
SOLAR RETURN REPORT

An Astro Gold Report for Tina Turner



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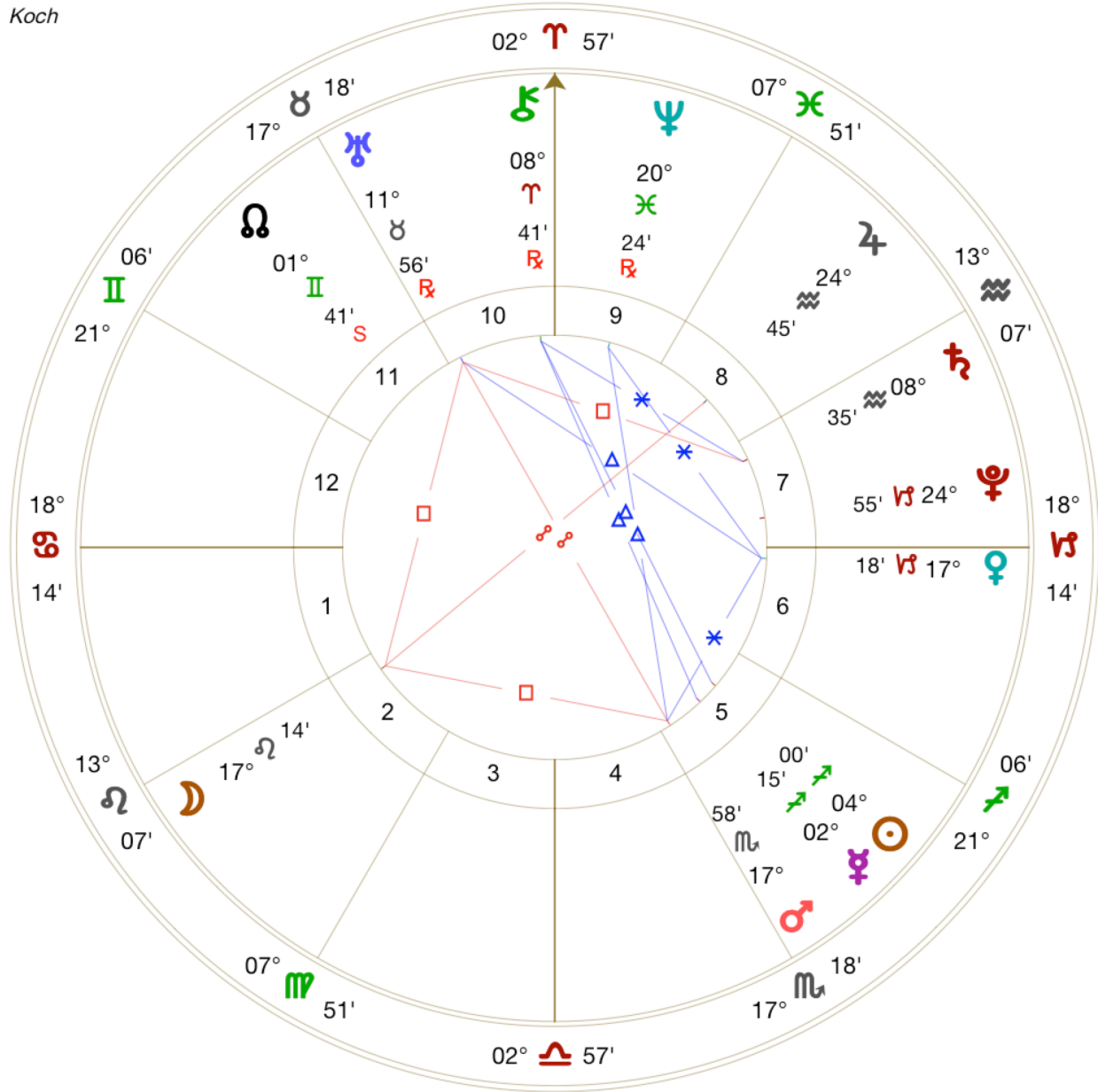
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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Tina Turner

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Leo	17°Le14'	2nd	
The Sun	Sagittarius	04°Sg00'	5th	
Mercury	Sagittarius	02°Sg15'	5th	
Venus	Capricorn	17°Cp18'	6th	
Mars	Scorpio	17°Sc58'	5th	
Jupiter	Aquarius	24°Aq45'	8th	
Saturn	Aquarius	08°Aq35'	7th	
Uranus	Taurus	11°Ta56'	10th	
Neptune	Pisces	20°Pi24'	9th	
Pluto	Capricorn	24°Cp55'	7th	
Chiron	Aries	08°Ar41'	10th	
The North Node	Gemini	01°Ge42'	11th	
The Ascendant	Cancer	18°Cn14'	1st	
The Midheaven	Aries	02°Ar57'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects: Tina Turner

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Quincunx	Venus	0°04'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Mars	0°44'	Applying
The Moon	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	0°43'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	1°45'	Applying
The Sun	Sesquisquare	The Ascendant	0°45'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The Midheaven	1°03'	Applying
Mercury	Semisquare	Venus	0°03'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	The North Node	0°33'	Separating
Mercury	Sesquisquare	The Ascendant	0°59'	Separating
Mercury	Trine	The Midheaven	0°42'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	Mars	0°40'	Applying
Venus	Sesquisquare	The North Node	0°36'	Separating
Venus	Opposition	The Ascendant	0°55'	Separating
Mars	Trine	The Ascendant	0°15'	Separating
Mars	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	0°01'	Applying
Jupiter	Semisquare	Chiron	1°04'	Separating
Saturn	Sextile	Chiron	0°05'	Applying
The North Node	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°15'	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. However astrology is a complicated tradition and many other techniques exist. These techniques can be used to gain greater understanding of a person's nature, but also of their current opportunities. A Birth Chart is produced that astrologers can interpret. This you probably know. What you may not know is that astrologers can also calculate a chart for each of your birthdays, and these charts can predict the patterns that you might experience in the forthcoming year. This is because each year the Sun does a full revolution of the Zodiac. Therefore each year the Sun returns to the exact position of your Birth Chart Sun. Wherever you are in the world astrologers can calculate this birthday chart. This chart is called a Solar Return; hence the saying "many happy returns". This chart represents the opportunities and challenges of the forthcoming year. It should also be read in conjunction with your Birth Chart to fully understand the lessons and opportunities available to you in any given year.

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

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

THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME



"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
 -- Abraham Lincoln, US 16th President

The Ascendant

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

The Ascendant is in Cancer

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a feminine Water sign indicating that this year during which you are more introspective. Traits such as gentleness, kindness and patience are of more value to you this year. As a result you are more likely to be concerned about your private life, turning your focus to matters of the home and hearth, rather than professional ambitions. In astrological terms the three Water signs are considered fertile. Therefore you may be considering whether or not to bear to a child, or perhaps to give birth to a new project. Nevertheless if you do seek a new project or professional advancement then you are more likely to cooperate in a team, rather than step forward as a leader. Your creative process is also likely to be a gradual process as you give birth to ideas, reflecting on different options, and letting these ideas gently transform into actuality. Even if this is not your usual modus operandi, this year you are content to go slow and perhaps even take a back seat. You may be more focussed on the needs of others rather than yourself. Emotions may run high during the course of this year depending on other aspects of your astrology. Your journey is to learn to follow your intuition, taking into consideration other people's views, but not submerging your own desires too severely. If you focus too much on other people's approval then you could lose your way. You are better advised to be thoughtful and caring, but also to value your own feelings and needs.

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

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

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 5th House

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

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

2nd House Cusp is in Leo

The Sun also shines its rays on a different area of your annual chart when taking into account rulerships, a system used by astrologers to link planets and signs. In your case your annual Sun is ruling the second house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with your own money and resources. One of the additional themes of your year is financial planning. You are focussed on how you earn your money, how much income you are taking home, and how to pay the bills and plan for the future.

Sun is Conjunct Mercury

"Change" is the key word for you this year. The Oxford English dictionary describes the noun "change" as, *"the action of changing, an instance of becoming different."* The dictionary goes on to describe phrases that involve "change", *"To change hands - (of a business or building) pass to a different owner. A change is as good as a rest - proverb a change of work or occupation can be as refreshing as a period of relaxation. To*

change one's tune - express a very different attitude. For a change - contrary to how things usually happen." All of these things are themes in your life this year. You may be restless, eager to change your life, or you could be fretful concerned about the impending differences. Either way change is inevitable. You receive news of changes, or perhaps you see the writing on the wall and take action yourself. This usually follows some introspection in which you consider all of your options, weighing up the pros and cons. You may also talk to friends, family and colleagues about your ideas, the ways in which you would like to do things different and decisions that you need to make. The other parts of this section indicate which areas of your life are likely to transform. You are probably best advised to go with the flow, taking action when you can and garnering as much support as you can if you are finding adjustments challenging. Young people may be of help, perhaps a boy child, youth or young man. Perhaps your responsibilities for someone younger help you make your own adjustments, or perhaps you are simply asked to take a young man under your wing. In some cases this can also indicated young women (depending on other aspects of your birth chart). Either way your care taking role is likely to help you understand yourself and your own situation better and once again may instigate a change of heart or mind. On the whole you are likely to gain many insights this year, perhaps even come to terms with how things have changed in your life, and then alter your opinions and beliefs. As a result you are free to enter a new chapter of your life with fresh vigour.

Sun is Sesquisquare Ascendant

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

Sun is Trine Midheaven

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

THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS



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

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

The Moon

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

The Moon is in the 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 Leo

This year you are able to put on a happy face no matter what the circumstances. This is because you are in high spirits, noticeably so. In some cases this placement of the annual chart Moon can indicate a new romance and perhaps this is sparking your exuberant attitude. However, it is also just as likely that you are feeling pleased with

yourself in many areas of your life. You may have instigated some changes that have turned out well for you, or you may simply be feeling cheerful in the face of adversity. You have a happy knack of making lemonade from lemons this year. For some reason you just can't keep the smile off your face. Others are likely to notice your cheerful demeanour and be drawn to your fun loving nature. Your social calendar may be full as a result. Right now you feel the need for warmth, fun, laughter and company. You want to enjoy life to the best of your ability. As you play you may explore new activities and hobbies, or make the most of your existing talents. The fiery masculine sign of Leo indicates that you have plenty of initiative this year, and are happy to make the most of any creative talents. If you are already drawn to the arts then you are likely to increase your involvement and receive more recognition for your efforts. Perhaps you become the director rather than the actor, the choreographer rather than the dancer or the designer rather than the crew member. However, if you are not artistically inclined then your creativity may find an outlet in a different way. This is a fortunate year in which even if misfortune strikes you surrounded by loved ones, and are able to feel good about your own life. You feel privileged to be part of the great circle of life and indeed, the angels are smiling on you.

Moon is Quincunx Venus

You can't please everyone all of the time, and so you had better decide what, or more specifically who, is most important to you and then let go of the rest. Your passions are aroused this year and before pursuing your newfound pleasure you need to make some adjustments in your personal life. Right now you need to focus on what you really need in your relationships with your friends and family. If you are single then you also need to do a little soul-searching about what type of person really makes you feel loved and supported. You may meet someone new, someone who excites you and in some ways turns your world upside down. You are drawn to this new person but you are aware that some things need to change before you can fully explore a relationship. If you are already in a committed relationship, then you may realize that your personal needs have changed and that you need to communicate these changes to your partner. Your personal life, perhaps your home, needs to also change. You need to stop dwelling on the past, let go of the things that you can't change and accept the others. This helps you move forward in your private life, and enables you to make the most of any new love that comes your way. You may also need to make a few alterations to your financial budget, so that you can make the most of your income and investments this year.

Moon is Square Mars

This year you are ready to make changes in your domestic life. You are ready to start new feel-good projects. You have plenty of energy, and are prepared to pour it into a project that has personal meaning to you or someone close to you. You could be prepared to clean out cupboards, pull out weeds and prune shrubs to get your house in order. You may move house, or you may undertake major renovations or landscaping on your existing home. It is possible that you are feeling restless, irritable and unsure of what emotions are bubbling beneath the surface. You may also feel angry, intolerant of your own bad habits, or annoyed with someone else's. You need to acknowledge the angry feelings, and act on them in a positive way rather than in a manner that incites conflict. Be aware that you can recognize that the time has come for change, that you are ready for new adventures in your private life. If you have let your professional life overshadow your personal needs, then this is the year in which you redress any imbalances. You are able to assert yourself at work so that you can spend more time at home, with loved ones. If anyone upsets you or your family you step in. You are also more impulsive this year, apt to attend to your personal needs on a whim. "If I feel like doing this, then why not?" could be one of your mottos. As a result you may take as many holidays as you can this year, travelling on adventures with friends and family. You may also enjoy adventure theme parks, sports events or

physical activities. If you have always wanted to go to lose weight and go to the gym, then this is the year to do it. You need only be careful of taking unnecessary risks. It is time for you to step out of your usual comfort zone and take some risks in your private life, but not to put yourself in danger. Likewise you need to pay attention to health warnings. You need to take good care of yourself physically, as well as emotionally. Excess drinking and eating, and poor diet, are likely to result in medical intervention. You would be better advised to channel your drive and energy into making changes that improve your body image, and keep you fit.

Moon is Sesquisquare 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 6th House

This year your social life and your work are intricately entwined. You may be particularly busy at work and therefore it is easier to wine and dine with colleagues out of hours, or perhaps you have changed jobs and enjoy getting to know your new work mates. You may also have decided to change your working habits to incorporate a healthier lifestyle. As a result your lunch arrangements changes as you dine at healthier outlets, take your own healthy food to work, join a lunchtime exercise group or cook up a storm in the staff lunchroom. Whatever your circumstance you can be assured that your everyday life becomes more pleasurable this year, and that opportunities to have fun and improve your lifestyle are likely to arise through your connections at work or through a significant lover. You seek pleasure and ease in your work environment; forming friendships with everyone, and perhaps taking on the role of social coordinator. The planet of love is affecting your working day and so you may also form an intimate relationship with one person in particular. An office romance can spice up your life, and is likely to affect your job decisions. Alternatively a commitment to a significant lover may change your work commitments.

Your health is likely to improve under the influence of this beneficial planet. If you have suffered from ill health, then you may start to notice a change. If you are generally healthy then you may improve your diet, or take up a new and more pleasurable form of exercise. Dancing, acting, trips to the cinema, sessions with massage therapists, and any type of game alleviates stress and benefits your health and well being this year.

Venus is in Capricorn

The planet of love is in an Earth sign this year indicating that you are more security conscious when it comes to love and money matters. Generally speaking you are not willing to take risks when it comes to your finances and love life. Even if you are usually more adventurous, this year you are looking for stability. You are less willing to step out of your comfort zone. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to a solid and dependable type of person, someone to whom you can ultimately commit. If you are attached, then you want seek reliability and predictability. For this reason this year may be one during which you make a commitment, either of your own volition or as a result of your partner's request.

Sensuality may also play a key role in your love life this year. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

Venus is Sextile Mars

Right now you and your partner are simpatico. You can work as a team, supporting each other and achieving your goals. No matter what happens this year, you feel that you have someone on your side, and vice versa. This is true whether or not you are in a committed partnership, however; it is particularly true if you are married. Other aspects of your annual chart indicate whether or not this is an easy-going or challenging year, but either way you feel ready to take on the challenges. This is particularly true when it comes to money matters. You are able to work to provide for your needs, knowing that you are working side by side with your significant other. You are confident that if you take financial risks then your partner is ready, willing and able to support you. This has a flow-on affect, further boosting your own confidence and your belief in your partnership. As a result you may take a risk with your partner this year. On a personal note you may strike out on an adventure holiday with your loved one this year, or take on another physical challenge that delights you, or travel to a foreign land. Your sex life is likely to be enjoyable, as you rediscover your passion for your own goals, and share them with a beloved partner. If you are single then you are likely to strike out on your own, trusting in your own ability to support yourself. You may meet a potential partner, or perhaps form a friendship with someone who helps boost your confidence.

Venus is Opposite Ascendant

The planet of love is featuring strongly in your annual chart indicating that you are focussed on love and marriage this year. Whether you are living a solitary life, or in a marriage, your focus is on spending time with someone important, helping him or her improve their life, enjoy more pleasure or just enjoying their company. Together you are achieving a more positive and loving relationship, or working towards improving your lifestyle. You may spend money on a specific venture, but fortunately you are likely to be in agreement about the benefits that arise from the joint project. It is also possible that you receive gifts, offers of a business venture or support from a significant woman this year.

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 5th House

What really gets your blood pumping? This is the question that you need to ask this year. It is time to not only discover, but also to pursue your true passion. If you have always wanted to play a competitive sport, create needlework crafts, study chi energy, or work with young children, then now is the time to pursue your goals. Anything your heart desires. You just need courage. If there have been obstacles in the past then this year you need to blast them out of the way. You may need to face some of your own fears and failings, in order to move forward creatively. Alternatively perhaps someone else has been standing in your way. This is your year to overcome these short fallings and not just follow your calling, but make it happen. You may enjoy competing with yourself, or with someone else. Make sure that you are competing for all of the right reasons. A love affair is likely to spark a change of direction. This could be an exciting new lover in your own life, or perhaps one of your closest friends or family members has a passionate lover, leaving you to discover your own excitement in life. Your challenge is to focus on your own goals, rather than compete with others for attention. Even if you have an amorous affair, you are still required to focus on your own passions rather than become obsessed with your lover. If someone close to you falls madly in love and you feel somewhat neglected, your challenge is to use this opportunity to find something that you enjoy. If the affair is short lived, or if you feel pushed aside by your loved one, you may feel spiteful. The more that you take risks, and explore activities that give you pleasure, the more you are likely to make the most of the opportunities that arise this year. Think of small children, who are crying one moment and laughing the next. Let your emotions flow just as freely and realize the

joy of discovery.

Mars is Trine Ascendant

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

Uranus

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

Uranus is in the 10th House

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

Pluto

Peace can be deceptive. True peace comes when life is balanced, when you are living true to yourself and are sincerely happy with your life choices. You respect other people and assert your own needs and wishes, and live your life with integrity. Sometimes it appears that your life is peaceful, but you are really just sweeping things under the proverbial carpet, keeping the peace by swallowing your own needs or biding your time until events or people force you to make the necessary changes. You

can be assured that the powerful planet Pluto will shine a bright light in one or more areas of your birthday chart and you will see your own process very clearly. If you are living your life true to yourself then you are likely to reap benefits from this planet of transformation. However, if you have been dodging the truth then events or people are likely to change.

Pluto is in the 7th House

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

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now in the area of relationships. What does this mean? One dictionary describes "power" as, "*the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness.*" Are you, or is someone else, being exceedingly forceful right now, demanding changes? You are asked to do a little soul-searching and face the truth. Do you need to make the changes that the other person is suggesting? Does this person see truths that you have not faced or is he or she being unreasonable? The challenge is to embrace any suggestions that positively change your life even if this causes some discomfort. If you are true to yourself, while respecting the other person, then you are likely to enjoy a powerful and rewarding personal or business partnership.

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 Sagittarius

The planet of communications is in a fire sign in your annual chart indicating that you are open to new ideas and activities. You are quick to voice your opinions this year, and as long as you judge the mood of your listeners or audience then you are likely to inspire a positive response. For this reason you may start a new intellectual activity, such as public speaking, writing, marketing and public relations, or performing. You enjoy expressing yourself freely, and conversing with others. You need to be careful not to be too outspoken. Your popularity will quickly wane if you are seen as a know-

all. You also need to learn not to take on too many projects or you could become overloaded and tense. You have the best of intentions but you are not an intellectual super hero, and are only doomed to disappoint yourself and associates if you attempt superhuman intellectual feats. A little creative thinking goes a long way. So try to prioritise according to what matters most. You can switch off your active mind by watching television, reading a novel, magazine, or non-fiction book as well as becoming a fan of the arts. You may also enjoy learning a new skill, or developing your talents.

Mercury is Semisquare 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. 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. If you push too hard for your own desires then you may face some extra challenges. You may need to compromise, rather than pursue every opportunity. Otherwise you may create a few difficult moments. Nevertheless your loved ones are likely to support you on your path.

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 7th House

Verbal and written contracts are likely to go through a testing time from now until your next birthday. This means that any significant agreement that you have with another person is likely to come under scrutiny. In particular marriage and business associates are highlighted. If you have had a long term agreement, you now query whether it has withstood the test of time, and whether or not you are still happy with the terms of the agreement. It is possible that a change in your partner's expectations or plans have triggered this reassessment. Sometimes this placement of the serious planet Saturn can indicate that your marriage or business partner has had a serious change of heart and has put a new proposal on the table. For instance your business partner may want to go his or her separate way, or a spouse might propose a lifestyle change. As a result you now need to reassess your own commitment, change the course of your partnership, and perhaps negotiate new terms. In some cases this can lead to a separation, or divorce, as you reach your own limits. This year you are not concerned with insignificant contracts such as a contract to buy a car, or terms of a personal loan. The focus is fairly and squarely on bonds that affect the course of your life, such as marriage and business partnerships. Anything or anyone important is highlighted. Even if you are not making major decisions right now, it is important that you turn your attention to the fine print, particularly in business agreements. For instance if you entered a business partnership on a handshake with no formal contract, so now you need to get the details and the paperwork organized. If you fell in love and moved in with your partner now you can formalize your union. On the other hand if you are not married then you are likely to seriously consider your status. You may come to the conclusion that you are happy in your life as a single person, or you may begin an earnest search for a life partner. This can be a testing time in your partnerships, but it can also be a sacred time, in which you honour your own beliefs and your covenants with those closely bound to your life.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY



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

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

Neptune

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

Neptune is in the 9th House

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

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

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 11th House

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

North Node is Opposite Mercury

Destiny plays its role in news received this year. It could be good news, or challenging information. Either way you are faced with some tough decisions, which affect the course of your life. In some ways you can be comforted that there is no wrong decision. Your choices are linked with fate and may be ultimately taken out of your hands anyway. Someone else may have already set in motion decisions that affect the course of your life, and you can only choose to go along with them or suffer the consequences. In other words you may feel like you have little choice in the matter, and this way well be the case. You are destined to receive the news and then it is not so much what you decide as a result, but how you reach your decision. Your communications now need to be calm, clear and considered. Later you may see the sense of this time more clearly than you can right now.

North Node is Sesquiquare Venus

You have a date with destiny when it comes to love. "The path to true love is not smooth" or so the saying goes. This is true for you right now. You need to let go of an old love, or a significant female influence, in order to pave the way for a new one to truly blossom. This does not necessarily mean that your current love is going to end, but rather than you need to really open your heart for love. If you have been holding on to someone else in your heart, someone from the past then you are destined to lay this love to rest, and move on. If your current love is not your heart's desire then you may need to say goodbye. The point is that the time for excuses is over. In this way you have a date with destiny. You need to be ready to meet someone new, or to truly open your heart to your current love. Once you are ready then the obstacles magically disappear and you may meet a special someone, or you may marry your current love. If you are already married, then perhaps you renew your vows or seal your profound love with a special ceremony, holiday or celebration.

North Node is Sextile Midheaven

The direction in which your life is heading takes an about turn this year. Your career, marriage, and perhaps even your home life change direction. If you are single then you may meet someone who changes the course of your life. If you are married, then you or your spouse may make some life changing decisions. You are likely to change jobs, or professions, as a result of lessons learned this year. You are on a quest for more dignity and meaning in your public life. As a result you may make momentous decisions, meet significant mentors, or receive unexpected help to further your stance in the community. You may have to let go of aspects of your home, or family, in order to pursue your life's calling. For instance you may need to relocate in order to accept a sought-after job. It is time to take steps to further your life's dreams.

Conclusion



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