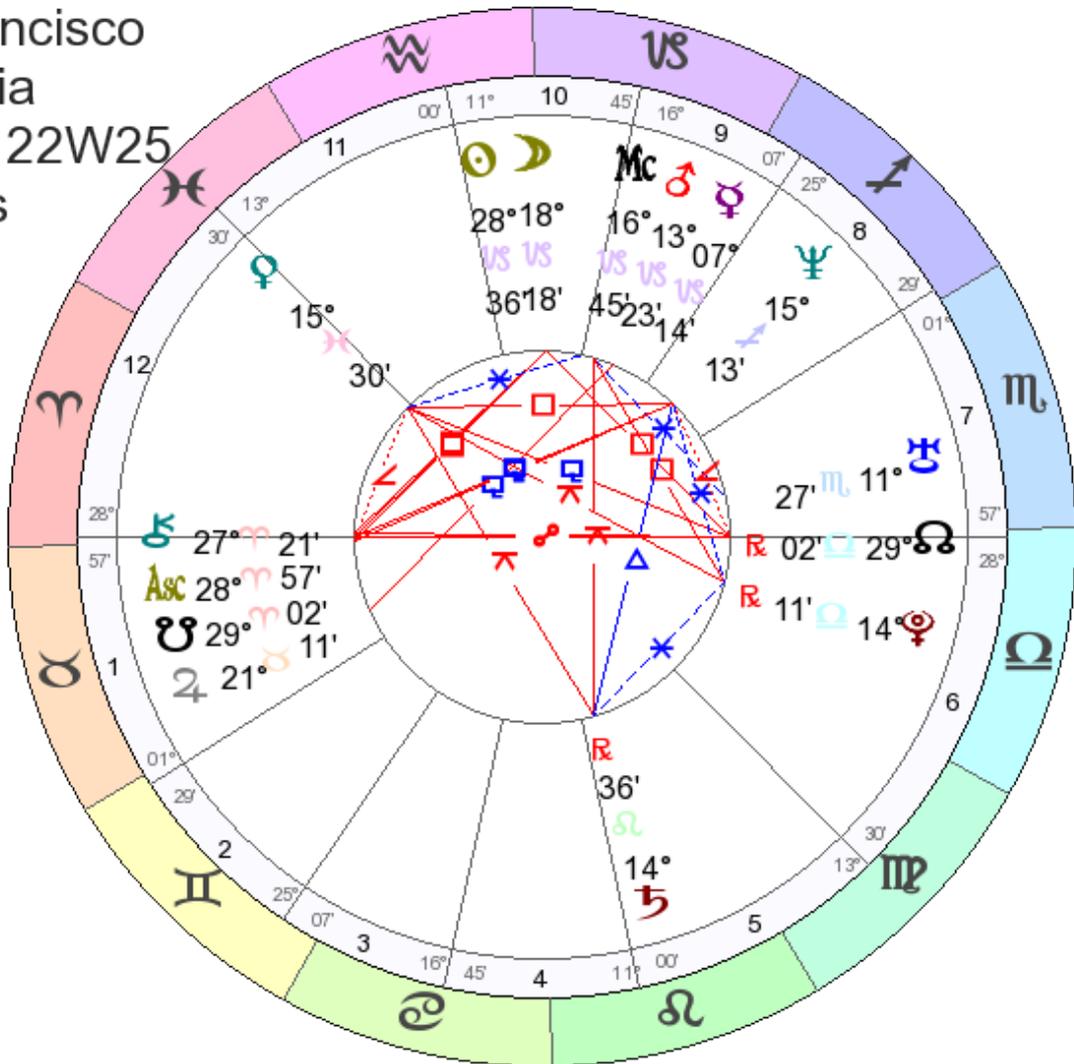
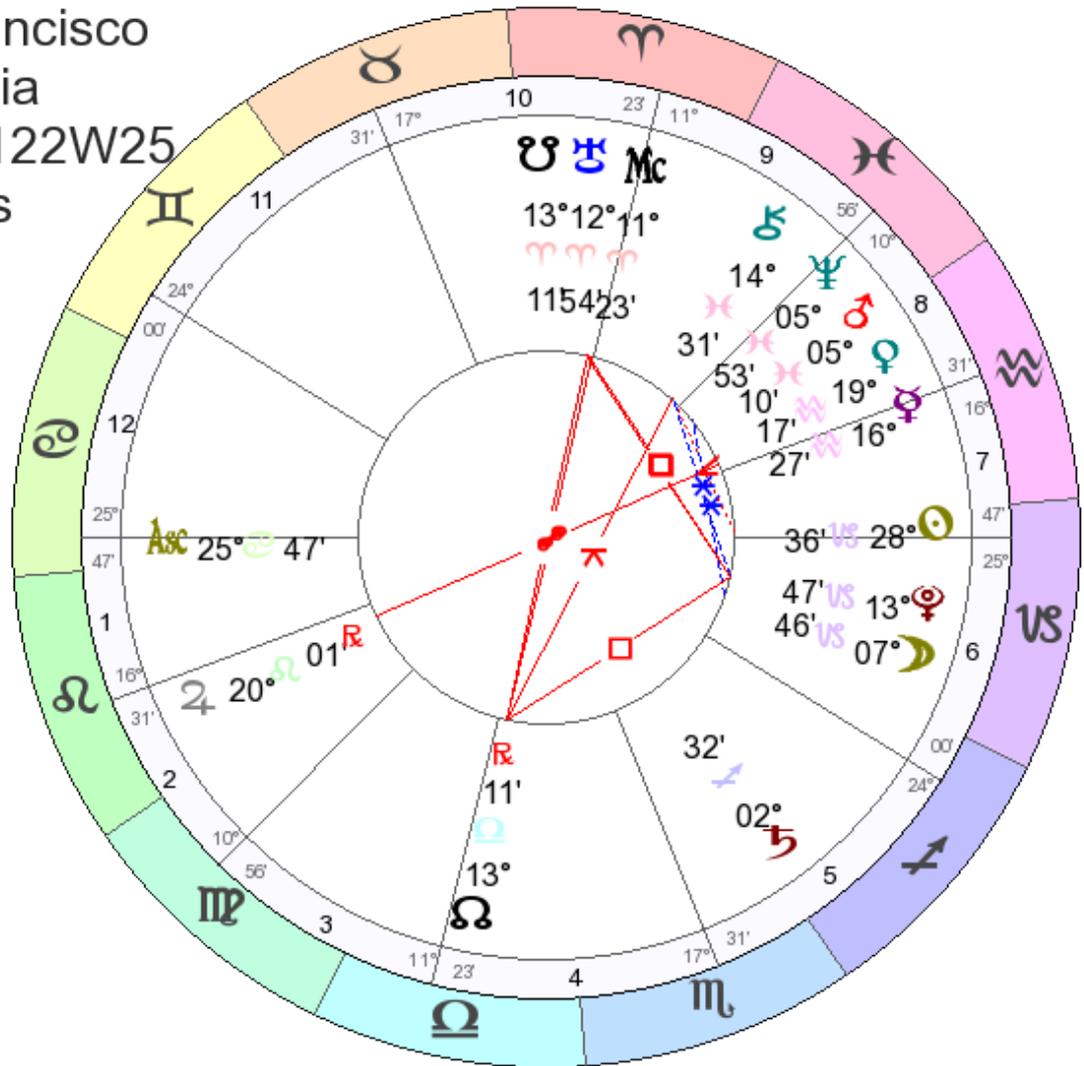


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SOLAR RETURN OF MARC

Introduction

Many people are familiar with their own astrological sign because Sun sign astrology is popular in today's culture. Taking this one step further extends the understanding of astrology from the Sun sign to other planets and aspects of astrology that interplay at the moment of birth. A chart is produced that astrologers can interpret. 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 we 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

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 to 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 7th House

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

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

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.

THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS

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 6th House

It is time to focus on your health and well being, changing any bad habits in favour of life enhancing ones. The good news is that you are now motivated to make the necessary changes. You feel good about adopting a healthier lifestyle. This makes the adjustments so much easier to embrace. On the one hand it is possible that some physical warning signs have prompted you to seek medical advice. A series of tests highlight the areas that need attention and you take appropriate action. On the other hand you may already be living a healthy lifestyle and simply decide to make some slight adjustments. Whatever the scenario this is your year for giving up smoking, reducing your levels of sugar and/or fat, starting an exercise program, and making more time for leisure rather than work. The occasional walk on the beach or a random weekend away may be beneficial, but this alone is not going to cut it this year. You are being called on to change your habits on a daily basis, not just your physical habits but the underlying psychological problems that have led to your bad habits. In other words you need to slow down, reflect on what type of lifestyle is going to be most beneficial to your emotional well being. Ask yourself the question, "what is stressful in my life"? and then ask yourself, "why do I continue to impose these stressful conditions on myself and my loved ones"? Hopefully as you then address these questions you will hopefully reduce your emotional stress, and attend to your emotional needs. You can now embrace a more meaningful lifestyle, and then the physical symptoms that have been plaguing you are likely to dissipate. Meditation, yoga, gym classes, dance lessons, relaxing with loved ones at home are just a few of the ways in which you can slow down and enjoy your life more.

It is always possible that your lifestyle has been the opposite of fast-paced. Perhaps you have been comfortable for some time, and have felt in a bit of a rut. Once again this is the year during which you feel motivated to change. You may change jobs, re-arrange your working environment, become more involved with activities with your co-workers, or start a new work-training program. These changes are likely to be beneficial. The end result of the changes that you adopt this year, is that feel more energetic, optimistic, healthy and enlivened in your daily life.

The Moon is in Capricorn

The staid Earth sign of Capricorn is one of the most logical of the Zodiac indicating that this is a year of analytical assessment in your personal life. Your private life comes under scrutiny. On the one hand you may be reassessing your personal needs, your closest friendships, relationships with relatives, or your marital status. You may also be re-evaluating the amount of time that you spend at work compared to the time spent at home and with loved ones. This is not an entirely comfortable process, but you are able to take a pragmatic approach and implement changes in a methodical manner. It is also

possible that a loved one has already been complaining that you work too much, or alternatively a colleague or employer has noticed your inattentive attitude at work. If you do not redress any imbalances then you could be left out in the cold. It is time for you to reconcile the many demands in your life. In short you need to be accountable for your past behaviour and move forward in a responsible manner. Depending on other aspects of your astrology you may be in a fortunate position, able to purchase a new home, make investments in a future business, receive a promotion at work, or make a commitment to a marriage. If you have worked hard, honoured your loved ones needs and led a well-balanced life then this year you are able to reap the benefits. However, if you have squandered opportunities in the past, you may now have to pay your debts. Either way it is time to knuckle down, work hard and face facts. This may involve a period of isolation from home and family, during which your private life takes second place to the need to put your aspects of your life in order. In a strange way this is your year of reckoning, a gateway between the past and the future. Your reputation among friends and family depends on how you handle this year. You have the opportunity to move closer to your ambitions, if you prepare the foundations well this year.

The Moon is Sextile Neptune

Your emotions are undergoing subtle changes this year. This is not a year for sudden awakenings, or realizations, but rather it is a time when you are content to sit back and seek emotional comfort in escapism. You are sensitive to beauty, artistry, and delicacy. Your feelings are tuned to the exquisite aspects of life. You are likely to be absorbed with something or someone. This could be something as mundane as being totally engrossed in watching your favourite movies or television programs. Alternatively you may immerse yourself in an artistic project or redecorating your home. You may fall in love with someone, losing yourself in the romance and illusion of being at one with another person. You are kind, gentle, and tactful, able to relax in the company of loved ones. You may also move home. If this is the case then it is likely to be a temporary move, closer to nature or to an isolated place. Once you have satisfied your need for peace and quiet, you may yearn for different scenery. It is difficult for you to be satisfied by mundane or practical matters this year. You are seeking something magical. At times you may feel lonely, isolated and perhaps even a little depressed when your private life fails to live up to your expectations. If you become too morose then you would be well advised to seek the wise counsel of a friend, or professional consultant. However, you can also direct some of your aspirations into a creative or artistic project. You may also benefit from taking care of someone close to you, focusing on their needs rather than your own. Nevertheless this is your year for discovering your own softer side. It is time to let your imagination flow freely and follow your intuition.

Venus

The planet Venus sheds light on the personal areas of love and finance in the forthcoming year. This planet of love tells you whether or not personal relationships are likely to be prominent during the year. If you are single then are you likely to attract a significant relationship? If you are married is this a year of romance and fun, or perhaps one in which you tackle a few changes.

Venus is in the 8th House

Hidden forces affect your love life and your finances this year. When it comes to your love life you are about to come face to face with your own strong feelings in regards to

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

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

Venus is in Aquarius

The planet of love is in an Air sign this year indicating that you seek stimulation in love and money matters. Generally speaking you are open to ideas and eager to communicate, rather than stagnate when it comes to love and money. You may be interested in speculation, although perhaps not ready to make a commitment to a particular person or course of action. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to someone who stimulates your mind. You quickly dismiss anyone who bores you. If you are attached, then you are looking for open lines of communication. You want to create quality time during which both of you can talk. If your need for stimulation is not met this year, then you are likely to feel restless. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

Venus is Opposite 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

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 8th House

It is time to dig deep and find the courage to make the changes that you know have been needed for a long time. If life had seasons like the earth, then you are in a winter season. You are clearing, pruning, hibernating, living off the stores of past seasons and spending many hours regenerating underneath. It may seem like your life is dormant, but it is not. You are looking for the resources, the courage and fortitude to face some of your own life challenges. You are brave and resourceful, able to acknowledge that you have made your own choices, and that life is not always easy. You may be grieving the loss of someone near and dear, or perhaps just the loss of dreams of how things could have been. Prayer, meditation, consulting spiritual teachers and readers, and support groups may all be of great comfort right now. Remember that you do not have to face hardships on your own. You may also find comfort in the "Serenity Prayer", "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Your passion is strong right now, and you recognize the right of all people to be treated well, to share resources wisely and to live with integrity. You have the guts to alter your life, where necessary, to reflect these values. In other words your gut instinct is strong, and you are willing to use it to improve the quality of your own life, and those closest to your heart. Make sure that you stay focussed on all that is positive, all that you have built, and have hope that the losses that may be incurred right now are only temporary. Hope can be a strong motivating force in your life this year. Whether you realize it or not you are building a better world for yourself and your loved ones.

Mars is Conjunct Neptune

You are travelling along the road, driving your vehicle and you see a sign that says "road works". You know the road rules and so you slow down, knowing that others' safety and your own well being 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 feel lost. This is an excellent year to pursue humanitarian or artistic project. Music, drama, dance, stain-glass windows, cathedral ceilings, architecture, and underwater sports are all likely to appeal, and help you rest and relax. It is time to slow down, recharge your physical batteries and contemplate. You may not benefit financially, but you are likely to find the change of pace rewarding. It is time 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 10th House

When the planet of change sits in the career sector of your annual chart then the obvious meaning is that you are going to change your job, or your career. This could be because of another sudden event in your life, or because you are keen to rekindle a sense of fun and excitement in your professional life. You may want to change to a more unconventional job or career through which you can contribute something original and worthwhile to society. You may feel restless within one profession, wanting a total change in life direction. You may even "try out" different forms of employment during the course of this year, either through your own choice or through unexpected external circumstances. If you do not want to change direction this year then you need to ask yourself why not? Are you afraid of taking a risk, or are you truly happy in your current situation? The answers are likely to come in unexpectedly ways, particularly if you don't instigate the changes. For instance you may have problems with your superiors at work, because you're so determined to approach your career in your own individual and original manner. This can create problems if your employers require conformity and team effort. You suddenly realise that you need to change jobs, rather than trying to change your current situation. If your superiors do not appreciate your individual style then you may need to move to a workplace that does value you as a unique and creative employee. Right now you are unlikely to enjoy being constrained by workplace rules and regulations. In fact you may be intrigued by the union movement and tempted to join as an official. On the other hand you may start to explore how you can gain the freedom to pursue your own talents and ideas. It may be time to take some professional risks. If you have ever thought of leaving paid employment to set up your own business, then this is a likely year. It's also possible that you'll enjoy a change of career to a more unorthodox field, or travel far away to pursue a job opportunity. It is time to enjoy the changes that are sparked professionally this year, paving the way for an exciting and exhilarating new way of life.

Uranus is Conjunct The Midheaven

When the planet of change sits in the career sector of your annual chart then the obvious meaning is that you are going to change your job, or your career. This could be because of another sudden event in your life, or because you are keen to rekindle a sense of fun and excitement in your professional life. You may want to change to a more unconventional job or career through which you can contribute something original and worthwhile to society. You may feel restless within one profession, wanting a total change in life direction. You may even “try out” different forms of employment during the course of this year, either through your own choice or through unexpected external circumstances.

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 6th House

The powerful planet Pluto is influencing your daily life. The way that you structure your days is likely to change. This could be as simple as a change of job (not career), a decision to go part-time at work, or the introduction of a new diet or exercise program. You could also acquire a pet, a little furry or not-so-furry animal who has a powerful affect on the way that you live your life.

Distribution of labour becomes an issue. Perhaps your role at work expands and you are required to fit more labour into the hours available, or perhaps you have been required to job share. If you have a sideline business then this may expand and force you to re-evaluate how you utilise the hours in each day. If you are co-parenting then you may have some conflict and need to reassess how the jobs and responsibilities are shared. In all of these situations it is important that you plan your schedule with integrity. The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip deceit and expose dishonesty. Even the most virtuous person is likely to be challenged on a daily basis. White lies at home and work can be exposed and create tension. Entrenched habits can annoy other people and be seen as inflexibility and an inability to share. Helping yourself to a little extra cake or sweet can sabotage a diet. You are being challenged to see the truth about the ways in which you undermine yourself, and perhaps others, in your daily life. Face the truth, challenge any bad habits or obsessive-compulsive tendencies, and respect the boundaries of those who share your daily space. As a result you are then able to establish a fulfilling and rewarding lifestyle that stands you in good stead for years to come.

THIS YEAR'S LESSONS

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 7th House

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

Mercury is in Aquarius

The ideas are flowing fast this year with your annual Mercury in a social Air sign. Gatherings of all kinds are likely to provide plenty of stimulation this year. You may take a real interest in other people's news, learning much about your friends, family, colleagues and also the world at large. While the creative ideas flow, you may have difficulty concentrating on one task at a time. Your challenge is to avoid being distracted by social events, and people who just love to chat. Of course if you are happy to socialize, network and achieve very little else intellectually this year then you can cheerfully do so. However, if other aspects of your life demand results then you need to make sure that you apply yourself to the tasks at hand. If you have given your word then you need to follow through with action. Otherwise your reputation may suffer as others become weary of broken promises. Don't try to talk your way out of trouble, or lash out with a sharp tongue. Ask for help and delegate where possible. This year you

can enjoy improved communications in most areas of your life, and may even delight in the stimulation of juggling many activities. You are mentally sharp and inventive. As a result creative projects and business decisions may come easily to you.

Jupiter

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

Jupiter is in the 2nd House

Finances take on an increasingly noticeable role in your life this year. This can be either because you have a mounting number of bills to pay, or because you are reaping the benefits of a pay rise or past financial decisions. In other words money is coming in or going out very fast. You can enjoy the benefits of your personal income right now, but you would also be well advised to try to moderate your spending habits, so that you can make the most of the money that you have. This is an ideal time to focus on abundance. At the same time you need to learn not to waste your resources. You can be very lucky when it comes to money this year, receiving unexpected gifts when least expected, finding a little bit more tucked away when you most need it or achieving a promotion that boosts your income. If you have been thinking about implementing some expansive moneymaking ideas then this could be the right time to implement your plans. If you have been thinking about applying for a different job that you would enjoy and that would also attract a larger income, then now is the right time to apply. Money and your personal resources can be a source of joy this year.

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 5th House

This is a year of serious fun. This does not mean that you are going to have lots of fun, but rather that your playtime is limited by or to work. Perhaps your work load is so heavy that you have to cancel holiday plans, limit celebrations and social occasions and squeeze in a little play every now and then. Alternatively perhaps your sense of fun comes from a satisfying work project this year. You may play and work with children, or you may take on responsibilities in a creative or artistic field. It is also possible that a decision to have a child of your own requires some extra planning and work, in preparation. However, you may also discover that when you try to plan some rest and recreation right now it turns into extra responsibilities. For instance, if you have been training at a gym in your spare time, you are asked to become a trainer rather than a participant of the classes. You start a craft class only to discover that the teacher calls in ill and you are put in charge. Your lesson this year is to focus on incorporating more creativity into your daily life, and your work environment. As a result you are likely to be focussed on a child or creative project that takes up most of your spare time. If you have always wanted to start a creative work project then this is your year. You can focus on an artistic, writing or speculative project even if it demands most of your time,

has a stop-start process or presents a challenge because you have to work during the day and write at night. Alternatively you can audition for a leading role on stage, one that requires extra physical skills and therefore training in something such as singing and tap dancing. This year your artistic or speculative projects are unlikely to yield short term results. You need to seek long term benefits, those that come through application and work. Obstacles may present themselves, but you have the ability to find creative solutions, as long as you don't try to take short cuts. Self-discipline combined with self-belief can take you a long way towards having some serious fun.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY

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 8th House

This year your experiences awaken you to an understanding that the world is more than what you see with your eyes. You are sensitive to the undercurrents in your personal realm and in the world in general. This can have its up and down side, because you are more aware of both the shades of light and dark. On a personal level you are sensitive to the undercurrents in the way that humans relate to each other. A change in your own financial resources, investments or business dealings may have sparked an awareness of the intransient nature of physical resources, and the sometimes fickle nature of human beings, and hence triggered your focus on psychological and perhaps metaphysical matters. You may also be pondering matters linked to trust, once again increasing your sensitivity to the underlying currents of human interactions. Sexuality has also emerged in your consciousness, as you ponder the meaning of intimate connections with a significant partner. You are likely to see beyond the veil of sexual illusion, and seek a deeper and more sacred bond. On a larger scale you are tuned into global peril, in particular the vibrations of the earth, the threat to the natural environment and the pulse of the rhythms of life. Your challenge is to create a sacred space, so that you can assimilate your experiences. This may be a corner of a room in your home, or you could benefit from sitting in a temple, either of your own creating or one erected by a religious or spiritual group of your choice. You may also invest in an inspirational piece of art or sculpture, one that reminds you of the goodness and more worthy side of human nature. At the same time this artistry can also inspire your own better nature. The most important factor is that you feel cleansed and uplifted in this sacred space, and aware of the seasons of life. As such you may decide to let go of some of the responsibilities that do not add value to your life. In her book, "The Age of Miracles", author Marianne Williamson says, "Letting go isn't meant to represent a depressing sacrifice of happiness. Any time that we are called to let go of something, there's a hidden treasure to be found in the experience. No birthing of anything new can occur without a dying of the old." This is your year for finding hidden treasure.

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 4th House

Destiny plays its hand in your family and home this year. Changes may occur in your own home and family life, or you may meet or connect with others who are fated to become part of your life in a deeply personal way. Family members may come and go, and you may feel these changes at a deeply personal level. Your journey is one of discovering a sense of belonging, not just to a particular home or place, but also belonging in the bigger sense of the word. Where do you truly belong? Where do you feel safe? Where do you want to put down roots or do you want to be like tumbleweed roaming the earth with no physical abode, but with a strong spiritual connection? These are questions that are raised this year. Events and people are destined to help you answer some of them.

The North Node is Opposite Uranus

There is an unusual twist of fate this year. This may be in the form of an unexpected event, or a stranger turning up on your doorstep, or the chance to start an unorthodox hobby. Your surprise may be connected with computers, the internet, or another form of technology. So if you are eager to try new things and step out of your comfort zone, then this is your year to experiment. It is written in the stars that you can expect the unexpected.

The North Node is Square Pluto

Your life changes in profound ways as it is time to cast off old ways of life and embrace new ones. New friendships, associations, groups, business associates, projects and perhaps even a new marriage partner (if you are not already married) are likely to arrive during this year. As a result you may feel compelled to reassess certain aspects of your life with the view to incorporating the new and saying "good-bye" to the old. In some cases you may literally be throwing out old possessions, renovating your house or moving your business. Fate plays a strong role in your life at the moment. This can be a very rewarding period, as long as you are able to go with the flow. You feel invigorated by the change of pace in your life, delighted to be more purposeful and energetic.

The North Node is Opposite The Midheaven

You have a date with destiny in your home and family life. One private chapter of your life is closing in order for a new one to begin. You may move in with someone special, start your own family, meet a family with whom you feel you belong, or perhaps move in to a new home, or all of the above. This is your opportunity to find where you belong and put down roots. You may have to let go of some of your career expectations, or aspirations, but right now you are destined to find a safe haven, a base that gives you the strength and confidence to pursue your life direction later. Enjoy the warm, fuzzy feelings that surround you right now.

Conclusion

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