

SOLAR RETURN REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for Jodie Foster



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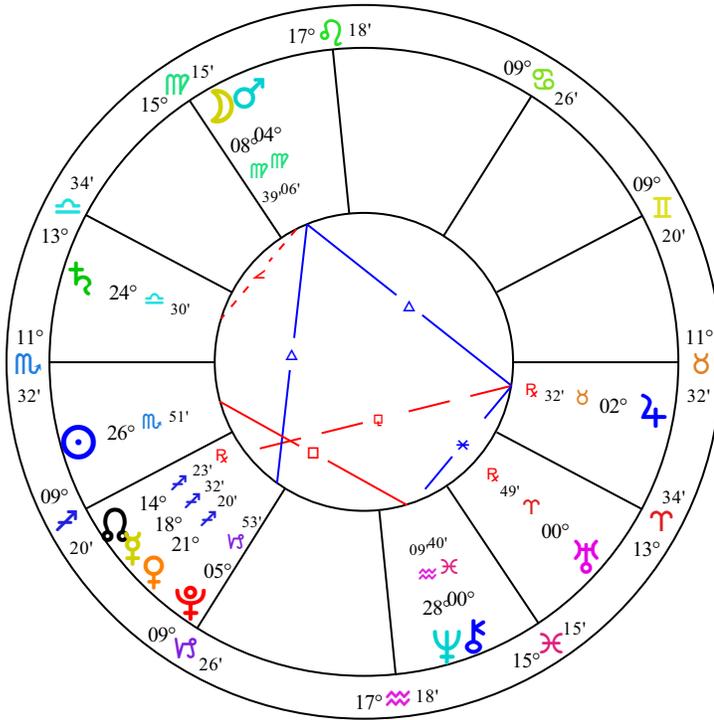
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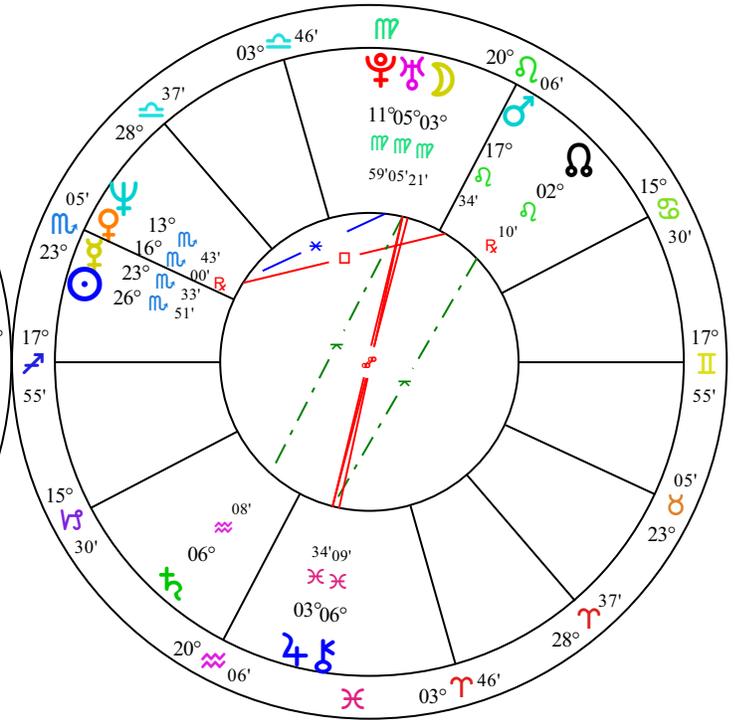
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Jodie Foster

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Virgo	8°Vi39'	10th	
The Sun	Scorpio	26°Sc51'	1st	
Mercury	Sagittarius	18°Sg32'	2nd	
Venus	Sagittarius	21°Sg20'	2nd	
Mars	Virgo	4°Vi06'	10th	
Jupiter	Taurus	2°Ta32'	6th	
Saturn	Libra	24°Li30'	12th	
Uranus	Aries	0°Ar49'	5th	
Neptune	Aquarius	28°Aq09'	4th	
Pluto	Capricorn	5°Cp53'	2nd	
Chiron	Pisces	0°Pi40'	4th	
The North Node	Sagittarius	14°Sg23'	2nd	
The Ascendant	Scorpio	11°Sc32'	1st	
The Midheaven	Leo	17°Le18'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Semisquare	Saturn	0°51'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Neptune	1°18'	Applying
Mercury	Sesquisquare	Jupiter	0°59'	Separating
Mercury	Trine	The Midheaven	1°13'	Separating
Mars	Trine	Jupiter	1°34'	Separating
Mars	Trine	Pluto	1°46'	Applying
Jupiter	Sextile	Chiron	1°51'	Applying
Uranus	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	1°29'	Separating

Introduction



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

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

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

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

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

THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME



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

The Ascendant

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

The Ascendant is in Scorpio

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

The intense sign of Scorpio urges you to discover your own emotional truth. Logic, both your own and other people's, is unlikely to feature largely during this year. You are sharply aware of the role that emotions play in people's interactions and decisions, and are keen to discover the emotional truth. Other people may only be partly aware of the insights that you are gaining, both into your own subconscious motivations and theirs. However, you are ready to pounce, changing

the course of your own life, and perhaps profoundly affecting the lives of others. Truths that have been buried in the past are likely to surface during this year. Perhaps you trusted loved ones only to discover that all was not as it seemed. It is not too late to honestly appraise emotional situations and put them right, however; you may have to be willing to step into murky waters before real healing and cleansing can take place. Although this is an intense year, it is a very enlightening one. You are shining a light on the darker corners of your past and present, so that you can gain greater understanding, forgive yourself and others, and walk on with a much lighter load.

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 1st House

Self-development is the major theme of your year. This year you are keen to master many aspects of your own life, in particular your self-expression. In other words you want to shine as the major player in the production that is your life. Whereas in other years you have focused on your home, family and other people, this year you have to concentrate on yourself. It is possible that circumstances conspire to force you to face facts, but perhaps you are also eager to embrace a new sense of self. Your own health and happiness are paramount. As a result you are likely to expend a lot of time and energy on pursuits that promote your own well being. Others may feel a little neglected but you are unlikely to change your course. You feel that you don't need other people's co-operation, but you should be aware of the consequences of your actions right now. Bear in mind that you may be a little extreme in your focus on your own happiness and try not to exclude your loved ones. If you act too selfishly then you may discover that others leave you to enjoy your own company, either temporarily or permanently. If this is what you want then you are likely to be happy. If not then you could feel isolated and cut off from the support and love of other people. So have some fun because this year you can spend time updating your image, improving your physical fitness, and developing new personal and inter-personal skills to assist you in the next phase of your life.

If you have been working on a project behind the scenes then this is the year in which you truly shine. All of your hard work pays off and you receive the recognition and rewards that you truly deserve. Try to share your bounty with others, rather than take all of the credit for yourself. As English clergyman and poet John Donne once said, *"No man is an Island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main..."*

10th House Cusp is in Leo

The Sun also shines its rays on a different area of your annual chart when taking into account rulerships, a system used by astrologers to link planets and signs. In your case your annual Sun is ruling the tenth house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters directly linked to career, marital status or parenthood. During the course of your year you are likely to make life-changing decisions regarding the course of your career, or your marital status. Your role as a parent or grandparent may change, as you welcome the birth of a child, or as older children leave home.

The Sun is Square Neptune

When the Sun and the planet Neptune are influencing each other in your birthday chart then you can be sure that they are also appearing in other forms of your yearly astrology events. This emphasizes the affect, and some would say the lesson, that the dreamy Neptune has on your life right now. Quite simply the message is: "it is time to follow your dreams". You are seeking more magic in your life, whether this is through a romantic liaison, artistic inspiration, spiritual enlightenment or remote and beautiful holiday. If you are already a dreamy type of person, then you are likely to be even

more soft and creative this year. You need to make sure that your sensitivities and fears don't hold you back. If you are usually more ambitious, practical and analytical then you are likely to notice the softening effect of this mystical planet. At first you may feel a little lost, lacking your usual clarity. If you continue to push then you may become tired and unwell. Illness may force you to slow down and contemplate. It is important to note that this planet can have a powerful camouflaging affect and that all personality types are well advised to avoid drugs, alcohol, religious sects and unscrupulous business deals. This is not an auspicious time to be making sound financial decisions. You are better advised to follow your dreams in a way that does not burn bridges. Let yourself fall in love by all means, enjoy the romance and the sweetness, but don't make a commitment until you have passed through this phase. Explore spiritual practices, delight in your newfound metaphysical discoveries but maintain your commitment to yourself, family and finances until you have integrated your lessons into daily life. Likewise you may use this time to explore your artistic talents, seeking beauty in the arts, but now may not be the time to give up your day job. As your dreams unfold you can gradually integrate the lessons in a useful manner. The idea is to slow down, contemplate and incorporate your imaginings into your life. There is no need to fear the changes that are occurring in your sense of self. Perhaps you need to spend some time in a cocoon, but you can be assured that you are like a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis. Ultimately this is an enchanting process. Take your time and don't force the process. Someone once said, *"the greatest treasures are those invisible to the eye but found by the heart."*

THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS



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

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

The Moon

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

The Moon is in the 10th House

Are you heading in the right direction? If so then your life is unlikely to undergo major changes, however, this is the year to ask yourself, what is the best life that I can have? and then make the necessary adjustments. A new job, promotion,

marriage, change in parenthood, or more prominent role in public office are all on the cards during this year. The changes that occur are most likely to be in your career, but you can be noticed in public in other ways such as taking on a more important role in a community or political group, a marriage ceremony, taking on a more managerial role at work, or shouldering responsibilities for children.

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

The Moon is in Virgo

The Moon currently resides in the element of Earth in the sign of Virgo indicating that this is the year in which you take charge of your own life, in particular your own health and happiness. You need to get practical about personal matters. If you want to go out and play then this is an unlikely year. Right now you have too many responsibilities, which you need to tackle before you can even contemplate a lighter side to life. You need to take control, in the most positive sense of the word. This may involve some re-organisation, sacrifice of immediate emotional needs, and hard work. Instant gratification is not the order of the day. If you want to make the most of the opportunities that come your way during the year, then you need to stay focused and take charge of your life. It is a busy year during which you can achieve much if you manage your life well. You need to use your common sense, plan your schedule and keep your nose to the grindstone. In personal matters you are inclined to be more detached. You are able to make decisions based on logic and analysis. You can formulate a plan for your personal life and carry it out in detail. This may also be true for your working environment if you are in a position of responsibility. You are less likely to tolerate uncooperative employees or co-workers. Your decisions are more likely to be based on sound analysis of a situation rather than emotion. As a result of the changes that you make this year, your daily life may not be as comfortable as usual, but you are not seeking comfort this year. You are practical, methodical and ready to exchange bad habits. You may have something to prove to yourself, or to your loved ones. Either way you have the mental resources to adopt new behaviour that promotes your health and happiness. You can apply yourself with more self-discipline than usual. For instance you may incorporate a specialised training schedule in order to prepare for a particular project. This has the benefit of keeping you fit, as well as helping you achieve your goals in areas that matter a great deal to you personally. In fact right now you need to pay attention to your bodily needs, rather than your spiritual ones. You need to eat more healthily and improve your diet. If you don't then you visit the doctor or health professionals more often than you would like. The good news is that others are likely to notice the manner in which you conduct your life. Your good deeds can earn you the respect that you seek. New habits and routines adopted now stand you in good stead for a healthy and happy future.

The Moon is Semisquare Saturn

Duty is the theme in your private life this year. It is time to reassess your duty to your loved ones, your home and yourself. If your life has been out of balance then you may face a challenging year in which you need to focus less on your professional life and more on your personal responsibilities. Eventually you may make changes in either your professional or personal life, that bring you more in line with what you believe to be your role. However, you may not feel good initially. There is no point shirking your responsibilities. Jobs left undone, and loved ones neglected, are only going to make you feel worse. You need to make a commitment to yourself and your family and put your house in order. As a result you may purchase a new property, or perhaps make a commitment to take care of a family member.

Sometimes this combination of the sensitive Moon and the more structured Saturn can coincide with a happy event such as the birth of a child which involves a stronger focus and more time spent at home. However, it could also indicate a year in which you focus on getting your house in order, catching up on odd jobs, renovation work or landscaping. This is unlikely to be a social year unless other aspects of your astrology chart indicate to the contrary. Rather, you are likely to be somewhat isolated, either because you feel more contemplative or because your domestic situation demands that you stay at home. You may be lonely but it is time to dig deep and find a well of emotional endurance. Long term planning is like to alleviate any immediate concerns. You can gain self-confidence by reflecting on, and applying yourself to everyday jobs. If you do not already know it, then it is time to learn the value of working hard to build foundations in your private life. You have self-respect and the ability to earn the respect of your loved ones. As the philosopher and writer Albert Camus said, *"in the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."*

Venus

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

Venus is in the 2nd House

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

Venus is in Sagittarius

The planet of love is in a Fire sign this year indicating that you are more adventurous in love and money matters. Generally speaking you are more willing to take risks when it comes to love and money. Even if you usually enjoy security, you are prepared to venture out of your comfort zone a little. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to outgoing, artistic or adventurous types. If you are attached, then you or your partner is likely to initiate changes. You are ready. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your personal life.

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES



"If we could be twice young and twice old we could correct all our mistakes."
 -- Euripides Ancient Greek Playwright

Mars

The planet Mars tells you about your assertion and drive for the year. It depicts what motivates you in the current year, and what desires drive you most powerfully. Are you ambitious for professional power, or do you desire a meaningful relationship? Are you likely to be highly motivated, or perhaps ready to sit back and cruise for a while? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in your birthday chart.

Mars is in the 10th House

You are keen to take action to achieve your life-long goals. If you have been settling for second best in your career, now you are likely to challenge authority. If you are self-employed then you may employ an adviser, or take a different direction on your own accord. If you are an employee then you are likely to lay down your demands before your boss and expect them to be met. If your boss does not come to the party, then you are likely to seek other employment, or perhaps even defy authority and resign on the spot. There is a famous line in the movie "The Network". Actor Peter Finch says, "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" This is likely to be your motto, if any one blocks your path. At times your career may feel a bit like a battlefield, as you vie for either your own autonomy, or top position. You are arming yourself, gathering allies and ready to march on in your professional life. You may feel a bit driven this year, a kind of "now or never" feeling. As such you may over react at times, but you are focused on winning the war, not the battle, and so your far-reaching goals are likely to help stabilize your plans. It is also possible that you get married this year, either a long term lover or actively seek someone suitable for marriage. If marriage or parenthood has been a life-long goal then you are keen to fulfil this ambition. It is true that the time is right for you to instigate changes that have long term benefits, but you also need to be wary of making rash decisions that have long-reaching consequences. You are on a quest for your own fulfilment, but remember that others can be co-opted to help you achieve your ambitions, rather than alienated along the way.

Mars is Trine Jupiter

This is your year to re-evaluate your life's purpose and make sure that you are on the right road. You can face your fears and find the courage to take action to broaden your horizons. In other words you need to move out of your comfort zone and take strides towards achieving your goals. This may be easier said than done. Right now your life can be adventurous if you take considered steps towards your ultimate objectives. This means taking short term measures to ensure long term success. The types of ventures that you may like to consider include starting a new project, travelling, studying, teaching, sowing the seeds for a political initiative or trying out a new sports program. Any venture that is close to your heart is likely to appeal, and may warrant a change of direction. The key to your success this year is remaining open to new ideas and avoiding becoming stuck in your current beliefs. If you are impatient demanding instant results then you are likely to become exhausted because you have taken on board too many tasks. Remember to take one step at a time and to enjoy your accomplishments along the way. You cannot change the world in one day. If you re-evaluate your priorities, then you are more likely to succeed in achieving your short term objectives, as well as making major inroads to long term triumph.

Mars is Trine Pluto

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

Uranus

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

Uranus is in the 5th House

How flexible are you? Can you adapt to your surroundings in a creative manner, supporting others in their artistic endeavours? Do you help out with other people's children? Are you a creative parent? This is your year to be more of a free spirit. As such you may need to make changes when it comes to creativity and dealing with children. If you are already artistic, freely expressing yourself through your works then you are likely to have sudden and unexpected opportunities to work in a different way. You can try new ideas, express yourself more truly through your work and perhaps work more independently than you have before. If you have secret dreams to take up an artistic hobby, or play

or create computer games, or express yourself in any creative project then this is your year to “come-out”. If you make excuses then you are likely to have those excuses stripped away. Even if your responsibilities demand that you have little spare time, you can still start a class, or put aside a little time for your own creative expression. You can speculate this year and enjoy the process, however; gambling is to be avoided. Children also feature largely this year, either your children or someone else's. Your relationship to children is likely to change dramatically. This could be the year during which a child starts school and hence frees up some of your time to start a creative project. On the other hand a child could be born, or you could start a relationship with someone who already has children from a previous marriage. If this is the case then children are likely to have a disruptive influence, as you attempt to create an environment in which everyone has the right to express him or herself. This is your year to re-evaluate what it means to have fun, to remain flexible and open to new creative opportunities and to rekindle a passion for imaginary, romantic and artistic realms.

Pluto

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

Pluto is in the 2nd House

Money is a challenge this year. On a positive note you could attract a windfall and face the challenge of how to manage your newfound wealth. However, it is more likely that you are required to learn how to manage your existing finances differently. The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. You are being challenged to see the truth about the ways in which you handle your finances. Are you good with money? Do you know how to make the most of your income? Are you on a regular salary or self-employed? If so how can you better manage your finances? Are you hopeless with financial planning, constantly spending as much if not more than you earn? Are you in debt? Whatever your monetary management skills, you are being challenged to re-evaluate. If you are in arrears then this is the year to reduce your debt. You would also be well advised to ensure that your taxes and any other financial matters are all up to date. You may need to seek the help of an accountant or financial advisor. If you seek the advice of a financial advisor then you need to make sure that you trust this person implicitly. You have the potential to invest in areas that are lucrative, but this is not the year to be risking large amounts of money in unworthy or dodgy schemes. It is time to ensure that you are solid in your own personal value system, that your morals are intact, that your self-worth is strong and as a result that you enjoy greater abundance.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now. What does this mean? One dictionary describes “power” as, “*the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness.*” It is time for you to gain a greater understanding of these matters in relation to your personal value systems and the way in which you handle money.

THIS YEAR'S LESSONS



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

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 2nd House

Your lessons of the year are closely linked to money matters. It is time for you to put your finances in order, to look at your attitudes towards the flow of money in your life and your spending habits. It is possible that other aspects of your life are changing and these are highlighting the role of money in your life. For instance if others facets indicate a change in your home, then this can also affect your personal spending. If romance and relationships are highlighted then this, too, can influence your finances. If you are married then the question may arise as to who is the breadwinner. Perhaps the income earning capacity or role changes this year. This can also work in reverse in that decisions in other facets of your life may be influenced by your monetary needs. For instance you may sell a larger home in order to purchase a smaller one and free up some funds for spending. You may start a job a little longer than you would personally like so that you can receive a financial boost. Alternatively you may apply for a new job with a larger salary. As a result of your changing personal financial needs, you may need to seek the advice of an accountant, tax expert or financial adviser during the course of year. Alternatively you may read and research financial matters by yourself, or attend seminars. You may have long term investments and dividends in the back of your mind, but it is more likely that it is your daily spending habits that are under the microscope. Your household budget, your entertainment funds, and what you do with your loose change are the types of concerns that need to be addressed right now. Others are likely to notice your spending habits, rather than be focused on your investments. As a result your values are being questioned, either by yourself or those around you. Are you a generous person? Do you enjoy your money? Do you need to make changes in the way that you earn your income? These are the sorts of questions that come to mind during the course of the year. As you examine the answers to these questions then you understand the nature of the changes that you need to implement in your life.

Mercury is in Sagittarius

The planet of communications is in a fire sign in your annual chart indicating that you are open to new ideas and

activities. You are quick to voice your opinions this year, and as long as you judge the mood of your listeners or audience then you are likely to inspire a positive response. For this reason you may start a new intellectual activity, such as public speaking, writing, marketing and public relations, or performing. You enjoy expressing yourself freely, and conversing with others. You need to be careful not to be too outspoken. Your popularity will quickly wane if you are seen as a know-all. You also need to learn not to take on too many projects or you could become overloaded and tense. You have the best of intentions but you are not an intellectual super hero, and are only doomed to disappoint yourself and associates if you attempt superhuman intellectual feats. A little creative thinking goes a long way. So try to prioritise according to what matters most. You can switch off your active mind by watching television, reading a novel, magazine, or non-fiction book as well as becoming a fan of the arts. You may also enjoy learning a new skill, or developing your talents.

Mercury is Sesquiquare Jupiter

On the whole you are ready to learn new skills, try new ventures and make new social contacts. In fact someone or something exciting is likely to appear in your life this year. You have many ideas and goals, but perhaps you've so many that you're not sure which ones to follow. Your intentions are good, but you lack the discipline to accomplish your goals. If you are not careful you will speak before you think, exaggerating the truth and making promises that you can't keep. As a result your credibility is generally low, and your personal and professional reputation may suffer. You are over-confident, perhaps arrogant and this is unlikely to help you achieve your goals. Luckily this is a year in which you learn from your mistakes, and are able to talk your way out of most sticky situations. You are popular, and the good news is that you are growing older and wiser with each passing day. This year you can overcome your obstacles, and achieve your goals, and perhaps even teach, preach or write about your lessons.

Jupiter

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

Jupiter is in the 6th House

This is a very busy year indeed. The good news is that you can achieve a lot. The cautionary tale is that you need to be wary of overloading your system. As long as you make sure that you maintain excellent health then this is a busy year in which you tackle many household tasks, work-related chores and perhaps one or two big projects. You are on a roll. If you feel tired then you have either taken on too much, or you need to reassess your workload. You have the opportunity to be working in a job that you really enjoy this year. If you are not enjoying your role, or your colleagues, then you are likely to successfully apply for a different position. This is not a change of career but rather a step into a job that is more uplifting and energising. Enjoyment in your daily life is the key factor. Your colleagues are also likely to note your enthusiasm and application and your reputation improves. You may receive a pay-rise, promotion, and award of some other such reward as recognition of your good work. You may not have time to fully appreciate the benefits until after your next birthday, but try to enjoy the ride.

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 12th House

This is a year of selflessness. Your needs come second to an event or a person, who is experiencing hardships. The

manner in which you cope with this depends on your own personal value system. If you have a strong personal, or spiritual, value system, then you are likely to handle the demands of this year with aplomb, even if you don't always find them easy. Nevertheless this is a testing time, as you are required to put your own needs second to someone else's. This could involve looking after a relative or loved one, or it could involve a career working with downtrodden members of society. In some cases it can be a loss of employment, or a loved one. Your current situation is likely to trigger memories, and perhaps deeply felt emotions, from your past. If you had a poverty-stricken or traumatic childhood, then you are likely to find this time more difficult than most as you battle with grief, guilt, and perhaps trepidation. Your lesson is to avoid adopting a victim-mentality. No one is to blame. If you can come to terms with your past then you can deal successfully with the current sorrow and angst. This year success does not equate with career ambition, or material acquisition. Rather it is a moral victory. In some ways you are battling with the demons of your past, dealing with self sacrifice in the present and the key is to learn to develop emotional fortitude. For instance, you may be the main caretaker of a loved one who has fallen on hard times. This triggers memories of neglect in your child hood where you were forced to prematurely shoulder responsibility. As you come to terms with the differences between the past and the present, you realize that as a child you were powerless, but now you have many resources on hand. You can ask for help from friend and family, organize community-based services to assist and offer love and support to your loved one. Gradually you realize that, as difficult as this situation may be, it is not the same as the past. You may even see this year as one in which you faced significant fears, learned a profound lesson, grew in strength and faith, and gained from an experience that cannot be measured in material terms.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY



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

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

Neptune

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

indicate where to look.

Neptune is in the 4th House

This could be the period when you spend a year by the sea. You may feel the need to escape because right now the foundations of your life may seem a bit unsure. This could be as a result of moving house, or because your domestic situation has changed. For whatever reasons your housing situation is unclear and you are not sure where you belong. You may feel that your home is no longer a haven, or it is possible that you are not living in your usual abode for reasons of your own, or as a result of external events. It is possible that you feel a little lost, wondering if you will ever find your way back home, either literally or emotionally within yourself. You need to find a place where you belong, both physically and emotionally. Perhaps family members have let you down, or possibly they are providing you with a safe haven while you gather your resources. Whatever your circumstances your challenge is to have faith in your ability to provide a roof over your own head, as well as to feel comfortable in your own skin. Try to see the positive side to this confusion. Right now you may be subtly aware of what is wrong in your domestic arrangements, and this can shed light on what you would like to be right. You have the opportunity to imagine what your ideal living arrangements could be. Do you want to live alone, meditating on a mount? Or would you prefer to be surrounded by family or in a commune of friends? Would living by the ocean or in the mountains serve your purpose? The possibilities are endless. You don't have to be concerned with practical matters right now. You simply need to trust that you are heading in the right direction. Try to explore rather than resist this strange elusive feeling. Join a ramblers club, or volunteer to work with the homeless. As a result of your meanderings into different areas of interest you may develop an affinity and compassion for those who are without homes or families. These kind and loving thoughts may mysteriously open up opportunities for you to work in agencies for adoption, the homeless and refugees. The idea is to trust in God's plan, that there is a purpose to this time, and that you are safe as long as you dwell in spiritual realms. You can also try to tune into the subtle energies that emanate from the earth. Try to be responsive to the sights, sounds and scents that surround you. Can you see the beauty in the buildings, nature or people around you? If you really dislike your surroundings then perhaps you could decorate in soft shades, or employ an artist to paint a mural or perhaps invest in a musical instrument or some other such inspirational and soothing art form. You have a chance right now to test your sensitivity and belief in the elemental side of your surroundings, such as fairies and other such elfin creatures that are said to inhabit the earth. If all else fails spend a day in a beautiful cathedral, breathe in the scent of polish and incense, gaze at the stain glass windows and sing praise for anything that is worthy in your life, and all that is good in you. If you prefer to avoid religious buildings, then find an inspirational spot in nature and meditate on your home in the human race.

The North Node

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