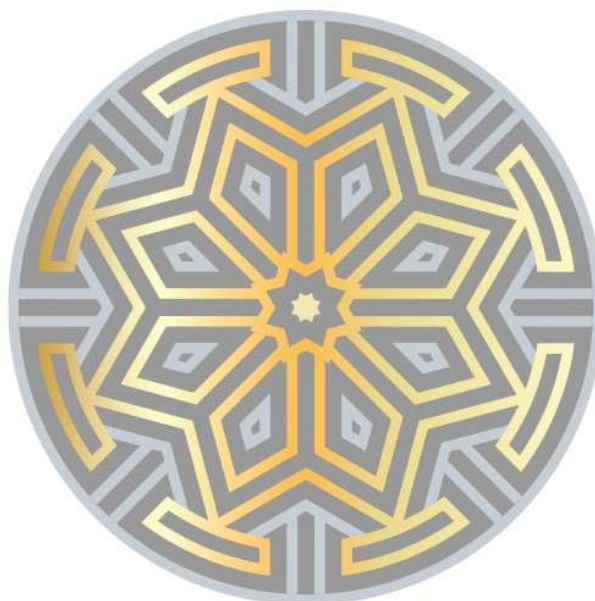




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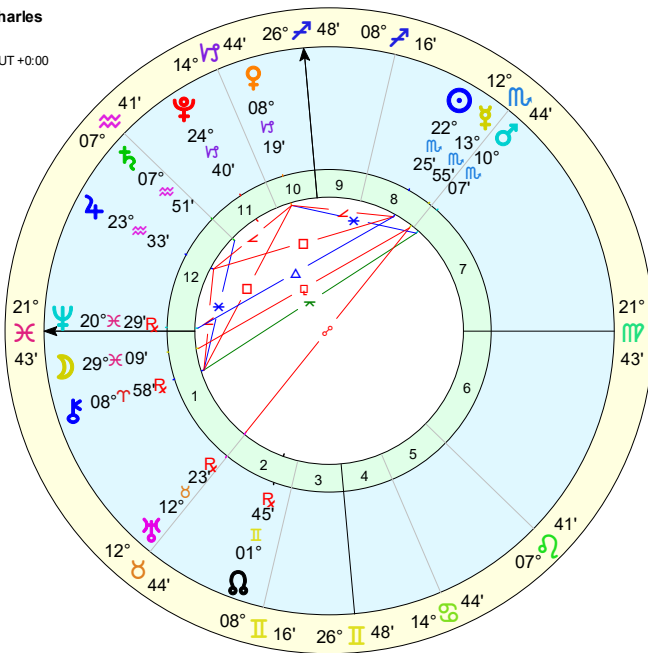
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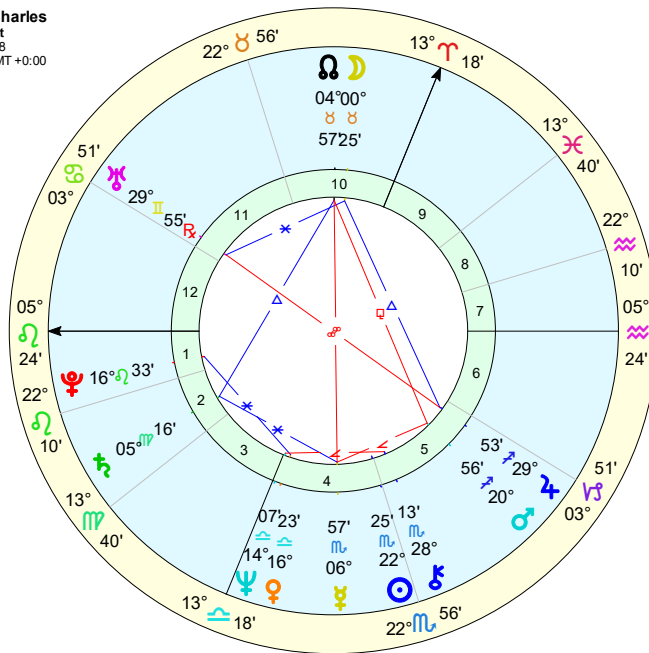
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Introduction



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

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

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

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

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

THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME



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

-- Abraham Lincoln, US 16th President

The Ascendant

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

The Ascendant is in Pisces

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a feminine Water sign indicating that this year during which you are more introspective. Traits such as gentleness, kindness and patience are of more value to you this year. As a result you are more likely to be concerned about your private life, turning your focus to matters of the home and hearth, rather than professional ambitions. In astrological terms the three Water signs are considered fertile. Therefore you may be considering whether or not to bear a child, or perhaps to give birth to a new project. Nevertheless if you do seek a new project or professional advancement then you are more likely to cooperate in a team, rather than step forward as a leader. Your creative process is also likely to be a gradual process as you give birth to ideas, reflecting on different options, and letting these ideas gently transform into actuality. Even if this is not your usual *modus operandi*, this year you are content to go slow and perhaps even take a back seat. You may be more focussed on the needs of others rather than yourself. Emotions may run high during the course of this year depending on other aspects of your astrology. Your journey is to learn to follow your intuition, taking into consideration other people's views, but not submerging your own desires too severely. If you focus too much on other people's approval then you could lose your way. You are better advised to be thoughtful and caring, but also to value your own feelings and needs.

The sensitive sign of Pisces is nudging you into areas that draw on the compassionate and caring side of your nature. This year you may discover your true calling in life, as you reflect on spiritual riches, rather than material ones. At times you may feel overwhelmed by practicalities such as household chores and personal finances. This is because your journey is currently focussed on spiritual matters, not mundane ones. You need to make sure that you eat and sleep well, and deal with the basic requirements of life, but this is your year to

contemplate otherworldly matters. You may even be required to focus on someone else's needs, sacrificing your own at some stage during this year's journey. Love is the key. You may have to adapt, but you are likely to learn much about yourself and your loved ones in the process. You learn a lot about love. You may find solace in Chapter 13 of the book of Corinthians in the Christian Bible, which starts, "*love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude,*" and continues to talk about love's qualities.

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 8th House

As you have become clear about your hopes and wishes for your life, so are you now ready to instigate change. You may seek counselling or advice to help you implement the changes that you have been preparing for, because you are well aware of the consequences of your actions this year. The major theme is change. If you have been single then you may marry, if married then you may seek changes in your marriage perhaps even a divorce. As a new parent, you may welcome the birth of a child, or assist an older child to leave your home. You may make investments this year that change your lifestyle, or benefit from past investments giving you more freedom for self-development. Business interests may also fluctuate, with you joining or leaving a business. Your finances are likely to fluctuate during this year, particularly those tied up with other people in or in investments.

Relationships with those close to you are likely to be intense as you seek new experiences. Whereas last year you may have been more social, more willing to consider other people's interests, this year you are unlikely to brook any opposition when it comes to making the necessary changes in your own life. Therefore, you could feel as though a phase of your life has ended. Even if nothing changes in your world, you are likely to feel as though you are making intense changes in your own private emotional life. Metaphysically speaking, you are transforming your outlook on the world. Most likely the material world will shift too, but it is possible that you simply view your life and those around you differently. Either way the changes undergone this year pave the way for a new reinvigorated, creative experience.

6th House Cusp is in Leo

The Sun also shines its rays on a different area of your annual chart when taking into account rulerships, a system used by astrologers to link planets and signs. In your case your annual Sun is ruling the sixth house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with work schedules, health and lifestyle. One of the additional themes of your year is leading a balanced lifestyle. You are focussed on job satisfaction, responsibilities for household chores, improving your health and fitness levels and how the work calendar bears up against the social calendar. Recent changes may have prompted you to reassess where your priorities lie, and perhaps make some adjustments in your everyday life.

The Sun is Semisquare Venus

This is your year to be on your toes when it comes to love and money. If you are married you may be feeling a little stale when it comes to romance. You would do well to see if you can spark a little extra pleasure in your partnership, but don't push too hard. Something or someone is just not ready despite your need. If you are single then it is possible that you meet a significant new partner during the year, however; there may be impediments to your relationship. Perhaps your lover has other responsibilities to fulfil before making a commitment. Whether you are single or married this is your year to reassess your relationship values. Where do your true passions lie? Do you want love and commitment, or are you just bored in other aspects of your life? If you are single, do you like the dating game or are you ready to settle down? If so this process is likely to demand some changes in your lifestyle. Are you prepared to make these changes? The longer that you have been single, the harder you are likely to find it to change some of your habits. If you are already married, or in a committed partnership, then your lover is likely to demand changes. This may relate to the way in which you express yourself and your love, or it could involve money matters. A little financial planning can be a

positive course of action during this period. It is a good year to budget and plan for long term goals. If you tighten the purse strings a little now, you are likely to reap the benefits later.

The Sun is Square Jupiter

The beneficial planet Jupiter is shining its powerful rays on you indicating that you can enjoy a year of growth and success. Good fortune is with you. More than ever you are able to see your own life in terms of the big picture, as if you were observing a fortunate character in a paperback novel, an epic film or a theatrical production. You are able to be the leading man or lady in your own life story, and to enjoy the journey. However, you may come across these discoveries after a period of soul-searching. You are not handed your good fortune on a silver platter. Rather you have to seek nuggets of wisdom as you journey through this year. At times you are likely to feel like a super hero, able to "leap tall buildings in a single bound". You are optimistic, gladly trying out new activities and ventures. You may even journey to a different location in order to gain experience in a certain field, or to learn more about yourself. Despite some setbacks, you are generally lucky as others notice your natural enthusiasm and willingly lend a helping hand. In fact you may receive rewards from people in high places. This is one of those years when doors open almost as soon as you state your request. It is almost as if you have your own personal genie in the sky, granting your wishes. If you are young then you may attract some benefactors this year, those who wish to see you do well in life and are willing to go out of their way to offer a lending hand. In fact this ability to be a magnet for a beneficial mentor, teacher, or benefactor can occur this year no matter how young or old you are. You are popular, happy-go-lucky, free to explore new options and able to take great strides towards your goals. However there are some pitfalls along your life path and you need to be wary so that you can make the most of the good fortune that comes your way. You don't want to squander opportunities. For one, you need only beware of expecting too much, and becoming greedy. An unassuming eagerness for advancement and adventure is one thing, self-importance is quite another. An attitude of gratitude goes a long way to helping you on your journey. If your ego is starting to become over-inflated think of this quote from the famous Walt Whitman, "*henceforth I ask not good fortune. I myself am good fortune.*" In other words start to spread good fortune for others, rather than seek it for yourself. This is also your year to become a benefactor, teacher or mentor.

The Sun is Trine Neptune

When the Sun and the planet Neptune are influencing each other in your birthday chart then you can be sure that they are also appearing in other forms of your yearly astrology events. This emphasizes the affect, and some would say the lesson, that the dreamy Neptune has on your life right now. Quite simply the message is: "it is time to follow your dreams". You are seeking more magic in your life, whether this is through a romantic liaison, artistic inspiration, spiritual enlightenment or remote and beautiful holiday. If you are already a dreamy type of person, then you are likely to be even more soft and creative this year. You need to make sure that your sensitivities and fears don't hold you back. If you are usually more ambitious, practical and analytical then you are likely to notice the softening effect of this mystical planet. At first you may feel a little lost, lacking your usual clarity. If you continue to push then you may become tired and unwell. Illness may force you to slow down and contemplate. It is important to note that this planet can have a powerful camouflaging affect and that all personality types are well advised to avoid drugs, alcohol, religious sects and unscrupulous business deals. This is not an auspicious time to be making sound financial decisions. You are better advised to follow your dreams in a way that does not burn bridges. Let yourself fall in love by all means, enjoy the romance and the sweetness, but don't make a commitment until you have passed through this phase. Explore spiritual practices, delight in your newfound metaphysical discoveries but maintain your commitment to yourself, family and finances until you have integrated your lessons into daily life. Likewise you may use this time to explore your artistic talents, seeking beauty in the arts, but now may not be the time to give up your day job. As your dreams unfold you can gradually integrate the lessons in a useful manner. The idea is to slow down, contemplate and incorporate your imaginings into your life. There is no need to fear the changes that are occurring in your sense of self. Perhaps you need to spend some time in a cocoon, but you can be assured that you are like a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis. Ultimately this is an enchanting process. Take your time and don't force the process. Someone once said, "*the greatest treasures are those invisible to the eye but found by the heart.*"

The Sun is Trine The Ascendant

You are likely to take centre stage in your own life this year. This is true even if you are the type of person who usually stays in the background, taking care of the needs of other people or organising events from behind the scenes. This year your talents are recognised, and you can enjoy the accolades. In fact you may feel inspired to push forward with some of your own aspirations and plans. Whether you are an introvert or extravert this is your year to focus on yourself, to assert your own needs and to shine in areas of your choice. As a result you may discover that you are in the right place at the right time, on more than one occasion. Make an honest appraisal of your own gifts, and then make the most of the opportunities that come your way. This is not the time to hide your light under a bushel.

THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS



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

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

The Moon

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

The Moon is in the 1st House

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

The Moon is in Pisces

The element of Water indicates that this is a rich emotional year for you. This is the ideal time to reach out to

loved ones, share their trials and tribulations and reveal your own true feelings. It is a privilege to share the pains and joys of the lives of loved ones, even if at times you feel a little overwhelmed. This is a time to go with the flow in personal matters. Let your imagination flow. Your sensitivity and warmth are key factors right now.

During this year your sensitivity is likely to be finely tuned, even if you are not usually a sensitive person. This is most likely to influence your feelings, but you could also be physically sensitive to your environment. You may be extra touchy, easily upset. Perhaps one chapter in your life is coming to a close before another begins, or it may just be that your emotions are running high. You are more imaginative and intuitive and this can be put to good use if you work in a caring, creative or artistic field. You may be inspired to look after the sick and need, the aged or downtrodden members of society. You may also be inspired to write, sing, paint, dance, act or some other such pursuit. Feelings of romance and love can play a role in your private life this year. Right now your feelings are perhaps softened by a relationship with a woman, either directly or indirectly. It is also the ideal time to take up a spiritual pastime, or delve into activities that increase your sense of emotional wellbeing. This is also an ideal time to seek the advice of a medical practitioner or counsellor if you are feeling a little under the weather emotionally or physically. Right now you may feel vulnerable and reclusive but you are also able to trust your instincts for healing and wholeness. If you need some time out then ask others for understanding and support. If you need a little tender loving care, then make sure that you receive it. Be gentle in your thoughts and actions both for yourself and for your loved ones. You may not be highly organized, or pay much attention to detail, but listen to your intuition and things are likely to flow and work out in everyone's best interests.

The Moon is Sesquiquare Mercury

If you are feeling a little restless, worried or irritable then this is the year to ask yourself why? It is possibly because you are being stubborn and refusing to admit that your personal needs have changed, and you need to adjust your thinking. In other words it is time be honest with yourself, your friends and family about what you want in your private life, and what plans you are making to move forward. Like it or not it is time for you to change your personal habits. This could involve anything from giving up smoking, to controlling your temper, to perhaps moving house. This year you need to seek the wise counsel of friends, or perhaps a professional, and remove any barriers that are hindering your progress. Arguing won't help. Listening will. It may also be time for you to make amends with a loved one, or perhaps to listen while they seek your forgiveness. If you are feeling frustrated then this is likely to be because you are not listening to or expressing your true feelings. You need to follow your heart, while applying enough logic to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. If you have to change your mind, eat humble pie or stand up for your rights in a positive manner, then so be it. It may also be time to make some tough decisions regarding your home, or your closest relationships. You deserve all good things that are likely to come your way, once you have closed the door on one lifestyle and welcomed a new life enhancing one.

Venus

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

Venus is in the 10th House

The planet of love is closely linked to your livelihood this year. This means that someone close to your heart is also directly connected to your profession. Whether you are single or married, you are likely to form a close bond with someone special who changes the course of your life. If you are single then you may fall in love with someone in your working environment, someone who works closely with you or is associated with your career. You may be negotiating the tricky waters of a work love affair and, depending on other aspects of your astrology, enjoying the frisson of romance. It is not a foregone conclusion that your love is in the workplace.

Perhaps your special someone is a step away from your everyday working life, a client, supplier, or an associate from another office. It is also possible that you meet someone special elsewhere, but they are connected to your livelihood and therefore likely to play a role in your future. This romance is likely to be life changing. If romance is in the air, then the marriage section of your chart is highlighted and your affection may lead to a more permanent commitment. If you are already married then you may form a partnership with your spouse that changes the course of your life. Favourable career partnerships are highlighted. If you are not inclined towards romance, then you are more likely to find pleasure in your work. You may enjoy planning your career, spending time with colleagues and incorporating more pleasurable responsibilities into your professional life. You can enjoy success and earn extra bonuses. You may also attract the attention of a prominent woman, one who helps forward your career ambitions. Basically this is a year in which you can boost your prospects for a happy marriage and professional life.

Venus is in Capricorn

The planet of love is in an Earth sign this year indicating that you are more security conscious when it comes to love and money matters. Generally speaking you are not willing to take risks when it comes to your finances and love life. Even if you are usually more adventurous, this year you are looking for stability. You are less willing to step out of your comfort zone. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to a solid and dependable type of person, someone to whom you can ultimately commit. If you are attached, then you want seek reliability and predictability. For this reason this year may be one during which you make a commitment, either of your own volition or as a result of your partner's request. Sensuality may also play a key role in your love life this year. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

Venus is Sextile Mars

Right now you and your partner are simpatico. You can work as a team, supporting each other and achieving your goals. No matter what happens this year, you feel that you have someone on your side, and vice versa. This is true whether or not you are in a committed partnership, however; it is particularly true if you are married. Other aspects of your annual chart indicate whether or not this is an easy-going or challenging year, but either way you feel ready to take on the challenges. This is particularly true when it comes to money matters. You are able to work to provide for your needs, knowing that you are working side by side with your significant other. You are confident that if you take financial risks then your partner is ready, willing and able to support you. This has a flow-on affect, further boosting your own confidence and your belief in your partnership. As a result you may take a risk with your partner this year. On a personal note you may strike out on an adventure holiday with your loved one this year, or take on another physical challenge that delights you, or travel to a foreign land. Your sex life is likely to be enjoyable, as you rediscover your passion for your own goals, and share them with a beloved partner. If you are single then you are likely to strike out on your own, trusting in your own ability to support yourself. You may meet a potential partner, or perhaps form a friendship with someone who helps boost your confidence.

Venus is Semisquare Jupiter

You are seeking greener pastures in your personal life, ventures that pay off emotionally or financially. This could mean that you are prepared to travel this year, to pursue a romance or more lucrative work. You are ready to take a risk in order to receive the rewards. This could produce some tense moments, as you wait to see if your speculation pays off. On the whole you are lucky in love and money this year. In other words your ventures are likely to pay off, as long as you have not been too grandiose. If you have taken a calculated risk, and remained focussed on the long term benefits while you make a few short term adjustments, then you are likely to succeed. If you over reach your limits then you are likely to suffer a fall from grace. Fortunately your loved ones are nearby to offer assistance while you pick yourself up and rearrange your life. Whether you realize it or not you are going to be better off than you thought possible. The angels are watching over you and the beneficial effects of the two positive planets of Venus and Jupiter are many fold. After a period of loneliness or embarrassment or some such self-inflicted consequence, you are stronger and more optimistic than ever. However, this is a worst case scenario. It is more likely that you enjoy the benefits of the good fortune that shines on your love life and your money matters. On an emotional level you stand to gain a greater understanding of yourself and others, forming positive bonds with loved ones. This is your year for the

getting of wisdom. On a financial level, your investments are likely to pay off. You gain a more rewarding job, or a friend helps you out, or you receive increased dividends. It is time to enjoy your good fortune, and share it with your friends and loved ones.

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES



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

Mars

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

Mars is in the 7th House

The sparks are flying in your partnerships this year. The positive note sounded right now is one of excitement, sexual tension, and energetic co-operation in business and personal affiliations. If you are single then you may meet someone who really lights your fires, and changes your personal life. If you are married then you are keen to involve your spouse in your activities and projects. You seek their enthusiasm and involvement, at the same time expecting your beloved to accept your guidance. It is also possible that an event in your own or your spouse's life triggers a change of circumstances this year. Sexual attraction is likely to be a strong force in your major relationship this year. You are keen to share positive sensual experiences, and may become disgruntled if the feelings are not shared. You may feel frustrated, tempted to have an extra-marital affair. All being well, this year sees your marriage or business partnerships flourishing with renewed vigour and excitement. The problem is that you may be expecting too much. The planet Mars is a feisty one that often incites arrogance in those who have this tendency. Therefore you need to be wary of being too pushy. You may have plenty of energy and drive, but perhaps you are compelling your partner to follow your lead, when he or she has other plans. If you are not careful joint projects can become a battle of wills, yours against your partner's. This is likely to aggravate you, and fail to produce the results that you want. Of course, if someone else is standing in your way you can end the alliance. This is your choice, but you need to be sure that you are doing this for the right reasons. If you are simply being childish, taking your ball and playing elsewhere because you haven't been able to force your own way, then you are likely to miss out on all the benefits of a loving marriage, or a successful business partnership. On the other hand if you have done all that you can to co-operate and feel that the battle has reached a standoff, or worse still is showing signs of violence, then you

may decide that the time has come to move on. In this case you and your partner could part ways this year. Imagine that you are in charge of a team of headstrong, harnessed horses, pent up and keen to take off. What is the best way of handling this spirited team? The answer is to keep calm and disciplined guidance through the reins, as well as giving the team enough freedom to race ahead. This is how you can harness your own feelings when it comes to your involvement with your spouse or business associates.

Uranus

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

Uranus is in the 1st House

It is time to disclose your true nature. If you have been hiding your light under a bushel, taking a back seat to someone near and dear or acting in any way that is not authentic then this is your year to break free. If you are a strong individual then you may already be living an authentic life, true to yourself and your ideology. Therefore you may undergo a series of seemingly minor adjustments such as changing your physical appearance by working out at a gym, changing your diet, hair colour or fashion style. You may feel that it is time to freshen up your image, rather than make major life changes. On the other hand you may want to make a bigger statement by changing your job, moving to a location that more truly reflects the lifestyle that you crave, or by starting a study course that really lights your fire. You may experience a blinding flash of clarity about what it is that you crave to change in your life this year, or you may feel an inner itchiness, a restlessness that is pervasive. Try to trace the source of this restlessness, even if it means taking some time out to discover this source. You may also consider living on your own for a period of time in order to truly discover your true nature. As part of your self-exploration you could try a series of new activities so that you can explore different options and see what appeals. You may also meet someone new and exciting, who reflects the changes that you would like to make. For instance if you are a responsible and staid individual then you may meet someone who takes risks, and lives a creative and free lifestyle. This person is like a beacon showing you the traits that you need to take on this year. This is your opportunity to break free of any restrictions. If you have always listened to other people rather than to your own inner truth, then you are now free to follow your own heart. You may surprise yourself once you start to break the bonds of your own and other people's expectations of who you should be, and how you should act. As you become more authentic you are also likely to be astounded by the changes that you instigate, and the chain reaction that reverberates in all other areas of your life. This is an exciting and liberating time.

Pluto

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

Pluto is in the 11th House

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the area of hopes, dreams and wishes. This year you are undergoing changes in what you want from life. You are reassessing your aspirations, exploring options and stepping out of your comfort zone. This may be reflected in a change of friendships, or a new social circle or a new relationship that offers you new social opportunities. The point is that you are open to new ideas and are stepping away from past interests, unless they still hold a spark. Old friends may have difficulty adjusting to the new you. At first you may be tempted to argue and battle for your friends' approval, but you would be

better advised to let go of expectations and form new bonds. The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. If your friends are true then they will eventually come around. You may also be challenged to reassess your own role in certain friendships. Do you have the right balance of give and take in your associations? Do some of your friends undergo constant dramas that are draining your resources? Do your friends support your aspirations? These are the types of questions that you are asking yourself this year. You may also feel like exploring different interests by joining a special interest group, taking up a pastime or hobby that invigorated you in the past, or something that sparks your passion right now.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now. What does this mean? One dictionary describes "power" as, *"the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness."* It is time for you to gain a greater understanding of these matters. Do you have the personal power to follow your own interests, or do you let others adversely affect your freedom? Are you always trying to please other people rather than yourself? Your friends? Your family? Your spouse? If so, this is your year to face the truth. Perhaps you are really frightened to strike out on your own, to stand up for your own aspirations and to follow your heart. Dreams do come true and the exciting news is that, after a bit of soul-searching, this year you can find the courage to climb your personal mountain. This year you may just surprise a few people!

Chiron

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

Chiron is in the 1st House

It's time to heal through the process of self-discovery. What makes you healthy and happy? And what are you doing, if anything, to sabotage your own contentment. Isolation may be a key theme this year. Perhaps you are accustomed to isolating yourself when you feel hurt, retreating like a wounded animal? Alternatively, circumstances may prompt you to discover the joys of isolation. Either way, the key is that you know yourself well enough to know when you are isolating because of a healthy need for contemplation, or because you are hurt and retreating from resolving a problem that threatens your well-being. This is your year to recover from issues that have caused you chronic pain – physical, emotional, mental and/or spiritual. In doing so, you are likely to be called on to share your story and help others. In giving yourself the love and acceptance that you now realise you richly deserve; you are also able to help others accept their unique status in the world. Like American author Brene Brown, you understand the power of vulnerability, and are able to carry this message to anyone who cares to listen.

THIS YEAR'S LESSONS



"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time."
-- Jean Paul Richter German Writer

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 8th House

Banks, property, trust funds, or the stock market? This year you get serious about how to invest your money. You may also be conducting serious discussions about the sharing of resources with your partner - your house or mine type negotiations. You are eager to make plans, prioritise and make decisions so that you know what you are dealing with and can make the most of your resources. You may also sign contracts that close a business deal, or end a business contract. You may seek legal advice on personal or business resources. Another practical consideration this year may be what to do in connection with an inheritance. You may need to help a close friend or relative with changes in their resources. This may affect you directly or indirectly. You could also choose to draw up or change your own personal Will and Testament. You may have received an inheritance from someone, and now you have to decide how to best invest. You are learning about how to make the most of your resources. You are also developing a growing awareness of the sharing of resources on a global level. As a result you may study economics, politics, sociology, environmental or global law. If you are already an expert in one or more of these fields, then you are likely to teach or become an advocate. On a metaphysical level, you are increasingly conscious of people's subconscious motivations, and of how people around you cope with intimacy and personal interactions. You are also sensitive to the changes of weather, and psychic phenomenon. You are keenly aware of the forces that work beneath the surface. Your intellect is sharp, and you are able to put your personal feelings aside while you assess the underlying truth in mundane and psychic matters. This makes you a force to be reckoned with in any field that you choose to pursue.

Mercury is in Scorpio

The sharp intellect of the planet Mercury is mingling with an emotional Water sign, which is not an easy mix. Right now you are finding it difficult to make clear and sensible decisions. Perhaps you receive some news which upsets you, or possibly life is changing in a way that doesn't feel good. You need to say good-bye to one section of your life and embrace a new chapter. You know deep down what you need to do, but are nevertheless indecisive. Right now your thoughts are at odds with your feelings, and you are confused. You may think one thing, and feel something completely different, or your feelings are influencing your thinking.

processes. You may try to push your feelings away, closing your mind and your mouth. This is not likely to help your process of learning more about yourself and your loved ones. You need to let your feelings come to the surface so that you can gain a greater understanding. You could try directing your sentiments into a mentally stimulating project, one that is both a conduit and helps you make sense of your feelings. Perhaps you could write poetry, a private journal, or a personal story. You may enjoy trying your hand at acting, which enables you to express strong feelings on stage. Painting, drawing, and sculpting may also be therapeutic. Whatever method you choose, it is important that you learn to express your feelings more this year. If you try to push your feelings away then you could become disoriented, and make poor decisions based on misguided beliefs. For instance you may think that you are acting in a strong and independent fashion, whereas you are simply cutting yourself off from loved ones. The more that you try to rationalize, rather than explore, your emotions, the more that you are likely to feel despondent. Your opinions are then coloured by your disillusion, rather than by your passion. You may be irritable, full of complaints and hard to get along with. If you are unsure of your feelings, and how to express them then you may benefit talking to a personal counsellor, psychologist, or a close friend. On a more positive note, the more that you acknowledge, accept and express your emotions the more that you are likely to enjoy opportunities to become intimately involved with your loved ones and creative projects. You can enjoy happy occasions and create joyful memories, trusting in your intuition and the rapport that you feel with family and friends. You may enjoy photographing feel-good moments, writing a family history, or perhaps even listening to other people's experiences. This is a year in which experience plays a bigger role than book learning. So enjoy the new experiences that come your way.

Mercury is Opposite Uranus

You are ready to explore new ideas. All it takes is one spark to generate a whole new way of thinking. You may have to break away from old ways of thinking, so that you can incorporate new views, but you are ready to do so. An unusual event, project or person incites your interest this year, leading you on to new discoveries. You've an incisive and ingenious mind, and are ready to explore progressive topics in your studies and your communications with other people. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. If you are studying this year, then you are likely to be successful in your studies because you're able to communicate your original ideas with ease. Your projects are likely to reflect your individual flair, and you can stand out from the rest of the class or society. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject can catch your attention. Creativity and intuition are second nature right now. You're an independent thinker, who now wants to be given the freedom to express your ideas. In fact woe betide anyone who tries to keep you quiet or change your mind. You make impulsive decisions, some would say rash, but luckily this year you tend to land on your feet.

Jupiter

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

Jupiter is in the 12th House

The more that you support other people this year, the better off that you will be. You may be embroiled in some tricky situations but you have the uncanny ability to rise above the dross and make gold from any situation, as long as you honour others as well as yourself. Situations that arise this year are likely to have ramifications for years to come and so you want them to be positive. It is time to look after the needs of other people, taking a positive and optimistic outlook on any demands or changes that occur this year. You're more likely to work behind the scenes rather than taking on a public role, and you would be wise to refuse to accept public accolades right now. It is not that you don't deserve them, but rather that it is your turn to benefit privately from most matters. If you step into the public arena then you may seem grandiose, and undeserving. This just happens to be a year when anything other than humility can backfire. You are to learn everything that you can from behind the scenes from those more experienced. This way you stand to benefit. Your good works won't go unnoticed, but it is best if you are not seen to be boastful or taking credit when it is due elsewhere. Your support of those around you is more likely to reap you benefits than anything else. It's possible that you spend time in an institution such as a hospital, clinic or museum, perhaps working in such an institution, or even opting to learn some skills through volunteer work. If you do have an active public life, then you benefit greatly from extended periods of time spent in seclusion. You've a great respect for ancient

wisdom, the spiritual teachings of past civilisations. You may benefit from a tarot or astrology reading this year, helping you to understand the underlying forces that are at work in your life right now. Although you may suffer setbacks this year, these are followed by successful periods as the Angels are watching over you.

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 12th House

This is a year of selflessness. Your needs come second to an event, or a person who is experiencing hardships. The manner in which you cope with this depends on your own personal value system. If you have a strong personal, or spiritual, value system, then you are likely to handle the demands of this year with aplomb, even if you don't always find them easy. Nevertheless this is a testing time, as you are required to put your own needs second to someone else's. This could involve looking after a relative or loved one, or it could involve a career working with downtrodden members of society. In some cases it can be a loss of employment, or a loved one. Your current situation is likely to trigger memories, and perhaps deeply felt emotions, from your past. If you had a poverty-stricken or traumatic childhood, then you are likely to find this time more difficult than most as you battle with grief, guilt, and perhaps trepidation. Your lesson is to avoid adopting a victim-mentality. No one is to blame. If you can come to terms with your past then you can deal successfully with the current sorrow and angst. This year success does not equate with career ambition, or material acquisition. Rather it is a moral victory. In some ways you are battling with the demons of your past, dealing with self-sacrifice in the present and the key is to learn to develop emotional fortitude. For instance, you may be the main caretaker of a loved one who has fallen on hard times. This triggers memories of neglect in your child hood where you were forced to prematurely shoulder responsibility. As you come to terms with the differences between the past and the present, you realize that as a child you were powerless, but now you have many resources on hand. You can ask for help from friend and family, organize community-based services to assist and offer love and support to your loved one. Gradually you realize that, as difficult as this situation may be, it is not the same as the past. You may even see this year as one in which you faced significant fears, learned a profound lesson, grew in strength and faith, and gained from an experience that cannot be measured in material terms.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY



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

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

Neptune

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

Neptune is in the 12th House

It is time to surrender your spirit so that it might be renewed. This could mean finding time on a daily basis to meditate, listen to inspirational music or enjoy an uplifting film, or it could mean going on a spiritual retreat, fishing trip or writing your memoirs in a mountain cabin. It is important that you allow yourself moments of total immersion in a creative or meditative pursuit. Sit in a darkened room and whistle a tune, or sit under a tree and say a prayer, pick up your guitar and play. These are just some of the avenues open to you. You may simply want to get in your car and spend a night in a remote and beautiful location. The key to this year is to find some way in which to escape your daily responsibilities and tune out. There are several reasons why you need this time alone. The main one is that other people are not to be trusted this year. This is not to say that they are evil, or deceitful, but rather that they don't necessarily have your best interests at heart. Everyone has an agenda, and this year you are becoming more sensitive to what is being left unsaid, rather than what words are being spoken. You are noticing body language and other subtle signals. These revelations are likely to be disconcerting. You may feel disillusioned, wondering if you are on the right path and if you are really seeing things clearly. You need to learn to trust your own intuition and insights, but you also need a rest. You can share your insights with those closest to you, but be prepared for denial. Right now you are extra sensitive, and other people are not necessarily so aware of the undercurrents. Another reason why you need to escape the hum drum side of life is that this year you are likely to face a few ghosts from the past. Memories and dreams seem to pervade your daytime thoughts distracting you from tasks at hand. It is time to lay some of these ghosts to rest. You are being called to forgive, not forget, past hurts and mishaps so that you can move forward. As you undergo this process you are likely to note that your capacity for compassion, love and understanding deepen. If you are an artist then your work is likely to subtly change in inspirational ways. This is a very soulful year if you give yourself permission to listen to your urge to merge with the more uplifting

elements of this world.

Neptune is Conjunct The Ascendant

This is a year of self-realisation. This can be an enlightening and uplifting process, or perhaps an uncomfortable comprehension of a few home truths. Right now it is as if you are standing in front of a mirror and the image is out-of-focus. You are confused, and perhaps unsure in one or more facets of your life. Your challenge is to try to see yourself in a clear and loving light, and then make the necessary adjustments to ensure that you are living a fulfilled life. You may undergo a gradual process of change because this is what you need to do. It is possible that you have fallen into some lazy habits, relying on others or taking the easy way out. Now you need to open up to all of the possibilities in front of you, and choose the most positive and appealing course of action.

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 2nd House

This year your personal income is fated to change. This could be a decrease in the money flow or an increase. Either way you are destined to realign your income with your personal value system. An example of this is that perhaps you have been planning a sea change for some time, or have been dreaming of studying for a new career. This year sees you take the plunge, and so may your income – but for all of the right reasons. Alternatively you may have worked hard for a salary increase, or on extra-curricular income. Now you start to reap the rewards. If you owe someone money then now is the time to repay. The Fates are asking you to consider what is of lasting value in your life and to focus on this.

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