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LUNAR RETURN REPORT

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for Meryl Streep

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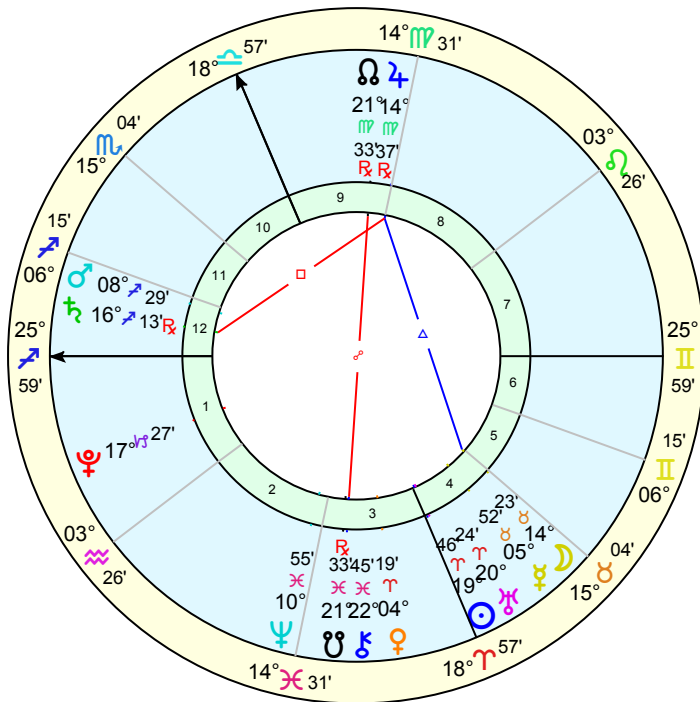
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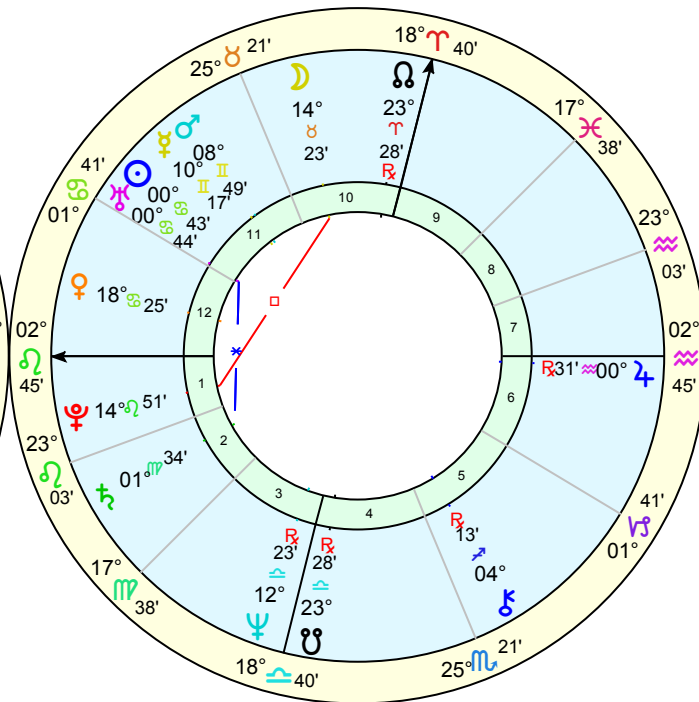
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Introduction



"I've never seen a moon in the sky that, if it didn't take my breath away, at least misplaced it for a moment."
-- Colin Farrell, Irish Actor

The Moon has been long known for its effect on planet Earth. Together with the gravitational pull of the Earth and the Sun it is known to influence the ebb and flow of oceans. The Earth's large moon makes it unique in the inner Solar System. Mercury and Venus have no moons, and Mars has only two small asteroid-sized objects orbiting it. Without the Moon, planet Earth would be much darker at night and the wonder of Eclipses would not exist.

The physical attributes of the Moon are known. Astrologers also associate the cycles of the Moon with human affairs, in particular, the emotions of individuals. This report delves into the effect of the Moon on your life as it cycles through your Horoscope. Every month, the Moon returns to the exact position it held in your Birth Chart at your time of birth. If you calculate this Return for the location of your current residence then you have what astrologers call a Lunar Return.

This Lunar Return can tell you the ebb and flow of your life in the following month. It is not a major influence but it can add colour and clarity to patterns, circumstances and events. Your physical and emotional reserves are described and this in turn helps you plan how to cope with everyday life during the course of the month.

This report is not a comprehensive tome outlining every detail of your Lunar Return chart. Rather it is intended to give you the broad brush influences of the Moon's cycles on your life.

When using these Lunar 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 any anomalies in your Horoscope.

YOUR TEMPERAMENT



"The moon puts on an elegant show, different every time in shape, colour and nuance."
 -- Arthur Smith, English Comedian

The Moon

The Moon is the most important influence in your Lunar Return chart. Each month the Moon returns to the exact position that it had when you were born but other factors change. Therefore, the Lunar Return chart tells a story for a month. The Moon is said to be a strong influence on your emotions and mood. Its placement in your Lunar Return Chart reveals much about how you are affected during the phase of its influence. The Moon in its House shows the area of life that is pre-occupying you most during the month, where you are likely to be seeking emotional satisfaction. The other Planets also influence how easily you are likely to achieve that emotional satisfaction.

The Moon is in Taurus

The Moon is the most important influence in your Lunar Return Chart because it is the point on which the chart revolves. Your Lunar Return Moon Sign is always the same as the Sign in your Birth Chart. Nevertheless, it is important to recognise your own Moon Sign tendencies as the basis of this report. How you react and respond is through your own Moon Sign. With the Moon in the Sign of Taurus, the creature comforts of life appeal to you, offering a safe haven in a busy world. At times you may have difficulty rousing yourself to face new challenges, particularly if you're feeling insecure in your life. However, it is only that routine and familiar surroundings feel so safe in an unpredictable world. Fortunately, you also enjoy establishing order in your life, and this can rouse you from any temptation to overindulge. In fact, you can often be found quietly sorting through files and drawers, weeding the garden bed or some such useful activity. You may find comfort in everyday chores. Your down-to-earth nature usually asserts itself when needed. At other times you may be keen to enjoy the more sensual side of life. Indulging the five senses can be comforting. The touch of human skin, the taste of fine food and drink, the finer scents in your daily work, the sight of a beautiful person or scene and the sound of inspirational music all provide you with a sense of well-being. You may even have a talent in one or more of these areas. Astrologically speaking the Moon is exalted when in Taurus, emphasising that wonderful ability of yours to manifest the things that you need in your life, as well as for your friends and family. When you read the rest of this report you need to take note of your basic need for stability and security. If you are going through a particularly emotional month then this need is to the fore.

The Moon is in the 4th House

If you are a homebody then you can enjoy this month which sees your emotions poured into home and

family. You can happily relax at home amongst friends and family. Home is comforting. In fact, you may find yourself putting off chores that take you out of your comforting environment. Your home and those who share your living space are soothing. However, if you are a more outgoing person then you may feel somewhat trapped by household and family responsibilities. Your mood is affected by events and people in your private life. Therefore, you are best advised to make the most of this Lunar cycle and make your nest comfortable for yourself and your loved ones. This is an ideal time to protect your privacy and focus on what and who is supportive of your private feelings. Occasionally this placement of the Moon can indicate confinement at home through illness. However, it can also mean that you have taken a holiday from work to relax and enjoy household comforts. If you have been planning major renovations or relocation then this Moon in your 4th House can indicate that this is the month during which changes occur. If you are feeling less motivated at work or for attending public events then perhaps this is because you are keener to meet your own private needs. This is your mood for the month and so hopefully you are in a position to reflect on and then follow through on satisfying your need for comfort at home.

The Moon is Trine Jupiter

Your personal life blossoms this month. This is because you start to feel positive and realise firsthand that the universe is a big place and you are happy with your place in it. Even if you usually like to settle in one place, this month you are ready to explore new options, even if just in your imagination. You may toy with the idea of moving away from your familiar environs and explore new frontiers, perhaps even travelling to a faraway place. Other moods may prompt you to imagine expanding your own home, either through renovations or moving to a larger house, or a home that is surrounded by wide open spaces. You may feel an urge to study a subject close to your heart, something that compels you. You may have a more philosophical bent this month, forming or changing your personal religious or spiritual beliefs. Your heart and mind are open to new information, which in turn expands your worldview. Faith plays a more prominent role in your private life. The idea is that this month you are keen to have experiences that touch you emotionally, that expand your heart.

YOUR EMOTIONAL SATISFACTION



"Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star."
-- W Clement Stone, Author, Philanthropist, Businessman

The Ascendant

The Ascendant or Rising Sign may not be as important as the Moon in a Lunar Return chart; however, it is a strong influence. Your Ascendant tells you how you are likely to try to achieve the emotional satisfaction that you require this month. Planets that influence the Ascendant are also of importance. The Moon remains the key factor in your Lunar Return Chart and your Ascendant provides the framework through which you can assimilate, understand and seek to express your emotional needs.

The Ascendant is in Sagittarius

This month sees you face the world with more optimism than usual. Your spirits are lifted. This is a month during which you are able to gain a greater understanding of your own emotional nature, and the feelings of others. You grow in self-understanding and in appreciation of those who contribute to your private and emotional life. Personal growth may be a catchphrase this month as you delve into books, films, television, the internet and other avenues that expand your understanding of the world. World events may touch your heart, perhaps even prompting a new avenue of expression. You may immerse yourself in a course of study, travel plans or receive an offer to teach. You are likely to approach any challenges with enthusiasm and optimism. This is your month to rise above any petty feelings and to embrace a new and more positive approach to your emotional life. It is time to be brave, venture forth and enjoy life's journey no matter where it takes you.

A sunny outlook gets you far. No matter what you feel you can lift your spirits with a cheerful attitude. You are able to see the bigger picture. Goals and outcomes are your aim. Rather than living in the moment you propel your thoughts into a bright look future and feel better as a result. Fun activities and effervescent people help you gain a bright perspective. You are irrepressible. You are also likely to try new activities, ones that boost your health and happiness. The great outdoors may appeal as could spiritual pursuits. Walks, swimming, bike riding, archery, geo caching and orienteering are just some of the pastimes that may appeal. Others are likely to be attracted to your ebullient nature. You are popular. A trip, either on your own or with others, could also give you a fresh outlook.

YOUR TURNING POINT



"Turning Point: A time at which a decisive change in a situation occurs, especially one with beneficial results"

-- Oxford Dictionary

Angular Planets

Astrologers note not only the Planets in a Horoscope but also the Angles and Houses. The Angles of a Chart are calculated and then the Planet or Planets influencing your Ascending and Descending Signs, and the Midheaven (MC) and Imum Coeli (IC) of your Horoscope become important. Planets which are close to these Angles are given extra significance. They are called Angular Planets. When a Planet is Angular in your Lunar Return Chart then this is of consequence. The nature of the Angular Planet sets the tone of your month. Sometimes these Planets indicate current events and emotional challenges or promises. The Moon still remains the most important theme of your month, but these Angular Planets give you extra information about what is likely to surface during this time. The Planets on the Angles of your Lunar Return Chart also indicate the months in which other astrological influences are triggered. Therefore, you may note the months during which you are experiencing the effects of an Angular Planet and those in which you are not.

***If there is no Angular Planet** listed in this section then this likely emphasises other themes in your Lunar Chart. For instance you may be encouraged to have a quieter, more reflective month. Or perhaps you can pay more attention to the themes and subtle influences of the planets in their areas of influence in your life.*

***If there are Angular Planets** then this highlights your month as an important one. You are likely to experience a key event, hear some news of consequence or interact with a significant person. You may also experience months when you have more than one Planet affecting your Angles. These are likely to be the most important months of the year.*

The Sun is Opposite The Midheaven

The Sun represents your creative life force. It is your personality, how you express yourself in the world. The Moon represents emotions and has the same nurturing force that you may expect from your mother or major caretaker. The Sun; however, represents the more rational side of your nature, the reason that you might expect from your father or anyone who is teaching you how to survive in the world. When the Sun is prominent in your Lunar Chart you know that you are able to apply reason to emotion and truly express your gifts. In your case your private life is highlighted and you are keen to express yourself fully at home and in your family. You seek to find where you belong. This month sees you face some personal truths about how you would like to be. This is not about action but rather about expressing yourself. Where do you feel peaceful? Perhaps you do feel most at peace when engaged in an activity such as gardening, working out in

your home gym or playing sports in the back garden. However, you may also feel most vital when relaxing in a chair with a good book. This is your month to decide what makes sense to you when you have private time.

Uranus is Opposite The Midheaven

You know that you are in for a roller coaster ride when the Planet Uranus is Angular in your Lunar Chart. The wildness of the ride depends on what else is happening with your astrological influences. In astrology Uranus enjoys and revels in being different and unique. So this unruly Planet likes to stir up any area of your life that has become staid. If you are in a rut and hoping to be free then you welcome the influence of this freedom-loving Planet. However, if you enjoy the comfort of familiarity then you may be somewhat anxious. In your case this month sees a few surprises at home. Expect the unexpected and don't be surprised if a few light bulbs blow. The electric planet Uranus is wreaking havoc in your private life. This can have the effect of household appliances needing attention or unexpected visitors landing on your doorstep. The one thing that you can be sure of is that things don't go according to plan. Your working life may also be affected but it is more likely being that home is the surprise package. The trick to handling this changeable Planet is to go with the flow, let go and have fun. This is the ideal month to install some new appliances, get your wiring checked or put your personal stamp on your home. The more sparkle and fun that you can conjure at home the better.

YOUR VITALITY



" There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique."

-- Martha Graham US modern dancer and choreographer

The Sun

The Sun is an important component of your Lunar Return report as, like the Moon, it is called a "luminary" rather than a planet. As such it illuminates personal matters which are close to your heart. The Sun shines its light on what you are likely to desire during the month. The Moon shows how your moods are affected by other people and by events. Therefore, the Moon also portends your emotional and physical health. However, the Sun depicts what you actively seek or desire this month. You may override your feelings and push for your own objectives, or you may go with the flow and pursue your personal goals. Either way the Sun illuminates what you actively seek during the month. Also importantly the Sun highlights your physical vitality during the month. It shows whether or not you are able to invest a lot of energy into your desires or if you should sit back and wait as your energy levels are low. Timing in astrology, and life, is everything. Your Sun Sign and placement in your Lunar Return chart can help you determine the best times to seek your desires. If you look at a sequence of your Lunar Return charts then you may see the rise and fall of your energy patterns. This will help you utilise the months of lower energy for planning and the months of high energy for action.

The Sun is in the 4th House

Your Sun is placed in an Angular House in your Lunar Return indicating a month of vitality and high energy. When the Sun is in this powerful position then you are in a month of action. It is time to maintain your physical activities while also pursuing your desires. In your case your desires are likely to centre on your home and family. Your energy is most likely directed into your private life. If your personal life is positive and supportive then this is a joyous month during which you have lots of drive for home renovations, family events and perhaps even learning about the family history. If you are young then you may receive support from your parents. If you are older then you are likely to be a great help to the younger members of the family. If your family life is a little rocky then this is your month for some dynamic changes. You have the get-up-and-go to fix household problems, family rifts and long-standing private matters. Your verve is noted by those who support you. In some cases this can also indicate a drive to change your living situation. Perhaps you are ready to set up a home gym or expand your outside entertaining area. These activities delight you as you know that you and your family benefit from a supportive and happy lifestyle. On the other hand you may be ready to move house and inspire others to cooperate. This placement of the Sun can also indicate an interest in real estate and property development. Whatever your personal scenario this month favours your private life and your efforts for personal improvement.

The Sun is in Aries

The Zodiac Sign of your Sun is not a major influence in your Lunar Return Chart. However, it is worth noting its general influence on you and those around you. Astrologers say that the Sun is Exalted when in the Zodiac Sign Aries meaning that you are likely to have good vitality this month. You are headstrong, able to conquer most things that you set your mind to. You are likely to be more independent now, able to plan, prepare and complete your goals. You are full of vim, free-spirited and active. You may benefit from directing some of your excess energy into physical activities. You need to be wary of being too headstrong. If you suffer from headaches then you may want to slow down and reassess your objectives. Egocentric behaviour is unproductive this month. You are better advised to enjoy your abundance of good health and pursue your goals with grace and enthusiasm.

The Sun is Conjunct Uranus

When the exciting planet Uranus plays with your Sun then you can expect some surprises this month. You are likely to radiate energy. Personal freedom is linked with your health so that the more that you feel free to express your true self the more vibrant that you are likely to feel. Obstacles are likely to be zapped so that they no longer hold you back. Your month to be free to express yourself in new and exciting ways. For this reason this month is an excellent one during which to eradicate bad habits and replace them with new healthy ones. This combination puts a little zing in your life. If you are usually a creature of habit then you may find this month a little unsettling as changes are likely. The erratic nature of events may throw you a little off balance. However, if you can go with the flow then you are likely to enjoy good health and good spirits. In other words you can enjoy the sparks that fly. This is an excellent period during which to start new activities that enhance your physical, emotional and mental well-being.

COMMUNICATING YOUR NEEDS



“Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.”

-- Yehuda Berg, Rabbi and Author

Mercury

Mercury is the planet of communications. This merry planet is always full of contradictions, toing and froing between dual options. Therefore, Mercury in a Lunar Return Chart represents how well you express your feelings and how easily you are distracted from achieving health and well-being. Self-awareness is the key to success in many aspects of life. Mercury here tells you how you can become more self-aware and what types of activities may stimulate good health.

Mercury is in the 4th House

Your connections with family members are highlighted this month. Events may surround home and family, or perhaps a particular issue needs communication. Your focus on family could result in more discussions, meetings or celebrations. On the contrary a touchy issue may need to be resolved. This is your month to establish healthy family relationships. You may also find that your interest is piqued when it comes to family history. You may hear stories of relatives that surprise you. Decisions may need to be made to ensure ongoing health and well-being at home. As a result changes in décor, renovations and ongoing home maintenance may require your attention.

YOUR DRIVE AND DETERMINATION



"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

-- Vince Lombardi, US Coach

Mars

Saturn

The planets Mars and Saturn highlight your drive and determination in any given month. The fiery Mars shows which areas are likely to demand your attention and whether or not you have the energy to deal with these demands. The serious planet Saturn depicts the degree to which you are likely to apply yourself to any given task. Together, they represent challenges as well as your ability to rise to these challenges. Planets in a Lunar Return chart are not as important as the Moon and Sun unless they connect with an Angle (as explained in a previous section). Nevertheless, it is worth looking at the influence as another piece of information about your month.

Mars is in the 12th House

As many astrologers rightly proclaim Mars is the planet connected with energy. Energy has a negative and a positive force. When you focus energy positively then through decisive action you can achieve results. However, if you are rash then this can result in accidents, conflict and misguided behaviour. Mars is also the planet that is connected with fast vehicles, sporting arenas and sharp instruments. Hence the need to utilise these things carefully rather than recklessly. In your case this fiery planet is in the shadows this month meaning that you need to lay low. Your energy levels are likely to be depleted if you try to push yourself. In some cases this influence can mean that you are working hard behind the scenes on something of importance. However, it is more likely that you need to take some time out from everyday life and rest. As British statesman John Lubbock once said: *"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."* This is your month to have some respite where possible. Even if you are working on an important project you can still cease for moments and breathe. Other possibilities with the planet Mars in the 12th House include volunteer work, taking a position in an institution, and becoming involved in a philanthropic project.

Saturn is in the 12th House

The planet Saturn is known as the taskmaster of the Zodiac. Sometimes it is thought to be a hard taskmaster. At other times it is known that this planet's influence is essential in achieving any set task. As

such Saturn steadily helps you attract the tools that you need to achieve your objectives. The choice about whether or not you pick up your tools is yours; however, you also then live with the consequences. These can be either opportunities lost or satisfaction guaranteed. In your case the planet Saturn has moved into the 12th House of your Lunar Return Chart indicating that it is time for you to retreat in some way. This could be showing that you need to take some time away from your daily life or it could be retiring to a private space to complete a project. Perhaps you need seclusion so that you can complete an important task. There are times to push yourself to achieve goals and build on success and there are times to step back. Timing is everything. This is your moment to take a break or at least to pace yourself. If you are required to step into the public life then you need to also plan some quiet time on a daily basis. If you persist on burning the candles at both ends then you may feel lethargic, even lost. This month you do your best work behind the scenes. If possible you could take a complete break from your usual routine and immerse yourself in a satisfying pastime, trips to the museum and swimming in the ocean. If this is not possible then take some time each day to be secluded. Meditation and prayer can be beneficial this month. In some cases this placement can indicate working for an institution, volunteering time for a worthy cause or going on a prayer vigil.

YOUR SOCIAL NEEDS



"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."
 -- Maya Angelou US author, dancer, actress and singer

Venus

Jupiter

The Lunar Return Chart tells more about energy levels and urges to direct energy than it does about events that occur. The more joy that can be experienced then the better your energy levels is likely to be. Joy equals vitality. Two of the most positive planets – Venus and Jupiter – describe the areas that come alive this month and offer the most pleasure. Although the Moon, the Sun and Planets on the Ascendant are key to this report, it is also useful to look at the placements of Venus and Jupiter so that you can determine where to find gratification.

Venus is in the 3rd House

The planet Venus 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 Lunar Return Chart this planet of love tells you what you are likely to attract throughout the month, what gives you pleasure right now. It depicts whether or not personal relationships are likely to be prominent, what kind of personal relationships and whether or not you are likely to be focussed on money and pleasure. In your case Venus is in the 3rd House of your Lunar Return Chart meaning that you are keen to communicate with friends and relatives this month. You value kind words, appreciation, artistic endeavours and pleasant conversations. You may feel the need to express yourself through some of these means. Greetings of all kinds are a theme. You may receive good news, hear from old friends, meet up with siblings or send greeting cards to friends and neighbours. Your communications with other people are likely to be pleasurable and harmonious. You may also take a short journey, a weekend trip to somewhere pleasant. This is your month to enjoy connections of all types. You can also benefit from reading for leisure, classes for pleasure and creative visualisation and affirmations.

Jupiter is in the 9th House

In traditional astrology Jupiter is the planet of Kings. This planet brings rewards wherever it is placed in a chart. Of course Kings can be benevolent and magnificent, or they can be maleficent. Therefore, there is an element of choice in association with Jupiter. In your Lunar Return Chart this planet of largess depicts where you are likely to attract rewards and recognition. Good fortune can be yours if you act with humility and wisdom. Growth is possible wherever Jupiter reigns. Right now your world is opening up. Are you ready? This is the month to reach for your dreams and make them happen. If you have always wanted to travel to a specific destination, then now you can make plans and fly away. If you have always wanted to

publish an edifying or artistic piece of work then this is your month to seek publishers. Perhaps you have always longed to study a particular religious or academic course then this is your month. Your larger than life presence attracts attention in this expansive month. As a result you are likely to be bestowed with gifts from friends in high places. A project that you have been working on may finally get off the ground or you may be planning a large project such as preparing for public speaking, a conference or a promotional campaign. You may receive sponsorship from a benefactor. You may meet an inspirational lover or teacher to help you on your way. Other people can certainly help you on your journey, but they are the signposts. It is up to you to focus on your own aspirations.

Conclusion



You will have noticed that there are many influences in your Lunar Return Chart, some conflicting with others. It is important to remember that this is a Lunar report and therefore anything associated with the Moon needs to be given precedence. The main themes will be repeated throughout this report but an understanding of the Moon is crucial.

Others may also share the planetary effects that are in your Lunar Return Chart. Therefore, this report can give you personal guidance and also highlight influences in other people's lives.

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