

SOLAR RETURN REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for Johnny Depp



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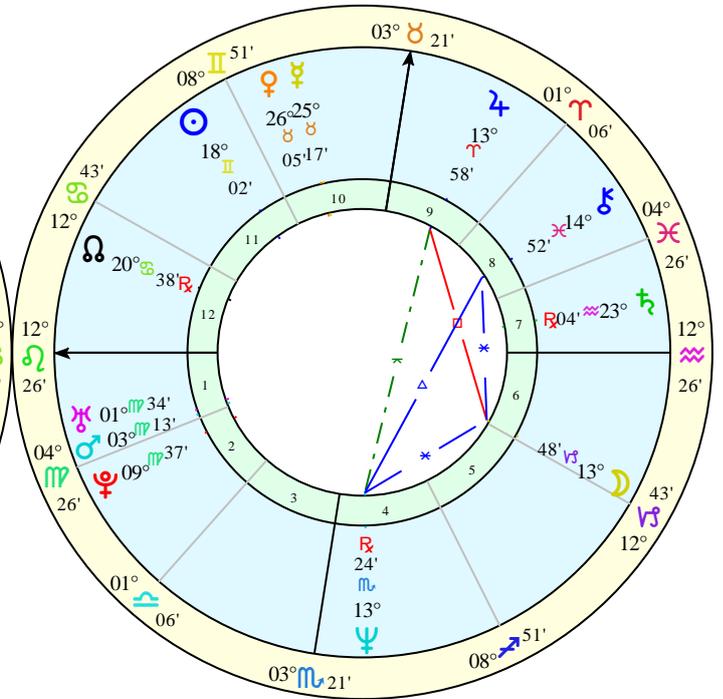
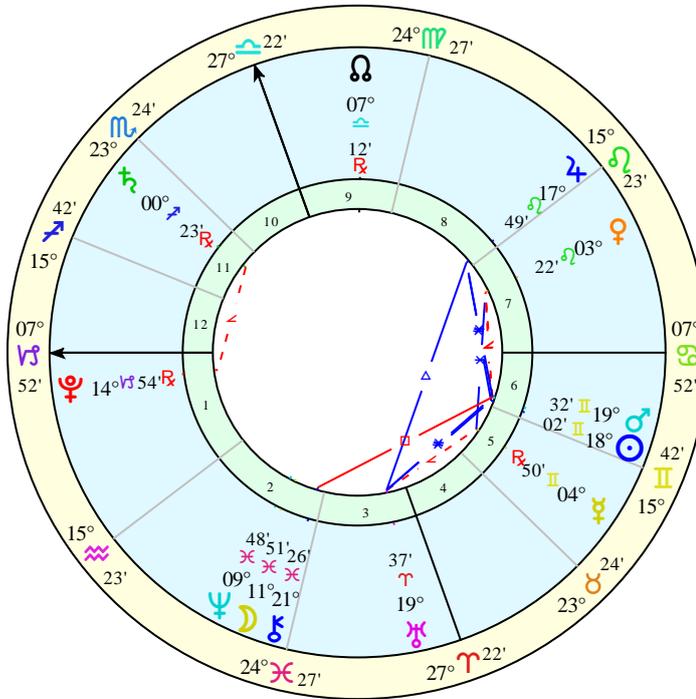
Solar Return

8 Jun 2015
9:25:42 pm PDT +7:00
Los Angeles
34°N03'08"
118°W14'34"
Tropical
Placidus

Johnny Depp

Natal Chart

9 Jun 1963
8:44 am CST +6:00
Owensboro
37°N46'27"
087°W06'48"
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Johnny Depp

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	11°Pi51'	2nd	
The Sun	Gemini	18°Ge02'	6th	
Mercury	Gemini	4°Ge50'	5th	
Venus	Leo	3°Le22'	7th	
Mars	Gemini	19°Ge32'	6th	
Jupiter	Leo	17°Le49'	8th	
Saturn	Sagittarius	0°Sg23'	11th	
Uranus	Aries	19°Ar37'	3rd	
Neptune	Pisces	9°Pi48'	2nd	
Pluto	Capricorn	14°Cp54'	1st	
Chiron	Pisces	21°Pi26'	2nd	
The North Node	Libra	7°Li12'	9th	
The Ascendant	Capricorn	7°Cp52'	1st	
The Midheaven	Libra	27°Li22'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	0°30'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	0°19'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Mars	1°29'	Applying
The Sun	Sextile	Jupiter	0°13'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	Uranus	1°34'	Applying
Mercury	Sextile	Venus	1°27'	Applying
Mercury	Semisquare	Uranus	0°12'	Applying
Venus	Semisquare	Mars	1°10'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	Jupiter	1°42'	Separating
Mars	Sextile	Uranus	0°04'	Applying
Mars	Square	Chiron	1°54'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Uranus	1°47'	Applying
Saturn	Semisquare	Pluto	0°28'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	The Ascendant	1°56'	Separating
The North Node	Square	The Ascendant	0°39'	Separating

Introduction



"Because time itself is like a spiral, something special happens on your birthday each year: The same energy that God invested in you at birth is present once again."

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Many people are familiar with their own astrological sign because Sun sign astrology is popular in today's culture. Taking this one step further extends the understanding of astrology from the Sun sign to other planets and aspects of astrology that interplay at the moment of birth. A chart is produced that astrologers can interpret. What you may not know is that astrologers can also calculate a chart for each of your birthdays, and these charts can predict the patterns that you might experience in the forthcoming year. This is because each year the Sun does a full revolution of the zodiac. Therefore each year the Sun returns to the exact position of your birth chart Sun. Wherever you are in the world we can calculate this birthday chart. This chart is called a Solar Return; hence the saying "many happy returns". This chart represents the opportunities and challenges of the forthcoming year. It should also be read in conjunction with your birth chart to fully understand the lessons and opportunities available to you in any given year.

When using these Solar Return interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences. As a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually an astrologer will synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person possesses both positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on manifesting the positive traits or qualities. This report outlines both influences, and therefore helps us to rise to the challenges during any given year. Any advice given is meant to be an aid the individual in taking responsibility for his or her own life. Ultimately the decision rests with each individual.

THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME

“And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”

-- Abraham Lincoln, US 16th President

The Ascendant

The Ascendant indicates your primary focus of the year. It shows your main direction and how you are likely to go about achieving your goals. The Ascendant indicates whether you are more likely to be self-motivated, or whether you are more likely to rely on other people during this year.

The Ascendant is in Capricorn

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a feminine Earth sign indicating that this year during which you are more introspective and security conscious. Shelter is a focus. You are keen to have your house in order, before you consider any other options. On the one hand you are steadier, more reliable and considerate this year. On the other you are not keen to make changes. Traits such as safety, security and steadfastness are of more value to you than usual. You would prefer to stay with the places, people and projects that are familiar rather than explore new territory. You are content to build your resources, letting others take the risks. Even if this is not your usual modus operandi, this year you are required to go slow and perhaps even take a back seat.

The conservative sign of Capricorn is emphasizing your need to build foundations in your life this year. You are less likely to take risks opting instead for a thorough appraisal of your assets. This is largely your material assets, however; you may also do a little introspective stock take of your personal traits and those of your loved ones. This is a year during which you are required to work steadily towards achieving your ambitions. Control may become a catchphrase this year. Even if you usually are a free spirit, this year sees you exercise more control over your own life, particularly your finances. You are well advised to avoid trying to control the behaviour of other people in favour of concentrating on your own goals. Fortunately you are able to be conscientious in your approach to most things, although work, rather than home, may feature more largely than usual. Perhaps you are building a reputation for yourself at work, or concentrating on a rather large workload, or perhaps starting a new business. You may be concentrating on work in order to pay off your debts at a faster pace. Whatever the scenario it is time to focus on the details, make sure that your plans are solid and move forward slowly and surely. If you try to skip corners then

you may lose the respect of those around you, and perhaps even your job. Fortunately you are able to pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again if you strike any difficult circumstances. Your primary focus is gaining self-respect, concentrating on your own ambitions, shouldering responsibilities, and gaining a new sense of purpose.

The Sun

The Sun is very important when interpreting a Solar Return chart given that the chart is based on the Sun. It indicates the major theme of the year depicting the area in which you would really like to shine. Parts of your life that have been seemingly unimportant in previous years can become very important once the Sun shines its light in a particular house of a Solar Return chart.

The Sun is in the 6th House

It is time to focus on your lifestyle. This could range from a new health regime, to a new job or it could involve a complete change of scenery. This year you are prepared to change your habits. You are not necessarily going to change your life direction, but rather the details of how you live your life. The emphasis is on the minutiae rather than the big picture. Therefore this year is the ideal time to turn your attention to goods and services. How long since you had your car serviced? Do you need to change a washer in a leaking tap? Does your pet need vaccinations? These are the sorts of daily chores that need your attention right now. If you have been putting off renovations then you may need to do some updating of your house right now. However, the emphasis is more likely to be on health and occupation. You are likely to maintain your current career choice, but office politics may influence your choice of work place. Your role at work may change, become more demanding or you may change work places or employers, or become self-employed. If you are already self-employed then you may simply change your daily work practices by employing someone else to carry out tasks that you would normally undertake yourself. If you have been overworked then you can opt to downsize or delegate some responsibilities. If you are unemployed then you are likely to spend a lot of time and energy searching for a job, and are likely to find one. This year presents an opportunity for you to change your daily habits, and to improve your organization skills and lifestyle. Daily life is likely to be busier, rather than calmer, this year. Therefore it is time to rearrange your calendar. Holidays won't just happen. You have to schedule relaxation time. You may benefit from starting meditation or yoga practices. It is important that you schedule in time for fitness. This year presents an excellent opportunity for you to improve your diet, take up a fun and healthy activity and have a health check. In fact you are likely to be required to have a health check or get fit as the result of a work project. Perhaps your boss signs you up for a gym, or perhaps you are self-motivated to join a health club. Either way it is the ideal time to improve your fitness levels and address any niggling physical ailments. Listen to your body. You may also be drawn to small animals, perhaps adding a pet to your household, or focusing more on a current pet. It is time to dwell of minor adjustments rather than major changes. The more that you pay attention to the details now the more that you are able to enjoy your home and personal life in the following year.

8th House Cusp is in Leo

The Sun also shines its rays on a different area of your annual chart when taking into account rulerships, a system used by astrologers to link planets and signs. In your case your annual Sun is ruling the eighth house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with shared resources. You turn your attention to shared bank accounts, investments, business dealings, and any finances that have been invested to enhance your future lifestyle. You are also likely to notice changes in areas of shared emotional responsibility, such as joint parenting, sexual interchanges, and the manner in which anyone closely linked to you behaves. You are ready to change negative patterns of behaviour so that your life is more enriched.

The Sun is Semisquare Venus

This is your year to be on your toes when it comes to love and money. If you are married you may be feeling a little stale when it comes to romance. You would do well to see if you can spark a little extra pleasure in your partnership, but don't push too hard. Something or someone is just not ready despite your need. If you are single then it is possible that you meet a significant new partner during the year, however; there may be impediments to

your relationship. Perhaps your lover has other responsibilities to fulfil before making a commitment. Whether you are single or married this is your year to reassess your relationship values. Where do your true passions lie? Do you want love and commitment, or are you just bored in other aspects of your life? If you are single, do you like the dating game or are you ready to settle down? If so this process is likely to demand some changes in your lifestyle. Are you prepared to make these changes? The longer that you have been single, the harder you are likely to find it to change some of your habits. If you are already married, or in a committed partnership, then your lover is likely to demand changes. This may relate to the way in which you express yourself and your love, or it could involve money matters. A little financial planning can be a positive course of action during this period. It is a good year to budget and plan for long term goals. If you tighten the purse strings a little now, you are likely to reap the benefits later.

The Sun is Conjunct Mars

Right now you are all set for an adventure. You are ready, willing and able to set goals, and then take action to make sure that they are reached. Even if you are not usually a risk-taker this year you are willing to go out on a limb to achieve your goals. It doesn't matter whether you have always wanted to get married, start a new job or climb Mount Everest, this year you have the courage to feel the fear and do it anyway. A significant male mentor or partner may appear to help you along the way. This audacious man may inspire you, but it is still your actions and decisions that you move you closer to achieving your dreams. You are enterprising, able to initiate change. You need to be a little wary of being too rash. At times you may feel a little edgy and impatient, however you can use these feelings as signals and prepare for progress. Occasionally conflict can be the catalyst for the changes that you need to make in order to move on. Anger can be a strong motivating force, however; you need to make sure that you act with integrity not aggression. This is time for you to be daring not foolhardy. If you feel pent-up and aggressive, then these are the times when physical exercise or a sport is beneficial. In fact this year you may be attracted to a new and exciting physical activity or game, something that helps you positively utilize your extra energy. Your passion for sports may be a prominent theme of this year, as you enjoy the challenge of directing your energies into the physical and mental challenge. You may also enjoy trips to sports events, theme parks, and out-of-the-way places. Basically this year you are ripe for adventure, so make the most of the opportunities that come your way and enjoy the ride.

The Sun is Sextile Jupiter

The beneficial planet Jupiter is shining its powerful rays on you indicating that you can enjoy a year of growth and success. Good fortune is with you. More than ever you are able to see your own life in terms of the big picture, as if you were observing a fortunate character in a paperback novel, an epic film or a theatrical production. You are able to be the leading man or lady in your own life story, and to enjoy the journey. You are likely to feel like a super hero, able to "leap tall buildings in a single bound". You are optimistic, gladly trying out new activities and ventures. Others notice your natural enthusiasm and willingly lend a helping hand. In fact you may receive rewards from people in high places. This is one of those years when doors open almost as soon as you state your request. It is almost as if you have your own personal genie in the sky, granting your wishes. If you are young then you may attract some benefactors this year, those who wish to see you do well in life and are willing to go out of their way to offer a lending hand. In fact this ability to be a magnet for a beneficial mentor, teacher, or benefactor can occur this year no matter how young or old you are. You are popular, happy-go-lucky, free to explore new options and able to take great strides towards your goals. You need only beware of becoming greedy. A thirst for adventure is one thing, arrogance is quite another. An attitude of gratitude goes a long way to helping you on your journey. If your ego is starting to become over-inflated think of this quote from the famous Walt Whitman, "*henceforth I ask not good fortune. I myself am good fortune.*" In other words start to spread good fortune for others, rather than seek it for yourself. This is also your year to become a benefactor, teacher or mentor.

The Sun is Sextile Uranus

When the Sun and the planet Uranus are influencing each other in your birthday chart then you can be sure that they are also appearing in other forms of your yearly astrology events. This emphasizes the affect, and some would say the lesson, that the unconventional Uranus has on your life right now. Quite simply the message is: "expected the

unexpected". This is a strange and erratic year during which anything goes, and you are well advised to go with the flow. Everything is likely to be a little topsy-turvy. If you are the type of person who usually races to get on the newest and most frightening rides at the fairground, then you are likely to have the time of your life this year. However, other mere mortals are likely to feel a little fretful and out-of-kilter as the year progresses. Right now you may be a little nervy. Sudden events can catapult you into an entirely different life; one that you hadn't even suspected would be around the corner. An eccentric benefactor may unexpectedly appear and offer you a range of exciting new possibilities. If you have heard of the saying, "careful what you wish for", then it is a little too late because wishes that you have made in the past may suddenly come true. On the positive side of the ledger you may be delighted and surprised as you attract a new and exciting lover, a financial windfall or an unexpected pregnancy. So don't panic. Try to see your life as an exciting adventure and be thankful. By the end of the year you may be able to make sense of the changes that have occurred in your life, and the newfound freedom that these have brought with them. This is your opportunity to break out of any old restricting habits, to express your unique talents and to shine as your true self.

THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS

"The greatest comfort of my old age, and that which gives me the highest satisfaction, is the pleasing remembrance of the many benefits and friendly offices I have done to others."

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

The Moon

The Moon is also an important indicator in a Solar Return chart. Generally speaking the Moon shows which areas of your life are likely to undergo change during the year. More specifically the Moon shows your personal needs. Your individual needs and urges are likely to trigger changes in your life during the course of the year.

The Moon is in the 2nd House

It is time to make changes to the way that you handle your finances. This time you need to follow your heart, as much as your head. The reason is that the Moon in this part of your chart indicates that your financial needs are important. You feel the need for security, so how can you best attain this need. In some cases this can also indicate that now is the right time to purchase a home of your own, if you have not done so previously. If you are young and searching for security then this year you have the opportunity to purchase or build your own home, either on your own or with a loved one. If you have been living in rental accommodation, at any age, then you may now feel the urge to buy a house. It may be that you seek financial security through other means. Depending on other aspects of your astrology chart, you may receive financial assistance that helps you feel more secure. Alternatively you may change your job, seek a promotion, or start a new moneymaking project. It is the ideal time for you to ask yourself some tough questions about what makes you feel financially secure, and then to make the changes that support these self-discoveries.

In the same way that you need to focus on moneymaking ideas, you also need to reassess your spending habits. You may find that your personal requirements have changed, and therefore you need to change your spending habits. Learn all that you can about the flow of money and then apply it to your own situation so that you can benefit from an increased sense of abundance by the end of this birthday year.

The Moon is in Pisces

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

matters. Let your imagination flow. Your sensitivity and warmth are key factors right now.

During this year your sensitivity is likely to be finely tuned, even if you are not usually a sensitive person. This is most likely to influence your feelings, but you could also be physically sensitive to your environment. You may be extra touchy, easily upset. Perhaps one chapter in your life is coming to a close before another begins, or it may just be that your emotions are running high. You are more imaginative and intuitive and this can be put to good use if you work in a caring, creative or artistic field. You may be inspired to look after the sick and need, the aged or downtrodden members of society. You may also be inspired to write, sing, paint, dance, act or some other such pursuit. Feelings of romance and love can play a role in your private life this year. Right now your feelings are perhaps softened by a relationship with a woman, either directly or indirectly. It is also the ideal time to take up a spiritual pastime, or delve into activities that increase your sense of emotional well being. This is also an ideal time to seek the advice of a medical practitioner or counsellor if you are feeling a little under the weather emotionally or physically. Right now you may feel vulnerable and reclusive but you are also able to trust your instincts for healing and wholeness. If you need some time out then ask others for understanding and support. If you need a little tender loving care, then make sure that you receive it. Be gentle in your thoughts and actions both for yourself and for your loved ones. You may not be highly organized, or pay much attention to detail, but listen to your intuition and things are likely to flow and work out in everyone's best interests.

The Moon is Sesquiquare The Midheaven

This year you are juggling work and family commitments. As a result you are likely to reassess your career goals in the light of your emotional needs. You seek more emotional satisfaction in your career, and are prepared to make changes to achieve this goal. You may not be in a position to alter your career course immediately, but you are likely to make decisions in the light of your own, and your family's, needs.

Venus

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

Venus is in the 7th House

The planet of love is residing in your personal house of relationships this year. It is as if the Gods have taken a large spotlight and shone it directly on your love life. You are seeking fulfilment through another person. Be careful not to set your standards too high, either for a current partner or a prospective one.

If you are single then right now you are likely to be yearning for someone special to share your life. You may be attracted to someone, or you may be dwelling on the type of person you would like to attract. This is a time during which you think above love, look for love, and likely meet at least one prospective marriage partner. You need to be realistic in your assessment of your relationship needs. Otherwise you may set the bar too high and miss the opportunity to meet and marry someone special, not perfect but uniquely suited to you. Try to enjoy the dating game.

If you are already in a committed relationship, then the spotlight is on your need to share pleasurable moments with your loved one. Ideally you and your partner are able to enjoy romantic interludes, harmonious outings and shared love. You need to take care that you do not expect too much. Your needs for love are highlighted this year. You may be a little insatiable when it comes to love and romance, particularly if past hurts and neglect come to the surface and you are unable to forgive and forget. Money matters may also be at the centre of your concerns. It may be the right time to get your joint finances and any business contracts in order. You would do well to notice your feelings regarding your partner, carefully assess them in the cold light of day and then you can decide what action to take. Be honest with yourself and your partner. If you need to lower your expectations then do so. If you are really

dissatisfied with your marriage, and you feel that it is beyond repair then you may leave your relationship to seek fulfilment elsewhere.

Whether you are single or married, you need to be wary of fleeting sexual passion. This is a year for rekindling true love and passion for life, not letting unruly hormones rule your decisions. This is your year to rediscover a passion for life, perhaps in liaison with another person. However, it could also be time to fall in love with inspirational artistic, fashion or beauty project, or perhaps even with yourself.

Venus is in Leo

The planet of love is in a Fire sign this year indicating that you are more adventurous in love and money matters this year. Generally speaking you are more willing to take risks when it comes to love and money. You are likely to venture outside of your usual social circle. Even if you usually enjoy security, you are prepared to venture out of your comfort zone seeking companionship, and perhaps even social influence. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to outgoing, artistic or adventurous types. If you are attached, then your partnership is likely to feature more prominently in your life this year. You may be tempted to “show-off” your beloved a little more, or to pursue more social activities with your partner. You may even enjoy more creative pursuits, or a little social climbing and pomp and circumstance. This can be a fun time during which you enjoy the company of other people no matter what your social circumstances.

Venus is Semisquare Mars

Right now you and your partner are out of step. It is time to reassess your roles. Whereas once you may have worked as a team, helping each other to achieve your goals, now you are not in sync. Events or decisions from the past need to be reassessed in the light of the current day circumstances. Conflicts that arise need to be resolved. This is particularly true when it comes to money matters, and the resources of the partnership. Deals that were struck in the past need to be re-negotiated calmly. This is true for business and personal partnerships. If you are single then you may need to reassess your relationship goals, your financial situation and your ability to be independent. No matter what happens this year, you would like to feel that you have someone on your side, and vice versa. However, something or someone is standing in your path, or perhaps you are not being honest. It is possible that your own values have changed, leading to a change of heart about an important matter. If you or your partner is particularly irritable then this is a good indication that it is time to “fess up” and broker a new deal, so to speak. You may be required to compromise, but once you have cleared the air then you are likely to re-ignite the passion and both of you can move forward in your respective journeys, either as a team or independently. Either way you are likely to discover that the risk is worth it.

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES



"If we could be twice young and twice old we could correct all our mistakes."
-- Euripides Ancient Greek Playwright

Mars

The planet Mars tells you about your assertion and drive for the year. It depicts what motivates you in the current year, and what desires drive you most powerfully. Are you ambitious for professional power, or do you desire a meaningful relationship? Are you likely to be highly motivated, or perhaps ready to sit back and cruise for a while? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in your birthday chart.

Mars is in the 6th House

The focus is on your everyday life and hard work. If you were hoping for a calm schedule then it is unlikely to happen, unless you are unwell in which case you are likely to be frustrated by your inability to be active. Your health may be a challenge, but this is most likely to be a cause of suppressed anger. If you feel that co-workers or perhaps employers have treated you unfairly, then you need to take up kickboxing, boxing, or another vigorous sport to provide a positive outlet for your aggression. It is time to get your metabolism kick started. Healthy diets and exercise are of great benefit this year. Mostly though you are focussed on your work schedule, whether this is housework, paid employment or your own business. A project is likely to be demanding long hours, concentrated effort and rigorous planning. If a co-worker demands co-operation in a field that does not interest you, then you are likely to change your own plans. As a result the process of changing employment, and applying for and setting up your new employment opportunities is also demanding. This is not a quiet year on the work front. If you are working closely with others, then you need your powers of diplomacy, because disputes are possible. This is because you are single-minded about your work projects, and would prefer to be working independently this year. Right now your attitude is, give me a job and I will do it and do it properly. You are happy to work in co-operation with others if they respect your opinions, and input, but anything less triggers resentment. If you have been meek in the past, then this year see the mouse become the lion. Your co-workers may be a little surprised to hear you roar. As you stand up for yourself, and demand changes in your daily environment, you may discover that you are happy to walk away from certain situations if they don't improve, and put your hard work and effort into something more satisfying.

Mars is Sextile Jupiter

This is your year to re-evaluate your life's purpose and make sure that you are on the right road. You can face your fears and find the courage to take action to broaden your horizons. In other words you need to move out of your comfort zone and take strides towards achieving your goals. This may be easier said than done. Right now your life can be adventurous if you take considered steps towards your ultimate objectives. This means taking short term measures to ensure long term success. The types of ventures that you may like to consider include starting a new project, travelling, studying, teaching, sowing the seeds for a political initiative or trying out a new sports program. Any venture that is close to your heart is likely to appeal, and may warrant a change of direction. The key to your success this year is remaining open to new ideas and avoiding becoming stuck in your current beliefs. If you are impatient demanding instant results then you are likely to become exhausted because you have taken on board too many tasks. Remember to take one step at a time and to enjoy your accomplishments along the way. You cannot change the world in one day. If you re-evaluate your priorities, then you are more likely to succeed in achieving your short term objectives, as well as making major inroads to long term triumph.

Mars is Sextile Uranus

This is an exciting year in which you have the chance to experience life in new and exhilarating ways. If you enjoy life in the fast lane you are likely to delight in the rush. This is your chance to dazzle those around you, to enjoy freedom and adventure. If your life journey was symbolised by a boat on a river then you have just reached the white water. Resistance is likely to be fruitless. You are better advised to go with the flow and steer carefully through treacherous waters. This is not a year in which to stir up trouble, or take unnecessary risks. If you are a stickler for routine then you are likely to be unsettled this year. You are in for a few surprises and a sudden turn of events may disrupt your lifestyle. Think positively and make the most of the opportunities that come your way. You are more courageous than you thought and sometimes surprises are beneficial in ways that we could not have foreseen ourselves. Whether self-initiated or imposed on you by circumstances beyond your control, you can resist or enjoy the voyage. If you ever watched the old television show "Lost in Space" then think of the characters that were thrust unexpectedly into space. Some enjoyed the excitement of new discoveries, and others, namely Dr Smith, floundered and were miserable. The choice is yours and later you will have the opportunity to reflect on the merits of your latest adventures.

Uranus

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

Uranus is in the 3rd House

Just when you thought that you had the answers to everything, now you are challenged to break away from your comfortable belief system and keep an open mind. This is your year to open up your mind to new possibilities. You may do this through a sudden opportunity to attend a conference, training course or study at an academic institution. However, it is also likely that you meet someone who is outside of your usual social circle, a true meeting of the minds, but at the same time someone who challenges your opinions. Your focus may be more mental than emotional, and therefore this person is not necessarily a love interest. It is also possible that you are thrust into a new neighbourhood, or social circle this year, one that challenges you to see the world differently. This is your opportunity to freshen up your ideas and gain a new outlook on life. As a result you are likely to make decisions that change your lifestyle. You may even decide to move away from your neighbourhood to one that more truly reflects your own nature. If you resist the learning process then you are likely to feel restless, worried and anxious. You may turn down opportunities, delay making decisions and generally resist the process of change. However, this is your

year to take a few risks in the way that you view your world. If you keep an open mind and explore new possibilities, then you are likely to be amazed at the results. Don't limit yourself to previously held beliefs. If you have always wanted to learn about astrology, become an electrician's apprentice, learn about computers, or join an environmental group then do so. If you have always dreamed of writing an original piece of work then create the time and space this year. You may choose to remain anonymous if your work seems too personal and revealing. Even if your creative activities are not long term prospects, they are certainly likely to be catalysts until you see the next signpost along your life path. So get started and watch out for those signposts because they can jump out at you when you least expect it and it can be fun taking up the challenges.

Pluto

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

Pluto is in the 1st House

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the areas of your health and happiness. This year you are undergoing changes in the way in which you view and express yourself. The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. You are being challenged to see the truth about yourself. Are you living true to yourself? If so, then you are likely to move forward in leaps and bounds. If not, then changes will occur that challenge you to live with purpose and integrity. It is best not to resist the strong force of these changes. Resisting is likely to leave your health depleted, and cause unhappiness. You would be better advised to reflect on new possibilities. It is possible that the underlying fear that prompts you to try to retain control is simply a mirage. Once you face your fears you are likely to feel more peace.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now. What does this mean? One dictionary describes "power" as, "the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness." Events or people are likely to challenge you to reassess your life in terms of your effectiveness. In what areas of your life do you exercise control? Do you exercise this control wisely? Do you respect other people's contributions or do you try to run roughshod over them knowing that they have to support you? It is time to find the answers to these questions and ensure that you are expressing yourself with integrity and working co-operatively. As a result you are likely to enjoy a new surge of energy as well as increase your effectiveness in achieving your own ambitions. You may also discover leadership potential that you never knew existed.

THIS YEAR'S LESSONS



"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time."

-- Jean Paul Richter German Writer

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 5th House

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

Mercury is in Gemini

The ideas are flowing fast this year with your annual Mercury in a social Air sign. Gatherings of all kinds are likely to provide plenty of stimulation this year. You may take a real interest in other people's news, learning much about your friends, family, colleagues and also the world at large. While the creative ideas flow, you may have difficulty concentrating on one task at a time. Your challenge is to avoid being distracted by social events, and people who just love to chat. Of course if you are happy to socialize, network and achieve very little else intellectually this year then you can cheerfully do so. However, if other aspects of your life demand results then you need to make sure that you apply yourself to the tasks at hand. If you have given your word then you need to follow through with action.

Otherwise your reputation may suffer as others become weary of broken promises. Don't try to talk your way out of trouble, or lash out with a sharp tongue. Ask for help and delegate where possible. This year you can enjoy improved communications in most areas of your life, and may even delight in the stimulation of juggling many activities. You are mentally sharp and inventive. As a result creative projects and business decisions may come easily to you.

Mercury is Sextile Venus

In many ways this is a good news year. Even if you are facing some challenges you have the self-confidence and the support to rise above your difficulties, make plans and decisions that are in your best interest. Ask and you shall receive. Your friend, family and colleagues are likely to help you this year. As you make improvements in your lifestyle, decisions that change your course, you discover that offers of love, support and even money may come your way. You need only decide what you most desire and then announce your plans, and the rest follows. It is time to make your fortune. All may not turn out exactly as you had planned, but you can trust that the results will be to your liking. For instance you lose your job only to be offered an exciting opportunity with even better conditions and financial remuneration. You may be unmarried, planning your life as a single person. You are fully prepared to go solo, and then you meet someone and strike up a romance. Life as you know it changes, but for the better as you incorporate your lover into your life. Romance is a distinct possibility for singles this year, and you may fall in love and make a commitment before the year is out. You may also receive a financial gift. "Fortune favours the brave", as the saying goes, so don't hesitate to make the most of the opportunities that spark your passion.

Jupiter

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

Jupiter is in the 8th House

Are you ready for an adventure of a psychological nature? Are you willing to throw off a few of your personal inhibitions, perhaps even tackle some of your sexual shyness or wariness of commitment? This is your year to take overcome any personal reserves, take a few risks and let others see the real you. You may have to tread a path seldom trod before but you are ready for an adventure or two, metaphorically speaking. This is not necessarily a journey to an overseas land, or a major change of scenery, but rather the adventure of facing down a few fears and expressing yourself in new ways. For instance if you have always been fearful of loneliness and therefore ensured that you are surrounded by friends and relatives, then this is your year to strike out on an adventure on your own and really test your limits. You may have a few fearful moments, but you are likely to expand in self-confidence and feel prepared to tackle anything. You are seeking to break the boundaries of psychological obstacles, so that you can learn new methods of interacting with those closest to you, as well as gaining a sense of your spiritual strengths. You may also be keen to explore the machinations of the business world, study metaphysics, go on a spiritual retreat or take a sky diving course. You can also pay off debts, make sound investments, and receive gifts from other people. You can do whatever it takes to overcome your fears, discover new reserves of strength and a forge a stronger link to forces beyond your usual experiences. In some ways you are on a treasure hunt. You have a map, the resources for your hunt, and a lot of faith and hope in the end result. You may be thrust out of your usual comfort zone, but the benefits far outweigh the drawbacks. You can be assured this year that you are likely to discover quite a few gems along the way and be surprised beyond your wildest expectations. If all else fails, you know that you gave it a go.

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 11th House

This year your social circle is shifting. This could be due to added responsibilities at work, a change of job, maternity/paternity leave, marriage/divorce, or a change in position on a local group committee. However, it is also likely to be as a result of changes in your own heart and mind. Whatever the impetus, this year you are likely to discover your true friends, the ones who last through the other changes in your life. At first you may be too busy dealing with your different schedule, the ramifications of recent events or your new responsibilities. However, eventually you are likely to find time to reflect on the difference in your friendships, social calendar and local network. As a result you are likely to reassess your own standing in the community, the ebb and flow of your social life and the true value of friendship. Your conclusion is likely to involve a change of heart about yourself, your own goals and commitment to other people. You may also be the keeper of your friend's secrets this year. You would be well advised to remain steadfast, true to your own self and to your friend. Your lesson is to interact with friends, social circles, community groups and work colleagues with integrity. A little reticence may also be advantageous this year. You may usually be outspoken with friends, or in groups, but you likely to fare better with silence, improving your listening rather than your verbal skills.

Saturn is Semisquare Pluto

Your powers of observation and application are impressive this year, but you may have difficulty persuading others to your point of view. You are able to see what needs to be done and carry it out, step by step, but gaining the co-operation of those around you may be fraught with some challenges. Security is one of your prime motivators, and you are likely to feel threatened if others are not reliable, or not supporting you in an appropriate manner. Therefore this is a year in which you are keen to make plans and take action, but you are also likely to challenge the status quo. If you have been feeling stuck in a rut then this is your year for breaking free. You may have worked towards and achieved a life that suited you in many ways in the past, but now the time has come to dismantle aspects and take a different direction. Right now you can see matters clearly and are prepared to make the decisions, and follow up with appropriate endeavour to move forward. This is true even if some of the decisions have challenging consequences. Right now you are prepared to experience short term discomfort for long term gain, although you may feel a little unstable at times. You seek assistance from other people, but if they are needlessly holding you back then you are likely to rebel. Other aspects of your birthday chart reveal the specific areas in which you are likely to accomplish your objectives. However, you are particularly likely to shine in any leadership roles, or any position held in an organization or business venture. Your executive abilities are sharp, and you know when to seek expert advice, and when to follow your own powers of perception. It is all in the timing. Now is the right time to grow and learn, and change, build and accomplish. The warning is to make sure that you make the most of your opportunities rather than have regrets later on.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY

"Sow a thought, and you reap an act;/ Sow an act, and you reap a habit;/ Sow a habit, and you reap a character;/ Sow a character, and you reap a destiny."

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

Neptune

The planet Neptune represents all that is ethereal in our world, and challenges us to develop qualities such as faith, hope and love even in the face of adversity. Under the influence of Neptune we can soar to great inspirational heights, however; if we are not careful then we can also sink into despair and disillusionment. The test is to look beyond the superficial and find meaning in our lives. The planet Neptune in our annual chart can indicate where to look.

Neptune is in the 2nd House

This year you are challenged to evaluate or re-evaluate the manner in which you earn your income, with a view to ensuring that you are receiving money for work done with love and integrity. If you are just starting out then you may be faced with decisions about what line of work you would like to pursue, whether to train, study or apply for different avenues of work. You may be a little confused about which path to choose. If you have already been in the workforce then you may be ready to review how you earn and budget. If money feels like it is in short supply right now, then it is likely to be because you are not happy with your work, or that there are bigger issues at stake. Perhaps you are undervaluing your worth, or you are working for money and not love, or you are miserable at work and therefore spending too much. It is time for you to learn to respect money, change your ways of handling your personal finances, and to learn about abundance. Money matters may be uncertain right now, but worrying is not going to help. If money seems to be slipping through your fingers, then ponder the reasons why. You may not be in a position to make immediate changes to the way in which you earn money, and in fact it is probably best if you investigate different options, rather than making any sudden personal financial decisions. All is not clear yet. Your true financial potential is still emerging. At the moment you need to look beyond the mundane exchange of dollars, pounds, euros, yen etc. It is time to meditate on the bigger picture. Not everyone has money or worldly power and you may be lacking both at the moment, as a consequence of your own decisions or for reasons beyond your control. Either way you have the capacity to love, and work is love made manifest. If you are unhappy in your daily work then you can start to seek alternatives. Play with some ideas about how you would like to earn your money, research your options or seek advice. In fact if you do nothing, but continue with an attitude of another day, another dollar, then you may find that events trigger a change in your circumstances. Now is the time to consider alternative means of income. Perhaps you would like to your income to be made by spiritual or artistic work, or perhaps the

time has come for you to make a gradual transition into self-employment. Whatever your circumstances, your transition is likely to be a gradual one over the course of the year. If you are unemployed, then you can still dream about the possibilities, apply for jobs, and in the meantime seek volunteer work that would satisfy and uplift you, and provide skills that are vital later on. The time has come to stop looking at the monetary incentive and look for emotional, intellectual and spiritual motivation. Affirmations and creative visualisation exercises may be of benefit this year.

Neptune is Sextile The Ascendant

This is a year of self-realisation. This can be an enlightening and uplifting process, or perhaps an uncomfortable comprehension of a few home truths. Right now it is as if you are standing in front of a mirror and the image is out-of-focus. You are confused, and perhaps unsure in one or more facets of your life. Your challenge is to try to see yourself in a clear and loving light, and then make the necessary adjustments to ensure that you are living a fulfilled life. You may undergo a gradual process of change because this is what you need to do. It is possible that you have fallen into some lazy habits, relying on others or taking the easy way out. Now you need to open up to all of the possibilities in front of you, and choose the most positive and appealing course of action.

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 9th House

This year your destiny is linked with foreign lands and cultures. It is time for you to look further afield and expand your horizons. A person from a foreign land, or an event far away, may trigger a fork in the road. You need to choose a path and move forward in your pilgrimage. Whereas in the past you may have preferred to remain in your comfort zone, the Fates are now asking you to pack up your bags and travel. This may simply mean that you pack a small school or computer bag and attend a new course of study, or it could mean that you pack your suitcase and board a car, bus, train or plane for a faraway land. If you do not broaden your perspective, then something will do it for you. However, wouldn't you be happier to choose the path yourself? As French novelist Andre Gide once said: [ITALICON]"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore." [ITALICOFF] Religion, law, academia, culture, travel and world events beckon. You can choose one or all of the above, but the important thing is that you recognise that something or someone is likely to spark the next chapter in your life's quest this year. So lookout for the signposts, and create a few of your own.

The North Node is Square The Ascendant

It is time for some tough decisions. It is likely that you are trying to force destiny's hand, by being determined to follow a particular path, having set your mind on a certain outcome in your job or home life. The time has come to face up to some truths from the path. You are now reaping what you have sown in the past. If you have been sowing seeds on fertile ground then you are likely to reap the rewards this year, with a few adjustments. If however, you have been wasting your resources in the past then you may have to consolidate and pay your debts. The good news is that once you let go of your previous expectations, take stock of your situation and make decisions, then you are back on track. You have freed the way for destiny to give you a helping hand.

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