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The Solar Return Chart

Astrologers use a number of techniques for forecasting, primarily Transits, Progressions and Returns, particularly the Solar Return. This is the first report writer to provide a detailed interpretation of the Solar Return chart, both as an independent chart and in relationship to the natal chart. For those who are interested in technical details, the program provides a list of the planets' positions in the natal chart and the Solar Return chart.

Solar Return charts are calculated for the place where you are on your birthday. Check the Solar Return data on the lower right hand portion of this page to see that the location and date are correct. Please note that the Sun may return to its birth position the day before or after your actual date of birth. Therefore, a difference of one day is not uncommon. You can see the position of the Sun, is the same for both the natal chart and the Solar Return chart.

Natal Chart

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Solar Return

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Planet	Posit.	Hs	Cusp	Plan.	Posit.	Hs	Cusp
Sun	05°Pi13'	01st	00°Pi13'	Sun	05°Pi13'	01st	28°Ar14'
Moon	00°Ar20'	02nd	08°Ar21'	Moon	19°Aq43'	02nd	00°Ge11'
Mercury	14°Aq24' R	03rd	14°Ta20'	Mercury	10°Aq51'	03rd	25°Ge13'
Venus	20°Cp35'	04th	12°Ge44'	Venus	13°Ar10'	04th	16°Ca18'
Mars	28°Ar43'	05th	03°Ca44'	Mars	14°Aq48'	05th	14°Le23'
Jupiter	20°Ca32' R	06th	28°Ca33'	Jupiter	11°Aq29'	06th	20°Vi02'
Saturn	21°Sc10'	07th	00°Vi13'	Saturn	19°Vi25' R	07th	28°Li14'
Uranus	24°Ca09' R	08th	08°Li21'	Uranus	21°Pi37'	08th	00°Sg11'
Neptune	28°Li04' R	09th	14°Sc20'	Neptune	24°Aq22'	09th	25°Sg13'
Pluto	25°Le20' R	10th	12°Sg44'	Pluto	02°Cp52'	10th	16°Cp18'
Ascend.	00°Pi13'	11th	03°Cp44'	Ascend.	28°Ar14'	11th	14°Aq23'
Midhvn.	12°Sg44'	12th	28°Cp33'	Midhvn.	16°Cp18'	12th	20°Pi02'

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by Ray Merriman

Welcome to your Solar Return! The interpretations given herein apply to your year ahead, based upon the principles outlined in *The Solar Return Book of Prediction* by Raymond A. Merriman (Seek-It Publications, 1977, West Bloomfield, MI). In addition, there is a great deal of new material added just for this custom program!

The Importance of the Solar Return Moment "Being There on Time"

The exact time of one's solar return is a sacred annual event for each individual. It happens at only one specific moment each year. It is at that moment - and only that moment - in which the Earth/Sun relationship is exactly the same as when you were born. Such a moment constitutes an "event", and as with all events, this one too is the basis for a horoscope of import.

However the importance of this horoscope is unique only to the individual to whom it applies. The quality of that "moment" (i.e. the time of one's solar return) becomes the "seed" of that annual cycle. It is the basis for a horoscope that will describe the astrological factors in effect for that one-year cycle. A "moment" of such importance favors a certain mind-set of the individual as it occurs. This is especially true if one accepts the premise that thought creates (or influences) reality. If every moment of time has its own unique quality, then one would want the "quality" of the solar return "moment" to be special in a favorable way, especially since it becomes the horoscope for the year in that person's life.

Given this premise, the individual is encouraged to enter the solar return moment with a sense of reverence. The individual is encouraged to put some thought and effort into assuring that this moment is somehow empowered, infused, with an energy or thoughts consistent with what that individual would want to experience in the coming year.

What should one do at this moment? That of course is up to each individual (you). Obviously it would not be a favorable omen if you engaged in an argument, or sat home brooding, or went to work in an atmosphere of frustration or boredom. Such experiences at the time of your solar return would likely set the foundation for your mind-set for the entire year - and it would be negative.

The following ideas are intended only as suggestions. They take into account the premise that your solar return is the most personally sacred of all days of the year for you. Therefore, going into the moment of a solar return, you are advised to plan something special, something ideally that would "empower" that moment for you. A ritual of some sort might be a good idea.

For instance, you might take into account your location-to-be at that moment. Choose some place special, some place in which you are comfortable, happy, and in harmony with. Perhaps it is near a lake, ocean, river, or mountain. Perhaps it is on a beach or in a

forest. Or perhaps it is in a favorite room.

Set the "stage". Perhaps you wish to have a candle burning, and/or music playing. Perhaps the direction you are facing (North, East, West or South - facing the Sun, or the Moon) has special meaning to you. Perhaps there are artifacts (i.e. pets, jewelry, stones) that have personal meaning, and you wish to display them in your "circle." Perhaps there is a special person whom you have decided to share this moment with.

The setting (if effected) should be completely set at least ten minutes prior to the solar return moment. As you enter the 10 minute time band leading into the solar return moment, you may consider beginning a meditation. How one meditates is completely individualistic. Perhaps you prefer to just enter a very relaxed state. Perhaps you like to chant. Perhaps you use visualization or affirmation exercises. If the latter, then after achieving a state of relaxation, you might visualize the areas of interest coming up in the next year. In this visualization exercise, you might try to see yourself happy and successful in each situation.

This meditation should last into - and slightly beyond - the solar return moment. Once the moment has passed, and the meditation is complete, you are encouraged to give thanks. This may be done in a prayer, or whatever form is sacred to you. In this way, you bring a gentle closure to the sacred moment which has just passed, a moment which has now become the foundation for the one-year cycle about to begin.

You cannot be late for this moment. Otherwise, you might be symbolically late throughout the entire year. Do not take this moment in time lightly. Otherwise, all of your affairs may be symbolically taken lightly all year. The solar return is best viewed in the spirit of a pilgrimage, or a mission. It is the most important "holiday" of the year to you. It is the one time during the year that you are "connected" to the Infinite through the special relationship of the Earth and Sun. It is a moment when you are potentially in tune with your destiny, which is signified by the Earth/Sun relationship. The Sun is what you are becoming (the future, your growth potential). The Earth is where you have incarnated (present, your being). Give it the reverence it is due.

General Overview for the Year

At the time of your solar return, planets are positioned throughout the sky in a system known as "houses." Houses are simply a 12-fold division of the sky as seen from the location of your solar return.

These 12 houses are furthermore divided into three types: angular, succedent, and cadent houses. Each of these types have certain general meanings. The more planets you have in a certain type of house, the more it points to a certain type of year about to unfold. The character of the year will be shaped greatly by which house types have the most - and the least - number of planets.

In this calculation, both your natal and the solar return planets are used, as they fall within your solar return horoscope.

The majority of your natal and solar return planets fall in:

Balance: Having a balance of planets in each house type is most desirable. You have this, and it indicates a "balanced" approach to life, a nice combination of initiative, follow-through, and inspiration or new ideas.

The House Containing the Sun

The Sun is definitely the most important planet (star) to consider in the interpretation of solar returns, for the whole chart is based upon its principle. It is the only placement which is always identical (by longitude) in the natal as well as the solar return chart. Its house position shows where the greatest growth may take place during the year and where one may express the self creatively. It also denotes the area of greatest recognition as well as the area where the individual will "identify" the self this year. It is an indication of success according to house placement -- an area where the person may "shine" and show honor, a place where the individual may take pride in his or her accomplishments.

The houses have basically the same principles in the interpretation of a solar return chart as they do in a natal chart. The only difference is that the solar return houses are temporal in nature, and thus the actual interpretation of their meaning will be slightly modified because of this factor.

The Sun, at the time of your solar return, falls in the 11th house.

11th house: This year highlights professional or career rewards and accomplishments; the realization of one's vocational-professional efforts. It also highlights one's friends and successful conditions existing with them that interest you. Great growth is shown in contacts and experiences with group activities, especially when involving a position of leadership and powerful influence on your part. You may identify closely with the realization of many hopes and wishes this year.

However, if the Sun is near the midpoint of the 4th quadrant, it may signify a year in which your authority is seriously challenged by another. A power play may emerge in a group setting. Your motivations and dedication to the "cause" may be questioned (as opposed to being in it "for the personal glory"). You may be forced to examine your own intentions, and this may actually have a positive result. Regarding the power play... you win.

Cusp Conjunctions of Solar Return or Natal Planets

An area of life is highly emphasized for the year of the solar return if a solar return or natal planet conjuncts any house cusp. The orb of the conjunction is approximately 3 degrees, 45 minutes, either side of the house cusp. The house system preferred (default) by the author is Placidus, Tropical method.

The planet making the conjunction describes the nature of activities - events, conditions - that tend to unfold in the coming year. This planet's nature is highlighted as

being prominent for this year.

In your solar return chart, you have the following planets conjunct a house cusp:

Natal Mercury on the 11th house cusp:

This denotes an area of life in which correspondence, writings, business deals and transactions, signing of papers, and areas of current mental or intellectual interests may lie this year. It describes the areas in life in which you may make deals. New ideas may be expressed or learned here. In addition, you may be of service to others in this area of life. It is in these areas that you may be called forth to deal with younger people. In short, this is where a great deal of your mental energy is spent in the next year, and where communications skills come in very handy. It presents ample opportunities for learning. The qualities exhibited in this area of life are intelligence, knowledge, communicative but perhaps critical skills.

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Natal Mars on the 1st house cusp:

These are areas of life where you are likely to initiate new ventures. These are areas where you may initiate a pioneering spirit and eagerness to try new things, and if favorably placed and aspected, then success is very possible; if afflicted, then you must guard against an over-impulsive nature which could lead to failure of pursuits. This is an area of great motivation and activity -- an arena of "action." It also denotes where you tend to be competitive, or meet with competition from others. Furthermore, this shows where you are likely to experience discordance with others, and possibly engage in quarrels or disputes. It may be wise to utilize great caution and self-control in these areas and relationships ruled by these areas, as you may tend to be over-impulsive and rash here. The qualities you tend to exhibit in this area are assertive, competitive, driven, but perhaps argumentative and pushy.

The 1st house (Ascendant) pertains to all of your efforts; the manner in which you come across to others; your immediate surroundings, and how you tend to conduct yourself, or present yourself to others. This deals with your health, your basic energy level, and in general, describes how you see your year - the "umbrella" of the year. It describes what you desire of yourself and for yourself this year.

Solar Return Mars on the 11th house cusp:

The 11th house pertains to your friends, as well as people you have "power struggles" with; your professional rewards and accomplishments; the realization of your efforts;

your dealings within groups.

Solar Return Jupiter on the 11th house cusp:

These are areas where unions and matters of "good fortune" occur; the areas where you might succeed and expand yourself in a favorable way. Beneficial contacts and opportunities are likely to arise here, so it is to your advantage to push matters (i.e. be assertive perhaps) in these areas. You will tend to meet with favor from other people here, particularly on a social level. It also is an area in which educational and teaching opportunities may be presented. In short, look for success and happiness in this area over the next year. However, also be aware of a tendency to "over-indulge" here. Temptations to go against your basic nature may be strong, so use common sense and good judgment in order to enjoy this area to its maximum potential - without debilitating consequences later on. The qualities you tend to exhibit here are friendly, hopeful, optimistic, happy, charitable, but perhaps "too loose."

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Solar Return Saturn on the 6th house cusp:

This signifies the area in which you are likely to experience many obligations and commitments to others; areas of great responsibility, demands, and consequent seriousness. Much work, self-discipline and control are required in the matters in this area, and without proper attention, these matters could very well prove to be burdensome and the cause of both delays and personal disappointments. If handled properly, then you may establish the foundations of a long-term cycle. It can also represent the beginning of a long, beneficial relationship in this area of your life. But if patience, self-control and discipline are not exercised here, then much frustration may be encountered due to set backs and delays in the realization of your goals. Furthermore, friendships may prove to be burdensome rather than helpful in pursuits involving this area of life. It is also possible that matters from the past come back into your life here. Dealings with older people and those in positions of authority, and activities involving government or law enforcement agencies could also arise if they pertain to this area of life. Remember to be totally accountable in these areas. There are no magical qualities about the conditions ruled by this set up. This area is reality, and as such, may represent losses or setbacks if not handled responsibly. The qualities you tend to exhibit in this area are serious, studious, goal-oriented, responsible, but perhaps pessimistic, critical, and judgmental.

The 6th house pertains to your health and work setting. Regarding work, it deals with "how" you work and with whom you work, and who works for you or with you.

Solar Return Uranus on the 12th house cusp:

These are areas where sudden changes are experienced, where matters are apt to be rather erratic and unpredictable during the year. It shows where you may either encounter separations from established relationships or attractions to new ones. It indicates an area where ingenuity may be applied, or an "awakening" transpires, frequently attracting

others to you because of such "original" ideas. It is possible that new developments in technology or with computers and/or software programs play an important role for you in this area during the year. It signifies the area of life where you might become extraordinary, or at the least, non-conforming and unconventional. Here you can expect the unexpected to occur. That which you take for granted as secure isn't; that which you never expected to work out, may indeed work out. Surprises are in store for you here, so it's best to be flexible and adaptable in this area of life. It could be exciting or disturbing. It is also an area where you may exhibit a very poor sense of timing - you are ahead of yourself and others. The qualities you tend to exhibit are charismatic, excitable, inventive, ingenious, but perhaps arrogant and over-zealous.

The 12th house pertains to your dealings behind the scenes, or the behind-the-scenes-dealings which effect you; hospitals, prisons, jails, places of confinement; your "fantasy" world; places of reclusion; your secrets and private world.

Natal Neptune on the 7th house cusp:

This is an area where you are likely to be idealistic, imaginative, given to fantasies and illusions and infatuations, and aesthetic expressions. You tend to be vulnerable and even gullible during the current year in this area, at least in matters of the mundane world. You might be easily tricked, deceived or even betrayed. Hence, you are advised to exercise discrimination and discernment and to not harbor false illusions and hopes in these areas. At the same time, very wonderful, pleasurable, romantic, and dream-like circumstances may arise in this same area. Music, creativity, and imaginative ideas may play important roles in this area of your life now. In addition, you may have a "romantic mind", or romantic experiences here. It is an area where you may be of wonderful help to others, such as in a counseling capacity. But it is also the realm in which misunderstandings may arise, oftentimes due to misinformation or misdiagnosis, so you must make certain that facts are correct in these areas. The qualities you tend to exhibit are compassionate, sensitive, romantic, idealistic, but perhaps confused, nebulous, and ambiguous in this area of life.

The 7th house (Descendant) pertains to your marriage and partnerships (including business); it also pertains to others who represent or misrepresent you (lawyers, spokespersons, open enemies).

Perceiving Reality and Relationships: Planets in Aspect to the Solar Return Horizon

Since the time and location of the solar return set up a structure (astrologically) for which an experience will occur that the individual will relate to, the foundation of that structure becomes extremely significant. This structural foundation is symbolized by the angles of the horoscope, the axes of the Earth, in which all the zodiac and all of the planets combine within. The relationship of these axes (angles) to the planets -- both natal and solar return planets-- give special meaning to the structure of experience the native will undergo during the period of the solar return's influence (one year).

A planet (solar return and natal) in close aspect to the solar return horizon (Ascendant-Descendant) -- orb no more than six degrees -- affects the nature of how one perceives reality, how one projects the self, what one considers important in dealing with others, and the behavior and activities which one expresses in the world during the year. It also describes how one tends to handle situations as they arise during the year.

The following represents a brief description of the planets (solar return and natal) in close aspect to the Ascendant/ Descendant axis in the solar return wheel (plus means trine, sextile and conjunction aspects; minus means square and sometimes conjunction aspects):

Natal Mars Conjunction Ascendant (Orb: 0°30')

Mars Conjunction Ascendant is both harmonious and discordant.

Mars in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year of great motivation to do things successfully. You seem highly charged and energetic, and very self-directed. Your pioneering spirit can be a great aid in starting a particular (or many) new ventures. You seem eager to try new things. One area that may be of great benefit is physical exercise or athletic competition - or competition of any kind this year. You tend to fare very well in such endeavors. This indicates a year of great activity, and one not given to boredom.

Mars in discordant aspect to horizon: This year seems to have more than the normal amount of disputes and quarrels. Numerous battles with partners and close relations - personal and work - seem to occur. It is also a year of impetuous and perhaps immature behavior, one given towards temper tantrums. This is not favorable for relationships, and as such, close relations may be jeopardized because of your constant upset. In addition, you may have a tendency to act rashly and without thinking properly first. Such qualities may make you prone to mistakes or accidents. It may be wise to learn to count to ten before responding out of anger. It may also be wise to check over your work before putting it into effect. Try not to compete with others, but rather try to find value in who they are and what they are doing. Try to reach out and help others, instead of expecting them to get out of your way. If not, they may do just that - get out of your way, and out of your life.

Since this aspect tends to coincide with potentially difficult circumstances, it may be wise to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return, a place where this angular relationship would be removed altogether. If you are open to this possibility, consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

Natal Uranus Square Ascendant (Orb: 4°04')

Uranus in discordant aspect to horizon: This is a year in which many unexpected things happen, things you did not anticipate nor plan for (like your power supply failing, and losing all of your computer data). Thus it could be filled with disruptions that make you proclaim: "Oh my God. What next?" The timing of these surprises is most likely terrible. They come when you least wish it. You may experience separations, divorce, but at the same time attractions to new people. Unfortunately these new people may be people with whom you really have nothing in common, and hence it may not last more

than 90 days. Your own timing tends to be off, and hence this is not a favorable year for speculation. Try to relate to people on their level, and not expect them to come to your level. Otherwise you may feel this is just a year you are very out of touch with people - you just can't relate and you feel like a stranger, even among friends.

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Return Neptune Sextile Ascendant (Orb: 3°52')

Neptune in harmonious aspect to horizon: This year favors romantic travels and/or experiences. It is like living a dream. Travels to tropical islands - either literally or in your dreams - are prominent. The dream state is very active, which may be very good for imaginative efforts like advertising, writing, music and dance. It also favors passive, pleasurable and aesthetic activities like meditation, spiritual pursuits, movies, reading, and plays. Acting and sailing (or cruising) ventures are also favorable this year, as may be pursuits into psychic development. In the role of a counselor, you may develop and express great skills. You have the ability to truly help others through difficult times, and they are very grateful. If you can express compassion, you will likely feel a wonderful glow of love this year from others.

Return Pluto Trine Ascendant (Orb: 4°39')

Pluto in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year in which you might feel and express tremendous power and influence over others. You have the ability to positively affect the lives of others, to help them (and yourself) make a successful transformation at a crisis point in life. You are like a psychologist or detective. This is a year of great insight and discovery. It favors research and intense study. What you find could be powerfully illuminating. It is a favorable year for getting rid of things that are no longer relevant to your life, and for terminating relationships that have been detrimental. It may be favorable for entering into new financial partnerships, or collecting debts owed to you by others. In group settings you tend to wield much influence, and be an agent of constructive reform, reflecting the values of the larger group who this group supposedly represents.

The Significance of Vocation and Family: Planets in Aspect to the Solar Return Meridian

A planet in close aspect to the meridian -- Midheaven and I.C. axis -- describes influences upon your vocation and home or family matters. It may also describe your spiritual impetus in the coming year and sense of purpose.

You have the following planets in close aspect to your solar return meridian this year.

Return Venus Square Midheaven (Orb: 3°08')

Venus in discordant aspect to meridian: Obtaining agreements from others in work, or

sale of property, may be difficult this year. It may not be easy to reach a point of compromise where all sides feel a gain. Your goals at work may be thwarted by others who are not as ambitious as you, or perhaps are jealous of you. It may be the other way around too - perhaps you are the one thwarting the goals of others. A need for compromise and a spirit of teamwork are necessary in order to complete projects successfully. You may need to be careful of distractions caused by romantic thoughts, or partners who are not carrying their fair share of responsibilities. These could lead to a sense of falling behind in your financial obligations.

Natal Jupiter Conjunct Nadir (Orb: 4°14')

Jupiter in harmonious aspect to meridian: A great deal of success and growth are possible in your work and home setting this year. Opportunities abound. There is great joy and happiness possible. Along with this comes the possibility of a large bonus or increase in income. If you are in business for yourself, then sales probably increase greatly as a number of new accounts and contacts are developed. There is no need to go anywhere else for your solar return, as this setup is one of the most favorable possible. It is also possible that there is cause to celebrate in your family. Perhaps it coincides with the birth of a child, grandchild, or a marriage - either yours or someone close to you in the family. Unions of many kinds are possible, and they all look favorable. This is a very favorable set up, and if the aspect is not exact (within 1 degree), you may wish to travel a short distance (i.e. probably less than 300 miles) to bring it closer to being exact. The more exact this planetary aspect is to the meridian, the more powerful this planet's nature is likely to be in your life this year. Consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance in this matter if you are open to it.

Return Saturn Trine Midheaven (Orb: 3°06')

Saturn in harmonious aspect to meridian: This is a year gaining respect and prestige in your work or community. You get what you deserve, according to the amount and quality of effort you put into your duties. You may tend to be very thorough and organized, which helps in the successful completion of important projects. It also enhances your image as an authority, or expert, in your field. Many years of solid work now gives credibility and status to your position. Your reputation in your field is now earned, and you may feel as if you have finally "arrived." There may also be a clarity of purpose in life, a sense of fulfillment in terms of understanding, or realizing, your "calling in life." There is a sense of self satisfaction for a job well done.

Natal Uranus Conjunct Nadir (Orb: 7°51')

Uranus in harmonious aspect to meridian: This may be a year of a windfall financially or professionally. A major shift in one's work - and hence one's income - is possible. Sudden opportunities arise to move in a new direction professionally, and you are encouraged to explore this possibility. It could open up new ground for you, and be quite exciting. It may also lead to changes in residence. Any dealings with computers or electronics are highlighted favorably. Developments here may be favorable to your work or career. Developments with new or old friends may also be positive, particularly as they apply to your career or work prospects. Work seems to be a real "turn on" now, as new

challenges arouse your sense of adventure. You may be very inspired, so do not be afraid to try new things.

Being in the Flow: Solar Return Planets Related to their Natal Positions

Some years we feel totally in synch with certain aspects of our nature, and some years we feel completely out of synch. Such periods may show in the relationship of your solar return planets to the natal planets of the same type. Although specific aspects between the two (solar return and natal planet of same type) are most powerful, a simple analysis of gender can be quite revealing. Generally speaking, if the solar return planet is in the same sign as your natal counter-point, you tend to be very much in synch with that planetary principle. If they are even in the same gender (Earth-Water are Yin, or Feminine, while Fire-Air are Yang, or Masculine), there is the sense of being compatible and in synch with this planetary principle. However, when the planet of the same type are in different genders, and especially if square or semi-square to one another, we may feel awkward and out of synch with that principle.

We will now examine the gender relationships between the solar return and natal planets of the same type, and see the areas in which you feel in synch with your natural rhythms, and which areas you may feel out of synch with those rhythms. In those cases where the two actually make an aspect to each other that aspect is listed. Sextiles and Trines tend to be favorable, as do most conjunctions. The squares and oppositions may be more discordant, although the opposition benefits by being in the same gender in most cases.

Moon to Moon, Same Gender: During this year you will tend to feel fulfillment of your emotional needs. You will likely have satisfying emotional experiences, i.e. love; meeting with others who appreciate your mannerisms, traits, or habits; social popularity, and even favorable public recognition; domestic security; happiness in moods; enjoyable experiences in eating and night life entertainment; favorable conditions resulting from past endeavors; meeting of others with similar needs who can be helpful now.

Mercury to Mercury: When Mercury aspects itself, especially in the conjunction, it foretells a year in which there is much mental activity and emphasis upon the native's communications.

Mercury to Mercury, Same Gender: This may be a very busy year, with many decisions having to be made. Mentally, you are very sharp. You tend to communicate ideas very effectively, getting your ideas across to others quite adeptly. You may be very persuasive, and hard to disagree with. If you are inclined towards business, then it may be a year of much activity and several transactions. If you are inclined towards travel, especially short journeys, then there may be much travel - perhaps business-related. It is a favorable year for reading, learning, teaching, and in general, getting your ideas across to others, or being stimulated by compatible ideas from others.

Venus to Venus, Different Gender: Inharmonious situations with those whom you

love may be experienced this year. It portends a time of disagreements, or differences in desires with those whom you want to please. Generally speaking, this is a year of incompatibility with others, social differences, discontent with your appearance and/or style and taste, and not being able to acquire things that give you pleasure. There may also be a great deal of indecisiveness and hesitation in making up your mind. Psychological conflicts regarding personal values may arise, which could cause some embarrassment. There may be problems figuring ways to please others. You are advised to be more firm and at the same time compromising with others, seeking those means that will provide the greatest balance and harmony in your life, and also to avoid displays of pomp and arrogance which will be upsetting to others you may be trying to please or impress. Chill out, and understand you may not be able to please others all the time - nor will they always be able to please you.

Mars to Mars, Same Gender: Conditions arise which stimulate your urge for adventure and enterprise. This is the year you have the urge to start something new in life. As such, you may experience success in new activities. You tend to feel confident and assertive. Success in competitive matters is promised, and so too is enjoyment in recreational and/or athletic endeavors. Furthermore the year highlights a passion for life, and an increase in passion in general. Thus there may well be exciting and satisfying sexual experiences. There may also be a strong -- even arrogant -- ego nature. Basically you are well motivated and you are in synch with your natural physical and energy expression.

Areas of Harmony or Stress: Aspects to a House Ruler by Planets in its House

A planet in a house, in an aspect (especially major aspect) to the ruler of that same house, will indicate the ease or the difficulties to be encountered in those areas of life ruled by that house, according to the nature of the aspect. Of course, most of the planets in a particular house do not usually aspect the ruler of that house, but in those cases where they do, the nature of the aspect will indicate whether matters pertaining to that house will go smoothly and harmoniously (harmonious aspect) or whether they will tend to be obstacle-forming and conflict-orienting in their nature (affliction aspect). The aspects between these two planets, when they occur, take precedence over all other aspects to the planet located in the house.

This method applies to a solar return planet located in a particular solar return house, in aspect to the ruling planet of that house. That ruling planet may be either the solar return or natal planet. In cases where the solar return planet falls in the same solar return house as the ruler of that house, this may be treated as a conjunction. The matters of that house are thus considered very significant for the year.

Eleventh house planets in discordant aspect to rulers:

This year you may encounter power plays in groups. These power plays cause you to examine your motives and reasons for being in the group. Are you there for the personal glory it may bring, or because you believe in its objectives and goals? Conflicts with

friends may also unfold, and you are encouraged to be sensitive to their needs (or they to yours). Otherwise you may lose a close friend.

Twelfth house planets in harmonious aspect to rulers:

This year favors quiet and freedom from disruption. It is excellent for research, or for a retreat, or for quiet time. Plan to go away for awhile where you know no one. This year favors helping others through expressing sympathy. It is a year of many dreams and heightened intuition. If you are artistically inclined, it could be quite favorable for any efforts in this area.

Significant Time Periods for the Year Indicated by the Solar Return Chart

The art of predicting events -- or changes -- and the timing of such by the solar return chart is a three-fold process. The first of these, the progressed solar return Moon, will be discussed initially, whereas transits and the "one degree per day angular progression" methods will follow.

Time Bands of Significant Change: The Progressed Solar Return Moon

The following is a listing of the dates in which your progressed solar return Moon makes these exact aspects in the course of the next year, and their potential implications in your life at that time. Please note two things: first, you must allow an orb of six weeks before and after each date, as these progressed lunar aspects have a time band in which they may be effective. Second, this listing covers the period beginning three months before your actual solar return date, and 15 months following it. It covers an 18-month time band.

The reason for this is that your life doesn't just suddenly change on your birthday. There is a transition phase in which the conditions and issues of the last year (as shown in last year's solar return) begin to give way to the new conditions and issues denoted by this year's solar return. According to the principles developed by Raymond A. Merriman in *The Solar Return Book of Prediction*, this transition phase begins three months prior to your birthday, and continues for three months following your birthday. That is, three months prior to your solar return (when transiting Sun squares your natal Sun), you begin to witness the issues and conditions arising that will be relevant during your next birth year. Furthermore, the issues you are working through in any solar return year, will continue to be of importance for about three months following your next solar return (when the transiting Sun forms the waxing square to your natal Sun). You don't just leave those issues at once at the time of your birthday. During the three months before and after your birthday, there is this transition period where the conditions of the past begin to be resolved (or require less and less attention), and the new conditions and issues - shown in the new chart - begin to command increasingly more attention.

During the 18 months surrounding your solar return (3 months before through 15 months following), your progressed solar return Moon makes the following aspects to

your solar return and natal planets, or their solstice points:

Dec 30, 2008: Moon Semisquare Pluto (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may encounter an intense battle with someone, or a battle with someone who is very intense. There may be a threat of some kind - perhaps to your position, maybe even to the life of someone close by. Your feelings are likely to be very intense, and your behavior may be somewhat obsessive. Try to see alternatives to your decisions that affect others adversely. Rejection may play a key role now. You could be the recipient or cause of that. On a positive note, it favors research, so long as that which is sought is not for the intent of using against someone. There may be problems in the areas of taxes or insurance's or debt collection. If you owe moneys, better try to pay up if you can. If others owe you, do not expect payment now. It is not favorable to loan or borrow money now. In terms of personal relationships, it may be wise to be more sensitive and gentle. Any forcefulness from you will not be met with approval. In addition, you are encouraged to avoid coercive individuals, and to not share confidences with those whom you do not trust.

Jan 18, 2009: Moon Square Jupiter (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you may experience a tendency to exaggerate or over-reach in your activities. You may find you have taken on too many things to do. Your judgment - both in others and in regard to how much you can handle - may not have been accurate. Try not to over-estimate yourself, others, or what you can or cannot do, during this time band. It is possible that you could feel quite confident - in fact, over-confident. It favors socializing and meeting people, having a good time. However be careful of speaking without thinking, for you could unintentionally insult others and/or bring embarrassment to yourself. It is a time of indulgence and excess, of giving into temptation and forsaking discipline. It is therefore not the best time to make agreements or sign contracts - you may be giving away too much. This could result in loss.

Feb 06, 2009: Moon Square Mercury (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date you may encounter some sort of misunderstanding with another. You may experience difficulty in getting your ideas - or intent - understood by others. They too may feel that you do not understand their position. Adjustments may be necessary, and you may have to act quickly (but not rashly) in order to get everything back on track. During this period, you are encouraged to make certain of your facts, and not project blame onto others without checking things out first. Business decisions, deals, or activities may go sour, due to misunderstandings or misinformation. It is possible to salvage something, though, if you adjust quickly to the new reality. Be careful of signing papers or making any agreements now, without thorough analysis and total understanding. Also be careful of others who may try to attribute thoughts to you that you did not express.

Feb 14, 2009: Moon Quincunx Saturn (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may have feelings of frustration, as if you are stuck or blocked in something you are doing. Things may not be moving as quickly or

smoothly as you had hoped. There is a tendency for delays, and thoughts of totally giving up on these projects may be entertained. Perhaps you are too critical of your efforts. Worse yet, perhaps others are too critical, and that could elicit feelings of hurt. Be careful of feelings of inadequacy, or incompetency. You may need a strong support group - or person - around you now, to remind you of your positive and good qualities. It may be very beneficial for you to reach out and try to help someone now. This can help resurrect feelings of value and self-worth. It is not to your advantage to spend time with others who are critical and hard to please; it will only put you into a further spin. Likewise, it is not wise to behave that way yourself: being too critical and hard to please may cause others to avoid contact with you. Feelings of loneliness, or aloneness, may be prevalent, and to counter-act them, you might consider forcing yourself to get out and away from your worries. You may not feel like socializing, so perhaps going to movies or getting into a good book that has morally strong characters could be positive. You yourself may be going through a moral dilemma, but the results could be quite positive, yielding a stronger and clearer set of principles for your own conduct and self-respect. This is a reflective time, but try to avoid spending too much time on worry, for it probably doesn't solve anything, and it may make you depressed.

Mar 19, 2009: Moon Quincunx Jupiter (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may experience a tendency to exaggerate or over-reach in your activities. You may find you have taken on too many things to do. Your judgment - both in others and in regard to how much you can handle - may not have been accurate. Try not to over-estimate yourself, others, or what you can or cannot do, during this time band. It is possible that you could feel quite confident - in fact, over-confident. It favors socializing and meeting people, having a good time. However be careful of speaking without thinking, for you could unintentionally insult others and/or bring embarrassment to yourself. It is a time of indulgence and excess, of giving into temptation and forsaking discipline. It is therefore not the best time to make agreements or sign contracts - you may be giving away too much. This could result in loss.

Apr 07, 2009: Moon Square Saturn (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may have feelings of frustration, as if you are stuck or blocked in something you are doing. Things may not be moving as quickly or smoothly as you had hoped. There is a tendency for delays, and thoughts of totally giving up on these projects may be entertained. Perhaps you are too critical of your efforts. Worse yet, perhaps others are too critical, and that could elicit feelings of hurt. Be careful of feelings of inadequacy, or incompetency. You may need a strong support group - or person - around you now, to remind you of your positive and good qualities. It may be very beneficial for you to reach out and try to help someone now. This can help resurrect feelings of value and self-worth. It is not to your advantage to spend time with others who are critical and hard to please; it will only put you into a further spin. Likewise, it is not wise to behave that way yourself: being too critical and hard to please may cause others to avoid contact with you. Feelings of loneliness, or aloneness, may be prevalent, and to counter-act them, you might consider forcing yourself to get out and away from your worries. You may not feel like socializing, so perhaps going to movies or getting

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Jul 04, 2009: Moon Quincunx Uranus (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, it may seem as if a series of disruptions and distractions are suddenly occurring. Everything seems to fall apart or come unraveled at once. People are strange. They act erratically and perhaps without reason or sensibility. Even you are given to erratic behavior and emotionalism. One day you are up and the next day you are down. This period may coincide with separations and disagreements. It may be difficult to see eye to eye with others. You are just on a different track, and your timing may be off. Still, you have plenty of exciting new ideas. It is a time of progressive thinking. It's just that nobody can understand or appreciate what you are conceiving. It is difficult getting your ideas across effectively, and so you may feel awkward and out of place. You may meet people who are exciting, at least physically attractive, but you may also discover you have nothing really in common with them. It may be best to use this period to write ideas down and come back to them later (they are ahead of their times, perhaps). Do not use this period to make new purchases in computers or electronics, for all such matters (and electrical ones too) may go awry. What you attracted to, and what you think you want, may not be accurate now.

Jul 10, 2009: Moon Conjunction Neptune (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel very romantic. The imaginative part of the mind is stimulated, and you may "see" or visualize things very vividly. If you are inclined towards the arts or music or writing, this may be a wonderfully creative period. If you have spiritual leanings, this may be a time of a marvelous outpouring of compassion, one that cleanses the soul, so to speak. There is an "opening" on an inner level, a "heart" experience. This period favors vacations and travel, especially to romantic areas, or tropical climates, or areas near water and nature. This is an excellent time to go out and entertain, or be entertained. Experiences around glamorous individuals or activities are quite enthralling. As a counselor, you may experience an encounter with someone who is truly grateful for your help. There is a joy at knowing you have really helped someone. Your behavior may be saintly or virtuous, or you may meet someone who behaves that way to you. This is a time to be gentle with others - there is something precious in your life. Recognize what that is.

Jul 23, 2009: Moon Trine Sun (Natal Solstice Point)

During this period you will tend to feel a sense of harmony and success in all of your efforts. Changes for the better are likely in regard to your career, family, and close relationships. Your health may improve as well, or you might notice greater energy and vitality. You tend to shine in situations which require leadership, and others may look to you for direction. Overall it is a time of confidence, potential recognition, and creative self-expression. It is a time when you are likely to feel as if you are growing, or have

grown, and many of your activities are coming to fruition in a successful manner.

Aug 08, 2009: Moon Opposition Pluto (Natal)

Within six weeks of this time you are likely to experience some deep insight or a sense of power, or both. This may be a time of revelation, of discovering something, of finding out something of value. In group settings, you may have considerable influence over others, and with this influence, you may be an agent of some kind of change, reform, or improvement. This period may be most marked by your successful efforts to bring something to a close. It favors termination's, elimination's, and transformations - or changes for the better. It is also a period in which you may experience satisfying sexual activity. Financially, it bodes well too. If you are in sales, this favors opening new accounts. It also favors collecting debts or getting a mortgage or loan.

Sep 30, 2009: Moon Sextile Pluto (Return Solstice Point)

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Oct 27, 2009: Moon Trine Neptune (Natal)

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Oct 30, 2009: Moon Semisquare Venus (Return)

Within six weeks of this date you may feel uninspired, lazy, and lethargic. You may feel amorous, like you would like love in your life, but either your relationships are not terribly exciting, or else you yourself may not be acting with much enthusiasm. Perhaps the right person for you is not around, or if she/he is, then perhaps the relationship is having difficulties. This may be a period of great indecision and wavering. Taking too

long to make up your mind could be costly. Opportunities may disappear or be withdrawn. Furthermore you may not feel very attractive. You may be hard to please. This is not a favorable time to make large purchases, or to radically alter your appearance or style, although some amount of shopping may be helpful to the spirit temporarily. It may be in your best interest to be more independent, and less reliant upon others, now. It may also be useful to clearly think out what it is you want in regard to others, and to clearly express these thoughts to them - especially in business matters, but also in personal relationships. You can meet people now, but tread carefully before making any commitments.

Nov 01, 2009: Moon Sextile Ascend. (Return)

Within three months of this date you may notice positive changes within your home and close relationships. You tend to feel an increase in affection for others, and from them as well. Improvements in your family and domestic setting are possible. You look good to others too, as your power of attraction is quite strong. This favors romance, dealings with women, and an increase in a close, intimate bond with someone special.

Nov 15, 2009: Moon Sextile Mars (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date you may feel very energetic and highly motivated. Many of your activities seem to be going great, and much of your success is due to your own enthusiasm and hard efforts. During this period you may either start new ventures, or find yourself thoroughly immersed - and enjoying - things that have recently been started. There is a sense of "newness" about you, of adventurousness. There is also a healthy sense of competition, and you fare well in activities with others. You have a "passion" for life, and in fact your physical passions may be highly aroused. In addition, you exhibit very fine leadership skills, combined with a healthy pioneering spirit. This is an excellent time to plan things you want to go well.

Dec 17, 2009: Moon Trine Ascend. (Natal Solstice Point)

Within three months of this date you may notice positive changes within your home and close relationships. You tend to feel an increase in affection for others, and from them as well. Improvements in your family and domestic setting are possible. You look good to others too, as your power of attraction is quite strong. This favors romance, dealings with women, and an increase in a close, intimate bond with someone special.

Dec 29, 2009: Moon Conjunction Ascend. (Natal)

Within three months of this date you may notice positive changes within your home and close relationships. You tend to feel an increase in affection for others, and from them as well. Improvements in your family and domestic setting are possible. You look good to others too, as your power of attraction is quite strong. This favors romance, dealings with women, and an increase in a close, intimate bond with someone special.

Jan 29, 2010: Moon Opposition Mars (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date you may feel very energetic and highly motivated. Many of your activities seem to be going great, and much of your success is due to your

own enthusiasm and hard efforts. During this period you may either start new ventures, or find yourself thoroughly immersed - and enjoying - things that have recently been started. There is a sense of "newness" about you, of adventurousness. There is also a healthy sense of competition, and you fare well in activities with others. You have a "passion" for life, and in fact your physical passions may be highly aroused. In addition, you exhibit very fine leadership skills, combined with a healthy pioneering spirit. This is an excellent time to plan things you want to go well.

Jan 30, 2010: Moon Semisquare Midhvn. (Return)

Within three months of this date, you may feel very restless with your work or family roles. You tend to be moody both at work and at home. There may be something unfulfilling about what you are doing. It may be a slow time, or one filled with unchallenging tasks. Perhaps it is best to take a relaxed and patient attitude about these things. They are likely to pass, and your tendency to complain or whine isn't likely to help matters out. In fact, it may turn things worse. This is not a favorable time to relocate or move. Changes within the family or work are not advised just yet. Your emotional needs tend to be great, and perhaps you should discuss these with your mate, if you are married or in love. It may be useful to be more independent right now, and not to depend upon others who don't seem to deliver what you need or seek.

Feb 13, 2010: Moon Opposition Ascend. (Return Solstice Point)

Within three months of this date you may notice positive changes within your home and close relationships. You tend to feel an increase in affection for others, and from them as well. Improvements in your family and domestic setting are possible. You look good to others too, as your power of attraction is quite strong. This favors romance, dealings with women, and an increase in a close, intimate bond with someone special.

Feb 18, 2010: Moon Conjunction Neptune (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel very romantic. The imaginative part of the mind is stimulated, and you may "see" or visualize things very vividly. If you are inclined towards the arts or music or writing, this may be a wonderfully creative period. If you have spiritual leanings, this may be a time of a marvelous outpouring of compassion, one that cleanses the soul, so to speak. There is an "opening" on an inner level, a "heart" experience. This period favors vacations and travel, especially to romantic areas, or tropical climates, or areas near water and nature. This is an excellent time to go out and entertain, or be entertained. Experiences around glamorous individuals or activities are quite enthralling. As a counselor, you may experience an encounter with someone who is truly grateful for your help. There is a joy at knowing you have really helped someone. Your behavior may be saintly or virtuous, or you may meet someone who behaves that way to you. This is a time to be gentle with others - there is something precious in your life. Recognize what that is.

Mar 17, 2010: Moon Sextile Pluto (Return)

Within six weeks of this time you are likely to experience some deep insight or a sense of power, or both. This may be a time of revelation, of discovering something, of

finding out something of value. In group settings, you may have considerable influence over others, and with this influence, you may be an agent of some kind of change, reform, or improvement. This period may be most marked by your successful efforts to bring something to a close. It favors termination's, elimination's, and transformations - or changes for the better. It is also a period in which you may experience satisfying sexual activity. Financially, it bodes well too. If you are in sales, this favors opening new accounts. It also favors collecting debts or getting a mortgage or loan.

Shifting One's Focus: The Transiting Sun to the Solar Return Houses

Since the solar return is based upon the movement of Sun (actually the earth in relationship to the Sun), it is logical to assume that the transiting position of the Sun in relationship to the solar return chart would be important. And it is.

Although the entire period during which the transiting Sun through a house emphasizes conditions dealing with that house, it is primarily the three-day period surrounding that house ingress that is most important. Three days before through three days after the time the transiting Sun conjuncts a solar return house cusp brings to the forefront conditions involving that house's domain.

The following is a listing of those dates in which the transiting Sun will conjunct the various house cusps in your solar return chart for this year:

Mar 10, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Twelfth House: This is a period in which you may become more reclusive. Perhaps you are beginning a project that requires great attention and freedom from distraction and interruptions. You may close yourself off for awhile. It favors research and projects which need time alone to complete. Your dreams may be very active, and your goals may be very hazy - unclear. Physically you may feel weaker than usual, so rest is important. Otherwise there may be illness or tiredness. This is a favorable time to offer help to others; they tend to benefit through your counsel.

Apr 17, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The First House (Conjunct the Ascendant): During this period you will tend to be more in the limelight. You will tend to be more confident, radiant, energetic and charismatic. Your role as a leader in your surroundings will tend to be more acknowledged, and accepted by you. Your motivation to do things better and more successfully is stronger; you are likely to be more assertive and creative, as well as more directed in your efforts. The three days either side of this beginning date are most effective.

May 20, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Second House: During this period your financial matters are highlighted. It is a time of receiving rewards, results, or financial gains from your previous efforts initiated when the Sun transited through your first house. Hopefully

there were efforts then. The most significant period in regards to monetary matters may happen within three days of the time this transit started.

Jun 15, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Third House: During this period you tend to have many creative and inventive ideas. It favors sales, learning, speaking, writing, correspondence, and communications of all kinds. It is favorable in dealings with your neighbors or siblings. It may also represent a time when you might purchase an automobile or any communications device, should you be thinking of such. You may also consider reading a good book. The most significant time for creative ideas or successful communications endeavors may be within three days of the date listed here.

Jul 08, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Fourth House: This is a period in which domestic and family matters assume greater importance. It favors quality time spent with your family. It also favors time spent in contemplation or meditation, as an inner awareness seems to grow. Any transactions involving real estate or property may now be highlighted. Perhaps it is favorable for purchase of such, or valuable home furnishings or appliances. Much of the family's attention may be centered on you, especially within three days of the date listed above.

Aug 06, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Fifth House: Starting around this time you may commence a period of enjoyment, pleasure and fun. It tends to be favorable in relations with your children, young people in general, and romance. Others may find you attractive and a joy to be around. You may tend to be lighter and more vibrant than usual. All attention may be centered upon you if you are in the public, and you seem to "shine" (and you enjoy it). Travel, entertainment, and/or speculation may be highlighted now as well. The most significant part of this time may be within three days of the beginning.

Sep 12, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Sixth House: This is a time when work duties are likely to predominate your mind. You may find yourself working diligently on a specific project during this period, attending to great detail and/or analysis. There may be a health concern too. There may also be an issue with a co-worker that needs to be worked out. Cooperation and compromise may be necessary. Overall, the quality of your work is important, and as such, it may improve. The most significant time seems to be within three days of the beginning of this period.

Oct 21, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Seventh House: During this period, emphasis will likely shift to partnerships, marriages, contracts and agreements with others. It is a period highlighting social engagements and meetings. You tend to be well-liked and popular now, and your attention may be relaxing from the prior period's intensity of focus. Meeting people on their level may be beneficial. Offers and proposals may be offered.

Unions of many kinds tend to be positive. If you are married, there seems to be an improvement either in your relation with your spouse, or his/her relations with other people. This may be a time to have meetings with your agent, lawyer or accountant. The period within three days of the date listed above may be most significant.

Nov 22, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Eighth House: This begins a period which highlights finances - especially in agreements with others - taxes, insurance's, and possibly estate matters. If you wish to terminate or end a condition or relationship, now may be the best time to do so. This is a favorable time for research efforts if you are so inclined. There may be a conflict over money matters. This time favors any efforts for reform or "cleaning out" things you no longer need. There may also be an increase in your sexual desires. The most important time for these issues may be within three days of the date listed above.

Dec 16, 2009

The Transiting Sun Enters The Ninth House: During this period you may have an opportunity to take a long trip, be involved in successful educational matters, or to teach. Generally speaking, it is a lighter time than the one just passed through. This period is given to expanding one's mind through philosophical discussions or readings. Dealings with people from foreign countries tend to be positive. Publishing ventures tend to be successful now as well. Entertainment and/or speculation may be highlighted now as well. The most notable time is within three days of the date listed above.

Jan 06, 2010

The Transiting Sun Enters The Tenth House: Your career is highlighted now. This is a period where you may "shine" professionally. Your status in your community, or within your profession, may increase. You could be held in higher regard, and your support may be sought by others. There may be a glimpse of your potential "destiny", of what you could do in this lifetime, and certainly within this year. It is a favorable time to handle responsibilities with skill. The period within three days of the date listed above may be most noticeable in the areas just described.

Feb 03, 2010

The Transiting Sun Enters The Eleventh House: Rewards for your professional efforts may be forthcoming during this period. This time also highlights relationships with friends - it is a favorable time to do things with your friends. During this time you may pause to consider your motivations for doing the things you are doing. Are you engaged in group activities because of the glory you get from it, or because you believe in the "cause?" An inner conflict might emerge temporarily, perhaps brought on through conversation with a friend, or a member of a group that you are involved with. However, this period overall still indicates you have plenty of control and influence. There is an emphasis upon your association with groups. The most telling part of this period is probably within three days of the date it begins.

Specific Dates of Potential Noteworthy Events: The Progressed Solar Return Angles

One of the most accurate techniques of timing significant events and changes during the year is by progressing the angles of the solar return chart. The meridian (M.C. and I.C.) is progressed forward through the solar return chart at the same rate as the transiting Sun, or approximately one degree per day. In other words, if the Sun has transited 5 signs and 20 degrees from the time of the solar return, you may move the M.C. of the solar return forward 5 signs and 20 minutes to see where it is by progression. By the same token, you can then look up the corresponding Ascendant for that M.C. degree, and that will represent the progressed horizon (Ascendant - Descendant axis) for that same day.

The angles progressing through the solar return chart may be likened to transits: they "bring" conditions to the individual, according to the angle's nature. The planet receiving aspects by the progressed angle denotes the individual's likely response, or expression, to the condition. The area of life emphasized is a combination of the angle involved (which is also an area of life), and the house which contains the planet being aspected, as well as the house which the planet rules in the solar return chart.

One point needs to be highlighted here: it is primarily the conjunction (or opposition) of the progressed angles to a solar return or natal planet that is important. Although other aspects, like the square and trine, may coincide with events or conditions described by the angle and the nature of the planet(s) involved, it is primarily the conjunction/opposition aspect that seems to consistently point out the times of the major events of the year to which the return applies.

This technique of progressing the angles is reliable within a three-day time band, and usually within only one day. When used with the other techniques of prediction, like the progressed solar return Moon and the transits to the solar return chart, these dates can be an amazing indicator of significant events to unfold in your life during this year.

Within three days of the following dates, your solar return angles will progress to form a conjunction to these listed planets in your solar return or natal chart - look for significant events to unfold at these times during the year:

Feb 23, 2009: Mars (Natal)

Asc conjunct Mars: A time of great energy and drive, when you are highly motivated; a very active and possibly eventful time of the year; a time when you are likely to start new projects; a pioneering spirit, and a time of great independence and ingenuity; there may be a tendency towards arguments and anger now; it is wise to exercise great self-control and restraint; it is not wise to hurry or rush, as accidents may happen; a time of increased sexual passion.

Feb 27, 2009: Venus (Natal)

MC conjunct Venus: A time which favors the culmination of an agreement; favorable experiences in relationships, both in work and in romance; support and appreciation for

your efforts; increase in business and income; successful completion of shared activities or goals; favorable developments in partnerships of any kind; working well with others; a decision made in your favor.

Feb 27, 2009: Jupiter (Natal)

IC conjunct Jupiter: A time of great happiness and celebration in your home or with your family; success in real estate ventures - buying and/or selling a home or property, or finding a place that you like; perhaps an announcement of a birth, or marriage, or anniversary in the family; a favorable time to host a gathering or party in your home amongst friends; a time of growth if you are engaged in any spiritual practice; an awakening that brings forth much inner joy.

Mar 03, 2009: Uranus (Natal)

IC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may experience a sudden jolt in your home or family life as unexpected events arise; the possibility of electrical or computer failures in your home, or the possibility of purchasing a new computer or electronic device in the home; a change in the home, for better or worse; it is favorable, perhaps, for trying to do something "modern" in the home (i.e. renovation); the advent of new people (strangers) entering the home, which if invited, could be highly stimulating; a sudden realization in one's spiritual path, an enlightening inner experience; a very creative and inventive time, one filled with much intuition and "sense of the future;" there is the potential of accidents and sudden interruptions in the home life, and possibly work life as well.

Mar 11, 2009: Saturn (Natal)

Des conjunct Saturn: This is generally not a favorable time for agreements or negotiations with others; others tend to resist you, or in some way try to force to "give in" to their demands, which are not always in your best interest; disappointment in others, especially if they exhibit a lack of integrity and willingness to follow through upon agreements already made; the possibility of violating a contract or understanding, and letting someone else down, or being let down by another; tension in partnerships, marriage, or work associations; frustration in getting others to see your point of view, or in general dealings with others; a rejection, or an effort to get you to accept "less"; a possibility of finally forging out a compromise and agreement, of putting it into form, but you better check it carefully and be certain that it does not obligate you beyond your wishes; illness with one's mate or partner is possible; the mate or partner may be depressed and under much pressure, and may require your help or patience; on the other hand, the mate may not offer support that you need; a need to be sensitive to others, and to be around others who are supportive of you.

Mar 20, 2009: Jupiter (Return)

MC conjunct Jupiter: A time of favorable occurrences with regard to your work; the successful implementation of a project, or culmination of a goal, and the resultant rewards and positive feedback from such well-done efforts; a "bonus" at work, or increased sales and/or income; opportunities to expand and grow at work; an offer, a

proposal, that is flattering; the opportunity to enter into a professional agreement or contract; positive and successful meetings with others; successful judgments; a favorable time to make proposals to others; success socially and professionally.

Mar 20, 2009: Mercury (Return)

MC conjunct Mercury: A time in which your business matters may be highly emphasized; making deals; discussing ideas with business colleagues; speaking engagements - as a speaker or attendee; a learning opportunity that might benefit you professionally; a chance to work, to be of service at work; travel related to work, or communication with someone at a distance; purchasing communication devices to be used in work, i.e. computers, fax machine, telephone, etc.

Mar 23, 2009: Mercury (Natal)

MC conjunct Mercury: A time in which your business matters may be highly emphasized; making deals; discussing ideas with business colleagues; speaking engagements - as a speaker or attendee; a learning opportunity that might benefit you professionally; a chance to work, to be of service at work; travel related to work, or communication with someone at a distance; purchasing communication devices to be used in work, i.e. computers, fax machine, telephone, etc.

Mar 24, 2009: Mars (Return)

MC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity and motivation in work; accomplishments through hard work; strategizing and making long-range plans; quarrels and arguments at work; upset caused by new conditions related to work; possibility of errors or mistakes; eager to attempt new things in regards to work or one's vocation; blazing a new trail and initiating new developments and/or products; highly motivated and busy period; a time of being upset with someone, probably in work.

Mar 28, 2009: Moon (Return)

MC conjunct Moon: A time of changes in work; emotions may be high in regards to your work; interesting or significant dealings with women at work; an opportunity to do something in the public; a time of combining work and family matters, perhaps real estate transactions; sensitivity in work or in regards to your status; it may be a time of instability at work, or dealing with people who are over-emotional or dependent.

Apr 02, 2009: Neptune (Return)

MC conjunct Neptune: This is a time that is apt to be confusing in regard to your work or reputation; misunderstandings over your role - or the role of others - may cause feelings to be hurt; deception or even betrayal may be experienced at work or with others whom you trusted; your reputation may be vulnerable to attack; others may look up to you, but perhaps they are putting you on a pedestal that has set them up for disappointment in you, i.e. they had false expectations of you, or you of them; an undermining of your goals by another is possible, who may even intentionally present you in an incorrect and inaccurate light; dealings with "weasels"; this may be an excellent time for advertising or marketing projects, as your imagination regarding work tasks is

very stimulated; an experience with a "goddess;" a spiritual experience, and the feeling of great love or compassion for another; the possibility of being victimized by another, or truly helping or being helped by another (you may need to ask yourself "what is their motive?", for they may appear to offer help, but actually set you up for betrayal).

Apr 03, 2009: Pluto (Natal)

IC conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter a very intense situation in the home or family; be cautious of threats, or making threats to those close to you as feelings could get very hurt; threat of damage to property; threat of illness in the family; the need for repair and healing in the home or family; the possibility of being undermined from someone close to you; positively, this period favors research and deep study; a time of insight and discovery, particularly of yourself; a time of great psychological or spiritual understanding; an experience of personal power and/or strength.

Apr 13, 2009: Sun (Natal)

MC conjunct Sun: A time of great success and recognition in your work; growth in your vocation; increase of status; a good appearance in the public; confidence in your work; a time of impressing others with your efforts; favorable relations with men in the workplace; other looking to you as a leader in the field, or community.

Apr 20, 2009: Pluto (Return)

Des conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter others who try to force you into accepting agreements or matters against your will; a time of meeting very intense and forceful people; it is a period in which agreements and relationships may be terminated, or at least threatened with termination; conflicts over money or power with others; rejections from others is possible now; in all dealings with others, it is best to proceed slowly, and with the attitude of trying to find areas of compromise that benefit both parties - things can change for the better so long as it does not evolve into a contest over who has the power; positively, this may bring you in touch with very deep and profound people, or those who have done incredible research and who wish to share this with you.

Apr 28, 2009: Saturn (Return)

IC conjunct Saturn: This is a time of disappointments, setbacks, or delays in regard to your family or home life; tension in family relations; problems within the home (i.e. heating or air conditioning system, perhaps), possibly requiring delays and causing inconvenience; setbacks possibly at work as well; a need to "get out" and escape worries; this time requires patience with yourself, and may be favorable for meditation or long-range planning, particularly regarding family matters; possibility of an illness in the family, or "coldness" with a family member or someone living in your home.

Apr 30, 2009: Uranus (Return)

MC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you are likely to experience sudden and unexpected events in regard to your profession; sudden changes at work or in your responsibilities; the opportunity to start something new, or to end something suddenly

(i.e. your job?); you tend not to get the response you expected, and as a result, you may be forced to make quick adjustments in your plans, especially regarding work; a time of a sudden realization, which may be favorable in terms of understanding your calling in life, but may be unfavorable if you fail to take it as a "sign"; the breaking of relations at work; the meeting of new people connected to work; being inspired with new ideas concerning your work or calling in life; an incredible, enlivening experience, or a sharp disruption and interruption in one's plans, or both; a strong "sense of the future", and perhaps a psychic insight into something that will soon happen (i.e. prophetic thoughts).

May 09, 2009: Moon (Natal)

MC conjunct Moon: A time of changes in work; emotions may be high in regards to your work; interesting or significant dealings with women at work; an opportunity to do something in the public; a time of combining work and family matters, perhaps real estate transactions; sensitivity in work or in regards to your status; it may be a time of instability at work, or dealing with people who are over-emotional or dependent.

May 13, 2009: Jupiter (Natal)

Asc conjunct Jupiter: A time of great happiness in general; a period in which you are likely to be very open-minded, charitable, optimistic, and of good cheer; enjoyment of activities with friends; a "good experience" with others; festive activities; success in one's social life as well as business; the opportunity to enter into agreements with others along the lines of your interests; making proposals to others, and being accepted; a time of great joy and love of life; perhaps a time of too much drink, food, or indulgence in excess; a successful venture; entering into favorable unions with others through your own initiative. This may be a time of luck.

May 13, 2009: Venus (Natal)

Des conjunct Venus: A time when you are attracted to others; the entrance into the life of someone interesting; making agreements; socializing and meeting people; giving and receiving support from others; a favorable time to be with others; happiness and success in partnerships or/marriage.

May 18, 2009: Uranus (Natal)

Asc conjunct Uranus: This is likely to be a time of great excitement, but also one of unexpected events arising in your life; if flexible, this could become something quite positive, and certainly enlightening; a time of great inspiration, and perhaps willingness to take risks and try new things; a break from your normal pattern, and a tendency to act differently than others expect of you; you may actually surprise, or shock others, with your behavior; being unconventional, but highly interesting; magnetic, with the ability to attract new people into your realm, but perhaps people with whom you share very little in common, other than mental or physical "chemistry"; a "strange" personal experience may happen to you at this time; a tendency to feel very independent, and perhaps do things that are highly individualistic; this may not be a time of agreements with others, as they may not understand you.

May 22, 2009: Venus (Return)

MC conjunct Venus: A time which favors the culmination of an agreement; favorable experiences in relationships, both in work and in romance; support and appreciation for your efforts; increase in business and income; successful completion of shared activities or goals; favorable developments in partnerships of any kind; working well with others; a decision made in your favor.

Jun 07, 2009: Neptune (Natal)

IC conjunct Neptune: This is a time that may coincide with either very pleasant and beautiful experiences in the home, or great confusion; negatively there could be a tendency to be very absent-minded, forgetful of promises made to family members, intimate relations, or people in your home; you may encounter deception or lies in the home, which can hurt; problems with the plumbing, roof, or water system are possible now - perhaps leaks caused from rains; positively this may be time of wonderful inner and spiritual experiences; it favors meditation; dreams may be very active as well; you may have an opportunity to truly help someone close to you, perhaps a family member, who is depressed, distraught, or confused; a sense of great compassion within you is possible now.

Jun 07, 2009: Mars (Natal)

MC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity and motivation in work; accomplishments through hard work; strategizing and making long-range plans; quarrels and arguments at work; upset caused by new conditions related to work; possibility of errors or mistakes; eager to attempt new things in regards to work or one's vocation; blazing a new trail and initiating new developments and/or products; highly motivated and busy period; a time of being upset with someone, probably in work.

Jun 11, 2009: Mercury (Return)

Des conjunct Mercury: A time of much communication and contact with others; many new ideas and thoughts being expressed and shared; major decisions involving others may be required, perhaps even signing of papers; a period of soliciting help from others; meeting others who have interesting ideas to share with you; the meeting of intelligent or highly communicative people; a very busy time; being in contact with many people; agreements are highlighted, and so are work or service-oriented relationships.

Jun 11, 2009: Jupiter (Return)

Des conjunct Jupiter: A time of optimism regarding contracts, agreements, and activities involving others; receiving offers from others that are generous; the opportunity to enter into a partnership, or association with another; great popularity with others, and demand for your time and presence; this may also be a time when others promise great things, but can they deliver on these promises? You would be wise to put these promises into a formal contract, and not rely heavily upon trust of what others say right now. In any event, contact with others seem very encouraging, and a source of excitement and happiness at this time. It is also favorable for any dealings with attorneys or agents - they

may have something better than even you conceived prior to meeting with them; this is a period of working well with others and coming to an agreement or understanding that is mutually beneficial.

Jun 16, 2009: Mars (Return)

Des conjunct Mars: A time of drawing very motivated and energetic - and perhaps competitive - people into your life; others you meet or know may be very upset, perhaps at you; meeting very domineering and self-centered people; a time of attraction, and perhaps wishing to enter into unions or agreements with others, but best to proceed slowly here; the possibility of a dispute, argument, or great upset, perhaps due to violations of agreements, or inconsiderate and insensitive actions by others towards you or someone you love - and if so, you may feel an urge to aggressively defend yourself or another person; to fight for your rights.

Jun 16, 2009: Mercury (Natal)

Des conjunct Mercury: A time of much communication and contact with others; many new ideas and thoughts being expressed and shared; major decisions involving others may be required, perhaps even signing of papers; a period of soliciting help from others; meeting others who have interesting ideas to share with you; the meeting of intelligent or highly communicative people; a very busy time; being in contact with many people; agreements are highlighted, and so are work or service-oriented relationships.

Jun 22, 2009: Moon (Return)

Des conjunct Moon: A time of popularity and meeting people; favorable for social events and meeting people with whom you have an immediate bonding, as in a sense of already knowing them; meeting people with whom you feel comfortable; significant and emotional women in the life; changes within your partnership(s); sensitivity to one's mate or partners, or they are more sensitive than usual; a favorable time to share something intimate; an unfavorable time to do something that hurts another; events which affect your marriage and/or partnership.

Jun 28, 2009: Neptune (Return)

Des conjunct Neptune: This is a time in which you may be very vulnerable to impressions of others; others may not be what they appear, or do not represent what they claim, so you are advised to proceed with caution in any negotiations and/or conversations; generally speaking this is not a favorable time to sign a contract, or come to an agreement - all the facts are not "on the table" yet; deception and deceit are possible if you are dealing with untrustworthy people - they are not likely to tell you the truth, but rather hide important information from you; on the other hand, this may be a period of being attracted to glamorous events, of being with glamorous people; the attraction to very sensitive and romantic-minded individuals; meeting very imaginative and seductive people; this may be an excellent time to go out and entertain or dine with a mate, associate or partner - especially if romantic intentions are on your mind.

Jun 29, 2009: Pluto (Natal)

Asc conjunct Pluto: This is a time of great intensity; you may feel obsessed, or driven with something or someone; it may be a time that you seriously consider eliminating somebody, or something, from your life; perhaps it is best to consider alternatives before drastic actions are implemented that hurt others or yourself- is there any chance of a "win-win" in this situation? At its best, it is a time of deep insight, discovery, and positive influence over others; at its worse, it is a time of rage, of wanting to get even or destroy someone in some way; conflicts over money and/or power are possible now, in business or personal matters; this may also be a time in which tax or insurance matters come up; it is a time requiring caution and avoidance of dangerous situations or feelings from within yourself; an act of coercion is possible, so avoid dealings with others who try to force you to do things against your will; by the same token, you are encouraged to avoid forcing others to do anything against their will.

Jul 01, 2009: Saturn (Natal)

IC conjunct Saturn: This is a time of disappointments, setbacks, or delays in regard to your family or home life; tension in family relations; problems within the home (i.e. heating or air conditioning system, perhaps), possibly requiring delays and causing inconvenience; setbacks possibly at work as well; a need to "get out" and escape worries; this time requires patience with yourself, and may be favorable for meditation or long-range planning, particularly regarding family matters; possibility of an illness in the family, or "coldness" with a family member or someone living in your home.

Jul 12, 2009: Sun (Natal)

Des conjunct Sun: This may be a time when others enter your life who are attractive; you may be impressed, or positively affected, by others - and they may be impressed with you as well; success with or for your partner; a time to experience positive developments in your partnerships, to sign contracts and make agreements; a time of popularity.

Jul 29, 2009: Saturn (Return)

Asc conjunct Saturn: This is a time in which you may feel "under the weather", stressed-out, pressured, and generally intense or serious; you may have a lot on your mind, with a tendency towards worry; disappointments in either yourself or others may be present; it may be wise to have a task to do that does not have any time pressures attached with it; a favorable time for reading or studying, so long as there is no "test" associated with it; it is advisable to clear your schedule at this time, for things may arise which prevent you from fulfilling obligations satisfactorily; benefits may come from being disciplined and controlled; a time to accomplish something so long as you avoid distractions and stick to the schedule; lack of discipline results in frustrations and falling behind in one's tasks.

Jul 31, 2009: Uranus (Return)

Des conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may meet strange and unusual people; others may act very erratically, especially partners or mates; an unusual and unexpected experience with another person; agreements with others may be broken, and yet new agreements may be forged; difficulties with the mate or partner, or with an associate due

to a possible misunderstanding, or intentional violation of an understanding; trying something new with a partner that is exciting; meeting new people with whom you may have little in common, yet you are attracted to them, and they to you.

Aug 12, 2009: Moon (Natal)

Des conjunct Moon: A time of popularity and meeting people; favorable for social events and meeting people with whom you have an immediate bonding, as in a sense of already knowing them; meeting people with whom you feel comfortable; significant and emotional women in the life; changes within your partnership(s); sensitivity to one's mate or partners, or they are more sensitive than usual; a favorable time to share something intimate; an unfavorable time to do something that hurts another; events which affect your marriage and/or partnership.

Aug 14, 2009: Pluto (Return)

IC conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter a very intense situation in the home or family; be cautious of threats, or making threats to those close to you as feelings could get very hurt; threat of damage to property; threat of illness in the family; the need for repair and healing in the home or family; the possibility of being undermined from someone close to you; positively, this period favors research and deep study; a time of insight and discovery, particularly of yourself; a time of great psychological or spiritual understanding; an experience of personal power and/or strength.

Aug 27, 2009: Venus (Return)

Des conjunct Venus: A time when you are attracted to others; the entrance into the life of someone interesting; making agreements; socializing and meeting people; giving and receiving support from others; a favorable time to be with others; happiness and success in partnerships or/marriage.

Sep 01, 2009: Jupiter (Natal)

MC conjunct Jupiter: A time of favorable occurrences with regard to your work; the successful implementation of a project, or culmination of a goal, and the resultant rewards and positive feedback from such well-done efforts; a "bonus" at work, or increased sales and/or income; opportunities to expand and grow at work; an offer, a proposal, that is flattering; the opportunity to enter into a professional agreement or contract; positive and successful meetings with others; successful judgments; a favorable time to make proposals to others; success socially and professionally.

Sep 01, 2009: Venus (Natal)

IC conjunct Venus: A happy time in one's home or family; sharing a fond experience with members of the family, or with someone in your home; a successful gathering in the home (i.e. party); increased appreciation of the home or family (finding out the value of your home has increased); purchasing things of value for the home, or doing things of value with the family; love of one's home; love within one's home; compliments from others about your home or family; a period favoring love and affection.

Sep 05, 2009: Uranus (Natal)

MC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you are likely to experience sudden and unexpected events in regard to your profession; sudden changes at work or in your responsibilities; the opportunity to start something new, or to end something suddenly (i.e. your job?); you tend not to get the response you expected, and as a result, you may be forced to make quick adjustments in your plans, especially regarding work; a time of a sudden realization, which may be favorable in terms of understanding your calling in life, but may be unfavorable if you fail to take it as a "sign"; the breaking of relations at work; the meeting of new people connected to work; being inspired with new ideas concerning your work or calling in life; an incredible, enlivening experience, or a sharp disruption and interruption in one's plans, or both; a strong "sense of the future", and perhaps a psychic insight into something that will soon happen (i.e. prophetic thoughts).

Sep 13, 2009: Neptune (Natal)

Asc conjunct Neptune: This is a time to be a little cautious of your thoughts, as there may be a tendency to fantasy and self-delusion; you may totally misunderstand something, or misread something, and if so, this may be embarrassing to you; a tendency to be "in a fog", to not be totally in the here and now, to be forgetful and absent-minded; as your imagination is highly stimulated, this may be a favorable time to entertain, to go out and have a romantic evening with someone you love (and trust); it is not favorable in dealings with those whom you do not trust, or with whom you are suspicious; this is a time when you may need counseling or you are able to provide counseling to others; it is a time of feeling vulnerable, and perhaps of being gullible; it is also a time in which your body is highly sensitive to drugs, alcohol, or medications, and your immune system may be weak.

Sep 13, 2009: Mars (Natal)

Des conjunct Mars: A time of drawing very motivated and energetic - and perhaps competitive - people into your life; others you meet or know may be very upset, perhaps at you; meeting very domineering and self-centered people; a time of attraction, and perhaps wishing to enter into unions or agreements with others, but best to proceed slowly here; the possibility of a dispute, argument, or great upset, perhaps due to violations of agreements, or inconsiderate and insensitive actions by others towards you or someone you love - and if so, you may feel an urge to aggressively defend yourself or another person; to fight for your rights.

Sep 22, 2009: Mercury (Return)

IC conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communications and discussions in the home; a meeting in the home, or with family members; planning things to do with the home or family; purchasing communication devices to be used in the home (i.e. computers, fax machine, telephones, etc.); dealings with siblings or neighbors; discussing work plans in the home and with family members.

Sep 23, 2009: Jupiter (Return)

IC conjunct Jupiter: A time of great happiness and celebration in your home or with your family; success in real estate ventures - buying and/or selling a home or property, or finding a place that you like; perhaps an announcement of a birth, or marriage, or anniversary in the family; a favorable time to host a gathering or party in your home amongst friends; a time of growth if you are engaged in any spiritual practice; an awakening that brings forth much inner joy.

Sep 25, 2009: Mercury (Natal)

IC conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communications and discussions in the home; a meeting in the home, or with family members; planning things to do with the home or family; purchasing communication devices to be used in the home (i.e. computers, fax machine, telephones, etc.); dealings with siblings or neighbors; discussing work plans in the home and with family members.

Sep 26, 2009: Mars (Return)

IC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity in the home; highly motivated to do things in the home or in regard to the family; however there may be cause for anger in the home; a time of quarrels and disputes in the home; accidents in the home are now possible, so it is wise to be cautious and careful; a time in which you may hurt those close to you with harsh words; possibly being upset by family members or conditions.

Oct 01, 2009: Moon (Return)

IC conjunct Moon: A time for closeness and intimacy in the home; an opportunity to relax with the family, or in quiet; real estate transactions may transpire; news from the family, or important developments affecting the family; attention is drawn to women in your family - the wife or mother; the possibility of nurturing a special bond with someone you love, someone with whom there is a deep, mutual affection.

Oct 06, 2009: Neptune (Return)

IC conjunct Neptune: This is a time that may coincide with either very pleasant and beautiful experiences in the home, or great confusion; negatively there could be a tendency to be very absent-minded, forgetful of promises made to family members, intimate relations, or people in your home; you may encounter deception or lies in the home, which can hurt; problems with the plumbing, roof, or water system are possible now - perhaps leaks caused from rains; positively this may be time of wonderful inner and spiritual experiences; it favors meditation; dreams may be very active as well; you may have an opportunity to truly help someone close to you, perhaps a family member, who is depressed, distraught, or confused; a sense of great compassion within you is possible now.

Oct 07, 2009: Pluto (Natal)

MC conjunct Pluto: This is a time when you may experience threats to your role at work; power plays and positioning for influence may cause much tension around you; others may be plotting behind your back; the termination of a task or role or work; the need to change things as they are, perhaps forcibly, but hopefully with a sense of

improving the condition; removal of a father-figure or a superior, or an experience of their intensity at work.

Oct 12, 2009: Saturn (Natal)

Asc conjunct Saturn: This is a time in which you may feel "under the weather", stressed-out, pressured, and generally intense or serious; you may have a lot on your mind, with a tendency towards worry; disappointments in either yourself or others may be present; it may be wise to have a task to do that does not have any time pressures attached with it; a favorable time for reading or studying, so long as there is no "test" associated with it; it is advisable to clear your schedule at this time, for things may arise which prevent you from fulfilling obligations satisfactorily; benefits may come from being disciplined and controlled; a time to accomplish something so long as you avoid distractions and stick to the schedule; lack of discipline results in frustrations and falling behind in one's tasks.

Oct 17, 2009: Sun (Natal)

IC conjunct Sun: Success or recognition in your family life; a favorable time for real estate dealings; happiness in family gatherings; pride in your family; this is a favorable time to have a gathering or to entertain in the home; a time to come into contact with a spiritual aspect of your self; inner illumination; understanding brought on by quiet reflection; pride in one's family.

Oct 31, 2009: Saturn (Return)

MC conjunct Saturn: This is a time when you may experience disappointment, setbacks, or delays in attaining goals you have set for yourself; there may be some disappointing news in regard to work; a time of rejections, denials, withholding of support that you desired; professional growth may be slowed; however it may be favorable for re-writing or re-stating or re-thinking your goals more clearly now; the opportunity to organize your thoughts and goals regarding work; the potential of difficulties with your parents or employers; tension or stress in your work; you may be best advised to take more time to work things out more properly; not a favorable time to ask for favors or support at work; denial of your requests.

Nov 02, 2009: Uranus (Return)

IC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may experience a sudden jolt in your home or family life as unexpected events arise; the possibility of electrical or computer failures in your home, or the possibility of purchasing a new computer or electronic device in the home; a change in the home, for better or worse; it is favorable, perhaps, for trying to do something "modern" in the home (i.e. renovation); the advent of new people (strangers) entering the home, which if invited, could be highly stimulating; a sudden realization in one's spiritual path, an enlightening inner experience; a very creative and inventive time, one filled with much intuition and "sense of the future;" there is the potential of accidents and sudden interruptions in the home life, and possibly work life as well.

Nov 11, 2009: Moon (Natal)

IC conjunct Moon: A time for closeness and intimacy in the home; an opportunity to relax with the family, or in quiet; real estate transactions may transpire; news from the family, or important developments affecting the family; attention is drawn to women in your family - the wife or mother; the possibility of nurturing a special bond with someone you love, someone with whom there is a deep, mutual affection.

Nov 24, 2009: Venus (Return)

IC conjunct Venus: A happy time in one's home or family; sharing a fond experience with members of the family, or with someone in your home; a successful gathering in the home (i.e. party); increased appreciation of the home or family (finding out the value of your home has increased); purchasing things of value for the home, or doing things of value with the family; love of one's home; love within one's home; compliments from others about your home or family; a period favoring love and affection.

Dec 04, 2009: Pluto (Return)

Asc conjunct Pluto: This is a time of great intensity; you may feel obsessed, or driven with something or someone; it may be a time that you seriously consider eliminating somebody, or something, from your life; perhaps it is best to consider alternatives before drastic actions are implemented that hurt others or yourself- is there any chance of a "win-win" in this situation? At its best, it is a time of deep insight, discovery, and positive influence over others; at its worse, it is a time of rage, of wanting to get even or destroy someone in some way; conflicts over money and/or power are possible now, in business or personal matters; this may also be a time in which tax or insurance matters come up; it is a time requiring caution and avoidance of dangerous situations or feelings from within yourself; an act of coercion is possible, so avoid dealings with others who try to force you to do things against your will; by the same token, you are encouraged to avoid forcing others to do anything against their will.

Dec 08, 2009: Neptune (Natal)

MC conjunct Neptune: This is a time that is apt to be confusing in regard to your work or reputation; misunderstandings over your role - or the role of others - may cause feelings to be hurt; deception or even betrayal may be experienced at work or with others whom you trusted; your reputation may be vulnerable to attack; others may look up to you, but perhaps they are putting you on a pedestal that has set them up for disappointment in you, i.e. they had false expectations of you, or you of them; an undermining of your goals by another is possible, who may even intentionally present you in an incorrect and inaccurate light; dealings with "weasels"; this may be an excellent time for advertising or marketing projects, as your imagination regarding work tasks is very stimulated; an experience with a "goddess;" a spiritual experience, and the feeling of great love or compassion for another; the possibility of being victimized by another, or truly helping or being helped by another (you may need to ask yourself "what is their motive?", for they may appear to offer help, but actually set you up for betrayal).

Dec 09, 2009: Mars (Natal)

IC conjunct Mars: A time of much activity in the home; highly motivated to do things in the home or in regard to the family; however there may be cause for anger in the home; a time of quarrels and disputes in the home; accidents in the home are now possible, so it is wise to be cautious and careful; a time in which you may hurt those close to you with harsh words; possibly being upset by family members or conditions.

Dec 23, 2009: Venus (Natal)

Asc conjunct Venus: A time in which your personal attractiveness is very high; you may look and feel very good; others are impressed with you; a time of charm and graciousness; favorable for being out in the public and being well-received; confidence and self-assuredness; financially this may be a successful time as others see value and worth in your efforts; a favorable time for meeting someone attractive.

Dec 23, 2009: Jupiter (Natal)

Des conjunct Jupiter: A time of optimism regarding contracts, agreements, and activities involving others; receiving offers from others that are generous; the opportunity to enter into a partnership, or association with another; great popularity with others, and demand for your time and presence; this may also be a time when others promise great things, but can they deliver on these promises? You would be wise to put these promises into a formal contract, and not rely heavily upon trust of what others say right now. In any event, contact with others seem very encouraging, and a source of excitement and happiness at this time. It is also favorable for any dealings with attorneys or agents - they may have something better than even you conceived prior to meeting with them; this is a period of working well with others and coming to an agreement or understanding that is mutually beneficial.

Dec 26, 2009: Uranus (Natal)

Des conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you may meet strange and unusual people; others may act very erratically, especially partners or mates; an unusual and unexpected experience with another person; agreements with others may be broken, and yet new agreements may be forged; difficulties with the mate or partner, or with an associate due to a possible misunderstanding, or intentional violation of an understanding; trying something new with a partner that is exciting; meeting new people with whom you may have little in common, yet you are attracted to them, and they to you.

Dec 31, 2009: Saturn (Natal)

MC conjunct Saturn: This is a time when you may experience disappointment, setbacks, or delays in attaining goals you have set for yourself; there may some disappointing news in regard to work; a time of rejections, denials, withholding of support that you desired; professional growth may be slowed; however it may be favorable for re-writing or re-stating or re-thinking your goals more clearly now; the opportunity to organize your thoughts and goals regarding work; the potential of difficulties with your parents or employers; tension or stress in your work; you may be best advised to take more time to work things out more properly; not a favorable time to ask for favors or support at work; denial of your requests.

Jan 08, 2010: Mercury (Return)

Asc conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communication and/or travel; there may be many new ideas you would like to express; favorable for writing, reading, speaking, or learning; a time of great intellect and mental alertness; good sense of humor; a time of making deals, and possibly purchasing things like computers, electronic devices, or communication objects; a favorable time to contact someone about an idea you have, or to receive a call from someone who has an idea for you; favorable communication.

Jan 08, 2010: Jupiter (Return)

Asc conjunct Jupiter: A time of great happiness in general; a period in which you are likely to be very open-minded, charitable, optimistic, and of good cheer; enjoyment of activities with friends; a "good experience" with others; festive activities; success in one's social life as well as business; the opportunity to enter into agreements with others along the lines of your interests; making proposals to others, and being accepted; a time of great joy and love of life; perhaps a time of too much drink, food, or indulgence in excess; a successful venture; entering into favorable unions with others through your own initiative. This may be a time of luck.

Jan 11, 2010: Mars (Return)

Asc conjunct Mars: A time of great energy and drive, when you are highly motivated; a very active and possibly eventful time of the year; a time when you are likely to start new projects; a pioneering spirit, and a time of great independence and ingenuity; there may be a tendency towards arguments and anger now; it is wise to exercise great self-control and restraint; it is not wise to hurry or rush, as accidents may happen; a time of increased sexual passion.

Jan 11, 2010: Mercury (Natal)

Asc conjunct Mercury: A time favoring communication and/or travel; there may be many new ideas you would like to express; favorable for writing, reading, speaking, or learning; a time of great intellect and mental alertness; good sense of humor; a time of making deals, and possibly purchasing things like computers, electronic devices, or communication objects; a favorable time to contact someone about an idea you have, or to receive a call from someone who has an idea for you; favorable communication.

Jan 15, 2010: Moon (Return)

Asc conjunct Moon: A time of many changes; the life may be in some sort of flux right now; difficulty seeing clearly due to highly charged emotions; the wish for security and stability, to get things completed and sorted out; changes in the home life or in regard to your normal routines; significant developments involving women; it may be a time of intimacy and closeness, but be careful of becoming too dependent or emotional, except with those whom you trust greatly. This may be a favorable time to take someone you love out for the evening - dinner and entertainment.

Jan 17, 2010: Neptune (Return)

Asc conjunct Neptune: This is a time to be a little cautious of your thoughts, as there may be a tendency to fantasy and self-delusion; you may totally misunderstand something, or misread something, and if so, this may be embarrassing to you; a tendency to be "in a fog", to not be totally in the here and now, to be forgetful and absent-minded; as your imagination is highly stimulated, this may be a favorable time to entertain, to go out and have a romantic evening with someone you love (and trust); it is not favorable in dealings with those whom you do not trust, or with whom you are suspicious; this is a time when you may need counseling or you are able to provide counseling to others; it is a time of feeling vulnerable, and perhaps of being gullible; it is also a time in which your body is highly sensitive to drugs, alcohol, or medications, and your immune system may be weak.

Jan 18, 2010: Pluto (Natal)

Des conjunct Pluto: This is a time in which you may encounter others who try to force you into accepting agreements or matters against your will; a time of meeting very intense and forceful people; it is a period in which agreements and relationships may be terminated, or at least threatened with termination; conflicts over money or power with others; rejections from others is possible now; in all dealings with others, it is best to proceed slowly, and with the attitude of trying to find areas of compromise that benefit both parties - things can change for the better so long as it does not evolve into a contest over who has the power; positively, this may bring you in touch with very deep and profound people, or those who have done incredible research and who wish to share this with you.

Jan 24, 2010: Sun (Natal)

Asc conjunct Sun: A time of great vitality and energy, when you might exude much confidence and psychological strength; a time of recognition and favorable attention; you look and feel healthy, and others are attracted to you; a creative time; a time of exhibiting leadership qualities.

Feb 01, 2010: Saturn (Return)

Des conjunct Saturn: This is generally not a favorable time for agreements or negotiations with others; others tend to resist you, or in some way try to force to "give in" to their demands, which are not always in your best interest; disappointment in others, especially if they exhibit a lack of integrity and willingness to follow through upon agreements already made; the possibility of violating a contract or understanding, and letting someone else down, or being let down by another; tension in partnerships, marriage, or work associations; frustration in getting others to see your point of view, or in general dealings with others; a rejection, or an effort to get you to accept "less"; a possibility of finally forging out a compromise and agreement, of putting it into form, but you better check it carefully and be certain that it does not obligate you beyond your wishes; illness with one's mate or partner is possible; the mate or partner may be depressed and under much pressure, and may require your help or patience; on the other hand, the mate may not offer support that you need; a need to be sensitive to others, and to be around others who are supportive of you.

Feb 02, 2010: Uranus (Return)

Asc conjunct Uranus: This is likely to be a time of great excitement, but also one of unexpected events arising in your life; if flexible, this could become something quite positive, and certainly enlightening; a time of great inspiration, and perhaps willingness to take risks and try new things; a break from your normal pattern, and a tendency to act differently than others expect of you; you may actually surprise, or shock others, with your behavior; being unconventional, but highly interesting; magnetic, with the ability to attract new people into your realm, but perhaps people with whom you share very little in common, other than mental or physical "chemistry"; a "strange" personal experience may happen to you at this time; a tendency to feel very independent, and perhaps do things that are highly individualistic; this may not be a time of agreements with others, as they may not understand you.

Feb 08, 2010: Moon (Natal)

Asc conjunct Moon: A time of many changes; the life may be in some sort of flux right now; difficulty seeing clearly due to highly charged emotions; the wish for security and stability, to get things completed and sorted out; changes in the home life or in regard to your normal routines; significant developments involving women; it may be a time of intimacy and closeness, but be careful of becoming too dependent or emotional, except with those whom you trust greatly. This may be a favorable time to take someone you love out for the evening - dinner and entertainment.

Feb 10, 2010: Pluto (Return)

MC conjunct Pluto: This is a time when you may experience threats to your role at work; power plays and positioning for influence may cause much tension around you; others may be plotting behind your back; the termination of a task or role or work; the need to change things as they are, perhaps forcibly, but hopefully with a sense of improving the condition; removal of a father-figure or a superior, or an experience of their intensity at work.

Feb 15, 2010: Venus (Return)

Asc conjunct Venus: A time in which your personal attractiveness is very high; you may look and feel very good; others are impressed with you; a time of charm and graciousness; favorable for being out in the public and being well-received; confidence and self-assuredness; financially this may be a successful time as others see value and worth in your efforts; a favorable time for meeting someone attractive.

Keeping a Diary of Your Solar Return Experience

Astrology is a language of symbols. It is also a study of time. At any given point in time, astrological symbolism is present which assists in the understanding of that time.

Throughout our life, people come in and situations arise. On the surface, these people are indeed people, and these situations are indeed specific, identifiable conditions. However, these people and these situations are also symbolic of lessons in life which

each one of us is working on. Our experiences with these people and these conditions afford us an opportunity to understand ourselves more fully, to get a grasp on our patterns, and possibly to make a conscious effort to break those patterns if we so wish.

In the course of your solar return day, you will come into contact with people and situations. You will experience certain conditions that arise in your life. And you will react as well as interact with these people and circumstances. You will have impressions and make judgments concerning these events and interactions. In some cases, you will react favorably, and judge them as positive experiences. In other cases, you may react more critically, and judge them less favorably.

The moments of these experiences and these interactions with others during the solar return day can be progressed into the future of this year. Basically the premise is this: whatever you experience during the solar return day will symbolically represent the nature of your experiences during the solar return year. Furthermore, the time of these experiences - whether external or internal - will relate to a specific period in the year when that "symbolism" will likely repeat. The formula is the same as used in the calculation of the solar return Moon. That is, every two hours of time from your solar return represents one month of time from the date of your solar return. In the same token, approximately every four minutes of time is the equivalent of one day in the solar return year.

Therefore it can be very enlightening to carry paper and pen with you on the day of your solar return. Mark down the time in which things happen during this day. In fact, you may want to keep a very detailed daily record of what happened as it goes along. It is also a good idea to plan things during the day which you know will be favorable and enjoyable, as that will set the tone of a favorable and enjoyable activity later on this year.

To briefly illustrate, let us assume your solar return occurs at 6:00 PM. At 8:00 PM, the circumstances that you experience (in the external world, or your interior world) will be symbolic of what is going on in your life about one month after your birthday. If you went out and had a wonderful dinner with someone you love, then perhaps one month later you will find your life very wonderful, almost like being out for a wonderful dining experience.

The daily record should begin six hours before your solar return, and continue 30 hours afterwards. The six hours before are symbolic of the three months leading up to your birthday. Even these events and circumstances are symbolic of what you have already gone through, and seeing the symbolism helps put the recent past into perspective. The six hours following the 24 hours of the birthday are also important. They refer to the momentum of this year carrying into the next solar return, and your ability to make the successful transition from one year's issues to the next.

Choosing One's Solar Return

One of the most exciting facts about solar returns is that you may actually choose your own horoscope wheel for the year! Your choice is limited, as might be expected, by both certain mundane as well as astrological factors. From an astrological point, your

choice is limited to the angles and house placement of planets as well as rulerships, which covers quite a bit of territory. Your choice does not consist of what relationship (aspects) the planets will have to each other or to your other natal planets -- only their relationship to your solar return angles and houses. From a mundane point of view, your choice is limited to your means and willingness to be mobile at the time of your solar return. The angles and houses are directly related to your location at the moment of your solar return; hence, your freedom and willingness to travel to specific location will influence just how much choice you have in creating your own chosen horoscope for the year. And another limitation, of course, is your knowledge and ability to work with solar returns, for without this knowledge you have absolutely no choice in the matter whatsoever.

What you can determine, then, are the axes of the Earth -- the horizon and meridian of the solar return chart. The actual moment of the solar return will not change -- cannot be changed; but the local mean time (LMT) and consequently the True Sidereal Time of the solar return can be chosen; hence, the angles and houses -- the "structure of the experience" in the forthcoming year -- can also be chosen.

In choosing your solar return chart for any given year, there are two basic questions you might ask: first, "What area of life do I want to highlight (in a positive manner) this year?," and secondly, "What are my boundaries, or limitations, in traveling at the time of my solar return?" Obviously if the most astrologically desirable place to celebrate your solar return is somewhere in China, a combination of financial, governmental, and time factors may make that choice an impossibility. So you must work within the boundaries of your means, or those means placed upon you by "outside" forces.

In answering the first question, you should remember some of the basic rules presented earlier. For instance, a balance of planets in the different house types is desirable; a majority of planets in angular houses - or at least three personal planets posited there -- will indicate a "significant" year; an overabundance of planets in cadent houses will tend to indicate the opposite -- a year of changes and/or preparation for future years.

Locating planets in harmonious aspect to an angle is most desirable, and so too is the positioning of benefics close to a house cusp -- especially in that house which pertains to your areas of interest for this year. Another desirable placement is a harmonious aspect between a planet in a particular house to the planet that rules that house. If you are able to arrange for a combination of these factors to occur, according to the house chosen to be highlighted, then it is a favorable indication that matters ruling that area of your life will flow successfully in the coming year.

There are, of course, some factors that will inhibit even the finest of house and angle arrangements. If the aspects between your solar return planets to each other, and even to your natal planets, are discordant according to the expressions you wish to highlight, there is not much that can be done to "assure" their favorable expression this year. At best, you can "lessen" their potential negative manifestation by traveling somewhere that will position an angle to make a "soft" (harmonious) aspect to one of the planets involved. For example, if there is a T-square in the solar return chart involving planets in

houses that you have determined are important to you in the coming year, you may wish to travel somewhere at the time of your solar return that will bring the horizon (Ascendant - Descendant axis) or meridian (Midheaven and I.C. axis) into a favorable aspect (sextile/trine) to the planet and/or house ruler you are concerned about.

It is also possible to more greatly empower positive aspects between planets in your solar return chart by simply traveling to a point in which these same angles make yet another positive aspect to them. For instance, if you have a trine between two planets that relate to an area of great personal interest this year, you might consider traveling somewhere for your birthday that will find the Midheaven or Ascendant forming a grand trine to these planets. That location would greatly enhance the expression and experience of the two trining planets during the course of the year.

If you are not an astrologer, and you are interested in designing a solar return chart that most positively highlights your solar return planets, you are advised to consult a well-trained, qualified and professional astrologer who can assist you in this matter. This would be greatly suggested in the event that you find certain parts in the "Planets In Aspect To Angles", or "Planets Conjunct The Solar Return House Cusps" sections particularly troubling. Those conditions can be altered simply by traveling for your solar return. In addition, planning a trip on your birthday is an excellent idea. It will cause you to put great conscious effort into that most sacred of all days of the year for you personally - your birthday, the day the Sun and Earth return to their exact position of your birth moment. It is a special day for you every year. Treat it with reverence. Make its unfoldment an annual pilgrimage, a mission, a challenge for you to have a super experience. The experiences of that day will be the foundation for the whole of your next year of life.