

SOLAR RETURN REPORT

for

Prince William



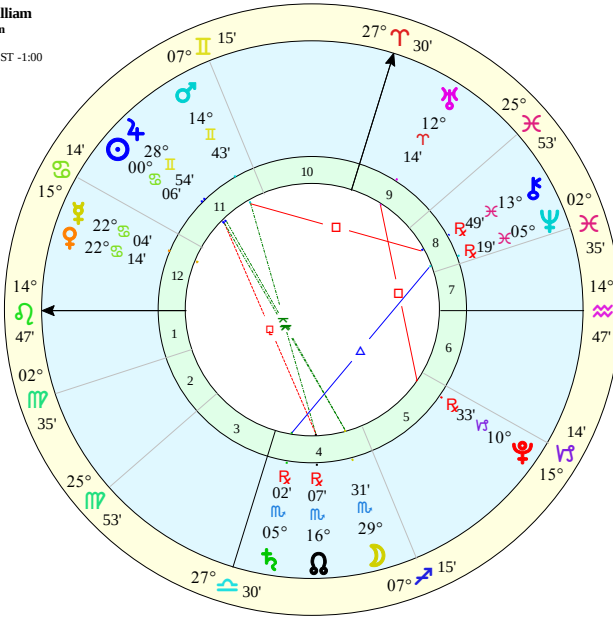
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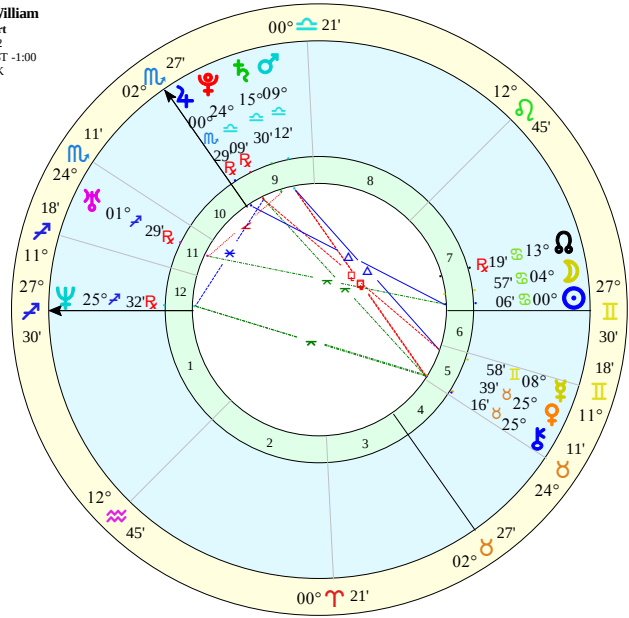
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Prince William
Solar Return
21 Jun 2013
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Tropical
Placidus



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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Prince William

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Scorpio	29°Sc31'	4th	
The Sun	Cancer	0°Cn06'	11th	
Mercury	Cancer	22°Cn04'	12th	
Venus	Cancer	22°Cn14'	12th	
Mars	Gemini	14°Ge43'	11th	
Jupiter	Gemini	28°Ge54'	11th	
Saturn	Scorpio	5°Sc02'	4th	
Uranus	Aries	12°Ar14'	9th	
Neptune	Pisces	5°Pi19'	8th	
Pluto	Capricorn	10°Cp33'	5th	
Chiron	Pisces	13°Pi49'	8th	
The North Node	Scorpio	16°Sc07'	4th	
The Ascendant	Leo	14°Le47'	1st	
The Midheaven	Aries	27°Ar30'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Quincunx	The Sun	0°35'	Applying
The Moon	Quincunx	Jupiter	0°36'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Jupiter	1°11'	Separating
The Sun	Sesquisquare	The North Node	1°01'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°19'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Venus	0°09'	Separating
Mars	Square	Chiron	0°54'	Separating
Mars	Quincunx	The North Node	1°23'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	The Ascendant	0°03'	Applying
Jupiter	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°52'	Applying
Jupiter	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°24'	Separating
Saturn	Trine	Neptune	0°16'	Separating
Uranus	Square	Pluto	1°40'	Separating
Chiron	Quincunx	The Ascendant	0°57'	Separating
Chiron	Semisquare	The Midheaven	1°19'	Applying
The North Node	Square	The Ascendant	1°20'	Applying

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. 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



"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 Leo

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a masculine Fire sign indicating that this is a year in which you are a go-getter. If you are usually more reliant on other people, this year you are champing at the bit to march to the beat of your own drum. You would like to act as you see fit, free of restrictions imposed by other people's expectations. You are self-motivated, more of a leader than a follower. You are unlikely to wait for other people before you take action, even if this is your usual *modus operandi*. Patience is in short supply this year. You want action. Your creative fires are burning.

Leo is a showy and creative sign and therefore you are more likely to be in the limelight this year. This could be literally stepping onto a podium, stage or in front of a class, or your talents could be recognized in other ways. Perhaps you take on the role of President of a local organization, or you receive a promotion in your work. As the character Forrest Gump says in the 1994 film of the same name, life is *"like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."* This year you are presented with a very large box of chocolates and you can choose what takes your fancy. It may be beneficial to focus on your own needs this year, particularly if you are spoilt for choice. In which area would

you really like to shine? What is most important to you? Once you have answered these questions, then you can focus on enjoying the opportunities and basking in the limelight.

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 11th House

Your hopes and dreams and wishes are the major themes of this year. In previous years you may have been willing to put your personal dreams on hold while you shouldered other responsibilities. You may also have been willing, or felt obliged to, put other people's needs and wishes first, but the time is now ripe for you pursue your own dreams. This could affect any area of your life, but it is more likely that you put professional ambitions on hold while you turn your attention to an enjoyable hobby, a passionate belief, or a new lifestyle. Lifestyle is the key component at the moment. You are looking for ways and means to improve the quality of your life. You may join a special interest group, spend more time with friends, or join a club. Alternatively you may seek a change of scenery. You are unlikely to travel abroad permanently, unless there are other indications in your birth chart, however you could easily move to a new neighbourhood if this more easily facilitates your dreams. Opportunities for change are likely to come about through other people. Your network of friends, colleagues and acquaintances offer support.

This is also a year during which you may renew acquaintances with old friends. A school reunion, a chance meeting with someone from the past or a long-lost relative may surface. Whatever else happens in your life during this period it is important that you reach out to other people and enjoy life. You need to make sure that your goals are clear because the following year is one of change based on your efforts this year.

1st 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 first house of your chart indicating that one of the additional themes of your year is self-realisation. You are focussed on matters to do with your own health and happiness, and learn a lot about your own strengths and weaknesses. It is time to rely on your own resources, and assert yourself.

The Sun is Quincunx The Moon

One way or another this is a memorable year. One chapter of your life is closing and the next is about to begin. You may find the changes disconcerting, or downright troubling. However, you can be reassured that when you look back on this year in the future then you will be able to view the changes in a more positive light. Right now your feelings are more intense, and are threatening your peace and happiness. This is because you are

being urged to move out of your comfort zone so that you can accept new challenges. The area of your life most affected by this is depicted in other areas of your birthday chart. However, you can be sure that your home and family are likely to be involved, whether you want them to be or not.

This is the year in which you need to face some emotional truths and make changes that enhance your health and happiness. In some cases your health may suffer if you don't make the necessary adjustments. It is important that you let go of unnecessary emotional burdens, particularly hurtful memories, abusive relationships, and unhealthy habits. This is your year for a healthy makeover on an emotional and physical level. If you don't address the people and the circumstances that are upsetting you or holding you back then you may miss chances to welcome new and exciting lifestyle changes. You may feel overburdened and depressed rather than safe and happy. Don't let your emotions rule your actions or thoughts. Understand that you are changing and that this can be a little unnerving. Eventually it can also be liberating. Right now it is important that you listen to your own heart and use your thoughts positively and build your strength. In some ways you may feel like you are under siege. If this is the case then prepare yourself as you would for battle. Make sure that you are as healthy as you can be, fortify your emotions with positive self-talk, and focus on your own values and beliefs to help you win the revolution. You are then likely to become more eager to embrace your new lifestyle and you start to recognize friends and foes. You see your life in a different light. Those who you thought were friendly may not be as supportive as you thought. You may find that some of your associates are subconsciously trying to hold you back. The changes that you are undergoing may threaten your loved ones, or spark jealousy. Others may simply love you to the best of their ability, not recognizing their own need to see you in a certain light. However, you may feel let down by your loved ones, held back and unsupported, however; you can find the emotional strength to rely on your own resources. It is up to you to become the leading man or lady in the story that is your life. As you move forward you discover renewed vitality, a sense of carrying a lighter load and a wondrous feeling that a whole new episode of your life is about to start with a clean slate.

The Sun is Conjunct Jupiter

The beneficial planet Jupiter is shining its powerful rays on you indicating that you can enjoy a year of growth and success. Good fortune is with you. More than ever you are able to see your own life in terms of the big picture, as if you were observing a fortunate character in a paperback novel, an epic film or a theatrical production. You are able to be the leading man or lady in your own life story, and to enjoy the journey. You are likely to feel like a super hero, able to “leap tall buildings in a single bound”. You are optimistic, gladly trying out new activities and ventures. Others notice your natural enthusiasm and willingly lend a helping hand. In fact you may receive rewards from people in high places. This is one of those years when doors open almost as soon as you state your request. It is almost as if you have your own personal genie in the sky, granting your wishes. If you are young then you may attract some benefactors this year, those who wish to see you do well in life and are willing to go out of their way to offer a lending hand. In fact this ability to be a magnet for a beneficial mentor, teacher, or benefactor can occur this year no matter how young or old you are. You are popular, happy-go-lucky, free to

explore new options and able to take great strides towards your goals. You need only beware of becoming greedy. A thirst for adventure is one thing, arrogance is quite another. An attitude of gratitude goes a long way to helping you on your journey. If your ego is starting to become over-inflated think of this quote from the famous Walt Whitman, *"henceforth I ask not good fortune. I myself am good fortune."* In other words start to spread good fortune for others, rather than seek it for yourself. This is also your year to become a benefactor, teacher or mentor.

The Sun is Semisquare The Ascendant

Success is within your grasp this year, but you may have a few challenges along the road to accomplishment. Progress is one of the themes right now, as you reassess your ideas about yourself, your life and your aspirations. However, you are also aware of the factors that are needed to help you along the way. A little patience and persistence and you are likely to enjoy your time in the sun. Your success is not necessarily a public achievement. It could be a very private goal that you have been pursuing. Other factors in your annual chart can shed light on the major theme of this year.

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 4th House

It is time to look at the emotional needs of yourself and your family. Perhaps there have been changes in recent times and you need to reassess your feelings about particular family members. On the other hand changes in other areas of your life may be prompting you to look at your own feelings regarding home and family. Where is home? Who is your family? Where do you belong? Are there any cracks in these relationships that need fixing? These are questions that surface during this year. This is not an intellectual process. You cannot apply logic. Loved ones may seem irrational. Your own feelings may seem irrational but you need to face them. The more that you suppress your feelings regarding your home and family the more that you are likely to feel those feelings erupting in strange and mysterious ways. It is important to remember to ask for support, but also to care for your loved ones. If changes need to be made then the process of change is vital. The end result is not important right now; it is how you address your inner most needs, and those of your loved ones. The process that you implement right now is likely to have ramifications in the future. So it is important that you reflect on the feelings that are surfacing, and take considered action. So contemplate what you need to help you feel safe and secure in your home. Communicate these needs to loved ones. Heal past hurt feelings so that the next year can be truly rewarding. It is time to give birth to a new sense of belonging. Open your heart and embrace those closest to you and seek

their support. Tell them how you feel and ask for their loving response. It is time for you to reach out to your loved ones, to create channels of communication that are warm and loving. This is deeply rewarding for both you and your family.

As a result of the feelings that are surfacing and the changes that are happening deep within you, you may make changes in your household. You may welcome a new child, or an adult child may leave the nest. If you are single you may marry and share your home with your spouse. You may redecorate, move furniture, undertake major renovations or move to a different house. It is also possible that, as the foundations of your life shift, you contemplate a new career, perhaps one that involves working from home. Nevertheless it is through your private life that you are seeking more emotional sustenance.

The Moon is in Scorpio

The element of Water indicates that this is a rich emotional year for you. This is the ideal time to reach out to loved ones, share their trials and tribulations and reveal your own true feelings. It is a privilege to share the pains and joys of the lives of loved ones, even if at times you feel a little overwhelmed. This is a time to go with the flow in personal matters. Let your imagination flow. Your sensitivity and warmth are key factors right now.

When your Moon is in the sign of Scorpio this is an indication that your feelings are not only more sensitive, but they are also more intense. Something or someone is triggering powerful emotions. It is likely that someone close to your heart is challenging you at a deep emotional level. A woman is likely to be at the bottom of things, either directly or indirectly. It is time to be honest about your true feelings even if this means moving out of your comfort zone. During the course of the year you are likely to face some deep-seated fears with a view to letting go of the past and moving forward with more emotional integrity. It is time to expose the darker feelings that you have harboured, and any bad personal habits that may have taken root in your private life. If they exist then vices such as jealousy, possessiveness, lust, laziness, or greed can be exposed. Right now you need to assess your own feelings and your loved ones in the light of the truth. Do you need to change your ways, or do you need to walk away? There is no point keeping any secrets from your loved ones because they are exposed. Likewise your loved ones' secrets are likely to be exposed. You may need a little extra support this year and could seek the wise counsel of trusted professionals, colleagues and associates rather than trying to resolve everything on your own. If something or someone has hurt you, or abandoned you and you are in emotional pain then trust that the healing process is taking place. This is not a light-hearted year, but it can be a profound one. It is a year of significant emotional change, the birth of a new stage in your private life. Other aspects of your personal astrology depict which areas these fears are likely to be rooted, and which areas need to be changed. Once you have appraised your own feelings and made any necessary adjustments in your personal life, then you are likely to be a powerful ally for your loved ones. You can trust your intuition. Your perceptions are accurate. You may take on the role of counsellor and healer.

The Moon is Quincunx Jupiter

This is a year when you realise that the universe is a big place and you aim to find your place in it. However, before you can fully explore new frontiers, you need to make some changes in your personal life. You are likely to move away from the comfort of your home and explore further afield. You may travel to a faraway place. You are no mere tourist, but rather a traveller following a dream, seeking your purpose and exploring different environments. You may like a place so much that you decide to make it your new home. If you are not able to travel, then you are likely to expand your own home, either through renovations or moving to a larger house, or a home that is surrounded by wide open spaces. You may feel an urge to study a subject close to your heart, something that compels you. The idea is that this year you are keen to have experiences that touch you emotionally, that expand your heart. This is emotional intelligence. Some of your dreams may be a little grandiose and you need to make sure that you are not flying off on tangents that lead nowhere. This is no time for chasing rainbows. You may even feel overwhelmed by your emotions as you experience new frontiers. A little moderation could be called for at times. However, even if you do go off track the angels are watching over you this year. Upsets may occur but you and your loved ones are being protected. You learn much about your strengths through adversity. Mostly though good fortune visits your doorstep, and helps you experience happiness and joy in your own personal ruminations, travels and relationships with loved ones.

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 12th House

Love, faith and hope are themes for you this year. This is because you are more focused on spiritual values, rather than the material ones. The material world just doesn't seem to hold much attraction right now. This could be because you have discovered a passion for helping others, a spiritual practice or a retreat in nature. On the other hand it could be because you have lost someone near and dear, perhaps through death or perhaps because you, or he or she, have travelled far away. The loss of someone special may trigger pain and grief, but it is also likely to deepen your understanding of the deeper and unknown aspects of your world. There is joy to be had in a spiritual journey right now, and in spiritual friends and esoteric matters. You enjoy stepping into the unknown. At some stage this year you are likely to share your experience with other people, helping them in some way. You are more highly tuned to the beauties and wonders of nature and therefore a retreat may be particularly soothing. Sometimes the planet of love in this part of your annual chart can indicate benefits, or drawbacks, through friendships and love. As a result you would be wise to avoid becoming too embroiled in your friend's ongoing problems. You need to assess your own values, act on them and gently assert your opinions and beliefs. It is important that you are compassionate and caring, but that you do not deplete your own resources. This is your year for spiritual renewal, and in gaining

all of the benefits that accompany such a growth spurt. If at first you do not see the gift of the events of this year, then trust that love, faith and hope win out in the end. You have the ability to sift through the dross and truly find the gold.

Venus is in Cancer

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 focused 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.

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 11th House

This year it might be better for you to concentrate on your work rather than your social life, because right now strife is rife in groups. It may be you who is changing, and somewhat impatient with friends and the group or committee process. On the other hand someone else may be causing trouble. The planet Mars is your individual urge to assert yourself. This year it is sitting, paradoxically, in the section of your annual chart that depicts group dynamics. As such you are torn between promoting your own goals, and helping others achieve theirs. You may also feel that an obstacle stands in your path every time you try to join a group. You need to avoid agitators, and also be wary of interfering with or asserting your will on your friends, or within groups. Your intentions may be good, but the trouble is that they are your intentions, not necessarily the wishes of your friends or the intent of the group. You are in danger of alienating friends and colleagues, and this year more than even you need their co-operation to achieve your hopes and wishes. On a more positive note, if you can refrain from imposing your will on colleagues, then you may take on a prominent organization or leadership role, and excel in your duties. You may also shine in any role that requires strong marketing,

networking, advocacy, publicity, or public relations skills. If you have always wanted to join a political group and agitate for reform, then this may also prove to be a positive outlet this year.

Mars is Sextile The Ascendant

Physical changes occur this year. You are likely to take up a new sport, start a program at the gym, or assert yourself in ways that you have not previously done so. You may also meet an important man who changes the way in which you see yourself, and hence changes your life. This is a challenging year. The nature of the challenges and whether or not you welcome them are likely to be reflected in other aspects of your annual chart.

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 9th House

This is an exciting and possibly unsettling year generally speaking, as your routine is prone to interruptions. You may or may not be aware of what is disrupting your usual routine, however; the general sense of unease is because your belief system, on which you base many decisions in life, is changing. Beliefs vary from the most basic edicts about yourself such as “I am a responsible family person” to the more profound spiritual creeds. This year you have the opportunity, and possibly the obligation, to challenge your set of beliefs to make sure that they still hold true. For instance you have always yearned to have children, believing that you would enjoy parenthood. This year you discover that perhaps you are more of a freedom-loving individual than you had realised and that perhaps a family would be restrictive. If your beliefs no longer hold the same truth then it is time for you to question what edicts can be discarded, and what new ones can be adopted, and your life alters as a result. If you are young then you may not have formed set beliefs yet, and this year provides you with opportunities to make changes that help you explore. An older more mature person may also feel the need to break away from convention in order to explore meaning in life. You are keen to push your boundaries of intellectual understanding. You may start or end a study course, travel unexpectedly, re-locate, or start or stop an association with a religious or spiritual association. If you do travel, then it is likely to be an unexpected opportunity rather than a planned holiday. Your religious affiliations are likely to be unconventional this year. You may break away from fundamental beliefs and become fascinated with an unorthodox group. It is important that you allow the process of exploration to unfold. If you try to control the flow of knowledge that is coming your way, then you may end up stuck between a rock and a hard place, as the cliché goes. Your beliefs have changed and you know that you cannot stay in your current situation, but you are frightened to move into unfamiliar

intellectual territory. Think of yourself as an adventurer or an astronaut and enjoy the freedom and exhilaration of the journey into the unknown.

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 5th House

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the area of creativity and fun. This is not a straightforward year. In some ways you are reassessing, at a very deep level, what it means to truly express yourself. Perhaps you have felt stifled in your life and have resisted your creative urges? Perhaps circumstances have prevented you from enjoying life? This year you are no longer able to submerge your own urge for fun and artistry. Submerged desires bubble to the surface. You could find yourself acting in ways that seem alien, wanting to explore areas that previously held no attraction. You may be secretly attracted to someone from your past, or someone who represents how you would truly like to be now. It is time for a deeply-felt need for expression to be born. You could literally give birth to a child, perhaps even as a result of a surprise pregnancy. On the other hand an artistic project could be born. It is also possible that a romantic liaison emerges during this year. Whatever the scenario you can be sure that your deepest desires are coming to the surface. The more that you embrace these possibilities with an open heart and mind, the less likely you are to become involved in fruitless activities. You are being challenged to see the truth about what needs to be born in your life, and to then make the appropriate changes. The more that you resist the more that you are likely to be challenged during this year. It is time to dig deep and face the facts that you have known for quite some time - you need more fun, romance and creativity. You are seeking inspiration and freedom from mundane matters. You may delight in the arts as a way of self-discovery. If you have always wanted to write, sing, dance, act, join a circus troupe or design your own business then this is the year to start exploring your options. This is not an orderly year, but a messy exploratory one. As author A A Milne said, “*one of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries.*” This is your year for making exciting discoveries.

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 12th House

There are undercurrents in your life right now that you may not be aware of. Depending on other aspects of your astrology these may come to light during the year. They can be connected to your home life, work, or hobbies. Someone or something is not as it seems, not acting in your best interests. Your lesson is to keep your thoughts to yourself and act with integrity in all areas of your life. If you do not know it already, then your lesson is to realize that you cannot control other people's behaviour. Contemplation is the key. Go with the flow for your own peace of mind. Think of swimmers who get caught by an undertow. The experts advise them to relax and go with the current rather than try to swim against it and fight it. The advice is the same for you during this year. Change what you can, and let go of the rest. If you speak up now you may say the wrong thing, so silence is your friend. Of course, you don't want to keep quiet at the expense of your own mental health, but you are advised to think carefully before expressing your thoughts, particularly if they are negative. It is time to take a back seat, specifically if you have been busy and mentally overloaded. If you continue to push yourself, then you are likely to become tense, perhaps even distressed, and alienate others. Solitude can be healing this year. On a positive note this is the ideal year for rest and relaxation and pursuing activities that promote tranquillity. Yoga, meditation, tai chi and other such practices are beneficial. You can also benefit from focusing on an imaginative or philanthropic project. If you have always longed to write your memoirs, an epic novel or a symphony then this is your year. Likewise if you have longed to go on a remote retreat, start making plans.

This is your year for seclusion, recuperation and restoration.

Mercury is in Cancer

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 Conjunct Venus

In many ways this is a good news year. Even if you are facing some challenges you have the self-confidence and the support to rise above your difficulties, make plans and decisions that are in your best interest. Ask and you shall receive. Your friend, family and colleagues are likely to help you this year. As you make improvements in your lifestyle, decisions that change your course, you discover that offers of love, support and even money may come your way. You need only decide what you most desire and then announce your plans, and the rest follows. It is time to make your fortune. All may not turn out exactly as you had planned, but you can trust that the results will be to your liking. For instance you lose your job only to be offered an exciting opportunity with even better conditions and financial remuneration. You may be unmarried, planning your

life as a single person. You are fully prepared to go solo, and then you meet someone and strike up a romance. Life as you know it changes, but for the better as you incorporate your lover into your life. Romance is a distinct possibility for singles this year, and you may fall in love and make a commitment before the year is out. You may also receive a financial gift. “Fortune favours the brave”, as the saying goes, so don't hesitate to make the most of the opportunities that spark your passion.

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 11th House

There's a popular song that has a line “I'll get by with a little help from my friends”, and this could be your theme song this year. You've the ability to attract many true and fortunate friends this year, some who hold prominent positions in society. Your friends do their best to support you emotionally, and perhaps even financially, so that you can achieve your life goals. This is fortunate because you've high hopes of achieving success in your life. You're popular amongst your friends, a real social success, and the resulting benefits are considerable. You also like to belong to groups of like-minded people, and these associations can also prove beneficial. Whether you realise it or not, your optimism and cheerfulness are an inspiration to your friends, and they too can benefit from their association with you. It is possible that you enjoy an adventure or two with your friends this year, venturing in to new places, activities and situations. Social clubs, support groups, schools, and community organizations may appeal to you, expanding your horizons in ways you hadn't thought possible. This is your chance to explore your hopes, dreams and wishes, and surround yourself with associates who support your dreams.

Jupiter is Sextile The Midheaven

The planet of growth is placed prominently in your birthday chart indicating that progress is currently a major theme. 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.

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 4th House

“Get your house in order” is the message for this year. This refers to any housing situation whether you are living a solitary lifestyle or sharing in a big household, dwelling in a tent or in a mansion. This is your year to take a good, hard look around at where you live, face the fact that something significant has to happen and take control, in the most positive sense of the word. This may involve a physical move to a different location, or you may be required to renovate. If you have been ignoring leaking taps, cracks in the walls, outworn floor coverings or any matter of household chores, then this year you need to fix each problem. Of course, this may involve some tightening of your financial budget in other areas, so that you can channel funds into your home, but it is likely to be worthwhile. The lesson this year is to undergo a little short term discomfort for the long term benefits of a solid, durable foundation. Part of the edict “get your house in order” also refers to making decisions regarding your family situation. It is possible that your household has changed in recent times, or is currently altering. As such you may have to move into a smaller, bigger or different house. It is time to start house hunting. You may decide to set up a home office, so that you can combine home and work. Either way, this is your year to clear out cupboards, clean all surfaces, rearrange your furniture, landscape your garden, paint the outside of your home and, if applicable, start house hunting. Even, if you have been living an itinerant lifestyle, you are still likely to have decisions to make regarding the longevity of your current situation. The time may have come for you to settle down, at least for one year. Whatever your situation it is time to face that one chapter of your private life has ended, and to embrace the work involved in preparing for a new episode.

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 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 Sesquisquare The Sun

Have you heard of the saying "learning from the school of hard knocks"? Well this year may produce a few hard lessons that change the way that you see yourself. You may wonder what you have done to deserve some of the circumstances that arise this year, and the answer is likely to be nothing in this lifetime. You are on a date with destiny. It is almost as if you are paying back a debt from previous lives. The good news is that you learn much about your own strength, and gradually you come to accept the rocky road. You can handle yourself with grace, knowing that when one door shuts, another one opens. Your self-esteem is likely to soar as you face each challenge with aplomb.

The North Node is Quincunx Mars

You are destined to change direction this year. You are being called on to reassess your goals in the light of your true purpose. If you are on the right path generally then you are likely to make a few slight adjustments, but if you are way off track then you may find yourself making some dramatic differences. You may encounter some obstacles along the path, however; you need to stand firm knowing that you are heading in the right direction. You can take responsibility for your own actions, while moving away from anyone or anything that threatens to block you. You are on your own journey and are not required to live anyone's life but your own. Therefore you may face some tough decisions, but you have destiny on your side.

The North Node is Square The Ascendant

It is time for some tough decisions. It is likely that you are trying to force destiny's hand, by being determined to follow a particular path, having set your mind on a certain outcome in your job or home life. The time has come to face up to some truths from the path. You are now reaping what you have sown in the past. If you have been sowing seeds on fertile ground then you are likely to reap the rewards this year, with a few

adjustments. If however, you have been wasting your resources in the past then you may have to consolidate and pay your debts. The good news is that once you let go of your previous expectations, take stock of your situation and make decisions, then you are back on track. You have freed the way for destiny to give you a helping hand.