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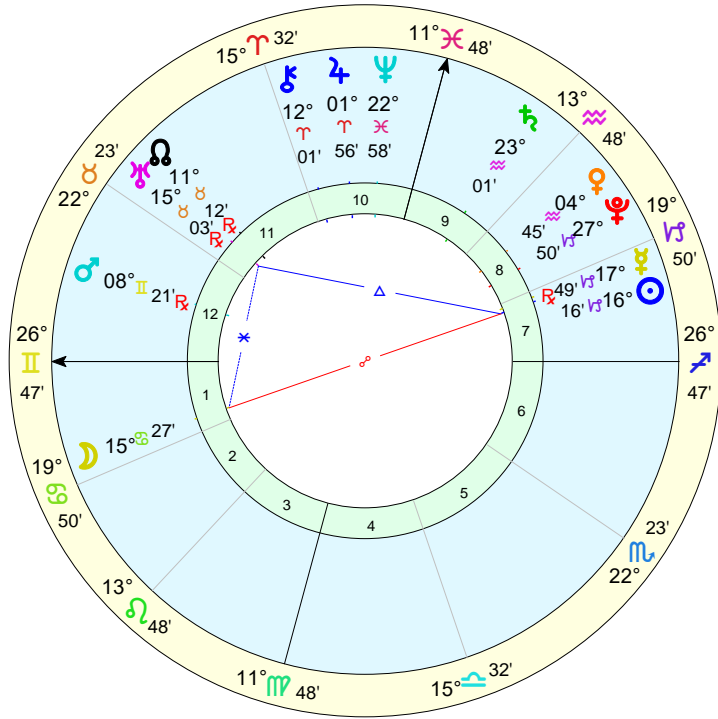
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Introduction



"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 7th House

Marriage and commitment are the major theme of this year. If you are single then you are likely to meet a potentially life-changing partner. This is not just fun and romance, but someone with whom you would like to share your life. If you are already in a relationship, then you are likely to focus more on your partner, or perhaps make a more serious commitment. It is also possible that you end a serious relationship this year, but it is more likely that your focus is on co-operation and union rather than separation. You are keen to make plans and share experiences with a partner. This can also involve business partners. You may enter into a legal agreement with a personal or business partner. Either way this is likely to change the course of your life.

Ancient astrologers say that favours and rewards come through your associates this year. You certainly enjoy intertwining your life with key people. As a result they appreciate your co-operation. Teamwork provides many blessings for you. This, of course, does depend somewhat on other aspects of your astrology chart, but you are more likely to benefit from partnerships, rather than be at a disadvantage. Nevertheless you would be well advised to pay attention to anything that is legally binding. Make sure that you talk through all of the consequences of any promises made to personal or business partners. This will stand you in good stead for next year when you need to focus more on your own personal or creative life.

3rd 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 third house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with your local community. Your mind is active and one of your themes this year may be connected to your immediate environment. For instance you may have decisions to make regarding your neighbourhood, and questions about whether or not you are happy in your neighbourhood. You may consider the possibility of moving to a different neighbourhood. Schooling, either your own or someone else's, may be a point of discussion. Planning, writing, talking, discussing, arguing, and making decisions are likely to keep you busy this year.

The Sun is Opposite The Moon

One way or another this is a memorable year. One chapter of your life is closing and the next is about to begin. You may find the changes disconcerting, or downright troubling. However, you can be reassured that when you look back on this year in the future then you will be able to view the changes in a more positive light. Right now your feelings are more intense, and are threatening your peace and happiness. This is because you are being urged to move out of your comfort zone so that you can accept new challenges. The area of your life most affected by this is depicted in other areas of your birthday chart. However, you can be sure that your home and family are likely to be involved, whether you want them to be or not.

This is the year in which you need to face some emotional truths and make changes that enhance your health and happiness. In some cases your health may suffer if you don't make the necessary adjustments. It is important that you let go of unnecessary emotional burdens, particularly hurtful memories, abusive relationships, and unhealthy habits. This is your year for a healthy makeover on an emotional and physical level. If you don't address the people and the circumstances that are upsetting you or holding you back then you may miss chances to welcome new and exciting lifestyle changes. You may feel overburdened and depressed rather than safe and happy. Don't let your emotions rule your actions or thoughts. Understand that you are changing and that this can be a little unnerving. Eventually it can also be liberating. Right now it is important that you listen to your own heart and use your thoughts positively and build your strength. In some ways you may feel like you are under siege. If this is the case then prepare yourself as you would for battle. Make sure that you are as healthy as you can be, fortify your emotions with positive self-talk, and focus on your own values and beliefs to help you win the revolution. You are then likely to become more eager to embrace your new lifestyle and you start to recognize friends and foes. You see your life in a different light. Those who you thought were friendly may not be as supportive as you thought. You may find that some of your associates are subconsciously trying to hold you back. The changes that you are undergoing may threaten your loved ones, or spark jealousy. Others may simply love you to the best of their ability, not recognizing their own need to see you in a certain light. However, you may feel let down by your loved ones, held back and unsupported, however; you can find the emotional strength to rely on your own resources. It is up to you to become the leading man or lady in the story that is your life. As you move forward you discover renewed vitality, a sense of carrying a lighter load and a wondrous feeling that a whole new episode of your life is about to start with a clean slate.

The Sun is Conjunct Mercury

"Change" is the key word for you this year. The Oxford English dictionary describes the noun "change" as, *"the action of changing, an instance of becoming different."* The dictionary goes on to describe phrases that involve "change", *"To change hands - (of a*

business or building) pass to a different owner. A change is as good as a rest - proverb a change of work or occupation can be as refreshing as a period of relaxation. To change one's tune - express a very different attitude. For a change - contrary to how things usually happen." All of these things are themes in your life this year. You may be restless, eager to change your life, or you could be fretful concerned about the impending differences. Either way change is inevitable. You receive news of changes, or perhaps you see the writing on the wall and take action yourself. This usually follows some introspection in which you consider all of your options, weighing up the pros and cons. You may also talk to friends, family and colleagues about your ideas, the ways in which you would like to do things different and decisions that you need to make. The other parts of this section indicate which areas of your life are likely to transform. You are probably best advised to go with the flow, taking action when you can and garnering as much support as you can if you are finding adjustments challenging. Young people may be of help, perhaps a boy child, youth or young man. Perhaps your responsibilities for someone younger help you make your own adjustments, or perhaps you are simply asked to take a young man under your wing. In some cases this can also indicated young women (depending on other aspects of your birth chart). Either way your care taking role is likely to help you understand yourself and your own situation better and once again may instigate a change of heart or mind. On the whole you are likely to gain many insights this year, perhaps even come to terms with how things have changed in your life, and then alter your opinions and beliefs. As a result you are free to enter a new chapter of your life with fresh vigour.

The Sun is Trine Uranus

When the Sun and the planet Uranus 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 unconventional Uranus has on your life right now. Quite simply the message is: "expected the unexpected". This is a strange and erratic year during which anything goes, and you are well advised to go with the flow. Everything is likely to be a little topsy-turvy. If you are the type of person who usually races to get on the newest and most frightening rides at the fairground, then you are likely to have the time of your life this year. However, other mere mortals are likely to feel a little fretful and out-of-kilter as the year progresses. Right now you may be a little nervy. Sudden events can catapult you into an entirely different life; one that you hadn't even suspected would be around the corner. An eccentric benefactor may unexpectedly appear and offer you a range of exciting new possibilities. If you have heard of the saying, "careful what you wish for", then it is a little too late because wishes that you have made in the past may suddenly come true. On the positive side of the ledger you may be delighted and surprised as you attract a new and exciting lover, a financial windfall or an unexpected pregnancy. So don't panic. Try to see your life as an exciting adventure and be thankful. By the end of the year you may be able to make senses of the changes that have occurred in your life, and the newfound freedom that these have brought with them. This is your opportunity to break out of any old restricting habits, to express your unique talents and to shine as your true self.

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 1st House

You are in for a bit of a roller coaster ride as far as your feelings are concerned this year. On the positive side this can be an exciting year during which you experience a real sense of renewal. Past hurts can be healed as you assess the role of your feelings in your own life, as well as the impact of those feelings on other people. It may be difficult for you to be objective about many things. Your feelings are close to the surface and your own personal happiness is foremost in your mind. As a result you may be somewhat self-centred, focussed only on your own well being rather than the welfare of others. If you are a naturally caring person then this could be the year in which you reassess your feelings for your loved ones. Am I really taking care of myself? Am I focusing too much on the needs of others? Do my loved ones really support me? These are just a couple of the questions that are likely to surface. The focus is on how you feel about yourself. As feelings bubble to the surface you need to find an appropriate outlet. Expressing yourself through the arts or a new physical activity may provide a positive channel for each newly discovered feeling. As a result you can more readily examine your feelings and make appropriate choices, rather than react. An event may trigger an emotional reaction during the course of the year. This event may force you to see yourself differently, to feel differently about yourself. It is time to nurture you. Kindness and self-care are vital during this year. Soothing activities can really help bolster your self-esteem and give you a new sense of vitality. If you become too emotionally charged

then you are likely to overload your adrenals and suffer from fatigue and despondency. You are better advised to allow appropriate emotions to surface and cleanse your body and soul. The more that you embrace your own feelings and recognize the impact of them on other people, then the more that you are likely to gain in self-understanding at a deep level. In turn this will spur you to discover a new sense of purpose. The aim is to enable a new sense of self to emerge by your next birthday.

The Moon is in Cancer

The element of Water indicates that this is a rich emotional year for you. This is the ideal time to reach out to loved ones, share their trials and tribulations and reveal your own true feelings. It is a privilege to share the pains and joys of the lives of loved ones, even if at times you feel a little overwhelmed. This is a time to go with the flow in personal matters. Let your imagination flow. Your sensitivity and warmth are key factors right now.

Your birthday Moon is in the nurturing sign of Cancer, indicating that you are strongly influenced by your family, in particular female relatives. Perhaps someone close to you needs some extra tender loving care this year. You may be required, for a short period, to nurture a loved one through an illness or an emotional upset. On a more positive note you may also enjoy a change of scenery by visiting a family member, or travelling with a favoured female companion. Whatever the scenario, your private life is changing as you are coming to terms with your own personal needs and those of loved ones. You may literally act like the crab that is representative of the sign of Cancer and pick up your home and move. On the other hand you may redecorate your home, expand your family by asking a family member to stay in your home, welcome visitors or visit family, say good-bye as an adult child leaves home, or welcome the birth of a new child. You may also decide to get a pet. It is the ideal time to reflect on your home comforts and make the changes that improve the lifestyles of you and your loved ones.

The Moon is Sextile Uranus

When someone gives you a wake-up call, do you like it? Are you grateful that someone is caring and brave enough to tell you the truth and shake you out of your complacency? Do you welcome friends and family who are independent thinkers and let you know what they think? Do you like sudden surprising events? Let's hope so because this is a year in which you are likely to receive a wake-up call in your personal life, one that catapults you out of your comfort zone. A person or an event sparks a change in your domestic life. Your emotions are aroused. You may fall in love with an exciting lover, or you may be drawn to a new habitat. You are impulsive, likely to react to loved ones, move to a new location, or take personal risks. If you are the sort of person who welcomes change then this could be an intoxicating year, one that propels you forward in your personal growth. You may feel exhilarated, ready for the stimulation. However, if you prefer stability in your private life then you could find this year a bit tense. You may be fearful, worrying what is around the corner, or concerned about how you are going to cope. If you think of a roller coaster ride at a fun fare and try to go with the flow then you are more likely to enjoy the ride. If you resist then you could become fretful and fearful. Once again, if you take a deep breath and try to enjoy the ride then you are more likely to make the most of this awakening. For those of you who are spiritually minded you could think of this as a year of a kundalini awakening. The experiences that you have in your personal life this year are likely to teach you valuable lessons. This is not the type of experience that comes from reading books, or sitting in front of the television. As Frank Herbert says, *"without change, something sleeps inside us, and seldom awakens. The sleeper must awaken."* So if you have always wanted to dance, sing, fly or pursue any creative activity

this is your year to give it a go. Opportunities may unexpectedly arise for you to engage in dormant creative talents, or to try your hand at something new. So trust your instincts, make the most of the opportunities that come your way, and you may be amazed with the results.

Venus

The planet Venus sheds light on the personal areas of love and finance in the forthcoming year. This planet of love tells you whether or not personal relationships are likely to be prominent during the year. 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 8th House

Hidden forces affect your love life and your finances this year. When it comes to your love life you are about to come face to face with your own strong feelings in regards to an intimate relationship. If you are single then you are likely to feel a magnetic attraction to someone else. For inexplicable reasons you are drawn to this person. Whether or not you pursue a sexual relationship, you are likely to seriously question your own needs and desires when it comes to marriage and commitment. In some way this person represents hidden desires within your own psyche. It is up to you to face your own fears and move forward on your own journey. This could mean facing a fear of intimacy and making a joyous commitment, or it could mean turning away from a less than desirable relationship that is simply a balm for a fear of loneliness. If you are married then this year is likely to see a change of direction based on your own or your partner's desires. Underlying tension may arise as you and your spouse tackle previously suppressed feelings. Questions surrounding the sharing of material resources are also likely to arise. Initially you may feel caught between two worlds as you realize that this relationship and your current situation needs to change, yet are unsure how to move forward. Money matters may be contentious. You need to proceed with caution both emotionally and financially. Imagine that your current problem is like a large ball of tangled twine. You need patience as you untangle the twine, piece by piece. Eventually with persistence, you are elated by your ability to resolve a problem with useful results. The same can be said for your love life, and money matters. Ancient astrologers consider the planet Venus to have a positive influence. Therefore you are likely to benefit from any resulting changes that can be achieved by your investment of time and money in important matters. You may also receive an expected monetary gift such as a lottery win, profit on an investment, a tax return or an inheritance. You are likely to invest this windfall in something that gives you and your loved ones pleasure, an artistic work or project, or perhaps in redecorating your home.

In some ways the earth's seasons may be having a profound effect on your life right now. You seek pleasure and comfort through heat or cold. If you are a person who loves the heat, then you are likely to take a vacation in warmer climates, and may be tempted to make the move more permanent. If you are oppressed by heat then you may take a holiday or migrate to colder climes. The same can be said for city and country folk, and beach and mountain lovers. This is your opportunity to take a risk, to discover where you belong, and enjoy the pleasures of nature.

Venus is in Aquarius

The planet of love is in an Air sign this year indicating that you seek stimulation in love

and money matters. Generally speaking you are open to ideas and eager to communicate, rather than stagnate when it comes to love and money. You may be interested in speculation, although perhaps not ready to make a commitment to a particular person or course of action. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to someone who stimulates your mind. You quickly dismiss anyone who bores you. If you are attached, then you are looking for open lines of communication. You want to create quality time during which both of you can talk. If your need for stimulation is not met this year, then you are likely to feel restless. 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 12th House

This year you are the servant, not the master. Depending on aspects of your personality this may be easy or difficult to accept. Either way if you are encouraged to take a backseat this year, rather than take on prominent responsibilities. If you cannot avoid a leadership role, then you need to tread warily or you could become the target for other people's dissatisfaction with their own lives, or with someone else in a leadership position. For instance, you may be the second person in the chain of command, but you are in the unenviable position of being the run-about for the boss and the brunt of the team's complaints. You would be better off avoiding responsibilities that can damage your reputation in favor of pursuing more selfless work. For instance, you may enjoy working in isolation on a creative, charitable or manual project. You may also gain satisfaction from a more contemplative lifestyle this year. If you are feeling aimless and lost, voluntary work could be beneficial, helping you gain a new sense of direction and feel like you are contributing, particularly if you are out of paid work right now.

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 11th House

When the planet of change sits in the friendship sector of your annual chart then the obvious meaning is that your social circle is altering. Perhaps an event in your life, such as a new relationship or relocation, has triggered this shift in your social life. If this is the case then you may encounter some resistance from your old contacts, however; you are sure to recognise true friends as the ones who support your decisions, accepting your right to make independent decisions. It is also possible that you have changed your interests and old friends are no longer in frequent contact. You may also be interested in joining a new and creative group this year. For instance you may begin astrology classes, or join an environmental association, or an inventors club. This is your opportunity to ensure that you have a social life that upholds you in an authentic way. It is time to strip any social facades and live your life surrounded by like-minded individuals who value the real you. This also enables you to re-evaluate your hopes, dreams and wishes. Dreams are important motivators in life. If you are unsure of yours then have some fun exploring different options. You don't have to commit yourself. Dabble by joining a series of classes, groups or clubs. Travel to a theme park and stimulate your dreams. Dreams do come true, but you need to explore your options rather than opting for the status quo. There is a difference between enjoying times on your own, and being lonely. It is time for you to delight in your own company, to attract fun and supportive friends, and to dream the impossible dreams.

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 8th House

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the area of investments and joint resources. Any investment that you have is likely to be challenged this year. On a positive note it is possible that long-term financial or property investments pay dividends this year. Business ventures may bring good fortune. You may even inherit a large amount of money. The extent to which you reap the benefits of joint resources depends largely on how you have been handling your involvement with other people and money. If you have

been acting with integrity then you are more likely to reap rewards. It is also possible that you have been saving for something of great value and now you finally have the resources to purchase. Perhaps you invest in a house, car, business or even an overseas trip. It is more likely that any overseas travel would be as a result of a business investment or a life or death matter. For instance perhaps you are keen to visit an aging parent, or grandparent. If you have been trying to cut corners in your investments or business ventures then this is the year when you are discovered, and pay the consequences. Tax assessments and audits could occur this year.

The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. You are being challenged to see the truth about money and investments, and in some cases sexuality. Any way in which you share resources with another person comes under scrutiny. If you are single then you may instigate changes that challenge the way in which you handle your finances. You no longer have just yourself to consider, but rather you need to take into account someone else's monetary situation. This could have advantages, or perhaps be a challenge. If you are already married then any shared finances with your spouse are likely to change. It is also possible that a separation or divorce may trigger a change in your financial outlook. Whatever the scenario in your life, it is best not to resist the strong force of these changes. Resisting is likely to create tension, which ultimately may break the bank, so to speak. You would be better advised to reflect on new possibilities and work co-operatively to increase your wealth. Be wary of investing large amounts of money in untested schemes. If you take a risk you may be in danger of losing. Test any investment schemes, business ventures or potential markets thoroughly before going ahead. You may benefit from consulting a trusted financial advisor.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now in the area of joint finances. What does this mean? One dictionary describes "power" as, *"the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness."* In other words make sure that any financial investments or business matters are being dealt with in a co-operative rather than a forceful manner. Force is likely to alienate others and does not serve you well in the long run. If you are in business make sure that you honour any contracts, pay all employees and run your business within the confines of the law.

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 7th House

Love and all that is connected to love is highlighted right now. If you are single then you may meet someone new and intellectually stimulating, perhaps even two new people. While your mental connection is powerful, you need to ensure that you also feel an emotional bond. Otherwise you may feel torn between wanting to share your life with this person, and wondering if it will last because deep down you realize that an important issue is not going to satisfy you in the long term. On the other hand you may be delighted with your new partner, more than willing to compromise and keen to make a commitment. Keep the communication lines open, because this is your year for decisions when it comes to life partners and marriage. In fact an imminent wedding ceremony may be the focus of many discussions and plans, as choices need to be made about flowers, serviettes, wedding cars, guest lists and all that is entailed in such a happy event. If you are already married then discussions are likely to be intense surrounding some other happy event. Perhaps you are discussing whether or not to have children, or planning your life together as your children leave home. You and your partner may spend many hours sitting around the kitchen table discussing renovation plans, or how to juggle holidays with family commitments. Perhaps a big overseas trip is on the wish list and now you have to plan the details. Whatever the happy event, your lesson is to keep conversing and remain flexible. If there are gremlins in the works and events don't go exactly to plan then don't get irritable and argue. Try to see the funny side. If you and your partner don't see eye to eye on something important then take time out, and then negotiate a compromise. The most important thing this year is that you are

learning about yourself, your relationship and your partner. As US psychologist Dr Phil McGraw says, “do you want to be right, or do you want to be happy?”

Mercury is in Capricorn

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.

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 well being are associated with this beneficial planet.

Jupiter is in the 10th House

This is your year for being in the right place at the right time when it comes to career and marriage. Follow your intuition and you are likely to find lady luck keeps turning up opportunities for you to achieve your career goals, and advance your marital status. If you are single then you could meet a person who turns your life upside down, in the nicest possible way. This is a “heart beating”, “must marry this person” type of feeling on a first meeting. If you are married then you are likely to experience a renewed sense of hope, faith and love in your marriage. Together you can conquer the world. You may travel together, or share a life-changing experience. If you are living a solitary life, then you are also likely to travel this year through some connection with your work, or perhaps to witness a loved one's wedding ceremony. Whether you are single or married, your career is likely to advance in leaps and bounds, as long as you have laid the groundwork. This is a “reap what you sow” year. If you have made foolish decisions in the past then you may have to make up ground this year. You are publicly recognised for previous achievements. The same is also true, on rare occasions, if you have been too grandiose. Your reputation is prominent, whether it is good or not so good. You can do it, and you are also aware of the valuable lessons that you have learnt. Travel, study, promotions, teaching, and golden opportunities are all possibilities in your career arena. It is up to you to make the most of the luck that comes your way rather than squander opportunities that may not come around again so quickly.

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 9th House

In its simplest form the placement of Saturn, the Lord of ambition and career, in the 9th house of foreign lands means a voyage taken for work, or working with people from other cultures. You may seek to further your career by moving to a foreign country, or perhaps you plan to attend a conference in another country, as a means of further education or promotion of your work interests. This is no vacation or joy trip. In some ways you would be better advised to stay at home and reassess your beliefs and plans, rather than travel to foreign shores. Your plans are likely to be delayed, restricted or postponed. If you do make a temporary or permanent move to a foreign country, then you need to thoroughly prepare, and ensure that you have done your homework. Likewise you may decide to do business on an international level, perhaps purchasing a business with dealings overseas. If you have any grandiose plans, then you are likely to be sorely disappointed. If you make extravagant promises then you are likely to lose the respect of your friends, family or colleagues. Likewise you would be wise to carefully consider any extravagant claims made by foreigners, or people in positions of authority. This is no high-flying, freewheeling period. The masterful planet Saturn is said to be the Lord of Karma. This means that you are currently reaping what you have sown, and you are planting seeds for the future. "Karma" is a philosophical concept, that means that people's actions create past, present, and future experiences. In other words each person is responsible for his or her own life, and the subsequent suffering or joy experienced. This year you are likely to be made well aware of this concept by a particular event or person. You reap the rewards, or suffer the consequences of past behaviour and decisions. Hence you are wiser for the experience. If you have done your professional apprenticeship, plied your trade and worked hard, then you are likely to profit professionally from any overseas connections. However, if you are just starting out then you still have a lot to learn, and you would be wise to keep your own counsel and learn from those who have more experience. If you try to force situations, big-noting yourself or making promises that you can't keep, then your professional reputation is likely to suffer. You would be better advised to seek the knowledge and experience, so that you reap the benefits later. You may decide to further your studies at a highly reputable institution. The short term benefits are likely to be minimal, whereas the long term ones are highly desirable. Your lesson is to examine your beliefs, learn what you can from different cultures, and ensure that you are living an honourable life within reasonable limits, with no pompous expectations of yourself or those around you.

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 10th House

If ambition, financial security and hard work have been the primary motivating forces in your profession then this is about to change. This is the year in which you start to look beyond the mundane and ask yourself if there is more to life than your current work. You seek more meaning in life, and particularly in your public life. It is time to question whether or not your current job really reflects your true passion. If it does then you are unlikely to make any dramatic changes to your career, or life direction. Your work may change in subtle ways, as you spend less hours at the office, or incorporate more creative or philanthropic approaches in certain areas. It is the ideal year in which to introduce a vision or mission statement into your work place, and perhaps become more benevolent or creative in your own role. You may take a temporary or permanent break making the most of long service leave, retirement, or some such scheme that enables you to slow down, recharge your batteries and return to your current work place with a new lease on life. It is always possible that you are unsure about your career right now. You may be vaguely aware of some dissatisfaction but are unable to ascertain the cause of your unrest. This also hold true for any volunteer line of work, or public office role. If you are weary without knowing why, then it is likely that you are resisting the changes that need to occur this year. Try to take note of the symbols and meaning that are like

signposts on your life's journey. You may be trying to swim against the tide, without realising why everything feels like such an effort. What would happen if you simply stopped and took time out? Would everything fall apart? If the answer is "yes" then you need to rethink why you are struggling to hold it all together. If the answer is "no" then perhaps you could indulge in a little rest and relaxation. A new perspective may energise you, and hence help you make better career decisions. You may decide that you need to change your job or career. For instance you may work in a practical job that has always proved satisfying to date, but now you find yourself dreaming of a more artistic or spiritual role. This year you can explore your opportunities and either start a course of study, or apply for a different line of work, depending on your skills. Your marital status may be playing on your mind this year. If you are living a solitary life then you may gradually come to terms with your single status, even though you ultimately yearn to join someone in holy matrimony. Perhaps you are involved with someone special but you are waiting for the right time, aware that your beloved is not quite ready for various reasons. Trust your intuition. Perhaps you are already married and your partner's career prospects are unclear, and are affecting your ability to fully settle into your own work role, or make career decisions. The opportunity that lies waiting for you this year, is the chance to slow down and really reflect on your life direction. You have the luxury of time, although you may not consider it a luxury if you are a security conscious person. You may feel quite insecure and unsure. Therefore, you need to seek solace from a higher source. If you believe in God, then pray for guidance on your career decisions. If you have different belief systems then utilize your spiritual knowledge, teachers, priests, or priestesses to help you discern your calling. A fear of abandonment can arise in all of us, but you are now being called to follow a more spiritual direction. As you revise your current professional or marital status and it changes, either through your own or other people's decisions, you can be sure that another more fulfilling option will emerge.

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 11th House

This year's journey is not one that you are likely to take on your own. It is time for you to find common ground with your friends and family. Group activities may appeal. In fact the opportunity to join a new group, cause or set of friends may cross your path. Your destiny is linked with this new group of people. If you are accustomed to spending a lot of time on your own, this year sees a change of heart. The humanitarian side of your nature is to the fore. If you are already a social being then you are fated to take a more prominent role in society. You attend a meeting and feel compelled to volunteer for an office bearer's role, or a public relations job. It is possible that other events in your life trigger a change of friendships. A new relationship may propel you into a different social circle. Whatever your personal circumstances this is the year that you are destined to discover new hopes, dreams and wishes through contact with other people.

The North Node is Sextile The Midheaven

The direction in which your life is heading takes an about turn this year. Your career, marriage, and perhaps even your home life change direction. If you are single then you

may meet someone who changes the course of your life. If you are married, then you or your spouse may make some life changing decisions. You are likely to change jobs, or professions, as a result of lessons learned this year. You are on a quest for more dignity and meaning in your public life. As a result you may make momentous decisions, meet significant mentors, or receive unexpected help to further your stance in the community. You may have to let go of as aspects of your home, or family, in order to pursue your life's calling. For instance you may need to relocate in order to accept a sought-after job. It is time to take steps to further your life's dreams.

Conclusion



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