

SOLAR RETURN REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for Boris Johnson



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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Boris Johnson

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Capricorn	29°Cp28'	10th	
The Sun	Gemini	28°Ge27'	3rd	
Mercury	Cancer	23°Cn10'	4th	
Venus	Gemini	13°Ge22'	2nd	
Mars	Cancer	22°Cn24'	4th	
Jupiter	Sagittarius	18°Sg17'	8th	
Saturn	Capricorn	18°Cp37'	10th	
Uranus	Taurus	5°Ta30'	1st	
Neptune	Pisces	18°Pi43'	12th	
Pluto	Capricorn	22°Cp28'	10th	
Chiron	Aries	5°Ar47'	12th	
The North Node	Cancer	17°Cn37'	4th	
The Ascendant	Aries	28°Ar01'	1st	
The Midheaven	Capricorn	11°Cp12'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Quincunx	The Sun	1°00'	Separating
The Moon	Sesquisquare	Venus	1°05'	Separating
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	1°26'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	The Ascendant	0°25'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Mars	0°46'	Separating
Mercury	Opposition	Pluto	0°42'	Separating
Venus	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°21'	Separating
Mars	Opposition	Pluto	0°04'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	Neptune	0°25'	Separating
Jupiter	Quincunx	The North Node	0°39'	Applying
Saturn	Sextile	Neptune	0°06'	Separating
Saturn	Opposition	The North Node	0°59'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	The North Node	1°05'	Applying

Introduction



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

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

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

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

Please also be aware of the fact that each person possesses both positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on manifesting the

positive traits or qualities. This report outlines both influences, and therefore helps us to rise to the challenges during any given year. Any advice given is meant to be an aid the individual in taking responsibility for his or her own life. Ultimately the decision rests with each individual.

THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME



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

The Ascendant

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

The Ascendant is in Aries

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a masculine Fire sign indicating that this is a year in which you are a go-getter. If you are usually more reliant on other people, this year you are champing at the bit to march to the beat of your own drum. You would like to act as you see fit, free of restrictions imposed by other people's expectations. You are self-motivated, more of a leader than a follower. You are unlikely to wait for other people before you take action, even if this is your usual modus operandi. Patience is in short supply this year. You want action. Your creative fires are burning.

Aries is a sign of self-assertion and independence and therefore you have more of these qualities in your life this year. You are less reliant on what others think of you, and what they expect of you. With the fiery force of Aries you are able to believe in yourself, stand up for yourself, and break new ground. You may start new projects, forge a new relationship, or move into a new area. Other aspects of your annual chart will depict these areas. Whatever the scenario, you are a leader rather than a follower, ready to formulate new plans. In other words this year you have the opportunity to let go of previous self-beliefs and form a new image, new plans and new goals. This can be an exciting year as you start afresh.

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, storytelling, 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."*

5th 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 fifth house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters connected to children and creativity. One of the main themes of your birthday year is centred on decisions regarding children, either your own, other's people's children or young relatives. If you are not in a role of responsibility for children, or younger people, then you may be keen to recapture memories of your own childhood or renew your sense of fun. As such creative or artistic projects may also be part of the theme of your life right now.

The Sun is Quincunx the Moon

One way or another this is a memorable year. One chapter of your life is closing and the next is about to begin. You may find the changes disconcerting, or downright troubling. However, you can be reassured that when you look back on this year in the future then

you will be able to view the changes in a more positive light. Right now your feelings are more intense, and are threatening your peace and happiness. This is because you are being urged to move out of your comfort zone so that you can accept new challenges. The area of your life most affected by this is depicted in other areas of your birthday chart. However, you can be sure that your home and family are likely to be involved, whether you want them to be or not.

This is the year in which you need to face some emotional truths and make changes that enhance your health and happiness. In some cases your health may suffer if you don't make the necessary adjustments. It is important that you let go of unnecessary emotional burdens, particularly hurtful memories, abusive relationships, and unhealthy habits. This is your year for a healthy makeover on an emotional and physical level. If you don't address the people and the circumstances that are upsetting you or holding you back then you may miss chances to welcome new and exciting lifestyle changes. You may feel overburdened and depressed rather than safe and happy. Don't let your emotions rule your actions or thoughts. Understand that you are changing and that this can be a little unnerving. Eventually it can also be liberating. Right now it is important that you listen to your own heart and use your thoughts positively and build your strength. In some ways you may feel like you are under siege. If this is the case then prepare yourself as you would for battle. Make sure that you are as healthy as you can be, fortify your emotions with positive self-talk, and focus on your own values and beliefs to help you win the revolution. You are then likely to become more eager to embrace your new lifestyle and you start to recognize friends and foes. You see your life in a different light. Those who you thought were friendly may not be as supportive as you thought. You may find that some of your associates are subconsciously trying to hold you back. The changes that you are undergoing may threaten your loved ones, or spark jealousy. Others may simply love you to the best of their ability, not recognizing their own need to see you in a certain light. However, you may feel let down by your loved ones, held back and unsupported, however; you can find the emotional strength to rely on your own resources. It is up to you to become the leading man or lady in the story that is your life. As you move forward you discover renewed vitality, a sense of carrying a lighter load and a wondrous feeling that a whole new episode of your life is about to start with a clean slate.

The Sun is Sextile the Ascendant

You are likely to take centre stage in your own life this year. This is true even if you are the type of person who usually stays in the background, taking care of the needs of other people or organising events from behind the scenes. This year your talents are recognised, and you can enjoy the accolades. In fact you may feel inspired to push forward with some of your own aspirations and plans. Whether you are an introvert or extravert this is your year to focus on yourself, to assert your own needs and to shine in areas of your choice. As a result you may discover that you are in the right place at the right time, on more than one occasion. Make an honest appraisal of your own gifts, and then make the most of the opportunities that come your way. This is not the time to hide your light under a bushel.

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 Capricorn

The staid Earth sign of Capricorn is one of the most logical of the Zodiac indicating that this is a year of analytical assessment in your personal life. Your private life comes under scrutiny. On the one hand you may be reassessing your personal needs, your closest friendships, relationships with relatives, or your marital status. You may also be re-evaluating the amount of time that you spend at work compared to the time spent at home and with loved ones. This is not an entirely comfortable process, but you are able to take a pragmatic approach and implement changes in a methodical manner. It is also possible that a loved one has already been complaining that you work too much, or alternatively a colleague or employer has noticed your inattentive attitude at work. If you do not redress any imbalances then you could be left out in the cold. It is time for you to reconcile the many demands in your life. In short you need to be accountable for your past behaviour and move forward in a responsible manner. Depending on other aspects of your astrology you may be in a fortunate position, able to purchase a new home, make investments in a future business, receive a promotion at work, or make a commitment to a marriage. If you have worked hard, honoured your loved ones needs and led a well-balanced life then this year you are able to reap the benefits. However, if you have squandered opportunities in the past, you may now have to pay your debts. Either way it is time to knuckle down, work hard and face facts. This may involve a period of isolation from home and family, during which your private life takes second place to the need to put your aspects of your life in order. In a strange way this is your year of reckoning, a gateway between the past and the future. Your reputation among friends and family depends on how you handle this year. You have the opportunity to move closer to your ambitions, if you prepare the foundations well this year.

The Moon is Sesquisquare Venus

Your passions are aroused this year. You have fallen in love with someone, or something. If you are single then it is likely that you meet someone who inspires strong romantic feelings. This person is likely to touch your heartstrings on a very personal level. The path to true love is not likely to be smooth, and you may have to keep a rein on your feelings for a while. However, astrologers consider the planet Venus to have a positive influence on your life and therefore you are likely to win your heart's desires in the end, although this may depend on other aspects of your astrology chart. If you are married then you may seek to rekindle the romance in your relationship. Pleasurable outings could inspire you, or simply a romantic dinner at home. You could also direct your ardour into an artistic project such as taking a role as the romantic lead in a theatrical production, or joining a choir or dance class. Right now you have a need to be inspired by pleasure and beauty, as well as a need to feel a strong connection to another person, or to a project that is close to your heart. This person or project is likely to ask or prompt you to make changes in your personal life, and perhaps also your finances. For instance if you are planning to get married then you may need to change your spending habits and save your money towards the costs of the wedding. Alternatively you may have to find the funds if you want to redecorate your home.

The Moon is Square The Ascendant

This year you seek more emotional satisfaction. You are experiencing a change in your

personal circumstances, one that perhaps also affects your closest associates. It is time to take care of yourself, to focus on your physical and emotional needs rather than striving to make your mark in a professional realm. Right now you need to question your personal goals, how you nurture yourself and those around you. Even if you cannot change your circumstances immediately, you are likely to benefit from asking pertinent questions about your physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

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 2nd House

The Gods are smiling on you when it comes to money and material possessions. Right now you are able to attract just what you need, whether it is the money to buy things that you value, or gifts in the form of things that you need. It is possible that your values are changing around money and possessions and that you, in fact, have less than you usually do. However, unless there are other stressors in your annual chart, you don't mind. You are happy to spend less, because you have gained something more pleasurable, something that boosts your self-esteem, or more time to do the things that you love. It is even possible that someone close to you is helping you financially, supporting you while you follow your heart's desire. Even if you have resigned or retired from work you are likely enjoy income from your savings, or other sources. It is your personal resources and self-belief that is boosted this year. Often this does coincide with increased income, however, not always. Either way you trust that you have enough personal resources. This year you can balance your budget and ensure that you are sensible while also having enough income to spend on pleasure trips, beautiful objects, visits to artistic events or someone you love. This is also the ideal year to save your money for something truly meaningful. Perhaps you would like to travel overseas one day, or you are planning a wedding, or perhaps a prized possession has caught your eye. This is your year to put money aside for something or someone truly valuable. Basically this is a favourable year for your personal finances, so make the most of your opportunities.

Venus is in Gemini

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 Semisquare the Ascendant

It is time to adjust, and perhaps let go of your expectations when it comes to love and romance. If you have been a perfectionist, looking for the perfect partner or holding high standards when it comes to your spouse, then now is the time to soften your approach. You may have been looking for love in all of the wrong places. Now you can alter mistakes from the past, and let lady luck shine on you. You may also want to work on your own appearance and attitude this year. Perhaps it is time to attend charm school, or to visit an image consultant or perhaps to take more pleasure in grooming. The results are likely to reap rewards.

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 Opposite Pluto

There is a tendency to become frustrated and angry when life doesn't turn out exactly as we would like it to, particularly if someone or something has upset us. However, often we can see the gift in the change of direction much later. This is your year for changes, some that you have strived for and some that are thrust on you. How you react is up to you. Circumstances may require that you carry on in adverse circumstances, however, you are likely to be experiencing strong feelings, and perhaps even previously suppressed feelings are surfacing this year. Your challenge is to explore this psychological phenomenon in safe and appropriate environments. For this reason you could benefit by directing your pent-up energy into an intense project or hobby, such as starring in a dramatic theatrical production, or competing in motor sports. You may seek advice from a trained professional, and you would be well advised to avoid dangerous situations, dark alleys and violent men. Fortunately you are likely to be full of energy right now, ready to tackle the big issues, the changes that have occurred and any large projects. You may not realise just how driven you are, so try to moderate any obsessive tendencies, and face any life and death issues as calmly as possible. You are likely to be great in an emergency right now, and a great comfort to others with serious problems. It is time to reflect on the changes that are occurring in your life right now, gain insights into your own reactions and to act in meaningful ways that transform your own life, and possibly others. Through facing the more serious side of life, you are able to tackle solemn matters with integrity.

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 1st House

It is time to disclose your true nature. If you have been hiding your light under a bushel, taking a back seat to someone near and dear or acting in any way that is not authentic then this is your year to break free. If you are a strong individual then you may already be living an authentic life, true to yourself and your ideology. Therefore you may undergo a series of seemingly minor adjustments such as changing your physical appearance by working out at a gym, changing your diet, hair colour or fashion style. You may feel that it is time to freshen up your image, rather than make major life changes. On the other hand you may want to make a bigger statement by changing your job, moving to a location that more truly reflects the lifestyle that you crave, or by starting a study course that really lights your fire. You may experience a blinding flash of clarity about what it is that you crave to change in your life this year, or you may feel an inner itchiness, a

restlessness that is pervasive. Try to trace the source of this restlessness, even if it means taking some time out to discover this source. You may also consider living on your own for a period of time in order to truly discover your true nature. As part of your self-exploration you could try a series of new activities so that you can explore different options and see what appeals. You may also meet someone new and exciting, who reflects the changes that you would like to make. For instance if you are a responsible and staid individual then you may meet someone who takes risks, and lives a creative and free lifestyle. This person is like a beacon showing you the traits that you need to take on this year. This is your opportunity to break free of any restrictions. If you have always listened to other people rather than to your own inner truth, then you are now free to follow your own heart. You may surprise yourself once you start to break the bonds of your own and other people's expectations of who you should be, and how you should act. As you become more authentic you are also likely to be astounded by the changes that you instigate, and the chain reaction that reverberates in all other areas of your life. This is an exciting and liberating time.

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 10th House

Prepare for your date with destiny. The powerful planet Pluto is influencing your life direction - marital status, career, parental influences and standing in the community. The time has come for you to reassess your influence in society, the role that you play as an authority in your field, your career satisfaction and your marital status. As a result of your soul-searching you are then challenged to make changes. If you are satisfied with your current career choice, then you may choose to stay in the same profession and seek more responsibility. If you are dissatisfied then you are likely to seek a new career path. If you are single then you may marry, depending on other influences in your astrology chart. You may become a parent, which changes the course of your life.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now in your profession. 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.*" In other words make sure that you co-operate with anyone in a position of authority. This is not the year to go head to head with your boss. You are better advised to work to the best of your ability and co-operate.

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 4th House

More than ever you recognize that it is time for changes to occur in your home life. This is not so much an emotional acknowledgment, but rather recognition that the time is right to alter the structure of your household. If you are young then this could indicate that it is time to leave the family nest, to make your own way in the world. For a mature adult this could involve moving from a crowded shared household to living on your own, or more likely from a quiet family unit to a busy one. In such a year you could also experience family members coming and going, babies born or older children leaving home. It is unlikely to be a year of major renovations or such changes to your house, but if your house is untidy or run-down then right now you are motivated to call tradesmen and spruce it up. However the focus is on domesticity and what it means to you. As a result it is more likely that you experience a change in the nature of your household, rather than a major redecoration or renovation scheme. You could have new neighbours, or perhaps move home to a different location, but once again the focus is on your living conditions rather than the structure of your house. It is time for you to learn the importance of the role of family and foundations in your life. If work and home are out of kilter, then you may need to juggle your commitments while you reconsider your priorities. You are ready to freshen up your home life, to listen and learn from family members. You may entertain relatives and friends in your own home, adapt your work schedule so that you can spend more time at home, or work from home. Your interactions with extended family members may also alter during the course of year, and you may be the recipient of invitations to special events within your family. Good news such as a betrothal, birth of a

child, or career promotion may spark family celebrations.

Mercury is in Cancer

The sharp intellect of the planet Mercury is mingling with an emotional Water sign, which is not an easy mix. Right now you are finding it difficult to make clear and sensible decisions. Perhaps you receive some news which upsets you, or possibly life is changing in a way that doesn't feel good. You need to say good-bye to one section of your life and embrace a new chapter. You know deep down what you need to do, but are nevertheless are indecisive. Right now your thoughts are at odds with your feelings, and you are confused. You may think one thing, and feel something completely different, or your feelings are influencing your thinking processes. You may try to push your feelings away, closing your mind and your mouth. This is not likely to help your process of learning more about yourself and your loved ones. You need to let your feelings come to the surface so that you can gain a greater understanding. You could try directing your sentiments into a mentally stimulating project, one that is both a conduit and helps you make sense of your feelings. Perhaps you could write poetry, a private journal, or a personal story. You may enjoy trying your hand at acting, which enables you to express strong feelings on stage. Painting, drawing, and sculpting may also be therapeutic. Whatever method you choose, it is important that you learn to express your feelings more this year. If you try to push your feelings away then you could become disoriented, and make poor decisions based on misguided beliefs. For instance you may think that you are acting in a strong and independent fashion, whereas you are simply cutting yourself off from loved ones. The more that you try to rationalize, rather than explore, your emotions, the more that you are likely to feel despondent. Your opinions are then coloured by your disillusion, rather than by your passion. You may be irritable, full of complaints and hard to get along with. If you are unsure of your feelings, and how to express them then you may benefit talking to a personal counsellor, psychologist, or a close friend. On a more positive note, the more that you acknowledge, accept and express your emotions the more that you are likely to enjoy opportunities to become intimately involved with your loved ones and creative projects. You can enjoy happy occasions and create joyful memories, trusting in your intuition and the rapport that you feel with family and friends. You may enjoy photographing feel-good moments, writing a family history, or perhaps even listening to other people's experiences. This is a year in which experience plays a bigger role than book learning. So enjoy the new experiences that come your way.

Mercury is Conjunct Mars

At its best this combination of the planets Mercury and Mars can indicate that this year you excel in any situation that you requires you to think on your feet. You can assess situations rapidly and take the initiative. In other words this year you are a strategist of the finest order, even if you are not usually skilled in this area. You may be offered a leadership role this year because of your communication skills, powers of perception and expertise. However you are equally likely to decide to strike out on your own because this year you value the ability to think and act independently. You are likely to make rapid decisions to achieve your desires. To others this may appear as if you have made your decision overnight. If this is the case then you need to think again, and ensure that you are not being too impulsive. Remember the idiom, "act in haste, repent at leisure". Of course it is also possible that you have spent a long period prior to your last birthday

reflecting on your current decision, planning and waiting for the right timing. This year you take action. Whatever you do this year it is time to seize the moment. Your lesson is to avoid the negative side of this combination - arguments, irritability, foolhardy acts, impatience and speaking with a sharp tongue. Instead you need to take the initiative and express yourself in a positive manner. Debating, advocacy, chess, fencing, archery, boxing or any sports that involves strategy can provide a positive outlet. You may also enjoy being outdoors in sports such as orienteering, or joining the reserved army. These types of activities can help stabilize you, encouraging self-discipline and mastery over any wayward angry emotions, and prepare you for the mental challenges of the year. In your mind you are prepared for the consequences of your decisions this year and ready for a new challenge.

Mercury is Opposite 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 wellbeing are associated with this beneficial planet.

Jupiter is in the 8th House

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

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 10th House

Actor Gary Sinise says, “Careers, like rockets, don't always take off on schedule. The key is to keep working the engines.” This is your year to work the engines. In other words you focus on the tasks that need to be done to fulfil your professional duties, but you are unlikely to be involved in anything glamorous. Step by step you work towards your professional goals, but this is a year of commitment and accountability. In some cases, you may alter your career path, but this is unlikely to be an overnight change. You may start or complete a course of study, or sit an examination that later has benefits for your career, but right now is just a step in the right direction. This year you are likely to adjust your expectations, renew your commitment to your goals or take practical steps towards

career fulfilment. It is also possible that you change jobs, but not career paths. You may also take a step in a different direction within the same career. For instance you may work as a hairdresser in a thriving business. As your tasks and duties change and grow, you realize that you could benefit from running your own business rather than working for someone else. As a result you may start to pursue this line of thought, seeking information about small businesses, employment rates and taxes. Even if you do not go ahead with the change, you are prepared to do so one day when the time is right. You have done your homework this year. In some cases the change indicated can be that you move from one location to another, seeking employment in your new setting. If you do make the changes now, then you are likely to succeed, but they are likely to require more duties and longer working hours. This is true no matter where you work, or whether you change jobs or not. This is your year to be dependable, stable, accountable and trustworthy - to “work the engines”.

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 12th House

It is time to surrender your spirit so that it might be renewed. This could mean finding time on a daily basis to meditate, listen to inspirational music or enjoy an uplifting film, or it could mean going on a spiritual retreat, fishing trip or writing your memoirs in a mountain cabin. It is important that you allow yourself moments of total immersion in a creative or meditative pursuit. Sit in a darkened room and whistle a tune, or sit under a tree and say a prayer, pick up your guitar and play. These are just some of the avenues open to you. You may simply want to get in your car and spend a night in a remote and beautiful location. The key to this year is to find some way in which to escape your daily responsibilities and tune out. There are several reasons why you need this time alone. The main one is that other people are not to be trusted this year. This is not to say that they are evil, or deceitful, but rather that they don't necessarily have your best interests at heart. Everyone has an agenda, and this year you are becoming more sensitive to what is being left unsaid, rather than what words are being spoken. You are noticing body language and other subtle signals. These revelations are likely to be disconcerting. You may feel disillusioned, wondering if you are on the right path and if you are really seeing things clearly. You need to learn to trust your own intuition and insights, but you also need a rest. You can share your insights with those closest to you, but be prepared for denial.

Right now you are extra sensitive, and other people are not necessarily so aware of the undercurrents. Another reason why you need to escape the hum drum side of life is that this year you are likely to face a few ghosts from the past. Memories and dreams seem to pervade your daytime thoughts distracting you from tasks at hand. It is time to lay some of these ghosts to rest. You are being called to forgive, not forget, past hurts and mishaps so that you can move forward. As you undergo this process you are likely to note that your capacity for compassion, love and understanding deepen. If you are an artist then your work is likely to subtly change in inspirational ways. This is a very soulful year if you give yourself permission to listen to your urge to merge with the more uplifting elements of this world.

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 4th House

Destiny plays its hand in your family and home this year. Changes may occur in your own home and family life, or you may meet or connect with others who are fated to become part of your life in a deeply personal way. Family members may come and go, and you may feel these changes at a deeply personal level. Your journey is one of discovering a sense of belonging, not just to a particular home or place, but also belonging in the bigger sense of the word. Where do you truly belong? Where do you feel safe? Where do you want to put down roots or do you want to be like tumbleweed roaming the earth with no physical abode, but with a strong spiritual connection? These are questions that are raised this year. Events and people are destined to help you answer some of them.

The North Node is Quincunx 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.

The North Node is Opposite Saturn

This is a year in which both loneliness and happiness call at your door. You are destined to cope with some of the year's events on your own, but there is a happy ending as you face your challenges with courage and determination. One door is destined to close right now and you can be sure that another will slowly open. If you are unsure of the road ahead, take heart knowing that you are fated to overcome your fears and move forward.

Some might say that this is a year in which you are dealing with karma, as the planet Saturn is considered the Lord of Karma. This may involve responsibilities for caring for make decisions responsibly and with integrity then you can grow and learn and make steady progress in completing one chapter of your life before beginning another.

The North Node is Trine Neptune

Life is a bit of a magical, mystery tour for you this year, taking you out of your usual routine and into unknown realms. This can be exciting if you have been bored, stuck in a rut. Alternatively, you may be a little disoriented. It is possible that you have fallen in love with a person or a project, but you are unsure of where it is heading. If this is the case, then you need to make sure that you don't lose your own sense of direction. You need to focus as much as possible on your intuition, your faith in the highest good and your knowledge of the spiritual laws. In short listen to your heart. In fact you may be presented with an opportunity to join a spiritual or artistic group that subtly changes the course of your life. This can be a healing, and soothing time, if you go with the flow rather than try to control the situation. Destiny will deal its hands no matter how much you try to interfere, so sit back and enjoy the ride.

Conclusion



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