

# SOLAR WRITER

## SOLAR RETURN REPORT

A SOLAR WRITER REPORT  
for Charles III - Windsor

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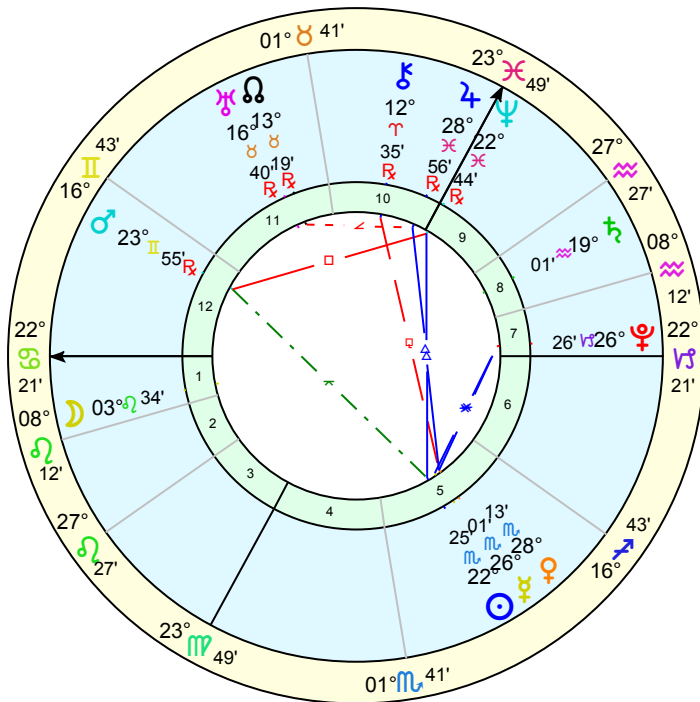
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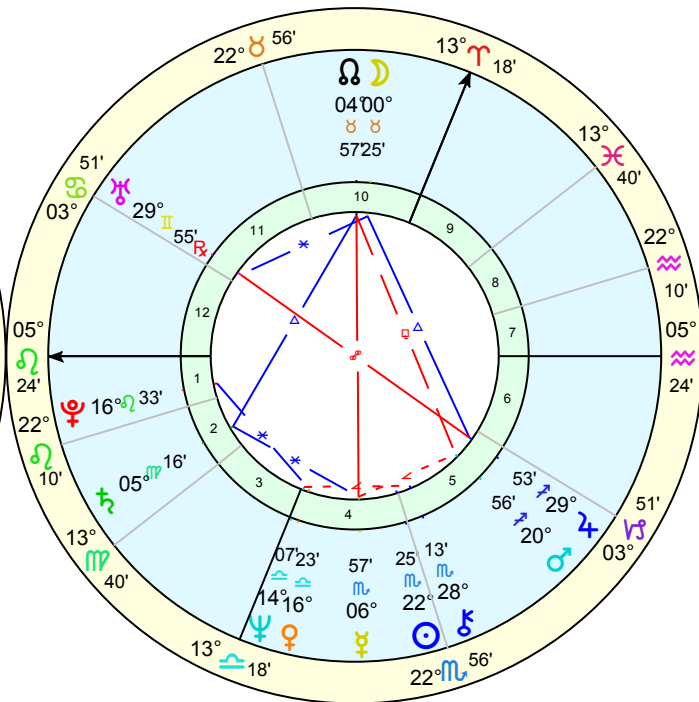
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## Introduction



*"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 Cancer*

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 caring and sharing sign of Cancer is gently nudging you to incorporate nurturing, life-giving qualities this year. You are more open to those around you, sensitive to the needs of loved ones. You may be a little more serious this year, reflecting on your role in your relationships, in particular with those closest to you. Questions may arise around your family such as, what does family mean to me and where is my true home and family? You may feel compelled to make your home more comfortable. Your nesting instincts are

strong, even if you are usually a more extraverted and freedom-seeking individual. This year it is time to focus on getting your house in order. The more secure you feel in your own home, the happier you are to seek adventure beyond your bedroom slippers.

### **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 5th House**

If you have been hanging out for a lighter, brighter year then this is it. The major theme for this year is creativity and fun. It is time to play. From play creation springs. Therefore this is an ideal time for birthing any new creation. You can do anything that you choose to do. This is your time to express yourself. You can dance, sing, act, design, write, paint, experiment in mathematics or science, or anything that your heart desires. Last year you sought knowledge, this year your imagination can reign. As physicist Albert Einstein once said, *"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."* Nevertheless you may choose to study or teach a course in something that inspires your creative genius. This is not a year to be cautious, but rather to take risks. This may be as simple as believing in yourself, backing your own abilities. Alternatively you may like to sky dive, parachute or fly to another country. This is your time. Read, research and take off in your mind or on a plane. Romance may also be in the air. If you are married then you are likely to seek more romance from your spouse. If you are single then a new romantic interest may enter your life. Only time will tell whether or not this is a serious relationship. The time is ripe for fun and frolic. Later you can assess your relationship options. Towards the end of the year you may like to start considering how you are spending your resources, but only after you have had some fun and explored your opportunities in many areas of your life.

On a slightly different note children may play a role this year. It is more likely that you are required to explore your inner child, however; it is also possible that you seek the company of children. Perhaps you are enjoying spending time with a newborn baby, or perhaps a grown-up child has left the nest and you are no longer required to take responsibility but rather to enjoy your child's company. Once again the emphasis is on enjoyment, finding creative solutions and laying the groundwork either for new avenues of self-expression or for new moneymaking ventures.

### **2nd 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 second house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with your own money and resources. One of the additional themes of your year is financial planning. You are focussed on how you earn your money, how much income you are taking home, and how to pay the bills and plan for the future.

### **3rd House Cusp is in Leo**

The Sun also shines its rays on a different area of your annual chart when taking into account rulerships, a system used by astrologers to link planets and signs. In your case your annual Sun is ruling the third house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with your local community. Your mind is active and one of your themes this year may be connected to your immediate environment. For instance you may have decisions to make regarding your neighbourhood, and questions about whether or not you are happy in your neighbourhood. You may consider the possibility of moving to a different neighbourhood. Schooling, either your own or someone else's, may be a point of discussion. Planning, writing, talking, discussing, arguing, and making decisions are likely to keep you busy this year.

### ***The Sun is Quincunx Mars***

Right now you are all set for an adventure, but before you can take off you have to consider other factors or people and make adjustments. You are ready, willing and able to set goals, and then take action to make sure that they are reached. Even if you are not usually a risk-taker this year you are willing to go out on a limb to achieve your goals. It doesn't matter whether you have always wanted to get married, start a new job or race motorcars, this year you have the courage to feel the fear and do it anyway. However, first you have to let go of some of your current activities. You need to discard old ambitions in order to make way for your new ones. Bad habits need to change so that you can gain new energy and drive for a new lifestyle. This may also involve saying goodbye to a significant male mentor or partner. On the other hand someone else may be the catalyst that changes your ideas, goals and life. This audacious person inspires the initial spark, but it is still your actions and decisions that move you closer to achieving your dreams. You are enterprising, able to initiate change. Your biggest challenge this year is yourself. The problem is that you may not realize how selfish and pushy you are being in your efforts to achieve your ambitions. Alternatively perhaps you are having difficulty letting go of the past. This is time for you to be daring not foolhardy, and modest not arrogant. If you feel your ego inflating, then do all that you can to deflate it. Otherwise you could over-reach your limit and fail to get the co-operation that you need. If you feel pent-up and aggressive, then these are the times when physical exercise or a sport is beneficial. In fact this year you may be attracted to a new and exciting physical activity or game, something that helps you positively utilize your extra energy. You may also enjoy trips to sports events, theme parks, and out-of-the-way places. If you can make the necessary adjustments, then this is a beneficial year for adventure and new discoveries.

### ***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.

### *The Sun is Trine The Midheaven*

Right now you are teetering on the edge of a major life change. The direction in which you head is up to you. Therefore this is the ideal time to set aside some time to reassess your career goals, your marital status and your ambitions. The good news is that you can achieve your goals if you steer a steady course, make the most of the opportunities and stay focussed on your own aspirations. If you are typically a stay-at-home type of person then your friends and family are likely to notice a change in your behaviour as you focus on achieving some of your own ambitions. Stay focussed, within reason, on your goals and others are likely to see the light sooner or later. If you are already an ambitious type then you are likely to really enjoy your time in the sun this year. Promotions, demotions, job offers, proposals of marriage and other such life changing situations all hold the promise of adventures into challenging territories. This year you are up for the challenge.

## 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 Leo*

This year you are able to put on a happy face no matter what the circumstances. This is because you are in high spirits, noticeably so. In some cases this placement of the annual chart Moon can indicate a new romance and perhaps this is sparking your exuberant attitude. However, it is also just as likely that you are feeling pleased with yourself in many areas of your life. You may have instigated some changes that have turned out well for you, or you may simply be feeling cheerful in the face of adversity. You have a happy knack of making lemonade from lemons this year. For some reason you just can't keep the smile off your face. Others are likely to notice your cheerful demeanour and be drawn to your fun loving nature. Your social calendar may be full as a result. Right now you feel the need for warmth, fun, laughter and company. You want to enjoy life to the best of your ability. As you play you may explore new activities and hobbies, or make the most of your existing talents. The fiery masculine sign of Leo indicates that you have plenty of initiative this year, and are happy to make the most of any creative talents. If you are already drawn to the arts then you are likely to increase your involvement and receive more recognition for your efforts. Perhaps you become the director rather than the actor, the choreographer rather than the dancer or the designer rather than the crew member. However, if you are not artistically inclined then your creativity may find an outlet in a different way. This is a fortunate year in which even if misfortune strikes you are surrounded by loved ones, and are able to feel good about your own life. You feel privileged to be part of the great circle of life and indeed, the angels are smiling on you.

### *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 5th House*

The planet of love is residing in the astrological house of pleasure emphasizing that love is a hot topic this year. Romance is a key feature of your life, whether this is because you are love struck, witness someone else's tender liaison, or write a romance novel. If you are already in a serious relationship, then you may marry this year. If you are already married, then you may experience a renewed sense of love and pleasure. It is also possible that a close friend or family member has fallen in love, and you enjoy observing their happiness. If you are single then the most likely scenario is that you meet someone, fall in love and enjoy a courtship period. This may lead to a commitment, but this depends on other aspects of your annual chart. Right now you are content to enjoy the experience of being in love, the pleasure of your lover's company and the renewed sense of meaning this attachment brings to your life. Of course, you may enjoy formalizing your love with a betrothal or wedding ceremony. If so, then you are likely to take great pleasure in each stage of the relationship, from the courtship, through to the ceremony and honeymoon and eventually to living together. Your passions are aroused this year. If you are not smitten with a lover, you are likely to be infatuated with a project or perhaps a child. If you are a parent, then this is an ideal year to enjoy the company of your offspring. If you are involved in an artistic field, then a particularly appealing project may be on offer, or the creative juices flow, or someone offers you a gift that enables you to pursue your art with greater abandon. Perhaps you meet your muse. Make the most of the gifts that come your way because this is your year to pursue pleasure in a form that most appeals to you.

### *Venus is in Scorpio*

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

sharing or supporting your passions. You are well advised to avoid anyone who expresses harsh words. If you are attached, then you enjoy relaxing with your loved one in beautiful natural surroundings, at artistic or inspirational events, or perhaps even on a spiritual retreat. The key is for you to feel emotionally safe and in tune with your partner. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

### *Venus is Trine Jupiter*

No matter what else is happening during the course of this year, the angels are watching over you. There is a gift, and perhaps many gifts, available for you right now. So if ever you were going to believe in miracles, now is the time. This is particularly true when it comes to love and money because the favourable planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You are more optimistic and generous, ready to spend your time and money on friends and loved ones. You take pleasure in helping your loved ones achieve their goals and may even help them financially. "What goes around comes around" as the cliché goes. Therefore your generosity is likely to be rewarded. Supportive friends, colleagues and benefactors may pleasantly surprise you with their offers of assistance, gifts and money. You may receive a large amount of money this year from one or more sources. If you are single then you are liable to fall in love this year. This may be a very strong and pleasurable experience whereby you feel that you have met the love of your life, or perhaps obstacles are removed and an old romance is rekindled. Either way you are well advised to follow your heart rather than squander any opportunities that come your way. Romance is highlighted whether or not you are attached. You are ready to expand your horizons, seeking adventure and stimulation in your personal life rather than the status quo. If you are involved in a relationship, then you or your partner is likely to change the nature of your partnership, by requiring a more expansive and exciting lifestyle, even if this costs a large amount of money. For instance you may yearn to live in a different location, and enjoy making plans with your spouse. You are likely to receive their cooperation, particularly as they sense your enthusiasm. It is also possible that your spouse asks you to accompany him or her on a long journey, a move to a new location or a change of lifestyle. This is likely to have benefits for you, expanding your personal world in ways that you had not previously thought possible. It is not just your spouse who may require changes in your lifestyle. A female friend or relative may be a catalyst for positive changes in your personal life. Whatever your personal circumstances you are likely to initiate, or have thrust on you, at least one larger than life scheme. As long as the scheme is not too grandiose, then you are able to carry it off this year thanks to your own efforts and the support of others.

### *Venus is Sextile Pluto*

You are about to make some profound discoveries and changes when it comes to love and money. This could involve a commitment to someone you love, such as marriage, purchasing a house together or deciding to start a family. You could also start a family business under the influence of this combination of planets. While you are making big decisions that change your marital and monetary status, over the course of the year you are also likely to become more and more focussed on everyday patterns, how the minutiae reflect the larger issues at hand. The psychological side of relationships is highlighted. If you are living a solitary lifestyle then you become increasingly aware of your own needs for independence versus dependence, and how these affect your desire, or not, to be in a close and intimate relationship. If you are in a relationship, then you are likely to become increasingly aware of the interactions, the nature of sharing within the relationship, and whether or not your own needs are being met. This can be an intense process, even if you are in a loving and supportive union. Little things can take on larger than life proportions right now, and you need to do a little soul-searching to find their origins, gain insights into how they affect your love life and make the appropriate changes. Your spouse may not realise just how much the little everyday things are affecting your attitude to love and money right now. Therefore you would be well advised to keep the lines of communication open. The more that you can understand express your deepest feelings and desires, the more satisfying your love union becomes. As a result the changes that take place can be profoundly happy 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 12th House**

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

### **Mars is Square Neptune**

You are travelling along the road and you see a sign that says road works. You know the road rules and you slow down, knowing that others' safety and your own wellbeing depend on it. So why is it so difficult to do the same thing when your life requires the same action. The challenge for you this year is to take notice of the signs of whether or not you are on the right path, to slow down when necessary and to take a different road if required. Others may question your motivation, but you need to take note of your own heart and mind.

It is time to follow your intuition and to ensure that your actions have meaning. Otherwise you could lose your sense of purpose, feel redundant and have decisions made for you. It is much preferable for you to calmly take the initiative. This is an excellent year to pursue humanitarian or artistic project. You may not benefit financially, but you are likely to find the work rewarding, particularly if you work behind the scenes rather than seeking the limelight. This is your year for service to others, rather than self-seeking behaviour. You need to strive for emotional satisfaction and creative merit, rather than material gains. It is possible that you are at the mercy of the whims of someone else this year. If this is the case then your life may change direction as a result of his or her creative endeavours. Of course, you do not have to be the sacrificial lamb at the altar of their desires. You can pursue your own dreams, but you may have to be prepared to assert yourself gently and firmly. Your compassion for others is likely to be aroused now, and therefore you are a soft target for con artists, pedlars and fundraisers. You need to refrain from making financial contributions or decisions that deplete your resources. Donations of time and money certainly have merit but your powers of discrimination are not strong, so wait until after your next birthday before investing large amounts of money. Likewise you can volunteer your time, but make sure that you are not depleting your own energy levels.

### **Uranus**

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

### **Uranus is in the 11th House**

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

### **Pluto**

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

### **Pluto is in the 7th House**

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the area of marriage, business partnerships and contracts. Any contract that involves partnership has the potential to change your life this year. The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. You are being challenged to see the truth about marriage and partnership. If you are single then you may meet a person who transforms your life, perhaps even prompting a marriage proposal. If you are already married then your interactions with your spouse, or an event in your spouse's life, is likely to change in a way that profoundly affects you. It is best not to resist the strong force of these changes. Resisting is likely to create tension, which ultimately may break your partnership. You would be better advised to reflect on new possibilities and work co-operatively. It may be tempting to try to retain control, but this is unlikely to serve you well this year. Trust may be a matter of concern for you. If you trust your newfound love, your spouse, or your business partners then you are better advised to go with the flow, make the changes that you can with integrity and negotiate rather than argue. If you don't have trust then you may need to reconsider your contracts and walk away. It is also important that you are trustworthy when it comes to partnerships.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now in the area of relationships. 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.*" Are you, or is someone else, being exceedingly forceful right now, demanding changes? You are asked to do a little soul-searching and face the truth. Do you need to make the changes that the other person is suggesting? Does this person see truths that you have not faced or is he or she being unreasonable? The challenge is to embrace any suggestions that positively change your life even if this causes some discomfort. If you are true to yourself, while respecting the other person, then you are likely to enjoy a powerful and rewarding personal or business partnership.

### **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 10th House**

During the course of this year, you are likely to question your professional direction with a view to adding more meaning. This can be a profound journey around the sun, during which you adjust your professional course to become more aligned with your soul purpose. It's possible that a painful event, or memory, prompts your purposeful action. Perhaps your relationship with a parent, or authority figure, also sparks a change of attitude. It's certainly a good year in which to face any childhood hurts associated with your parents, with a view to healing them and thus increasing your own confidence and authority in the world. It's also time for you to shift from ambition to meaning in your career. This could be linked to circumstances that force a change of heart, or come from within. Either way, it's a year in which you can become more aligned with your spiritual purpose, paving the way for a deeper and more satisfying life direction. You can seek answers from teachers, and may become a teacher yourself. Take a moment to ponder your zone of genius, and then take the necessary steps to ensure that you are living your full potential in the wider world.

## 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 5th House**

This is your year to explore different media for creative expression. If you have artistic or literary skills then doors may open enabling you to direct your talents into a specific project. You may enjoy learning a new artistic skill, either professionally or personally. Art, drama, dance or craft classes may appeal. If you have always wanted to learn a musical instrument then now is the time to get started. Your creative urges are not limited to the arts. This is your chance to express your original thoughts in any field. No matter what else is happening during this year you are able to escape by learning or applying something that is fun. Children and young people are also likely to attract your attention. If you are a parent then this is likely to be a busy year taken up with your child or children's many activities. You may enjoy initiating or participating in these activities. Either way this is a hectic schedule and you need to be flexible. See this as the ideal opportunity to reclaim your own child-like innocence and sense of fun. You can encourage and join in activities such as juggling, circus acts, charades, doing puzzles, playing card and board games and just simply clowning around. Whether you have children of your own or not, you are still likely to spend time with young people. Perhaps you are a teacher, or have the opportunity to lead a creative project that involves young people. Teaching and public speaking opportunities may arise this year. This could be through your work, or when a relative asks you to speak at a birthday, wedding, or other special occasion.

### **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 are 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 Sextile Pluto*

This year you are likely to be presented with a person who totally occupies your thoughts or a particular venture is requiring your full focus. You may be a little obsessive and you need to be aware that something this year is likely to be triggering subconscious memories of similar events, or people from the past. As a result this is a time of tense communications, during which you gain a deep understanding of the human mind in general or a certain subject in particular. For these reasons it is an ideal time for any project which demands mental concentration and deep thought. You are able to hone in on aspects of life, and emotions that are hidden. Other people may not share your insights. The onus is on you to change your attitudes and really focus on positive matters in your life. Now is an ideal time to start a demanding study course either as a student or teacher. Right now you are resourceful, easily able to concentrate and to obtain information and data. It may take some research, but you are able to persist and obtain the correct information. You may also benefit from a demanding business deal, one that demands your full attention. You need to be wary of any contracts or settlements needing to be completed. It is important that you gain the best possible advice from experts before signing anything. Your analytical abilities are also heightened, but you may not easily see the bigger picture. You have the ability to focus all of your attention on small details. This can be a real gift or you can become caught up in some negative thoughts. You need to keep your focus as positive as possible and recognize that light is at the end of the tunnel. By the end of this period your intense focus starts to shift and you realize that you have gained many insights into human nature, or a particular subject. However, the road to the getting of this wisdom may be bumpy. Therefore this can be a good time for self-analysis or psychological studies. Basically during this period a part of you is required to grow up, to face aspects of your life that have been childish rather than child-like. During this year you are being called on to dig deep into your psyche and face your illusions. This could be illusion about something or someone, or it could self-delusion. If so you need to honestly face your limitations. Perhaps you are fearful and your fears have stopped you moving forward, making clear decisions and taking on new challenges. It is time to face your fears. An aspect of your personality needs to be mastered. It is time to grow up just a little more.

### *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 10th House*

This is your year for being in the right place at the right time when it comes to career and marriage. Follow your intuition and you are likely to find lady luck keeps turning up opportunities for you to achieve your career

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

### **Saturn**

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

### **Saturn is in the 8th House**

*“Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pound ought and six, result misery.”* English Author Charles Dickens stated this more than 150 years ago in his novel “David Copperfield”, but it holds true for you this year. It is time to analyse your income and expenditure, particularly when it comes to any shared finances. Household budgets, family investments, joint income, business ventures and inheritances are all under the microscope. It is time to be concerned about financial concerns. If you have been procrastinating, then you can put it off no longer. It is time to sit down go through all of the bills, paperwork, and money-related matters and put your books in order. If you have debts then you need to seek advice and consolidate them. If you haven't paid your tax, then do so now. This year the bill and tax collectors are coming, and legal action is likely if you drag your feet. On the contrary you are likely to be rewarded for your hard efforts if you have been financially diligent. If this is the case then the time has come to consider what to do with your hard-earned money. Do you want to invest in property or equity? You are seeking long term gains, not short terms benefits this year. The financial undercurrents of recent times have surfaced to be dealt with, in light of the long term ramifications. So too have the personal ones. You are ready to face the truths that lie within any of your intimate relationships, or business partnerships. Money and sex are likely to be the key factors in your decisions this year. If you are satisfied, sexually and fiscally, then you may pool resources. However, if you are dissatisfied then you are likely to change, and perhaps dissolve a personal or business partnership rather than continue in its current form. You are keen to see any unresolved problems brought into the light of day, discussed and dealt with. It is time to disperse with secrets and lies, and face the truths. You need to prune any excess in your material world in order to discover spiritual treasure. You are seeking reconciliation in all areas of your life, and are prepared right now to make the tough decisions in order to put your monetary, sexual, and personal life in order.

## 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 9th House**

This is quite a mystical year. Unusual experiences, inexplicable thoughts and undeniably strange coincidences invade your life. If you have an open-mind and heart then this can be an inspirational year. If you have longed to create a great work of art, write an intriguing novel or study ancient civilisations, then this could be the ideal time to start. There is something otherworldly about your experiences and your interactions during the course of your birthday year. This could be a little disconcerting, particularly if you are usually a very down-to-earth person. You need to take any strange occurrences in your stride, trusting that there is a higher meaning right now. When Joan of Arc and other saint-like individuals heard the voices of angels, God or the Virgin Mary, some thought that they were crazy and others labelled them as saints. It is all in the belief system, both the beliefs of others and self-perception. This is your year to grow in awareness of the religious and spiritual beliefs of the world at large, and in your own convictions. The challenge is to understand that this process is not one that can be easily talked about. You need to find like-minded souls; otherwise your loved ones may think that you are losing the plot. You can be assured that this is not the case. Society does not always uphold the process of spiritual insights and enlightenment. If you are feeling a little out of sorts, then you are experiencing what is called a "crisis of faith". Therefore your strength lies in accepting that you are undergoing a process of change, one that ultimately brings you to a better understanding of your purpose, and your spiritual path. As a result of this process you may start or end a higher learning course, move to a foreign country, join or leave a religious community, or seek a whole new way of life. In the meantime you can seek solace in liberal-minded religious organizations, spiritual groups, meditation practices, wise mentors and artistic pursuits. In fact you may take part in rituals or be invited to more religious ceremonies this year as relatives and friends celebrate formal events. You may also enjoy

awe-inspiring natural surroundings, or sitting in a wondrous cathedral, viewing beautiful angelic art, or singing songs of praise and glory. You may also benefit from working with your hands, as this can help you feel connected to the more practical earthy side of life. Craftwork, gardening, massage, and physical labour can be soothing. Have faith that all will be well. God is watching over you.

### ***Neptune is Trine 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.

### ***Neptune is Conjunct The Midheaven***

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

### ***The North Node***

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

### ***The North Node is in the 11th House***

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

### ***The North Node is Semisquare Jupiter***

Your date with destiny this year is linked to broadening your mind through cultural pursuits and environments. You may enter the halls of academia, or work in an area that brings you into contact with

people from other walks of life. You may start socialising with people from other cultures, or perhaps travel to foreign lands. You learn much from your new experiences, whether these are in the halls of learning, or through life experience. There may be a few rocky times as you learn to become more sensitive to other ways of viewing the world, but basically this is a positive year in which opportunities arise for you to embrace a new outlook on life, knowing that the fates are smiling on you.

## Conclusion



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