

Solar Return Report

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The Solar Return Chart

Astrologers use a number of techniques for forecasting, primarily Transits, Progressions and Returns, particularly the Solar Return. This is the first report writer to provide a detailed interpretation of the Solar Return chart, both as an independent chart and in relationship to the natal chart. For those who are interested in technical details, the program provides a list of the planets' positions in the natal chart and the Solar Return chart.

Solar Return charts are calculated for the place where you are on your birthday. Check the Solar Return data on the lower right hand portion of this page to see that the location and date are correct. Please note that the Sun may return to its birth position the day before or after your actual date of birth. Therefore, a difference of one day is not uncommon. You can see the position of the Sun, is the same for both the natal chart and the Solar Return chart.

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Planet	Sign	Position	House
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Mercury	Taurus	21°Ta47'	01st
Venus	Aries	03°Ar55'	12th
Mars	Cancer	10°Ca47'	03rd
Jupiter	Pisces	12°Pi32'	12th
Saturn	Cancer	01°Ca51'	03rd
Uranus	Libra	24°Li50' R	07th
Neptune	Sagittarius	08°Sg49' R	08th
Pluto	Libra	04°Li25' R	06th
Midheaven	Capricorn	13°Cp23'	
Ascendant	Aries	24°Ar42'	

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Planet	Sign	Position	House
Sun	Taurus	17°Ta23'	11th
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Mars	Sagittarius	06°Sg24' R	06th
Jupiter	Virgo	13°Vi16' R	03rd
Saturn	Sagittarius	14°Sg59' R	06th
Uranus	Aries	22°Ar00'	11th
Neptune	Pisces	11°Pi40'	09th
Pluto	Capricorn	17°Cp24' R	07th
Midheaven	Pisces	14°Pi26'	
Ascendant	Cancer	06°Ca44'	

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by Ray Merriman

Welcome to your Solar Return! The interpretations given herein apply to your year ahead, based upon the principles outlined in *The Solar Return Book of Prediction* by Raymond A. Merriman (Seek-It Publications, 1977, West Bloomfield, MI). In addition, there is a great deal of new material added just for this custom program!

The Importance of the Solar Return Moment "Being There on Time"

The exact time of one's solar return is a sacred annual event for each individual. It happens at only one specific moment each year. It is at that moment - and only that moment - in which the Earth/Sun relationship is exactly the same as when you were born. Such a moment constitutes an "event", and as with all events, this one too is the basis for a horoscope of import.

However the importance of this horoscope is unique only to the individual to whom it applies. The quality of that "moment" (i.e. the time of one's solar return) becomes the "seed" of that annual cycle. It is the basis for a horoscope that will describe the astrological factors in effect for that one-year cycle. A "moment" of such importance favors a certain mind-set of the individual as it occurs. This is especially true if one accepts the premise that thought creates (or influences) reality. If every moment of time has its own unique quality, then one would want the "quality" of the solar return "moment" to be special in a favorable way, especially since it becomes the horoscope for the year in that person's life.

Given this premise, the individual is encouraged to enter the solar return moment with a sense of reverence. The individual is encouraged to put some thought and effort into assuring that this moment is somehow empowered, infused, with an energy or thoughts consistent with what that individual would want to experience in the coming year.

What should one do at this moment? That of course is up to each individual (you). Obviously it would not be a favorable omen if you engaged in an argument, or sat home brooding, or went to work in an atmosphere of frustration or boredom. Such experiences at the time of your solar return would likely set the foundation for your mind-set for the entire year - and it would be negative.

The following ideas are intended only as suggestions. They take into account the premise that your solar return is the most personally sacred of all days of the year for you. Therefore, going into the moment of a solar return, you are advised to plan something special, something ideally that would "empower" that moment for you. A ritual of some sort might be a good idea.

For instance, you might take into account your location-to-be at that moment. Choose some place special, some place in which you are comfortable, happy, and in harmony with. Perhaps it is near a lake, ocean, river, or mountain. Perhaps it is on a beach or in a forest. Or perhaps it is in a favorite room.

Set the "stage". Perhaps you wish to have a candle burning, and/or music playing. Perhaps the direction you are facing (North, East, West or South - facing the Sun, or the Moon) has special meaning to you. Perhaps there are artifacts (i.e. pets, jewelry, stones) that have personal meaning, and you wish to display them in your "circle." Perhaps there is a special person whom you have decided to share this moment with.

The setting (if effected) should be completely set at least ten minutes prior to the solar return moment. As you enter the 10 minute time band leading into the solar return moment, you may consider beginning a meditation. How one meditates is completely individualistic. Perhaps you prefer to just enter a very relaxed state. Perhaps you like to chant. Perhaps you use visualization or affirmation exercises. If the latter, then after achieving a state of relaxation, you might visualize the areas of interest coming up in the next year. In this visualization exercise, you might try to see yourself happy and successful in each situation.

This meditation should last into - and slightly beyond - the solar return moment. Once the moment has passed, and the meditation is complete, you are encouraged to give thanks. This may be done in a prayer, or whatever form is sacred to you. In this way, you bring a gentle closure to the sacred moment which has just passed, a moment which has now become the foundation for the one-year cycle about to begin.

You cannot be late for this moment. Otherwise, you might be symbolically late throughout the entire year. Do not take this moment in time lightly. Otherwise, all of your affairs may be symbolically taken lightly all year. The solar return is best viewed in the spirit of a pilgrimage, or a mission. It is the most important "holiday" of the year to you. It is the one time during the year that you are "connected" to the Infinite through the special relationship of the Earth and Sun. It is a moment when you are potentially in tune with your destiny, which is signified by the Earth/Sun relationship. The Sun is what you are becoming (the future, your growth potential). The Earth is where you have incarnated (present, your being). Give it the reverence it is due.

General Overview for the Year

At the time of your solar return, planets are positioned throughout the sky in a system known as "houses." Houses are simply a 12-fold division of the sky as seen from the location of your solar return.

These 12 houses are furthermore divided into three types: angular, succedent, and cadent houses. Each of these types have certain general meanings. The more planets you have in a certain type of house, the more it points to a certain type of year about to unfold. The character of the year will be shaped greatly by which house types have the most - and the least - number of planets.

In this calculation, both your natal and the solar return planets are used, as they fall within your solar return horoscope.

The majority of your natal and solar return planets fall in:

Balance : Having a balance of planets in each house type is most desirable. You have this, and it indicates a "balanced" approach to life, a nice combination of initiative, follow-through, and inspiration or new ideas.

The House Containing the Sun

The Sun is definitely the most important planet (star) to consider in the interpretation of solar returns, for the whole chart is based upon its principle. It is the only placement which is always identical (by longitude) in the natal as well as the solar return chart. Its house position shows where the greatest growth may take place during the year and where one may express the self creatively. It also denotes the area of greatest recognition as well as the area where the individual will "identify" the self this year. It is an indication of success according to house placement -- an area where the person may "shine" and show honor, a place where the individual may take pride in his or her accomplishments.

The houses have basically the same principles in the interpretation of a solar return chart as they do in a natal chart. The only difference is that the solar return houses are temporal in nature, and thus the actual interpretation of their meaning will be slightly modified because of this factor.

The Sun, at the time of your solar return, falls in the 11th house.

11th house : This year highlights professional or career rewards and accomplishments; the realization of one's vocational-professional efforts. It also highlights one's friends and successful conditions existing with them that interest you. Great growth is shown in contacts and experiences with group activities, especially when involving a position of leadership and powerful influence on your part. You may identify closely with the realization of many hopes and wishes this year.

However, if the Sun is near the midpoint of the 4th quadrant, it may signify a year in which your authority is seriously challenged by another. A power play may emerge in a group setting. Your motivations and dedication to the "cause" may be questioned (as opposed to being in it "for the personal glory"). You may be forced to examine your own intentions, and this may actually have a positive result. Regarding the power play... you win.

Cusp Conjunctions of Solar Return or Natal Planets

An area of life is highly emphasized for the year of the solar return if a solar return or natal planet conjuncts any house cusp. The orb of the conjunction is approximately 3 degrees, 45 minutes, either side of the house cusp. The house system preferred (default) by the author is Placidus, Tropical method.

The planet making the conjunction describes the nature of activities - events, conditions - that tend to unfold in the coming year. This planet's nature is highlighted as being prominent for this year.

In your solar return chart, you have the following planets conjunct a house cusp:

Solar Return Moon on the 12th house cusp:

This denotes where many changes -- and hence, events -- may occur for you during this year. This is an area where you may have great needs, especially emotionally. Your public image for the year may be effected by circumstances that unfold in this area of life. It also indicates the areas of life in which you may form significant relationships (intimate ones) for the year. It can indicate a potential partnership or marriage in that area of life during the year. It may also indicate an area of life where dependencies upon, or with, other people may form, and these dependencies may not be healthy for you if a high degree of trust is not present. Personal qualities exhibited in this area of life are sensitive, caring, emotional, and perhaps fickle and restless.

The 12th house pertains to your dealings behind the scenes, or the behind-the-scenes-dealings which effect you; hospitals, prisons, jails, places of confinement; your "fantasy" world; places of reclusion; your secrets and private world.

Natal Jupiter on the 10th house cusp:

These are areas where unions and matters of "good fortune" occur; the areas where you might succeed and expand yourself in a favorable way. Beneficial contacts and opportunities are likely to arise here, so it is to your advantage to push matters (i.e. be assertive perhaps) in these areas. You will tend to meet with favor from other people here, particularly on a social level. It also is an area in which educational and teaching opportunities may be presented. In short, look for success and happiness in this area over the next year. However, also be aware of a tendency to "over-indulge" here. Temptations to go against your basic nature may be strong, so use common sense and good judgment in order to enjoy this area to its maximum potential - without debilitating consequences later on. The qualities you tend to exhibit here are friendly, hopeful, optimistic, happy, charitable, but perhaps "too loose."

The 10th house (Midheaven) pertains to your career and vocation; your status in the community; your accomplishments; your role as the head of the company, enterprise, or household; the father-figures in your life (father, employer, supervisor).

Solar Return Jupiter on the 04th house cusp:

The 4th house (I.C.) pertains to your home and your family; also your basic needs, your inner self, the "real you." This has to do with your domestic setting, the people you live with, and your parents.

Solar Return Uranus on the 11th house cusp:

These are areas where sudden changes are experienced, where matters are apt to be rather erratic and unpredictable during the year. It shows where you may either encounter separations from established relationships or attractions to new ones. It indicates an area where ingenuity may be applied, or an "awakening" transpires, frequently attracting others to you because of such "original" ideas. It is possible that new developments in technology or with computers and/or software programs play an important role for you in this area during the year. It signifies

the area of life where you might become extraordinary, or at the least, non-conforming and unconventional. Here you can expect the unexpected to occur. That which you take for granted as secure isn't; that which you never expected to work out, may indeed work out. Surprises are in store for you here, so it's best to be flexible and adaptable in this area of life. It could be exciting or disturbing. It is also an area where you may exhibit a very poor sense of timing - you are ahead of yourself and others. The qualities you tend to exhibit are charismatic, excitable, inventive, ingenious, but perhaps arrogant and over-zealous.

The 11th house pertains to your friends, as well as people you have "power struggles" with; your professional rewards and accomplishments; the realization of your efforts; your dealings within groups.

Solar Return Neptune on the 10th house cusp:

This is an area where you are likely to be idealistic, imaginative, given to fantasies and illusions and infatuations, and aesthetic expressions. You tend to be vulnerable and even gullible during the current year in this area, at least in matters of the mundane world. You might be easily tricked, deceived or even betrayed. Hence, you are advised to exercise discrimination and discernment and to not harbor false illusions and hopes in these areas. At the same time, very wonderful, pleasurable, romantic, and dream-like circumstances may arise in this same area. Music, creativity, and imaginative ideas may play important roles in this area of your life now. In addition, you may have a "romantic mind", or romantic experiences here. It is an area where you may be of wonderful help to others, such as in a counseling capacity. But it is also the realm in which misunderstandings may arise, oftentimes due to misinformation or misdiagnosis, so you must make certain that facts are correct in these areas. The qualities you tend to exhibit are compassionate, sensitive, romantic, idealistic, but perhaps confused, nebulous, and ambiguous in this area of life.

The 10th house (Midheaven) pertains to your career and vocation; your status in the community; your accomplishments; your role as the head of the company, enterprise, or household; the father-figures in your life (father, employer, supervisor).

Perceiving Reality and Relationships: Planets in Aspect to the Solar Return Horizon

Since the time and location of the solar return set up a structure (astrologically) for which an experience will occur that the individual will relate to, the foundation of that structure becomes extremely significant. This structural foundation is symbolized by the angles of the horoscope, the axes of the Earth, in which all the zodiac and all of the planets combine within. The relationship of these axes (angles) to the planets -- both natal and solar return planets-- give special meaning to the structure of experience the native will undergo during the period of the solar return's influence (one year).

A planet (solar return and natal) in close aspect to the solar return horizon (Ascendant-Descendant) -- orb no more than six degrees -- affects the nature of how one perceives reality, how one projects the self, what one considers important in dealing with others, and the behavior and activities which one expresses in the world during the year. It also describes how one tends to handle situations as they arise during the year.

The following represents a brief description of the planets (solar return and natal) in close aspect to the Ascendant/ Descendant axis in the solar return wheel (plus means trine, sextile and conjunction aspects; minus means square and sometimes conjunction aspects):

Return Venus Sextile Ascendant (*Orb: 2°31'*)

Venus in harmonious aspect to horizon: This a year in which agreements and relationships of a very positive nature may unfold. In business, agreements lead to financial success. Many new and favorable contacts and contracts may arise, and you are encouraged to pursue these. Others seem to find you most agreeable and pleasant to be with. For the year, you exude more than your usual grace and charm. Romantic matters also are highlighted. You have a wonderful and appealing nature which draws others to you. In addition, your personal appearance is very attractive - even you like the way you look! Furthermore, others whom you find exciting and attractive come into your life, and from this, love may transpire. Things of beauty and value may also come into your possession. Financially, you tend to do very well this year, and your savings may increase, thus affording you a greater sense of financial and psychological security. You are encouraged to purchase things that will make you feel "good" about yourself, or to change your appearance in some way if you wish (i.e. clothing, plastic surgery, etc.). You may also function very well as a mediator between two opposing views, and receive compliments from both sides. If the aspect to the Ascendant is not exact, you may wish to consult with a qualified professional astrologer who can advise you on where this aspect would be more exact. The closer this aspect is to exact, the more powerful its correlation to your life experience is likely to be.

Natal Mars Conjunction Ascendant (*Orb: 4°04'*)

Mars Conjunction Ascendant is both harmonious and discordant.

Mars in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year of great motivation to do things successfully. You seem highly charged and energetic, and very self-directed. Your pioneering spirit can be a great aid in starting a particular (or many) new ventures. You seem eager to try new things. One area that may be of great benefit is physical exercise or athletic competition - or competition of any kind this year. You tend to fare very well in such endeavors. This indicates a year of great activity, and one not given to boredom.

Mars in discordant aspect to horizon: This year seems to have more than the normal amount of disputes and quarrels. Numerous battles with partners and close relations - personal and work - seem to occur. It is also a year of impetuous and perhaps immature behavior, one given towards temper tantrums. This is not favorable for relationships, and as such, close relations may be jeopardized because of your constant upset. In addition, you may have a tendency to act rashly and without thinking properly first. Such qualities may make you prone to mistakes or accidents. It may be wise to learn to count to ten before responding out of anger. It may also be wise to check over your work before putting it into effect. Try not to compete with others, but rather try to find value in who they are and what they are doing. Try to reach out and help others, instead of expecting them to get out of your way. If not, they may do just that - get out of your way, and out of your life.

Since this aspect tends to coincide with potentially difficult circumstances, it may be wise to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return, a place where this angular relationship would be removed altogether. If you are open to this possibility, consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

Natal Jupiter Trine Ascendant (*Orb: 5°48'*)

Jupiter in harmonious aspect to horizon: You tend to experience great lightness and happiness this year. All things seem to be taken in stride, with a philosophical and positive approach. Your demeanor appears more charitable to others, and more accepting of points of view different than your own. For this reason, it may be easier than usual to laugh and enjoy life. Such an optimistic and flexible attitude makes you a joy for others to be around, and they may want to do things with you. The year therefore favors unions of all kinds - romantic, social, and professional. In many ways, your life grows in leaps and bounds. It is a year of many successes, many opportunities, of much joy. It favors signing contracts, travel, romance, legal matters, publishing, entertainment, education, and dealings with people from foreign countries. It is one of the most fortunate positions, and you are encouraged to remain near this location at the time of your solar return. If the aspect to the Ascendant is not exact, you may wish to consult with a qualified professional astrologer who can advise you on where this aspect would be more exact. The closer this aspect is to exact, the more powerful its correlation to your life experience is likely to be.

Natal Saturn Conjunction Ascendant (*Orb: 4°53'*)

Saturn Conjunction Ascendant is both harmonious and discordant.

Saturn in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year of great accomplishments. From these accomplishments may come a title of prestige (i.e. president, vice-president, etc.). You tend to command more respect as well as authority, and you get it. You can handle more responsibilities now because you tend to be more organized and disciplined. This is a year of great maturity and professional recognition. If you have earned it (i.e. prepared well), you will get it. Long-term and positive cycles may be initiated now. It is also a time to begin realizing your objectives and goals in life. Your destiny and purpose seem clearer now. Dealings with older people, or people in positions of authority, go well now.

Saturn in discordant aspect to horizon: This year is one of constantly trying to catch up on matters of responsibility. There may be a sense of great stress and pressure, and this can lead to exhaustion, even illness. It is wise to seek balance in life between work, exercise and fun. Otherwise you risk "burn-out" and depression. One delay after another may prove very frustrating. There seem to be numerous obstacles to your progress, and perhaps you are best advised to work on maintaining things, rather than trying to get ahead. It is not a good year for doing things quickly. Furthermore, it is a year in which everything significant you do is brought up for review - you are asked to account for it. This just delays things even further, but perhaps it does teach you patience, and to not expect anything (otherwise you are disappointed).

Since this aspect tends to coincide with potentially difficult circumstances, it may be wise to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return, a place where this angular relationship would be removed altogether. If you are open to this possibility, consult a qualified professional

astrologer for assistance.

Return Neptune Trine Ascendant (*Orb: 4°56'*)

Neptune in harmonious aspect to horizon: This year favors romantic travels and/or experiences. It is like living a dream. Travels to tropical islands - either literally or in your dreams - are prominent. The dream state is very active, which may be very good for imaginative efforts like advertising, writing, music and dance. It also favors passive, pleasurable and aesthetic activities like meditation, spiritual pursuits, movies, reading, and plays. Acting and sailing (or cruising) ventures are also favorable this year, as may be pursuits into psychic development. In the role of a counselor, you may develop and express great skills. You have the ability to truly help others through difficult times, and they are very grateful. If you can express compassion, you will likely feel a wonderful glow of love this year from others.

Natal Pluto Square Ascendant (*Orb: 2°19'*)

Pluto in discordant aspect to horizon: This is a year of threats. There may be a threat to one's very existence, as in a health crisis, or a dangerous situation. There may be a threat to one's position in a group, or in the community, as someone may try to undermine your influence or efforts. Be wary of those who might sabotage. Usually their motives are power or greed. You yourself must be careful of coming across too coercive and intimidating, or dealing with others who are. You may find yourself dealing with rejection, or forced into a position you did not seek.

Since this aspect tends to coincide with potentially difficult circumstances, it may be wise to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return, a place where this angular relationship would be removed altogether. If you are open to this possibility, consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

The Significance of Vocation and Family: Planets in Aspect to the Solar Return Meridian

A planet in close aspect to the meridian -- Midheaven and I.C. axis -- describes influences upon your vocation and home or family matters. It may also describe your spiritual impetus in the coming year and sense of purpose.

You have the following planets in close aspect to your solar return meridian this year.

Natal Moon Square Midheaven (*Orb: 3°34'*)

Moon in discordant aspect to meridian: This year may present serious conflicts between your family and work duties. Demands on both ends may cause you to be ultra-sensitive. Relocation may not go smoothly, and your home and/or professional life may be very unsettled. There may be a feeling of great unrest in your personal and professional life. Women at work, or at home, may be the source of great distraction or emotionalism, or they may simply be overly dependent upon you.

Natal Sun Sextile Midheaven (*Orb: 2°57'*)

Sun in harmonious aspect to meridian: This year favors recognition in your profession. Along with this may come financial gains. It portends great growth and success in regard to your work and home, which directly enhances your confidence in yourself. It brings clarity to your sense of purpose. You tend to feel favorably identified with your work, or "calling in life."

This is a very favorable set up, and if the aspect is not exact (within 1 degree), you may wish to travel a short distance (i.e. probably less than 300 miles) to bring it closer to being exact. The more exact this planetary aspect is to the meridian, the more powerful this planet's nature is likely to be in your life this year. Consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance in this matter if you are open to it.

Return Mars Square Midheaven (*Orb: 8°02'*)

Mars in discordant aspect to meridian: This year may be fraught with numerous battles and conflicts, both in home and at work. It may be helpful to develop more sensitivity to the effects your actions are having upon others around you. They may feel you are making too many hasty and unwise decisions, decisions that are detrimental to the goals of the company or family. Perhaps you might ask them their thoughts on the matter before embarking upon it. Otherwise you may find yourself stepping on many toes, and upsetting those who support you may have been counting on. The result could be loss of support, even loss of job, as well as conflict within your own home. This set up portends some difficult conditions during the year. You may wish to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return in order to remove this aspect. If you are open to this idea, you are advised to consult with a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

Return Jupiter Conjunct Nadir (*Orb: 1°10'*)

Jupiter in harmonious aspect to meridian: A great deal of success and growth are possible in your work and home setting this year. Opportunities abound. There is great joy and happiness possible. Along with this comes the possibility of a large bonus or increase in income. If you are in business for yourself, then sales probably increase greatly as a number of new accounts and contacts are developed. There is no need to go anywhere else for your solar return, as this setup is one of the most favorable possible. It is also possible that there is cause to celebrate in your family. Perhaps it coincides with the birth of a child, grandchild, or a marriage - either yours or someone close to you in the family. Unions of many kinds are possible, and they all look favorable. This is a very favorable set up, and if the aspect is not exact (within 1 degree), you may wish to travel a short distance (i.e. probably less than 300 miles) to bring it closer to being exact. The more exact this planetary aspect is to the meridian, the more powerful this planet's nature is likely to be in your life this year. Consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance in this matter if you are open to it.

Return Saturn Square Midheaven (*Orb: 0°33'*)

Saturn in discordant aspect to meridian: This year may seem like a struggle. Tasks are difficult to complete, either because you lack motivation to finish, or because of a series of

obstacles arising which cause delays. Some of these obstacles may be in the form of other people - people who may be critical in their judgment of your efforts, or people who are in a position to delay the results or rewards of your efforts. Patience is necessary, as well as the realization that the more time it takes someone to accept your ideas, the more time you have to either perfect your efforts further, or to work on other projects. There is a danger, however, that your efforts will be rejected in total, or in part. Perhaps you should be certain that you are not in danger of wasting your time before you begin such projects, i.e. get a contract to do the job before doing it. The worst possibility is that someone asks you to do it over again in a different way, or to modify it somehow, in a manner that requires as much work as you have already done. In addition to these things at work, there is also a possibility of a setback in the home or with a family member. This may not be a favorable year for relocation, building a home, or taking on a new job (unless your current position is just too frustrating). This set up portends some difficult conditions during the year. It may be wise to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return in order to remove this planetary aspect to your meridian. If you are open to this idea, you are advised to consult with a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

Return Neptune Conjunction Midheaven (*Orb: 2°46'*)

Neptune in harmonious aspect to meridian: You may find yourself being placed upon a pedestal this year by others. Your imagination in work matters, as well as domestic and family concerns, is very great. If you are involved in advertising or marketing, this could be quite helpful. If you design or decorate homes or offices, this is excellent. There is a seductive "glamour" to what you are doing that draws others in. This could be very beneficial in a sales sense, such as creating incentive programs. There is a "romance" about your work - perhaps you really love what you are doing now. It seems as if you handle pressure quite well; in fact, you may be quite relaxed and laid back this year. Socially, you will do quite well. You are the perfect host or hostess, and everyone loves your parties. In both the home and work setting, you may find others come to you with their problems, and if you listen carefully, they may truly be helped by your counsel. This can create a sense of great inner satisfaction, of knowing you helped someone.

Return Pluto Sextile Midheaven (*Orb: 2°58'*)

Pluto in harmonious aspect to meridian: This year it is possible for you to work with a large and powerful group of people. You yourself may be given, or find yourself in, a position of great influence. With this position, you may have the power to change things - to improve conditions - for the better. The result could be a substantial increase in profits (in business) or value/net worth (personal). Any research or investigation efforts you are involved in may turn up a bonanza. This is a year of discoveries, and they prove to be very valuable to you personally. Perhaps they result in a favorable legal, contractual or insurance settlement. Or perhaps they just give you the clout or insight you need to successfully finish projects you have been working on.

Being in the Flow: Solar Return Planets Related to their Natal Positions

Some years we feel totally in synch with certain aspects of our nature, and some years we

feel completely out of synch. Such periods may show in the relationship of your solar return planets to the natal planets of the same type. Although specific aspects between the two (solar return and natal planet of same type) are most powerful, a simple analysis of gender can be quite revealing. Generally speaking, if the solar return planet is in the same sign as your natal counter-point, you tend to be very much in synch with that planetary principle. If they are even in the same gender (Earth-Water are Yin, or Feminine, while Fire-Air are Yang, or Masculine), there is the sense of being compatible and in synch with this planetary principle. However, when the planet of the same type are in different genders, and especially if square or semi-square to one another, we may feel awkward and out of synch with that principle.

We will now examine the gender relationships between the solar return and natal planets of the same type, and see the areas in which you feel in synch with your natural rhythms, and which areas you may feel out of synch with those rhythms. In those cases where the two actually make an aspect to each other that aspect is listed. Sextiles and Trines tend to be favorable, as do most conjunctions. The squares and oppositions may be more discordant, although the opposition benefits by being in the same gender in most cases.

Moon to Moon, Different Gender : Obstacles, conflicts, and awkwardness in your emotional life may be felt this year. This may result in tension and discomfort with those close to you. You may tend towards moodiness, and your traits and mannerisms seem to upset those who are close to you. This may be a period of social discomfort, frustrations in the domestic realm and with members of the family, associating with those who do not fulfill your emotional needs (you may feel hurt and/or angry at these people). This may be a year of inner struggles, blockage of your basic psychological urges, and role disparity leading to erratic behavior.

Mercury to Mercury : When Mercury aspects itself, especially in the conjunction, it foretells a year in which there is much mental activity and emphasis upon the native's communications.

Mercury to Mercury, Same Gender : This may be a very busy year, with many decisions having to be made. Mentally, you are very sharp. You tend to communicate ideas very effectively, getting your ideas across to others quite adeptly. You may be very persuasive, and hard to disagree with. If you are inclined towards business, then it may be a year of much activity and several transactions. If you are inclined towards travel, especially short journeys, then there may be much travel - perhaps business-related. It is a favorable year for reading, learning, teaching, and in general, getting your ideas across to others, or being stimulated by compatible ideas from others.

Venus to Venus, Different Gender : Inharmonious situations with those whom you love may be experienced this year. It portends a time of disagreements, or differences in desires with those whom you want to please. Generally speaking, this is a year of incompatibility with others, social differences, discontent with your appearance and/or style and taste, and not being

able to acquire things that give you pleasure. There may also be a great deal of indecisiveness and hesitation in making up your mind.

Psychological conflicts regarding personal values may arise, which could cause some embarrassment. There may be problems figuring ways to please others. You are advised to be more firm and at the same time compromising with others, seeking those means that will provide the greatest balance and harmony in your life, and also to avoid displays of pomp and arrogance which will be upsetting to others you may be trying to please or impress. Chill out, and understand you may not be able to please others all the time - nor will they always be able to please you.

Mars to Mars, Different Gender : A tendency towards carelessness leading to accidents and/or disagreements (arguments) may highlight this year. There is a tendency for rashness and bluntness, perhaps causing offense to others. You are advised to be cautious of jumping into new things without thinking carefully (and consequently letting others down as you then jump out just as fast). You may lack foresight, thereby leaving new projects unfinished. There may be problems with self-assertiveness, obstacles in the success of new ventures -- perhaps even catastrophes of sorts. You may also feel over-stimulated and/or excited. You are advised to think before acting, to use discretion and care in all projects, especially new ones, and to practice safety in all of your affairs and activities where danger of accidents is even remotely possible. It may not be favorable to take an aggressive or competitive stance with others this year, as you are out of synch with your basic physical instincts.

Areas of Harmony or Stress: Aspects to a House Ruler by Planets in its House

A planet in a house, in an aspect (especially major aspect) to the ruler of that same house, will indicate the ease or the difficulties to be encountered in those areas of life ruled by that house, according to the nature of the aspect. Of course, most of the planets in a particular house do not usually aspect the ruler of that house, but in those cases where they do, the nature of the aspect will indicate whether matters pertaining to that house will go smoothly and harmoniously (harmonious aspect) or whether they will tend to be obstacle-forming and conflict-orienting in their nature (affliction aspect). The aspects between these two planets, when they occur, take precedence over all other aspects to the planet located in the house.

This method applies to a solar return planet located in a particular solar return house, in aspect to the ruling planet of that house. That ruling planet may be either the solar return or natal planet. In cases where the solar return planet falls in the same solar return house as the ruler of that house, this may be treated as a conjunction. The matters of that house are thus considered very significant for the year.

Sixth house planets in discordant aspect to rulers:

You may find yourself easily annoyed or irritated with either your performance or the performance of others this year. You are hard to please, and likewise, it is hard for you to please others. These tensions may result in physical exhaustion or ill health as well. The cause of these

problems may be in boredom. Perhaps your life has fallen into a rut, an unexciting routine of the same daily grind. You may need to challenge yourself, and simply force a "break" in your self-limiting structures. Get out and play more. Find something in life that excites you. Learn a craft. Otherwise your own frustrations may cause others you care about to plan activities without you, thus leaving you out altogether. You may feel betrayed.

Ninth house planets in discordant aspect to rulers:

This year you may experience a philosophical crisis, or perhaps a religious or spiritual conflict. There may be difficulties in education as well. School, or training, may be hard for you, and if so, you need to give more time to it. Legal matters do not proceed smoothly; in fact, they may come out against you. There may also be delays or rejection in publishing ventures.

Eleventh house planets in harmonious aspect to rulers:

This year may highlight the results of successful efforts in the past (or present). It is not the effort itself, but the results or rewards that come from it (i.e. income, new position with greater authority). It also favors group activities. These group activities are not only enjoyable, but they add a richness to your life. New friendships may be formed now, and old ones solidified with new and enriching experiences.

Significant Time Periods for the Year Indicated by the Solar Return Chart

The art of predicting events -- or changes -- and the timing of such by the solar return chart is a three-fold process. The first of these, the progressed solar return Moon, will be discussed initially, whereas transits and the "one degree per day angular progression" methods will follow.

Time Bands of Significant Change: The Progressed Solar Return Moon

The following is a listing of the dates in which your progressed solar return Moon makes these exact aspects in the course of the next year, and their potential implications in your life at that time. Please note two things: first, you must allow an orb of six weeks before and after each date, as these progressed lunar aspects have a time band in which they may be effective. Second, this listing covers the period beginning three months before your actual solar return date, and 15 months following it. It covers an 18-month time band.

The reason for this is that your life doesn't just suddenly change on your birthday. There is a transition phase in which the conditions and issues of the last year (as shown in last year's solar return) begin to give way to the new conditions and issues denoted by this year's solar return. According to the principles developed by Raymond A. Merriman in *The Solar Return Book of Prediction*, this transition phase begins three months prior to your birthday, and continues for three months following your birthday. That is, three months prior to your solar return (when transiting Sun squares your natal Sun), you begin to witness the issues and conditions arising that will be relevant during your next birth year. Furthermore, the issues you are working through in any solar return year, will continue to be of importance for about three months

following your next solar return (when the transiting Sun forms the waxing square to your natal Sun). You don't just leave those issues at once at the time of your birthday. During the three months before and after your birthday, there is this transition period where the conditions of the past begin to be resolved (or require less and less attention), and the new conditions and issues - shown in the new chart - begin to command increasingly more attention.

During the 18 months surrounding your solar return (3 months before through 15 months following), your progressed solar return Moon makes the following aspects to your solar return and natal planets, or their solstice points:

Feb 28, 2016: Moon Quincunx Uranus (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, it may seem as if a series of disruptions and distractions are suddenly occurring. Everything seems to fall apart or come unraveled at once. People are strange. They act erratically and perhaps without reason or sensibility. Even you are given to erratic behavior and emotionalism. One day you are up and the next day you are down. This period may coincide with separations and disagreements. It may be difficult to see eye to eye with others. You are just on a different track, and your timing may be off. Still, you have plenty of exciting new ideas. It is a time of progressive thinking. It's just that nobody can understand or appreciate what you are conceiving. It is difficult getting your ideas across effectively, and so you may feel awkward and out of place. You may meet people who are exciting, at least physically attractive, but you may also discover you have nothing really in common with them. It may be best to use this period to write ideas down and come back to them later (they are ahead of their times, perhaps). Do not use this period to make new purchases in computers or electronics, for all such matters (and electrical ones too) may go awry. What you attracted to, and what you think you want, may not be accurate now.

Mar 17, 2016: Moon Sextile Pluto (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this time you are likely to experience some deep insight or a sense of power, or both. This may be a time of revelation, of discovering something, of finding out something of value. In group settings, you may have considerable influence over others, and with this influence, you may be an agent of some kind of change, reform, or improvement. This period may be most marked by your successful efforts to bring something to a close. It favors termination's, elimination's, and transformations - or changes for the better. It is also a period in which you may experience satisfying sexual activity. Financially, it bodes well too. If you are in sales, this favors opening new accounts. It also favors collecting debts or getting a mortgage or loan.

Mar 22, 2016: Moon Semisquare Mars (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date you may feel very testy, argumentative, combative. As result, you may have more than the usual number of quarrels and disputes with others. Accidents could happen now, so it is best to be cautious and even defensive, to take your time with getting places. Hurrying through things could result in errors and a need to do them over again, not to mention how you may tend to react to such events (i.e. could be quite upsetting). This is a period in which meditation may be very beneficial. It is certainly a time in which you should

carefully review everything before you put it into motion. This is not the most favorable time for starting new projects. However you may have ample energy and passion - just try to direct it positively.

Mar 29, 2016: Moon Trine Venus (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you may experience much popularity, romance, and acceptance. Your magnetism is very strong during this period, and others may just want to do things with you. It favors contracts, agreements, and social activities. Others are very supportive and helpful in your efforts and with your needs. Perhaps you make a large item consumer goods purchase, or are given something of great value. It is also favorable for any changes in your appearance and style. Matters of love and romance are highlighted favorably during this time. So too are positive financial developments. Perhaps there is a pay raise, or increase in sales, or just the realization that your savings and net worth are increasing. It coincides with a sense of greater financial and psychological security, as well as amorous feelings.

May 24, 2016: Moon Sesquiquadrate Midheaven (Natal)

Within three months of this date, you may feel very restless with your work or family roles. You tend to be moody both at work and at home. There may be something unfulfilling about what you are doing. It may be a slow time, or one filled with unchallenging tasks. Perhaps it is best to take a relaxed and patient attitude about these things. They are likely to pass, and your tendency to complain or whine isn't likely to help matters out. In fact, it may turn things worse. This is not a favorable time to relocate or move. Changes within the family or work are not advised just yet. Your emotional needs tend to be great, and perhaps you should discuss these with your mate, if you are married or in love. It may be useful to be more independent right now, and not to depend upon others who don't seem to deliver what you need or seek.

Aug 27, 2016: Moon Sextile Moon (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel a great and special love for - and from - someone in your life. This arouses the closeness and intimacy drive. This is a fine time to do very special things with people whom you care a great deal about. These experiences may be deeply cherished, and remembered fondly. It is an excellent period for family activities and any domestic changes you wish to make (i.e. renovation, moving, fertility, pets, etc.). A bond is likely strengthened between you and someone special. It is a time that you can depend upon others, and they can depend upon you.

Aug 29, 2016: Moon Sesquiquadrate Pluto (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may encounter an intense battle with someone, or a battle with someone who is very intense. There may be a threat of some kind - perhaps to your position, maybe even to the life of someone close by. Your feelings are likely to be very intense, and your behavior may be somewhat obsessive. Try to see alternatives to your decisions that affect others adversely. Rejection may play a key role now. You could be the recipient or cause of that. On a positive note, it favors research, so long as that which is sought is not for the intent of using against someone. There may be problems in the areas of taxes or

insurance's or debt collection. If you owe moneys, better try to pay up if you can. If others owe you, do not expect payment now. It is not favorable to loan or borrow money now. In terms of personal relationships, it may be wise to be more sensitive and gentle. Any forcefulness from you will not be met with approval. In addition, you are encouraged to avoid coercive individuals, and to not share confidences with those whom you do not trust.

Oct 05, 2016: Moon Sextile Venus (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may experience much popularity, romance, and acceptance. Your magnetism is very strong during this period, and others may just want to do things with you. It favors contracts, agreements, and social activities. Others are very supportive and helpful in your efforts and with your needs. Perhaps you make a large item consumer goods purchase, or are given something of great value. It is also favorable for any changes in your appearance and style. Matters of love and romance are highlighted favorably during this time. So too are positive financial developments. Perhaps there is a pay raise, or increase in sales, or just the realization that your savings and net worth are increasing. It coincides with a sense of greater financial and psychological security, as well as amorous feelings.

Oct 17, 2016: Moon Trine Pluto (Natal)

Within six weeks of this time you are likely to experience some deep insight or a sense of power, or both. This may be a time of revelation, of discovering something, of finding out something of value. In group settings, you may have considerable influence over others, and with this influence, you may be an agent of some kind of change, reform, or improvement. This period may be most marked by your successful efforts to bring something to a close. It favors termination's, elimination's, and transformations - or changes for the better. It is also a period in which you may experience satisfying sexual activity. Financially, it bodes well too. If you are in sales, this favors opening new accounts. It also favors collecting debts or getting a mortgage or loan.

Nov 04, 2016: Moon Square Uranus (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, it may seem as if a series of disruptions and distractions are suddenly occurring. Everything seems to fall apart or come unraveled at once. People are strange. They act erratically and perhaps without reason or sensibility. Even you are given to erratic behavior and emotionalism. One day you are up and the next day you are down. This period may coincide with separations and disagreements. It may be difficult to see eye to eye with others. You are just on a different track, and your timing may be off. Still, you have plenty of exciting new ideas. It is a time of progressive thinking. It's just that nobody can understand or appreciate what you are conceiving. It is difficult getting your ideas across effectively, and so you may feel awkward and out of place. You may meet people who are exciting, at least physically attractive, but you may also discover you have nothing really in common with them. It may be best to use this period to write ideas down and come back to them later (they are ahead of their times, perhaps). Do not use this period to make new purchases in computers or electronics, for all such matters (and electrical ones too) may go awry. What you attracted to, and what you think you want, may not be accurate now.

Nov 08, 2016: Moon Square Ascendant (Natal Solstice Point)

Within three months of this date you may feel rather scattered and more emotional than usual. This tends to be a restless period, and you are encouraged to find something of value to engage your mental energies. You may be over-sensitive to those closest to you, and perhaps you should talk to them about your feelings. You may have a great need to be loved now, but you may also have a knack of driving others away by being too needy or dependent.

Dec 04, 2016: Moon Opposition Mars (Return)

Within six weeks of this date you may feel very energetic and highly motivated. Many of your activities seem to be going great, and much of your success is due to your own enthusiasm and hard efforts. During this period you may either start new ventures, or find yourself thoroughly immersed - and enjoying - things that have recently been started. There is a sense of "newness" about you, of adventurousness. There is also a healthy sense of competition, and you fare well in activities with others. You have a "passion" for life, and in fact your physical passions may be highly aroused. In addition, you exhibit very fine leadership skills, combined with a healthy pioneering spirit. This is an excellent time to plan things you want to go well.

Dec 19, 2016: Moon Semisquare Uranus (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, it may seem as if a series of disruptions and distractions are suddenly occurring. Everything seems to fall apart or come unraveled at once. People are strange. They act erratically and perhaps without reason or sensibility. Even you are given to erratic behavior and emotionalism. One day you are up and the next day you are down. This period may coincide with separations and disagreements. It may be difficult to see eye to eye with others. You are just on a different track, and your timing may be off. Still, you have plenty of exciting new ideas. It is a time of progressive thinking. It's just that nobody can understand or appreciate what you are conceiving. It is difficult getting your ideas across effectively, and so you may feel awkward and out of place. You may meet people who are exciting, at least physically attractive, but you may also discover you have nothing really in common with them. It may be best to use this period to write ideas down and come back to them later (they are ahead of their times, perhaps). Do not use this period to make new purchases in computers or electronics, for all such matters (and electrical ones too) may go awry. What you attracted to, and what you think you want, may not be accurate now.

Jan 13, 2017: Moon Square Uranus (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, it may seem as if a series of disruptions and distractions are suddenly occurring. Everything seems to fall apart or come unraveled at once. People are strange. They act erratically and perhaps without reason or sensibility. Even you are given to erratic behavior and emotionalism. One day you are up and the next day you are down. This period may coincide with separations and disagreements. It may be difficult to see eye to eye with others. You are just on a different track, and your timing may be off. Still, you have plenty of exciting new ideas. It is a time of progressive thinking. It's just that nobody can understand or appreciate what you are conceiving. It is difficult getting your ideas across effectively, and so you may feel awkward and out of place. You may meet people who are exciting, at least physically attractive, but you may also discover you have nothing really in common with them.

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Jan 18, 2017: Moon Sextile Mercury (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks, changes for the better are possible in regard to your work or service. You are entering a period of mental acuity when your mind is apt to be sharp and quick. You may have the opportunity to make very good deals, as this is a positive business decision aspect. Life - and work - may be quite busy, but you probably enjoy this activity. It is an excellent time to write, speak, teach, learn, and in general it favors all types of communications. Should you have need for a new automobile, computer, software program, or any device that enhances your communications, this is an excellent time for purchase. News may come out at this time that is positive for you. It also favors any activities with young people.

Feb 01, 2017: Moon Opposition Neptune (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel very romantic. The imaginative part of the mind is stimulated, and you may "see" or visualize things very vividly. If you are inclined towards the arts or music or writing, this may be a wonderfully creative period. If you have spiritual leanings, this may be a time of a marvelous outpouring of compassion, one that cleanses the soul, so to speak. There is an "opening" on an inner level, a "heart" experience. This period favors vacations and travel, especially to romantic areas, or tropical climates, or areas near water and nature. This is an excellent time to go out and entertain, or be entertained. Experiences around glamorous individuals or activities are quite enthralling. As a counselor, you may experience an encounter with someone who is truly grateful for your help. There is a joy at knowing you have really helped someone. Your behavior may be saintly or virtuous, or you may meet someone who behaves that way to you. This is a time to be gentle with others - there is something precious in your life. Recognize what that is.

Feb 14, 2017: Moon Sextile Mercury (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks, changes for the better are possible in regard to your work or service. You are entering a period of mental acuity when your mind is apt to be sharp and quick. You may have the opportunity to make very good deals, as this is a positive business decision aspect. Life - and work - may be quite busy, but you probably enjoy this activity. It is an excellent time to write, speak, teach, learn, and in general it favors all types of communications. Should you have need for a new automobile, computer, software program, or any device that enhances your communications, this is an excellent time for purchase. News may come out at this time that is positive for you. It also favors any activities with young people.

Feb 23, 2017: Moon Semisquare Ascendant (Natal)

Within three months of this date you may feel rather scattered and more emotional than usual. This tends to be a restless period, and you are encouraged to find something of value to engage your mental energies. You may be over-sensitive to those closest to you, and perhaps you should talk to them about your feelings. You may have a great need to be loved now, but

you may also have a knack of driving others away by being too needy or dependent.

Feb 26, 2017: Moon Sesquiquadrate Uranus (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, it may seem as if a series of disruptions and distractions are suddenly occurring. Everything seems to fall apart or come unraveled at once. People are strange. They act erratically and perhaps without reason or sensibility. Even you are given to erratic behavior and emotionalism. One day you are up and the next day you are down. This period may coincide with separations and disagreements. It may be difficult to see eye to eye with others. You are just on a different track, and your timing may be off. Still, you have plenty of exciting new ideas. It is a time of progressive thinking. It's just that nobody can understand or appreciate what you are conceiving. It is difficult getting your ideas across effectively, and so you may feel awkward and out of place. You may meet people who are exciting, at least physically attractive, but you may also discover you have nothing really in common with them. It may be best to use this period to write ideas down and come back to them later (they are ahead of their times, perhaps). Do not use this period to make new purchases in computers or electronics, for all such matters (and electrical ones too) may go awry. What you attracted to, and what you think you want, may not be accurate now.

Mar 24, 2017: Moon Opposition Moon (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel a great and special love for - and from - someone in your life. This arouses the closeness and intimacy drive. This is a fine time to do very special things with people whom you care a great deal about. These experiences may be deeply cherished, and remembered fondly. It is an excellent period for family activities and any domestic changes you wish to make (i.e. renovation, moving, fertility, pets, etc.). A bond is likely strengthened between you and someone special. It is a time that you can depend upon others, and they can depend upon you.

Apr 12, 2017: Moon Square Neptune (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel as if you are in a fog, out-of-touch, and distracted by thoughts other than what is happening right in front of you. It is necessary to harness all of your energy to keep focused. You may be vulnerable to deception and even betrayal, but you can probably prevent this by just noticing the signs as they arise. If you do notice, then talk to these individuals before they do you harm. Clear things up for them, about you. You are likely to be very imaginative now, and this could be positive in an artistic sense. However you may also be given to fantasies and delusional thinking, so before you fully believe something, make sure there is a basis in reality for your belief. You may be well advised to avoid gossip or talking negatively about others, as it may come back to haunt you. Your "secrets" are not likely to be held in confidence, so be careful of what you say and who you talk about. Your reputation may be on the line, and you may be the subject of false accusations or deceptions. Try to see things as they are, and check your intuition out with reality during this time.

May 04, 2017: Moon Square Jupiter (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may experience a tendency to exaggerate or over-reach in

your activities. You may find you have taken on too many things to do. Your judgment - both in others and in regard to how much you can handle - may not have been accurate. Try not to over-estimate yourself, others, or what you can or cannot do, during this time band. It is possible that you could feel quite confident - in fact, over-confident. It favors socializing and meeting people, having a good time. However be careful of speaking without thinking, for you could unintentionally insult others and/or bring embarrassment to yourself. It is a time of indulgence and excess, of giving into temptation and forsaking discipline. It is therefore not the best time to make agreements or sign contracts - you may be giving away too much. This could result in loss.

May 06, 2017: Moon Opposition Pluto (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this time you are likely to experience some deep insight or a sense of power, or both. This may be a time of revelation, of discovering something, of finding out something of value. In group settings, you may have considerable influence over others, and with this influence, you may be an agent of some kind of change, reform, or improvement. This period may be most marked by your successful efforts to bring something to a close. It favors termination's, elimination's, and transformations - or changes for the better. It is also a period in which you may experience satisfying sexual activity. Financially, it bodes well too. If you are in sales, this favors opening new accounts. It also favors collecting debts or getting a mortgage or loan.

May 06, 2017: Moon Sextile Sun (Natal Solstice Point)

During this period you will tend to feel a sense of harmony and success in all of your efforts. Changes for the better are likely in regard to your career, family, and close relationships. Your health may improve as well, or you might notice greater energy and vitality. You tend to shine in situations which require leadership, and others may look to you for direction. Overall it is a time of confidence, potential recognition, and creative self-expression. It is a time when you are likely to feel as if you are growing, or have grown, and many of your activities are coming to fruition in a successful manner.

May 22, 2017: Moon Square Jupiter (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may experience a tendency to exaggerate or over-reach in your activities. You may find you have taken on too many things to do. Your judgment - both in others and in regard to how much you can handle - may not have been accurate. Try not to over-estimate yourself, others, or what you can or cannot do, during this time band. It is possible that you could feel quite confident - in fact, over-confident. It favors socializing and meeting people, having a good time. However be careful of speaking without thinking, for you could unintentionally insult others and/or bring embarrassment to yourself. It is a time of indulgence and excess, of giving into temptation and forsaking discipline. It is therefore not the best time to make agreements or sign contracts - you may be giving away too much. This could result in loss.

May 25, 2017: Moon Quincunx Midheaven (Natal)

Within three months of this date, you may feel very restless with your work or family roles.

You tend to be moody both at work and at home. There may be something unfulfilling about what you are doing. It may be a slow time, or one filled with unchallenging tasks. Perhaps it is best to take a relaxed and patient attitude about these things. They are likely to pass, and your tendency to complain or whine isn't likely to help matters out. In fact, it may turn things worse. This is not a favorable time to relocate or move. Changes within the family or work are not advised just yet. Your emotional needs tend to be great, and perhaps you should discuss these with your mate, if you are married or in love. It may be useful to be more independent right now, and not to depend upon others who don't seem to deliver what you need or seek.

Jun 20, 2017: Moon Square Midheaven (Return)

Within three months of this date, you may feel very restless with your work or family roles. You tend to be moody both at work and at home. There may be something unfulfilling about what you are doing. It may be a slow time, or one filled with unchallenging tasks. Perhaps it is best to take a relaxed and patient attitude about these things. They are likely to pass, and your tendency to complain or whine isn't likely to help matters out. In fact, it may turn things worse. This is not a favorable time to relocate or move. Changes within the family or work are not advised just yet. Your emotional needs tend to be great, and perhaps you should discuss these with your mate, if you are married or in love. It may be useful to be more independent right now, and not to depend upon others who don't seem to deliver what you need or seek.

Jul 03, 2017: Moon Opposition Saturn (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may tend to feel very organized and in control. There may be the realization that your long-term efforts are paying off. Perhaps credit is coming your way in the form of recognition, greater income, status, and/or new responsibilities and authority. You have earned the respect of others for your accomplishments, dedication, and commitment, and may now be seen as an expert, or authority in your field. This is a time period in which you may feel as if you have reached a certain plateau, or goal, or level in life, and it is satisfying.

Jul 18, 2017: Moon Trine Midheaven (Return Solstice Point)

Within three months of this date, you may experience changes for the better in your work and/or home. Yet this may be accompanied by a great deal of worry and restlessness if the aspect is a conjunction or opposition. There is much support for your changes here. Whether you actually change careers, or just work on different projects within the same role, the change appears beneficial. There is a feeling of "family" with those who you work with. At home, there is a special bond between you and your spouse, children, parents, or whomever you might live with. Your nurturing qualities are appreciated by others. This period favors changes in residence should you or your relatives wish to move.

**Shifting One's Focus:
The Transiting Sun to the Solar Return Houses**

Since the solar return is based upon the movement of Sun (actually the earth in relationship to the Sun), it is logical to assume that the transiting position of the Sun in relationship to the solar return chart would be important. And it is.

Although the entire period during which the transiting Sun through a house emphasizes conditions dealing with that house, it is primarily the three-day period surrounding that house ingress that is most important. Three days before through three days after the time the transiting Sun conjuncts a solar return house cusp brings to the forefront conditions involving that house's domain.

The following is a listing of those dates in which the transiting Sun will conjunct the various house cusps in your solar return chart for this year:

May 20, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The Twelfth House: This is a period in which you may become more reclusive. Perhaps you are beginning a project that requires great attention and freedom from distraction and interruptions. You may close yourself off for awhile. It favors research and projects which need time alone to complete. Your dreams may be very active, and your goals may be very hazy - unclear. Physically you may feel weaker than usual, so rest is important. Otherwise there may be illness or tiredness. This is a favorable time to offer help to others; they tend to benefit through your counsel.

Jun 27, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The First House (Conjunct the Ascendant): During this period you will tend to be more in the limelight. You will tend to be more confident, radiant, energetic and charismatic. Your role as a leader in your surroundings will tend to be more acknowledged, and accepted by you. Your motivation to do things better and more successfully is stronger; you are likely to be more assertive and creative, as well as more directed in your efforts. The three days either side of this beginning date are most effective.

Jul 18, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The Second House: During this period your financial matters are highlighted. It is a time of receiving rewards, results, or financial gains from your previous efforts initiated when the Sun transited through your first house. Hopefully there were efforts then. The most significant period in regards to monetary matters may happen within three days of the time this transit started.

Aug 09, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The Third House: During this period you tend to have many creative and inventive ideas. It favors sales, learning, speaking, writing, correspondence, and communications of all kinds. It is favorable in dealings with your neighbors or siblings. It may also represent a time when you might purchase an automobile or any communications device, should you be thinking of such. You may also consider reading a good book. The most significant time for creative ideas or successful communications endeavors may be within three days of the date listed here.

Sep 06, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The Fourth House: This is a period in which domestic and family matters assume greater importance. It favors quality time spent with your family. It also favors time spent in contemplation or meditation, as an inner awareness seems to grow. Any transactions involving real estate or property may now be highlighted. Perhaps it is favorable for purchase of such, or valuable home furnishings or appliances. Much of the family's attention may be centered on you, especially within three days of the date listed above.

Oct 12, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The Fifth House: Starting around this time you may commence a period of enjoyment, pleasure and fun. It tends to be favorable in relations with your children, young people in general, and romance. Others may find you attractive and a joy to be around. You may tend to be lighter and more vibrant than usual. All attention may be centered upon you if you are in the public, and you seem to "shine" (and you enjoy it). Travel, entertainment, and/or speculation may be highlighted now as well. The most significant part of this time may be within three days of the beginning.

Nov 21, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The Sixth House: This is a time when work duties are likely to predominate your mind. You may find yourself working diligently on a specific project during this period, attending to great detail and/or analysis. There may be a health concern too. There may also be an issue with a co-worker that needs to be worked out. Cooperation and compromise may be necessary. Overall, the quality of your work is important, and as such, it may improve. The most significant time seems to be within three days of the beginning of this period.

Dec 27, 2016

The Transiting Sun Enters The Seventh House: During this period, emphasis will likely shift to partnerships, marriages, contracts and agreements with others. It is a period highlighting social engagements and meetings. You tend to be well-liked and popular now, and your attention may be relaxing from the prior period's intensity of focus. Meeting people on their level may be beneficial. Offers and proposals may be offered. Unions of many kinds tend to be positive. If you are married, there seems to be an improvement either in your relation with your spouse, or his/her relations with other people. This may be a time to have meetings with your agent, lawyer or accountant. The period within three days of the date listed above may be most significant.

Jan 16, 2017

The Transiting Sun Enters The Eighth House: This begins a period which highlights finances - especially in agreements with others - taxes, insurance's, and possibly estate matters. If you wish to terminate or end a condition or relationship, now may be the best time to do so. This is a favorable time for research efforts if you are so inclined. There may be a conflict over money matters. This time favors any efforts for reform or "cleaning out" things you no longer need. There may also be an increase in your sexual desires. The most important time for these

issues may be within three days of the date listed above.

Feb 06, 2017

The Transiting Sun Enters The Ninth House: During this period you may have an opportunity to take a long trip, be involved in successful educational matters, or to teach. Generally speaking, it is a lighter time than the one just passed through. This period is given to expanding one's mind through philosophical discussions or readings. Dealings with people from foreign countries tend to be positive. Publishing ventures tend to be successful now as well. Entertainment and/or speculation may be highlighted now as well. The most notable time is within three days of the date listed above.

Mar 04, 2017

The Transiting Sun Enters The Tenth House: Your career is highlighted now. This is a period where you may "shine" professionally. Your status in your community, or within your profession, may increase. You could be held in higher regard, and your support may be sought by others. There may be a glimpse of your potential "destiny", of what you could do in this lifetime, and certainly within this year. It is a favorable time to handle responsibilities with skill. The period within three days of the date listed above may be most noticeable in the areas just described.

Apr 08, 2017

The Transiting Sun Enters The Eleventh House: Rewards for your professional efforts may be forthcoming during this period. This time also highlights relationships with friends - it is a favorable time to do things with your friends. During this time you may pause to consider your motivations for doing the things you are doing. Are you engaged in group activities because of the glory you get from it, or because you believe in the "cause?" An inner conflict might emerge temporarily, perhaps brought on through conversation with a friend, or a member of a group that you are involved with. However, this period overall still indicates you have plenty of control and influence. There is an emphasis upon your association with groups. The most telling part of this period is probably within three days of the date it begins.

**Specific Dates of Potential Noteworthy Events:
The Progressed Solar Return Angles**

One of the most accurate techniques of timing significant events and changes during the year is by progressing the angles of the solar return chart. The meridian (M.C. and I.C.) is progressed forward through the solar return chart at the same rate as the transiting Sun, or approximately one degree per day. In other words, if the Sun has transited 5 signs and 20 degrees from the time of the solar return, you may move the M.C. of the solar return forward 5 signs and 20 minutes to see where it is by progression. By the same token, you can then look up the corresponding Ascendant for that M.C. degree, and that will represent the progressed horizon (Ascendant - Descendant axis) for that same day.

The angles progressing through the solar return chart may be likened to transits: they "bring" conditions to the individual, according to the angle's nature. The planet receiving aspects by the progressed angle denotes the individual's likely response, or expression, to the

condition. The area of life emphasized is a combination of the angle involved (which is also an area of life), and the house which contains the planet being aspected, as well as the house which the planet rules in the solar return chart.

One point needs to be highlighted here: it is primarily the conjunction (or opposition) of the progressed angles to a solar return or natal planet that is important. Although other aspects, like the square and trine, may coincide with events or conditions described by the angle and the nature of the planet(s) involved, it is primarily the conjunction/opposition aspect that seems to consistently point out the times of the major events of the year to which the return applies.

This technique of progressing the angles is reliable within a three-day time band, and usually within only one day. When used with the other techniques of prediction, like the progressed solar return Moon and the transits to the solar return chart, these dates can be an amazing indicator of significant events to unfold in your life during this year.

Within three days of the following dates, your solar return angles will progress to form a conjunction to these listed planets in your solar return or natal chart - look for significant events to unfold at these times during the year:

May 12, 2016: Mars (Natal)

Asc conjunct Mars: A time of great energy and drive, when you are highly motivated; a very active and possibly eventful time of the year; a time when you are likely to start new projects; a pioneering spirit, and a time of great independence and ingenuity; there may be a tendency towards arguments and anger now; it is wise to exercise great self-control and restraint; it is not wise to hurry or rush, as accidents may happen; a time of increased sexual passion.

May 21, 2016: Pluto (Return)

Des conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter others who try to force you into accepting agreements or matters against your will; a time of meeting very intense and forceful people; it is a period in which agreements and relationships may be terminated, or at least threatened with termination; conflicts over money or power with others; rejections from others is possible now; in all dealings with others, it is best to proceed slowly, and with the attitude of trying to find areas of compromise that benefit both parties - things can change for the better so long as it does not evolve into a contest over who has the power; positively, this may bring you in touch with very deep and profound people, or those who have done incredible research and who wish to share this with you.

May 27, 2016: Venus (Natal)

MC conjunct Venus: A time which favors the culmination of an agreement; favorable experiences in relationships, both in work and in romance; support and appreciation for your efforts; increase in business and income; successful completion of shared activities or goals; favorable developments in partnerships of any kind; working well with others; a decision made in your favor.

May 28, 2016: Pluto (Natal)

IC conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter a very intense situation in the home or family; be cautious of threats, or making threats to those close to you as feelings could get very hurt; threat of damage to property; threat of illness in the family; the need for repair and healing in the home or family; the possibility of being undermined from someone close to you; positively, this period favors research and deep study; a time of insight and discovery, particularly of yourself; a time of great psychological or spiritual understanding; an experience of personal power and/or strength.

Jun 15, 2016: Uranus (Return)

MC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you are likely to experience sudden and unexpected events in regard to your profession; sudden changes at work or in your responsibilities; the opportunity to start something new, or to end something suddenly (i.e. your job?); you tend not to get the response you expected, and as a result, you may be forced to make quick adjustments in your plans, especially regarding work; a time of a sudden realization, which may be favorable in terms of understanding your calling in life, but may be unfavorable if you fail to take it as a "sign"; the breaking of relations at work; the meeting of new people connected to work; being inspired with new ideas concerning your work or calling in life; an incredible, enlivening experience, or a sharp disruption and interruption in one's plans, or both; a strong "sense of the future", and perhaps a psychic insight into something that will soon happen (i.e. prophetic thoughts).

Jun 18, 2016: Uranus (Natal)

IC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may experience a sudden jolt in your home or family life as unexpected events arise; the possibility of electrical or computer failures in your home, or the possibility of purchasing a new computer or electronic device in the home; a change in the home, for better or worse; it is favorable, perhaps, for trying to do something "modern" in the home (i.e. renovation); the advent of new people (strangers) entering the home, which if invited, could be highly stimulating; a sudden realization in one's spiritual path, an enlightening inner experience; a very creative and inventive time, one filled with much intuition and "sense of the future;" there is the potential of accidents and sudden interruptions in the home life, and possibly work life as well.

Jul 03, 2016: Venus (Return)

MC conjunct Venus: A time which favors the culmination of an agreement; favorable experiences in relationships, both in work and in romance; support and appreciation for your efforts; increase in business and income; successful completion of shared activities or goals; favorable developments in partnerships of any kind; working well with others; a decision made in your favor.

Jul 12, 2016: Sun (Natal)

MC conjunct Sun: A time of great success and recognition in your work; growth in your vocation; increase of status; a good appearance in the public; confidence in your work; a time of impressing others with your efforts; favorable relations with men in the workplace; other

looking to you as a leader in the field, or community.

Jul 15, 2016: Mercury (Return)

MC conjunct Mercury: A time in which your business matters may be highly emphasized; making deals; discussing ideas with business colleagues; speaking engagements - as a speaker or attendee; a learning opportunity that might benefit you professionally; a chance to work, to be of service at work; travel related to work, or communication with someone at a distance; purchasing communication devices to be used in work, i.e. computers, fax machine, telephone, etc.

Jul 16, 2016: Mercury (Natal)

MC conjunct Mercury: A time in which your business matters may be highly emphasized; making deals; discussing ideas with business colleagues; speaking engagements - as a speaker or attendee; a learning opportunity that might benefit you professionally; a chance to work, to be of service at work; travel related to work, or communication with someone at a distance; purchasing communication devices to be used in work, i.e. computers, fax machine, telephone, etc.

Jul 22, 2016: Moon (Return)

MC conjunct Moon: A time of changes in work; emotions may be high in regards to your work; interesting or significant dealings with women at work; an opportunity to do something in the public; a time of combining work and family matters, perhaps real estate transactions; sensitivity in work or in regards to your status; it may be a time of instability at work, or dealing with people who are over-emotional or dependent.

Aug 01, 2016: Mars (Return)

IC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity in the home; highly motivated to do things in the home or in regard to the family; however there may be cause for anger in the home; a time of quarrels and disputes in the home; accidents in the home are now possible, so it is wise to be cautious and careful; a time in which you may hurt those close to you with harsh words; possibly being upset by family members or conditions.

Aug 02, 2016: Neptune (Return)

Des conjunct Neptune: This is a time in which you may be very vulnerable to impressions of others; others may not be what they appear, or do not represent what they claim, so you are advised to proceed with caution in any negotiations and/or conversations; generally speaking this is not a favorable time to sign a contract, or come to an agreement - all the facts are not "on the table" yet; deception and deceit are possible if you are dealing with untrustworthy people - they are not likely to tell you the truth, but rather hide important information from you; on the other hand, this may be a period of being attracted to glamorous events, of being with glamorous people; the attraction to very sensitive and romantic-minded individuals; meeting very imaginative and seductive people; this may be an excellent time to go out and entertain or dine with a mate, associate or partner - especially if romantic intentions are on your mind.

Aug 03, 2016: Neptune (Natal)

IC conjunct Neptune: This is a time that may coincide with either very pleasant and beautiful experiences in the home, or great confusion; negatively there could be a tendency to be very absent-minded, forgetful of promises made to family members, intimate relations, or people in your home; you may encounter deception or lies in the home, which can hurt; problems with the plumbing, roof, or water system are possible now - perhaps leaks caused from rains; positively this may be time of wonderful inner and spiritual experiences; it favors meditation; dreams may be very active as well; you may have an opportunity to truly help someone close to you, perhaps a family member, who is depressed, distraught, or confused; a sense of great compassion within you is possible now.

Aug 04, 2016: Jupiter (Natal)

Des conjunct Jupiter: A time of optimism regarding contracts, agreements, and activities involving others; receiving offers from others that are generous; the opportunity to enter into a partnership, or association with another; great popularity with others, and demand for your time and presence; this may also be a time when others promise great things, but can they deliver on these promises? You would be wise to put these promises into a formal contract, and not rely heavily upon trust of what others say right now. In any event, contact with others seem very encouraging, and a source of excitement and happiness at this time. It is also favorable for any dealings with attorneys or agents - they may have something better than even you conceived prior to meeting with them; this is a period of working well with others and coming to an agreement or understanding that is mutually beneficial.

Aug 05, 2016: Jupiter (Return)

Asc conjunct Jupiter: A time of great happiness in general; a period in which you are likely to be very open-minded, charitable, optimistic, and of good cheer; enjoyment of activities with friends; a "good experience" with others; festive activities; success in one's social life as well as business; the opportunity to enter into agreements with others along the lines of your interests; making proposals to others, and being accepted; a time of great joy and love of life; perhaps a time of too much drink, food, or indulgence in excess; a successful venture; entering into favorable unions with others through your own initiative. This may be a time of luck.

Aug 05, 2016: Moon (Natal)

IC conjunct Moon: A time for closeness and intimacy in the home; an opportunity to relax with the family, or in quiet; real estate transactions may transpire; news from the family, or important developments affecting the family; attention is drawn to women in your family - the wife or mother; the possibility of nurturing a special bond with someone you love, someone with whom there is a deep, mutual affection.

Aug 09, 2016: Saturn (Return)

IC conjunct Saturn: This is a time of disappointments, setbacks, or delays in regard to your family or home life; tension in family relations; problems within the home (i.e. heating or air conditioning system, perhaps), possibly requiring delays and causing inconvenience; setbacks possibly at work as well; a need to "get out" and escape worries; this time requires patience

with yourself, and may be favorable for meditation or long-range planning, particularly regarding family matters; possibility of an illness in the family, or "coldness" with a family member or someone living in your home.

Aug 27, 2016: Saturn (Natal)

MC conjunct Saturn: This is a time when you may experience disappointment, setbacks, or delays in attaining goals you have set for yourself; there may be some disappointing news in regard to work; a time of rejections, denials, withholding of support that you desired; professional growth may be slowed; however it may be favorable for re-writing or re-stating or re-thinking your goals more clearly now; the opportunity to organize your thoughts and goals regarding work; the potential of difficulties with your parents or employers; tension or stress in your work; you may be best advised to take more time to work things out more properly; not a favorable time to ask for favors or support at work; denial of your requests.

Aug 30, 2016: Venus (Natal)

Des conjunct Venus: A time when you are attracted to others; the entrance into the life of someone interesting; making agreements; socializing and meeting people; giving and receiving support from others; a favorable time to be with others; happiness and success in partnerships or/marriage.

Aug 30, 2016: Pluto (Natal)

Asc conjunct Pluto: This is a time of great intensity; you may feel obsessed, or driven with something or someone; it may be a time that you seriously consider eliminating somebody, or something, from your life; perhaps it is best to consider alternatives before drastic actions are implemented that hurt others or yourself- is there any chance of a "win-win" in this situation? At its best, it is a time of deep insight, discovery, and positive influence over others; at its worse, it is a time of rage, of wanting to get even or destroy someone in some way; conflicts over money and/or power are possible now, in business or personal matters; this may also be a time in which tax or insurance matters come up; it is a time requiring caution and avoidance of dangerous situations or feelings from within yourself; an act of coercion is possible, so avoid dealings with others who try to force you to do things against your will; by the same token, you are encouraged to avoid forcing others to do anything against their will.

Sep 05, 2016: Mars (Natal)

MC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity and motivation in work; accomplishments through hard work; strategizing and making long-range plans; quarrels and arguments at work; upset caused by new conditions related to work; possibility of errors or mistakes; eager to attempt new things in regards to work or one's vocation; blazing a new trail and initiating new developments and/or products; highly motivated and busy period; a time of being upset with someone, probably in work.

Sep 12, 2016: Pluto (Return)

IC conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter a very intense situation in the home or family; be cautious of threats, or making threats to those close to you as feelings could

get very hurt; threat of damage to property; threat of illness in the family; the need for repair and healing in the home or family; the possibility of being undermined from someone close to you; positively, this period favors research and deep study; a time of insight and discovery, particularly of yourself; a time of great psychological or spiritual understanding; an experience of personal power and/or strength.

Sep 20, 2016: Uranus (Return)

Des conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may meet strange and unusual people; others may act very erratically, especially partners or mates; an unusual and unexpected experience with another person; agreements with others may be broken, and yet new agreements may be forged; difficulties with the mate or partner, or with an associate due to a possible misunderstanding, or intentional violation of an understanding; trying something new with a partner that is exciting; meeting new people with whom you may have little in common, yet you are attracted to them, and they to you.

Sep 24, 2016: Uranus (Natal)

Asc conjunct Uranus: This is likely to be a time of great excitement, but also one of unexpected events arising in your life; if flexible, this could become something quite positive, and certainly enlightening; a time of great inspiration, and perhaps willingness to take risks and try new things; a break from your normal pattern, and a tendency to act differently than others expect of you; you may actually surprise, or shock others, with your behavior; being unconventional, but highly interesting; magnetic, with the ability to attract new people into your realm, but perhaps people with whom you share very little in common, other than mental or physical "chemistry"; a "strange" personal experience may happen to you at this time; a tendency to feel very independent, and perhaps do things that are highly individualistic; this may not be a time of agreements with others, as they may not understand you.

Oct 13, 2016: Venus (Return)

Des conjunct Venus: A time when you are attracted to others; the entrance into the life of someone interesting; making agreements; socializing and meeting people; giving and receiving support from others; a favorable time to be with others; happiness and success in partnerships or/marriage.

Oct 23, 2016: Sun (Natal)

Des conjunct Sun: This may be a time when others enter your life who are attractive; you may be impressed, or positively affected, by others - and they may be impressed with you as well; success with or for your partner; a time to experience positive developments in your partnerships, to sign contracts and make agreements; a time of popularity.

Oct 28, 2016: Mercury (Return)

Des conjunct Mercury: A time of much communication and contact with others; many new ideas and thoughts being expressed and shared; major decisions involving others may be

required, perhaps even signing of papers; a period of soliciting help from others; meeting others who have interesting ideas to share with you; the meeting of intelligent or highly communicative people; a very busy time; being in contact with many people; agreements are highlighted, and so are work or service-oriented relationships.

Oct 29, 2016: Mercury (Natal)

Des conjunct Mercury: A time of much communication and contact with others; many new ideas and thoughts being expressed and shared; major decisions involving others may be required, perhaps even signing of papers; a period of soliciting help from others; meeting others who have interesting ideas to share with you; the meeting of intelligent or highly communicative people; a very busy time; being in contact with many people; agreements are highlighted, and so are work or service-oriented relationships.

Nov 06, 2016: Moon (Return)

Des conjunct Moon: A time of popularity and meeting people; favorable for social events and meeting people with whom you have an immediate bonding, as in a sense of already knowing them; meeting people with whom you feel comfortable; significant and emotional women in the life; changes within your partnership(s); sensitivity to one's mate or partners, or they are more sensitive than usual; a favorable time to share something intimate; an unfavorable time to do something that hurts another; events which affect your marriage and/or partnership.

Nov 06, 2016: Neptune (Return)

IC conjunct Neptune: This is a time that may coincide with either very pleasant and beautiful experiences in the home, or great confusion; negatively there could be a tendency to be very absent-minded, forgetful of promises made to family members, intimate relations, or people in your home; you may encounter deception or lies in the home, which can hurt; problems with the plumbing, roof, or water system are possible now - perhaps leaks caused from rains; positively this may be time of wonderful inner and spiritual experiences; it favors meditation; dreams may be very active as well; you may have an opportunity to truly help someone close to you, perhaps a family member, who is depressed, distraught, or confused; a sense of great compassion within you is possible now.

Nov 07, 2016: Jupiter (Natal)

IC conjunct Jupiter: A time of great happiness and celebration in your home or with your family; success in real estate ventures - buying and/or selling a home or property, or finding a place that you like; perhaps an announcement of a birth, or marriage, or anniversary in the family; a favorable time to host a gathering or party in your home amongst friends; a time of growth if you are engaged in any spiritual practice; an awakening that brings forth much inner joy.

Nov 08, 2016: Jupiter (Return)

MC conjunct Jupiter: A time of favorable occurrences with regard to your work; the successful implementation of a project, or culmination of a goal, and the resultant rewards and positive feedback from such well-done efforts; a "bonus" at work, or increased sales and/or

income; opportunities to expand and grow at work; an offer, a proposal, that is flattering; the opportunity to enter into a professional agreement or contract; positive and successful meetings with others; successful judgments; a favorable time to make proposals to others; success socially and professionally.

Nov 18, 2016: Mars (Return)

Asc conjunct Mars: A time of great energy and drive, when you are highly motivated; a very active and possibly eventful time of the year; a time when you are likely to start new projects; a pioneering spirit, and a time of great independence and ingenuity; there may be a tendency towards arguments and anger now; it is wise to exercise great self-control and restraint; it is not wise to hurry or rush, as accidents may happen; a time of increased sexual passion.

Nov 21, 2016: Neptune (Natal)

Asc conjunct Neptune: This is a time to be a little cautious of your thoughts, as there may be a tendency to fantasy and self-delusion; you may totally misunderstand something, or misread something, and if so, this may be embarrassing to you; a tendency to be "in a fog", to not be totally in the here and now, to be forgetful and absent-minded; as your imagination is highly stimulated, this may be a favorable time to entertain, to go out and have a romantic evening with someone you love (and trust); it is not favorable in dealings with those whom you do not trust, or with whom you are suspicious; this is a time when you may need counseling or you are able to provide counseling to others; it is a time of feeling vulnerable, and perhaps of being gullible; it is also a time in which your body is highly sensitive to drugs, alcohol, or medications, and your immune system may be weak.

Nov 24, 2016: Moon (Natal)

Asc conjunct Moon: A time of many changes; the life may be in some sort of flux right now; difficulty seeing clearly due to highly charged emotions; the wish for security and stability, to get things completed and sorted out; changes in the home life or in regard to your normal routines; significant developments involving women; it may be a time of intimacy and closeness, but be careful of becoming too dependent or emotional, except with those whom you trust greatly. This may be a favorable time to take someone you love out for the evening - dinner and entertainment.

Nov 28, 2016: Venus (Natal)

IC conjunct Venus: A happy time in one's home or family; sharing a fond experience with members of the family, or with someone in your home; a successful gathering in the home (i.e. party); increased appreciation of the home or family (finding out the value of your home has increased); purchasing things of value for the home, or doing things of value with the family; love of one's home; love within one's home; compliments from others about your home or family; a period favoring love and affection.

Nov 29, 2016: Pluto (Natal)

MC conjunct Pluto: This is a time when you may experience threats to your role at work; power plays and positioning for influence may cause much tension around you; others may be plotting behind your back; the termination of a task or role or work; the need to change things as they are, perhaps forcibly, but hopefully with a sense of improving the condition; removal of a father-figure or a superior, or an experience of their intensity at work.

Nov 29, 2016: Saturn (Return)

Asc conjunct Saturn: This is a time in which you may feel "under the weather", stressed-out, pressured, and generally intense or serious; you may have a lot on your mind, with a tendency towards worry; disappointments in either yourself or others may be present; it may be wise to have a task to do that does not have any time pressures attached with it; a favorable time for reading or studying, so long as there is no "test" associated with it; it is advisable to clear your schedule at this time, for things may arise which prevent you from fulfilling obligations satisfactorily; benefits may come from being disciplined and controlled; a time to accomplish something so long as you avoid distractions and stick to the schedule; lack of discipline results in frustrations and falling behind in one's tasks.

Dec 16, 2016: Uranus (Return)

IC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may experience a sudden jolt in your home or family life as unexpected events arise; the possibility of electrical or computer failures in your home, or the possibility of purchasing a new computer or electronic device in the home; a change in the home, for better or worse; it is favorable, perhaps, for trying to do something "modern" in the home (i.e. renovation); the advent of new people (strangers) entering the home, which if invited, could be highly stimulating; a sudden realization in one's spiritual path, an enlightening inner experience; a very creative and inventive time, one filled with much intuition and "sense of the future;" there is the potential of accidents and sudden interruptions in the home life, and possibly work life as well.

Dec 19, 2016: Uranus (Natal)

MC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you are likely to experience sudden and unexpected events in regard to your profession; sudden changes at work or in your responsibilities; the opportunity to start something new, or to end something suddenly (i.e. your job?); you tend not to get the response you expected, and as a result, you may be forced to make quick adjustments in your plans, especially regarding work; a time of a sudden realization, which may be favorable in terms of understanding your calling in life, but may be unfavorable if you fail to take it as a "sign"; the breaking of relations at work; the meeting of new people connected to work; being inspired with new ideas concerning your work or calling in life; an incredible, enlivening experience, or a sharp disruption and interruption in one's plans, or both; a strong "sense of the future", and perhaps a psychic insight into something that will soon happen (i.e. prophetic thoughts).

Dec 19, 2016: Saturn (Natal)

Des conjunct Saturn: This is generally not a favorable time for agreements or negotiations with others; others tend to resist you, or in some way try to force to "give in" to their demands, which are not always in your best interest; disappointment in others, especially if they exhibit a lack of integrity and willingness to follow through upon agreements already made; the possibility of violating a contract or understanding, and letting someone else down, or being let down by another; tension in partnerships, marriage, or work associations; frustration in getting others to see your point of view, or in general dealings with others; a rejection, or an effort to get you to accept "less"; a possibility of finally forging out a compromise and agreement, of putting it into form, but you better check it carefully and be certain that it does not obligate you beyond your wishes; illness with one's mate or partner is possible; the mate or partner may be depressed and under much pressure, and may require your help or patience; on the other hand, the mate may not offer support that you need; a need to be sensitive to others, and to be around others who are supportive of you.

Dec 29, 2016: Mars (Natal)

Des conjunct Mars: A time of drawing very motivated and energetic - and perhaps competitive - people into your life; others you meet or know may be very upset, perhaps at you; meeting very domineering and self-centered people; a time of attraction, and perhaps wishing to enter into unions or agreements with others, but best to proceed slowly here; the possibility of a dispute, argument, or great upset, perhaps due to violations of agreements, or inconsiderate and insensitive actions by others towards you or someone you love - and if so, you may feel an urge to aggressively defend yourself or another person; to fight for your rights.

Jan 02, 2017: Venus (Return)

IC conjunct Venus: A happy time in one's home or family; sharing a fond experience with members of the family, or with someone in your home; a successful gathering in the home (i.e. party); increased appreciation of the home or family (finding out the value of your home has increased); purchasing things of value for the home, or doing things of value with the family; love of one's home; love within one's home; compliments from others about your home or family; a period favoring love and affection.

Jan 05, 2017: Pluto (Return)

Asc conjunct Pluto: This is a time of great intensity; you may feel obsessed, or driven with something or someone; it may be a time that you seriously consider eliminating somebody, or something, from your life; perhaps it is best to consider alternatives before drastic actions are implemented that hurt others or yourself- is there any chance of a "win-win" in this situation? At its best, it is a time of deep insight, discovery, and positive influence over others; at its worse, it is a time of rage, of wanting to get even or destroy someone in some way; conflicts over money and/or power are possible now, in business or personal matters; this may also be a time in which tax or insurance matters come up; it is a time requiring caution and avoidance of dangerous situations or feelings from within yourself; an act of coercion is possible, so avoid dealings with others who try to force you to do things against your will; by the same token, you are encouraged to avoid forcing others to do anything against their will.

Jan 10, 2017: Sun (Natal)

IC conjunct Sun: Success or recognition in your family life; a favorable time for real estate dealings; happiness in family gatherings; pride in your family; this is a favorable time to have a gathering or to entertain in the home; a time to come into contact with a spiritual aspect of your self; inner illumination; understanding brought on by quiet reflection; pride in one's family.

Jan 13, 2017: Mercury (Return)

IC conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communications and discussions in the home; a meeting in the home, or with family members; planning things to do with the home or family; purchasing communication devices to be used in the home (i.e. computers, fax machine, telephones, etc.); dealings with siblings or neighbors; discussing work plans in the home and with family members.

Jan 14, 2017: Mercury (Natal)

IC conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communications and discussions in the home; a meeting in the home, or with family members; planning things to do with the home or family; purchasing communication devices to be used in the home (i.e. computers, fax machine, telephones, etc.); dealings with siblings or neighbors; discussing work plans in the home and with family members.

Jan 20, 2017: Moon (Return)

IC conjunct Moon: A time for closeness and intimacy in the home; an opportunity to relax with the family, or in quiet; real estate transactions may transpire; news from the family, or important developments affecting the family; attention is drawn to women in your family - the wife or mother; the possibility of nurturing a special bond with someone you love, someone with whom there is a deep, mutual affection.

Jan 29, 2017: Mars (Return)

MC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity and motivation in work; accomplishments through hard work; strategizing and making long-range plans; quarrels and arguments at work; upset caused by new conditions related to work; possibility of errors or mistakes; eager to attempt new things in regards to work or one's vocation; blazing a new trail and initiating new developments and/or products; highly motivated and busy period; a time of being upset with someone, probably in work.

Jan 31, 2017: Neptune (Natal)

MC conjunct Neptune: This is a time that is apt to be confusing in regard to your work or reputation; misunderstandings over your role - or the role of others - may cause feelings to be hurt; deception or even betrayal may be experienced at work or with others whom you trusted; your reputation may be vulnerable to attack; others may look up to you, but perhaps they are putting you on a pedestal that has set them up for disappointment in you, i.e. they had false expectations of you, or you of them; an undermining of your goals by another is possible, who may even intentionally present you in an incorrect and inaccurate light; dealings with

"weasels"; this may be an excellent time for advertising or marketing projects, as your imagination regarding work tasks is very stimulated; an experience with a "goddess;" a spiritual experience, and the feeling of great love or compassion for another; the possibility of being victimized by another, or truly helping or being helped by another (you may need to ask yourself "what is their motive?", for they may appear to offer help, but actually set you up for betrayal).

Feb 02, 2017: Moon (Natal)

MC conjunct Moon: A time of changes in work; emotions may be high in regards to your work; interesting or significant dealings with women at work; an opportunity to do something in the public; a time of combining work and family matters, perhaps real estate transactions; sensitivity in work or in regards to your status; it may be a time of instability at work, or dealing with people who are over-emotional or dependent.

Feb 06, 2017: Saturn (Return)

MC conjunct Saturn: This is a time when you may experience disappointment, setbacks, or delays in attaining goals you have set for yourself; there may some disappointing news in regard to work; a time of rejections, denials, withholding of support that you desired; professional growth may be slowed; however it may be favorable for re-writing or re-stating or re-thinking your goals more clearly now; the opportunity to organize your thoughts and goals regarding work; the potential of difficulties with your parents or employers; tension or stress in your work; you may be best advised to take more time to work things out more properly; not a favorable time to ask for favors or support at work; denial of your requests.

Feb 11, 2017: Neptune (Return)

Asc conjunct Neptune: This is a time to be a little cautious of your thoughts, as there may be a tendency to fantasy and self-delusion; you may totally misunderstand something, or misread something, and if so, this may be embarrassing to you; a tendency to be "in a fog", to not be totally in the here and now, to be forgetful and absent-minded; as your imagination is highly stimulated, this may be a favorable time to entertain, to go out and have a romantic evening with someone you love (and trust); it is not favorable in dealings with those whom you do not trust, or with whom you are suspicious; this is a time when you may need counseling or you are able to provide counseling to others; it is a time of feeling vulnerable, and perhaps of being gullible; it is also a time in which your body is highly sensitive to drugs, alcohol, or medications, and your immune system may be weak.

Feb 11, 2017: Jupiter (Natal)

Asc conjunct Jupiter: A time of great happiness in general; a period in which you are likely to be very open-minded, charitable, optimistic, and of good cheer; enjoyment of activities with friends; a "good experience" with others; festive activities; success in one's social life as well as business; the opportunity to enter into agreements with others along the lines of your interests; making proposals to others, and being accepted; a time of great joy and love of life; perhaps a time of too much drink, food, or indulgence in excess; a successful venture; entering into favorable unions with others through your own initiative. This may be a time of luck.

Feb 12, 2017: Jupiter (Return)

Des conjunct Jupiter: A time of optimism regarding contracts, agreements, and activities involving others; receiving offers from others that are generous; the opportunity to enter into a partnership, or association with another; great popularity with others, and demand for your time and presence; this may also be a time when others promise great things, but can they deliver on these promises? You would be wise to put these promises into a formal contract, and not rely heavily upon trust of what others say right now. In any event, contact with others seem very encouraging, and a source of excitement and happiness at this time. It is also favorable for any dealings with attorneys or agents - they may have something better than even you conceived prior to meeting with them; this is a period of working well with others and coming to an agreement or understanding that is mutually beneficial.

Feb 23, 2017: Saturn (Natal)

IC conjunct Saturn: This is a time of disappointments, setbacks, or delays in regard to your family or home life; tension in family relations; problems within the home (i.e. heating or air conditioning system, perhaps), possibly requiring delays and causing inconvenience; setbacks possibly at work as well; a need to "get out" and escape worries; this time requires patience with yourself, and may be favorable for meditation or long-range planning, particularly regarding family matters; possibility of an illness in the family, or "coldness" with a family member or someone living in your home.

Feb 23, 2017: Pluto (Natal)

Des conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter others who try to force you into accepting agreements or matters against your will; a time of meeting very intense and forceful people; it is a period in which agreements and relationships may be terminated, or at least threatened with termination; conflicts over money or power with others; rejections from others is possible now; in all dealings with others, it is best to proceed slowly, and with the attitude of trying to find areas of compromise that benefit both parties - things can change for the better so long as it does not evolve into a contest over who has the power; positively, this may bring you in touch with very deep and profound people, or those who have done incredible research and who wish to share this with you.

Feb 23, 2017: Venus (Natal)

Asc conjunct Venus: A time in which your personal attractiveness is very high; you may look and feel very good; others are impressed with you; a time of charm and graciousness; favorable for being out in the public and being well-received; confidence and self-assuredness; financially this may be a successful time as others see value and worth in your efforts; a favorable time for meeting someone attractive.

Mar 04, 2017: Mars (Natal)

IC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity in the home; highly motivated to do things in the home or in regard to the family; however there may be cause for anger in the home; a time of quarrels and disputes in the home; accidents in the home are now possible, so it is wise to be cautious and careful; a time in which you may hurt those close to you with harsh words;

possibly being upset by family members or conditions.

Mar 05, 2017: Uranus (Return)

Asc conjunct Uranus: This is likely to be a time of great excitement, but also one of unexpected events arising in your life; if flexible, this could become something quite positive, and certainly enlightening; a time of great inspiration, and perhaps willingness to take risks and try new things; a break from your normal pattern, and a tendency to act differently than others expect of you; you may actually surprise, or shock others, with your behavior; being unconventional, but highly interesting; magnetic, with the ability to attract new people into your realm, but perhaps people with whom you share very little in common, other than mental or physical "chemistry"; a "strange" personal experience may happen to you at this time; a tendency to feel very independent, and perhaps do things that are highly individualistic; this may not be a time of agreements with others, as they may not understand you.

Mar 06, 2017: Uranus (Natal)

Des conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may meet strange and unusual people; others may act very erratically, especially partners or mates; an unusual and unexpected experience with another person; agreements with others may be broken, and yet new agreements may be forged; difficulties with the mate or partner, or with an associate due to a possible misunderstanding, or intentional violation of an understanding; trying something new with a partner that is exciting; meeting new people with whom you may have little in common, yet you are attracted to them, and they to you.

Mar 10, 2017: Pluto (Return)

MC conjunct Pluto: This is a time when you may experience threats to your role at work; power plays and positioning for influence may cause much tension around you; others may be plotting behind your back; the termination of a task or role or work; the need to change things as they are, perhaps forcibly, but hopefully with a sense of improving the condition; removal of a father-figure or a superior, or an experience of their intensity at work.

Mar 15, 2017: Venus (Return)

Asc conjunct Venus: A time in which your personal attractiveness is very high; you may look and feel very good; others are impressed with you; a time of charm and graciousness; favorable for being out in the public and being well-received; confidence and self-assuredness; financially this may be a successful time as others see value and worth in your efforts; a favorable time for meeting someone attractive.

Mar 21, 2017: Sun (Natal)

Asc conjunct Sun: A time of great vitality and energy, when you might exude much confidence and psychological strength; a time of recognition and favorable attention; you look and feel healthy, and others are attracted to you; a creative time; a time of exhibiting leadership qualities.

Mar 23, 2017: Mercury (Return)

Asc conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communication and/or travel; there may be many new ideas you would like to express; favorable for writing, reading, speaking, or learning; a time of great intellect and mental alertness; good sense of humor; a time of making deals, and possibly purchasing things like computers, electronic devices, or communication objects; a favorable time to contact someone about an idea you have, or to receive a call from someone who has an idea for you; favorable communication.

Mar 24, 2017: Mercury (Natal)

Asc conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communication and/or travel; there may be many new ideas you would like to express; favorable for writing, reading, speaking, or learning; a time of great intellect and mental alertness; good sense of humor; a time of making deals, and possibly purchasing things like computers, electronic devices, or communication objects; a favorable time to contact someone about an idea you have, or to receive a call from someone who has an idea for you; favorable communication.

Mar 28, 2017: Moon (Return)

Asc conjunct Moon: A time of many changes; the life may be in some sort of flux right now; difficulty seeing clearly due to highly charged emotions; the wish for security and stability, to get things completed and sorted out; changes in the home life or in regard to your normal routines; significant developments involving women; it may be a time of intimacy and closeness, but be careful of becoming too dependent or emotional, except with those whom you trust greatly. This may be a favorable time to take someone you love out for the evening - dinner and entertainment.

Apr 05, 2017: Mars (Return)

Des conjunct Mars: A time of drawing very motivated and energetic - and perhaps competitive - people into your life; others you meet or know may be very upset, perhaps at you; meeting very domineering and self-centered people; a time of attraction, and perhaps wishing to enter into unions or agreements with others, but best to proceed slowly here; the possibility of a dispute, argument, or great upset, perhaps due to violations of agreements, or inconsiderate and insensitive actions by others towards you or someone you love - and if so, you may feel an urge to aggressively defend yourself or another person; to fight for your rights.

Apr 06, 2017: Neptune (Natal)

Des conjunct Neptune: This is a time in which you may be very vulnerable to impressions of others; others may not be what they appear, or do not represent what they claim, so you are advised to proceed with caution in any negotiations and/or conversations; generally speaking this is not a favorable time to sign a contract, or come to an agreement - all the facts are not "on the table" yet; deception and deceit are possible if you are dealing with untrustworthy people - they are not likely to tell you the truth, but rather hide important information from you; on the other hand, this may be a period of being attracted to glamorous events, of being with glamorous people; the attraction to very sensitive and romantic-minded individuals; meeting very imaginative and seductive people; this may be an excellent time to go out and entertain or

dine with a mate, associate or partner - especially if romantic intentions are on your mind.

Apr 09, 2017: Moon (Natal)

Des conjunct Moon: A time of popularity and meeting people; favorable for social events and meeting people with whom you have an immediate bonding, as in a sense of already knowing them; meeting people with whom you feel comfortable; significant and emotional women in the life; changes within your partnership(s); sensitivity to one's mate or partners, or they are more sensitive than usual; a favorable time to share something intimate; an unfavorable time to do something that hurts another; events which affect your marriage and/or partnership.

Apr 13, 2017: Saturn (Return)

Des conjunct Saturn: This is generally not a favorable time for agreements or negotiations with others; others tend to resist you, or in some way try to force to "give in" to their demands, which are not always in your best interest; disappointment in others, especially if they exhibit a lack of integrity and willingness to follow through upon agreements already made; the possibility of violating a contract or understanding, and letting someone else down, or being let down by another; tension in partnerships, marriage, or work associations; frustration in getting others to see your point of view, or in general dealings with others; a rejection, or an effort to get you to accept "less"; a possibility of finally forging out a compromise and agreement, of putting it into form, but you better check it carefully and be certain that it does not obligate you beyond your wishes; illness with one's mate or partner is possible; the mate or partner may be depressed and under much pressure, and may require your help or patience; on the other hand, the mate may not offer support that you need; a need to be sensitive to others, and to be around others who are supportive of you.

Apr 30, 2017: Saturn (Natal)

Asc conjunct Saturn: This is a time in which you may feel "under the weather", stressed-out, pressured, and generally intense or serious; you may have a lot on your mind, with a tendency towards worry; disappointments in either yourself or others may be present; it may be wise to have a task to do that does not have any time pressures attached with it; a favorable time for reading or studying, so long as there is no "test" associated with it; it is advisable to clear your schedule at this time, for things may arise which prevent you from fulfilling obligations satisfactorily; benefits may come from being disciplined and controlled; a time to accomplish something so long as you avoid distractions and stick to the schedule; lack of discipline results in frustrations and falling behind in one's tasks.

Keeping a Diary of Your Solar Return Experience

Astrology is a language of symbols. It is also a study of time. At any given point in time, astrological symbolism is present which assists in the understanding of that time.

Throughout our life, people come in and situations arise. On the surface, these people are indeed people, and these situations are indeed specific, identifiable conditions. However, these people and these situations are also symbolic of lessons in life which each one of us is working on. Our experiences with these people and these conditions afford us an opportunity to understand ourself more fully, to get a grasp on our patterns, and possibly to make a conscious

effort to break those patterns if we so wish.

In the course of your solar return day, you will come into contact with people and situations, You will experience certain conditions that arise in your life. And you will react as well as interact with these people and circumstances. You will have impressions and make judgments concerning these events and interactions. In some cases, you will react favorably, and judge them as positive experiences. In other cases, you may react more critically, and judge them less favorably.

The moments of these experiences and these interactions with others during the solar return day can be progressed into the future of this year. Basically the premise is this: whatever you experience during the solar return day will symbolically represent the nature of your experiences during the solar return year. Furthermore, the time of these experiences - whether external or internal - will relate to a specific period in the year when that "symbolism" will likely repeat. The formula is the same as used in the calculation of the solar return Moon. That is, every two hours of time from your solar return represents one month of time from the date of your solar return. In the same token, approximately every four minutes of time is the equivalent of one day in the solar return year.

Therefore it can be very enlightening to carry paper and pen with you on the day of your solar return. Mark down the time in which things happen during this day. In fact, you may want to keep a very detailed daily record of what happened as it goes along. It is also a good idea to plan things during the day which you know will be favorable and enjoyable, as that will set the tone of a favorable and enjoyable activity later on this year.

To briefly illustrate, let us assume your solar return occurs at 6:00 PM. At 8:00 PM, the circumstances that you experience (in the external world, or your interior world) will be symbolic of what is going on in your life about one month after your birthday. If you went out and had a wonderful dinner with someone you love, then perhaps one month later you will find your life very wonderful, almost like being out for a wonderful dining experience.

The daily record should begin six hours before your solar return, and continue 30 hours afterwards. The six hours before are symbolic of the three months leading up to your birthday. Even these events and circumstances are symbolic of what you have already gone through, and seeing the symbolism helps put the recent past into perspective. The six hours following the 24 hours of the birthday are also important. They refer to the momentum of this year carrying into the next solar return, and your ability to make the successful transition from one year's issues to the next.

Choosing One's Solar Return

One of the most exciting facts about solar returns is that you may actually choose your own horoscope wheel for the year! Your choice is limited, as might be expected, by both certain mundane as well as astrological factors. From an astrological point, your choice is limited to the angles and house placement of planets as well as rulerships, which covers quite a bit of territory. Your choice does not consist of what relationship (aspects) the planets will have to each other or to your other natal planets -- only their relationship to your solar return angles and houses. From a mundane point of view, your choice is limited to your means and willingness to be mobile at the time of your solar return. The angles and houses are directly related to your location at the moment of your solar return; hence, your freedom and willingness to travel to

specific location will influence just how much choice you have in creating your own chosen horoscope for the year. And another limitation, of course, is your knowledge and ability to work with solar returns, for without this knowledge you have absolutely no choice in the matter whatsoever.

What you can determine, then, are the axes of the Earth -- the horizon and meridian of the solar return chart. The actual moment of the solar return will not change -- cannot be changed; but the local mean time (LMT) and consequently the True Sidereal Time of the solar return can be chosen; hence, the angles and houses -- the "structure of the experience" in the forthcoming year -- can also be chosen.

In choosing your solar return chart for any given year, there are two basic questions you might ask: first, "What area of life do I want to highlight (in a positive manner) this year?," and secondly, "What are my boundaries, or limitations, in traveling at the time of my solar return?" Obviously if the most astrologically desirable place to celebrate your solar return is somewhere in China, a combination of financial, governmental, and time factors may make that choice an impossibility. So you must work within the boundaries of your means, or those means placed upon you by "outside" forces.

In answering the first question, you should remember some of the basic rules presented earlier. For instance, a balance of planets in the different house types is desirable; a majority of planets in angular houses - or at least three personal planets posited there -- will indicate a "significant" year; an overabundance of planets in cadent houses will tend to indicate the opposite -- a year of changes and/or preparation for future years.

Locating planets in harmonious aspect to an angle is most desirable, and so too is the positioning of benefics close to a house cusp -- especially in that house which pertains to your areas of interest for this year. Another desirable placement is a harmonious aspect between a planet in a particular house to the planet that rules that house. If you are able to arrange for a combination of these factors to occur, according to the house chosen to be highlighted, then it is a favorable indication that matters ruling that area of your life will flow successfully in the coming year.

There are, of course, some factors that will inhibit even the finest of house and angle arrangements. If the aspects between your solar return planets to each other, and even to your natal planets, are discordant according to the expressions you wish to highlight, there is not much that can be done to "assure" their favorable expression this year. At best, you can "lessen" their potential negative manifestation by traveling somewhere that will position an angle to make a "soft" (harmonious) aspect to one of the planets involved. For example, if there is a T-square in the solar return chart involving planets in houses that you have determined are important to you in the coming year, you may wish to travel somewhere at the time of your solar return that will bring the horizon (Ascendant - Descendant axis) or meridian (Midheaven and I.C. axis) into a favorable aspect (sextile/trine) to the planet and/or house ruler you are concerned about.

It is also possible to more greatly empower positive aspects between planets in your solar return chart by simply traveling to a point in which these same angles make yet another positive aspect to them. For instance, if you have a trine between two planets that relate to an area of great personal interest this year, you might consider traveling somewhere for your birthday that will find the Midheaven or Ascendant forming a grand trine to these planets. That location would greatly enhance the expression and experience of the two trining planets during the

course of the year.

If you are not an astrologer, and you are interested in designing a solar return chart that most positively highlights your solar return planets, you are advised to consult a well-trained, qualified and professional astrologer who can assist you in this matter. This would be greatly suggested in the event that you find certain parts in the "Planets In Aspect To Angles", or "Planets Conjunct The Solar Return House Cusps" sections particularly troubling. Those conditions can be altered simply by traveling for your solar return. In addition, planning a trip on your birthday is an excellent idea. It will cause you to put great conscious effort into that most sacred of all days of the year for you personally - your birthday, the day the Sun and Earth return to their exact position of your birth moment. It is a special day for you every year. Treat it with reverence. Make its unfoldment an annual pilgrimage, a mission, a challenge for you to have a super experience. The experiences of that day will be the foundation for the whole of your next year of life.