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SOLAR RETURN REPORT

A SOLAR WRITER REPORT
for Jeff Bezos

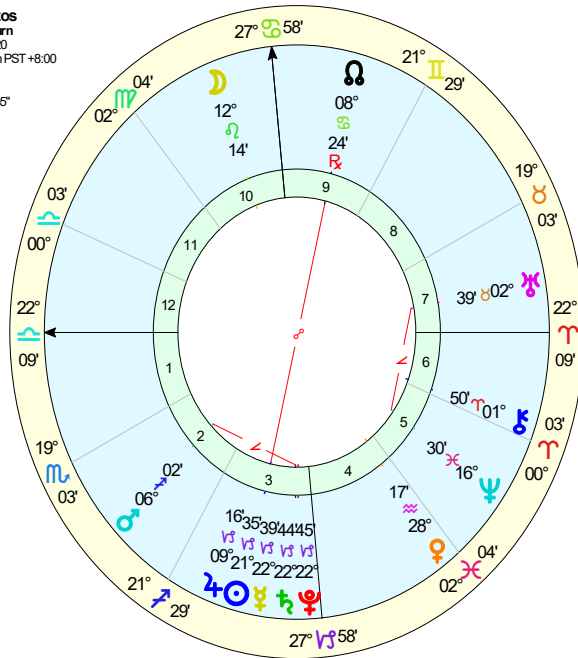


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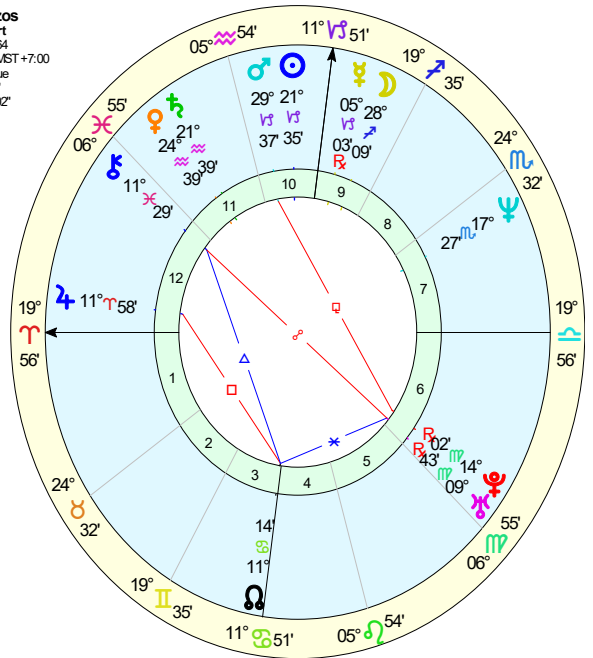
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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Jeff Bezos

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Leo	12°Le14'	10th	
The Sun	Capricorn	21°Cp35'	3rd	
Mercury	Capricorn	22°Cp39'	3rd	
Venus	Aquarius	28°Aq17'	4th	
Mars	Sagittarius	6°Sg02'	2nd	
Jupiter	Capricorn	9°Cp16'	3rd	
Saturn	Capricorn	22°Cp44'	3rd	
Uranus	Taurus	2°Ta39'	7th	
Neptune	Pisces	16°Pi30'	5th	
Pluto	Capricorn	22°Cp45'	3rd	
Chiron	Aries	1°Ar50'	6th	
The North Node	Cancer	8°Cn24'	9th	
The Ascendant	Libra	22°Li09'	1st	
The Midheaven	Cancer	27°Cn58'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	1°04'	Separating
The Sun	Semisquare	Mars	0°32'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Saturn	1°08'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Pluto	1°10'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The Ascendant	0°34'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	Saturn	0°04'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	Pluto	0°06'	Applying
Mercury	Square	The Ascendant	0°30'	Separating
Venus	Quincunx	The Midheaven	0°18'	Separating
Mars	Semisquare	The Ascendant	1°06'	Applying
Jupiter	Opposition	The North Node	0°52'	Separating
Saturn	Conjunction	Pluto	0°01'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The Ascendant	0°34'	Separating
Uranus	Semisquare	Neptune	1°08'	Applying
Pluto	Square	The Ascendant	0°36'	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 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 3rd House

Communication is the major theme of this year. This involves assessing your current thoughts and beliefs in at least one, possibly more areas, of your life and making decisions. After your analysis you may decide to continue on your current path. You may even decide to express your ideas through the written or spoken word. Books, poetry, cinema, story telling, business contracts, journals, the internet and other sources of the written word may take prominence. Alternatively public speaking, teaching advocacy, and counselling may appeal. You may decide to become a student yourself, expanding your skills in a particular area. Your mind is particularly sharp this year, therefore this is the ideal year to write, read and talk.

You may also become more sensitive to your immediate surroundings, viewing your neighbourhood in a different light. This could lead to an increased appreciation of your surroundings. On the other hand you may become restless, eager to move to a new environment. You begin to plan a change of scenery.

If you are inclined to meditation or prayer, then now is a good time to renew your practice to help sharpen your mind and increase your optimism. Learn to enjoy stories by listening to other people, as well as sharing your own story. It is also a good year to take some time to count your blessings, to laugh and listen. As US poet and essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson says, *"to laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one*

life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

The 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.

The Sun is Semisquare Mars

Right now you are all set for an adventure, but before you can take off you have to consider other factors or people. You are ready, willing and able to set goals, and then take action to make sure that they are reached. Even if you are not usually a risk-taker this year you are willing to go out on a limb to achieve your goals. It doesn't matter whether you have always wanted to get married, start a new job or race motorcars, this year you have the courage to feel the fear and do it anyway. A significant male mentor or partner may be the catalyst that changes your ideas, goals and life. This audacious man (or perhaps woman) inspires the initial spark, but it is still your actions and decisions that you move you closer to achieving your dreams. You are enterprising, able to initiate change. Your biggest challenge this year is yourself. The problem is that you may not realize how selfish and pushy you are being in your efforts to achieve your ambitions. While your drive and determination are admirable, you need to consider those around you. Are you being co-operative or competitive? You also need to be a little wary of being too rash. At times you may feel a little edgy and impatient. You are well advised to use these feelings as signals that you need to slow down a little and make more preparations. Sir Edmund Hilary did not decide one night to climb Mount Everest and set off the next. The famous explorer needed to prepare physical, emotionally and mentally. Then he needed to garner his family's support, as well as assemble a strong support team. You need to do the same. You also need to avoid conflict where possible. Luckily conflict can be the catalyst for the changes that you need to make in order to move on. Anger can be a strong motivating force, however; you need to make sure that you act

with integrity not aggression. This is time for you to be daring not foolhardy, and modest not arrogant. If you feel your ego inflating, then do all that you can to deflate it. Otherwise you could over-reach your limit and destroy all that you have worked for. If you feel pent-up and aggressive, then these are the times when physical exercise or a sport is beneficial. In fact this year you may be attracted to a new and exciting physical activity or game, something that helps you positively utilize your extra energy. You may also enjoy trips to sports events, theme parks, and out-of-the-way places. Basically this year you are ripe for adventure, so make the most of the opportunities that come your way and enjoy the ride.

The Sun is Conjunct Saturn

Inventor Thomas Edison once said, *“The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.”* This is your year to develop all three of these traits. Edison is also the one who said, *“genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration. Accordingly a genius is often merely a talented person who has done all of his or her homework.”* Are you getting the picture? This is a year in which you can work and achieve your ambitions, if you stick to your work and use your common sense. You need to be sensible and pace yourself, but you are also unlikely to have a lot of time to play. Your relaxation time is likely to be sparse, so use it wisely. A few days planned here and there may be more beneficial than a long vacation that detracts from your work. However, the planet Saturn does lend you its strength and stamina to achieve your ambitions. Other aspects of your astrology chart will tell you what area of your life is most likely to be demanding your concentrated efforts right now, however; you need to apply yourself with diligence and hard work. You are required to pay attention to detail, acquire the necessary skills to deal with demands, seek professional advice when necessary, study to acquire a new skill or knowledge, or gradually build up new avenues when the old ones cease to work. You may also be required to tighten the purse strings, work within a budget, or direct your funds to renovating your home or restructuring your business. It is time to pay attention to the structures that uphold your life whether these are the buildings, your finances, partnerships or investments. Right now you have the vigour and are working hard as an investment in your future happiness.

The Sun is Conjunct Pluto

When the Sun and the planet Pluto are influencing each other in your birthday chart then you can be sure that they are also appearing in other forms of your yearly astrology events. This emphasizes the affect, and some would say the lesson, that the powerful Pluto has on your life right now. Quite simply the message is: “it is time to be true to yourself”. The themes of truth and transformation play out during the course of this year. Perhaps one of the most profound lessons of this year can be found in President of the African National Congress Nelson Mandela's 1994 inaugural speech, *“our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us most. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and famous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in all of us. And when we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”* In fact this part of Mandela's speech was quoted by inspirational author Marianne Williamson, and probably many others. Its message is apt

for you this year. This is your year to manifest the glory of God that is within you. The challenge is to allow the process of transformation to take place because any obstacles that stand in your path are likely to be removed. This can be an uncomfortable feeling, to say the least, if you are attached to someone or something that is detrimental to you shining your light in the world. Nevertheless the time is right for you to be liberated from any negativity, and to find renewed purpose.

The Sun is Square The Ascendant

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

THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS



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

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

The Moon

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

The Moon is in the 10th House

Are you heading in the right direction? If so then your life is unlikely to undergo major changes, however, this is the year to ask yourself, what is the best life that I can have? and then make the necessary adjustments. A new job, promotion, marriage, change in parenthood, or more prominent role in public office are all on the cards during this year. The changes that occur are most likely to be in your career, but you can be noticed in public in other ways such as taking on a more important role in a community or political group, a marriage ceremony, taking on a more managerial role at work, or shouldering responsibilities for children.

If you are feeling a little lost and confused about how to change your life direction, then someone significant will cross your path. This person, whether in your personal or public life, will teach you a significant life lesson. Whether or not they play a permanent role in your life, this person helps you see how to live your life more productively. If you feel a strong attraction, note the qualities that attract you and then incorporate them into your own life. A personal friend may become a potential marriage partner, or a mentor may become an employer or business partner. The important thing is that you acknowledge what changes you would like to instigate in your own life, and then strive to live the best life that you can. You are now able to be the central player in the story of your own life. Enjoy it.

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.

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 4th House

Have you ever fallen in love with a place? A house? A town, city or country? Most people have experienced looking across a crowded room and being love struck by an attractive person, but the same can be experienced in a location. You walk into a particular house and feel an immediate liking or affinity with your surroundings. You travel to a different location and "fall in love" with your surroundings. If you have never experienced this sensation, this is your year to do so. Whether you inadvertently discover a place, or you actively seek a home, or you appreciate your current home, this is your year to discover a safe haven in which you truly belong. You can enjoy searching for a beautiful home or location, visiting near and far away as you pursue your dream home. If you are already settled in an appealing house or location, then this is your year to rekindle your love affair with your home and family. You may decide to redecorate or to landscape your garden. This is your opportunity to beautify your home in colours and designs that soothe and inspire, and to acquire appliances and furnishings that provide comfort. You can indulge your artistic leanings, consult interior designers or give your family free reign. The main agenda is that you feel comfortable and safe in your own home. In some cases the planet of love in the astrological area of home and family, can also indicate that you meet and move in with a lover during the year. It can also depict pursuing an artistic talent within your own home, setting up an art studio or creating a

room of your own in which you can dream, write and create. Family relationships are highlighted, and so this year you are likely to reflect on the meaning of family, who belongs and who doesn't. You are likely to be loving and appreciative of some members of your family, and sensitive to the manner in which your loved ones communicate. You are likely to avoid any tense family situations, or critical family members, opting instead for harmonious interactions. This is your year to seek and create love, comfort and beauty in your home and family.

Venus is in Aquarius

The planet of love is in an Air sign this year indicating that you seek stimulation in love and money matters. Generally speaking you are open to ideas and eager to communicate, rather than stagnate when it comes to love and money. You may be interested in speculation, although perhaps not ready to make a commitment to a particular person or course of action. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to someone who stimulates your mind. You quickly dismiss anyone who bores you. If you are attached, then you are looking for open lines of communication. You want to create quality time during which both of you can talk. If your need for stimulation is not met this year, then you are likely to feel restless. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

Venus is Quincunx The Midheaven

Right now you need to make some adjustments in your career expectations. The most likely cause of this is a happy event such as a marriage, re-location, or the birth of a child. This year you need to let go of one job, career path or life direction and adjust to a new one. There are likely to be many blessings that accompany this change of direction, if you are happy to accept the changes that are occurring. If you resist and try to control events then you are likely to be forced to make the changes, and not ones of your own choosing. For instance if you take leave from work for the birth of a baby, then you are well advised to return to work when requested. If you really don't want to return then rather than refuse you may be better off handing in your resignation so that you can concentrate on parenthood. This year you may have to make some adjustments in your spending habits, but you are likely to receive monetary rewards to help you along the way. You may also be well advised to accept the advice and support of a prominent woman, a friend, colleague, relative or employer. Once again resistance can bring about your own unnecessary demise. On the other hand cooperation at work brings the promise of appreciation and good fortune.

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 2nd House

Quite literally the feisty planet Mars in the second house of money and possessions can indicate disputes over money. Whether you realize it or not, it is time to change the relationship between money and you. If you have always been a little tight with your purse strings then you may be challenged to lighten up, to give more generously. Your miserly days are over. You are well advised to re-evaluate your finances, and decide what you value most. The reverse can also be true. If you have been a spendthrift then this year you need to tighten your purse strings. Your compulsive shopping days are over. It doesn't really matter whether you are a miser, or a spendthrift, or sensible with money. This year an event or a person changes your financial direction. A monetary gift, or another generous offer, may give you the confidence to review your own financial goals. A financial adviser may help you apply for a loan to purchase a home, and hence the mortgage repayments change the manner in which you handle your finances. You are more willing to take financial risks this year, to strike out and test how far you can stretch yourself to get the material goods that you seek. You are also willing to go bargain hunting, to make sure that you get the best deal. Be careful not to be overly

acquisitive, or to bite the hand that feeds you. Otherwise disputes are likely to arise. Do you really want to alienate friends, family or colleagues over money matters? You are more likely to achieve support, if you assert your needs calmly. Abundance and prosperity are within your grasp but only if you are thrifty, not greedy.

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 7th House

If you want to know how the other half lives then this is your year to find out. You are about to discover new ways of relating. Whether you are single or married, in a conventional marriage or an unusual partnership, it is time to change the manner in which you relate. This is not a year for adhering to conventions. It is time to break the bonds of expectations and set the record straight as far as your relationship requirements are concerned. If you are living a solitary life then you are likely to enjoy your freedom this year. You may meet someone exceptional, but either you or your lover is keen to keep the association undemanding, rather than form any firm plans at this stage. This is a year for excitement rather than commitment in your primary relationship. If you are already married, whether a conventional union or a committed partnership, your roles are likely to be reversed or upset this year. One or both of you is likely to experience a sudden change, or a series of disruptions, that keep you guessing in the relationship stakes. If you are instigating the variations in your relationship routine then you need to assert your desire for difference, while also maintaining a level of patience for your partner. You are the one who is changing, and this can be threatening to the other person in some circumstances. If your partner is the one who has altered then you need to go with the flow as much as possible. If you resist or try to control your partner then you could have a revolt to contend with. This is your opportunity to break free of outmoded relationship patterns and roles, and experience the excitement that is associated with first love. It is vital that you are able to express yourself fully and freely in your primary partnership, no matter what role you choose to play or have thrust on you.

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 3rd House

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the areas of communications. This year you are undergoing changes in the way in which you express yourself. The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. You are being challenged to see the truth about the ways in which you communicate with other people, particularly siblings and neighbours. Are you expressing yourself in an assertive and positive manner, or are you allowing subconscious forces to influence your thoughts? Are you being bullied by anyone, or are you the one who is trying to coerce others to your way of thinking? Either way this needs to be resolved during the course of this year. You may need to learn new methods of communicating and counsellors, advisors and literary material may be helpful. You are being challenged to change the way that you think. This year you have the chance to reflect on beliefs that have coloured your life, and to change them so that you have a new sense of purpose. It is time to face your fears, move through them and gain new insights.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now. What does this mean? One dictionary describes "power" as, *"the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness."* It is time for you to gain a greater understanding of these matters. Do you listen to other people or do you talk over them, offering your own opinion before they have a chance to fully divulge their thoughts? If so, then it is time for you to learn how to listen, absorb and respond appropriately. Perhaps you are being called on to take up a role of advocacy? If so then you are likely to get a crash course in the art of communication, the underlying politics and how to express yourself with integrity. It is time ensure that you are expressing yourself with integrity and working co-operatively. As a result you are likely to enjoy a new surge of energy as well as increase your effectiveness in achieving your own ambitions. You may also discover leadership potential that you never knew existed.

THIS YEAR'S LESSONS



"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time."
-- Jean Paul Richter German Writer

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 3rd House

This is a busy year, in which you are happiest when occupied. You are likely to become easily bored and therefore benefit by making plans and decisions rather than maintaining the status quo. This is also your year to practice mind over matter, or more importantly mind over emotions. It is time for you to take the focus off feelings and place them squarely on mental health. You need to concentrate on people, events and projects that promote peace of mind, rather than worry and stress. Good news or bad news could arrive this year, and you are quick to react. Take your time to assimilate before you respond hastily, and avoid gossip. This is not the year for rash speech, but rather for considerable thought. Think before you speak, because you are tempted to talk a lot. Instead of aimless chatter, you could apply yourself to learning a new form of communication, or improving your current levels of communication. For instance you could set yourself up on the internet, investigate cheaper phone plans, brush up on your marketing skills, or perhaps learn a new language. Your mind is busy and you benefit from reading, writing, learning, teaching, public speaking, and any type of project that requires a sharp mind. You are quick-witted, enjoying double-entendres, comic quips, comedy shows and telling jokes. Funny and fond childhood memories may come to mind, and you may be tempted to pick up a pen or pencil and jot down some of your recollections, particularly if you have siblings. You may start writing in a journal, toy with the idea of taking up journalism or have connections with journalists, editors or writers. School may feature in your life this year, either because you attend a school, or you take up a position on a school committee, or work in a school. Likewise you may have more

to do with trades people, shop assistants, postmen and taxi drivers. It is time to catch up on your paperwork. Chaos quickly ensues if you don't keep up with your correspondence and bills. You are likely to excel at all lessons this year, because you have a thirst for knowledge and an open mind. For these reasons your business acumen may also be sharp, as you make new connections, excel at marketing or sign contracts. Even if you are not involved in a business venture, your personal and professional life is likely to benefit from your eagerness to exchange ideas, and interact with people from all walks of life.

Mercury is in Capricorn

This is a year of commitment. You are likely to commit to a plan of action, or make a promise to another person. You have the mental discipline to carry through on your promises. Others are likely to notice your responsible attitude and your reputation benefits. You deservedly gain their respect by doing your duty. Your responsibilities may increase during the course of the year as you are entrusted with more tasks connected with speaking, negotiating or writing. You know when to speak and when to remain silent. You choose your words more carefully than usual. The sensible earth sign in which the planet of Mercury resides also indicates a degree of stubborn thinking. You need to make sure that you are not too set in your thoughts, and that you remain open to new ideas. You excel in any situation that requires common sense and logic, but reason does not always apply. Your strength this year is in being able to apply mental discipline to activities such as accounting, computer encoding, intricate craftwork, and other such areas. Your thoughts, and consequently choice of activities, are likely to be more practical than altruistic right now. Your lesson may be to see the value in the arts, and to note that human beings are not often logical. You need to make sure that you are able to offer calm reassurance in tricky situations, rather than a superior rational approach to communications. Nevertheless your application skills are excellent, and you have the ability to methodically master any tasks that are set, and to communicate patiently and wisely to friends, family and associates.

Mercury is Conjunct Saturn

The decisions that you make now have long term consequences. For this reason you are more serious than usual, reflecting on past mistakes and making careful plans. Your lesson is to avoid dwelling too much on the past, otherwise you may become despondent, more focussed on looking backwards rather than planning the present and the future. Hindsight is a wonderful thing, and you need to remember that right now you have the wisdom of hindsight. Use this wisdom to make decisions now. You are focussed on duty, and may have a heavy workload at home or at work, or perhaps both. You may be responsible for young children, your own or other people's. Your responsibilities may weigh heavily on your shoulders. If this is the case you may benefit by drawing up a schedule and a budget, and making sure that you plan a little rest and relaxation. If you cannot afford the time or money to take a long holiday, then plan short breaks, even if you stay at home. This helps lighten the load. Your tendency to view events and people seriously can be a bit onerous this year, both for yourself and other people. You may be more pessimistic and obsessive than you realize. This is why it is vital that you make time for recreation, and keep a positive outlook. If you notice any signs of mental fatigue, then you may benefit from speaking to a mentor, or counsellor. You may enjoy concentrating on a project that requires concerted mental effort. This may take your mind off other serious matters. You can research, deliberate and present the results in a judicious manner. Your time-management skills are excellent. Once again you need to ensure that your attitude is optimistic. Guilt, worry, self-blame, and

self-criticism are to be avoided at all costs. You need to ensure that you are not the scapegoat for other people's problems that you face up to your responsibilities but that you also adopt a mind-set that encourages compassion, kindness and love.

Mercury is Conjunct 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 you 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 3rd House

You have some big decisions to make when it comes to your lifestyle, and you are likely to move from one way of life into a new one. This could be moving from one area to another, leaving one job for a different one, or perhaps beginning a course of study. You may be planning a big event, a celebration that involves your immediate family, or perhaps carrying out a big marketing campaign at work. Whatever your resolution you can be assured that you are in for a busy time, planning and juggling different aspects of your life. Papers, contracts, books, conversations, meetings and such are likely to figure largely in your life this year, as you explore your options and make your choices. You

may also decide to start a series of lessons, pursue some on the job training or delve into a new hobby. You may also enjoy exploring your local neighbourhood. A visit to a local church, temple or spiritual group may spark a whole new lease of life. On the other hand you may take up a role with a community group, helping to expand the membership. The important factor is enjoyment, expanding your mind and keeping your options open. Decisions made this year may be of your own prompting, or you could have received some news that opened a whole new range of alternatives. This is your chance to make your preferences known, and follow through. As you make your choices, then you feel like a load has been taken off your mind, that you can move forward and feel excited. It is important that you make your decisions ethically so that you are truly free to move forward. Also try to see the lighter side of life. Laughter is likely to abound right now, so make the most of your sunny period and stretch your facial muscles - smile, laugh, yawn, watch comedy shows, read the funnies, purchase a few comics, witty novels, or write your own. This is your chance to wipe the slate clean and start afresh.

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 3rd House

You are more likely to be concentrating on work rather than pleasure this year. This could be because of a project that demands concentrated physical or mental effort, such as a research, writing, policy planning, building, sports or gym work, or it could be because you have significant decisions to make. It is also possible that past decisions are catching up with you, as you realize the consequences of verbal or written interactions in recent times. Likewise, you are learning that sometime silence is golden and at others it is detrimental. Alternatively you may be overburdened by too many tasks. You may have to work for extended periods in your own company, and at times suffer from mental fatigue. It is time to learn from past mistakes, learn new skills and honour current commitments. If you do this then you have the mental discipline to honour your obligations and gain the respect of those around you. However, you need to be aware that this year it is likely that your social interactions with other people are much fun. You are more likely to be restricted, perhaps even a little lonely, while you concentrate on learning your own lessons and the tasks at hand. Your commitments may demand that you travel away from home, and hence your social life is likely to suffer. On the other hand you may be preoccupied with one or more life important decisions. You may have some tough choices to make in either your professional and private life. Perhaps you are considering making an important promise to someone, such as a betrothal or a decision to have a child, or perhaps you are deciding to end an association. Whatever the scenario in your life, you are reassessing options in one or more areas of your life, and making firm resolutions. You would be well advised to keep your own counsel, rather than confide in all and sundry. It may feel like you are stifling your own voice, but this could have benefits in the future. Perhaps you could consult an expert to help you through this stage of your life, however; you should not rush any major decisions. Take your time, consider the consequences, plan your strategy and then state your case.

Saturn is Conjunct Pluto

Your powers of observation and application are impressive this year. In other words you are able to see what needs to be done and carry it out, step by step. Therefore this is an excellent year to make plans and take action. If you have been feeling stuck in a rut then this is your year for breaking free. You may have worked towards and achieved a life that suited you in many ways in the past, but now the time has come to dismantle aspects and take a different direction. Right now you can see matters clearly and are prepared to make the decisions, and follow up with appropriate endeavour to move forward. This is true even if some of the decisions have challenging consequences. Right now you are prepared to experience short term discomfort for long term gain. You are able to co-operate with other people, but not if they are needlessly holding you back. Other aspects of your birthday chart reveal the specific areas in which you are likely to accomplish your objectives. However, you are particularly likely to shine in any leadership roles, or any position held in an organizations or business venture. Your executive abilities are sharp, and you know when to seek expert advice, and when to follow your own powers of perception. It is all in the timing. Now is the right time to grow and learn, and change, build and accomplish. The warning is to make sure that you make the most of your opportunities rather than have regrets later on.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY



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

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

Neptune

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

Neptune is in the 5th House

This is a very creative year, one in which you are likely to be attracted to artists, lovers, and children. Subconsciously you are seeking inspiration, fun and a greater connection to the creative forces of the world. You are also likely to gradually gain awareness of the obstacles that block you from experiencing joy. As such you may make find creative ways to remove these obstacles. Of course if you are responsible for young children, it may be that your sacrifices are worthwhile. This is not the time to neglect your responsibilities for young children, but rather to enter their innocent and imaginative world and delight in their company. Children have much to teach you this year. This is your year to believe in a little magic, just as children do. This is likely to be through romantic love, an artistic creation, or an inspirational pursuit. In her book "The Age of Miracles", Marianne Williamson says, "*Romantic love is a force of nature. Like an ancient goddess it likes to receive gifts. It must be honoured, respected, protected and cherished. Otherwise it simply leaves.*" This is your year to honour, respect, protect and cherish romantic love, and to be the recipient of such moments. It is also the ideal time to pursue any latent artistic talents. Even if you cannot devote yourself full-time to art, drawing, music, theatre, dance, poetry, writing, or similar interests, you can lay the groundwork for the future. In some ways you are on a quest, in a similar fashion to the

fairy tale princes and princesses who are on a quest to find true love. You can indulge in some fantasies about what or who is your passion. This year you can let your imagination flow and deal with the practicalities later, as long as you are not gambling your life savings, or risking your health and wellbeing. Gradually the mysteries of love and artistry reveal their truth to you during the course of this year, and you are likely to be wiser and richer for the experience.

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 9th House

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

The North Node is Opposite Jupiter

Your date with destiny this year is linked to broadening your mind through cultural pursuits and environments. You may enter the halls of academia, or work in an area that brings you into contact with people from other walks of life. You may start socialising with people from other cultures, or perhaps travel to foreign lands. You learn much from your new experiences, whether these are in the halls of learning, or through life experience. There may be a few rocky times as you learn to become more sensitive to other ways of viewing the world, but basically this is a positive year in which opportunities arise for you to embrace a new outlook on life, knowing that the fates are smiling on you.

