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The Solar Return Chart

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

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

Natal Chart

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 Placidus Houses

Solar Return

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Planet	Posit.	Hs	Cusp	Plan.	Posit.	Hs	Cusp
Sun	10°Ar22'	01st	22°Sc48'	Sun	10°Ar22'	01st	02°Pi58'
Moon	13°Ar00'	02n	24°Sg01'	Moon	25°Pi59'	02n	16°Ar14'
Mercury	08°Ar30'	03rd	05°Aq36'	Mercury	20°Ar11'	03rd	18°Ta35'
Venus	19°Pi38'	04th	15°Pi58'	Venus	04°Pi30'	04th	13°Ge27'
Mars	05°Ca41'	05th	15°Ar33'	Mars	16°Cp49'	05th	05°Ca53'
Jupiter	01°Ta03'	06th	06°Ta38'	Jupiter	08°Le05' R	06th	00°Le19'
Saturn	26°Ca02'	07th	22°Ta48'	Saturn	23°Ge24'	07th	02°Vi58'
Uranus	06°Sc09' R	08th	24°Ge01'	Uranus	01°Pi04'	08th	16°Li14'
Neptune	13°Sg55' R	09th	05°Le36'	Neptune	12°Aq38'	09th	18°Sc35'
Pluto	10°Li21' R	10th	15°Vi58'	Pluto	19°Sg56' R	10th	13°Sg27'
Ascend.	22°Sc48'	11th	15°Li33'	Ascend.	02°Pi58'	11th	05°Cp53'
Midhvn.	15°Vi58'	12th	06°Sc38'	Midhvn.	13°Sg27'	12th	00°Aq19'

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by Ray Merriman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Overview for the Year

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

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

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

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

Balance: Having a balance of planets in each house type is most desirable. You have

this, and it indicates a "balanced" approach to life, a nice combination of initiative, follow-through, and inspiration or new ideas.

The House Containing the Sun

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

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

The Sun, at the time of your solar return, falls in the 1st house.

1st house: You will tend to project a very confident and vibrant self for the coming year. Your effort will tend to be successful and bring you much recognition and attention. You tend to come across with radiance and happiness to others, with a sense of strength and "take charge". You may assume positions of leadership and control, and be the one "in charge" in your surroundings. Overall it portends good health and psychological strength, and a year of great personal growth.

It may also indicate financial fears. Even though there is much activity, there may be some question as to your ability to save or accumulate wealth. The "I desire" or "I am" part of the yourself at this time may be quite strong too, and you must be careful of coming across egotistical, self-centered, or to demanding of others.

Cusp Conjunctions of Solar Return or Natal Planets

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

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

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

Natal Moon on the 2nd house cusp:

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

The 2nd house pertains to your money, income, savings, and new possessions.

Solar Return Venus on the 1st house cusp:

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

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

Natal Mars on the 5th house cusp:

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

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

Solar Return Uranus on the 1st house cusp:

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

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Natal Neptune on the 10th house cusp:

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

The 10th house (Midheaven) pertains to your career and vocation; your status in the community; your accomplishments; your role as the head of the company, enterprise, or household; the father-figures in your life (father, employer, supervisor).

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

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

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

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

Return Venus Conjunction Ascendant (Orb: 1°31')

Venus in harmonious aspect to horizon: This a year in which agreements and relationships of a very positive nature may unfold. In business, agreements lead to financial success. Many new and favorable contacts and contracts may arise, and you are encouraged to pursue these. Others seem to find you most agreeable and pleasant to be with. For the year, you exude more than your usual grace and charm. Romantic matters also are highlighted. You have a wonderful and appealing nature which draws others to you. In addition, your personal appearance is very attractive - even you like the way you look! Furthermore, others whom you find exciting and attractive come into your life, and from this, love may transpire. Things of beauty and value may also come into your possession. Financially, you tend to do very well this year, and your savings may increase, thus affording you a greater sense of financial and psychological security. You are encouraged to purchase things that will make you feel "good" about yourself, or to change your appearance in some way if you wish (i.e. clothing, plastic surgery, etc.). You may also function very well as a mediator between two opposing views, and receive compliments from both sides. If the aspect to the Ascendant is not exact, you may wish to consult with a qualified professional astrologer who can advise you on where this aspect would be more exact. The closer this aspect is to exact, the more powerful its correlation to your life experience is likely to be.

Natal Mars Trine Ascendant (Orb: 2°42')

Mars in harmonious aspect to horizon: This is a year of great motivation to do things successfully. You seem highly charged and energetic, and very self-directed. Your pioneering spirit can be a great aid in starting a particular (or many) new ventures. You

seem eager to try new things. One area that may be of great benefit is physical exercise or athletic competition - or competition of any kind this year. You tend to fare very well in such endeavors. This indicates a year of great activity, and one not given to boredom.

Natal Jupiter Sextile Ascendant (Orb: 1°55')

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

Return Uranus Conjunction Ascendant (Orb: 1°54')

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

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

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

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

Natal Moon Trine Midheaven (Orb: 0°27')

Moon in harmonious aspect to meridian: Your work may feel like a family, and your family may be very supportive of your work this year. Both family members and work associates care a great deal about you. You are truly blessed this year with love. Any

matters dealing with real estate or relocation seem to go very smoothly. If there are changes professionally, they also seem to coincide with favorable changes in income.

Natal Sun Trine Midheaven (Orb: 3°05')

Sun in harmonious aspect to meridian: This year favors recognition in your profession. Along with this may come financial gains. It portends great growth and success in regard to your work and home, which directly enhances your confidence in yourself. It brings clarity to your sense of purpose. You tend to feel favorably identified with your work, or "calling in life."

This is a very favorable set up, and if the aspect is not exact (within 1 degree), you may wish to travel a short distance (i.e. probably less than 300 miles) to bring it closer to being exact. The more exact this planetary aspect is to the meridian, the more powerful this planet's nature is likely to be in your life this year. Consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance in this matter if you are open to it.

Natal Mercury Trine Midheaven (Orb: 4°58')

Return Mercury Trine Midheaven (Orb: 6°43')

Mercury in harmonious aspect to meridian: This year may be one of great success in business. If you are a business person, you may see your sales and income rise nicely. You may be an excellent negotiator or deal-maker this year. The key to success is effective and timely communication. It is also an excellent year to learn or teach new skills. If you have writing ability, then a major project may be completed this year. Relationships with your children are apt to be positive. This is a very favorable set up, and if the aspect is not exact (within 1 degree), you may wish to travel a short distance (i.e. probably less than 300 miles) to bring it closer to being exact. The more exact this planetary aspect is to the meridian, the more powerful this planet's nature is likely to be in your life this year. Consult a qualified professional astrologer for assistance in this matter if you are open to it.

Natal Venus Square Midheaven (Orb: 6°10')

Return Venus Square Midheaven (Orb: 8°58')

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

Return Jupiter Trine Midheaven (Orb: 5°22')

Jupiter in harmonious aspect to meridian: A great deal of success and growth are possible in your work and home setting this year. Opportunities abound. There is great

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

Return Neptune Sextile Midheaven (Orb: 0°49')

Neptune in harmonious aspect to meridian: You may find yourself being placed upon a pedestal this year by others. Your imagination in work matters, as well as domestic and family concerns, is very great. If you are involved in advertising or marketing, this could be quite helpful. If you design or decorate homes or offices, this is excellent. There is a seductive "glamour" to what you are doing that draws others in. This could be very beneficial in a sales sense, such as creating incentive programs. There is a "romance" about your work - perhaps you really love what you are doing now. It seems as if you handle pressure quite well; in fact, you may be quite relaxed and laid back this year. Socially, you will do quite well. You are the perfect host or hostess, and everyone loves your parties. In both the home and work setting, you may find others come to you with their problems, and if you listen carefully, they may truly be helped by your counsel. This can create a sense of great inner satisfaction, of knowing you helped someone.

Return Pluto Conjunction Midheaven (Orb: 6°28')

Pluto Conjunction Midheaven is both harmonious and discordant.

Pluto in harmonious aspect to meridian: This year it is possible for you to work with a large and powerful group of people. You yourself may be given, or find yourself in, a position of great influence. With this position, you may have the power to change things - to improve conditions - for the better. The result could be a substantial increase in profits (in business) or value/net worth (personal). Any research or investigation efforts you are involved in may turn up a bonanza. This is a year of discoveries, and they prove to be very valuable to you personally. Perhaps they result in a favorable legal, contractual or insurance settlement. Or perhaps they just give you the clout or insight you need to successfully finish projects you have been working on.

Pluto in discordant aspect to meridian: You may be the subject of a vicious power struggle this year. Your position and status may be threatened due to the undermining tactics of another, or due to something entirely out of your control, i.e. illness to yourself or even threat of death to a family member. On some level, some aspect of your existence may be threatened. It may be psychological or professional. You are best advised to get everything out in the open if there is an open conflict brewing, so you know who and

what you are dealing with. There is a quality of obsession, either about you or towards you from another. You must learn to offer alternatives, and if the other party accepts, perhaps through mutual sacrifice a "truce" or healing may unfold. Otherwise someone may be terminated from their position.

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

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

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

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

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

Mercury to Mercury, Same Gender: This may be a very busy year, with many decisions having to be made. Mentally, you are very sharp. You tend to communicate ideas very effectively, getting your ideas across to others quite adeptly. You may be very persuasive, and hard to disagree with. If you are inclined towards business, then it may be a year of much activity and several transactions. If you are inclined towards travel,

especially short journeys, then there may be much travel - perhaps business-related. It is a favorable year for reading, learning, teaching, and in general, getting your ideas across to others, or being stimulated by compatible ideas from others.

Venus to Venus, Same Gender: Compatibility with others whom you love and care deeply for is highlighted this year. You may feel in a romantic mood for much of this year. Socially you may enjoy great popularity, as you meet people who have similar likes and dislikes. There is a sense of inner harmony and peace. There is consistency with your psychological values, as you are in synch here. You have ample opportunity to share beautiful experiences with others. This may be a year for acquisitions which you will value greatly, perhaps even receiving gifts and/or praise from others. Financially there may be gains and you seem on track, according to goals you have set for yourself. This is a year of satisfying desires, especially sensual ones. Furthermore it is a time of being treated with fairness or favoritism by others. Also you seem satisfied with your appearance and/or style. In fact, there may be favorable experiences involving your physical appearance (increasing attractiveness i.e. hair style, new clothes etc.).

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

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

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

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

First house planets in discordant aspect to rulers:

This year may fall short of your expectations. Recognition or attention comes your way, but it may not of a flattering kind. You may find yourself the subject of criticism, probably as a result of how you express yourself. You might want to check out your emotional and mental state: are you depressed? are you angry? are you too sensitive? are you too critical? If so, make an effort to overcome these negative states, otherwise others may not feel like associating closely with you. You may also have to pay close attention to your physical as well as psychological health, for this set up does not favor a healthy constitution.

Second house planets in discordant aspect to rulers:

Financial affairs tend to encounter difficulties. There may be loss of money or income. There may also be a value crisis involving a significant relationship, a conflict between what you need and what you desire. Be careful of being too gullible, or trying to hard to impress others with projections that are not really you.

Fourth house planets in harmonious aspect to rulers:

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

Sixth house planets in harmonious aspect to rulers:

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

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

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

Time Bands of Significant Change: The Progressed Solar Return Moon

The following is a listing of the dates in which your progressed solar return Moon makes these exact aspects in the course of the next year, and their potential implications in your life at that time. Please note two things: first, you must allow an orb of six weeks before and after each date, as these progressed lunar aspects have a time band in which

they may be effective. Second, this listing covers the period beginning three months before your actual solar return date, and 15 months following it. It covers an 18-month time band.

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

During the 18 months surrounding your solar return (3 months before through 15 months following), your progressed solar return Moon makes the following aspects to your solar return and natal planets, or their solstice points:

Dec 25, 2002: Moon Trine Ascend. (Natal)

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

Jan 03, 2003: Moon Sesquiquadrate Jupiter (Return)

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

Jan 12, 2003: Moon Square Saturn (Return)

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

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

Feb 09, 2003: Moon Square Mars (Natal Solstice Point)

Within six weeks of this date you may feel very testy, argumentative, combative. As result, you may have more than the usual number of quarrels and disputes with others. Accidents could happen now, so it is best to be cautious and even defensive, to take your time with getting places. Hurrying through things could result in errors and a need to do them over again, not to mention how you may tend to react to such events (i.e. could be quite upsetting). This is a period in which meditation may be very beneficial. It is certainly a time in which you should carefully review everything before you put it into motion. This is not the most favorable time for starting new projects. However you may have ample energy and passion - just try to direct it positively.

Apr 01, 2003: Moon Trine Saturn (Natal)

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

May 19, 2003: Moon Semisquare Neptune (Return)

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

an artistic sense. However you may also be given to fantasies and delusional thinking, so before you fully believe something, make sure there is a basis in reality for your belief. You may be well advised to avoid gossip or talking negatively about others, as it may come back to haunt you. Your "secrets" are not likely to be held in confidence, so be careful of what you say and who you talk about. Your reputation may be on the line, and you may be the subject of false accusations or deceptions. Try to see things as they are, and check your intuition out with reality during this time.

Nov 27, 2003: Moon Sextile Saturn (Natal Solstice Point)

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

Nov 28, 2003: Moon Opposition Moon (Return Solstice Point)

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

Jan 18, 2004: Moon Square Mars (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date you may feel very testy, argumentative, combative. As result, you may have more than the usual number of quarrels and disputes with others. Accidents could happen now, so it is best to be cautious and even defensive, to take your time with getting places. Hurrying through things could result in errors and a need to do them over again, not to mention how you may tend to react to such events (i.e. could be quite upsetting). This is a period in which meditation may be very beneficial. It is certainly a time in which you should carefully review everything before you put it into motion. This is not the most favorable time for starting new projects. However you may have ample energy and passion - just try to direct it positively.

Feb 01, 2004: Moon Quincunx Uranus (Natal)

Within six weeks of this date, it may seem as if a series of disruptions and distractions are suddenly occurring. Everything seems to fall apart or come unraveled at once. People are strange. They act erratically and perhaps without reason or sensibility. Even you are given to erratic behavior and emotionalism. One day you are up and the next day you are down. This period may coincide with separations and disagreements. It may be difficult to see eye to eye with others. You are just on a different track, and your timing may be off. Still, you have plenty of exciting new ideas. It is a time of progressive thinking. It's

just that nobody can understand or appreciate what you are conceiving. It is difficult getting your ideas across effectively, and so you may feel awkward and out of place. You may meet people who are exciting, at least physically attractive, but you may also discover you have nothing really in common with them. It may be best to use this period to write ideas down and come back to them later (they are ahead of their times, perhaps). Do not use this period to make new purchases in computers or electronics, for all such matters (and electrical ones too) may go awry. What you attracted to, and what you think you want, may not be accurate now.

Feb 15, 2004: Moon Square Saturn (Return Solstice Point)

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

Mar 04, 2004: Moon Sextile Ascend. (Natal Solstice Point)

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

Mar 22, 2004: Moon Sesquiquadrate Ascend. (Natal)

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

Mar 31, 2004: Moon Trine Jupiter (Return)

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

Apr 12, 2004: Moon Conjunction Mercury (Natal)

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

May 30, 2004: Moon Square Pluto (Return Solstice Point)

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

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

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

Although the entire period during which the transiting Sun through a house emphasizes conditions dealing with that house, it is primarily the three-day period

surrounding that house ingress that is most important. Three days before through three days after the time the transiting Sun conjuncts a solar return house cusp brings to the forefront conditions involving that house's domain.

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

Apr 06, 2003

The Transiting Sun Enters The Second House: During this period your financial matters are highlighted. It is a time of receiving rewards, results, or financial gains from your previous efforts initiated when the Sun transited through your first house. Hopefully there were efforts then. The most significant period in regards to monetary matters may happen within three days of the time this transit started.

May 09, 2003

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

Jun 04, 2003

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

Jun 27, 2003

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

Jul 23, 2003

The Transiting Sun Enters The Sixth House: This is a time when work duties are likely to predominate your mind. You may find yourself working diligently on a specific project during this period, attending to great detail and/or analysis. There may be a health concern too. There may also be an issue with a co-worker that needs to be worked out.

Cooperation and compromise may be necessary. Overall, the quality of your work is important, and as such, it may improve. The most significant time seems to be within three days of the beginning of this period.

Aug 26, 2003

The Transiting Sun Enters The Seventh House: During this period, emphasis will likely shift to partnerships, marriages, contracts and agreements with others. It is a period highlighting social engagements and meetings. You tend to be well-liked and popular now, and your attention may be relaxing from the prior period's intensity of focus. Meeting people on their level may be beneficial. Offers and proposals may be offered. Unions of many kinds tend to be positive. If you are married, there seems to be an improvement either in your relation with your spouse, or his/her relations with other people. This may be a time to have meetings with your agent, lawyer or accountant. The period within three days of the date listed above may be most significant.

Oct 09, 2003

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

Nov 11, 2003

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

Dec 05, 2003

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

Dec 27, 2003

The Transiting Sun Enters The Eleventh House: Rewards for your professional efforts

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

Jan 20, 2004

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

Feb 21, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mar 31, 2003: Neptune (Natal)

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

Apr 01, 2003: Venus (Return)

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

Apr 07, 2003: Pluto (Return)

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

Apr 10, 2003: Saturn (Return)

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

Apr 10, 2003: Venus (Natal)

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

Apr 14, 2003: Moon (Return)

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

Apr 22, 2003: Mercury (Natal)

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

Apr 23, 2003: Mars (Natal)

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

Apr 23, 2003: Sun (Natal)

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

Apr 23, 2003: Pluto (Natal)

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

Apr 25, 2003: Moon (Natal)

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

Apr 29, 2003: Mercury (Return)

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

May 04, 2003: Mars (Return)

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

May 06, 2003: Jupiter (Natal)

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

initiative. This may be a time of luck.

May 10, 2003: Uranus (Natal)

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

May 14, 2003: Saturn (Natal)

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

May 26, 2003: Jupiter (Return)

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

May 31, 2003: Neptune (Return)

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

Jun 12, 2003: Neptune (Natal)

Des conjunct Neptune: This is a time in which you may be very vulnerable to

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

Jun 18, 2003: Pluto (Return)

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

Jun 19, 2003: Uranus (Return)

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

Jun 22, 2003: Saturn (Return)

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

distractions and stick to the schedule; lack of discipline results in frustrations and falling behind in one's tasks.

Jun 23, 2003: Venus (Return)

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

Jul 08, 2003: Mars (Natal)

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

Jul 08, 2003: Venus (Natal)

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

Jul 15, 2003: Moon (Return)

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

Jul 21, 2003: Mars (Return)

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

Jul 28, 2003: Mercury (Natal)

MC conjunct Mercury: A time in which your business matters may be highly emphasized; making deals; discussing ideas with business colleagues; speaking

engagements - as a speaker or attendee; a learning opportunity that might benefit you professionally; a chance to work, to be of service at work; travel related to work, or communication with someone at a distance; purchasing communication devices to be used in work, i.e. computers, fax machine, telephone, etc.

Jul 30, 2003: Sun (Natal)

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

Jul 30, 2003: Pluto (Natal)

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

Aug 02, 2003: Moon (Natal)

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

Aug 03, 2003: Saturn (Natal)

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

Aug 10, 2003: Mercury (Return)

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

used in work, i.e. computers, fax machine, telephone, etc.

Aug 19, 2003: Jupiter (Return)

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

Aug 21, 2003: Jupiter (Natal)

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

Aug 25, 2003: Neptune (Return)

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

Aug 26, 2003: Uranus (Natal)

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

Sep 17, 2003: Uranus (Return)

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

Sep 21, 2003: Venus (Return)

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

Oct 04, 2003: Neptune (Natal)

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

Oct 09, 2003: Venus (Natal)

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

Oct 10, 2003: Pluto (Return)

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

Oct 14, 2003: Saturn (Return)

MC conjunct Saturn: This is a time when you may experience disappointment, setbacks, or delays in attaining goals you have set for yourself; there may some

disappointing news in regard to work; a time of rejections, denials, withholding of support that you desired; professional growth may be slowed; however it may be favorable for re-writing or re-stating or re-thinking your goals more clearly now; the opportunity to organize your thoughts and goals regarding work; the potential of difficulties with your parents or employers; tension or stress in your work; you may be best advised to take more time to work things out more properly; not a favorable time to ask for favors or support at work; denial of your requests.

Oct 15, 2003: Moon (Return)

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

Oct 26, 2003: Mars (Natal)

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

Oct 29, 2003: Mercury (Natal)

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

Oct 31, 2003: Sun (Natal)

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

Oct 31, 2003: Pluto (Natal)

Asc conjunct Pluto: This is a time of great intensity; you may feel obsessed, or driven with something or someone; it may be a time that you seriously consider eliminating somebody, or something, from your life; perhaps it is best to consider alternatives before drastic actions are implemented that hurt others or yourself- is there any chance of a "win-win" in this situation? At its best, it is a time of deep insight, discovery, and positive

influence over others; at its worse, it is a time of rage, of wanting to get even or destroy someone in some way; conflicts over money and/or power are possible now, in business or personal matters; this may also be a time in which tax or insurance matters come up; it is a time requiring caution and avoidance of dangerous situations or feelings from within yourself; an act of coercion is possible, so avoid dealings with others who try to force you to do things against your will; by the same token, you are encouraged to avoid forcing others to do anything against their will.

Nov 03, 2003: Moon (Natal)

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

Nov 06, 2003: Mars (Return)

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

Nov 11, 2003: Mercury (Return)

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

Nov 15, 2003: Saturn (Natal)

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

Nov 23, 2003: Jupiter (Natal)

Des conjunct Jupiter: A time of optimism regarding contracts, agreements, and

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

Nov 27, 2003: Jupiter (Return)

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

Nov 29, 2003: Uranus (Natal)

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

Dec 02, 2003: Neptune (Return)

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

Dec 20, 2003: Uranus (Return)

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

Dec 23, 2003: Venus (Return)

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

Jan 07, 2004: Venus (Natal)

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

Jan 13, 2004: Moon (Return)

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

Jan 16, 2004: Neptune (Natal)

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

body is highly sensitive to drugs, alcohol, or medications, and your immune system may be weak.

Jan 23, 2004: Pluto (Return)

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

Jan 26, 2004: Mercury (Natal)

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

Jan 27, 2004: Sun (Natal)

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

Jan 27, 2004: Pluto (Natal)

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

Jan 27, 2004: Saturn (Return)

Des conjunct Saturn: This is generally not a favorable time for agreements or negotiations with others; others tend to resist you, or in some way try to force to "give in" to their demands, which are not always in your best interest; disappointment in others, especially if they exhibit a lack of integrity and willingness to follow through upon agreements already made; the possibility of violating a contract or understanding, and

letting someone else down, or being let down by another; tension in partnerships, marriage, or work associations; frustration in getting others to see your point of view, or in general dealings with others; a rejection, or an effort to get you to accept "less"; a possibility of finally forging out a compromise and agreement, of putting it into form, but you better check it carefully and be certain that it does not obligate you beyond your wishes; illness with one's mate or partner is possible; the mate or partner may be depressed and under much pressure, and may require your help or patience; on the other hand, the mate may not offer support that you need; a need to be sensitive to others, and to be around others who are supportive of you.

Jan 30, 2004: Moon (Natal)

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

Feb 06, 2004: Mercury (Return)

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

Feb 11, 2004: Mars (Natal)

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

Feb 17, 2004: Jupiter (Natal)

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

Feb 22, 2004: Uranus (Natal)

MC conjunct Uranus: This is a time when you are likely to experience sudden and unexpected events in regard to your profession; sudden changes at work or in your

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

Feb 22, 2004: Mars (Return)

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

Mar 02, 2004: Saturn (Natal)

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

Mar 12, 2004: Jupiter (Return)

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

mutually beneficial.

Mar 15, 2004: Neptune (Return)

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

Mar 29, 2004: Uranus (Return)

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

Keeping a Diary of Your Solar Return Experience

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

Throughout our life, people come in and situations arise. On the surface, these people are indeed people, and these situations are indeed specific, identifiable conditions. However, these people and these situations are also symbolic of lessons in life which each one of us is working on. Our experiences with these people and these conditions afford us an opportunity to understand ourselves more fully, to get a grasp on our patterns, and possibly to make a conscious effort to break those patterns if we so wish.

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

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

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

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

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

Choosing One's Solar Return

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

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

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

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

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

There are, of course, some factors that will inhibit even the finest of house and angle arrangements. If the aspects between your solar return planets to each other, and even to your natal planets, are discordant according to the expressions you wish to highlight, there is not much that can be done to "assure" their favorable expression this year. At best, you can "lessen" their potential negative manifestation by traveling somewhere that will position an angle to make a "soft" (harmonious) aspect to one of the planets involved. For example, if there is a T-square in the solar return chart involving planets in houses that you have determined are important to you in the coming year, you may wish to travel somewhere at the time of your solar return that will bring the horizon (Ascendant - Descendant axis) or meridian (Midheaven and I.C. axis) into a favorable aspect (sextile/trine) to the planet and/or house ruler you are concerned about.

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

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