires common sense and logic, but reason does not always apply. Your strength this year is in being able to apply mental discipline to activities such as accounting, computer encoding, intricate craftwork, and other such areas. Your thoughts, and consequently choice of activities, are likely to be more practical than altruistic right now. Your lesson may be to see the value in the arts, and to note that human beings are not often logical. You need to make sure that you are able to offer calm reassurance in tricky situations, rather than a superior rational approach to communications. Nevertheless your application skills are excellent, and you have the ability to methodically master any tasks that are set, and to communicate patiently and wisely to friends, family and associates.

Mercury is Sextile Venus

In many ways this is a good news year. Even if you are facing some challenges you have the self-confidence and the support to rise above your difficulties, make plans and decisions that are in your best interest. Ask and you shall receive. Your friend, family and colleagues are likely to help you this year. As you make improvements in your lifestyle, decisions that change your course, you discover that offers of love, support and even money may come your way. You need only decide what you most desire and then announce your plans, and the rest follows. It is time to make your fortune. All may not turn out exactly as you had planned, but you can trust that the results will be to your liking. For instance you lose your job only to be offered an exciting opportunity with even better conditions and financial remuneration. You may be unmarried, planning your life as a single person. You are fully prepared to go solo, and then you meet someone and strike up a romance. Life as you know it changes, but for the better as you incorporate your lover into your life. Romance is a distinct possibility for singles this year, and you may fall in love and make a commitment before the year is out. You may also receive a financial gift. "Fortune favours the brave", as the saying goes, so don't hesitate to make the most of the opportunities that spark your passion.

Jupiter

The planet Jupiter tells you about the opportunities and benefits that arise during the course of the year. Good news, new prospects and a sense of wellbeing are associated with this beneficial planet.

Jupiter is in the 11th House

There's a popular song that has a line "I'll get by with a little help from my friends", and this could be your theme song this year. You've the ability to attract many true and fortunate friends this year, some who hold prominent positions in society. Your friends do their best to support you emotionally, and perhaps even financially, so that you can achieve your life goals. This is fortunate because you've high hopes of achieving success in your life. You're popular amongst your friends, a real social success, and the resulting benefits are considerable. You also like to belong to groups of like-minded people, and these associations can also prove beneficial. Whether you realise it or not, your optimism and cheerfulness are an inspiration to your friends, and they too can benefit from their association with you. It is possible that you enjoy an adventure or two with your friends this year, venturing in to new places, activities and situations. Social clubs, support groups, schools, and community organizations may appeal to you, expanding your horizons in ways you hadn't thought possible. This is your chance to explore your hopes, dreams and wishes, and surround yourself with associates who support your dreams.

Saturn

Timing is an important aspect of life. People often comment on being in the right place at the right time. The planet Saturn can support us when it comes to timing. Is the time right to take up a new venture, or would we be better advised to shoulder our current responsibilities for a little longer? These are the types of questions that the nature of the planet Saturn can reveal when reading a Solar Return chart.

Saturn is in the 10th House

Actor Gary Sinise says, *“Careers, like rockets, don't always take off on schedule. The key is to keep working the engines.”* This is your year to work the engines. In other words you focus on the tasks that need to be done to fulfil your professional duties, but you are unlikely to be involved in anything glamorous. Step by step you work towards your professional goals, but this is a year of commitment and accountability. In some cases, you may alter your career path, but this is unlikely to be an overnight change. You may start or complete a course of study, or sit an examination that later has benefits for your career, but right now is just a step in the right direction. This year you are likely to adjust your expectations, renew your commitment to your goals or take practical steps towards career fulfilment. It is also possible that you change jobs, but not career paths. You may also take a step in a different direction within the same career. For instance you may work as a hairdresser in a thriving business. As your tasks and duties change and grow, you realize that you could benefit from running your own business rather than working for someone else. As a result you may start to pursue this line of thought, seeking information about small businesses, employment rates and taxes. Even if you do not go ahead with the change, you are prepared to do so one day when the time is right. You have done your homework this year. In some cases the change indicated can be that you move from one location to another, seeking employment in your new setting. If you do make the changes now, then you are likely to succeed, but they are likely to require more duties and longer working hours. This is true no matter where you work, or whether you change jobs or not. This is your year to be dependable, stable, accountable and trustworthy - to “work the engines”.

Saturn is Trine The Ascendant

The planet of responsibility is placed prominently in your birthday chart indicating that conscientiousness is currently a major theme. You may be working towards achieving a particular goal at work or home, with others relying on you to complete the task. You may have to be more reserved at the moment, holding back the reins on your own needs, as you tend to someone else's. Shouldering responsibilities can be tiring and isolating, however, it can also be satisfying when a job well done is finished. Remain focussed on what can be achieved without becoming a martyr to your own or other people's expectations and you are likely to be rewarded with a real sense of achievement towards the end of your birthday year.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY



"Sow a thought, and you reap an act;/ Sow an act, and you reap a habit;/ Sow a habit, and you reap a character;/ Sow a character, and you reap a destiny."

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

Neptune

The planet Neptune represents all that is ethereal in our world, and challenges us to develop qualities such as faith, hope and love even in the face of adversity. Under the influence of Neptune we can soar to great inspirational heights, however; if we are not careful then we can also sink into despair and disillusionment. The test is to look beyond the superficial and find meaning in our lives. The planet Neptune in our annual chart can indicate where to look.

Neptune is in the 11th House

This is your year to discover the art of true friendship. Gradually through the course of the year you understand the worth of friendship, what it means to give and receive. You may enjoy some sublime moments of happiness in the company of your friends, as well as some instances of sorrow. This year is also the year of disclosure when it comes to friends. Your friends may disclose secrets, and share some of your private thoughts and memories. Over the course of the year you are likely to become more aware of your own expectations of friends, how individuals support you, and your role in certain social circles. You may be sensitive to the needs of your friends, but also wary of anyone who tries to use or abuse you. You are more aware of the underlying motives of your friends and associates than you have been in previous times. Gradually you understand that appearances can be deceptive and some associates are self-seeking, taking advantage of your good nature, while others are truly loving and supportive friends. You are seeking more cosmic connections, bonds that are lasting and honourable, soul mates, if you like. As a result you may say farewell to some friends, as the realisation dawns that they are not as loyal or loving as you would wish. It is also possible that you are moving away from one group of friends, as your interests shift. True friendship will abide through the other variations in your life, as they are spiritual bonds that stand the test of time. You may seek new friendships within an artistic community, spiritual group, or philanthropic organization. This is also likely to be part of your search for meaning in your life. You may have a few broken dreams from the recent past. This year to seek new hopes, dreams and wishes, or you may be ready to bring to life dreams that you held long ago.

The North Node

The Nodes highlight the areas of your year that are destined to occur no matter what you do. When you look back on your life you can see moments when the coincidences just seemed too uncanny - a chance meeting, a phone call out of the blue or an instant of being in the right place at the right time. The Nodes can give hints of which areas of your life are attracting the Fates attention right now.

The North Node is in the 12th House

This year's journey is likely to be one which requires inward self-reflection, rather than starring on a public stage. This could be because you are working behind the scenes on a major project, or because you are re-organising an area of your life. It is possible that you are required to sacrifice your own wish to be in the limelight in order to tend to the needs and cares of others. You may enjoy taking a back seat, working quietly towards a more public role in the next period of your life. If you are a worldly person then right now you need to explore the spiritual realms. It is time to look behind the superficial, and delve into the meaning that lies beneath. An event may trigger soul-searching. It is important that you avoid sacrificing yourself needlessly, however; it is equally important that you do not put your own needs on hold at times for the benefit of other people. If you push too hard for your own way then you are likely to sabotage your own success, and alienate those who care about you. This is your year to slowly but surely walk a path that helps you reflect your true nature, and a higher purpose. This is your year to be more receptive to growth and understanding.

The North Node is Square Saturn

This is a year in which both loneliness and happiness call at your door. You are destined to cope with some of the year's events on your own, but there is a happy ending as you face your challenges with courage and determination. One door is destined to close right now and you can be sure that another will slowly open. If you are unsure of the road ahead, take heart knowing that you are fated to overcome your fears and move forward. Some might say that this is a year in which you are dealing with karma, as the planet Saturn is considered the Lord of Karma. This may involve responsibilities for caring for make decisions responsibly and with integrity then you can grow and learn and make steady progress in completing one chapter of your life before beginning another.

The North Node is Sextile Neptune

Life is a bit of a magical, mystery tour for you this year, taking you out of your usual routine and into unknown realms. This can be exciting if you have been bored, stuck in a rut. Alternatively, you may be a little disoriented. It is possible that you have fallen in love with a person or a project, but you are unsure of where it is heading. If this is the case, then you need to make sure that you don't lose your own sense of direction. You need to focus as much as possible on your intuition, your faith in the highest good and your knowledge of the spiritual laws. In short listen to your heart. In fact you may be presented with an opportunity to join a spiritual or artistic group that subtly changes the course of your life. This can be a healing, and soothing time, if you go with the flow rather than try to control the situation. Destiny will deal its hands no matter how much you try to interfere, so sit back and enjoy the ride.

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