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SOLAR RETURN ANNUAL REPORT

Once each year, the Sun returns to the exact position that it held at the time of your birth. This report outlines the astrological influences on the year ahead for the positions of the planets at the precise time of your annual solar return.

The report delineates the influence of the Ascendant, Midheaven, Sun, Moon, and each of the nine planets as they interact with each other and with the Houses of the horoscope. Because there is such a wealth of information, you may find it helpful to orient yourself by first reading the following three sections in their entirety (including their subsections):

§2 - The Solar Return Sun: The Central Focus of the Year.

§3 - The Solar Return Ascendant: Personal Themes for the Year.

§15 - Connections between Planets and House Cusps: Key Events of the Coming Year.

The report is based on your natal and solar return charts cast for the following data:

Richard M. Nixon
Thursday, January 09, 1913 9:35:00 PM
37th U.S. President
Source: Photo of birth record/AA
Whittier, California
Time Zone: 08:00 (PST)
Longitude: 118° W 01' 55"
Latitude: 33° N 58' 45"

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Sunday, January 10, 1971 2:26:10 AM
Solar Return, 0° Separation
Washington, Dist of Columbia
Time Zone: 05:00 (EST)
Longitude: 077° W 02' 12"
Latitude: 38° N 53' 42"

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§1 - Introductory Comments: What is a Solar Return?

Introduction

You have certainly heard the expression "Many happy returns!" - a reference to the annual cycle that begins at your date of birth. The astrological Solar Return is a chart cast for the moment when the Sun returns to the exact position it held in your Natal horoscope. Each year the Solar Return marks the start of your personal New Year, and astrologers look to the Solar Return horoscope to see what events and issues await you in the year ahead.

Astrologers have proposed many methods for interpreting the Solar Return chart. This report follows the method of Alexandre Volguine (1903-1976), a French astrologer who, in 1937, first published his 15 years of research on Returns. Until his death in 1976, Volguine continued to update his study of Returns in subsequent editions of his classic text, "LA TECHNIQUE DES REVOLUTIONS SOLAIRES". For those interested in the astrological theory, the method of Volguine is outlined in the appendix to this report.

In accord with Volguine's method, this report is based on a Return chart cast for your location (which may be different from your birth place) when the Sun returns to its position in your Natal chart. Because we insert an extra day into the calendar every four years during the leap year, your Solar Return may occur either on, or a day before or after, your calendar birthday.

If you do not know your exact time of birth, you can still do a general Return chart by using as your presumed "birth time" the exact moment of sunrise on your birth date. The Solar Return chart calculated from a sunrise birth chart provides a generally accurate astrological forecast for the year ahead; but, if possible, use your actual time of birth to get the most accurate forecast.

According to the astrological theory of Solar Returns, the Natal chart represents a basic blueprint of the individual (similar to the DNA within the nucleus of the cell) and the Return chart reveals the annual renewal or reactivation of the Natal chart as measured against both the ongoing movement of the planets and the newly generated set of House cusps at the time the individual's Natal Sun is "reborn" at the annual (SR) birthday. A key feature of Return chart interpretation involves studying the relationship between the annual Return Houses and the birth chart Houses.

Beginning with the next section, this report will review and interpret the major factors identified by Volguine for identifying the themes and events that will dominate your life during the coming year. The current Solar Return chart actually spans a period of about a year and a half because its influence is felt from three months before the current

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birthday until three months after next year's birthday. This three-month transitional overlap between subsequent Returns represents the period when the themes of one year gradually give way to those of the next.

A note on stressful aspects:

In some delineations you will read that an adverse event could occur if the planet being discussed forms discordant aspects in the chart. The harsh aspects are the semi-square (45 degrees), the square (90 degrees), the sesqui-square (135 degrees), the inconjunct (150 degrees), and the opposition (180 degrees). In addition, the conjunction (joining together) of certain pairs of planets is intrinsically difficult because of the conflicting nature of the planets involved. To determine whether a stressful aspect is in effect, you may need to refer to the section where the aspects formed by the planet were first discussed in the report.

Into every life a little rain must fall. Do not be alarmed if negative predictions show up in various sections of this report. Stressful events often hover as potentials in the background but never materialize. The repetition of a trend in several parts of the horoscope chart is the key to accurate prediction in astrology. In general, adverse events occur only when many aspects or configurations repeatedly point toward their manifestation. If a stressful event is mentioned but once or twice, it is unlikely to manifest. In any case, forewarned is forearmed.

On Aspect Strengths: Next to the aspects you will often find a listing of the "strength" of the aspect. The number you see is based on how close the aspect is to being exact. The higher the number, the more exact the aspect. The aspects range in strength from a low of about 1 to a high of about 8. Theoretically, the very close aspects are more likely to manifest in your life.

Astrological Houses in the Return Chart

If you are not familiar with astrology, it will help to know a little about the astrological Houses as you read this report. You probably know that there are 12 signs of the zodiac. In a similar way, astrologers divide the horoscope wheel into 12 "Houses," which look like a pie cut into 12 pieces. Each House represents a particular area of life. The 1st House starts at the Ascendant, which is the point where the zodiac circle in the heavens crosses the horizon in the east. By convention the Ascendant lies at the "9 o'clock" point on the circle. The remaining Houses follow the 1st House in a counterclockwise direction around the wheel so that the 10th House, which symbolizes your career and standing in the world, lies at the very top of the chart. The entry point into each House is called its cusp. Below is a list of the twelve Houses and some of their key meanings for reference as you read this report.

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1st House: your body, personality, personal initiatives, life force.

2nd House: money, income, possessions, values.

3rd House: communication, analytical thinking, writing, local travel, siblings, neighbors.

4th House: home, family, parents, past conditioning, final endings.

5th House: fun, romance, recreation, vacations, children, sports, gambling, creative self-expression.

6th House: service, health concerns, daily grind, subordinates, tenants, pets.

7th House: significant others, consultants, partnerships, contracts, lawsuits, open enemies, the public.

8th House: death, sex, taxes, joint finances, surgery, investigation, transformation, occult studies.

9th House: higher education, long-distance travel, religion, philosophy, the law, foreign interests, publishing, broadcasting.

10th House: career, worldly status, honors, public standing, reputation authority, bosses, parental figures.

11th House: friends, hopes & wishes, group involvements.

12th House: solitude, imaginative endeavors, confinement, hospitalization, spiritual pursuits, loss of freedom, secret enemies, self-undoing.

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§2.0 - The Solar Return Sun: The Central Focus of the Year

General Significance of the Sun

The Sun, ruler of Leo, is the most important "planet" in the Return. The primal energy of the Sun makes possible our life on earth. The Sun enlivens, asserts, illuminates, vitalizes, promotes, fathers, energizes, individualizes, elevates, and makes conscious. Astrological aspects involving the Sun show how we achieve (or fail to achieve) honor, status, recognition, achievement, and individuation - how we shine, create, and make our mark on the world. People signified by the Sun include fathers, husbands, mature men, bosses, authority figures, and people of influence. In health matters, the Sun symbolizes the heart and the spine.

The Return placement and aspects of the Sun may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by the Sun, or indirectly through people symbolized by the Sun. We will next look at the zodiacal sign and House positions of the Sun in the Solar Return chart.



Return Sun in Capricorn

The Return Sun occupies the exact location in the same sign as the Sun in your birth chart. Having the Sun in Capricorn generally makes you careful, dependable, ambitious, determined, organized, disciplined, reliable, serious, and prudent. Your faults may include being overly shy, materialistic, rigid, exacting, rule-bound, or conventional.

Having considered the sign containing the Sun, we now turn to the Sun's Return House position, which highlights the central themes of the year ahead.

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§2.1 - The House Occupied by the Sun: Major Issues of the Year

Return Sun in the Return 3rd House

The Sun in your Return 3rd House emphasizes intellectual interests, studies, correspondence, communications, the exchange of ideas; and your dealings with siblings, neighbors, and kin. Your mind is full of creative thoughts pushing for expression. The Sun here enlivens and quickens any plans you have regarding selling, publicizing, or marketing your ideas. You are likely to be on the go, attending meetings, making visits, taking classes, using your computer, adding to your knowledge, and being actively involved in your community. You might travel extensively or purchase a new vehicle. If your work involves public speaking or writing, you can be extremely productive. Communicating with others now takes center stage.

§2.2 - The Sun's Aspects in the Solar Return Chart

Return Sun trine Return Saturn (Strength: 4.24)

Now is a time when your hard work pays off. You can move forward in the career arena. It would not be unusual to receive some type of recognition, merit, or award for past efforts. Favorable career developments are possible. You are able to overcome obstacles as you establish yourself in society and work steadily toward your goals. People in authority tend to be kindly disposed toward you.

Return Sun inconjunct Return Midheaven (Strength: 3.11)

The Sun inconjunct the Midheaven calls for adjustments in your life with regard to matters of career, authority, worldly ambition, and parental relationships.

Return Sun sextile Return Mars (Strength: 2.45)

These two fiery planets in harmonious aspect stimulate the adrenaline and increase your initiative for independent action. This will be a busy and energetic year, full of constant activity with little time to rest. Sex may become a high priority, and for some marriage is a possibility. You are able to exercise leadership and can succeed in advancing your career. You can also achieve impressive results in competitive endeavors.

§3.0 - The Solar Return Ascendant: Personal Themes for the Year

The Ascendant-Descendant or East-West Axis in the SR chart

The East-West Axis of the astrological map represents the Celestial Horizon. The Ascendant (in the East) signifies the filter through which you view the world and the manner in which you project your personality toward others. It also reflects your physical body and your personal initiatives. The Descendant (in the West) symbolizes your partnerships, close relationships, and the way you get along with other people.

Planets that form close aspects with the East-West Axis of the Return chart will color your personality style, personal initiatives, and manner of relating. The degree of the zodiac rising in the East (the Ascendant) varies with your location on earth at the time of your Solar Return. If the Return Ascendant receives particularly stressful aspects, some astrologers advise their clients to travel to a location that will minimize or negate those aspects on the day of their Solar Return. In the following section we consider the influence of the horizon (Ascendant-Descendant) axis in the year ahead.



Return Ascendant in Scorpio

The Scorpio Ascendant emphasizes the intense and secretive sign of the scorpion. This year you will need to deal with matters related to power and control, taxes, loans, debts, mortgages, joint finances, sexual issues, psychological conflicts, and property owned jointly with others. Sound financial management, perhaps involving large sums of money, will be essential. You could find yourself involved with investigation, research, matters of health and illness, surgical interventions, near-death experiences, legacies, or inheritances.

More than any other sign, Scorpio represents life and death issues that can bring about radical transformation. A noteworthy loss, separation, or ending may occur in such a year. Significant personal growth and healing are possible. Wisdom can be gained by paying attention to your gut feelings and intuition. Now is a time to bury the hatchet and seek reconciliation with significant people in your life, especially those who may soon leave this earthly plane.

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The Ascendant signifies your body. If the Ascendant-rulers Mars and Pluto form stressful aspects you could encounter health problems (such as illnesses, accidents, injuries, burns, heat stroke, etc). Because Scorpio governs the functions of excretion and reproduction, potential health difficulties could involve the genitals, the gall bladder, or the organs of elimination.

Pluto and Mars are respectively the modern and traditional planetary rulers of the sign Scorpio. Thus, Pluto and Mars are the rulers of the Ascendant in this year's Return chart.

§3.1 - The SR House Containing the Planet Ruling the SR Ascendant

Return Pluto in the Return 11th House

Pluto, the planet of radical change and transformation, occupies your Return 11th House of friends, group affiliations, income from career, and hopes and wishes for the future. Major changes in income are possible. Your leadership skills and revolutionary ideas can have a major impact on a club, group, or organization to which you belong. Powerful friends may assist you in achieving your hopes and wishes. Friends could also help you to gain a deeper understanding of your own psychological makeup. You could get caught up in an idealistic crusade to reform others. Deep-seated concerns about a child or a close friend could occupy your attention. The passing of a friend or acquaintance may occur in such a year.

§3.2 - The Natal House Highlighted by the Solar Return Ascendant

Return Ascendant in the Natal 2nd House

The Natal House placement of the Return Ascendant shows where you are most likely to take personal action during the coming year. Your dominant interests and activities will center around 2nd House matters such as income, finances, money, resources, belongings, and personal values. This is a year to get your financial house in order. Review your budget, plan your savings, make a will, and do what you must to provide for yourself and your loved ones. You may have the opportunity to improve your economic outlook, perhaps by seeking a raise, settling old debts, or pursuing new sources of income. If the planet(s) that rule or occupy the Return 2nd House are afflicted, there is a risk of monetary loss or financial difficulty.

The Return Ascendant-Descendant axis also highlights 8th House issues such as shared resources, taxes, loans, investment income, joint finances, sexuality, mortality,

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spirituality, the afterlife, crises, healing, personal transformation, and occult interests. You seek to understand what is going on beneath the surface. On occasion this can signify a need to deal with a legacy, the goods of the dead, or the passing of someone in your family or in your circle of acquaintances. You could also spend considerable time this year on matters related to your own health and mortality.

§3.3 - Aspects involving the Ascendant in the Solar Return Chart

Return Ascendant semi-square Return Mercury (Strength: 1.37)

With Mercury in discordant aspect with the Return Ascendant, you may feel misunderstood or you may become the object of bad publicity. Something you write or say could be a cause of friction in partnerships or close relationships. You should avoid being overly critical or gossiping about others, and make a special effort to be clear in all your communications. Also, be careful to check the fine print in any contracts or binding agreements. In stressful charts, there may be health difficulties, possibly involving the lungs, upper extremities, or GI tract.

§3.4 - Planets Rising in the First House of the Solar Return Chart

Solar Return Planets occupying the Solar Return First House

The Return 1st House reveals your yearly personal or psychological activity. Any planets that occupy the Return 1st House show the nature of your activity and your psychological reactions during the coming year. If a planet lies close to the Return Ascendant (within 5 degrees), you will have a fair amount of personal control over the action. Planets in the 1st House that lie further away from the Return Ascendant (more than 5 degrees) indicate that you will have less control and be more at the mercy of the forces symbolized by those planets.

The Return planets that occupy your Return 1st House are listed below. If this section is blank, there are no 1st House planets in your Return chart.

Return Venus in the Return 1st House

Benefic Venus ascending in your Return chart makes you friendly, sociable, and personally appealing to others. Your charm can pave the way to romance or to the deepening of a current love relationship. If unattached, you could fall in love, meet a future spouse, move in with a partner, or tie the knot in matrimony. You may decide to improve your appearance and enhance your personal attractiveness. Contractual

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agreements and partnerships other than marriage are also highlighted. You could be called upon to use your tact and diplomacy to smooth ruffled feathers.

Venus symbolizes values, income, possessions, love, pleasure, and the finer things in life. If Venus forms harmonious aspects, you can look forward to an increase in income, a promotion at work, a pleasant vacation, many social invitations, the purchase of luxury items, romantic interludes, the enjoyment of female company, or similar events during this Return year.

Return Mars in the Return 1st House

Taking action regarding personal projects and initiatives

Mars, the action planet, shows where you direct your energy. Assertive Mars in the 1st House enhances your self-confidence, enterprise, and initiative. This is a year when you can readily start new projects, take on challenges, and advance your personal goals. You are able to be decisive and assertive, but you may also need to watch your temper. You may wish to utilize this energy for self-improvement. You might wish, for example, to alter your appearance, begin an exercise program, or change the way you are perceived by others. Family members or associates could involve you in their disputes or conflicts at this time. There is a risk of accidents, injuries, or illness. You will need to guard against rash, aggressive, or impulsive behaviors. Excessive speed or haste is likely to have untoward consequences.

Return Jupiter in the Return 1st House

Jupiter in the Return 1st House heightens your sense of optimism, generosity, enthusiasm, and self-confidence. This is a generally positive influence that promises a relaxed, fortunate, and hopeful time. Events occur that help you to overcome problems from the past. You are able to further your personal ambitions. At times you may feel like the sky is the limit. You tend to be expansive and exuberant, but you may need to guard against becoming too puffed-up and full of yourself. There is a risk of overindulgence and other forms of extreme behavior. Weight gain is possible. You would be wise to pursue a sensible program of diet and exercise at this time.

Return Neptune in the Return 1st House

Neptune in the Return 1st House raises the possibility of dissolution, loss, letting go, sadness, misunderstanding, deception, or confusion with regard to your appearance, sense of self, physical body, or a personal project. A longstanding situation, relationship, or preoccupation related to such matters may dissolve or fade from your

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life. A significant journey may occur. You are likely to be sensitive, moody, romantic, and somewhat impractical. There could be problems with drugs, alcohol, or mind-altering substances. In some cases, a period of grief, impoverishment, or hospitalization will be indicated.

§4.0 - The Solar Return Midheaven: Worldly Status, Career, and Public Activity

The North-South or Meridian Axis of the Solar Return Chart

The North-South or Meridian Axis of the astrological map represents your vocation, public image, parents, and family matters. The Midheaven at the top of the chart (due south in those charts of the northern hemisphere) symbolizes your career, worldly status, and public activities. The Imum Coeli (I.C.) at the bottom of the chart signifies your home, your domestic life, and the final conclusion of pending affairs.

Planets that form close aspects with the North-South Axis of the Return chart will color vocational and family matters during the year. The degree of the zodiac on your Return Midheaven depends on your location on earth at the time of your Solar Return. If the Return Midheaven receives particularly stressful aspects, some astrologers advise their clients to travel to a location that will minimize or negate those aspects on the day of their Solar Return. In the following section we consider the influence of the meridian axis in your Return chart.



Return Midheaven in Leo

The Midheaven in Leo suggests that your career, status, and public activities will involve your ability to put yourself in the spotlight and make your unique mark upon the world. You will be self-confident and assertive on the job. Your ability to sell yourself and your ideas can lead to advancement in your career. Others are likely to recognize and reward your achievements at this time.

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The House position of the Return Midheaven's planetary ruler gives further information about your social reputation and vocation in the year ahead. The planet ruling the Return Midheaven is discussed below.

Because the Sun rules the sign Leo, the Sun is the ruler of the Midheaven in this year's Return chart.

§4.1 - The SR House Containing the Planet Ruling the SR Midheaven

Return Sun in the Return 3rd House

This interpretation appeared previously in section §2.1 - The House Occupied by the Sun: Major Issues of the Year.

§4.2 - The Natal House Highlighted by the Solar Return Midheaven

Return Midheaven in the Natal 12th House

The Return Midheaven lies at the top of the Return chart where it reveals the actions and circumstances of your life that will be most visible to others during the coming year. When the Return Midheaven lies in your Natal 12th House, it highlights the benefits of quiet contemplation in the pursuit of spiritual truths. You will need to confront personal limitations in order to achieve professional advancement. The health and/or hospitalization of a parent, other family member, or close associate could occupy your attention. You may have official dealings with a charitable, health care, or service organization. This placement may be accompanied by a feeling of discontent about your career and position in society. You must be careful to avoid making decisions that can harm your career or public image.

§4.3 - Aspects involving the Midheaven in the Solar Return Chart

Return Midheaven square Return Mars (Strength: 4.34)

With Mars squaring the Return Midheaven, you are likely to put a great deal of energy into career matters. This is a year when you can be decisive, resolute, dynamic, pioneering, and independent in pursuing your goals. A change in career is possible. You may take on new responsibilities or assume a position of leadership. The square aspect warns you to guard against rash, hurried, or premature actions. Problems could arise due to wrong instructions, poor planning, excessive haste, or misguided arrangements. Because the Midheaven can signify parental and authority figures, you

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may need to devote extra time and effort to matters related to a parent or to the demands of society.

Return Midheaven inconjunct Return Sun (Strength: 3.11)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §2.2 - The Sun's Aspects in the Solar Return Chart.

§4.4 - Planets in the Tenth House of the Solar Return Chart

SR Planets in the Solar Return Tenth House

The Return 10th House relates to career, family, worldly status, and any public actions you take during the year. The Return planets that occupy the Return 10th House reveal the nature of such public activity and how it may affect your vocational and family life.

The Return planets that occupy your Return 10th House are listed below. If this section is blank, there are no 10th House planets in your Return chart.

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§5.0 - The Solar Return Moon: Your Emotional Life

General Significance of the Moon

The Moon, ruler of Cancer, receives and reflects the light of the Sun. As such, the Moon symbolizes the inner, reflective, receptive, emotional, and subconscious aspects of human life. The Moon represents our feeling states, heredity, instincts, habit patterns, our early experiences with mothering, and our domestic life. Astrological aspects involving the Moon reveal how we react emotionally, and how we give or receive nurturing and comfort. People signified by the Moon include mothers, females in general, and the significant women in our lives. In health matters, the Moon symbolizes cyclic changes, nutrition, and female issues; also, the breasts, the stomach, and the brain matter.

The Return placement and aspects of the Moon may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by the Moon, or indirectly through people symbolized by the Moon. Lunar aspects that are said to perfect on a certain date have an orb of a month or longer. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of the Moon.



Return Moon in Cancer

The Moon in Cancer is generally fortunate for your emotional and family life. You tend to be sensitive, imaginative, and caring. Others are likely to offer the support and nurturing that you desire. Your increased emotional awareness may find an outlet in music, art, or other creative endeavors. Relationships with family members come into prominence. A new child might come into the family under this influence. This can be a nostalgic time when you ponder emotionally charged memories from the past. If the Moon forms stressful aspects, you could find yourself engaged in domestic wrangling, which can leave you feeling resentful or easily hurt by the real or imagined slights of others.

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Return Moon in the Return 8th House

The Moon, which reflects your feelings and emotional life, occupies the Return 8th House of sex, death, surgery, inheritance, occult matters, and joint finances. Fluctuations are possible in a partner's income. You are especially sensitive to the feeling states of those around you, and you may be in a position to counsel or heal others. Psychic experiences are possible. Your sex drive becomes intense but is also subject to wide variations. Human mortality may become an emotionally charged issue at this time. A need for surgery is sometimes indicated. You may need to deal with insurance, a legacy, or the goods of the dead. On occasion, the Moon here will signify a significant ending, a near-death experience, or the passing of someone or something that has been important in your life.

§5.1 - Aspects involving the Moon in the Solar Return Chart

Return Moon inconjunct Return Venus (Strength: 3.04)

The Moon discordantly aspecting Venus warns of potential conflict, tension, unpopularity, separation, or lack of appreciation in relationships. Make a special effort to let significant others know how much you care about them. You may undergo periods of moodiness and irritability during which you are swayed by emotion and may be unable to think rationally. Beware of acting against your better judgment and acquiescing to the half-baked, misdirected plans of others. If you base your actions solely on emotion, you will suffer the consequences at a later date. Difficulties may arise due to excess, poor judgment, maudlin sentimentality, or overindulgence. This aspect can correlate with difficulties in a love affair, marriage, partnership, pregnancy, or childbirth. Make an effort to communicate your needs clearly and to work out your differences with close associates.

Return Moon inconjunct Return Neptune (Strength: 2.32)

With the Moon stressfully aspecting Neptune, you may experience confusion and lack of clarity in your emotional life. Feelings of loss, grief, sadness, or hopelessness are not uncommon. Be careful whom you entrust with personal information, and guard yourself and your loved ones against exploitation by others. Any self-deception, denial, sneakiness, or underhanded behavior is likely to have untoward consequences. Plans based on illusion, wishful thinking, or a desire to escape from legitimate obligations will only lead to failure.

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Return Moon trine Natal Venus (Strength: 5.53)

The Return Moon harmoniously aspecting natal Venus has a very positive effect on your emotional life. Close relationships are supportive and friendly. Intimacy comes easily. Conditions are generally harmonious on the domestic front. Romance may blossom.

Return Moon oppose Natal Jupiter (Strength: 3.72)

This is a period of heightened emotionality. Overindulgence of your appetites can lead to difficulties related to excess. The women in your life may be quite touchy or sensitive around this time.

Natal Moon conjunct Return Moon's North Node (Strength: 2.66)

Personal growth comes from attending to your emotional needs and security interests. Your most intimate involvements with others will teach you a great deal about yourself.

Return Moon oppose Natal Mercury (Strength: 2.06)

The Return Moon stressfully aspecting natal Mercury pits your emotional reactions against your rational thought processes. Your ability to think clearly may be compromised by strong emotions. You tend to change your views depending on the prevailing sentiment. Difficulties could arise in your attempts to have cool, calm, and collected discussions with others. You could suffer criticism or gossip. There could be problems with travel. This is a good time to go within and clarify how you feel about important matters.

Return Moon oppose Natal Mars (Strength: 1.79)

Your emotions may lead to conflicts or aggressive outbursts. Don't let little things get on your nerves. Everyone has their quirks. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Return Moon conjunct Natal Pluto (Strength: 1.71)

Return Moon conjunct Natal Pluto stirs up intense feelings and may bring about profound transformation in your emotional life. This year you are able to pursue your objectives with resolute determination. You must, however, guard against acting with a

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zealous enthusiasm that disregards the needs and feelings of others. Such unilateral behavior can only upset the apple cart.

§6.0 - Mercury: Communication, Writing, Learning, Selling, Short Trips

General Significance of Mercury

Mercury, ruler of Gemini and Virgo, was the messenger of the gods. Mercury symbolizes language, communication, the thinking process, the intellect, writing, correspondence, education, commerce, transit, movement, and all means of transport. Astrological aspects involving Mercury show how we think and communicate our ideas to others; also, how we move about in our community. People signified by Mercury include writers, communicators, salespersons, students, the young people in our lives, messengers, drivers, neighbors, siblings, and other kin. In health matters, Mercury symbolizes the tongue, upper extremities, lungs, respiratory system, nervous system, thyroid, and the sense of sight.

The Return placement and aspects of Mercury may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Mercury, or indirectly through people symbolized by Mercury. Travel accidents are often shown by afflictions to Mercury, especially hard aspects involving Mars or Uranus. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Mercury.

Return Mercury in the Return 2nd House

With Mercury in the Return 2nd House, you will find yourself thinking and communicating about income, values, purchases, and possessions. Income can be derived from writing or speaking. You could profit from signing a contract or agreement. This is a good time to review your budget and engage in financial planning. Be sure to get sound financial advice before making any investments.

§6.1 - Aspects of Mercury in the Solar Return Chart

Return Mercury square Return Pluto (Strength: 3.44)

Mercury in discordant aspect with Pluto often brings news that dramatically affects your life. Issues of power, domination, exploitation, sex, death, and violence may occupy your thoughts. You come to a greater understanding of human mortality, perhaps

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through the passing of a young person or of someone significant in your life. Difficulties are possible due to excessive haste, precipitate action, irritability, impatience, or oppositional behavior.

Mercury governs speech, and you will need to watch what and how you communicate. Something you write or say could lead to power struggles or backlash from others. Mercury also governs travel, so be especially careful and attentive while on the road. Health problems could involve the hands, arms, lungs, the speech apparatus, or the organs of sex and elimination. On occasion, surgery may be indicated.

Return Mercury sextile Return Moon's North Node (Strength: 1.84)

Mercury favorably aspecting the Moon's North Node brings you into harmonious contact with people through your mental, verbal, and communication skills. This will be an intellectually stimulating year in which you can exchange ideas with many others.

Return Mercury semi-square Return Ascendant (Strength: 1.37)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §3.3 - Aspects involving the Ascendant in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Mercury oppose Natal Pluto (Strength: 5.46)

Obsessive Compulsive

Return Mercury in hard aspect to natal Pluto suggests a tendency to obsessive or fanatical thinking. You may feel that your point of view is the right one and thus close yourself off to the ideas of others. Try to be more open-minded and don't let your fears and inner demons control your ideas about life. As Pluto rules the underworld, thoughts about death and the afterlife commonly accompany this aspect. As Mercury rules travel, take the necessary precautions to insure that all your journeys are safe and trouble free.

Return Mercury conjunct Natal Mars (Strength: 5.38)

Return Mercury conjunct Natal Mars suggests the receipt of contentious or upsetting news. Watch your temper and be especially careful to think before you speak. If there are indications of health difficulties in the chart, this aspect could indicate problems with the lungs, upper extremities, or the gastrointestinal tract. Also, be careful while driving or operating mechanical equipment as this is an accident prone aspect.

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Return Mercury conjunct Natal Mercury (Strength: 5.10)

Mercury returning to its Natal position highlights communication, news, writing, teaching, learning, travel, commerce, and dealings with neighbors and kin. The affairs of a sibling or a young person could require considerable attention. Your views and opinions may become matters of considerable moment and controversy. Your mind turns to matters ruled by the House that Mercury occupies in the Return chart.

Return Mercury conjunct Natal Jupiter (Strength: 3.45)

Return Mercury conjunct Natal Jupiter expands your mind by bringing fresh ideas and new opportunities for learning into your life. This is a favorable aspect for business, sales, and commerce. You are able to see the big picture and to anticipate future trends. Any type of intellectual work goes well.

§7.0 - Venus: Love, Money, Values, Relationships, Art, Beauty

General Significance of Venus

Venus, ruler of Taurus and Libra, was the goddess of love and beauty. Venus symbolizes attraction, romance, partnerships, social life, affection, harmony, fashion, art, style, luxury, money, possessions, indulgences, and sensual pleasures. Astrological aspects involving Venus show how we give and receive love, especially of the romantic sort; also, how we manage our finances, find pleasure, and adorn ourselves. People signified by Venus include lovers, wives, important women in our lives, artists, decorators, musicians, and anyone dedicated to the pursuit of beauty and/or pleasure. In health matters, Venus symbolizes problems of self-indulgence; also, the throat, the kidneys, the lower back or lumbar region, the parathyroids, and the sense of touch.

The Return placement and aspects of Venus may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Venus, or indirectly through people symbolized by Venus. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Venus.

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Return Venus in the Return 1st House

This interpretation appeared previously in section §3.4 - Planets Rising in the First House of the Solar Return Chart.

§7.1 - Aspects of Venus in the Solar Return Chart

Return Venus conjunct Return Neptune (Strength: 6.28)

With Venus conjunct Neptune, you become idealistic and starry-eyed about social and romantic relationships. You could meet or marry the lover of your dreams. Artistic and creative projects go particularly well.

If this conjunction forms harsh aspects, someone you have felt close to could pass from your life. Circumstances may pit the reality of your emotional ties against your idealized wishes for how your relationships might be. On occasion, this aspect can signify a loss, an illness, or a need for hospitalization, but only if there are other such indications in the chart.

Return Venus conjunct Return Jupiter (Strength: 3.31)

Pennies from heaven

These two benefic planets join together to promise good fortune in the year ahead. Favors, popularity, social invitations, and financial benefits come your way; and you are able to share your happiness with others. Some fall in love or get married in such a year. Musical and artistic projects go well. This auspicious aspect does much to lessen the intensity of any stressful trends elsewhere in the Return chart. Help will be there if you need it. The main risk of this aspect is overindulgence.

Return Venus inconjunct Return Moon (Strength: 3.04)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §5.1 - Aspects involving the Moon in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Venus sextile Return Pluto (Strength: 1.19)

Venus favorably aspecting Pluto often brings an almost fated romance or attraction into your life. You may meet someone for whom you feel an intense and powerful sexual attraction. Falling madly in love - whether it be with a person, an activity, or a cause -

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can bring about a radical transformation in your personality. This aspect can also mean a significant improvement in your financial situation.

Return Venus square Natal Venus (Strength: 4.50) - Aspect perfects on 07/24/1971.

Return Venus stressfully aspecting its natal position can make you a bit lazy and self-indulgent. You may feel like taking the easy way out rather than expending the effort to get the job done right. Your focus is more on having a good time and leaving any consequences for a later date. There could also be some friction in close relationships.

Return Venus sextile Natal Uranus (Strength: 4.21)

Get ready for sudden romance and pleasant surprises. This could mean love at first sight. Loved ones may give you unexpected gifts. You might decide to improve your appearance or upgrade your wardrobe.

§8.0 - Mars: Initiative, Leadership, Drive, Passion, Energy

General Significance of Mars

Mars, ruler of Aries and Scorpio, was the god of war. Mars symbolizes initiative, courage, action, daring, aggression, leadership, drive, physical energy, heat, sexual passion, and the willingness to face challenges. Astrological aspects involving Mars show how we act independently, pioneer ideas, assert ourselves, and deal with competition. People signified by Mars include young men, husbands, leaders, warriors, and important men in our lives; also, those who regularly use force, tools, or weapons in their work. In health matters, Mars symbolizes fevers, cuts, wounds, the head, the muscular system, red blood cells, the gonads, urogenital system, adrenal gland, and the sense of taste.

The Return placement and aspects of Mars may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Mars, or indirectly through people symbolized by Mars. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Mars.

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Return Mars in Scorpio

The planet Mars symbolizes your energy, drive, and personal initiative. The zodiacal sign in the Return chart that hosts the planet Mars modifies how you are able to assert yourself, confront obstacles, and face challenges in the year ahead. With Return Mars in intense Scorpio, you have tremendous energy at your disposal but it needs to be channeled constructively from within. You are capable of being resourceful, strong, ingenious, secretive, and undaunted in your efforts to accomplish your goals. This placement of Mars intensifies your emotions and tends to highlight issues of power and control during the year. Your ability to penetrate deeply to the core of a problem can lead you to successful solutions.

Return Mars in the Return 1st House

This interpretation appeared previously in section §3.4 - Planets Rising in the First House of the Solar Return Chart.

§8.1 - Aspects of Mars in the Solar Return Chart

Return Mars square Return Midheaven (Strength: 4.34)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §4.3 - Aspects involving the Midheaven in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Mars sextile Return Sun (Strength: 2.45)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §2.2 - The Sun's Aspects in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Mars square Return Moon's North Node (Strength: 1.49)

Mars in stressful aspect to the Moon's Nodes tend to heat up your relationships with others. You may become engaged in disputes, conflicts, forceful engagements, or controversies during the coming year. The Return House positions of Mars and the Moon's Nodes will give more information about the nature of the antagonism. Relationships involving coercion or domination are possible. Choosing the wrong time to vent your anger can have negative consequences. This aspect stirs your passions and increases the desire for sexual union with others.

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Return Mars square Natal Moon (Strength: 4.17)

Return Mars in harsh aspect to your Natal Moon brings volatility to your emotional life. Arguments and conflicts with others are likely. You may feel unsupported and resentful that your security needs are not being met. You will need to deal with aggressive feelings in yourself and others. Beware of those who express attitudes of bigotry and intolerance.

§9.0 - Jupiter: Opportunities for Growth and Expansion

General Significance of Jupiter

Jupiter, ruler of Sagittarius and Pisces, was king of the gods on Mount Olympus. Jupiter symbolizes good fortune, benevolence, expansion, learning, publishing, wisdom, long-distance travel, foreign interests, further education, philosophy, religion, and the broadening of one's horizons. Astrological aspects involving Jupiter show opportunities for advancement, potentials for growth, and our willingness to gather new experience. People signified by Jupiter include mature men, judges, lawyers, physicians, clergy, university professors, politicians, and those who have achieved positions of prominence or influence in their fields. In health matters, Jupiter symbolizes problems due to excess; also, the liver, pituitary gland, thighs, blood, arteries, and the sense of smell.

The Return placement and aspects of Jupiter may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Jupiter, or indirectly through people symbolized by Jupiter. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Jupiter.

Return Jupiter in the Return 1st House

This interpretation appeared previously in section §3.4 - Planets Rising in the First House of the Solar Return Chart.

§9.1 - Aspects of Jupiter in the Solar Return Chart

Return Jupiter oppose Return Part of Fortune (Strength: 4.14)

Jupiter in stressful aspect to the Part of Fortune indicates surcease of sorrow and the end of some type of suffering that has been part of your life. Benefits come your way,

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but there is a price to pay for your good fortune. You come to realize that there is no free lunch.

Return Jupiter sextile Return Pluto (Strength: 4.11)

Return Jupiter aspecting Return Pluto can mean positive changes for your social status. Benefits may come through the government or those in authority. Sexual issues may capture your attention. Events may occur that enhance your understanding of human mortality and promote personal transformation. Travel and contact with other cultures can deepen your appreciation of the human spirit. This aspect carries tremendous power that may propel you to a position of leadership and influence over the masses.

Return Jupiter conjunct Return Neptune (Strength: 4.02)

Expansive Jupiter conjoining visionary Neptune in the Return chart increases your creativity and enhances your intuitive awareness. This is an idealistic and otherworldly aspect. It favors artists, actors, musicians, creative writers, and others whom use imagination and illusion in their work. Profound spiritual or mystical experiences that enhance your compassion for humanity are possible. You gain by paying attention to your hunches and gut feelings. Others may even regard you as psychic. Great personal growth can accompany the practice of meditation, contemplation, or other spiritual practices.

Return Jupiter conjunct Return Venus (Strength: 3.31)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §7.1 - Aspects of Venus in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Jupiter square Return Moon's North Node (Strength: 1.17)

You may experience disharmony in associations with others. A relationship that initially appears pleasant and agreeable may go against your better interests. Overindulgence, extravagance, excessive sociability, rebelliousness, zealotry, or fanatical proselytizing might characterize your connections with others. What appears to be a genuine spiritual breakthrough could be based on misguided religiosity.

You could suffer disappointment or disillusionment at the hands of a guru. Jarring events may give you a sense that something is missing from your life, prompting you to begin a search for meaning. You may feel particularly torn between materialism and

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spirituality. You might also run into conflicts with the norms of society, which in rare cases could lead to your being restricted or confined in some way.

Return Jupiter oppose Natal Saturn (Strength: 4.22)

Jupiter gives and Saturn takes away. You are likely to be confronted with difficult choices that pit spiritual gains against material benefits. Satisfying your obligations responsibly can lead to much progress.

Return Jupiter trine Natal Neptune (Strength: 1.48)

A spiritual influence

This is a time of heightened spirituality and intuitive insight into the deeper meaning of life. You will have the opportunity to take a spiritual journey and to feel closer to the divine. Artistic, musical, and creative endeavors go well. You can benefit from the study of New Age and otherworldly matters. Peace and happiness often accompany this aspect.

Return Jupiter sextile Natal Uranus (Strength: 1.10)

Jupiter stimulates the creativity and inventiveness of Uranus. Unexpected opportunities arise. Your creativity is rewarded.

§10.0 - Saturn: Duty, Responsibility, Important Lessons, Hardship, Limitations

General Significance of Saturn - The Great Teacher

Saturn, ruler of Capricorn and Aquarius, wrested power from his father Uranus by castrating the ruling father sky-god and casting his genitals into the sea. Saturn symbolizes ambition, responsibility, stability, duty, discipline, boundaries, rules, and regulations. It also represents crystallization, aging, death, fears, restrictions, hard things, the reality principle, and lessons that we must learn. Astrological aspects involving Saturn show how we build structure in our lives and how we deal with the inevitable limitations and losses that life brings. People signified by Saturn include parents, teachers, taskmasters, older individuals, government officials, bosses, and those of a serious disposition. In health matters, Saturn symbolizes blockages, hardening, obstructions, and acid formation; also, the skin, teeth, bones, joints, spleen, gall bladder, knees, the vagus nerve, and the sense of hearing.

The Return placement and aspects of Saturn may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Saturn, or indirectly through people symbolized by Saturn. Look to Saturn to see where your major struggles will occur in the year ahead. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Saturn.

Return Saturn in the Return 7th House

Return Saturn occupying the Return 7th House makes you serious and responsible about marriage, partnerships, close relationships, contractual agreements, and contacts with the public. This may be the year when you settle down, get married, or enter into a long-standing business partnership. Existing marriages or similar relationships may undergo a period of trial and testing, sometimes ending in a decision to split up. You could be called upon to mediate or arbitrate a dispute. Some type of legal obligation may arise. You could experience difficulties or added responsibilities in close relationships, legal contracts, or dealings with the public. A trusted advisor or consultant may decide to retire and thus no longer be available to give you support.

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§10.1 - Aspects of Saturn in the Solar Return Chart

Return Saturn inconjunct Return Uranus (Strength: 4.31)

Saturn aspecting Uranus is an indicator of stress, tension, and disruption in the normal flow and structure of your life, especially if either planet closely aspects one of the personal planets or points in your Return or Natal chart. Events occur that limit your freedom or cause you to struggle with oppression, sudden loss, or a chronic debilitating condition. Shocking circumstances may arise in your dealings with an older individual. You may be abruptly forced to confront the limits of harsh reality, as you try to mend the ruptures in the basic fabric of your life.

You may be prone to accidents due to drowsiness or mental distraction, so exercise caution in potentially hazardous situations. Saturn rules old age, and you may become concerned about the health or well-being of an elder. A parental figure may pass from your life at this time. Your own issues about aging and mortality may also come to the fore. Do not lose hope or give in to despair, but rather learn what you can from trying circumstances. Important spiritual insights usually accompany this aspect.

Return Saturn trine Return Sun (Strength: 4.24)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §2.2 - The Sun's Aspects in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Saturn trine Natal Ascendant (Strength: 5.53)

This year you are likely to grow in experience, prestige, and maturity. Benefits may come through people in authority or through those who are older than you are. You happily take on new responsibilities and could assume a position of leadership. The hard work of your past pays off. Others appreciate your persistence and reliability.

Return Saturn square Natal Moon (Strength: 1.64)

A down time in your emotional life

Some type of limitation, restriction, or obligation is likely to put a damper on your emotional life. You may end up feeling depressed, confined, alone, abandoned, or hemmed in. Examine whether you have been putting work and duty ahead of close personal relationships. Your fears and anxieties about security can constrict your life and push people away. Romance seems to conflict with your professional life. You

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must balance your desire for seclusion with your need for warmth and affection. Ill health, emotional lows, and financial problems often accompany this aspect.

§11.0 - Uranus: Novelty, Originality, Jolts, Disruptions

General Significance of Uranus - The Awakener

Uranus, ruler of Aquarius, was the original sky-god who was castrated by his son Saturn in a coup to usurp his power. Venus-Aphrodite was born of the white foam that spread around Uranus' discarded genitals in the sea. Uranus symbolizes sudden shocking events, electrifying change, willful independence, separations, originality, inventiveness, modern technology, and progressive thinking. The action of Uranus is abruptly and without warning to shatter the old structure built by Saturn.

Astrological aspects involving Uranus show how and where sudden change, excitement, and disruption come into our lives; also, where we are likely to rebel against the past and strike out to do our own thing. People signified by Uranus include scientists, modernists, astrologers, reformers, inventors, eccentrics, and those who insist on marching to the unique beat of their own drum. In health matters, Uranus symbolizes strokes and accidents; also, the ankles and calves.

The Return placement and aspects of Uranus may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Uranus, or indirectly through people symbolized by Uranus. Look to Uranus to see where you can expect the unexpected in the coming year. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Uranus.

Return Uranus in the Return 11th House

Uranus in the Return 11th House suggests sudden happenings that disrupt the status quo with regard to friendships, group activities, hopes for the future, and income from career. You tend to attract unusual, progressive, intellectual, or humanitarian friends. Separations from friends and acquaintances are possible. Events may alter your ability to achieve a cherished desire in surprising ways. Children may unexpectedly become a cause for concern. Any type of work involving computers or modern technology is likely to go well.

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§11.1 - Aspects of Uranus in the Solar Return Chart

Return Uranus inconjunct Return Saturn (Strength: 4.31)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §10.1 - Aspects of Saturn in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Uranus trine Natal Midheaven (Strength: 3.48)

Your originality and inventiveness can lead to worldly recognition and success in your career. Unexpected opportunities can open new doors to professional growth. Sudden changes may take place on the domestic front, such as a new residence or an alteration in the structure of the family. Work with computers and technology can be rewarding. Following up on your creative insights and intuition hunches is likely to pay off.

§12.0 - Neptune: Spirituality, Creativity, Self-Deception, Confusion

General Significance of Neptune

Neptune, ruler of Pisces, was the god of the oceans. Neptune symbolizes boundlessness, intuition, psychic sensitivity, compassion, spirituality, sleep, unreality, creative imagination, artistic inspiration, fantasy, illusion, Hollywood, subconscious processes, fog, confusion, self-sacrifice, and self-defeating attitudes. Astrological aspects involving Neptune show how we attune to the feelings of others, use our imaginations, distort our perceptions, undo our own efforts, and also how we deal with the dissolution of old structures in our lives. People signified by Neptune include poets, artists, dreamers, musicians, mystics, spiritualists, idealists, sensitives, and those who compassionately tend to the needy. In health matters, Neptune symbolizes the feet, sleep difficulties, intoxicants, mental disorders, and problems with drugs and alcohol.

The Return placement and aspects of Neptune may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Neptune, or indirectly through people symbolized by Neptune. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Neptune.

Return Neptune in the Return 1st House

This interpretation appeared previously in section §3.4 - Planets Rising in the First

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House of the Solar Return Chart.

§12.1 - Aspects of Neptune in the Solar Return Chart

Return Neptune conjunct Return Venus (Strength: 6.28)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §7.1 - Aspects of Venus in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Neptune conjunct Return Jupiter (Strength: 4.02)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §9.1 - Aspects of Jupiter in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Neptune inconjunct Return Moon (Strength: 2.32)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §5.1 - Aspects involving the Moon in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Neptune sextile Natal Uranus (Strength: 4.08)

This aspect enhances your insight and intuition. You become interested in alternate ways of constructing reality. You may take up the study of spiritual or metaphysical subjects.

Return Neptune square Natal Venus (Strength: 3.79)

Your emotional sensitivity is greatly heightened. Acting on illusions about love and money can lead to loss or hardship. Beware of deception in your love life. Your own feelings of inadequacy can lead you to attach yourself to questionable individuals. The energy of this aspect is best directed into creative, musical, and artistic endeavors.

Return Neptune oppose Natal Saturn (Strength: 1.25)

Self-doubt

A certain amount of suffering is often associated with harsh Saturn/Neptune aspects. You are likely to feel moody, dissatisfied, and overwhelmed at times during the coming

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year. Idealism clashes with materialism, and it may be hard for you to stay focused on your goals. Take care of your physical and emotional health, and be sure to see your doctor if any unusual symptoms occur. Find constructive ways to cope with uncertainty and self-doubt so you can avoid falling into depression.

§13.0 - Pluto: Power, Control, Intense Emotional Experience, Elimination, Radical Transformation

General Significance of Pluto

Pluto, ruler of Scorpio, was the Greek Hades, lord of the underworld. He abducted and raped Persephone - an action that ultimately brought about the season of winter on earth. Pluto symbolizes power, control, domination, the management of joint resources, penetration, unconscious processes, irresistible forces; also, uprooting, elimination, death, regeneration, rebirth, radical transformation, and the ending of a phase of life. Astrological aspects involving Pluto reveal which deeply buried factors in our lives need to be brought to the surface so that they can be reviewed, reworked, transformed, or eliminated. People signified by Pluto include miners, psychoanalysts, occultists, undertakers, money managers, and anyone whose work involves exposing that which is concealed or hidden. In health matters, Pluto symbolizes the gallbladder, the sex organs, the organs of elimination, and the body's ability to restore itself.

The Return placement and aspects of Pluto may involve us either personally through health matters and life circumstances governed by Pluto, or indirectly through people symbolized by Pluto. We will next consider the Return zodiacal sign and House placements of Pluto.

Return Pluto in the Return 11th House

This interpretation appeared previously in section §3.1 - The SR House Containing the Planet Ruling the SR Ascendant.

§13.1 - Aspects of Pluto in the Solar Return Chart

Return Pluto sextile Return Jupiter (Strength: 4.11)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §9.1 - Aspects of Jupiter in the Solar Return Chart.

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Return Pluto square Return Mercury (Strength: 3.44)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §6.1 - Aspects of Mercury in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Pluto sextile Return Venus (Strength: 1.19)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §7.1 - Aspects of Venus in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Pluto square Natal Mars (Strength: 4.94)

Return Pluto in harsh aspect to Natal Mars presents an image of uncontrolled force or unbridled passion. Quarrels, arguments, and temper outbursts are possible. Sexual tensions run high. This aspect sometimes indicates a risk of accidents, injury, robbery, brutality, or violence. Be careful to avoid areas and individuals you know to be dangerous. Choose your associates carefully. If you need to employ people to perform potentially hazardous tasks, carefully check their background and qualifications for the job.

Return Pluto square Natal Mercury (Strength: 4.67)

Watch what you say and be careful while traveling

Aspects of Return Pluto to Natal Mercury bring profound changes in your thinking. During the coming year you are likely to ponder deeply the meaning of human existence. Your inner reflection may be the result of news about a death or a human tragedy. Power struggles could result from something that you say or write. Others may want to engage you in verbal battles. Difficulties may arise because of haste in word or deed. Significant complications could enter the lives of young people of your acquaintance. As Mercury is the god of flight and transport and Pluto rules the afterlife, you should be especially careful while traveling. You would be wise to avoid unnecessary air travel while this aspect is in effect.

Return Pluto square Natal Pluto (Strength: 3.98)

During this time you experience events that will alter your life for years to come. Get ready for a period of hard work when you will have to keep your nose to the grindstone.

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Be very careful with finances. Study the details of any business deal. Commitments you make now may have hidden demands and may later turn out to be quite burdensome. Seek expert advice before spending your hard earned money. Avoid get-rich-quick schemes or you will pay a steep price. As economic times change over the next few years, money now borrowed or lent may become hard to repay. Be careful about making large loans or mortgages at this time. You are also likely to become keenly attuned to issues related to human mortality.

Return Pluto trine Natal Saturn (Strength: 3.84)

You will experience important events that have a long-term effect on your career and public standing. Opportunities may arise that will allow you to take a new direction. Forces beyond your control may set you on a new path. Significant changes in your attitude toward your profession and ambitions are likely. Your hard-work and in-depth study will pay off.

Return Pluto square Natal Jupiter (Strength: 3.01)

Profound developments in your sex life and your career

Aspects of Pluto to Jupiter signal a time of rebirth and regeneration. You are leaving an old phase of life behind and making a new beginning. You are likely to experience these changes most profoundly in your sex life and in your professional aspirations. This can also be a time of spiritual crisis. Powerful feelings may be at odds with your religious or philosophical beliefs, leading to an upheaval in your worldview. Disputes about who is in charge can lead to legal wrangling. Journeys can be upsetting and potentially hazardous. Avoid excess, for it is likely to have a negative effect on your health. Conflicts with foreigners or people at a distance are possible.

Return Pluto trine Natal Uranus (Strength: 2.99)

You are likely to undergo major beneficial alterations in your life pattern. Past limitations can be eliminated and replaced with new personal freedom. Your single-minded pursuit of a goal can meet with much success.

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§14.0 - The Solar Return Part of Fortune

Return Part of Fortune in Taurus

The Return Part of Fortune is a benefic point whose location in the chart is based on the relative positions of the Sun, Moon, and Ascendant in this year's Return. It symbolizes those areas of life that are likely to be especially profitable and productive in the year ahead. Knowing where your greatest benefit lies will allow you to focus your energies so that you can achieve a greater measure of success.

When in Taurus, the Part of Fortune advises you to make optimal use of your capacity for patience, reliability, good money management, and enjoyment of the finer things in life.

Return Part of Fortune in the Return 7th House

The Part of Fortune in the Return 7th House indicates success in marriage and partnerships. Benefits arise through cooperative ventures with others. Offering your goods and services before the public may bring rewards.

Return Part of Fortune oppose Return Jupiter (Strength: 4.14)

This interpretation appeared previously in section §9.1 - Aspects of Jupiter in the Solar Return Chart.

Return Part of Fortune conjunct Natal Saturn (Strength: 6.91)

The Return Part of Fortune conjunct Natal Saturn is favorable to establishing roots and laying the foundation for future security. Hard work and the acceptance of responsibility are likely to pay big dividends. Some enter into a serious committed relationship under this influence.

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§15.0 - Connections between Planets and House Cusps

Alignments of Planets with House Cusps

The House cusps are power points in the chart, and any planet that aligns closely with a House cusp will be especially prominent in the year ahead. Planet to House cusp alignments often portend specific events whose nature combines the symbolism of the planet and the House involved.

The three sections that follow will look at the contacts, if any, (1) between Return planets and Return House cusps; (2) between Return planets and Natal House cusps; and finally, (3) between Natal planets and Return House cusps.

When comparing the Solar Return and the natal charts, any close alignment between a planet and a House cusp is highly significant. In fact, the conjunctions of planets with House cusps in the superimposed natal and return charts usually pinpoint the major factors that will be operative during the year. Pay close attention to the following three sections because they highlight the specific events that you will need to deal with in the coming Solar Return period.

§15.1 - Return Planets connected with SR House Cusps

Solar Return Planets Connected with Solar Return House Cusps

This section considers the influence of any planet or point in the Solar Return chart that forms a close connection with a House cusp in the Solar Return chart.

Return Sun conjunct Return 3rd House (Strength: 4.42)

The Sun on your 3rd cusp emphasizes communication, learning, gathering information, visiting, local travel, and activities in the community. You may wish to write, take classes, or learn more about computers. Some acquire a new vehicle for transport in such a year. Activities with siblings and neighbors may be in high focus. If the Sun forms stressful aspects, you could become concerned about matters related to communications, commuting, car travel, or the affairs of siblings, neighbors, or kin.

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Return Saturn conjunct Return 7th House (Strength: 4.22)

Saturn, the Great Teacher, reveals lessons to be learned during the coming year. Conjoining the cusp of the 7th Return House, Saturn suggests a need to take more responsibility in matters related to love, marriage, partnerships, contractual agreements, legal obligations, close relationships, and dealings with the public. This may be a time of trial and testing of your most intimate connections with others. On occasion Saturn teaches a lesson through a possible loss or separation from a person you care about. Some of Saturn's lessons might be painful, but in the end what remains will be worth the effort and you will get what you deserve. Falling desperately in love and getting married are possible with this configuration. As the 7th cusp (Descendant) is where the sun sets, Saturn here can focus our attention on the sunset of our lives.

When near an angle in the Return chart, Saturn prompts you to face the Shadow aspects of your personality -- the disturbing parts of yourself that you fear, repress, and project onto others. Saturn may knock you to your senses by confronting you with a dose of harsh reality. The time has now come to pay the piper. The goal of Saturnian discipline is a better integration of your personality. Saturn's tests may arrive in the form of hardship, oppression, burdens, obligations, illness, surgery, poverty, loss, restriction, disappointment, bereavement, or conflicts with authority. The lessons you learn at this time come from taking a long hard look at what you have been doing with your life.

Return Moon's North Node conjunct Return 4th House (Strength: 2.83)

The Moon's North Node on the cusp of the 4th House advises you to come to terms with your upbringing and family values. This is a good time to work out any unresolved issues that you still have with your parents. Find a way to balance your career with your family life. People you meet this year can help you to lay down new roots and establish a more stable domestic life.

Return Pluto conjunct Return 11th House (Strength: 1.15)

Return Pluto conjunct the 11th House cusp intensifies your relationships with friends and brings powerful connections with groups of like-minded individuals. Personal transformation is likely to come about through your close friendships and group involvements. Sometimes this configuration acts through the opposite 5th House, and you are transformed and renewed through your dealings with children. Be careful to avoid a controlling or domineering stance in relationships with others. On occasion, this configuration will coincide with the loss of a friend during the Return year.

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§15.2 - Return Positions connected with Natal House Cusps

Solar Return Planets or Points Connected with Natal House Cusps

This section considers the influence of any planet or point in the Solar Return chart that forms a close connection with a House cusp in the Natal chart.

Return Ascendant conjunct Natal 3rd House (Strength: 7.37)

The Return Ascendant conjunct your Natal 3rd House cusp puts a strong emphasis on communications, education, and contacts in the community. Your schedule will be full of phone calls, messages, paperwork, errands, commutes, and local travel. If you are an author, you could get a lot of writing done at this time. You might decide to take a class or otherwise advance your learning. Relationships with siblings, close kin, and neighbors may occupy your time.

Return Uranus conjunct Natal 2nd House (Strength: 6.99)

Return Uranus conjunct the Natal 2nd House cusp brings sudden or surprising changes to your financial situation. Your originality and inventiveness can open doors to new sources of income. You may make greater use of modern technology on the job. Rash decisions and willful behavior can lead to financial losses. Your attitude toward money and possessions may be drastically altered as you ponder what is truly important in life.

Return Midheaven conjunct Natal 12th House Cusp (Strength: 5.08)

The Return Midheaven falling on your Natal 12th House cusp often indicates a period of discontent with matters related to career and professional standing. You should take care to safeguard your public image and reputation. Be careful if you are buying or selling real estate. Secrets that you would rather keep hidden could come under public scrutiny. Painful memories from the past may come up for review. Some type of loss, grief, or separation often accompanies this placement.

This is a fortunate position for those whose work involves charity, artistic creativity, or caring for others. If health problems should arise, seek medical attention promptly to avoid unnecessary complications. Pursue any opportunities to confront personal problems and limitations. Time spent alone can be quite uplifting.

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Return Saturn conjunct Natal 9th House Cusp (Strength: 4.85)

Return Saturn on the cusp of the Natal 9th House often indicates a journey of a serious nature, such as for business, ongoing education, basic training, or the resolution of a legal matter. Travel to care for someone who is ill, or to attend a funeral, is also possible. Exposure to foreigners and to people of different backgrounds or other cultures can deepen your worldview and help to consolidate your philosophy. Legal proceedings can become very protracted under this influence. Concerns about an in-law may occupy your time. You could also be invited to a religious ceremony of a somber nature. Correspondence courses, serious studies, and college-level education are often suggested by this placement.

§15.3 - Natal Positions connected with Return House Cusps

Natal Planets or Points Connected with Solar Return House Cusps

This section considers the influence of any planet or point in the Natal chart that forms a close connection with a House cusp in the Solar Return chart.

Natal Moon conjunct Return 4th House (Strength: 6.83)

Getting comfy in the home

The Return 4th House cusp falling on your Natal Moon makes you conscious of your security needs and your desire for nurturing. Family gatherings are likely to be warm and friendly. You could find yourself looking after a parent or older individual. As the 4th is a House of endings, a matter or a person symbolized by the Moon could pass from your life. You are likely to experience strong emotions about a significant ending at this time.

Natal Midheaven conjunct Return 8th House (Strength: 3.24)

The Return 8th House cusp on the Natal Midheaven give special prominence to eighth House issues such as sex, death, healing, surgery, transformation, taxes, joint finances, research, and occult interests. Any attempts to control others or dominate the situation could garner public attention. The demise of an important person in your life may occur during this Solar Return year.

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A time for friendship

The Natal Ascendant conjunct the Return eleventh House cusp accentuates matters related to friendship, clubs, groups, organizations, and interests or ideals that you share with others. Your friends will play an important role in your life. The 11th House also deals with your hopes and wishes, some of which you may be able to materialize at this time.