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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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 Placidus Houses

Solar Return

Solar Return Chart
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Planet	Posit.	Hs	Cusp		Plan.	Posit.	Hs	Cusp
Sun	12°Le33'	01st	18°Aq03'		Sun	12°Le33'	01st	25°Vi20'
Moon	03°Ge21'	02nd	25°Pi54'		Moon	23°Vi05'	02nd	21°Li19'
Mercury	02°Le20'	03rd	00°Ta18'		Mercury	18°Le47'	03rd	21°Sc32'
Venus	01°Ca47'	04th	28°Ta54'		Venus	28°Le02'	04th	24°Sg42'
Mars	22°Vi35'	05th	23°Ge59'		Mars	20°Vi39'	05th	28°Cp00'
Jupiter	00°Aq52' R	06th	19°Ca01'		Jupiter	14°Cp21' R	06th	28°Aq38'
Saturn	25°Cp20' R	07th	18°Le03'		Saturn	08°Vi09'	07th	25°Pi20'
Uranus	25°Le16'	08th	25°Vi54'		Uranus	22°Pi05' R	08th	21°Ar19'
Neptune	08°Sc36'	09th	00°Sc18'		Neptune	23°Aq09' R	09th	21°Ta32'
Pluto	06°Vi59'	10th	28°Sc54'		Pluto	28°Sg48' R	10th	24°Ge42'
Ascend.	18°Aq03'	11th	23°Sg59'		Ascend.	25°Vi20'	11th	28°Ca00'
Midhvn.	28°Sc54'	12th	19°Cp01'		Midhvn.	24°Ge42'	12th	28°Le38'

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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:

Cadent Houses: Your solar return chart shows a majority of planets in the cadent

houses. This suggests a year of flux as far as your affairs in the world are concerned. This is more so the case if you also have Mutable signs on any angles in this chart. It may also indicate a year of mental activity and preparation for something in your future (beyond the current year). You may end up viewing this as a year of "training," apprenticeship, or some sort of preparation for another phase soon to appear in your life. Many of your plans will likely change, and you might not feel so much in control as usual, but if you are adaptable (and conditions will be such that this is advised), then many favorable alternatives to your current approach to life will arise. If, on the other hand, you are not adaptable, then this situation generally indicates a year of irritation and frustration, for all significant affairs which you enter into seem to be with others who are uncooperative, or with unstable situations over which you have little control. Unless you wish to work on special mental projects, a majority of planets posited in the solar return cadent houses is not the most favorable condition. All cadent houses are the twelfth house of the angular house which follows. Hence an overriding majority of planets here can suggest the undoing of your former and current efforts (shown by angular houses). With this set-up (unless there is some sort of balance shown elsewhere, or else a writing project is contemplated), you might seriously consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return event, somewhere that will move the majority of planets out of the cadent houses, and perhaps into angular houses (i.e. eastward). It is best to consult with a trained and qualified professional Astrologer for assistance in this matter. It is also advisable to make time available for meditation or daily contemplation during this year if you decide to keep this chart, i.e. not travel elsewhere for your birthday.

At best, the majority of planets in your cadent houses favors writing, teaching, and traveling ventures. It could indicate favorable legal matters, depending upon which planets are in or rule your ninth house. It may also indicate many experiences of inspiration, and even moments of a joyful outpouring of bliss (compassion) for others. It could be a time of great spiritual awareness. At worst, it suggests you have a great desire for change, but no real change is effected. It is thus a potentially restless period in which your direction in life is not very clear. It may also correlate to illness, possibly induced by psychological stress. You are advised to watch your diet carefully, and stay with an exercise program.

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:

Solar Return Moon on the 1st house cusp:

This denotes where many changes -- and hence, events -- may occur for you during this year. This is an area where you may have great needs, especially emotionally. Your public image for the year may be effected by circumstances that unfold in this area of life. It also indicates the areas of life in which you may form significant relationships (intimate ones) for the year. It can indicate a potential partnership or marriage in that area of life during the year. It may also indicate an area of life where dependencies upon, or with, other people may form, and these dependencies may not be healthy for you if a high degree of trust is not present. Personal qualities exhibited in this area of life are sensitive, caring, emotional, and perhaps fickle and restless.

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 Venus on the 12th house cusp:

Relationships, love matters, romantic interests, compatibility and harmony with others is highlighted in this area of your life. It shows an area where you may experience popularity, as well as favorable developments in finances, valuables, and possessions. It denotes where you may exhibit good taste -- or style -- for the current year. It shows where you may find compatibility or acquire something of value. It also denotes the areas in which others are likely to show favor to you. It may be that you find things which are pleasing to your nature, i.e. a sense of beauty, in this area of life. It may indicate areas wherein you come across artistic and creative, or meet such types. More significantly it will show where you can make contacts -- and the types of contacts -- that you may use later on, either for yourself personally, or to function as a mediator or go-between for others. The qualities you tend to exhibit in this area of life are graciousness, diplomacy, sociability, and possible stubbornness, jealousy, and possessiveness.

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 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.

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Natal Jupiter on the 5th 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."

The 5th house pertains to your lovers, children, and people you socialize with (i.e. party with). It also has to do with speculative ventures and pursuits of fun and entertainment. It also rules creative pursuits, but mostly it has to do with your capacity for enjoyment of life and relationships with children.

Natal Saturn on the 5th 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.

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Natal 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.

Solar Return Uranus on the 7th house cusp:

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):

Return Moon Conjunction Ascendant (Orb: 2°14')

Moon Conjunction Ascendant is both harmonious and discordant.

Moon in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year of many positive changes which effect you emotionally. Very intimate relationships may be cultivated, or solidified (as in marriage). You are well aware that others care greatly for you, and as a recipient of that love, your own inner nature is moved deeply. Your emotional needs are fulfilled. In the eyes of the public, you are held in very high regard. If you wish to make changes in your residence - either relocate or remodel your home - this year denotes success. In all matters dealing with the family or real estate, this portends favorable results. It is a year to nurture and be nurtured, to care and be cared for. It is potentially a year of a great and special love.

Moon in discordant aspect to horizon: This is a year that may present many special emotional challenges. You tend to be very sensitive, and perhaps easily hurt or offended, especially by those you care a great deal about, or by the public in general. It may be best not to take things so personally. However, if others attack your character in a personal way, it may be hard to avoid. There could be unique and special problems involving a woman. Perhaps one is too dependent upon you, or perhaps one you love is ill (i.e. mother figure). This may not be a favorable year in which to relocate the family, as adjustments to new conditions are not easy. A sense of loneliness or restlessness may be pervasive. It may be necessary to engage in intellectual pursuits in order to distract the mind from emotional matters.

Return Mars Conjunction Ascendant (Orb: 4°41')

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 Jupiter Trine Ascendant (Orb: 5°32')

Jupiter in harmonious aspect to horizon: You tend to experience great lightness and happiness this year. All things seem to be taken in stride, with a philosophical and positive approach. Your demeanor appears more charitable to others, and more accepting of points of view different than your own. For this reason, it may be easier than usual to laugh and enjoy life. Such an optimistic and flexible attitude makes you a joy for others to be around, and they may want to do things with you. The year therefore favors unions of all kinds - romantic, social, and professional. In many ways, your life grows in leaps and bounds. It is a year of many successes, many opportunities, of much joy. It favors signing contracts, travel, romance, legal matters, publishing, entertainment, education, and dealings with people from foreign countries. It is one of the most fortunate positions, and you are encouraged to remain near this location at the time of your solar return. If the aspect to the Ascendant is not exact, you may wish to consult with a qualified professional astrologer who can advise you on where this aspect would be more exact. The closer this aspect is to exact, the more powerful its correlation to your life experience is likely to be.

Natal Saturn Trine Ascendant (Orb: 0°00')

Saturn in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year of great accomplishments. From these accomplishments may come a title of prestige (i.e. president, vice-president, etc.). You tend to command more respect as well as authority, and you get it. You can handle more responsibilities now because you tend to be more organized and disciplined. This is a year of great maturity and professional recognition. If you have earned it (i.e. prepared well), you will get it. Long-term and positive cycles may be initiated now. It is also a time to begin realizing your objectives and goals in life. Your destiny and purpose seem clearer now. Dealings with older people, or people in positions of authority, go well now.

Return Uranus Conjunct Descendent (Orb: 3°14')

Uranus in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year of unexpected and pleasant - even marvelous - surprises. Your charisma and personal magnetism, whether mental or physical, is extremely high. As such, many new people and new ideas are attracted to you. It is a year favoring new and exciting romances - a very "hot" year. It is also a year of many ingenious new ideas. You are incredibly inventive, and able to apply new thoughts to old problems, thereby coming up with wonderful new solutions. You may feel very youthful and vigorous. Romantic liaisons with people much younger than yourself could happen, or at least with people who turn you on to new ways of looking at things, or even people who you turn on to new ways of looking at things. This year favors purchase of new computers or software, and a new "you", a new style.

Return Pluto Square Ascendant (Orb: 3°29')

Pluto in discordant aspect to horizon: This is a year of threats. There may be a threat to one's very existence, as in a health crisis, or a dangerous situation. There may be a threat to one's position in a group, or in the community, as someone may try to undermine your influence or efforts. Be wary of those who might sabotage. Usually their motives are power or greed. You yourself must be careful of coming across too coercive and intimidating, or dealing with others who are. You may find yourself dealing with rejection, or forced into a position you did not seek.

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.

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 Moon Square Midheaven (Orb: 1°36')

Moon in discordant aspect to meridian: This year may present serious conflicts between your family and work duties. Demands on both ends may cause you to be ultra-sensitive. Relocation may not go smoothly, and your home and/or professional life may be very unsettled. There may be a feeling of great unrest in your personal and professional life. Women at work, or at home, may be the source of great distraction or emotionalism, or they may simply be overly dependent upon you.

Return Venus Sextile Midheaven (Orb: 3°20')

Venus in harmonious aspect to meridian: This year favors financial gains and income opportunities. Many new and favorable contacts may be made in your profession, so you are encouraged to develop relationships which you think have possibilities leading to professional or financial growth. There is much support for your ideas and talents. In the context of a group, or teamwork setting, you are the crux of much harmony, displaying an uncanny ability to resolve conflicts so the goals of the group can be met smoothly. In fact, you seem to have the ability to turn opponents into allies, to make an apparent negative into a positive. Support comes from the home front as well. There is much love and sharing possible within your family structure. If you wish to purchase or sell a home this year, you may realize great value or profit. Romantic liaisons are also possible and it may signify a year of entering into marriage or business partnerships and/or agreements.

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.

Natal Mars Square Midheaven (Orb: 2°07')

Return Mars Square Midheaven (Orb: 4°02')

Mars in discordant aspect to meridian: This year may be fraught with numerous battles and conflicts, both in home and at work. It may be helpful to develop more sensitivity to the effects your actions are having upon others around you. They may feel you are making too many hasty and unwise decisions, decisions that are detrimental to the goals of the company or family. Perhaps you might ask them their thoughts on the matter before embarking upon it. Otherwise you may find yourself stepping on many toes, and upsetting those who support you may have been counting on. The result could be loss of support, even loss of job, as well as conflict within your own home. This set up portends some difficult conditions during the year. You may wish to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return in order to remove this aspect. If you are open to this idea, you are advised to consult with a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

Return Uranus Square Midheaven (Orb: 2°36')

Uranus in discordant aspect to meridian: There is danger of suddenly losing your position this year. Circumstances may arise quite suddenly - without if any preparation on your part - and cause you to shift your focus 180 degrees. These circumstances may be out of your control - a new boss, a new owner of the company. Or they may be a result of decisions you made that may have been off the mark. You may feel like taking risks, but this signature does not favor positive results from taking such risks. Do not go against company policy, or the law, or outside of your normal "bounds." If in business for yourself, this may not bode well for taking on new products. It may be better to stay with the tried and true this year, and not try to be so innovative and progressive. Important work or family contacts may end this year, quite unexpectedly. You are susceptible to making quick and not very-well-thought-out decisions, such as quitting work. Better think twice before acting upon such major decisions. This set up portends some difficult conditions during the year. It may be wise to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return in order to remove this planetary aspect to your meridian. If you are open to this idea, you are advised to consult with a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

Return Neptune Trine Midheaven (Orb: 1°33')

Neptune in harmonious aspect to meridian: You may find yourself being placed upon a pedestal this year by others. Your imagination in work matters, as well as domestic and family concerns, is very great. If you are involved in advertising or marketing, this could be quite helpful. If you design or decorate homes or offices, this is excellent. There is a seductive "glamour" to what you are doing that draws others in. This could be very beneficial in a sales sense, such as creating incentive programs. There is a "romance" about your work - perhaps you really love what you are doing now. It seems as if you

handle pressure quite well; in fact, you may be quite relaxed and laid back this year. Socially, you will do quite well. You are the perfect host or hostess, and everyone loves your parties. In both the home and work setting, you may find others come to you with their problems, and if you listen carefully, they may truly be helped by your counsel. This can create a sense of great inner satisfaction, of knowing you helped someone.

Return Pluto Conjunct Nadir (Orb: 4°07')

Pluto in discordant aspect to meridian: You may be the subject of a vicious power struggle this year. Your position and status may be threatened due to the undermining tactics of another, or due to something entirely out of your control, i.e. illness to yourself or even threat of death to a family member. On some level, some aspect of your existence may be threatened. It may be psychological or professional. You are best advised to get everything out in the open if there is an open conflict brewing, so you know who and what you are dealing with. There is a quality of obsession, either about you or towards you from another. You must learn to offer alternatives, and if the other party accepts, perhaps through mutual sacrifice a "truce" or healing may unfold. Otherwise someone may be terminated from their position.

This set up portends some difficult conditions during the year. It may be wise to consider traveling elsewhere for your solar return in order to remove this planetary aspect to your meridian. If you are open to this idea, you are advised to consult with a qualified professional astrologer for assistance.

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, Different Gender: Obstacles, conflicts, and awkwardness in your emotional life may be felt this year. This may result in tension and discomfort with those close to you. You may tend towards moodiness, and your traits and mannerisms seem to upset those who are close to you. This may be a period of social discomfort, frustrations in the domestic realm and with members of the family, associating with those who do not fulfill your emotional needs (you may feel hurt and/or angry at these people). This may be a year of inner struggles, blockage of your basic psychological urges, and role disparity leading to erratic behavior.

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: When Venus aspects itself, it highlights a year which emphasizes your compatibility, values, possessions, and style.

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: When Mars aspects its own natal position, it indicates a year of much impulsiveness and daring (ad)ventures; everything becomes intensified, and you may be eager (even over-eager) to start new projects!

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.

Fourth house planets in harmonious aspect to rulers:

Harmonious conditions are experienced in the home and family. This favors family gatherings, and any changes involving one's household. Perhaps a change of residence, or birth of a child is forthcoming. It is also favorable for getting in tune with your spiritual self. It portends a deepening of consciousness, getting in touch with one's essence and inner, basic needs.

Sixth house planets in harmonious aspect to rulers:

You may find that you enjoy the work you are doing this year. Not necessarily the profession or the people you work for, but the tasks you are assigned or asked to do are enjoyable and fulfilling. This is a good year to take pride in what you do, for you tend to do very good work. If you are a craftsman, then your skill appreciates greatly this year, and others comment on this. You also tend to get along well with your fellow co-workers. There is a spirit of cooperation and teamwork that emanates from you. This placement also bodes well for your health and diet.

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:

May 29, 2008: Moon Conjunction Mars (Return)

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.

Jul 07, 2008: Moon Opposition Uranus (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you are apt to feel great excitement in your life. It is as if you've suddenly been turned on. You have great new ideas, in fact perhaps some kind of breakthrough - either in your work life, social life, or mentally speaking. This is an inventive period for you. New possibilities come to mind. As you tap into this new

awareness, you become very magnetic to others around you. They are now attracted to you, turned on by your energy. This period favors computers, technology, travel, new automobiles, new adventures, and new friends or romance. Extraordinary things can happen, and this creates much youthful vigor and excitement.

Jul 21, 2008: Moon Conjunction 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.

Aug 05, 2008: Moon Quincunx Neptune (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel as if you are in a fog, out-of-touch, and distracted by thoughts other than what is happening right in front of you. It is necessary to harness all of your energy to keep focused. You may be vulnerable to deception and even betrayal, but you can probably prevent this by just noticing the signs as they arise. If you do notice, then talk to these individuals before they do you harm. Clear things up for them, about you. You are likely to be very imaginative now, and this could be positive in an artistic sense. However you may also be given to fantasies and delusional thinking, so before you fully believe something, make sure there is a basis in reality for your belief. You may be well advised to avoid gossip or talking negatively about others, as it may come back to haunt you. Your "secrets" are not likely to be held in confidence, so be careful of what you say and who you talk about. Your reputation may be on the line, and you may be the subject of false accusations or deceptions. Try to see things as they are, and check your intuition out with reality during this time.

Aug 18, 2008: Moon Semisquare Neptune (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel as if you are in a fog, out-of-touch, and distracted by thoughts other than what is happening right in front of you. It is necessary to harness all of your energy to keep focused. You may be vulnerable to deception and even betrayal, but you can probably prevent this by just noticing the signs as they arise. If you do notice, then talk to these individuals before they do you harm. Clear things up for them, about you. You are likely to be very imaginative now, and this could be positive in an artistic sense. However you may also be given to fantasies and delusional thinking, so before you fully believe something, make sure there is a basis in reality for your belief. You may be well advised to avoid gossip or talking negatively about others, as it may come back to haunt you. Your "secrets" are not likely to be held in confidence, so be careful of what you say and who you talk about. Your reputation may be on the line, and you may be the subject of false accusations or deceptions. Try to see things as they are, and check your intuition out with reality during this time.

Sep 17, 2008: Moon Square 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.

Oct 05, 2008: Moon Trine Saturn (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may tend to feel very organized and in control. There may be the realization that your long-term efforts are paying off. Perhaps credit is coming your way in the form of recognition, greater income, status, and/or new responsibilities and authority. You have earned the respect of others for your accomplishments, dedication, and commitment, and may now be seen as an expert, or authority in your field. This is a time period in which you may feel as if you have reached a certain plateau, or goal, or level in life, and it is satisfying.

Oct 05, 2008: Moon Conjunction 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 10, 2008: Moon Sextile Moon (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel a great and special love for - and from - someone in your life. This arouses the closeness and intimacy drive. This is a fine time to do very special things with people whom you care a great deal about. These experiences may be deeply cherished, and remembered fondly. It is an excellent period for family activities and any domestic changes you wish to make (i.e. renovation, moving, fertility, pets, etc.). A bond is likely strengthened between you and someone special. It is a time that you can depend upon others, and they can depend upon you.

Dec 05, 2008: Moon Semisquare Sun (Natal)

Within six weeks either side of this date you may feel very restless and unsettled. It is important to keep your mind focused and challenged. Matters to do with your work or home life may require additional attention now, as changes may be unfolding. You may not have anticipated these changes, and as such you may be rather moody - or emotional - regarding them. Try to be flexible and open-minded. If you worry too much, you may exhaust yourself. This could lead to a decline in physical energy, even illness. If close relationships are going through a troublesome period, try to be more caring or nurturing.

Understand that you too may require the same of someone else, but it is best not to be too dependent. In fact, dependencies may be the source of the problem: either you - or they - are too dependent upon the other, perhaps causing a sense of "smothering." Changes are probably happening, and they may be out of your control, and the best approach may be to develop a sense of "acceptance", and thereby quickly adapt to them. Otherwise, if you don't accept these changes over which you have no control, you may find yourself frustrated and unhappy, and that sort of whining may cause others to withhold support you need.

Dec 09, 2008: Moon Trine Mercury (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks, changes for the better are possible in regard to your work or service. You are entering a period of mental acuity when your mind is apt to be sharp and quick. You may have the opportunity to make very good deals, as this is a positive business decision aspect. Life - and work - may be quite busy, but you probably enjoy this activity. It is an excellent time to write, speak, teach, learn, and in general it favors all types of communications. Should you have need for a new automobile, computer, software program, or any device that enhances your communications, this is an excellent time for purchase. News may come out at this time that is positive for you. It also favors any activities with young people.

Dec 24, 2008: Moon Square Venus (Natal Solstice Point)

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.

Jan 10, 2009: Moon Square 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 12, 2009: Moon Sextile Midhvn. (Natal)

Within three months of this date, you may experience changes for the better in your work and/or home. Yet this may be accompanied by a great deal of worry and restlessness if the aspect is a conjunction or opposition. There is much support for your changes here. Whether you actually change careers, or just work on different projects within the same role, the change appears beneficial. There is a feeling of "family" with those who you work with. At home, there is a special bond between you and your spouse, children, parents, or whomever you might live with. Your nurturing qualities are appreciated by others. This period favors changes in residence should you or your relatives wish to move.

Jan 19, 2009: Moon Sextile Jupiter (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date you may experience a great deal of success and/or happiness in all of your affairs. This is a time of celebration and joy. Perhaps there are many occasions to socialize or party with friends and/or family. There may be weddings, announcements of births, or other special occasions with which to celebrate. Or, it may be just a very active and pleasurable social period. Your attitude of friendliness and positive thinking helps you in dealings with others. There may be gains through work, contracts, and agreements. Unions with people are positive now as well. This is a time of expansion and success, bringing about great happiness in general. If you are in school, or learning or teaching something of value, or traveling, your experience tends to be very positive. This is a time of confidence and "good feeling."

Mar 08, 2009: Moon Trine Jupiter (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date you may experience a great deal of success and/or happiness in all of your affairs. This is a time of celebration and joy. Perhaps there are many occasions to socialize or party with friends and/or family. There may be weddings, announcements of births, or other special occasions with which to celebrate. Or, it may be just a very active and pleasurable social period. Your attitude of friendliness and positive thinking helps you in dealings with others. There may be gains through work, contracts, and agreements. Unions with people are positive now as well. This is a time of expansion and success, bringing about great happiness in general. If you are in school, or learning or teaching something of value, or traveling, your experience tends to be very positive. This is a time of confidence and "good feeling."

Mar 15, 2009: Moon Trine Midhvn. (Natal Solstice Point)

Within three months of this date, you may experience changes for the better in your work and/or home. Yet this may be accompanied by a great deal of worry and restlessness if the aspect is a conjunction or opposition. There is much support for your

changes here. Whether you actually change careers, or just work on different projects within the same role, the change appears beneficial. There is a feeling of "family" with those who you work with. At home, there is a special bond between you and your spouse, children, parents, or whomever you might live with. Your nurturing qualities are appreciated by others. This period favors changes in residence should you or your relatives wish to move.

Mar 17, 2009: Moon Square Pluto (Return Solstice Point)

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.

Apr 03, 2009: Moon Square Venus (Natal)

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.

Apr 18, 2009: Moon Sextile Mercury (Natal)

Within six weeks, changes for the better are possible in regard to your work or service. You are entering a period of mental acuity when your mind is apt to be sharp and quick. You may have the opportunity to make very good deals, as this is a positive business decision aspect. Life - and work - may be quite busy, but you probably enjoy this activity. It is an excellent time to write, speak, teach, learn, and in general it favors all types of communications. Should you have need for a new automobile, computer,

software program, or any device that enhances your communications, this is an excellent time for purchase. News may come out at this time that is positive for you. It also favors any activities with young people.

May 09, 2009: Moon Sesquiquadrate Ascend. (Natal)

Within three months of this date you may feel rather scattered and more emotional than usual. This tends to be a restless period, and you are encouraged to find something of value to engage your mental energies. You may be over-sensitive to those closest to you, and perhaps you should talk to them about your feelings. You may have a great need to be loved now, but you may also have a knack of driving others away by being too needy or dependent.

May 17, 2009: Moon Trine Moon (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel a great and special love for - and from - someone in your life. This arouses the closeness and intimacy drive. This is a fine time to do very special things with people whom you care a great deal about. These experiences may be deeply cherished, and remembered fondly. It is an excellent period for family activities and any domestic changes you wish to make (i.e. renovation, moving, fertility, pets, etc.). A bond is likely strengthened between you and someone special. It is a time that you can depend upon others, and they can depend upon you.

May 29, 2009: Moon Semisquare Mercury (Return)

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.

Jun 23, 2009: 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.

Jun 23, 2009: Moon Sextile Saturn (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you may tend to feel very organized and in control. There may be the realization that your long-term efforts are paying off. Perhaps credit is coming your way in the form of recognition, greater income, status, and/or new

responsibilities and authority. You have earned the respect of others for your accomplishments, dedication, and commitment, and may now be seen as an expert, or authority in your field. This is a time period in which you may feel as if you have reached a certain plateau, or goal, or level in life, and it is satisfying.

Jul 12, 2009: Moon Square Midhvn. (Return Solstice Point)

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.

Aug 26, 2009: Moon Opposition Moon (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel a great and special love for - and from - someone in your life. This arouses the closeness and intimacy drive. This is a fine time to do very special things with people whom you care a great deal about. These experiences may be deeply cherished, and remembered fondly. It is an excellent period for family activities and any domestic changes you wish to make (i.e. renovation, moving, fertility, pets, etc.). A bond is likely strengthened between you and someone special. It is a time that you can depend upon others, and they can depend upon you.

Sep 10, 2009: 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.

Sep 23, 2009: Moon Conjunction Uranus (Return Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date, you are apt to feel great excitement in your life. It is as if you've suddenly been turned on. You have great new ideas, in fact perhaps some kind of breakthrough - either in your work life, social life, or mentally speaking. This is an inventive period for you. New possibilities come to mind. As you tap into this new awareness, you become very magnetic to others around you. They are now attracted to you, turned on by your energy. This period favors computers, technology, travel, new automobiles, new adventures, and new friends or romance.

Extraordinary things can happen, and this creates much youthful vigor and excitement.

Sep 30, 2009: Moon Sesquiquadrate Neptune (Return)

Within six weeks of this date, you may feel as if you are in a fog, out-of-touch, and distracted by thoughts other than what is happening right in front of you. It is necessary to harness all of your energy to keep focused. You may be vulnerable to deception and even betrayal, but you can probably prevent this by just noticing the signs as they arise. If you do notice, then talk to these individuals before they do you harm. Clear things up for them, about you. You are likely to be very imaginative now, and this could be positive in an artistic sense. However you may also be gi

Sep 17, 2008

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.

Oct 14, 2008

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.

Nov 13, 2008

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.

Dec 16, 2008

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.

Jan 17, 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.

Feb 17, 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.

Mar 15, 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.

Apr 10, 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.

May 11, 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.

Jun 15, 2009

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.

Jul 20, 2009

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:

Aug 08, 2008: 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 11, 2008: 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.

Aug 24, 2008: 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 05, 2008: 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.

Sep 10, 2008: 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.

Sep 12, 2008: 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.

Sep 22, 2008: 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.

Sep 25, 2008: 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 29, 2008: 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.

Oct 03, 2008: 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 05, 2008: 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).

Oct 08, 2008: 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.

Oct 17, 2008: 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 18, 2008: 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 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.

Oct 28, 2008: 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.

Oct 31, 2008: 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.

Nov 01, 2008: 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 02, 2008: 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.

Nov 02, 2008: 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.

Nov 29, 2008: 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 03, 2008: 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.

Dec 16, 2008: 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.

Dec 17, 2008: 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 26, 2008: 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.

Dec 31, 2008: 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.

Jan 01, 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.

Jan 09, 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.

Jan 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.

Jan 13, 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.

Jan 16, 2009: 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 17, 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.

Jan 19, 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.

Jan 24, 2009: 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 25, 2009: 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 01, 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.

Feb 02, 2009: 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 02, 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.

Feb 02, 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.

Feb 05, 2009: 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 08, 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.

Feb 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.

Feb 28, 2009: Neptune (Natal)

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.

Mar 03, 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 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.

Mar 09, 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.

Mar 10, 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.

Mar 19, 2009: 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.

Mar 20, 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.

Mar 27, 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.

Mar 31, 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 02, 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.

Apr 05, 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.

Apr 13, 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 14, 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 15, 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 17, 2009: Venus (Natal)

Asc conjunct Venus: A time in which your pe

Apr 28, 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.

Apr 29, 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).

Apr 30, 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.

Apr 30, 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.

May 04, 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.

May 19, 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.

May 25, 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.

May 27, 2009: 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.

Jun 11, 2009: 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.

Jun 17, 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 19, 2009: 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.

Jun 25, 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 28, 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.

Jul 01, 2009: 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.

Jul 12, 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 13, 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.

Jul 15, 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 30, 2009: 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.

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 Conjoint 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.