

SOLAR RETURN REPORT

An Astro Gold Report for Meghan Markle



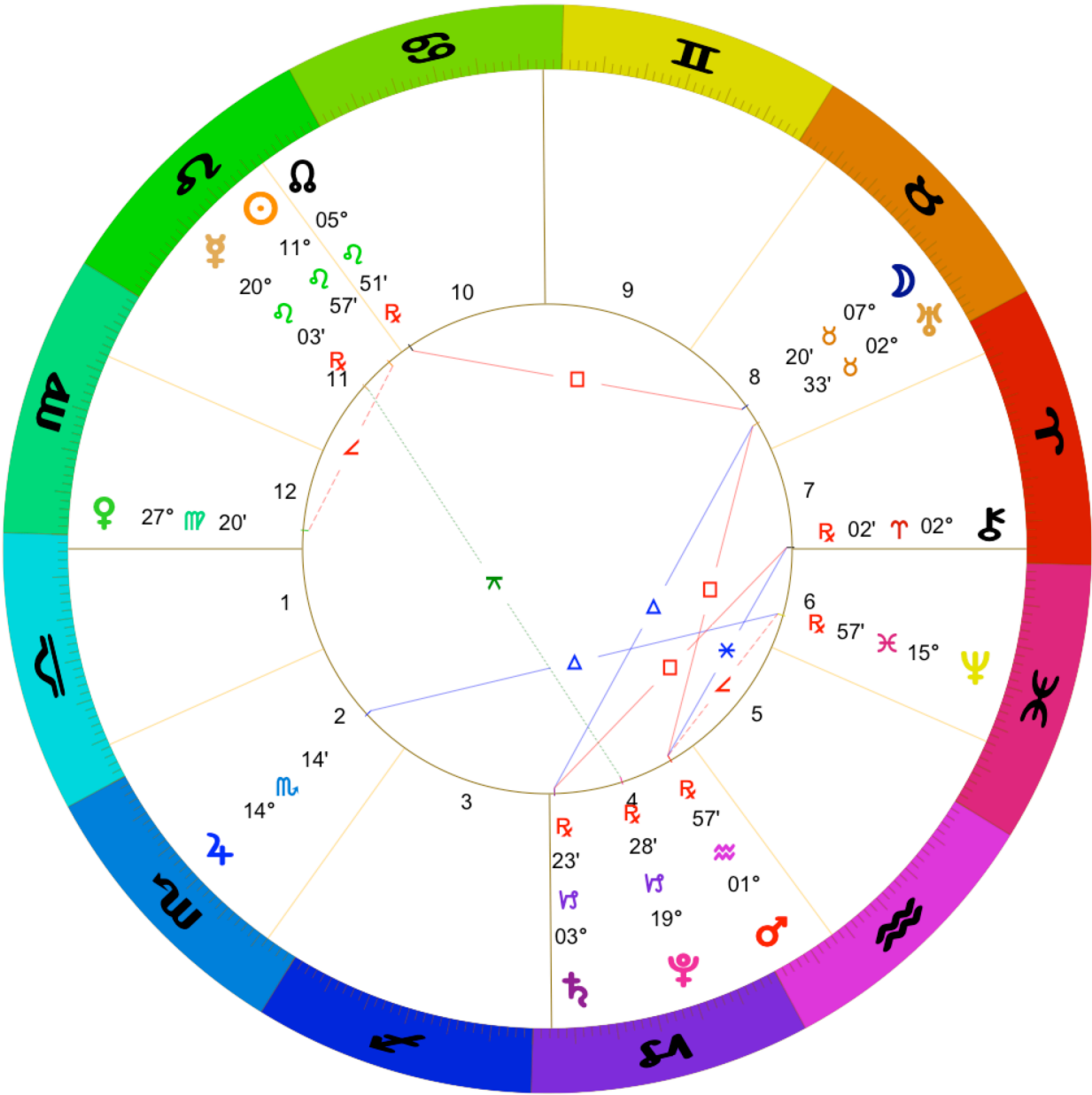
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Meghan Markle

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Taurus	07°Ta20'	8th	
The Sun	Leo	11°Le57'	11th	
Mercury	Leo	20°Le03'	11th	
Venus	Virgo	27°Vi20'	12th	
Mars	Aquarius	01°Aq57'	4th	
Jupiter	Scorpio	14°Sc14'	2nd	
Saturn	Capricorn	03°Cp23'	4th	
Uranus	Taurus	02°Ta33'	8th	
Neptune	Pisces	15°Pi57'	6th	
Pluto	Capricorn	19°Cp28'	4th	
Chiron	Aries	02°Ar02'	7th	
The North Node	Leo	05°Le51'	10th	
The Ascendant	Libra	01°Li42'	1st	
The Midheaven	Cancer	02°Cn12'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects: Meghan Markle

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The North Node	1°29'	Separating
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	0°22'	Separating
Mercury	Quincunx	Pluto	0°34'	Applying
Mars	Square	Uranus	0°36'	Separating
Mars	Semisquare	Neptune	0°59'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	Chiron	0°04'	Separating
Mars	Trine	The Ascendant	0°15'	Applying
Mars	Quincunx	The Midheaven	0°15'	Separating
Jupiter	Trine	Neptune	1°42'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	Uranus	0°49'	Applying
Saturn	Square	Chiron	1°21'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The Ascendant	1°41'	Applying
Saturn	Opposition	The Midheaven	1°10'	Applying
Uranus	Quincunx	The Ascendant	0°51'	Separating
Uranus	Sextile	The Midheaven	0°20'	Separating
Chiron	Opposition	The Ascendant	0°19'	Applying
Chiron	Square	The Midheaven	0°10'	Separating
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	0°30'	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 to 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 Libra

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a masculine Air sign indicating that this year you are keen to express yourself more freely. While you are keen to consult other people, and perhaps even to involve them, you are also eager to seek the information that you need to achieve your goals. You are more likely to consult an expert, study a course, research, socialize and network in order to discover what you need to know. You may actively seek new horizons. As a result you may be more busy than usual, striving for new interests as well as for a more independent lifestyle. You are not necessarily going it alone. In fact your social network may play a key role in helping you achieve your goals. Nevertheless your focus is on mixing with other people in a way that promotes your own interests. You may ask for other people's input, but you will make up your own mind. Other aspects of your birthday chart depict in more details in which areas these interests are likely to lie. Your focus may also be on new ideas and planning for the future, rather than on the past. You are keen to detach from past ties, adopt a fresh approach and move forward. Your focus is less conservative and more progressive. As a result one way of life may end and another exciting new chapter may begin.

The diplomatic sign of Libra is emphasizing the social aspects of your life this year. Relationships take centre stage in your life right now. You are moving forward in your own life and are seeking supportive and understanding friends, family and colleagues to join you in this journey. As a result you are assessing the role that other people play in your life. Like a chess game, you might start to make some moves. Strategy is prominent right now as you observe those closest to you. If you are not satisfied with the roles that some people play then you are likely to make changes. You may also meet a significant person who challenges you to express yourself in a new way. You are determined to strike the right balance in your life, with you as the King or Queen of the chessboard. Your loyal supporters are likely to bask in the rays of your approval. You, too, start to shine as you make the necessary adjustments for peace, harmony and ultimately perhaps even bliss. You are also likely to seek more creative projects this year, and to be surrounded by artistic people. This could involve pleasurable trips to art galleries, theatres, museums and festivals. Alternatively you may pursue an original talent, something that you have always wanted to try in order to express yourself more artistically. If you are already involved in the arts, fashion, beauty or another creative career or hobby then you can develop your talents more fully. Your fashion style may change, soften perhaps as you discover different shades of colour. This is the year for you to be your own leading lady or leading man, and to perhaps find

your own leading man or lady. Ultimately this is also a tranquil year, during which you can indulge in pleasurable pastimes with like-minded souls.

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 11th House

Your hopes and dreams and wishes are the major themes of this year. In previous years you may have been willing to put your personal dreams on hold while you shouldered other responsibilities. You may also have been willing, or felt obliged to, put other people's needs and wishes first, but the time is now ripe for you pursue your own dreams. This could affect any area of your life, but it is more likely that you put professional ambitions on hold while you turn your attention to an enjoyable hobby, a passionate belief, or a new lifestyle. Lifestyle is the key component at the moment. You are looking for ways and means to improve the quality of your life. You may join a special interest group, spend more time with friends, or join a club. If you are already involved in a special interest group or cause, or even a business enterprise then this is the ideal year during which to get involved in promoting and networking. You could do this actively in your community of friends and associates or through social media. The idea is to have fun and enjoy your contacts with the wider community. Opportunities for change are likely to come about through other people. Your network of friends, colleagues and acquaintances offer support.

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

11th 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 eleventh house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters directly linked to friendship. Your social calendar, your role in groups, and your friendships are a theme of this year. It is likely that your social life is changing as you attend different gatherings, step into a different social setting, or take on different interests. You may enjoy more invitations to parties. It is also possible that a marriage or divorce has propelled you onto a different social scene.

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.

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 8th House

The material world is likely to take a back step this year, while you focus on the more subtle aspects of life. This could be a very subtle and private process in which you become aware of the undercurrents of life, or events may occur that catapult you into a search for meaning. Either way logic is not likely to be a strong point. Rather you are aware of hidden agendas. Many aspects of the way that people communicate and act are hidden. Subtle emotional undercurrents seem to shimmer and then disappear like imagined oases in the deserts. Sometimes these emotional undercurrents are joyous and sometimes confusing and sad. It is true of all humans and relations. There are facts and then there are emotions. Facts and logic rarely apply to humans and this is particularly true when it comes to men and woman and sexuality. Authors have made millions based on the fact that women come from Venus and men from Mars. Humans, and our relationships, are complex indeed. This is your year to take steps towards gaining greater understanding of these undercurrents. You may become involved in a metaphysical movement or course of studies, or perhaps read many self-help books. On the other hand you may start a new business, or a new relationship that challenges you to see your life in a different light. Dreams, coincidences and people from the past may turn up like signposts on life's journey. Whatever course your life takes, you feel that destiny is playing its hand. You are likely to gain a greater depth of understanding of society in general, loved ones and your own psychological motivations. As a result of your newfound insights you now have the chance to make changes in your own life. You have the opportunity to see manipulative behaviour for what it is and sidestep other people's expectations and follow your own dreams. You probably shouldn't expect others to have the same insights as you, or even to listen to you, but you can learn to trust your own instincts and follow your intuition.

The Moon is in Taurus

This year your Moon is in the elemental Earth sign of Taurus sparking a need for security. Even if you are usually the adventurous, carefree type, you are likely feel an urge to put down roots. Perhaps an event sparks this need for a safe haven, or perhaps you just feel that the timing is right to focus on material matters. It is also possible that a sensual relationship is the trigger for your need for home and family. Whatever the cause, you feel the need to put your house in order, making sure that all of your bills are paid, that your savings and investment accounts are in good order, purchasing items to make life more comfortable. You are able to budget and balance your finances this year, perhaps seeking further avenues of income. Step by step you are able to build a sound foundation that meets your current personal needs, as well as possible future requirements. You are more practical and down to earth. In fact with your annual Moon in the Earth sign of Taurus you may literally be earthier, keen to feel a sensual connection to your environment. As a result you

may benefit from therapies such as massage, aromatherapy, and reflexology. Alternatively you may enjoy working in the garden, planting seeds and enriching the soil. You are less likely to seek change this year, preferring the familiar. Even if you are usually adventurous, this year you are more content to enjoy a few home comforts with your loved ones.

Venus

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

Venus is in the 12th House

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

Venus is in Virgo

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.

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 4th House

If you were hoping to nestle into a tranquil and settled home this year, then you are likely to be disappointed. Of course, you may have moments of peace and quiet, however; it is more likely that your household resembles a hustling and bustling metropolis right now. People come and go. Friends and family pop in for a cuppa, or visit for a few days, or more in or out for extended periods. It may be your year to host one or more big family events. Your home is likely to require attention, with heating appliances going on the blink and tradesmen are required. You may decide to renovate on a large scale, enjoying the challenge of the alterations. You may even be forced to change homes this year, moving from one location to another because of changes in your home environment, or the actions of a family member. If you enjoy an action-packed home environment, then you revel in it this year. However, if you prefer a more tranquil setting then you are likely to feel tense at times. If you are not careful you may start to battle with family members, battling for supremacy in the pecking order. Confrontations with family members are unlikely to benefit anyone, and may even alienate those who you need the most. You need allies, not enemies. Try to re-direct your feelings of resentment, into more positive channels. You may benefit from a robust round of garden work, setting up a home gym or taking martial arts lessons. Alternatively you could always opt for the old adage, if you can't beat them, join them and have some fun.

Mars is Square 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.

Mars is Semisquare Neptune

You are travelling along the road and you see a sign that says road works. You know the road rules and you slow down, knowing that others' safety and your own well being depend on it. So why is it so difficult to do the same thing when your life requires the same action. The challenge for you this year is to take notice of the signs of whether or not you are on the right path, to slow down when necessary and to take a different road if required. Others may question your motivation, but you need to take note of your own heart and mind. It is time to follow your intuition and to ensure that your actions have meaning. Otherwise you could lose your sense of purpose, feel redundant and have decisions made for you. It is much preferable for you to calmly take the initiative. This is an excellent year to pursue humanitarian or artistic project. You may not benefit financially, but you are likely to find the work rewarding, particularly if you work behind the scenes rather than seeking the limelight. This is your year for service to others, rather than self-seeking behaviour. You need to strive for emotional satisfaction and creative merit, rather than material gains. It is possible that you are at the mercy of the whims of someone else this year. If this is the case then your life may change direction as a result of his or her creative endeavours. Of course, you do not have to be the sacrificial lamb at the altar of their desires. You can pursue your own dreams, but you may have to be prepared to assert yourself gently and firmly. Your compassion for others is likely to be aroused now, and therefore you are a soft target for con artists, peddlars and fundraisers. You need to refrain from making financial contributions or decisions that deplete your resources. Donations of time and money certainly have merit but your powers of discrimination are not strong, so wait until after your next birthday before investing large amounts of money. Likewise you can volunteer your time, but make sure that you are not depleting your own energy levels.

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 8th House

The flow of money is subject to the winds of change this year. If your money is jointly invested, or if you are involved in a business enterprise then this is the first port of call. Your joint resources are likely to change. This could be as a result of a risky investment, which either pays off or takes a dive. It could also be because you want to change the way that you invest your funds, or because your partner has a change of income. If your money is not tied up with anyone else, then it is your own investments that are affected. Perhaps you have decided to take a break from work, invest in a new business, move from paid employment to self-employment, or other such changes in your life. Whatever your personal circumstances your money management needs re-evaluation. Any surplus funds need to be invested wisely, and not rashly. Any debts need to be consolidated. If you try to ignore mounting debt then you are likely to have matters taken out of your hands. Debt collectors, tax collectors and the bankruptcy courts are just around the corner, if you don't face your financial fears. This year presents you with new ways of handling money. Fortunately, you have the opportunity to perceive finances, and other matters, in a new light this year. Your psychic skills are finely honed and you may discover just how gifted you are. Once again it is time to face any residual fears about your unconventional talents, and put yourself to the test. You are well aware that there are seasons in your life, just as there are seasons on this planet Earth. What season are you currently experiencing and are you making the most of it? In other words it is not just your financial investments that require a re-evaluation, but also how you invest your time. This is your opportunity to explore your god-given talents and experience a new lease on life.

Uranus is Sextile Midheaven

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

Pluto

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

Pluto is in the 4th House

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the areas of home and family. This year you are undergoing changes that affect your role in your family and possibly also in your home. This can be literally that you are moving house, renovating your house, welcoming the birth of a new family member, or saying goodbye to a departing family member. 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 where you belong, and to then make the appropriate changes. This could involve some serious decisions, perhaps even a move to a faraway place. It is possible that the changes that are occurring in your private life are not entirely welcome. You may be a little unsettled for a period of time. It is important that you seriously consider any proposed changes in your household this year, particularly if you have been in a rut, struggling to let go and fearing moving forward. The more that you resist the more that you are likely to be challenged during this year. It is time to dig deep and face the facts that you have known for quite some time - you need to transform your personal life. It is time to grant yourself and your loved ones freedom to transform, no matter what the consequences to your own household. If you continue to resist then matters of power are 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*. It is time for you to gain a greater understanding of these matters. Are you trying to dominate someone in your family, or immediate household? Do you believe that you know best? If so, it is time to reassess your beliefs and respect that your loved ones need to learn their own life lessons. Your role is to support and uplift family members, to listen and advise, but to then step back and respect their freedom to go on their own journey. Trust is important. You need to trust in your own personal foundations, in the earth's abundant resources and in the fact that family can take many different forms.

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 11th House

This is a busy social year, perhaps not so much on a personal level, but more so because you are pursuing a particular hobby, project or cause. Networking plays a key role. You are able to put your own emotional needs to one side while you carefully consider your own interests and role in social groups, clubs, associations, and causes. You are reassessing your social commitments. If you have been laid back, spending a lot of time at home in front of the television, or at the local pub, then this year you are likely to get bored. Your lesson is to find a hobby that sparks your interest, or a cause to which you can commit. As a result you may join a club, start classes, or take up a new hobby. If you are already an active person, then your commitments may change. You enjoy being part of a group or team. Perhaps your work situation alters, requiring you to now become a member of a team, changing your role in the group or thrusting you into a group leadership role. As your interests, role at work and commitments change, so do your friendships. Your lesson is to remain adaptable, trusting that the cards are being reshuffled but the deck is still intact.

Mercury is in Leo

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 Quincunx Pluto

This year you are likely to be presented with a person who totally occupies your thoughts or a particular venture is requiring your full focus. You may be a little obsessive and you need to be aware that something this year is likely to be triggering subconscious memories of similar events, or people from the past. As a result this is a time of tense communications, during which you gain a deep understanding of the human mind in general or a certain subject in particular. For these reasons it is an ideal time for any project, which demands mental concentration and deep thought. You are able to hone in on aspects of life, and emotions that are hidden. Other people may not share your insights. The onus is on your to change your attitudes and really

focus on positive matters in your life. Now is an ideal time to start a demanding study course either as a student or teacher. Right now you are resourceful, easily able to concentrate and to obtain information and data. It may take some research, but you are able to persist and obtain the correct information. You may also benefit from a demanding business deal, one that demands your full attention. You need to be wary of any contracts or settlements needing to be completed. It is important that you gain the best possible advice from experts before signing anything. Your analytical abilities are also heightened, but you may not easily see the bigger picture. You have the ability to focus all of your attention on small details. This can be a real gift or you can become caught up in some negative thoughts. You need to keep your focus as positive as possible and recognize that light is at the end of the tunnel. By the end of this period your intense focus starts to shift and you realize that you have gained many insights into human nature, or a particular subject. However, the road to the getting of this wisdom may be bumpy. Therefore this can be a good time for self-analysis or psychological studies. Basically during this period a part of you is required to grow up, to face aspects of your life that have been childish rather than child-like. During this year you are being called on to dig deep into your psyche and face your illusions. This could be illusion about something or someone, or it could self-delusion. If so you need to honestly face your limitations. Perhaps you are fearful and your fears have stopped you moving forward, making clear decisions and taking on new challenges. It is time to face your fears. An aspect of your personality needs to be mastered. It is time to grow up just a little more.

Jupiter

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

Jupiter is in the 2nd House

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

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 4th House

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

situation it is time to face that one chapter of your private life has ended, and to embrace the work involved in preparing for a new episode.

Saturn is Opposite Midheaven

The planet of responsibility is placed prominently in your birthday chart indicating that conscientiousness is currently a major theme. This is particularly true when it comes to your private life. This is the year when you sit back and observe the foundations of your life. Once you have done your very private appraisal you make plans to change or improve the structure of your home and family.

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 6th House

The time has come to sanctify your body. What does that mean? The best way of being of service to friends and family, and society in general is to have a healthy body and mind. This is your year to reflect on your daily habits with a view to cleaning up your act. You need to slow down and rest, whether you believe that you need it or not. It is time to eat healthier food, perhaps choosing to plant your own herbs, fruit and vegetables and hence eat fresh, live, organic food. Now you can dream of your ideal exercise. You may dislike exercising in a gym, or any structured exercising program, but this year you could explore bushwalking in natural surroundings, dancing to fun and inspirational music, swimming in a local pool, or starting a martial arts class in the local park. Your body is a miracle of nature and deserves to be treated well. As you are incorporating more physically healthy activities into your daily life, you may also want to introduce some new spiritual practises. Daily meditation and prayer may provide solace, relief from stress and the worries of your workaday life. Any illness experienced this year is like a barometer telling you that you need to offload more toxins, whether these are physical ones, or hard feelings that are weighing you down. You can ask the higher powers, God if you believe, to heal your body and bless your work. At the same time you may like to reflect on how you are of service to the people around you, and society in general. Do you still enjoy your work or are you just going through the motions? If you think of the stories of Christ being a good shepherd, leading his sheep, then in what way are you serving God in this world? Sooner or later it may be time to change your working environment, but right now you are simply reflecting on how you can best serve through your work. As you change your daily habits in line with healthy and holy living, then the rest is likely to gradually become clear. You either start to feel refreshed and nobler in your job, or you realise that your work detracts from your wellbeing rather than enhances.

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 10th House

Does your career choice truly satisfy you? If so then this year you are destined to be propelled along the path to career success. This is not necessarily in the form of public accolades and awards, but rather in a series of

synchronistic steps that increase your expertise, satisfaction and sense of purpose. Destiny plays its hand in putting you in the right place at the right time so that you can be most effective in your chosen profession. This year your professional contacts, particularly authority figures, can lend you a helping hand. If you are dissatisfied with your profession then the Fates may play a hand in you changing direction. This is your opportunity to ensure that you are on the right professional track and therefore enjoying the journey. Although you are riding a career wave, this is not a year that involves personal ego. Rather you are being asked to selflessly commit your expertise to a higher purpose.

North Node is Square Moon

It is time to come to terms with emotions that are preventing you from fulfilling your destiny. Tears may flow as you come to a place of acceptance of past hurts, sadness and grief. Memories of loved ones who have passed away are likely to surface this year, and they need to be honoured. Let the emotions flow freely so that you can let go, forgive but not forget. A woman who has played a prominent role in your life may be fated to move out of your life for a while right now. You may have to leave your home, a significant woman and fond memories in order to move forward on your journey. This could be either literally or metaphorically. Either way this is your time to accept the past, let go and embrace your own rich emotional life.

Conclusion



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