

# *Solar Return Report for Elon Musk*

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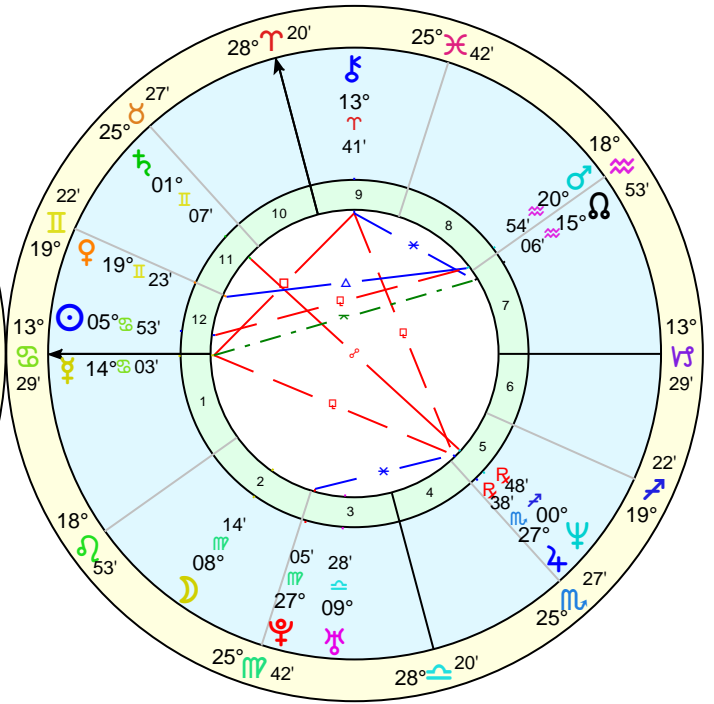
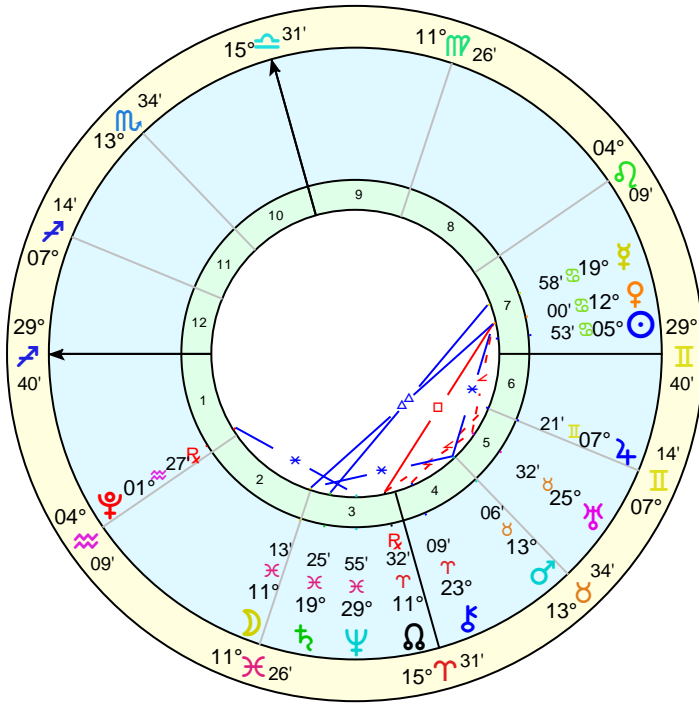
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**Elon Musk**  
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# Astrological Summary

## Chart Point Positions: Elon Musk

Solar Return: 26 Jun 2024 8:05:37 pm CDT +5:00 Austin, TX

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	11°Pi13'	2nd	
The Sun	Cancer	5°Cn53'	7th	
Mercury	Cancer	19°Cn58'	7th	
Venus	Cancer	12°Cn00'	7th	
Mars	Taurus	13°Ta06'	4th	
Jupiter	Gemini	7°Ge21'	6th	
Saturn	Pisces	19°Pi25'	3rd	
Uranus	Taurus	25°Ta32'	5th	
Neptune	Pisces	29°Pi55'	3rd	
Pluto	Aquarius	1°Aq27'	1st	
Chiron	Aries	23°Ar09'	4th	
The North Node	Aries	11°Ar32'	3rd	
The Ascendant	Sagittarius	29°Sg40'	1st	
The Midheaven	Libra	15°Li31'	10th	

## Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Trine	Venus	0°47'	Applying
The Moon	Sextile	Mars	1°52'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Saturn	0°33'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	Mars	1°05'	Applying
Venus	Semisquare	Uranus	1°28'	Separating
Venus	Square	The North Node	0°28'	Separating
Jupiter	Semisquare	Chiron	0°48'	Applying
Uranus	Semisquare	The North Node	1°00'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°32'	Applying
Neptune	Square	The Ascendant	0°14'	Separating

## Introduction



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

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Many people are familiar with their own astrological sign because Sun sign astrology is popular in today's culture. However astrology is a complicated tradition and many other techniques exist. These techniques can be used to gain greater understanding of a person's nature, but also of their current opportunities. A Birth Chart is produced that astrologers can interpret. This you probably know. What you may not know is that astrologers can also calculate a chart for each of your birthdays, and these charts can predict the patterns that you might experience in the forthcoming year. This is because each year the Sun does a full revolution of the Zodiac. Therefore each year the Sun returns to the exact position of your Birth Chart Sun. Wherever you are in the world astrologers can calculate this birthday chart. This chart is called a Solar Return; hence the saying "many happy returns". This chart represents the opportunities and challenges of the forthcoming year. It should also be read in conjunction with your Birth Chart to fully understand the lessons and opportunities available to you in any given year.

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

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



## THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME



*“And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”*

-- Abraham Lincoln, US 16th President

### *The Ascendant*

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

### *The Ascendant is in Sagittarius*

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

The sunny sign of Sagittarius is urging you to expand your horizons so that you can really let these creative fires burn. Freedom is likely to be your catch cry. You are likely to be restless if you don't explore new fields of interest and/or areas that excite and uplift the spirit. Have you ever heard of the saying “itchy feet”? Well this year yours are very itchy. If you do not have the time or money to travel to faraway lands, then you may benefit from frequent visits to the local library, or from exploring new subjects on the internet. This is a year of growth and you are less likely than usual to let anyone hold you back. Think of wild horses roaming free and unfettered, enjoying wide open spaces with no fences. Now you can think of your own life in the same way. What is important to your growth? What have you put off that you can longer resist? Which areas of your life need to be unshackled? Answer these questions and you are likely to capture the joyous feeling that is associated with those wild horses.

### *The Sun*

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

### ***The Sun is in the 7th House***

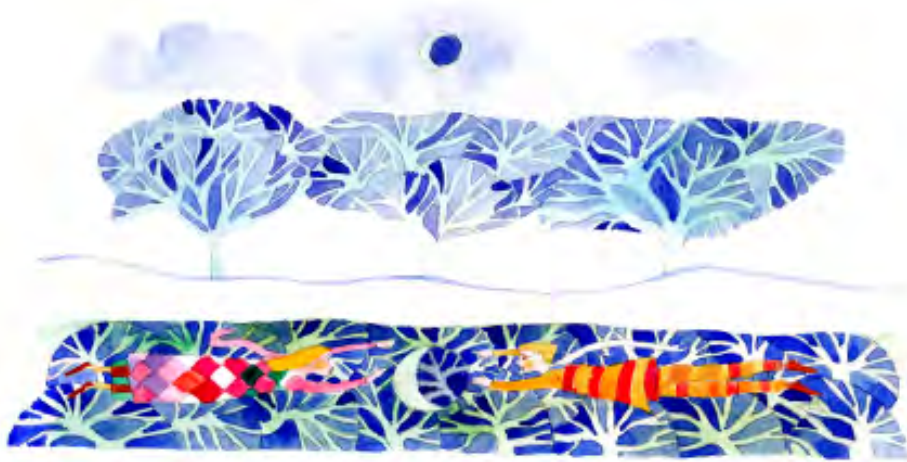
Marriage and commitment are the major theme of this year. If you are single then you are likely to meet a potentially life-changing partner. This is not just fun and romance, but someone with whom you would like to share your life. If you are already in a relationship, then you are likely to focus more on your partner, or perhaps make a more serious commitment. It is also possible that you end a serious relationship this year, but it is more likely that your focus is on co-operation and union rather than separation. You are keen to make plans and share experiences with a partner. This can also involve business partners. You may enter into a legal agreement with a personal or business partner. Either way this is likely to change the course of your life.

Ancient astrologers say that favours and rewards come through your associates this year. You certainly enjoy intertwining your life with key people. As a result they appreciate your co-operation. Teamwork provides many blessings for you. This, of course, does depend somewhat on other aspects of your astrology chart, but you are more likely to benefit from partnerships, rather than be at a disadvantage. Nevertheless you would be well advised to pay attention to anything that is legally binding. Make sure that you talk through all of the consequences of any promises made to personal or business partners. This will stand you in good stead for next year when you need to focus more on your own personal or creative life.

### ***8th House Cusp is in Leo***

The Sun also shines its rays on a different area of your annual chart when taking into account rulerships, a system used by astrologers to link planets and signs. In your case your annual Sun is ruling the eighth house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with shared resources. You turn your attention to shared bank accounts, investments, business dealings, and any finances that have been invested to enhance your future lifestyle. You are also likely to notice changes in areas of shared emotional responsibility, such as joint parenting, sexual interchanges, and the manner in which anyone closely linked to you behaves. You are ready to change negative patterns of behaviour so that your life is more enriched.

## THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS



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

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

### *The Moon*

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

### *The Moon is in the 2nd House*

It is time to make changes to the way that you handle your finances. This time you need to follow your heart, as much as your head. The reason is that the Moon in this part of your chart indicates that your financial needs are important. You feel the need for security, so how can you best attain this need. In some cases this can also indicate that now is the right time to purchase a home of your own, if you have not done so previously. If you are young and searching for security then this year you have the opportunity to purchase or build your own home, either on your own or with a loved one. If you have been living in rental accommodation, at any age, then you may now feel the urge to buy a house. It may be that you seek financial security through other means. Depending on other aspects of your astrology chart, you may receive financial assistance that helps you feel more secure. Alternatively you may change your job, seek a promotion, or start a new moneymaking project. It is the ideal time for you to ask yourself some tough questions about what makes you feel financially secure, and then to make the changes that support these self-discoveries.

In the same way that you need to focus on moneymaking ideas, you also need to reassess your spending habits. You may find that your personal requirements have changed, and therefore you need to change your spending habits. Learn all that you can about the flow of money and then apply it to your own situation so that you can benefit from an increased sense of abundance by the end of this birthday year.

### *The Moon is in Pisces*

The element of Water indicates that this is a rich emotional year for you. This is the ideal time to reach out to loved ones, share their trials and tribulations and reveal your own true feelings. It is a privilege to share the pains and joys of the lives of loved ones, even if at times you feel a little overwhelmed. This is a time to go

with the flow in personal matters. Let your imagination flow. Your sensitivity and warmth are key factors right now.

During this year your sensitivity is likely to be finely tuned, even if you are not usually a sensitive person. This is most likely to influence your feelings, but you could also be physically sensitive to your environment. You may be extra touchy, easily upset. Perhaps one chapter in your life is coming to a close before another begins, or it may just be that your emotions are running high. You are more imaginative and intuitive and this can be put to good use if you work in a caring, creative or artistic field. You may be inspired to look after the sick and need, the aged or downtrodden members of society. You may also be inspired to write, sing, paint, dance, act or some other such pursuit. Feelings of romance and love can play a role in your private life this year. Right now your feelings are perhaps softened by a relationship with a woman, either directly or indirectly. It is also the ideal time to take up a spiritual pastime, or delve into activities that increase your sense of emotional wellbeing. This is also an ideal time to seek the advice of a medical practitioner or counsellor if you are feeling a little under the weather emotionally or physically. Right now you may feel vulnerable and reclusive but you are also able to trust your instincts for healing and wholeness. If you need some time out then ask others for understanding and support. If you need a little tender loving care, then make sure that you receive it. Be gentle in your thoughts and actions both for yourself and for your loved ones. You may not be highly organized, or pay much attention to detail, but listen to your intuition and things are likely to flow and work out in everyone's best interests.

### *The Moon is Trine Venus*

Romance and good fortunes are highlighted during this year. If you are married you may rekindle feelings of love and togetherness. It's time to create tender moments. If you are single, you may fall in love with someone, either an old flame or someone new. Your powers of attraction are strong right now, so be sure to use your influence well. You and your loved one are quite starry-eyed, so relax and enjoy sharing intimate and loving occasions. Affection and pleasure are the name of the game. A candlelit dinner, a walk hand-in-hand in nature or just lying on the grass watching the clouds in the sky can be simple pleasures enjoyed with a lover. If there is no one special in your life then you may also benefit from following a passionate past time, particularly one involving the arts, fashion or beauty. Your finances should be well able to support your pleasurable activities during this phase, within reason. Money matters aside, you are inspired by the natural and spiritual world not necessarily the material one right now. You seek private moments of tranquillity. Listening to an uplifting song, sitting on a beach watching a sunset, soaking in a warm bath filled with bubbles and beautiful scents or sitting quietly and playing a game with a small child. These are the types of pleasures that enrich your life this year.

### *The Moon is Sextile Mars*

This year you are ready to make changes in your domestic life. You are ready to start new feel-good projects. You have plenty of energy, and are prepared to pour it into a project that has personal meaning to you or someone close to you. You could be prepared to clean out cupboards, pull out weeds and prune shrubs to get your house in order. You may move house, or you may undertake major renovations or landscaping on your existing home. It is possible that you are feeling restless, irritable and unsure of what emotions are bubbling beneath the surface. Either way you recognize that the time has come for change, that you are ready for new adventures in your private life. If you have let your professional life overshadow your personal needs, then this is the year in which you redress any imbalances. You are able to assert yourself at work so that you can spend more time at home, with loved ones. If anyone upsets you or your family you step in. You are also more impulsive this year, apt to attend to your personal needs on a whim. "If I feel like doing this, then why not?" could be one of your mottos. As a result you may take as many holidays as you can this year, travelling on adventures with friends and family. You may also enjoy adventure theme parks, sports events or physical activities. If you have always wanted to lose weight and go to the gym, then right now you can take the initiative. You need only be careful of taking unnecessary risks. It is time for you to step out of your usual comfort zone and take some risks in your private life, but not to put yourself in danger.



## Venus

The planet Venus sheds light on the personal areas of love and finance in the forthcoming year. This positive and benevolent planet is all about attraction. What attracts you, what makes you attractive to others and how can you attract what you need? Therefore Venus tells you about your relationship with love, money, pleasure, joy and feeling worthwhile. In a Solar Return Chart this planet of love tells you what you are likely to attract throughout the year. It depicts whether or not personal relationships are likely to be prominent during the year, what kind of personal relationships and whether or not you are likely to be focussed on money and pleasure. If you are single then are you likely to attract a significant relationship? If you are married is this a year of romance and fun, or perhaps one in which you tackle a few changes.

### Venus is in the 7th House

The planet of love is residing in your personal house of relationships this year. It is as if the Gods have taken a large spotlight and shone it directly on your love life. You are seeking fulfilment through another person. Be careful not to set your standards too high, either for a current partner or a prospective one.

If you are single then right now you are likely to be yearning for someone special to share your life. You may be attracted to someone, or you may be dwelling on the type of person you would like to attract. This is a time during which you think above love, look for love, and likely meet at least one prospective marriage partner. You need to be realistic in your assessment of your relationship needs. Otherwise you may set the bar too high and miss the opportunity to meet and marry someone special, not perfect but uniquely suited to you. Try to enjoy the dating game.

If you are already in a committed relationship, then the spotlight is on your need to share pleasurable moments with your loved one. Ideally you and your partner are able to enjoy romantic interludes, harmonious outings and shared love. You need to take care that you do not expect too much. Your needs for love are highlighted this year. You may be a little insatiable when it comes to love and romance, particularly if past hurts and neglect come to the surface and you are unable to forgive and forget. Money matters may also be at the centre of your concerns. It may be the right time to get your joint finances and any business contracts in order. You would do well to notice your feelings regarding your partner, carefully assess them in the cold light of day and then you can decide what action to take. Be honest with yourself and your partner. If you need to lower your expectations then do so. If you are really dissatisfied with your marriage, and you feel that it is beyond repair then you may leave your relationship to seek fulfilment elsewhere.

Whether you are single or married, you need to be wary of fleeting sexual passion. This is a year for rekindling true love and passion for life, not letting unruly hormones rule your decisions. This is your year to rediscover a passion for life, perhaps in liaison with another person. However, it could also be time to fall in love with inspirational artistic, fashion or beauty project, or perhaps even with yourself.

### Venus is in Cancer

The planet of love is in a Water sign this year indicating that you seek sensitivity and understanding in love. You are more likely to be focussed on caring and sharing rather than material matters. Feelings are important right now. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you yearn for someone who is simpatico, sharing or supporting your passions. You are well advised to avoid anyone who expresses harsh words. If you are attached, then you enjoy relaxing with your loved one in beautiful natural surroundings, at artistic or inspirational events, or perhaps even on a spiritual retreat. The key is for you to feel emotionally safe and in tune with your partner. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

### Venus is Sextile Mars

Right now you and your partner are simpatico. You can work as a team, supporting each other and achieving your goals. No matter what happens this year, you feel that you have someone on your side, and

vice versa. This is true whether or not you are in a committed partnership, however; it is particularly true if you are married. Other aspects of your annual chart indicate whether or not this is an easy-going or challenging year, but either way you feel ready to take on the challenges. This is particularly true when it comes to money matters. You are able to work to provide for your needs, knowing that you are working side by side with your significant other. You are confident that if you take financial risks then your partner is ready, willing and able to support you. This has a flow-on affect, further boosting your own confidence and your belief in your partnership. As a result you may take a risk with your partner this year. On a personal note you may strike out on an adventure holiday with your loved one this year, or take on another physical challenge that delights you, or travel to a foreign land. Your sex life is likely to be enjoyable, as you rediscover your passion for your own goals, and share them with a beloved partner. If you are single then you are likely to strike out on your own, trusting in your own ability to support yourself. You may meet a potential partner, or perhaps form a friendship with someone who helps boost your confidence.

### *Venus is Semisquare Uranus*

A sudden turn of events sets your love life on a different course this year. This could be literally that someone near and dear makes a significant change, or proposes an outlandish plan of action that sets you on a new journey. However, it can also be that you are unsettled when it comes to love and money. If you are flying solo then you may meet someone exciting, who dares you to think or act differently. You need to make sure that you remain open to new possibilities, but do not act rashly or foolishly. Commitment is unlikely to be high on the agenda. Instead you, or your new lover, are likely to be seeking excitement, romance and fun. Likewise if you are already involved with someone near and dear, then you have the opportunity to spice up your love life. Your partner may propose changes that are out of the blue. You may consider these plans with excitement or fear, or a little of both. They are likely to challenge you to move out of your comfort zone, and you can decide if this is a positive move or an outrageous one, or both. If you decide against the proposals, then you need to seriously consider the consequences for yourself and your partner. This is a moment of truth, and only you can know in your own heart whether or not you are avoiding the changes proposed through fear, or sensible appraisal. If your partner is really restless then you may need to give him or her some time alone to consider all of the options and be prepared for the outcome. This is not the right time for you to try to control other people, or outcomes. Consider all of the options, changes and plans that are put before you and remain flexible. Your love life may seem a little bit like a roller coaster ride. The question is, are you ready for the ride or do you want to step off?

## THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES



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

### **Mars**

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

### **Mars is in the 4th House**

If you were hoping to nestle into a tranquil and settled home this year, then you are likely to be disappointed. Of course, you may have moments of peace and quiet, however; it is more likely that your household resembles a hustling and bustling metropolis right now. People come and go. Friends and family pop in for a cuppa, or visit for a few days, or more in or out for extended periods. It may be your year to host one or more big family events. Your home is likely to require attention, with heating appliances going on the blink and tradesmen are required. You may decide to renovate on a large scale, enjoying the challenge of the alterations. You may even be forced to change homes this year, moving from one location to another because of changes in your home environment, or the actions of a family member. If you enjoy an action-packed home environment, then you revel in it this year. However, if you prefer a more tranquil setting then you are likely to feel tense at times. If you are not careful you may start to battle with family members, battling for supremacy in the pecking order. Confrontations with family members are unlikely to benefit anyone, and may even alienate those who you need the most. You need allies, not enemies. Try to re-direct your feelings of resentment, into more positive channels. You may benefit from a robust round of garden work, setting up a home gym or taking martial arts lessons. Alternatively you could always opt for the old adage, "if you can't beat them, join them" and have some fun.

### **Uranus**

*The planet Uranus is one of disclosure. It reveals the areas that you need to change during the course of*

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

### **Uranus is in the 5th House**

How flexible are you? Can you adapt to your surroundings in a creative manner, supporting others in their artistic endeavours? Do you help out with other people's children? Are you a creative parent? This is your year to be more of a free spirit. As such you may need to make changes when it comes to creativity and dealing with children. If you are already artistic, freely expressing yourself through your works then you are likely to have sudden and unexpected opportunities to work in a different way. You can try new ideas, express yourself more truly through your work and perhaps work more independently than you have before. If you have secret dreams to take up an artistic hobby, or play or create computer games, or express yourself in any creative project then this is your year to "come-out". If you make excuses then you are likely to have those excuses stripped away. Even if your responsibilities demand that you have little spare time, you can still start a class, or put aside a little time for your own creative expression. You can speculate this year and enjoy the process, however; gambling is to be avoided. Children also feature largely this year, either your children or someone else's. Your relationship to children is likely to change dramatically. This could be the year during which a child starts school and hence frees up some of your time to start a creative project. On the other hand a child could be born, or you could start a relationship with someone who already has children from a previous marriage. If this is the case then children are likely to have a disruptive influence, as you attempt to create an environment in which everyone has the right to express him or herself. This is your year to re-evaluate what it means to have fun, to remain flexible and open to new creative opportunities and to rekindle a passion for imaginary, romantic and artistic realms.

### **Pluto**

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

### **Pluto is in the 1st House**

The powerful planet Pluto is highlighted in the areas of your health and happiness. This year you are undergoing changes in the way in which you view and express yourself. The planet Pluto has an uncanny ability to strip self-deceit and force us to face the truth. You are being challenged to see the truth about yourself. Are you living true to yourself? If so, then you are likely to move forward in leaps and bounds. If not, then changes will occur that challenge you to live with purpose and integrity. It is best not to resist the strong force of these changes. Resisting is likely to leave your health depleted, and cause unhappiness. You would be better advised to reflect on new possibilities. It is possible that the underlying fear that prompts you to try to retain control is simply a mirage. Once you face your fears you are likely to feel more peace.

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now. What does this mean? One dictionary describes "power" as, "the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness." Events or people are likely to challenge you to reassess your life in terms of your effectiveness. In what areas of your life do you exercise control? Do you exercise this control wisely? Do you respect other people's contributions or do you try to run



roughshod over them knowing that they have to support you? It is time to find the answers to these questions and ensure that you are expressing yourself with integrity and working co-operatively. As a result you are likely to enjoy a new surge of energy as well as increase your effectiveness in achieving your own ambitions. You may also discover leadership potential that you never knew existed.

### **Chiron**

*This section also includes Chiron, an enigmatic point in your Birth Chart. Chiron is known as the Wounded Healer and tells of areas that may trigger some feelings of hurt, present or past. Chiron is also a teacher and shows where you can heal and grow as a person. This could be physical, emotional or spiritual growth.*

### **Chiron is in the 4th House**

During the course of this year an event may trigger the need for you to address some core wounds in your family dynamics. Perhaps the dynamics of your family are changing, prompting you to query family patterns, and a need to break free and heal. Memories of early childhood may surface. You may need to face a painful conversation with a loved one, but harmony is possible as you discover common ground. It's time for you to nurture yourself through finding shelter, support and love in your current living quarters, whether you live alone or share your home. As such you may rearrange, redecorate or move home. If possible, it's time to enjoy your family, your home and perhaps even multi-generational family fun. Anything that stands in the way of this happening in your current situation, needs to be addressed. Vulnerability is the name of the game, but not to the point of creating more hurt. You can only do so much. If a family member insists on manipulating you through distancing, bullying or even plain insults, then it is time to gently, but firmly stand your ground. The 'silent treatment' is not ok, neither is the excuse that someone is 'just teasing'. You can move forward and can create a home environment in which you feel loved and upheld. You may even decide to do some healing work from home, setting up your own restorative space.

## THIS YEAR'S LESSONS



*"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time."*

-- Jean Paul Richter German Writer

### *Mercury*

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

### *Mercury is in the 7th House*

Love and all that is connected to love is highlighted right now. If you are single then you may meet someone new and intellectually stimulating, perhaps even two new people. While your mental connection is powerful, you need to ensure that you also feel an emotional bond. Otherwise you may feel torn between wanting to share your life with this person, and wondering if it will last because deep down you realize that an important issue is not going to satisfy you in the long term. On the other hand you may be delighted with your new partner, more than willing to compromise and keen to make a commitment. Keep the communication lines open, because this is your year for decisions when it comes to life partners and marriage. In fact an imminent wedding ceremony may be the focus of many discussions and plans, as choices need to be made about flowers, serviettes, wedding cars, guest lists and all that is entailed in such a happy event. If you are already married then discussions are likely to be intense surrounding some other happy event. Perhaps you are discussing whether or not to have children, or planning your life together as your children leave home. You and your partner may spend many hours sitting around the kitchen table discussing renovation plans, or how to juggle holidays with family commitments. Perhaps a big overseas trip is on the wish list and now you have to plan the details. Whatever the happy event, your lesson is to keep conversing and remain flexible. If there are gremlins in the works and events don't go exactly to plan then don't get irritable and argue. Try to see the funny side. If you and your partner don't see eye to eye on something important then take time out, and then negotiate a compromise. The most important thing this year is that you are learning about yourself, your relationship and your partner. As US psychologist Dr Phil McGraw says, *"do you want to be right, or do you want to be happy?"*

### *Mercury is in Cancer*

The sharp intellect of the planet Mercury is mingling with an emotional Water sign, which is not an easy mix. Right now you are finding it difficult to make clear and sensible decisions. Perhaps you receive some news which upsets you, or possibly life is changing in a way that doesn't feel good. You need to say good-bye to

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

### *Mercury is Trine Saturn*

The decisions that you make now have long term consequences. For this reason you are more serious than usual, reflecting on past mistakes and making careful plans. Your lesson is to avoid dwelling too much on the past, otherwise you may become despondent, more focussed on looking backwards rather than planning the present and the future. Hindsight is a wonderful thing, and you need to remember that right now you have the wisdom of hindsight. Use this wisdom to make decisions now. You are focussed on duty, and may have a heavy workload at home or at work, or perhaps both. You may be responsible for young children, your own or other people's. Your responsibilities may weigh heavily on your shoulders. If this is the case you may benefit by drawing up a schedule and a budget, and making sure that you plan a little rest and relaxation. If you cannot afford the time or money to take a long holiday, then plan short breaks, even if you stay at home. This helps lighten the load. Your tendency to view events and people seriously can be a bit onerous this year, both for yourself and other people. You may be more pessimistic and obsessive than you realize. This is why it is vital that you make time for recreation, and keep a positive outlook. If you notice any signs of mental fatigue, then you may benefit from speaking to a mentor, or counsellor. You may enjoy concentrating on a project that requires concerted mental effort. This may take your mind off other serious matters. You can research, deliberate and present the results in a judicious manner. Your time-management skills are excellent. Once again you need to ensure that your attitude is optimistic. Guilt, worry, self-blame, and self-criticism are to be avoided at all costs. You need to ensure that you are not the scapegoat for other people's problems that you face up to your responsibilities but that you also adopt a mind-set that encourages compassion, kindness and love.

### *Jupiter*

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

### *Jupiter is in the 6th House*

This is a very busy year indeed. The good news is that you can achieve a lot. The cautionary tale is that you need to be wary of overloading your system. As long as you make sure that you maintain excellent health then this is a busy year in which you tackle many household tasks, work-related chores and perhaps one or

two big projects. You are on a roll. If you feel tired then you have either taken on too much, or you need to reassess your workload. You have the opportunity to be working in a job that you really enjoy this year. If you are not enjoying your role, or your colleagues, then you are likely to successfully apply for a different position. This is not a change of career but rather a step into a job that is more uplifting and energising. Enjoyment in your daily life is the key factor. Your colleagues are also likely to note your enthusiasm and application and your reputation improves. You may receive a pay-rise, promotion, and award of some other such reward as recognition of your good work. You may not have time to fully appreciate the benefits until after your next birthday, but try to enjoy the ride.

### **Saturn**

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

### **Saturn is in the 3rd House**

You are more likely to be concentrating on work rather than pleasure this year. This could be because of a project that demands concentrated physical or mental effort, such as a research, writing, policy planning, building, sports or gym work, or it could be because you have significant decisions to make. It is also possible that past decisions are catching up with you, as you realize the consequences of verbal or written interactions in recent times. Likewise, you are learning that sometime silence is golden and at others it is detrimental. Alternatively you may be overburdened by too many tasks. You may have to work for extended periods in your own company, and at times suffer from mental fatigue. It is time to learn from past mistakes, learn new skills and honour current commitments. If you do this then you have the mental discipline to honour your obligations and gain the respect of those around you. However, you need to be aware that this year it is likely that your social interactions with other people are much fun. You are more likely to be restricted, perhaps even a little lonely, while you concentrate on learning your own lessons and the tasks at hand. Your commitments may demand that you travel away from home, and hence your social life is likely to suffer. On the other hand you may be preoccupied with one or more life important decisions. You may have some tough choices to make in either your professional and private life. Perhaps you are considering making an important promise to someone, such as a betrothal or a decision to have a child, or perhaps you are deciding to end an association. Whatever the scenario in your life, you are reassessing options in one or more areas of your life, and making firm resolutions. You would be well advised to keep your own counsel, rather than confide in all and sundry. It may feel like you are stifling your own voice, but this could have benefits in the future. Perhaps you could consult an expert to help you through this stage of your life, however; you should not rush any major decisions. Take your time, consider the consequences, plan your strategy and then state your case.



## THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY



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

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

### **Neptune**

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

### **Neptune is in the 3rd House**

In some ways you might prefer to be silent this year, rather than have to communicate. This is because you are more contemplative than usual. Your mind is pre-occupied. You may or may not be aware of the cause of your need to wool gather this year, the important thing is that you accept this need and create avenues for escape or creative pre-occupation. You are very impressionable right now and so it is also vital that you turn your mind to positive activities. For instance you could read or write an artistic, inspirational, spiritual or intriguing book, but these stories need to be uplifting not menacing. You could also join a local prayer group, or enjoy inspirational films or television shows. Your dreams may be more prolific and you could start writing a dream journal, recording your memories, dreams and reflections. Your thoughts may be a little cloudy this year as you seek information on various topics. You need to be wary of becoming distracted. At the same time you need to remain open to new possibilities. This is not a year during which you should be making big decisions, unless the process was already set in motion before your last birthday. The reason that you should avoid making life-changing decisions, or promises, is because right now all is not clear. This could be because you are undergoing a process of change and you are not yet in possession of all of the facts, or it could be because someone is making promises that they have no intention of keeping. You are susceptible to con artists at this point in time because you are not sure of your own mind, or direction. If you feel confused, then follow your intuition or trust the voice of experience. It is important that you give yourself time to adapt to any changed circumstances, to dream of possibilities, but to perhaps remain silent until you are able to undertake a realistic assessment of all of your options. The challenge is to allow yourself to indulge your imagination, so that a new way of viewing your life can emerge. While you are creating the time to rest your weary mind, you can cultivate an attitude of gratitude for all the blessings in your life. This is a

time of assimilation rather than accumulation. You may benefit by resurrecting the age-old practice of saying a prayer of “grace”, reading self-help books, or breathing in silence. Affirmations and creative visualisation exercises may also be beneficial. This is your year to create a sacred space in your daily life so that you can have a deep conversation with yourself, and your God.

### *The North Node*

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

### *The North Node is in the 3rd House*

Your journey now involves communication and communication networks. If you want to spread the word about anything personal or professional then now is the time to speak up. You are likely to meet people who help you voice your message whether verbally, written or via the internet. Your life’s journey is about to reveal ways in which you can express your true self. You can promote your own professional interests, or you may speak up on behalf of others. Either way the Fates ask that you view these opportunities selflessly, rather than through a mindset of egotism. The path that you are required to take now is one of walking side by side with colleagues, friends, and family members, not of forcing issues. Watch for destiny’s signposts, listen to the unspoken messages of those around you and tune into your own intuition.

### *The North Node is Square Venus*

You have a date with destiny when it comes to love. “The path to true love is not smooth” or so the saying goes. This is true for you right now. You need to let go of an old love, or a significant female influence, in order to pave the way for a new one to truly blossom. This does not necessarily mean that your current love is going to end, but rather than you need to really open your heart for love. If you have been holding on to someone else in your heart, someone from the past then you are destined to lay this love to rest, and move on. If your current love is not your heart's desire then you may need to say goodbye. The point is that the time for excuses is over. In this way you have a date with destiny. You need to be ready to meet someone new, or to truly open your heart to your current love. Once you are ready then the obstacles magically disappear and you may meet a special someone, or you may marry your current love. If you are already married, then perhaps you renew your vows or seal your profound love with a special ceremony, holiday or celebration.

### *The North Node is Semisquare Uranus*

There is an unusual twist of fate this year. This may be in the form of an unexpected event, or a stranger turning up on your doorstep, or the chance to start an unorthodox hobby. Your surprise may be connected with computers, the internet, or another form of technology. So if you are eager to try new things and step out of your comfort zone, then this is your year to experiment. It is written in the stars that you can expect the unexpected.

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