

Solar Return 2026

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Your year, read from the sky

YOUR YEAR'S SIGNATURE

The Three Forces

The three positions that shape the year ahead



SOLAR RETURN SUN

Leo

The centre of your year



SOLAR RETURN MOON

Libra

The year's emotional weather



SOLAR RETURN ASCENDANT

Capricorn

How the year opens to you



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◆ Your Solar Return



A solar return chart is a chart erected for the time that the transiting Sun returns to the position of the natal Sun. Approximately once every year the transiting Sun goes through the entire zodiac, every degree, minute, and second of each sign. When you are born, the Sun in your natal chart has a specific position in the zodiac. This position can be measured exactly. At some point in time during each subsequent year, the transiting Sun returns to this natal position, conjuncting your natal Sun. The date and time when the conjunction occurs down to the exact second of arc is the time of the solar return chart. A chart is then calculated for that date, using the time (of the transiting Sun's return to your natal Sun's position), and your location (longitude and latitude) at the time of the conjunction.

There are many different types of solar return charts: tropical, sidereal, precessed, and nonprecessed. This report is based on research using tropical, Placidus or Koch, nonprecessed solar return charts. Interpretations are very similar to natal interpretations and this should make the material more understandable to both the professional and amateur astrologer.

The solar return chart is generally calculated for your location at the time of the Sun's return. This may occur on your birthday, or the day before or after. During leap years, it sometimes occurs two days before your birthday. If you are going to be away or traveling near your birthday, calculate the time of the Sun's return before you leave so you can note your position the exact moment of the solar return.

You can also calculate the chart for your natal birth location even if you no longer live there. The natal location solar return chart is not as definitive as the relocation solar return, but it can give you good information. The natal location solar return is like a progressed or solar arc chart; you are born with it. Therefore, a natal solar return cannot and will not reflect any free will choices you might have made regarding where you live or where you are when the sun returns. It is a good chart, but it does not mirror the whole picture, especially if you have moved a great distance.

Some individuals prefer the chart calculated for their place of residence regardless of where they are located at the time of the Sun's return. This chart can be useful also, but again, it tends to be secondary to the chart of your actual location at the time of the Sun's return to its natal zodiacal position.

Some individuals relocate for a short period of time, usually about 24 hours, to adjust the house placements of the planets in the solar return. Those who calculate the chart for where they are at the time of the transiting Sun's conjunction to the natal position sometimes travel to other locations to change the yearly interpretation. The relocation adjusts the angles and cusps, orienting the planets into different houses. The zodiacal degrees and aspects of the planets remain the same, but because of the different planetary placements different areas of life are emphasized. The free will choice to make this adjustment seems to bring this chart closest to the truth.

The significance of the solar return runs birthday to birthday with a three month overlap at the beginning and end of each year. The symbolism of the new solar return can be felt as much as three months before the birthday by very intuitive people. Usually, at this time, one becomes aware of new directions, opportunities, and problems. Many times there is even an event exactly three months before the birthday which triggers awareness and signals the beginning of the new solar return. This event is usually very much related to the new solar return and very much out of context with the old one. If you have plans to travel overseas during the three months before your birthday, do not look for the event in the old solar return even if you have been planning to take the trip all year. The old solar return will probably indicate the planning stage, but the new solar return will indicate the trip. The trip itself illustrates change, and since it occurs in the three months before your birthday, it will most likely be indicative of the new solar return chart.

On the other hand, the significance of the old solar return may not feel passé until three months after your birthday. The old themes and issues which you have worked with for the year should begin to lose their importance just as the new solar return starts to manifest itself. As your attention naturally shifts to new themes and issues, previous concerns are phased out. This is especially true if you experience a sense of completion relevant to the old tasks. However, there are times when the old solar return drags on. If you are working on a major project for the year, it may be impossible to complete it within the one year time span. If you normally procrastinate and avoid making decisions, tasks associated with the old solar return can easily last past your birthday and into the first three months of the new solar return year. Unresolved issues carried over from year to year become stumbling blocks to further advancement and development. Individuals who consistently avoid facing the real issues in their lives accumulate major problems which are very difficult to handle.

The important thing to remember about solar returns, and life experiences in general, is that they are part of a cumulative process. The more attentive and productive you are this year, the greater your options next year. The less you accomplish now, the more limited you will feel as time goes by. Unlike transits which can seem disconnected and singular, solar returns are closely aligned and can easily be viewed as building blocks, one upon the other, year after year. For this reason, each year becomes important and each task has a history and a future. The rhythmic pattern of the solar return helps us to see this.

The main transitional month for the change from the old solar return to the new solar return is the month directly preceding the birthday. Issues related to the old solar return are resolved at this time unless they drag on (as explained above), or they are part of the new solar return as well. Issues related to the new solar return become more pressing during this transitional month and are certainly full blown by the birthdate. Sometimes the new solar return simply gains strength during the three months before your birthday and sometimes it comes in with a bang on or near your birthday. Rarely does it happen that a solar return chart starts to change manifestation later in the year. Themes in the chart usually persist for the entire year, but once in a great while one new theme will appear later than expected. In every case, the new theme can be seen in the solar return chart, yet it lay there inactive for some unknown reason. An external event is the triggering mechanism used to activate this inert awareness, and the event generally occurs within the three months following the birthday. It can be hypothesized that unconscious factors help to avoid full involvement with this new issue until such time as it is associated with an external event of importance and thereafter becomes very obvious.

Planets conjunct a house cusp within a few degrees may be read in both houses. It is especially important to read outer planets in both houses since they eventually transit or retrograde into the other house, indicating dual or shifting concerns during the year. The more planets that are in a solar return house, the more emphasized that area of life will be during the coming year, especially if the Sun is one of the planets present. Four or more planets in any one house indicate a strong need to be involved with those themes and issues. But the individual may become so focused on this one area of life that perception is distorted and these themes are overemphasized. He or she may not want to think about anything else or accomplish tasks in other areas. The overloaded house becomes a symbol for obsessive preoccupation or emotional overload.

✦ The Tone of the Year: Ascendant and Midheaven

Generally speaking, the ascending sign in the solar return chart is read the same way as the ascending sign in the natal chart. The personality characteristics innate to the zodiacal placement will come through in the solar return. Those activities ruled by the natural house of the ascending sign may also be prominent. Personality changes might be subtle, but can give you a sense of direction for the coming year. Think of it as a style change. Fashions may change from one season to the next. Though you are the same person, your appearance and mannerism shift. The same is true of the solar return Ascendant. This is your chance to work with the best that each Ascending sign has to offer.



Return Ascendant in Capricorn

When the solar return Ascendant is in Capricorn, position yourself for personal and professional gain. Use whatever resources you have available and draw on the skills and talents of those around you to realize your ambition. You have leadership qualities, tactical ability, and successful strategies. Pick up the mantle of responsibility and go for the gold. On the other hand, you can be all business and no fun. Why so serious? Get a life! Others see you as cold and aloof, with beliefs so conservative, you seem ancient and out of touch.

The Midheaven in Scorpio

During this year, a transformation of your goals will occur. Your professional interests will be different, and you will set new goals for your future. These changes can be both conscious and subconscious, originating from your own desires. Generally, this influence does not provide easy changes; on the contrary, it brings certain obstacles that test your own willpower and tenacity. On the other hand, you will receive favors and support from certain friends or the general public.

If your usual work is related to medicine, chemistry, research, sciences in general, philosophy, or metaphysics, then you will have a favorable year where your knowledge and capacity will increase. If your work has nothing to do with these subjects, then you will experience different, strange, and mysterious events that will connect you with the supernatural and with the use of your intuition. It is likely that your interest in these types of subjects will increase, and you will connect with people also interested in the same.

During this year, you will be more intensely concerned with your inner or spiritual values. You may go through a critical period in which you will question things that were previously indifferent to you. Topics such as death, life after death, and other similar subjects will capture your attention.

Your home will show more solidity and stability; it will be your place of refuge and rest. If you live with other people, the only problem you might have is that you will not find all the understanding you need during this period. The people around you may be more conservative, traditional, or strict. Do not expect them to interpret your changes because yours is an internal and personal process.

In general, this influence can make you more aggressive than usual. Try to moderate your impulsiveness and your desires to impose yourself on others; this way, you will have a calmer and more positive year.

♦ Your Year at a Glance



Predominant elements: fire

There is a great similarity between the solar return with five or more cardinal planets and the one with five or more fire planets. Both charts can show a lot of activity, but there is an essential difference. Those people with cardinal solar returns and those with fire solar returns wear themselves down in different ways. Cardinal activity people tend to scatter their energy in several different directions, whether purposefully or not. They can burn themselves out trying to do too many things at once. Fire people will tend to concentrate all of their energy on one or two projects only, excluding everything else, but they can still proceed to burn themselves out through their single-minded intensity. The fire personality is like a kid with a new toy, obsessed with one project, one job, one idea, one goal, one relationship, or one particular issue. But the fire can burn too furiously and be quickly spent. The cardinal person does a little bit of everything at once and the fire person does one thing furiously for a period of time. The danger is that neither will be productive. But the option for great achievement and productivity is there when a sense of timing is coupled with enthusiasm and inspiration.

You may need to compensate for heavy activity with quiet periods and withdrawal. Realize that you tend to exert energy in an cyclic manner and allow for slow periods. Optimize times of great activity by channeling your energy into constructive pursuits. Intellectual spirituality and idealism are sometimes associated with a lot of fire plan-

ets in the solar return chart. There can be a love for the ideal or philosophical, but it is more common to simply feel inspired by future possibilities. This can be a time of great enthusiasm if you recognize your ability to create something new.

Absent elements: earth

While the preponderance of earth is generally associated with attention to financial matters, the lack of earth is more closely associated with financial limitations. Implied is a lack of money, through a loss of income, mismanagement, or self-imposed limitations. If you usually have money problems, then the lack of earth in the solar return chart can indicate increasing or continuing economic difficulties during the coming year. You may find that you have reached your credit limit and can no longer spend money without planning. You will not necessarily have employment problems also, though sometimes that is the case. The lack of earth in the solar return chart suggests a lack of attention to financial concerns which can eventually lead to significant debt and overextension.

On the other hand, this is an excellent time to budget. Those individuals who are able to set their own limits use this time to become artificially poor and live on less money than earned. The lack of earth can indicate the desire to impose a strict system for saving money toward a large purchase such as a down payment on a home. In this case, the monetary pinch comes from your own savings program and not a lack of real funds or impinging debts. You can channel your money into various projects and expenses, leaving less to play with. If you are very concerned with your future financial security, vow to do something about it now.

For some individuals, the lack of money will not be a problem. You can place a greater emphasis on intangibles and therefore money is not a top priority. The quality of life is more important than the current financial state. If you are unhappy with your job, this is a good time to quit since career satisfaction will be more important to you than the salary you are paid. You are capable of living on less.

Absent elements: water

People with a lack of water in their solar return charts may find it difficult to express emotions or respond to emotional situations in a natural way. It could be more difficult for these people to make a complete emotional circuit, one in which they are nurtured, and in turn, are able to nurture others. Some of these individuals are victims of the strong-woman or strong-man syndrome. They pride themselves on being emotionally self-sufficient and self-contained, but may be experiencing a new depth of emotion which they need time to learn how to express more openly. There is a tendency not to do so.

The third alternative is that the emotional side of life is just not a major consideration this year. This can be a time of intellectual or practical pursuits. A more rational orientation might be warranted. The danger is that the lack of emotional expression might be associated with sadness, loneliness or psychological stress, but this need not be the case. Other facets of the personality can take precedence.

Predominant mode: cardinal

This can show a year with a tremendous amount of activity (which usually amounts to too much activity). You may expend your energy in several different directions by working on a number of projects. Each of these projects will be well-defined and equated with a personal need; however, you will feel torn between all the things you want or need to do. You are trying to do too much. If you overload yourself with too many activities, you will begin to procrastinate, miss deadlines and be forced into crisis management. Your nervous system will be taxed and you will begin to make impulsive decisions with little forethought. You need to be better organized. Perhaps you should finish one project before starting another, or you should seek assistance. If you must juggle a busy schedule, learn to streamline your routine and optimize your use of time and energy.

Absent mode: mutable

The lack of mutable planets implies that you are less willing to adapt to other people or situations. You have a strong desire to be yourself and refuse to modify your personality or change your plans for others. Instead, you may expect others to adapt to your needs and idiosyncrasies. If there are conflicts, you feel others should be the ones to compromise or take corrective action. This is probably not realistic or fair to all involved. More positively, you will be able to focus on a goal or task with a single-mindedness that will help you see things to completion.



PART ONE

The Planets of Your Year



The Sun: the Heart of Your Year

The Sun is the most significant planet in the solar return chart. Its position by house shows the most emphasized area of life during the coming year, how and where you expend the greatest amount of energy. The house placement of the Sun is reflected in the interpretation of the other planets, and may be the motivating force behind their symbolism.

The Sun in the 7th house

The Sun in the 7th house indicates that relationships are more important to you than your own individual identity. You are more interested in relating to others (and possibly someone in particular) than pursuing personal goals or working alone. It is very likely that your Sun was in the solar return 1st house two years ago and in the 10th house last year. For these two years, you probably stressed independent action and self-sufficiency. This emphasis on self and self-motivated endeavors is over and now you have a strong need for companionship, sharing, and feedback. Focus on relationships, and spend time with those you love who may have been feeling neglected. Their needs seem stronger than yours and it feels right to support those who have supported you over the past two years. It may not be easy for you to shift from a self-centered orientation into a partnership commitment, but you will find that fulfillment comes from sharing and cooperation. Your greatest successes occur when working with others or through the assistance of someone else. Generally, this is not the time to do things on your own.

Relationship problems are possible. Renewing old relationships can be difficult because others may have established a pattern of getting along without you if you were too distant in the past. Hopefully, they appreciate the time you are now able to spend with them. An old and useless relationship might end during this time so that a new and rewarding one can form. Use this time for a transition to a new and exciting commitment. Generally, new relationships are of a personal nature, but occasionally the emphasis is on a business partnership. The 7th house is the house of marriage, partnerships, and strong relationships, and it is likely that you will be deeply involved in one of these types of relationships during the year.

Partnerships can be either supportive or restrictive. There isn't a guarantee that relationships will be beneficial to you, but you mold them with your responses. This is an excellent time to work with someone on a project. Consult those offering objective feedback or expert information in your field of interest. You can accomplish more through cooperation or competition than you would have accomplished on your own.

Some individuals experience this placement as restrictive, especially if they always emphasize the needs of others without considering their own needs. The Sun in the 7th house can indicate a very consuming relationship, one which totally compromises your individuality and personal needs. In this situation you become too passive, refusing to assert yourself at all, while allowing a relationship to become everything as you become nothing. You accept limitations passively, are easily imposed upon, and tend to follow, never lead. You grow more insignificant the longer you remain in this type of relationship. Most likely, you are trying to hold together an impossible partnership, one that should be ended. If you continue to bite your tongue so things will run smoothly, your own needs will not be met and the strain of meeting the needs of others will drain you.

Unless your partner is physically ill, your dedication to another should not be so demanding as to be all-consuming. Should you choose to remain in a detrimental relationship with demands this great, be aware that the situation is probably psychologically unhealthy for you and may eventually involve verbal or physical abuse. Learn the fine art of negotiation. This is not the time for complete surrender. One hand washes the other and it is through cooperation that you progress and grow. The task is to learn to compromise and share within a meaningful and fulfilling relationship. Give willingly without allowing yourself to be used.

This is the time to walk a mile in someone else's shoes and become more aware of different points of view. Be objective; most importantly, see yourself as others see you. Those with strong and difficult personalities will find it hard to relate until they correct their offensive behavior and irritating personality traits. If you are determined to get your own way, life will not run smoothly. You must consider the way you affect others. People will no longer make allowances for your behavior and it's time to clean up your act. If you can't learn to cooperate and share equally, you will have little chance for success and a greater tendency to create enemies. Correct those habits which block intimacy and sharing with others if you want to increase interpersonal gratification.

The Sun semi-square, sesquiquadrate or quincunx Venus

It's likely that some imbalances will appear in your romantic life due to unresolved past issues. Try to moderate your impulses and adopt a positive attitude towards both your partner and your social life in general. The discomfort and displeasure others cause you might be a reflection of your inner unease. This aspect generates a tendency towards comfort and a life of pleasure, causing disruptions in your routine or financial losses. Try to moderate yourself and look for a creative solution to your inner dissatisfaction.



The Moon: Your Emotional Climate

The solar return Moon seems to have two consistent themes throughout all of the houses. First and most simply, the Moon is associated with change and fluctuation according to its house position. Secondly, and probably more importantly, the Moon reflects the individual's emotional nature during the solar return year.

While we speak of the Moon as simply an indication of one's emotional nature, the actual interpretation of the Moon is more complex than simple. The Moon is not just an indicator of feelings; one's emotional nature is a multidimensional conglomeration of feelings, temperament, needs, and unconscious responses. We cannot look at the Moon as one-sided; we must study its interpretation from a number of perspectives.

The Moon represents the individual's feelings regardless of whether or not they are expressed openly. The type of feelings you have during the year can be demonstrated by the Moon's sign, position, and aspects. The Moon's sign can be important even though the Moon has essentially only nineteen placements, because it is indicative of what the individual feels during the year and how he or she is most likely to exhibit those feelings.

The major difference between an individual's feelings and basic temperament is that feelings tend to make up one's basic temperament. The word temperament implies one's overall pattern of emotional response; it is an emotional factor that remains constant regardless of the circumstances. On the other hand, feelings imply a specific emotion in response to a particular event or situation. For example, moody people have emotional swings. Their feelings change depending whether or not they are experiencing happy or sad events; however, their proclivity toward emotional highs and lows remains constant regardless of their particular mood at any point in time. Despite feelings of joy or depression, they still have a moody disposition. The solar return Moon's sign is generally very descriptive of your emotional temperament. It can suggest an array of emotional characteristics including moodiness, sensitivity, coldness, or enthusiasm.

Emotional needs play a crucial role in the Moon's cycle of change and emotional maturation. As explained above, the Moon moves in an understandable pattern through the solar return. During each year, the individual knows certain emotional needs must be met in order to feel secure and fulfilled. These needs, which fluctuate from year to year, cause the individual to create the variety of situations necessary for emotional maturity.

The Moon also signifies the unconscious experience. While Mercury's placement will suggest what the person is consciously thinking, the Moon's placement will suggest what the individual is experiencing on an unconscious level. Together, the Moon and Mercury (and sometimes also the Sun) symbolize the balance between conscious and the unconscious processes. We like to think that our decisions are based on the integration of rational and emotional information, but during any given solar return year, one process more than the other can influence our decisions, perceptions, and motivations. The focus of attention shifts to accommodate fluctuations in individual patterns of growth. There will be years when you lean more heavily on your emotional responses, tending to trust your instincts and follow your intuition. But there will be other years when you depend more on a logical assessment of your situation.

The emphasis on the unconscious usually indicates a year in which the native will be interested in fostering emotional connections and unconscious insights. Logic and factual information may not be meaningful within the context of present situations, which will tend to be emotional. Example situations include (but are not limited to): involvement in counseling, therapy or self-help discussion groups; intense family situations (related to birth, child-rearing, sickness or death); and very nurturing social situations (e.g., communal living, helping the disabled, underprivileged or homeless). Emotional interactions and perceptions will naturally be more important if they are more likely to provide vital information needed to handle experiences during the coming year. An emphasis on the unconscious nature is conducive to emotional growth.

All forms of mental activity are associated with an emphasis on the conscious mind, including educational and informational activities. Teaching, learning, lecturing, and writing are several examples. An emphasis on the conscious mind is conducive to intellectual growth.

Return Moon in Libra

Your emotions will reach a state of balance and will manifest in a warm, harmonious, and gentle way. You will become more sensitive, a romantic dreamer, and sociable. You will seek contact with people and your social life will grow. During this year, you will be concerned with giving to your loved ones and will receive a significant emotional response from them.

This influence increases your popularity and gives you great success in working with the public. You will have a strong personal magnetism and will exert a powerful attraction over others. You will also develop a keen interest in pleasures and in the enjoyment of life in general.

On the other hand, a strong sense of justice will appear in you, which will make you take a more active stance in situations you consider unfair.

If you have artistic talents, then during this year you will express yourself freely and will have an extra dose of inspiration. Your sensitivity will be remarkable, and you will seek out places that help you find your inner balance.

Your relationship with your mother and with women in general tends to be very favorable and balanced. You will be able to count on great support for your projects in general.

On the negative side, this influence can make you very dependent. You might be too attentive to the opinions of others and limit your own freedom, especially if you feel that your decisions are contrary to what is expected of you.

This will be an important year in your emotional world. If you have marriage plans, then you will finalize them. If you are already married, you will live a happy year. And if you don't have a partner, then you can start a relationship with serious intentions. All of this happens thanks to your emotional balance. Focus on achieving your own balance and the rest will balance itself.

The Moon in the 8th house

The 8th house is the house of acute awareness of emotional forces and psychological powers. Nearly all of this awareness will result from a newfound ability to spontaneously perceive information on these subtle levels rather than from a rational analysis of any situation. It is the intense awareness of unconscious emotional and psychological issues that forces conscious insight into human behavior. These realizations can be upsetting and you may end up seeing or knowing more than you care to see or know. Acute awareness is also associated with the Sun in the solar return 8th house, but with the Moon here you are more apt to be emotionally involved with the people and issues concerned. It is likely that someone in your immediate family or circle of friends needs counseling. During the year, you grow more aware of your own emotional needs and psychological forces and you also learn to recognize these influences in others.

It is very likely that you will study some psychology during the year, but you may become aware of psychological influences naturally without any education. Initial insights can come from associating with mentally disturbed people. The intensity of their psychological abnormality is fascinating, yet frightening. It is common to have an 8th house solar return Moon if you are a professional therapist or astrologer just starting to counsel others. Disturbed individuals need not play an important role in your life and may be mere acquaintances. They are not the real focus of your realizations, they are merely the catalyst.

You need to become more aware of the psychological influences affecting you and your immediate relationships. Intense realizations associated with bizarre personalities will give way to insights into subtle manipulations and power plays. Eventually, psychological realizations can occur during the simplest interactions with others. If you are caught in an emotional power struggle, it will become more obvious how you and/or others manipulate rather than state clearly what you need. Psychological complexes and hurt feelings complicate relationships and make it more difficult to discuss problems rationally. Unconscious feelings may undermine conscious decisions. Ambivalence is common. Obsessive-compulsive behavior, jealousy, guilt, unexplained anger, and helplessness are frequently clues that something is wrong.

Recognizing and understanding your own psychological idiosyncrasies will give you great power over your own life. Insights into your defensive reactions will help you overcome barriers to intimacy. Increased intimacy is especially important since superficial relationships and superficial discussions will not suit you this year. You need to be able to talk at length and in depth about what you are feeling and perceiving. It is during these discussions that initial realizations are triggered and later confirmed. It is also during these discussions that you formulate and express new behavioral patterns that sidestep psychological inadequacies.

Emotional situations tend to be more complicated and intense. Issues are no longer black or white, good or bad. Decisions are less straightforward, especially if you feel responsible for the well-being of others. For example, if you have children and were offered a transfer to another state, you would not make this decision without careful consideration. On one hand, the move may improve your career possibilities, but on the other hand, the move could have a great impact on your children. You must consider the emotional or psychological ramifications of your decisions since they are more likely to affect others.

If partners or family members are moody or unstable, you may have to think before you speak if you want to avoid upsetting responses. You may be in a delicate position requiring great diplomacy and tact. Others can interpret what you say incorrectly or overreact. You will be dealing with intense feelings and may expect others to involve you in very emotional circumstances. If you counsel others professionally, it will be easier for you to control these situations. If these situations are appearing in your personal life, you can deal with them effectively on your own or seek advice.

Increased intuitive accuracy will encourage your reliance on this mode of perception. Psychic and intuitive realizations grow stronger, but may seem less controllable. Even if you do not consider yourself psychic, this is a good time to trust your hunches, but if you are psychologically stressed, you may be less able to distinguish true psychic impulses from fears and anxieties. If this is the case, you should reserve judgment until your powers of discrimination grow stronger.

The Moon in the 8th house can show changing shared resources or economic dependency. If you share funds with your spouse or some other person, the amount of money you receive will change either positively or negatively. On the other hand, your own personal resources are more likely to decrease in comparison. The reduction need not be much, but you are more likely to feel like a dependent rather than an economic equal. There could be very valid reasons for this. For example, you may be on pregnancy leave or attending school. Financial power struggles are possible. You and your partner or someone else may fight over how to handle money or pay bills. These arguments might be very emotional and further complicated by unresolved psychological issues. Clarity and a willingness to discuss needs will help you to reach positive compromises. The Moon in the 8th house also indicates a change in indebtedness. Debts either go up or down but they rarely stay the same.

The Moon trine or sextile Pluto

The Moon sextile or trine to Pluto implies insight into one's own emotional nature and unconscious. Even if you are psychologically healthy, emotions may be tainted or seasoned by events or complexes from the past. You could be reliving a former happening in an immediate situation. The nature of this connection and revelation is meant to be healing. This is a time of renewal and growth. By being observant and psychologically aware, you can gain insight into issues affecting you and peel away layers of debris from the past. Relationships are likely to be affected by this process of revelation and your new awareness. Clearing complexes can open you to relating with greater intimacy. Sharing your insights can deepen your connections. This is a good time to endeavor to empower yourself and others.

In the process of gaining insight and psychological awareness, you can also learn to deal with manipulators and their attempts at manipulation. You need not be a victim. Emotional blackmail and manipulation only work if you allow another person to have control over some portion of your life. As soon as you begin to control yourself and take responsibility for your own well-being, manipulators lose all power.

The Moon sextile or trine to Pluto can be very beneficial to writers, counselors, psychology students or those whose career depends on their ability to understand human nature. In the end, it is the awareness of psychological and emotional influences which is significant. Knowledge brings power.

A very pleasant reason for being so intense and emotional is an involvement in a new and exciting romantic relationship. All relationships, even those which are established, are subject to change and new insight. Domestic situations are also in the process of changing. Moving or planning to move is possible. Children or parents may move in or out, or you might welcome a new baby home. Should you remain in the same location, you can renovate or add to your existing house.

The Moon square or opposite Neptune

Moon square or opposite Neptune in the solar return chart can show increased sensitivity to life's subtleties. While Pluto-Moon contacts show a greater insight into psychological influences, manipulative games, and a need for self-control, Moon-Neptune contacts indicate a greater sensitivity to feelings and needs that are not expressed openly, yet bind us all. There are both positive and negative manifestations suggested by the Moon square or opposite Neptune.

Negatively, you can be misinformed or even lied to, especially if someone is actively trying to deceive you. However, it is more likely that you will deceive yourself when there is someone important in your life who you do not truly want to understand. This person may be a family member or someone you are emotionally involved with. Neptune's house position will give you a clue as to the point of deception, confusion, or uncertainty. If someone's actions mystify you making you feel the relationship is insecure, it's likely that you do not have a realistic perception of this person, and possibly do not want to know the truth. The truth might be more threatening than mystery so you allow the situation to remain clouded and do not challenge inconsistencies. Since much is left unsaid and assumed, you fill in the gaps with your expectations rather than realistic assessments. Disillusionment is always built on dreams rather than truth. You may not see things as they really are, only as you hope they would be. This continuing lack of accurate information leads to further confusion and fantasy, and is compounded by emotional estrangement. You may not be in touch with what you feel. Anxiety and excessive worry can be signals that your perceptions are not an accurate reflection of reality.

The Moon square or opposite Neptune can symbolize intuitive insights, spiritual ideals, and one's greater sensitivity to the commonalities we share. We all suffer from human frailties; Neptune symbolizes our ability to identify with others, and see their failings as well as our own. But sometimes, the overwhelming emphasis on forgiveness and understanding clouds our judgment and concrete responses to difficult situations. Idealism and unrealistic expectations might be defenses used to avoid facing transgressions and humanness we do not wish to see or address.

You may care for someone who is ill or disabled, or you could simply care for another person more than you care for yourself and your own welfare. Moon square or opposite Neptune aspects are a sign of self-sacrifice. It is common to see this aspect in the charts of new mothers. The demands of caring for an infant involve a certain amount of self-sacrifice. If you work full-time to put your spouse through school, you might also have this aspect. The danger is that you sacrifice too much and end up feeling drained and used.

Self-sacrifice does not mean martyrdom. Do not get caught trying to save someone who does not wish to be saved. Individuals with addictions and poor health habits must want to be healed. They need to save themselves first, and foremost. You can help and support, but there is little you can do beyond that.

During the coming year, you are able to handle emotional uncertainty and you are able to give without a guarantee of return. Going with the flow means accepting insecurity as a natural by-product of your situation. With Moon square or opposite Neptune, you need to function during times of uncertainty and handle the insecurities that go with them.

The Moon trine or sextile Uranus

Probably the most common theme associated with the Moon sextile or trine Uranus in a solar return chart is moving from one home to another. You may move yourself, or help someone move in or out of your home such as your parents or a grown child. Domestic changes are likely as well as structural change to the house itself. Renovations and additions to the home are seen with this aspect. Expect breaks in your daily routine and habits. This pattern of daily disorganization might last all year.

Relationships are also changing. You could be attracted to someone and involved in a new and exciting relationship. On the other hand, an old one may be going through a period of renewal or change. Relationships might appear less stable because of a major transition your partner is making. He or she may switch careers, need to travel for business, be required to upgrade skills, or experience a lifestyle change such as retirement.

If you feel you are caught in an emotional rut, it is time for a transformation. The external changes you either experience or initiate in relationships, family, or home can be a direct result of internal restlessness you may or may not be sensing. It stands to reason that if your emotional needs shift, you should begin to deal directly with issues and problems while welcoming opportunities. The best approach is to develop new and creative ways of expressing yourself. This is one way to break through any resistance or hesitation in regard to change. The process may not be smooth, but the results can be rewarding.

The Moon square or opposite Mars

The Moon square or opposite Mars implies involvement in a situation which is emotionally uncomfortable or conflicted. The energies represented here suggest working at cross-purposes and you may have ambivalent feelings about your circumstances. The Moon symbolizes your nurturing qualities and emotional nature. Mars, on the other hand, symbolizes your independence and assertiveness, or your anger and aggression. The basic interpretations for these two planets are so different that they tend to remain separate like oil and water. They represent two different sides of a coin or perspectives on one situation. When the Moon and Mars are in difficult aspect to each other, you can work against yourself. Your actions, (Mars), belie your feelings, (Moon). You may want to be close to others, but you push them away. In the worst case scenario, you can be emotionally and psychologically dysfunctional, instigating conflicts with family members or the women in your life. If you continue to act like this, others will see you as an angry person who is a trouble maker.

Moon square or opposite Mars suggests emotional situations are not simple and usually involve a strange combination of contradictory emotions. They can also indicate that you might act in a way that detracts from your own sense of security and well-being, thereby creating stress. Instead, focus on channeling your discontent into meaningful actions that foster change.

The Moon-Mars combination need not be difficult, nor must it involve your personal life. It can refer to professional endeavors or social activism. You may be motivated to act because you are affected emotionally by what you see. If you are upset by conditions in the poor section of town, you might volunteer your services at a local soup kitchen. The unpleasantness you feel compels you to look at your surroundings more closely and work to correct or improve conditions.

The Moon conjunct Venus

During this year, you'll have a very active social life. The expression of your affections will be very warm, kind, and sweet, making you more popular and loved. If you're single, a wonderful opportunity will arise to start a loving relationship. If you're already in a partnership, it will be a very positive year for you both, where you'll give and receive love. If you have marriage plans, then this will be the year they come to fruition.

You'll feel a strong attraction to pleasures in general, and you shouldn't neglect your diet. You'll probably find greater enjoyment in meals, especially sweets.

During this cycle, you'll be able to redecorate and beautify your home. You'll need to surround yourself with harmony, both in your physical and emotional environment. Any current problems in your family relationships will harmonize thanks to your peaceful and sensitive attitude. Your relationship with your mother and with women in general will be very positive.

This astrological influence creates a tendency to spend money excessively. Try to moderate yourself and don't let temptations dominate you. The pursuit of pleasure could lead you into debt if you don't act consciously.



Mercury: Your Mind and Your Decisions

Mercury has two basic interpretations in the solar return chart: it symbolizes what you are thinking about and your mental condition during the coming year.

What you are actually thinking about is shown by the solar return house placement of Mercury. The important thing to remember about Mercury's placement is that it is indicative of a mental exercise only. Alone in a house, Mercury can show mental pre-occupation without psychological pain or physical consequences. It suggests the ability to make decisions only, and may not be a clear indication of action in any particular area. Mercury's aspects to the other planets indicate how information is gathered, assimilated and integrated into attitudes that persist for most of the year. How easily this is accomplished, and in what manner, is suggested by the aspects themselves.

Conditioning is noted by solar return aspects to Mercury. Squares and oppositions to Mercury indicate possible sources of tension and conflict. If Mercury is in an air sign, (Gemini, Libra, or Aquarius), rational thought processes are emphasized. If Mercury is in a water sign, (Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces), strong emotional factors influence thinking. If Mercury is in an earth sign, (Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn), the tendency is to be practical. If Mercury is in a fire sign, (Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius), the individual is motivated by self-interest, passion, philosophy, or spirituality. When assessing the conditioning of Mercury, it is also important to note the sign and conditioning

for the Moon and whether the Moon is in an air or water sign. This will help you determine if the thinking process or emotions are dominant during the year and if integration is possible.

Mercury in the 7th house

A 7th house Mercury in the solar return chart can signal the importance of communication with others during the coming year. You may spend a lot of time discussing, explaining, negotiating, and even arguing with others, especially if you have a major project or issue that needs to be handled. Matters under discussion will not be finalized easily. Projects may require much communication among all those involved before completion; disputes may require lengthy negotiations before agreement can be reached.

On a personal level, communication within couples will be important. This is a good time to share thoughts and get in touch with one another. You may want to attend a marriage encounter. If you are having marital difficulties, see a marriage counselor and open up the lines of communication. Clarification and negotiation may be needed to improve or restore your relationship, especially if you are aware of contradictions and discrepancies. Professionally, you may negotiate and communicate directly with others or hire the services of a professional to act as a go-between. Mercury in the 7th house can be indicative of another person with a great deal of knowledge or expertise. This is a good time to seek the advice and professional assistance of someone who is viewed as an authority in your particular field of interest or problem area. It may be in your best interest to let this expert handle certain business matters for you, but it is still important that you oversee proceedings and discuss decisions being made.

Both personal and professional relationships may be valued for the information and intellectual stimulation they provide. You will be attracted to people who are bright and full of ideas. The mental interchange fostered can lead to great creativity and insight through combined efforts. These results may far exceed the intellectual abilities of the individuals working alone. This is a good time to share ideas with others or to join a discussion group for the purpose of intellectual growth.

The danger associated with Mercury in the 7th house is a tendency to let others dominate your thoughts with their own opinions and comments. Do not personally accept truisms without assessing their validity or practicality. Since you are very open to advice from others, you may lack conviction in your own mental competence. You may grow dependent on the decision-making abilities of others. Mercury in the 7th house can indicate that you are lied to during the year. There is no guarantee that the information you receive is accurate or helpful. Therefore, it is essential that you evaluate information and advice as you receive it. This is an excellent time to gather information from others, but it is still your responsibility to evaluate the information received and make your own decisions.

Mercury trine or sextile Saturn

Mercury sextile or trine Saturn in the solar return chart suggests a more serious and structured perception of reality. Life is organized in such a way that decisions and changes are taken seriously. Choices may be studied in depth before decisions are made. It is likely that at least one major decision will be made during the year. Sometimes this decision involves greater responsibility. For these reasons, you will tend to be conservative. You are looking for changes that produce greater stability.

Learning is associated with Mercury-Saturn aspects and some individuals will seek a formal education while others will rely on reading and personal investigation. Thought processes are directed toward organizing information into structures that are more understandable, practical, and realistic. All forms of organized communication are emphasized, including writing and teaching. This is a good time to work on the completion of a major project. You have the ability to channel mental energy into constructive pursuits, even to the point of forcing yourself to finish a difficult and boring task. Keep after problems until they are solved. Producing tangible results is very rewarding.

Mercury trine or sextile Venus

When Mercury is sextile Venus in the solar return chart, you are more apt to have confidence in your decisions and intellectual capabilities. This is a wonderful time to be in school or to take a course since learning is likely to be an enjoyable experience. You may also make great progress in what most people consider to be a difficult topic or subject even if you have had trouble with in the past. Facts can be easier to comprehend during this time and the information you receive should be applicable to your present needs or skills.

Your verbal tactics include good negotiation skills. Develop a soft style for expressing your needs and getting what you want. Learn to compromise and generate win-win solutions to problems. By doing so, you will be able to retain an inner peacefulness and a relaxed state of mind.

This is a good time to cash in on money-making ideas or save money by following a financial plan. Your ideas might generate funds for you personally or for your company. Your ideas might also help you save money by cutting expenses or streamlining operations. Resources are not likely to be spent freely, but according to a plan, and with a goal in mind.



Venus: Love, Pleasure and Money

Venus is the key to understanding your relationships and financial situation for the solar return year. Many times these two areas go hand in hand; financial security tends to be coupled with secure relationships while financial difficulties are more likely to occur when close relationships are strained. Although this correlation is common, it is not the rule, and interpretations for finances and relationships should always be viewed separately. When assessing Venus in the chart, evaluate Venus twice, first with respect to the other relationship factors in the solar return and then with respect to the other monetary indicators. In this way, you can develop a clear picture of each area of concern.

Venus also indicates a need for comfort and it is informative to note what has preceded Venus in its present house position. If, during this year, Venus resides in a house which last year represented an area of conflict, Venus would imply an improvement in the conditions associated with that house and may indicate a healing process. Benefits commonly follow after much hard work. A Venus placement in the solar return chart following a more difficult placement during the previous year can indicate great reward. Your awareness of this possibility may encourage you to work harder in more problematic areas since you can see the rewards in the following year.

Venus, by house, shows what relationships will be important during the coming year. For example, Venus in the 3rd house might indicate that relationships with neighbors or community involvement will be emphasized. With Venus in the 6th house, pleasant office conditions, and good co-worker relationships will be important. But the interpretation of relationships as they appear in the solar return chart involves more than an understanding of Venus' house placement. Look at the 5th and the 7th houses, especially if you are interested in a love relationship. The more planets in these houses, particularly the 7th house, the greater the need to relate on a one-to-one basis. Generally, the 5th house shows sexual affairs, while the 7th house indicates a greater commitment (though not necessarily marriage). Clandestine affairs or secret relationships are more likely to occur when Venus and/or the Moon appear in the 12th house.

One fact about marriage and the solar return chart is surprising. The solar return is not necessarily a good indicator of a marriage during the year. The beginning of a relationship might be easily seen, but the marriage itself is more likely to be reflected in other techniques. On the other hand, postponement of a marriage or the refusal to make a commitment can be easily seen with Saturn, Uranus or Neptune in the 7th house.

Venus also relates to money and finances, and can be used to evaluate these circumstances for the coming solar return year. The house placement for Venus may indicate how you are most likely to generate income. This is sometimes true, but not always. Venus in the 9th implies a teaching salary, but if you don't teach, the emphasis will be on your beliefs concerning relationships. Don't stretch your economic interpretation of Venus' house placement. If the house position applies, the situation will be obvious. If the house position does not seem to apply to finances in particular, Venus will be more consistent with relationship situations during the year.

For finances, it is perhaps more important to look at the planetary placements in the 2nd, 6th, 10th, and 11th houses, especially if you are interested in the amount of money you will be able to earn by employment. The 2nd house is the primary money house, but it also gives indications of spending practices. Any planets in the 2nd can reflect your salary and/or your spending practices (regardless of how much money you earn); it is always possible to spend more than you make or make more than you spend.

Venus in the 8th house

Relationships will tend to be more intense and complicated during the year. Psychological forces will play a strong role in your feelings of attraction to, and repulsion from, others. You will have a tendency to be unconsciously drawn to certain individuals, perhaps for reasons you find difficult to understand. One relationship in particular may be especially compelling, and you can react impulsively rather than respond rationally to this person. A relationship of this intensity has transforming qualities. It enables you to see yourself, others, and relationships in a new way by making everyone's fears, insecurities, and complexes more obvious. Psychological complexes are impediments to greater intimacy. They must be recognized and dealt with effectively before love can mature. This is an excellent time for joint counseling since the focus for the year will be on understanding how psychological forces play a role in your relationships.

Negatively, your relationships, or one in particular, may be a power struggle over money or sex. Regardless of whether this is a love relationship, a business relationship, or a relationship built on animosity, control issues will be important. Either one or both of you may use fear, intimidation, jealousy or manipulation in an attempt to gain money, sex or power over the other. The use of psychological tactics within the relationship complicates and weakens the negotiation process, making discussion, and compromise difficult, if not impossible. Daily struggles, lacking any foreseeable resolution, can leave you weak, drained, and feeling more controlled than in control.

When Venus is in the 8th house, you may receive money from sources other than your own earning power. If you split funds and expenses with someone else, you can benefit through your partner's pay raise or financial windfall. Your available funds increase through another person's efforts. If you are dependent upon someone for financial support, you may request and/or receive an increased amount of money. Funds can also come to you through an inheritance, insurance claims settlement, legal action, or joint financial venture. In all of these cases, money is not work-related unless profit sharing, retirement funds, royalties or disability payments are involved.

Negatively, this placement can show a struggle over shared resources. Money intended for your use may not be given freely or may not be given at all. Business partners who cannot settle their monetary disputes may end up in court. Individuals involved in a personal relationship are less likely to go to court over money, but more likely to see money as a tool for control. In this situation, money comes with strings attached. If you are financially dependent on someone else for support or locked into your present standard of living, you are more apt to allow yourself to be controlled, trading your personal freedom for your financial status.

Sex may also be tied to money, power or control. Psychological complexes can color your sexual experience or moral judgments. On a more positive note, sexual fulfillment will be stressed as an important and necessary part of your intimate relationships. Sexual relations themselves can become more pleasurable and better integrated with affection and love during the coming year. This is more likely to be true if sexual problems have occurred in the past and you have actively worked to improve your situation.

Venus trine or sextile Pluto

Venus sextile or trine to Pluto in the solar return chart can show emotional involvements and beneficial financial situations. New relationships can be especially compelling, and like the moth to the flame, you are drawn to particular individuals without understanding why. Unconscious forces can play a major role in this type of relationship. You may discover that you have met the perfect mate, but in the beginning, a perceived loss of control might be disconcerting, especially if a persistent sense of vulnerability becomes coupled with a growing need for intimacy.

In both new and old relationships, Venus sextile or trine to Pluto can indicate considerable emotional growth, but you must develop a good understanding of unconscious urges. Awareness of barriers to intimacy might be crucial to the success of the relationship. If problems develop, consider individual or couples counseling.

Power can be an issue in both intimate and casual relationships. Individuals who learn to trust, compromise, and share power see their relationships deepen and strengthen. Power issues turn to mutual empowerment. Accommodating the emotional needs of others breeds increased understanding.

Financially, Venus sextile or trine to Pluto indicates strong financial changes or beneficial monetary arrangements. Salary adjustments, both positive and negative, are common and may be the result of a career move, relocation, leave without pay, cut-back in hours, or retirement. Ambition can cause your salary to rise dramatically, especially if your earnings are based on commissions or profit-sharing. Those who are self-employed also experience fluctuations in earnings. In some situations, your financial status may depend on the resources of others who may or may not be generous.

The emphasis here is on personal power in relationships and power over your own financial situation. By gaining insight into your behavior and the behavior of others, you can master both areas of concern.

Venus square or opposite Neptune

If you are already involved in a stable emotional relationship, Venus square or opposite Neptune in the solar return chart may be more relevant to financial concerns than romantic interests. Financial circumstances will exhibit a degree of uncertainty noted by the house placement of Neptune. You may be unemployed for part of the year or less sure of where the next dollar is coming from. Hand to mouth economics is possible. A break from work can be a leave of absence without pay, but there are other reasons for financial uncertainty. You can be self-employed or have an income based on commissions, incentives or profit-sharing; your hours may fluctuate or you might work on an "on-call" basis. Under these conditions, you will be unsure of the amount of your pay until the check arrives.

Changing circumstances also affect the amount of money available, (e.g., relocation, divorce, illness, large purchases, or major sales), and it is impossible to predict the effect these changes will have, especially if several variables are involved. For example, if you must sell your home and relocate to a different state, you will not know the final sale price for your present home, how much a new home will cost, how much you will be able to earn at your new job, and how expensive it will be to live in the area. You must be careful with your funds until the figures are worked out. If you are expecting money from others in the form of a loan, gift, or inheritance, you will not be sure how much you will receive or when you will receive it. If you are taking a financial risk, you can't be sure that things will work out. Regardless whether or not financial uncertainty is job-related, monetary uncertainty exists in some form.

Venus square or opposite Neptune can also be relevant to understanding your relationships during the coming year. Significant emotional relationships can be very spiritual and compassionate, or very confusing. The ability to be self-sacrificing is seen with this aspect, but then, so too is the ability to be martyred. You may neglect your own needs. Don't get caught trying to save someone from alcohol or drug addiction who does not want to be saved.

If you are not already married, you or your partner may not wish to make an external commitment at this time. New or less stable love relationships tend to lack definition. In any relationship, your partner's intentions may be unclear or actions contradictory. He or she may come and go, appear and disappear, say one thing and do another. One minute you know you are loved and the next minute you are not sure. It's difficult to know where you stand. While in this limbo, the relationship remains suspended in time, without a guaranteed future or a present reality. No relationship comes with guarantees, but with Venus-Neptune contacts insecurity can be even more evident.

Because of the lack of clarity inherent in relationships, idealization and distortion occur, making partners seem too good to be true. Aggrandizement of this sort can only lead to disappointment and disillusionment. A persistent sense of confusion and insecurity can cause you to misinterpret what is actually occurring, especially when one or both partners are ambivalent or deceptive. In difficult relationships there will be lies to contend with. Clandestine and secret relationships are possible and lead to the biggest lies.

Venus trine or sextile Uranus

When Venus is sextile or trine Uranus in the solar return chart, changes in relationships may occur. For some people, this can mean a sudden attraction and the excitement of a new love. Involvements may be very strong, very quick, and may or may not have staying power. New relationships might eventually lead to marriage, but probably not during this solar return year. Loose associations are common. Friends become lovers and some love relationships seem more like friendships. Occasionally, relationships and attractions are less than conventional.

A general mood of change and transition may permeate all partnerships, whether old or new, personal or professional. Difficult relationships may end amicably, but for those in a healthy relationship, changes will occur within the relationship itself and do not indicate a break in ties or a loss of commitment to one another. For some people, the changes involve a new and exciting experience, such as the birth of a child. New skills and patterns of behavior must emerge. Other common examples of change are relocation, retirement, travel, and changes in the number of people living in the home.

Financial changes are also likely to occur with Venus sextile or trine to Uranus. You may move in with a lover, spouse, or friend and begin to share expenses. You might receive a financial windfall or pay raise. You can be working on a commission or incentive basis, or be involved in a profit-sharing plan at work. Self-employment is also possible. Starting a new business from scratch is generally a major financial adjustment. For one reason or another, the amount of money available to you is likely to change or fluctuate.

This is a good time to be creative, both in the arts and with life. Discover hidden talents and take risks. When Venus is sextile or trine Uranus, you can be insightful and inspired. Make the best of changes and opportunities.

Venus square or opposite Saturn

Venus square or opposite Saturn in the solar return is associated with limits and inhibitions in regard to relationships and finances. The house placement of Saturn denotes where restrictions arise. Saturn rules structures and definitions which can support and stabilize an already strong relationship, but stressed or weakened relationships will be under a lot of pressure and may not survive. You may refuse to make a further commitment to a relationship, or it can be your partner who backs off. Statements like, "We're just friends," or "This is only an affair and I could never leave my wife," are two examples of the kind of limits associated with Venus square or opposite Saturn. Very poor relationships may end in separation and divorce.

Relationship inhibition occurs when the structure and definition of the relationship is used to limit or control rather than convey a sense of purpose and commitment. One person may become the parent partner and accept total responsibility for a second individual who is seen as the irresponsible child. In this case, the relationship loses all sense of balance and equality. Love is not given or received in a relaxed manner. It is always controlled, withheld, or rejected.

Partners who love each other and are committed, but experience a period of change and adjustment, might do well to give each other space, understanding, and support. The distance can foster individual expression and achievement. For example, if one partner wants to go back to school for a higher degree, time must be set aside for classes and study.

Financially, you will probably be working with less cash during the year. Your budget will be tight, either because you have limited funds and increased expenses, or you choose to conserve money and save money for a major purchase or to pay off debt. If you are normally very free with your money, this is a time when you are forced to be careful with spending practices. Some may experience a cutback in funds because they quit their jobs, cut back on hours, become self-employed, or experience a dramatic change in their life-style which would naturally affect funds available. This is a good time to budget, limit spending and focus on paying off debts.

Venus trine or sextile Jupiter

Venus sextile or trine Jupiter in the solar return chart has several possible interpretations. You can benefit, either directly or indirectly, through the influence or assistance of others. Benefits are shown by the solar return house placement of Jupiter. Relationships can be very rewarding and you reap what you have sown. If you have been helpful and understanding to others in the past, you can expect the same treatment now. Your lover, business partner, or spouse should be actively supportive of your goals, both financially and emotionally. Indirect benefits can also come to you through partnerships. For example, your spouse accepts a job transfer to Colorado and you always wanted to live in ski country.

What you believe to be true about most relationships tends to be consistent with your experience. Developing a philosophy of relationships will help you and your partner make joint decisions regarding morals and ethics. Your beliefs match those of your mate and any religious differences are not important. You give each other the freedom to develop spiritually, intellectually, and creatively.

The tendency is to be generous with time, money, and resources. This can cause you to be overscheduled or overextended financially if you do not set limits and establish priorities. Additional funds might become available, but money can flow out as quickly as it flows in, especially when you make large purchases or have major expenses. Pulling together as a team and establishing a sense of balance will optimize your relationship and experience this year.

Venus square or opposite Mars

Venus square or opposite Mars in a solar return chart can indicate conflicts occurring in a significant personal relationship or business partnership. The area of contention is shown by the solar return house placement of Mars. The relationship or benefit being compromised is indicated by the house placement of Venus. For example, if Venus is in the first house, indicating the need for gentleness and time alone while Mars is in the 7th house of relationships indicating high energy and aggression, partners will have different needs and expectations during the year. They should respect each other's preference and seek areas of integration and balance.

Actions can provoke negative responses from a partner. Relationships that are faltering to begin with become combative involvements in which the participants undermine independent or joint efforts and fight over money. Tension will increase until the issues are dealt with directly.

Sexual attraction and satisfaction are important factors in both new and established relationships and contribute to or detract from their success. Even though the square and opposition are known to be stressful aspects, they may indicate an increase in desire. Conflicts might exist as separate and distinct from attraction, though generally they are impediments.

Financial cuts are possible when Venus is square or opposite Mars, but it is more common to hustle for the money received. The harder you work, the more you are likely to earn. Spending also tends to increase.



Mars: Your Energy and Drive

The planet Mars represents an outward thrust of energy in a solar return chart. It is an active energy geared toward producing an external manifestation brought about through interchanges with the environment. The arrow on the symbol for Mars illustrates this outward thrust and movement. The interplay with the environment and the area of greatest energy expenditure are shown by the aspects to Mars and its house placement. There can be a number of ways in which the outward thrust of energy and activity manifests in the external environment. Positive manifestations implied by Mars include self-motivation, independent action, initiation of new projects, assertiveness, fulfilling sexual encounters, and original or pioneering creations. But anger, aggression, and sexual abuses represent negative and wasteful expenditures. Energy lost in negative exchanges cannot be used productively.

Mars, by its very nature, denotes the spark of initiation and self-motivation. Original pursuits, independent actions and new projects are fostered during the year and are typically associated with those areas of life denoted by the house placement of Mars. Because of the new endeavors and the enthusiasm generated, these areas then become the focus of energy use as the level of activity increases and you begin to feel driven to work, accomplish, and complete. Sometimes ambition and competitiveness augment the need to excel, but an energetic attitude can flow without these personality traits since self-motivation tends to spring naturally from an inner source.

During the year, activities may be specifically tied to your ability or inability to be assertive. In its most positive manifestation, the planet Mars denotes an active force. Except for a few of the more subtle interpretations for Mars, the implication is an ex-

ternal thrust which affects other people, places, things or circumstances. For example, if you install a home office, you make a change in your living situation. If you start your own business, you do, in effect, change the environment. If you insist on control over your own finances, you create a more independent relationship style. In each of these cases, you are the individual initiating the activity and asserting your own needs which are essential to the task at hand. The inability to be assertive can only lead to frustrated desires and anger. Your efforts will be thwarted until you make adjustments in your thinking. When extreme frustration occurs, more energy is expended toward being angry than working toward correcting the problem.

The house position of Mars and its aspects to the other solar return planets provide information about the circumstances which will trigger angry responses in you. Anger may arise from a number of different circumstances, including, but not limited to, frustration at the inability to fulfill your own needs, aggression from others, stressful surroundings or unconscious resentment that has not been resolved. Anger is a signal that your attitude and/or environment need to change. Energy lost to anger cannot be used creatively. Anger that stimulates creative action can be recouped. Your task for the year will be to learn to deal effectively with these anger-producing situations. Do not allow anger to be triggered when insight coupled with assertiveness, tact or corrective action would suit your purposes better. As you focus on negative situations and gain understanding, you can begin to funnel your energies into the most positive manifestations.

Aggression is a distortion of assertiveness. Assertion is the defense and maintenance of your own rights; aggression is the infringement or attack on the rights of others. Anger is most likely the motivation for the attack, although psychological idiosyncrasies may provide other motivations (of which fear is the main culprit). All acts of aggression, by their very nature, should produce anger in the person attacked, though some individuals, because of their own psychological nature, respond in other ways. Where you find Mars by house position indicates where you are most likely to meet the aggressor during the coming year. Either you will have to deal with a hostile person in the environment or you will be confronted with your own acts of ag-

gression. If you are able to meet your own needs through assertion and you know your own rights while conscientiously defending them, you are less likely to be the aggressor or allow aggressive actions to arise in others. You should be able to strike a balance between your needs, and rights, and the needs and rights of others. In this way, you maintain your position relative to the environment. But regardless of how fair you are in your dealings with others, you may still have to defend your own rights.

Mars as an indicator of sexuality is not consistent with the interpretation for every house position. There is the possibility that sexual intrigue can apply to the situations denoted by any of the planet's placements, but the connection is not always obvious. Themes of initiation, high energy output, anger, and aggression appear more consistently. For example, Mars in the 10th may mean a sexual attraction between you and your boss, but it is more likely for you to be extremely active in career endeavors. Your boss can be a prime motivator toward career success or he could actually be very offensive and thwart your efforts. Note the aspects between Mars and your other personal planets for further information. The sexual implications of Mars seem more obvious in the relational houses, but then individual differences apply. Sexual fulfillment is directly related to the appropriateness of sexual activity given the particular situation and any restraints or inhibitions involved.

Mars in the 6th house

The ability to work independently or with a limited amount of supervision is shown by Mars in the 6th house. You can work entirely on your own or set up your own business, but independence can be relative. A medical laboratory student completed a yearlong internship with intense supervision and graduated to her first full-time job when Mars entered this house. During the coming year, her work no longer required constant verification; however, she continued to work in a large laboratory setting with others. If possible, it is better for you to work alone and/or be your own boss. You have the ability to be self-motivated and can initiate and complete projects without prompting.

Workaholic tendencies are likely, especially if you have deadlines to meet or if crises periodically occur. Compulsive work habits that are carried too far eventually begin to affect one's health negatively. On-the-job tension is possible for those who work too hard or find the working environment unpleasant. You could be easily angered or frustrated by your working conditions, co-workers or employer. Conflicts can ensue. A fellow who was used to a very professional environment found it difficult to adjust to the lackadaisical attitude of co-workers and managers when he changed jobs and began working at a new office. He was aghast to discover the poor quality of service being rendered to clients; consequently, the situation caused him great stress. If you are easily angered and frustrated by your work, make suggestions which will help to improve conditions for everyone. Complaining is associated with this placement, but it would be more advantageous to take the initiative for problem solving. If presented tactfully, your ideas can be accepted and may help to straighten out office difficulties or conflicts.

Caution is warranted when Mars is in the 6th house of health. If your health is slipping, start to reassess your habits, specifically looking for health practices or routines which are not good for you. It is not uncommon to find you are working against your own well-being. If you are presently healthy and follow a beneficial program of exercise and diet, you need not have any difficulty with this placement. Problems are more apparent when you are doing something you should not be doing. Generally, negative patterns do not develop during the year, but only become more obvious. This is the time you begin to see the effect of these detrimental habits and possibly feel pressured to control your behavior. Basically healthy individuals are more likely to discover minor impediments which can easily be corrected. For example, one woman noticed that her cholesterol count was rising and realized she consistently ate foods high in fat content. Another realized she was overdosing her body with megavitamins.

Common minor problems include overeating, harmful dieting, consuming foods which upset the system (such as caffeine products, hot or spicy dishes, salty snacks, allergy-producing substances), failure to treat minor or chronic health problems, over-scheduling activities, and aggravating skeletal problems with strenuous activity or lifting.

Serious health problems are related to self-destructive habits which tend to be especially noticeable and threatening this year. The more serious threats to health correlate with the more excessive habits practiced over a long period of time (obesity; drug, alcohol or cigarette addictions; self-neglect or abuse; compulsive or stressful work habits; anorexia, bulimia, malnutrition, yo-yo dieting or other indiscretions). Surgery is possible during the year, especially those surgeries associated with infections (appendectomy and tonsillectomy), and those surgeries considered to be elective (sterilization, cosmetic, or corrective).

The purpose of this placement is to make you more aware of any detrimental habits you might have. Correcting the habit can alleviate the health problem. Learn to take better care of yourself. This is an excellent time to exercise your way to better health.

Mars square or opposite Neptune

While Mars-Pluto aspects imply actions that are unconsciously motivated, Mars-Neptune aspects indicate actions which have no obvious motivation at all, or which involve a great deal of uncertainty as to direction and goal. Where you wish to take action, shown by the solar return house placement of Mars, is impacted by uncertainty arising from the solar return house placement of Neptune. For example, you wish to start your own business or change careers, but you have no idea what you would like to do. Perhaps you have a good career idea, but you do not know how to market yourself. Maybe your partner is not supportive. Uncertainty on some level is undermining your actions.

Humanitarian efforts are sometimes associated with Mars-Neptune combinations since spiritual endeavors emanate from a source which is not readily apparent. You might be inspired by faith or intuition to pursue a course of action for unknown reasons. You do it simply because. Mars-Neptune aspects indicate the ability to function despite a degree of uncertainty that colors your actions. If you are correct in your assumptions of eventual success, everything will work out positively; but, if you idealize your actions or situation and miscalculate the results, you will feel disillusioned when you find that your efforts are for naught. Misguided endeavors are possible with Mars-Neptune contacts in the solar return chart, especially with the square and the opposition; therefore you must carefully consider your purposes and actions during the year. You may be a believer, but you better be right! Be ready with an alternate plan if matters do not progress the way you want them to.

Many pursuits have nothing to do with spirituality or faith. The most likely interpretation for mundane goals when Mars is square or opposite Neptune is an uncertainty as to future direction or results. Careful planning is generally not feasible. During the year, you cannot be sure your actions will pan out since there are no guarantees given for your efforts and you may also receive negative feedback from doubters along the way. You may have your own doubts, too. Job security may be an issue. Rumors of mergers and/or layoffs are possible. The best advice is to proceed with caution.

Uncertainty and confusion seem to go hand in hand with this combination and contradictory actions are possible. You may work against yourself by scattering your energy and efforts aimlessly. It is easy for others to misinterpret your actions when your direction is not clear or your plans nonexistent. It is also easy for you to stray from your original purpose when goals are not clearly defined. What you originally set out to do may never materialize. You can be shocked to realize how you have drifted from your own sense of purpose if you do not stay focused and consider objective feedback from others.

If you need secrecy for your endeavors, this is a good time to prevent the left hand from knowing what the right hand is doing. However, secrecy can backfire on you either late this solar return year or next year.

✦ Jupiter: Where You Grow

Jupiter has a number of possible interpretations in the solar return chart and any or all of the following meanings can manifest according to house position. First and foremost, Jupiter tends to imply a benefic event associated with its placement. How these benefits come about and the area of life affected are usually shown by the house position.

All opportunities will probably involve expansion into new areas of activity. The primary function of the Jupiter principle is to expand beyond the scope of previous experience. One is not to remain in a static condition; growth is not only implied, but expected. Jupiter's slow and consistent movement through the zodiac implies the steady growth needed to advance.

One of the most common activities associated with growth and expansion is the pursuit of an education. The impetus to learn is closely associated with any push to grow and our definition of learning in this case is not limited to a structured environment (school), but can include self-teaching and life-experience training. Although education is not always a consideration for every Jupiter house placement, it can be considered to have an impact on any of the houses.

Areas of expansion can easily become areas of excess and this is a problem with Jupiter. Growth can be uncontrolled and purposeless, dwarfing any push for real attainment or benefit. For example, overeating may supplant a desire for nutritious food when Jupiter is in the 6th house. The weight gain takes the place of education. Already existing situations associated with any house placement of Jupiter may boil over if extreme limitations were previously the norm. This is especially true when emotions overwhelm the individual after a long period of emotional suppression.

Any Jupiter placement can signal a false god. One or more activities associated with Jupiter's house may be emphasized to such a degree that a distortion of perception results, creating the false god.

Perhaps excesses are directly and proportionately related to suppressed urges. We now zoom ahead where we previously lagged behind, making up for lost time. The overwhelming impetus enables us to grow and expand at a rapid pace. The task is to avoid restricting this growth, while staying in control. The best option is one of channeled and structured enthusiasm.

A question of ethics and morals is often associated with the house placement of Jupiter. Unlike Saturn, which is more representative of societal structures and expectations, Jupiter implies the need for a philosophical (or sometimes religious) consistency between what you are doing physically and what you believe you should be doing ethically or morally. The underlying belief is always at the center of any conflict, not the external expectation. Jupiter by house indicates a desire to review those beliefs commanding a strong influence over one's philosophy of life and code of behavior. Current beliefs may be limiting future growth or freedom. Within this perspective, hypocrisy and moral dilemmas are more commonly a problem than the frustration associated with Saturnian external laws.

Jupiter in the 7th house

The best phrase to describe Jupiter in the 7th house is, "Ask and you shall receive." Others naturally come to your aid, giving more assistance and support than you expected or even thought you needed. If you are in a difficult situation, others readily offer to help. This can occur without asking, but the possibilities become even stronger if you not only recognize and foster the help available to you, but also ask specifically for what you need. Somebody may be in the perfect position to actualize your goals, and partnerships of this nature enable you to accomplish together what you would not have attempted alone. Help may be either tangible or intangible. Under the best possible circumstances, you benefit directly or indirectly from others in more ways than one. For example, if you are married, you benefit through your spouse since what he or she receives trickles down to you.

Individuals offer their insight into your problems or situation, and you progress through what another knows or has learned. The objective view helps you to see and interpret life more clearly. Usually the message is encouraging. Exchanging knowledge is important with this placement, but this is not all that is exchanged.

Relationships can improve; good marriages become better. If you have had a problem relating in the past, this interpretation is particularly apparent. Difficult marital problems tend to be resolved, especially if professional help is sought (individual or marital counseling). Under therapeutic conditions, those you are involved with become more apt to listen to your complaints and make concessions. Perhaps you are also more insightful and better able to explain your position. Great strides can be made because something suddenly clicks in your consciousness, adjusting your pattern for intimacy. Regardless of your marital situation, good relationships with a variety of people in a variety of situations could exist. If you are able to create a climate of compatibility and harmony, your success in any endeavor during the year can be augmented by cooperation with others. If you are unable to work with others, you will lose out on this experience of mutual gain.

Sometimes personal benefits are not realized because of the overwhelming emphasis on the partner's needs to the exclusion of your own. In negative situations, personal needs are not only dwarfed, but drowned out completely by the interests of another. Relationships can be so excessive that one goes overboard in an attempt to please. Even what initially appears to be a benefit can negate your self-interest and ultimately fulfill your partner's requirements only. Within this context, benefits cannot be considered all good. For example, if your spouse is offered a position overseas, you may be thrilled about the possibility of living in a foreign country, but you may be forced to give up a lot in order to go. You need to assess the effect leaving has on your long-term goals. You may be able to set aside your personal needs for one or two years time in order to benefit from a new experience coming to you directly through the spouse. But instead, it may be difficult, if not impossible, for you to leave at this time.

Any opportunity can be a mixed blessing, and the lines of stress might be denoted in the solar return chart by the aspects to Jupiter in the 7th house. The balance is very delicate. You may benefit greatly or feel overwhelmed by circumstances that are not your own or are inconsistent with your needs for fulfillment. One must control the swing of the pendulum. In the worst-case scenario, you will not be aware your own needs are being overrun. It is at this time that someone will step forward and make an observation that will change your perspective, if you are willing to listen.



Saturn: Your Responsibilities

Saturn rules reality and the reality of any given situation is that we are all ultimately responsible for creating our own lives. The responses and choices we make to any given situation, together with the fears we avoid, form the backbone for our pattern of living. Only when we accept the responsibility for creating our own fate can we be freed from the necessity of living it. Only when we face our fears can we live unafraid. Saturn is the key to this change in orientation. It is the ultimate reality, the ultimate fear, the karmic avenger, and ruler of the universal laws of nature. It is through Saturn's house placement that we come face to face with ourselves, the structures, and limitations of reality, and the laws we must live by.

Growth is a complex process, occurring in a variety of ways. Saturnian growth begins by recognizing the existing structures we have incorporated into our lives, and possibly, the frustration or limitation caused by this edifice. It seems strange to talk about growth in terms of limitation, but astrologically Saturn rules structures which are at one point protective and at other times restrictive. Like the lobster or crab which sheds an outgrown, protective, hard shell in order to grow, individuals must periodically shed old structures grown restrictive with time. As with the crustaceans, the shedding process may be slow and laborious, followed by a period of extreme vulnerability until the new shell has formed and hardened into a protective structure. We often complacently mistake familiarity for security. We assume we'll be safe as long as we stick with the same old routine and keep doing what we've been doing all along. But what was once protective and safe eventually ends up inhibiting our evolutionary cycle of growth. Sometimes, only our frustration with things as they are awakens us to the need for change.

The movement of Saturn through the solar return chart coincides with an awareness of structure. Sometimes this awareness is associated with frustration, and the accentuation of restrictions now blocking evolution. It is through this realization process and frustration that we first become aware of the need to grow beyond our present structures. Therefore, the first step in the Saturnian process toward growth is recognizing structures, frustrations, and limitations imposed by our present patterns of living, particularly in those areas of life signified by Saturn's house placement in the solar return.

The second step toward growth is reassessment of the situation. A review of the facts yields further information, options, and understanding. Only by defining the inhibitors to the evolutionary cycle can we move toward resolution and continued growth. Self-criticism and constructive feedback from others may be appropriate at this time.

It is during the reassessment process that the reality of our situation becomes more obvious, as well as the laws by which we are governed. To succeed, we must deal with life realistically. We cannot twist nature to our own liking, nor can we expect others to compensate for our deficiencies and fears by solving our problems. Saturn rules the naked truth devoid of magical thinking. We must live within the laws of nature to succeed and survive. If you hate your job, quit. Do not wait for an act of God to find a new job. If you want to complete a major project, work on it. It is the only way it will get done. If you want to lose weight, diet, and exercise. Hard work and facing the issues head on will get you where you want to go. Wishful thinking will not.

These issues are all totally within your range of control and you are free to act upon them, but other problems may not be yours to control. You cannot make your husband stop drinking; you can only change the way you handle the situation. You cannot change hypocrisy in others; you can only reassess your own beliefs. During the reassessment process, develop realistic options which could feasibly lead to a resolu-

tion of the problem or to a change in the way you handle the problem. Successful solutions are those which are practical and realistic -that is, they conform to the laws of nature.

Once you understand the problem and the options available, you must assume responsibility for the outcome. Each man or woman contributes to his or her own fate. As the partial creator of any problem, you also have some control over the solution. But assuming responsibility for your present situation can be more threatening than blaming others. Some prefer to buck the system (defy the laws of nature) and complain, rather than take action. Remember, familiarity breeds a false sense of security and many prefer to hang on to their restrictions rather than venture into the unknown. They learn to live with their frustration rather than grow beyond it. Consciously making a decision implies assuming responsibility for your success or failure.

Facing your fears concerning success or failure is ultimately what Saturn is all about. At this point, you are very aware of the reality of your situation, and you have a list of options for the future, not all of which may work. You understand your own contribution to the situation and what you must do in order to move toward a resolution. You have seen your own shortcomings and become aware of your darker side. You comprehend the laws of nature relative to your situation and know everything is earned in this case, nothing is given, and nothing is guaranteed by the Universe. You now realize that you must stick your nose out and take a calculated risk. In order to progress, you must face your fears, and move toward your nightmare rather than back away. It is only by passing through a period of vulnerability that one can break out of a protective, yet restrictive structure and progress into a more suitable environment. You give up the security of the familiar and step into the unknown.

The test of any solution is that it works. Even chronic problems need to be solved and not just cosmetically concealed. Success requires much hard work and the systematic testing of solutions until the correct combination is found. Consequently, success may not come easily. If the first solution does not work, you must go on to test another and another. Thus with each failure begins a new cycle of awareness and

reassessment, ultimately leading to a well-deserved success. There is plenty of room for hard work, discipline, and perseverance in the area of life indicated by Saturn's house placement. Eventually, every area of life will be touched by the need for reassessment and resolution. Chances are the time for reevaluation coincides with Saturn's placement in a particular house of the solar return. In that area of life, you must go above and beyond what is normally expected.

Saturn in the 3rd house

Saturn in the 3rd house indicates a year of much study or mental work. You take your studies seriously and knowledge is probably crucial to what you hope to accomplish in the future. This is an excellent time to concentrate on difficult mental tasks or complex topics of interest. You can be involved in a major project or course requiring concentration, persistence, organization, and many hours of work. Typical commitments include taking a course, organizing community projects, formulating new ways of thinking for yourself and others, writing a book or paper, studying for qualifying examinations, or consulting with others on a regular basis in order to gather new information and insights.

You may finish your endeavor during the year, but if Saturn falls in the 1st house of the solar return chart next birthday (which is most likely to happen), your work will probably require another year's effort. (Saturn in the 1st house is commonly associated with the completion of a long-term project and is a good placement for those interested in focusing on a major achievement.) Your mind is constantly at work and it is best to choose a positive focus. If you are studying, learning or working on a major mental task, you will be less likely to feel depressed or anxious. You need a strong mental focus this year to use up excess mental energy.

Major decisions usually arise during the year when Saturn is placed in the 3rd house of the solar return chart. Responsibility to yourself and for another person is commonly a factor in the decision-making process. You may be making a decision for two and not just for yourself alone. Dilemmas are common since your needs may directly conflict with the needs of your counterpart. Reality assessment is crucial. You must realistically weigh and evaluate all the intricacies of your situation and actively search for options. Options are important, but unfortunately, looking for new possibilities is an insight most people tend to miss when dealing with tough issues and this Saturn placement. Rigidity of thought is a common flaw. Your accurate evaluation clears the way for the most successful resolution of your problem, even when there can be no clear-cut success. If you are mentally stressed by the problems you must solve or the decisions you must make, it might be in your best interest to discuss issues with someone who is impartial and not threatening. Seeing a counselor at this time can help you to do this. Your insight should be increased through the interchange.

Your inability to see positive solutions and options to your dilemma can lead to depression. Depression is sometimes associated with Saturn or Sun placements in the 3rd house of the solar return chart. (Severe depressions are more likely with the Sun.) Depression is the mind's way of calling attention to what needs to be corrected, decided and surmounted. Depression can lead to positive results when it is used as an early warning signal and learning tool. Life is a growth process and depression can indicate your inability to seek and find newer, more mature ways of handling situations. Depressed individuals need to begin to solve some of the problems they are faced with. They should do something-anything! They also need to get in touch with their feelings and learn to communicate those feelings effectively to others. Information blockages are likely and either you cannot or will not discuss things openly. Isolationism is commonly generated by the issue or problem you are facing. If you are unhappy with your present situation, it is time to face the problem and begin to make informed decisions. If you avoid issues and responsibility, your depression can grow deeper and become more obvious to others. You will seldom praise and often criticize; your speech will become caustic. Situations will seem hopeless. Your level of activity will slow down and eventually you will be perpetually tired. As you withdraw from others, effective communication will become extremely difficult, if not impossible, to maintain.

Everyday situations can become everyday hassles that get on your nerves. Common daily occurrences are more difficult to weather. It's the little things that bother you and seem more troublesome this year. What used to be simple is now more complex, and day-to-day things that need to be done take longer. For example, if you move to a foreign country and you do not speak the language very well, handling common chores such as shopping for food, cashing a check or going to the post office are laborious until you get the system down. Similar situations are associated with new babies, living in a dormitory or alone for the first time, moving to a new location and various other common life experiences.

Problems with siblings are possible during the coming year. You may have a problem relating directly to a family member, but it is more common to have a brother or sister with a problem or issue he or she needs to handle. The encouraging side of this Saturn placement and interpretation is that the problem is being confronted. Usually this is the year your brother or sister begins to handle a situation in a responsible manner. For example, if your sister is an alcoholic, and has been for years, she could decide to enter a rehabilitation program at this time. Your contribution during the year is to support her decision and help her in any way possible. You may wish to join a program which will help you to better understand her situation and your role in her successful treatment.

If your sibling refuses to confront the issues, this can be a time when you feel forced to act on his or her behalf or completely alienate yourself from the situation. Problems need not be very difficult and can be relatively minor with this Saturn placement. Productive siblings will not suddenly have major problems or behave totally out of character. The best predictor for the future is past experience. Problems which may arise will be consistent with your sibling's normal personality, and may mark a turning point in life. This is a time when your encouragement can be very supportive at a crucial passage.



Uranus: What Changes

Uranus is commonly seen as an indicator of change, and this is true for the solar return placements also. Conditions associated with the house position of Uranus are likely to evolve significantly over the year. Major changes or incessant fluctuations emerge as the pattern of manifestation, depending on how the individual copes with his or her situation and needs. Transformations may occur quickly and require a long period of adjustment, or progress slowly, possibly occurring late in the year and only after a long period of anticipation or restlessness. As a rule, most changes are expected, predicted, and initiated by the native him or herself. Many are carefully planned and well executed, involving a minimum of tension and anxiety. When working positively with the Uranian principle, the key is in the restlessness. Those who are very attuned to their own need for growth will feel the restlessness arising in outgrown situations and respond accordingly. They will welcome the opportunity for adjustment, and make all the necessary preparations for the coming change. They will not lock themselves into one particular situation or pattern of growth, but will allow changes and insights to develop and evolve naturally along the way.

Generally, it is only when the individual thwarts his or her own desires or tightly controls situations that tensions manifest in the form of anxiety and nervousness. This anxiety results from ambivalent feelings which develop in those who resist needed changes. These people get caught between their own fear of change and a strong desire for the very change being thwarted. An ambivalent mind-set takes over, one built on an approach to, and also an avoidance of, a set goal or change. Remember, Uranus is associated with conscious and unconscious choices for change. Its appearance somewhere in the native's solar return chart implies the area of life in

which the individual desires to progress through change. When one is unable to face or effect needed and desired changes, the mind splits between two mutually exclusive goals and anxiety results. Eventually, the mental ambivalence and erratic commitments to two very different paths are reflected in fluctuating external conditions. Long overdue, yet still avoided changes, tend to manifest in the environment as disruption caused by others, or by neglected areas of attention.

Adding to the anxiety is a perceived loss of control over external situations. Eventually, the restlessness and tension rise to a feverish pitch until one finally agrees to make changes, or can no longer prevent their occurrence. When conditions reach this intensity, individuals usually make reactive changes, without careful consideration or adequate preparation. Sudden upheavals occur rather than welcomed transitions. If we would truly be in control of our own destiny, we should listen to the need for change and respond to the earliest hints of restlessness. We should give ourselves the freedom to work toward a conscious transition before a crisis arises.

Consistent with the desire for change is the need for freedom. You cannot maneuver if you are locked into a restrictive environment. Sometimes the push for freedom is a prerequisite for change. At other times, the change itself becomes the motivating force behind the process. Occasionally, both mechanisms are operating. For example, you may have to convince your boss to give you the freedom to make needed changes in the daily office routine; at the same time, the changes you make could streamline procedures, creating more leeway in your work schedule.

Freedom allows the process of change to occur smoothly. When we are functioning at our best and working positively with the Uranian concept, we move easily through a series of attractions, detachments and independent actions. We learn and grow from each of these encounters. While in the process of attraction, we are drawn to certain situations, persons or concepts. It is important to observe what experiences we are drawn to because they indicate conscious or unconscious needs and patterns of growth. By accepting different situations, interacting with different individuals, or

listening to new ideas, we take in new information and learn to value various facets of life. We see that no one person, place or idea is perfect. The same is true of our existing circumstances, which we hold onto so tightly.

With this insight begins the period of detachment from those situations, persons, or concepts which restrict our growth or no longer have anything to teach us. We are able to step back and intellectually reassess our involvement and commitment. We can either choose to separate physically from difficult situations, or take the corrective action needed to adjust present circumstances to our needs.

Uranus does not always imply a complete and total separation. We are capable of detaching from the original attraction while still maintaining the experience, relationship, or train of thought. It is the independent action we ultimately take which defines the degree of separation.

We learn as much from separation as we do from attraction when we define what we don't like as well as what we do like. The changing environment, the comparisons and contrasts, accentuate what is important and what is not. One should remember that this process of change through attachment, detachment and independent action is ongoing, occurring on many different levels simultaneously. The process can be either quick, occurring numerous times in one day, or drawn out, requiring a year's time span. For example, suppose you are building a new home. This is a year-long project and during this time you will be drawn to many different construction plans, ideas, and subcontractors. But as you begin to work with the possibilities, you will accept, reject, or change options to suit your needs. This process takes place over months, but also simultaneously many times in one day.

The exposure to various ideas, situations and people stimulates creative thought through sudden insight into changing situations. All planets represent a creative process. Venus is the planet of creativity experienced through beauty, while Uranus is the process experienced through change. Because of the changing panorama of people, ideas, and situations, one becomes accustomed to looking at life from different perspectives. The multifaceted approach encourages the mind to create still new-

er ideas. In this way the individual begins to participate in the process of attachment, detachment and independent action by creating his or her own original options, and change becomes a process of perception, integrated into the pattern of growth.

Uranus in the 5th house

While Uranus is in the 5th house, you want to be able to express yourself freely. You may need to function independently of peer pressure and relationship demands in order to do this. Your personality style is changing and you may take on more Aquarian characteristics. It is only through the change, and the freedom and independence that foster it, that the uniqueness of the individual can emerge. You must limit the influence of others to search for the identity within. It is important that you use this time to be your own person, one of a kind. You do not want to pattern yourself or your behavior after someone else. You can have something different to contribute to the environment.

This is not to say that others will find the transition from the "old you" to the "new you" easy. Depending on the restrictions and expectations others place on you (and which you allow to exist), this can be a difficult year or a very easy one. The changes in self-expression might cause conflicts with significant others if they do not believe in what you are trying to accomplish or who you are trying to become. These people will need reassurance.

If you feel very limited and restricted by others, you might think you have to be very rebellious and contrary to break their hold. Generally, assertive independence is all that is required. You need not contribute to the conflict. This is the year you will want to change old personality habits that are inhibiting self-expression. Be mindful of the ways you compare or contrast to others and pay special attention to the ways in which you are different. Differences matter this year and they mark growth. Allow yourself the freedom to flow with those distinctions which make you a unique human being.

This can be a very creative year, especially if you are already involved in an artistic field, but creativity need not be limited to artistic endeavors. Uranus represents the genius, the innovator, the inventor and the individualist. This is a time when strong individualism enhances the ability for original thought. You grow to see things differently as the year progresses and it is most likely that you will have to deal with a creative problem or issue in a new way. The more you allow your mind to float free, the greater your ability to think up new ideas. This is a great placement for the free thinker, writer, student researcher, artist or craftsperson.

The only difficulty associated with creativity and this Uranus placement is the tendency to go through a short frustrating period of transition. Most likely, there will come a time during the year when blockages occur because the creative style is in such a state of flux. These blockages are not permanent, but serve as a signal that creative shifts are now taking place and there can be a transition to a much higher level of attainment in artistry for those who understand the transformation and go with the new energy fearlessly. Do not be dismayed by this development. Go with the flow and trust that new skills await those who can progress. A prolonged blockage shows a resistance to new forms of expression waiting to be born. Adjustments may take a while, but they are worth the effort.

Sudden attractions are possible during the year, but not the norm. On-again, off-again episodes, either in a new unbonded relationship or an existing one, are common. The person you are involved with might not be dependable, could live in another area, or might be unable to make a greater commitment at this time. Relationship breaks, for one reason or another, are likely, and in general, the relationship will not run smoothly. You will not settle into the "boy meets high school sweetheart and dates high school sweetheart exclusively" routine. Who you are attracted to may surprise you. Potential lovers may be very different from those you have responded to in the past. They could be free-spirited individuals, having few restraints. These people are probably representative of your own need for freedom of self-expression.

If you are attracted to someone who is very conservative and limiting, perhaps you find it necessary to rage against the limits. Fear-of-freedom issues are likely. Either way, whether you pick someone far out or very straight, you tend to draw those who are an extreme of some personality trait you are trying to cope with. Unbonded relationships this year are not only erratic, they also tend to be mismatched pairings. Even when two very similar people get together, the emphasis will be on forming a unique relationship which in some way breaks relating patterns of the past.

If you have children living at home, they will be more independent, unpredictable, disruptive or unusual during the year. This can be a time when they are experiencing great changes in their lives and these changes can be unsettling. The most common change involves relocation. Either your family moves, or others move away, leaving your child without a best friend. New schools, puberty, and additions to the family are some of the other changes affecting children and their behavior. Any change can put pressure on kids to adjust, and Uranus in the 5th house usually signals a period of adjustment. As your children make their way through the transition, you will be less able to predict their responses. For this reason, it may be wise to keep a close watch over their activities, especially if they are young. They may be ready for greater independence, but still in need of your assistance and advice.

Disruptions can come in the form of behavior problems or minor illnesses. If they are stressed, children are less likely to "perform" and more likely to act out or become sick (colds, ear infections, and flu are common for young children). Expect schedule changes. Realize that disruptions of any kind show a need for more attention from you. Although you may be less patient at these times, understanding and a calm attitude will work more to your advantage.

Unusual learning characteristics in children can require special attention at school. Your children might need individualized educational assistance in one or more areas, such as a remedial or gifted course. Those parents with older children will notice a strong push for independence. Those who are still living at home may decide to move out and those who are already on their own may move away. Only in very negative situations will grown children be very disruptive or erratic. The real need is for the child to establish an independent and unique identity.



Neptune: Dreams and Inspiration

Neptune is many things on many levels, but first and foremost it is the aspiration for a higher manifestation as opposed to a lower one. The distinctions between higher and lower influences are not limited to the spiritual plane alone, but can occur on the emotional, mental and physical levels also. At all times, it is up to the individual to steer his or her consciousness toward the highest manifestation possible. For example, Neptune on the spiritual level is associated with Universal Oneness, Karmic Laws, Ideals, God, and higher beliefs which form the backbone of spirituality. A strong sense of trust in God and the Universe supports the growth process on the spiritual level, but has ramifications on the other levels as well. Each level of experience supports and triggers the others. It is all the insights on all of the levels which eventually help us toward a more rewarding and fulfilling lifestyle. The lower manifestation of Neptune on the spiritual level is disillusionment with higher principles. Here the individual falls off the true path and becomes entangled in fanatical beliefs or outright fantasy. Spiritual despair rather than enlightenment is the result, and the support needed for growth on all levels is thwarted.

The same dichotomy of higher and lower is present on the emotional, mental and physical planes also. At the emotional level, the individual is capable of great compassion and sensitivity to others. This is a time when empathic understanding strengthens the bonds between loved ones. The lower manifestation of Neptune is a susceptibility to anxiety and worry. The sensitivity which is meant to foster true understanding instead heightens a sense of vulnerability to life, others and the future.

There is no trust in God emanating from the spiritual level to support decisions. In negative situations, true understanding of others does not develop because the individual is too involved with personal feelings and issues to focus on others.

At the mental level, creativity and inspiration help to expand the individual's intellectual capacity. Neptune is more closely associated with the right brain than the left, and indicates the ability to let the mind float free to new and better insights. The lower manifestation is confusion and deception. What you are told is different from what you intuitively feel. Thoughts contradict insights and you are unable to comprehend the truth. There is no trust of the higher right brain inspirational or spiritual processes. Creativity is thwarted. Without an understanding of the big picture, mental energy is wasted through a lack of cohesiveness as one begins to focus on the insignificant, confusing details.

And finally, Neptune on the physical level is service to others. Principles which have filtered down from the various levels and have been understood in each of the higher manifestations begin to flow into daily practices on the mundane plane. There is a consistency; as above, so below. It is possible to physically manifest the spirituality to which you aspire. When only lower manifestations have filtered down to the physical level, confusion, disorganization and exhaustion are most apt to occur. You lack a total concept necessary to unify your actions and prioritize tasks according to their importance. Neptune at its highest level of manifestation on the physical plane is a direct reflection of the enlightened promise made at the spiritual level.

In all of the houses, either the higher or lower manifestations will be operating. The more the individual focuses on the higher energies, the more cohesive and insightful actions will become. The more the individual is sensitive to spiritual insight, the easier it will be to deal with issues on every plane. The unifying principles of the spiritual level and the higher manifestations combine to focus energy and understanding right on down the line.

Neptune in the 2nd house

Neptune in the 2nd house generally indicates monetary uncertainty lasting for most of the year. Those who are self-employed or working on a commission basis already have incomes which fluctuate. They can never be too sure exactly how much money will be earned. This is a common occurrence for these professionals, but there may be reasons for even more variation than usual at this time. One might be opening a new shop or pushing a new product, and a degree of uncertainty surrounds the hoped for, yet unproven success. For those who are on a fixed salary, this placement may appear more threatening. Supposedly, you already earn a specified amount. If this is your situation, a number of possibilities exist. Rumors of layoffs, pay cuts or salary increases will make the exact amount of your earnings appear uncertain. Pay cuts may never materialize, while promised raises can be put off indefinitely. Rumors might be all that exist for the entire year. Salaried positions which are funded by grants will not be confirmed until the money arrives. Part-time employees with flexible hours have changeable incomes, and might only report when work is available. Seasonal fluctuations affecting some professions dictate the number of hours worked.

The salary situation is usually 99% uncertainty with no actual loss of employment or funds, but the situation can make you anxious. Decisions you make during the year might also lead to fiscal uncertainty. A leave of absence without pay is an option you could choose if you are pregnant, desire more time with your children, or plan to travel or study. Long-term projects without any guarantee of financial return are another option. You may volunteer your services. These are just some of the possibilities indicated by this placement which make money seem uncertain.

Financial anxiety is a problem especially if your income appears to be totally unpredictable or undependable. If you are presently unemployed, but share resources with another person, you may worry about his or her income as well as your own lack of funds. This is a time when it might be essential that you cope with some financial uncertainty in order to progress. However, it is not essential that you become anxious. That is a conscious or unconscious choice. For example, aspects to Neptune in the 2nd house can indicate that goals are initially or basically economically unrewarding, or can only be accomplished with a degree of financial risk and uncertainty. If you can cope with the uncertainty, you may be very successful later on.

Some individuals have an unstructured attitude toward money and will not be very concerned by fluctuations. For others, uncertainty may be a product of the accounting system or lack thereof, rather than related to actual income. Hand-to-mouth economics prevails over budgetary restraints. Strict savings programs are unlikely at this time. The tendency is to be very free with money and not tightfisted. What money you have can be drained away unnoticed or used to help others. You easily give away extra funds or sacrifice your own financial security to assist those in need. The lack of concern may or may not be to your advantage. If you are too busy to be unduly concerned with money, this is no problem; however, if your present lack of financial accountability limits your progress or threatens your security, it is time to handle the situation in a more structured way.

The act of giving should be an act of love and not a product of low self-esteem. You must reassess issues of self-worth if you consistently remain in situations where you are unappreciated. Self-deprivation is not to your advantage and is not indicative of a higher consciousness. It is a manifestation associated with an inability to value oneself. If you remain in a low-paying job because you doubt your abilities, or a high-salaried, unfulfilling position because you are only worth the amount of money you bring in, you suffer from low self-worth. If you truly valued yourself and your abilities, and understood your spiritual purpose, you would move on. It is important to comprehend the mundane symbolism associated with finances. Monetary problems are meant to signify issues in personal assessment and appreciation. Issues in these two areas are interconnected and difficulties should be addressed.

During the year, money and possessions could be seen as unimportant in the long run. Other priorities tend to be stressed more than a good cash flow. Values are fluctuating toward a non-materialistic emphasis, and inner qualities and spiritual ideals gain significance as possessions or money lose ground. The appreciation of inner beauty increases over anything of external value. Personal satisfaction and a sense of fulfillment are now more meaningful, or at least they should be. The plane of matter needs to become consistent with spiritual purpose, and you must start to use possessions and money in a more enlightened manner. A simple desire for or dependency on funds will not suffice. Fiscal fluctuations will produce great anxiety in those fixated on their wallets. Use this year to put material possessions in perspective. Your present priorities set the stage for the future. Do you value cash more than health? More than job fulfillment? Could you use funds in a more meaningful and helpful manner? Do you keep yourself in a constant state of anxiety over money? This is a time when one is asked to trust the financial flow. You can live on less, take risks and still survive, going on to new opportunities. Those who are able to trust will experience minimal discomfort with this placement; those who are unable to do so will experience great anxiety. If you believe you deserve to be prosperous, you can simply trust in the flow of goodness and bounty while moving toward the fulfillment of a Universal need. Sustenance flows to those who work for the good of all.



Pluto: Transformation

In the solar return chart, the interpretation of Pluto includes an understanding of the issue of power and its various manifestations, which can be directed toward three different points of focus and through three different life processes. Complications are associated with all of these orientations and processes since each manifestation is multidimensional and complex, occurring not only on the physical level, but on the intellectual, emotional and spiritual levels as well. Within these complex situations, power can be focused on three different targets: the self, others, and/or circumstances. As a rule, the power to control oneself is mostly beneficial, the power to control others is mostly detrimental and the power to control situations varies according to the circumstances involved. By studying Pluto's house placement in the solar return chart, you can assess in which areas of life these control issues are most likely to arise. The scope and effects of the power issues are seen through the connections to other solar return planets.

Power also manifests through three different processes. One may choose sameness, elimination or transformation. When you choose to keep things the way they are, it is implied that there is some force urging you to change and you are resisting this force. A possible power struggle might ensue. When you choose elimination, you relinquish control over some facet of your life or refuse to have further contact. When you choose change, you may be either yielding to an outside power or actively seeking transformation of that which already exists. Let us explore the power orientations and processes further.

Generally, the focal point of self is beneficial. As long as you are using Plutonian insights and techniques to control yourself, to own your own power and to further your own growth, the process will be a positive learning experience, unless you overcontrol yourself, succumbing to hair-shirt asceticism, taking self-denial to absurd extremes. The greater your awareness of yourself and Universal principles, the more likely you are to make good decisions. You become the captain of your own destiny. Enlightenment leads to power and power leads to enlightenment as a rewarding cycle of manifestation is set in motion.

However, those who use psychological insights to control and block their own growth waste precious energy. They set up a negative pattern of stagnation wherein insights are not accepted as they are, but twisted to fit previously conceived notions about life and self. Rather than progressing through enlightenment, the individual uses insights as weapons against growth and understanding, opting for sameness despite new information. Contradictory realizations are not allowed to surface; instead they are either suppressed or misinterpreted. In very negative situations such as these, the power associated with increased Plutonian awareness and its creative potential is never realized.

The same thwarting of personal growth is evident when you shift your attention from self to the need to control others. By and large, this is not a good focal orientation. The symbolism of the planets exists in your consciousness so that you can grow and prosper from insight. Since growth begins at home, the main thrust of the focus should always be toward self, and it is generally unnecessary and also counterproductive to shift the emphasis to an external struggle. The most efficient use of power exists on the internal plane because it takes much less energy to control your own reactions than to seek power over someone else. Once power is removed from the inner self and used to control others, the effectiveness is reduced. Stalelated power struggles are particularly detrimental because they deplete resources. It is conceivable that there are life situations where it is essential to control another person. For example, children, disabled or elderly loved ones may not be able to make informed decisions. In these situations you might be asked or forced to wield power over another. You are meant to grow from all your experiences. Even in these instances, self-awareness and insight are crucial to the decisions you make. Start with yourself first, then work your way outward. Blaming others for your problems distorts the perception of self and the realization of your own personal involvement. Always be aware of the interactive process and the role you play in it. This internal perspective is of primary importance, much more so than the process of controlling someone else.

Trying to control life situations can lead to power struggles, but at some point in your life it may be essential to make a stand for the good of your own growth or that of world consciousness. Ultimately, it is much better for you to control yourself, but this is not always possible. Someone can be seeking to control you, your family or your livelihood. Certain injustices must be corrected for everyone to progress, and sometimes the only viable option is to work for change. Always be aware of the struggle you take on. It is usually easier to correct a situation than to convince your opponent he or she is wrong. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission. Go for the simplest task that gets the job done. For example, your office routine might be very inefficient and next to impossible to accomplish in a day's time. Perhaps you see where improvements can be made, but your immediate boss disagrees with you or thwarts your efforts. As long as you continue to try and convince your immediate boss of the need for change, you will get nowhere. If you can easily go over his or her head to a higher boss, this could be an effective way to handle the stalemate. Seek the quickest solution to a problem if one is available. Do not get locked into long, drawn-out struggles if they are not necessary.

Ultimately, power struggles can have either beneficial or detrimental results, depending on your perspective. In the external environment, you may or may not win, assuming there can be a victor. More than likely, victory, if it comes, involves compromise for all involved. But the inner process of awakening one's own ability to effect a creative change in the environment is usually beneficial. You can make a difference. The creative potential associated with Pluto comes from a penetrating insight into the hidden worlds of the unconscious and an understanding of the Universal laws of Karma. Powerful insights should spring spontaneously from the situations associated with Pluto's placement in the solar return chart. Suddenly you can become aware of new forces, subtle and previously unnoticed, which seem to influence personal decisions and situations you are involved in. Once you have the insight, what you do with the information becomes crucial to the creative process.

The primary goal of the Plutonian process should be growth through awareness. Therefore it is essential, no matter what your focal orientation, to use information and insight gleaned from experiences to foster a new understanding of self and Universal principles. The main growth process begins and ends with the self.

Plutonian power is associated with three different processes: keeping things the way they are, usually by resisting an internal or external force; changing the form of what already exists, i.e., transformation; or eliminating what is no longer useful or essential, a form of death. Any of these powers can be either beneficial or detrimental to the user or others involved. It is the purpose and intent of the process that is important.

The power to keep things the way they are can sometimes be an awakening to personal power. Implied here is a resistance to a force seeking change, and sometimes the intent of change is negative. The pressure can come from an external or internal source, and the changes desired may be either external or internal also. For example, if you are a recovering alcoholic facing a difficult life situation, you might feel the pressure to start drinking again. The pressure could come from your own wish to avoid major decisions, or from a person you are associating with.

In actuality the internal and external sources are really one and the same, a reflection of each other since internal needs draw external situations. In the situation given above, the individual seeks to remain a recovering alcoholic despite internal and external pressure. This is a positive goal and if attained, implies personal power. It is also beneficial to remain the same when others seek to control your actions and thwart free will. Pluto represents the insight necessary to perceive manipulative efforts as they arise and avoid ploys whenever possible.

In some instances, the power to remain the same can be a negative manifestation, actually causing the stagnation of growth. If you resist all new internal and external insights which would enhance your growth or cause you to make changes, little progress will result. You will stall. When your purposes are not in keeping with Universal Good or personal benefit, you are more likely to be involved in a negative use of Plutonian power.

The process of elimination can be very cleansing, even though a symbolic death is involved. If you streamline your business or office procedures, letting go of compulsive and unnecessary activities, this is a death of sorts, but much to your benefit. So is a budgetary review which eliminates the fat from your spending practices and allows you to cut back on your work schedule. In more serious circumstances, perhaps all you can do is release a situation that is detrimental to your progress. Letting go can be a positive choice, but it might also be a negative one if you cut someone out of your life without resolving or releasing the conflict. If this is true in your case, avoiding persons or situations will consume your energy. Transformation is the process whereby a situation, thing or level of consciousness is changed into a new, and hopefully higher, manifestation. Careers, marriages and self-images can all be transformed for the better. Commonly, though, we think of the transformation process in terms of psychological insight and level of consciousness. Information from subtle sources or the unconscious is gradually or suddenly made available to either the rational mind or the Higher Self, and subsequently a change occurs on the mental, emotional or spiritual level. Information that was previously unavailable becomes understandable through the process of insight, and power is released through new awareness. This can be a very enlightening and beneficial transition, but naturally it is what you do with the information that is important. If intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth are triggered by the new awareness, the process continues to be positive; however, if instead you use your newfound insight to control others or block growth, you have used your knowledge in a negative way.

Misuse of the Plutonian process creates an inability to continue on the life path until issues are resolved and lessons are learned. Stagnation occurs as the individual fails to progress to the next level of comprehension or misinterprets the task at hand. Power struggles can be the cause of such stagnation, and should be taken on only after careful consideration of the issues and implications. Power struggles are expensive in terms of time and energy. Some are essential to growth, others are self-inflicted. Know the source. Ideally, if you avoid a conflict in Pluto's solar return house placement, you should have more resources available for higher awareness. Conflicts consume energy and sap the strength necessary for the ascent. Without opposition, one can move quickly when concentrating on insight and awareness. Barriers can be torn down and the connections among all things become apparent.

But a world without struggle is the ideal, and not necessarily the reality. Your situation may require that growth be attained through struggle. The resistance may stimulate your awareness and creativity. Real progress might only occur after the resolution of conflict or during respites in the battle. However, within a long-lasting, stalemated struggle, one is more likely to get caught in a circular argument going nowhere. Nonproductive battles can be avoided by those who work toward increased awareness.

Pluto in the 1st house

Pluto in the 1st house indicates a strong desire for self-control and an emphasis on personal power issues during the coming year. Positively, you are capable of doing whatever you set your mind to. You have the ability to reshape your personality and control personal habits. Some individuals have used this time to quit smoking or drinking, or lose weight. This can be a great time for self-improvement since you have the ability to start a regimen and stick to it. The personal changes you are able to make may lead to career changes or successes in other areas either this year or the next. The power you use to gain control of yourself can ultimately be used to guide others to personal power in the years to come.

But a self-improvement kick is only the superficial interpretation for Pluto in the 1st house. Personal power in all situations is the real issue. As the year begins, you may not like yourself and may want to make sweeping changes toward controlling your own behavior and taking charge of your life. An awareness of personal power or the lack thereof becomes the focus for growth during the coming year. Often there is a question of who is in control here; you, the unconscious, or those you are involved with. Unresolved psychological issues, conflicts, or current personality patterns can be stumbling blocks or barriers to success. You must investigate and understand those factors which hold you back from achieving your maximum potential. Psychological insight into yourself, your own behavior, and the manipulations of others will be essential in having power over your own life.

Pluto indicates a confrontational style, and in the house of self it ensures confrontation with the deepest self. All power issues arise from self-awareness and the recognition of either the ability or inability to assert personal needs and rights when interacting with others. To reclaim power over yourself, you must start with psychological insight into your own unconscious blockages. You should not rest easy while standing in your own way, allowing your fears to inhibit your success. You must investigate if you are to overcome inhibitions blocking freedom of action and meaningful encounters with others. This is a time to bravely enter what you would normally consider dangerous territory. We all have areas of the mind or patterns of behavior that seem difficult to understand and frightening to reclaim or correct. These blockages are built and maintained by fear born of past situations which were handled ineptly. These difficult situations occurred at least once, but often a traumatic pattern with an inept response was repeated. Now is the time to learn to deal with these situations successfully and undo the blockages and trauma that have stood in your way too long. If you are able to gain insight into the fear motivating the inhibitions, you can now repeat a past crisis successfully and undo the complex. If you eliminate fears, inhibitions and the complexes they support, you can reclaim personal power and respond rationally to future events.

Your past trauma or current blockage is activated by a present-day situation; consequently, your psychological idiosyncrasies tend to be obvious to those in the immediate environment. They will undoubtedly know what sets you off, and may use this knowledge to gain power over you. Using an extreme example, suppose you have a compulsion to gamble and eventually incur huge gambling debts. Your inability to curb your own habit leads to an excessive dependency on money. Others can use this monetary need and gambling compulsion to their advantage. If they love you, they will use this information to help you, but if they are unscrupulous, they will use it to control you. You need to learn more about your psychological make-up in order to deal with self-defeating behavior and free yourself from bondage to others.

Ignoring the issues only makes you powerless. The struggle you experience with self and commonly associate with others is only an external manifestation of an internal process or blockage. You must look inside yourself for the answers. Events that occur during this year will affect you deeply, and may cause a permanent personality transition to new levels of awareness, self-expression and interaction. The potential is there for a milestone year. But the potential is also there for increased psychological pressure resulting from difficulties you refuse to face. Own your own power; don't give it away.

The task is to begin making conscious decisions rather than reacting from the gut level. If you refuse to face your own issues and claim what is rightfully yours, present circumstances and those you must deal with can have power over you. What you do not claim as your own can be claimed by lovers, friends and even enemies. You can choose to avoid the issues innate to your psyche, but then you also avoid the wonder of the power you possess and your ability to provide insight to others. The process of gaining control over yourself leads to power in all other areas of life.

This is the year to make a stand, and you are likely to confront others. Once you have healed yourself and owned your own power, you have the ability to give insight to others and influence their behavior also. The psychological power associated with Pluto can be used to heal more than one person. It can be used for your own healing or that of others. In the ideal situation, both healing processes occur simultaneously, with each individual involved contributing pieces of information leading to wholeness.

Be mindful not to control your environment unnecessarily. With Pluto in the 1st house, you may have a tendency to manipulate others in an attempt to divert attention from your own real issues. Even the facilitation of someone else's growth is suspect unless the facilitation is mutual. When in doubt, use insight to your own best advantage. Transform yourself first and then you will have the key needed to help others. You are the number one priority as illustrated by the placement of Pluto in the 1st house.

There are many avenues leading to transformation. Personal insight and vulnerability are but two. Manipulation and control are avoidance behaviors meant for diversion. The key to growth is to interpret everything that is said and done within the personal context first. Every experience drawn during the year will correspond to a personal need or lack. This is an excellent time for in-depth relationships and personal observation. Whatever the task for the year, it will be fueled by a need for intensity. Superficial or casual experiences will not suffice. Only power confrontations and intense relationships will have the depth of feeling necessary to foster transformative change.



PART TWO

Your Year, House by House



The Twelve Houses of Your Year

This second part walks through your year house by house. Each house is an area of life, such as money, home, partnership or work, and the return shows which of them come alive over these twelve months, and how. For each house you will find its theme first; then which house of your birth chart it falls on this year, which tells you what part of your own story mixes with that theme; then the return planets standing in it, with their contacts to your birth chart; and finally the natal planets that touch its cusp. A house with no planets is not an unimportant house: it is lived with fewer surprises, and its tone comes from the natal house it falls on.

House 1

Personality. Your main interest this year.

The 1st house is you this year: your energy, your health, your image and the attitude you start things with. Its cusp is the return Ascendant, so whatever happens here colours the rest of the chart. Planets in this house show in the way you present yourself and react, and often describe what other people see in you over these twelve months. When it is empty, the weight falls on the sign of the Ascendant and on the natal house it falls on.

Return 1st house on your natal 5th house

Love will be the main theme this year. Your interest in achieving a stable and happy relationship will lead you to focus your attention on this topic. If you don't have a partner, this is a clear indication that you will start a new relationship. If you already have one, then it will be a year of pleasures and enjoyment. In both cases, your willingness to enjoy life and seek out fun is emphasized, which will sometimes put you in risky situations.

Your contact with children will also be important. It may announce the arrival of a child.

Return Pluto in the 1st house

Your personality will undergo profound changes, and emotions and memories that may have been repressed will emerge from within you. It won't be easy for you to control your reactions, and it's likely that your impulsiveness and nervousness will increase considerably.

During this year, you'll have to face deep changes in your existence, and you'll have the necessary willpower. Everything will change course, especially within you. Your appreciation of things will be different, and consequently, your experiences will be too. If you don't allow this energy to flow and the necessary transformations to occur, then you might experience a difficult year, with crises or very tense situations. Pay attention to your new needs and work to incorporate them into your life. You'll face new challenges and moments in which your capacity for resistance and power will be put to the test.

Furthermore, you'll become interested in learning more about the hidden aspects of life. Your curiosity and intuition will lead you to delve into metaphysics and other occult sciences.

House 2

This house is all about your financial situation, my friend.

The 2nd house is about your resources this year: the money you earn and spend, what you own, the talents you can put to use and, underneath it all, what you value and how much you value yourself. It shows whether the year brings new income, large expenses or a change in how you relate to material security. Planets here show where the financial movement comes from and the attitude you will bring to it.

Return 2nd house on your natal 6th house

Your primary source of income will likely come from working for others. If you work independently, your stability will probably depend heavily on a significant person or situation. Additionally, you might need to spend some money for health-related reasons.

Return Neptune in the 2nd house

You'll be prone to financial losses due to scams, fraud, or deception. You'll need to be very careful with your investments, purchases, or business dealings this year. Your tendency to idealize people can lead you to trust too much, suffering adverse consequences in the future. You also shouldn't be tempted by the illusions of great gains or excessive progress. Try to be realistic and analytical so you don't create false expectations in your business. It will also be necessary for you to increase security measures in your businesses because there's a probability of theft. You'll need to exercise direct control, even with the people around you, to avoid giving rise to the dishonesty of others.

You'll have very good intuitive ideas for making money, but it's likely they'll lack the practical sense needed for immediate execution. Don't completely discard your hunches: study them and wait for the most opportune moment. Businesses related to chemistry, liquids, and occult or mystical activities will also be favored.

House 3

This house is all about your mind, my friend. It covers your studies and any short trips you might take.

The 3rd house is your everyday mind and your immediate surroundings: how you think, talk, write and learn this year, your brothers and sisters, neighbours, short trips, messages and paperwork. An active 3rd house often brings study, courses, a lot of communication or decisions that need careful thought. Planets here describe the tone of your conversations and the way you process what happens around you.

Return 3rd house on your natal 8th house

You might have to take a trip due to the passing of someone you know. There's also a certain danger of accidents or problems during short trips. You'll need to be careful with the commitments and contracts you make this year. Additionally, some relationships you maintain primarily through correspondence might come to an end.

Return Saturn in the 3rd house

Your mind will become more methodical, orderly, and stable. The projects you generate for your future will be more solid and realistic. Despite this, your thoughts may tend towards pessimism or negativity. Be careful of this tendency so you don't complicate your life. It's likely that your level of communication with your immediate environment will be lower than usual.

If you are studying something, then obstacles and impediments will arise that will delay or prevent you from continuing with your studies. It's important to be perseverant and not get discouraged easily during this time. Everything related to correspondence, publications, and communication in general tends to be limited or frustrated.

The relationship with your sisters or relatives may become distant, or problems may arise that affect them and cause you a certain anguish.

During this year, short trips will also not be favored, and they may present delays, complications, or be frustrated.

House 4

Your home.

The 4th house is the foundation of your year: home, family, roots and private life. Moves, renovations, changes in who you live with and matters involving your parents all show up here. It also describes how you feel inside once the front door is closed. Planets here show what is shifting in your private space and how much stability you will have to support the rest of the year.

Return 4th house on your natal 9th house

You might feel a desire to start a new life in a foreign country, but your final decision will be subject to the current conditions of your home. Opportunities for long journeys will arise among your family members, especially your parents. Your own opportunities will present themselves towards the end of this solar revolution.

Your spiritual and religious life will be strongly conditioned by family customs.

Return 4th house cusp conjunct natal Mars

Problems at your home will tend to drive you crazy and make you very irritable. Try to be patient and control your reactions. You'll have a tendency to act abruptly and aggressively with your family members, showing little consideration for the sensitivity of others, and with an increase in your selfishness. You'll just explode at any tense situation. It's important that you find ways to release your tensions outside the home this year to avoid significant arguments.

House 5

This is all about love and having fun! It also touches on your relationships with children.

The 5th house is about pleasure and self-expression: love as falling in love, creativity, play, hobbies, children and everything you do simply because you enjoy it. An active 5th house promises romance, creative projects or special attention to children. Planets here show where you will find joy this year and what risks you will be willing to take for it.

Return 5th house on your natal 10th house

You'll find yourself incredibly creative in your profession. You'll develop many new ideas that will allow you to refresh your work style. What's more, you'll succeed in investment and speculative ventures that involve taking some kind of risk. Your partner will help you in your social or professional evolution.

If you have children, you'll experience much satisfaction from the success they achieve.

Return Uranus in the 5th house

Your sentimental side tends to be different and original this year. You'll feel drawn to unique and unconventional relationships. If you're already in a committed partnership, then it'll be necessary for you to shake up your routine, or your relationship might face a crisis. There's a strong possibility of unexpected and sudden, though fleeting, romances. You'll have a much more liberal concept of love and will want to live your emotional life without any restrictions whatsoever. This astrological influence, in one way or another, will bring about unexpected changes in your love life.

Your creativity will be remarkable, and your inventions will be very original, but don't expect total acceptance from others, because they might see you as a bit eccentric.

This won't be a good year for risky investments. It's likely that on one hand you'll have surprising gains, but on the other, there's a danger of sudden losses. Also, be moderate with gambling and any investments.

House 6

This house is all about your health and any illnesses you might face. It also covers your work and daily routines.

The 6th house is your day-to-day life: daily work, routines, habits, health and service to others, as well as coworkers and pets. It shows how your days are organised and where your body needs care. Planets here point to changes in your job, your workload or the way you look after yourself, and to what the year asks you to adjust.

Return 6th house on your natal 10th house

Your health will be the main determinant of your career success this year. If you have poor health, you'll find your progress severely limited. There will be a tendency to neglect your diet and rest due to work schedules and worries about your material progress. It's advisable that you maintain a good diet to avoid stress or other illnesses caused by overwork.

In your professional life, your freedom of action might decrease due to certain dependencies on bosses, staff under your charge, or employees. Some obstacles and difficulties in your professional projects are also likely.

Return Mars in the 6th house

You'll feel a strong desire for independence in your work, especially if you're working for others. Your energy level for work will be very high, and you won't tolerate any kind of pressure or control over your activities. If you work independently, you'll feel free to pursue your initiatives. Otherwise, disagreements, arguments, or general tensions due to differences of opinion will be frequent. Try not to lose your patience when facing the selfishness of others.

You'll need to take care of your health because there will be a propensity for fevers, hemorrhages, or accidents. If you suffer from something more serious, you might need surgery. Health problems can appear as a result of the frustration or repression of your ego's energies. It's important that you don't repress your desires and that you stay physically active.

House 7

This house is all about your relationships, my friend. It covers your marriage and any business partners you might have.

The 7th house is the house of other people: your partner, marriage, business partners, contracts and open opponents. It shows the kind of people who come into your life this year and how one-to-one relationships develop. Planets here describe the climate of your closest bonds, the agreements that are signed or broken, and what you learn about yourself through others.

Return 7th house on your natal 11th house

Some of your friendships will tend to reaffirm and deepen. It's likely that a partnership will emerge with one of your friends, or the possibility of entering into a romantic relationship that will culminate in marriage. In one way or another, the company of your friends will help you achieve your goals and aspirations. This influence also points to the marriage of one of your friends.

Return Sun in the 7th house

Under this annual influence, you'll be focused on balancing your romantic life. If you don't have a partner, then you'll find her. If you already have one, then you'll experience very intense moments and share most of the year's main events with your husband. If you're thinking of getting married, this is the ideal year to do it. It's likely that you'll become more dependent on your loved ones, not only your partner but also your best friends and associates. It's also probable that you'll listen to and adopt the opinions of others with great interest, becoming somewhat impressionable. Try to select the people you spend time with because this is a year for sharing everything, and the more positive the people around you, the better the outcome.

Furthermore, this same influence favors the formation of partnerships, teamwork, and also political or social activity. You'll become aware of the importance of social relationships and will dedicate yourself to them in a more open and expressive way.

The most favorable period will be the middle of this year (considering from birthday to birthday), a time when you'll receive the best vibrations that will help your romantic life and partnerships. You'll be able to lean on and receive help from people in a better social or material position than yours, but you also run the risk of remaining in the background or being overshadowed by the personalities of those around you.

Return Mercury in the 7th house

You'll find yourself drawn to people who have a high level of culture, with whom you can share your viewpoints and ideas. This year will be really good for communication with your partner or associates, if you have them. You'll be able to clarify and discuss your problems more objectively because you'll be more detached and logical.

On the flip side, this might affect your emotional expression: you could become colder and more calculating, and you'll seek intellectual stimulation and a good level of conversation. It's likely there might be a lack of maturity when it comes to achieving stability in romantic relationships.

Legal matters should be handled with extreme care to avoid complications or deceptions. You'll be able to make good deals and contracts, but you'll need to be very careful and smart to pull it off.

Return Jupiter in the 7th house

You're going to really enjoy your personal and intimate relationships, especially if you're married. This year will be very favorable for living together and for all kinds of partnerships. You'll find the answers you need to be happy, and you'll also feel the protection and help of your loved ones. If you don't have a steady partner, you'll start a very positive relationship this year that will be very beneficial for you. You'll have contact with influential and powerful people, probably from abroad, from whom deeper relationships will develop, which could be both romantic and professional. If you get married this year, then you'll have a very happy union that will allow you to expand your own horizons.

Legal matters will be favored, as will your contact with the general public. Try not to be so trusting and naive to avoid future disappointments or problems.

Return Mercury conjunct natal Uranus

You'll feel really inspired to jump into conversations and share ideas with the people around you. This will give you a chance to express your most personal convictions, even if they don't quite fit with social norms. You'll also express your rebellious side against anything traditional and your desire to bring new life into the world. The ideas and conversations with your friends will also spark your creative side, and you might come up with some truly original concepts during this time.

Return Jupiter conjunct natal Uranus

The joy and optimism of others will stir up your most rebellious and original side. You'll feel the necessary freedom to show yourself as you truly are and will share your most extravagant ideas or attitudes. It's likely you'll do this to entertain the people around you or, simply, because you'll feel you can act naturally when you're surrounded by positive and cheerful people.

House 8

Dangers, risks, and mysteries.

The 8th house is about what is shared and what is transformed: other people's money, inheritance, debt, taxes and insurance, emotional and sexual intimacy, crises and the endings that make room for something new. An active 8th house brings financial dealings with others or deep inner processes. Planets here show what is renewed in you and what you will have to let go of.

Return 8th house on your natal 12th house

You really shouldn't neglect your health during this time, especially if you've dealt with something serious in your past. There's a tendency for relapses, or for chronic issues to resurface or worsen. On the bright side, you'll confront many of the serious problems you've been carrying for a while now and finally resolve them.

Also, there will be a serious risk of confrontation with enemies.

Return Moon in the 8th house

Your emotional world is about to become incredibly deep and intense. Your emotions might become difficult to control, and you could find yourself in some extreme situations. You'll need to keep jealousy, resentment, and desires for revenge in check, especially if someone hurts you. On the flip side, you'll develop your psychic abilities, and your intuition will be spot-on this year. Trust your gut feelings! It's also likely that you'll feel a strong pull towards the world of the occult and esoteric.

This same astrological influence could bring you income from a source other than your personal work. This might come from lawsuits, inheritances, bequests, or even a divorce. The downside to this gain, however, is that it implies a loss, breakup, or separation that will affect your emotional world, and these events are connected to the women around you.

Return Venus in the 8th house

It's likely you'll receive money or assets through your marriage, partner, family, or an institution, without needing to put in any effort yourself. During this time, you'll find positive results if you apply for a loan. If you're involved in any kind of litigation or lawsuit, you'll find a favorable resolution.

Your emotional life will undergo a change, and deep feelings that hadn't been shown before will emerge. It's a year of evolution in love, which doesn't mean it will be easy or harmonious. You'll learn a lot about how to relate to others, and any relationship you have right now won't continue in the same way in the future. If you were to start a new relationship under this astrological influence, it would be a vehicle for transformation in your life. Many of these changes will occur on your psychological and unconscious levels. Furthermore, your sexual motivation will also increase.

Return 8th house cusp conjunct natal Sun

You're going to experience a wonderful sense of rebirth and regeneration in your daily life. While your vitality might dip a bit, making it important for you to watch what you eat, you'll also feel a powerful awakening of your inner energies and strengths throughout the year. This will allow you to tackle your goals with more vigor than ever before. Just a heads-up, your daring nature and confidence that nothing can harm you might lead you into some risky situations. It's wise to be prudent and take extra care, especially around fire and excessive sun exposure.

Return 8th house cusp conjunct natal Mercury

Your main ideas and your way of thinking will undergo a great transformation as a result of what you experience this year. Your mind will become more inquisitive, and you'll want to learn about the mysteries of life and death. On the other hand, it's a good idea for you to take care of both your nervous and respiratory systems because they will tend to be affected during this time.

Return 8th house cusp conjunct natal Pluto

During this year, you will experience a process of liberation and regeneration of your emotions and memories. You should encourage this release by talking with your friends or pursuing some therapy; otherwise, you could become very aggressive, unstable, and violent. There will be a tendency to act unconsciously and, therefore, you could expose yourself to certain dangers, especially in moments of anxiety or anger. Both your body and your spirit will need total changes in your daily rhythm to continue living well.

House 9

This house is all about your beliefs, your spirituality, and how you connect with the bigger picture.

The 9th house is the house of the wide horizon: long journeys, foreign places, higher education, beliefs, philosophy and legal matters. It shows where your outlook expands this year and which ideas change the way you understand life. Planets here point to travel, study, contact with other cultures or a search for meaning that takes you further than usual.

Return 9th house on your natal 2nd house

You might find yourself taking a trip abroad to kickstart new businesses or investments. Your drive to boost your income will lead you to explore opportunities in other countries or different fields. You'll see great benefits if you dedicate yourself to wholesale trade or the practice of a science.

House 10

This is all about your career, your success, and your status.

The 10th house is your public life: career, vocation, reputation, achievement and your relationship with authority. Its cusp is the return Midheaven, the point that marks your goals for the year. Planets here show professional changes, recognition or demands, and how visible your work will be to others.

Return 10th house on your natal 3rd house

It's likely that you'll need to make some short trips for your profession, or that you'll receive certain job proposals by letter or other means of communication. Your professional evolution will be directly related to your intellectual capacity, your studies, and your relationship with the environment. If you dedicate yourself to some type of intellectual work, then you will have great success during this year.

House 11

This house is all about your friendships and your social life.

The 11th house is your network: friends, groups, associations, collective causes and plans for the future. It shows who stands beside you this year, what support you can count on and which wishes begin to take shape. Planets here describe the social life of the year, the contacts that prove useful and the long-term plans that get under way.

Return 11th house on your natal 4th house

You will base many of your hopes and expectations on the performance of some real estate, or if you are involved in agriculture, on some harvest.

This influence could cause changes in your circle of friends. On one hand, certain relationships will strengthen, becoming more familiar, and on the other, there is the possibility of an existing friendship ending. You will become more welcoming and organize a gathering at your home.

House 12

This house brings up themes of limitations, difficulties, and hidden enemies for you.

The 12th house is what is not seen: the unconscious, retreat, spiritual life, dreams, what happens behind the scenes and closed institutions such as hospitals. It is a house of closure and preparation: what you work on here in silence bears fruit the following year. Planets here point to fears, limitations or hidden opponents, but also to a need for rest, reflection and helping others.

Return 12th house on your natal 4th house

There will be some worries and limitations in your home. You will feel reclusive or limited in your decision-making power. You will probably have to make expensive repairs that will be out of your reach or you will have some kind of problem with property rentals. Also, you should be careful and selective with the people you bring into your house because not everyone will be your friend. Intrigues, lies, or thefts may arise in your home.

Return 12th house cusp conjunct natal Saturn

Life's problems will weigh heavily on you, and it's likely you'll have pessimistic thoughts about them. Solutions might seem out of reach, and you may not believe you have the strength needed to fight. Don't fall into a defeatist attitude; instead, work patiently and persistently to achieve your goals. Don't set aside your sense of responsibility and loyalty. Additionally, you'll need to combat the tendency towards isolation and depression.



Return data

Name	Madonna
Sun returned on	15/08/2026 18:33
read for	Bay City, Michigan
Time zone	America/Detroit
Born	16/08/1958 07:05
Place	Bay City, Michigan



Return positions

BODY	SIGN	DEGREE	HOUSE
the Sun	♌ Leo	23.1°	7
the Moon	♎ Libra	4.3°	8
Mercury	♌ Leo	11.0°	7
Venus	♎ Libra	8.6°	8
Mars	♋ Cancer	3.0°	6
Jupiter	♌ Leo	10.2°	7

Saturn	♈ Aries	14.2° R	3
Uranus	♊ Gemini	5.2°	5
Neptune	♈ Aries	4.0° R	2
Pluto	♒ Aquarius	3.5° R	1
the Ascendant	♐ Capricorn	14.0°	1
the Midheaven	♏ Scorpio	11.1°	10
the North Node	♓ Pisces	0.1° R	2
Chiron	♉ Taurus	0.5° R	3



Your natal chart

BODY	SIGN	DEGREE	HOUSE
the Sun	♌ Leo	23.1°	12
the Moon	♍ Virgo	11.3°	1
Mercury	♍ Virgo	5.4° R	12
Venus	♌ Leo	0.3°	11
Mars	♉ Taurus	15.2°	9
Jupiter	♎ Libra	26.2°	2
Saturn	♐ Sagittarius	19.1° R	4
Uranus	♌ Leo	12.4°	12
Neptune	♏ Scorpio	2.2°	3
Pluto	♍ Virgo	1.4°	12
the Ascendant	♍ Virgo	8.2°	1
the Midheaven	♊ Gemini	3.4°	10
the North Node	♎ Libra	25.2° R	2

Chiron	♒ Aquarius	19.6° ^R	6
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Aspects

the Moon *opposite* Neptune 0.6°

the Moon *square* Mars 1.6°

the Sun *conjunct* the Vertex 1.3°

the Sun *trine* Pallas 0.5°

the Moon *trine* Pluto 0.7°

the Moon *trine* Uranus 0.8°

Mercury *conjunct* Jupiter 0.8°

the Sun *opposite* the Part of Fortune 2.4°

the Moon *conjunct* Venus 4.4°

Mars *square* Neptune 1.0°

the Moon *trine* the East Point 1.7°

Neptune *sextile* Pluto 0.2°

Mars *conjunct* Ceres 1.8°

the Moon *square* Ceres 3.4°

Pluto *conjunct* the East Point 2.5°

the Sun *trine* Lilith 3.6°

Uranus *trine* Pluto 1.6°

Venus *sextile* Jupiter 1.3°

Uranus *sextile* Neptune 1.4°

Uranus *trine* the East Point 0.9°

Mars *quincunx* Pluto 0.8°

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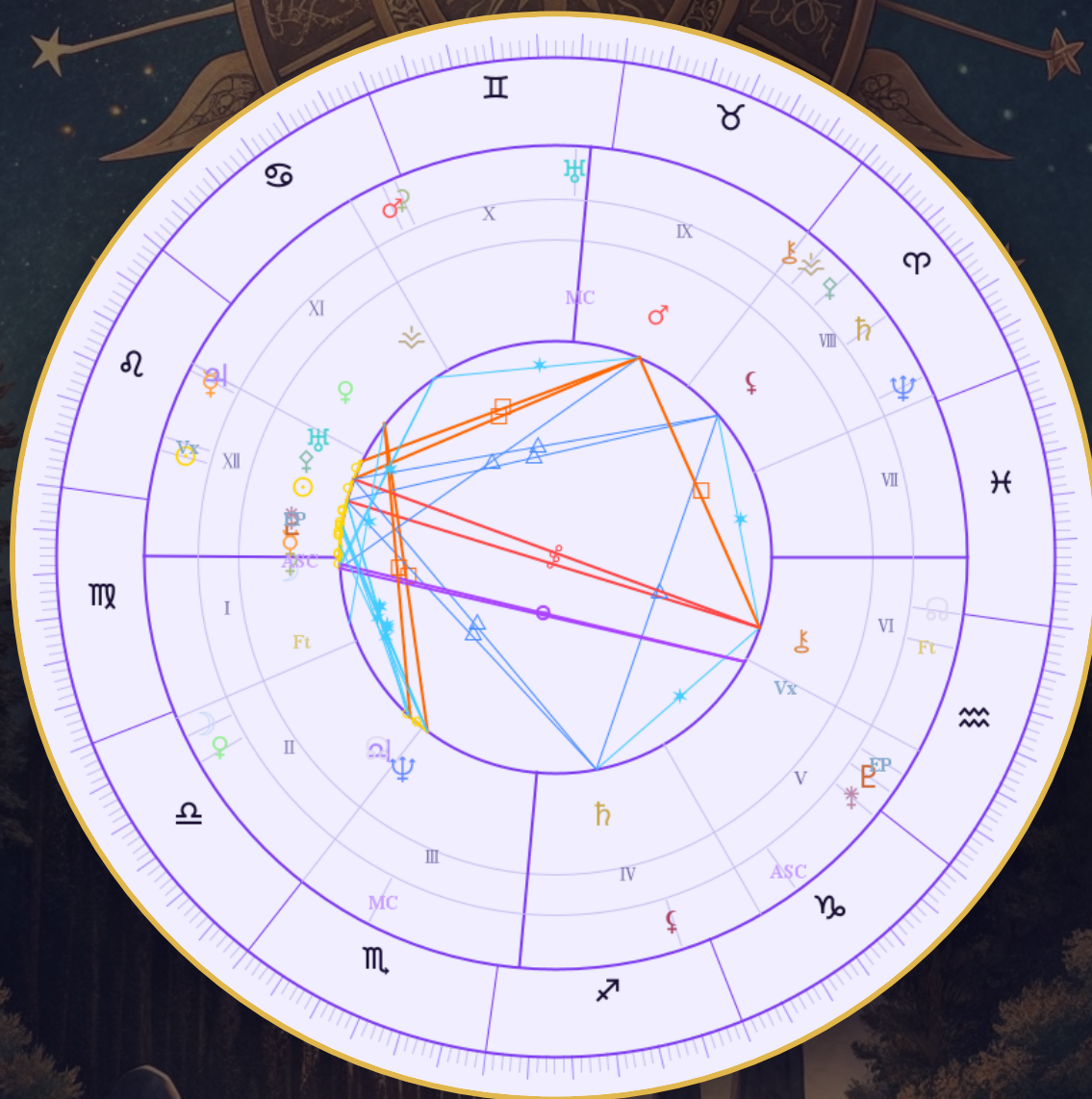
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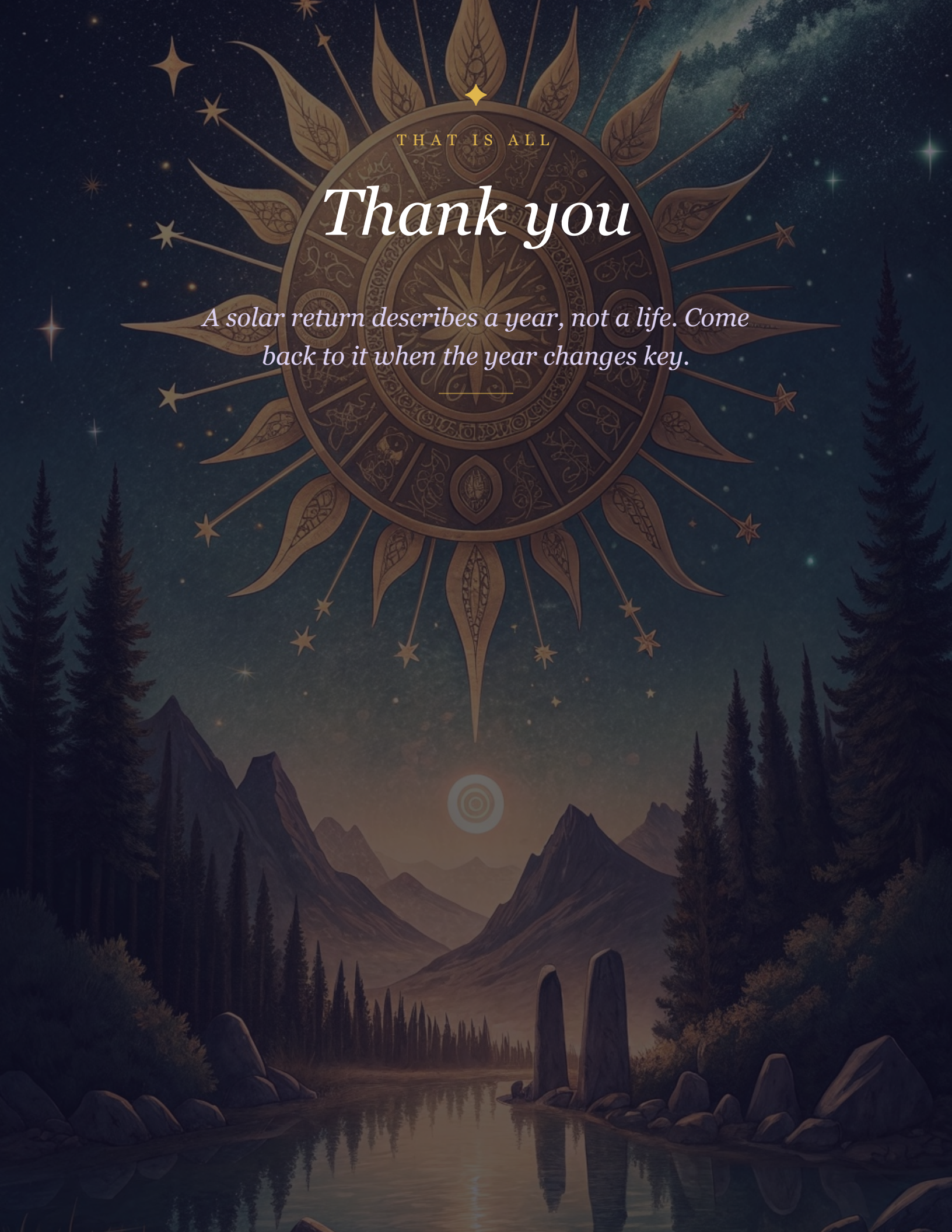
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Your solar return chart

The sky at the instant the Sun regained its natal place



Inner ring — your natal chart · Outer ring — the solar return year



THAT IS ALL

Thank you

*A solar return describes a year, not a life. Come
back to it when the year changes key.*