

# SOLAR RETURN REPORT

## A Solar Writer Report for Prince William



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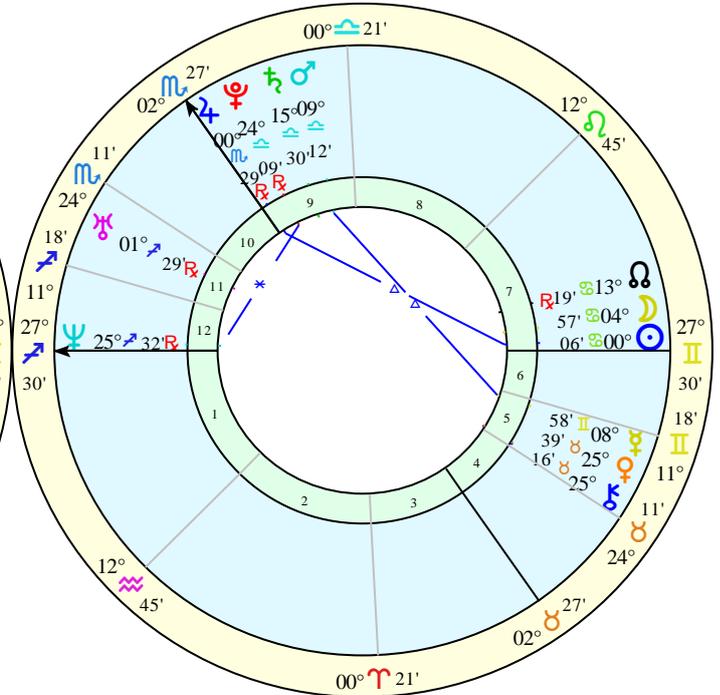
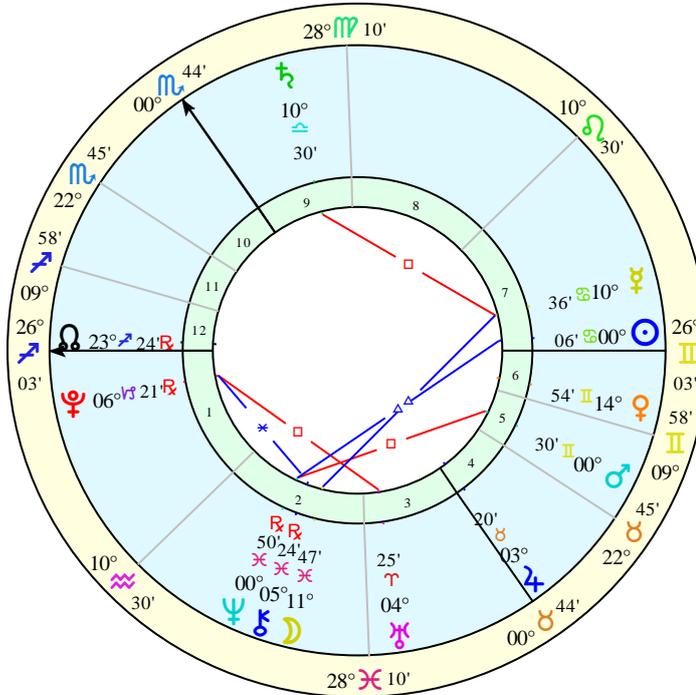
**Solar Return**

21 Jun 2011  
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 London, UK  
 51°N30'  
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*Tropical*  
*Placidus*

**Prince William**

**Natal Chart**

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## Astrological Summary

### Chart Point Positions: Prince William

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	11°Pi47'	2nd	
The Sun	Cancer	0°Cn06'	7th	
Mercury	Cancer	10°Cn36'	7th	
Venus	Gemini	14°Ge54'	6th	
Mars	Gemini	0°Ge30'	5th	
Jupiter	Taurus	3°Ta20'	4th	
Saturn	Libra	10°Li30'	9th	
Uranus	Aries	4°Ar25'	3rd	
Neptune	Pisces	0°Pi50'	2nd	
Pluto	Capricorn	6°Cp21'	1st	
Chiron	Pisces	5°Pi24'	2nd	
The North Node	Sagittarius	23°Sg24'	12th	
The Ascendant	Sagittarius	26°Sg03'	1st	
The Midheaven	Scorpio	0°Sc44'	10th	

### Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Trine	Mercury	1°10'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	Neptune	0°43'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The Midheaven	0°38'	Applying
Mercury	Square	Saturn	0°06'	Separating
Mars	Square	Neptune	0°19'	Applying
Uranus	Square	Pluto	1°56'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	The Midheaven	0°05'	Applying
Pluto	Sextile	Chiron	0°57'	Applying

## Introduction



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

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

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

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

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

## THIS YEAR'S MAJOR THEME



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

### The Ascendant

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

### The Ascendant is in Sagittarius

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

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

### The Sun

*The Sun is very important when interpreting a Solar Return chart given that the chart is based on the Sun. It*

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Sun is Trine Neptune**

When the Sun and the planet Neptune are influencing each other in your birthday chart then you can be sure that they are also appearing in other forms of your yearly astrology events. This emphasizes the affect, and some would say the lesson, that the dreamy Neptune has on your life right now. Quite simply the message is: "it is time to follow your dreams". You are seeking more magic in your life, whether this is through a romantic liaison, artistic inspiration, spiritual enlightenment or remote and beautiful holiday. If you are already a dreamy type of person, then you are likely to be even more soft and creative this year. You need to make sure that your sensitivities and fears don't hold you back. If you are usually more ambitious, practical and analytical then you are likely to notice the softening effect of this mystical planet. At first you may feel a little lost, lacking your usual clarity. If you continue to push then you may become tired and unwell. Illness may force you to slow down and contemplate. It is important to note that this planet can have a powerful camouflaging affect and that all personality types are well advised to avoid drugs, alcohol, religious sects and unscrupulous business deals. This is not an auspicious time to be making sound financial decisions. You are better advised to follow your dreams in a way that does not burn bridges. Let yourself fall in love by all means, enjoy the romance and the sweetness, but don't make a commitment until you have passed through this phase. Explore spiritual practices, delight in your newfound metaphysical discoveries but maintain your commitment to yourself, family and finances until you have integrated your lessons into daily life. Likewise you may use this time to explore your artistic talents, seeking beauty in the arts, but now may not be the time to give up your day job. As your dreams unfold you can gradually integrate the lessons in a useful manner. The idea is to slow down, contemplate and incorporate your imaginings into your life. There is no need to fear the changes that are occurring in your sense of self. Perhaps you need to spend some time in a cocoon, but you can be assured that you are like a

butterfly emerging from a chrysalis. Ultimately this is an enchanting process. Take your time and don't force the process. Someone once said, "*the greatest treasures are those invisible to the eye but found by the heart.*"

### **The Sun is Trine The Midheaven**

Right now you are teetering on the edge of a major life change. The direction in which you head is up to you. Therefore this is the ideal time to set aside some time to reassess your career goals, your marital status and your ambitions. The good news is that you can achieve your goals if you steer a steady course, make the most of the opportunities and stay focussed on your own aspirations. If you are typically a stay-at-home type of person then your friends and family are likely to notice a change in your behaviour as you focus on achieving some of your own ambitions. Stay focussed, within reason, on your goals and others are likely to see the light sooner or later. If you are already an ambitious type then you are likely to really enjoy your time in the sun this year. Promotions, demotions, job offers, proposals of marriage and other such life changing situations all hold the promise of adventures into challenging territories. This year you are up for the challenge.

## THIS YEAR'S PERSONAL MATTERS



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

-- Marcus Cato Roman Statesman

### The Moon

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

### The Moon is in the 2nd House

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

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

### The Moon is in Pisces

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

matters. Let your imagination flow. Your sensitivity and warmth are key factors right now.

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

### The Moon is Trine Mercury

The planets are aligned bringing you good news. You have the support to make positive decisions about personal matters and all news is likely to be good news. This can work in several ways. You may express your true feelings more openly and honestly this year, ensuring that you lead a life more true to your own heart. You may pursue a study course that is close to your heart. You are also able to speak on behalf of others. In your working life this may indicate that you are able to market and sell your role, or your business and achieve positive results. A promotion at work can bring rewards that benefit your home and family. In your personal life, you are likely to enjoy jubilant times with loved ones. You could be invited to family and friends' festivities. Alternatively you could be the trigger for the merriment. For instance you could accept or propose marriage, and celebrate the good news with your friends and family. You may have already announced your impending nuptials and this is the year in which you send out the invitations and enjoy the ceremony and celebrations. You may welcome a baby into your family this year, either your own or the child of a close relation. Either way you are delighted with your new role in the family. Your private life is the joyous focus right now. You have found your voice. Now make the most of the opportunities that come your way. Live, learn and be happy.

### Venus

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

### Venus is in the 6th House

This year your social life and your work are intricately entwined. You may be particularly busy at work and therefore it is easier to wine and dine with colleagues out of hours, or perhaps you have changed jobs and enjoy getting to know your new work mates. You may also have decided to change your working habits to incorporate a healthier lifestyle. As a result your lunch arrangements changes as you dine at healthier outlets, take your own healthy food to work, join a lunchtime exercise group or cook up a storm in the staff lunchroom. Whatever your circumstance you can be assured that your everyday life becomes more pleasurable this year, and that opportunities to have fun and improve your lifestyle are likely to arise through your connections at work or through a significant lover. You seek pleasure and ease in your work environment; forming friendships with everyone, and perhaps taking on the role of social coordinator. The planet of love is affecting your working day and so you may also form an intimate relationship with one person in particular. An office romance can spice up your life, and is likely to affect

your job decisions. Alternatively a commitment to a significant lover may change your work commitments.

Your health is likely to improve under the influence of this beneficial planet. If you have suffered from ill health, then you may start to notice a change. If you are generally healthy then you may improve your diet, or take up a new and more pleasurable form of exercise. Dancing, acting, trips to the cinema, sessions with massage therapists, and any type of game alleviates stress and benefits your health and well being this year.

### **Venus is in Gemini**

The planet of love is in an Air sign this year indicating that you seek stimulation in love and money matters. Generally speaking you are open to ideas and eager to communicate, rather than stagnate when it comes to love and money. You may be interested in speculation, although perhaps not ready to make a commitment to a particular person or course of action. If you are single and looking for a lover, then you are likely to be attracted to someone who stimulates your mind. You quickly dismiss anyone who bores you. If you are attached, then you are looking for open lines of communication. You want to create quality time during which both of you can talk. If your need for stimulation is not met this year, then you are likely to feel restless. Look at other aspects of your annual chart for more details on your love life and money matters.

## THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES



*"If we could be twice young and twice old we could correct all our mistakes."*

-- Euripides Ancient Greek Playwright

### Mars

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

### Mars is in the 5th House

What really gets your blood pumping? This is the question that you need to ask this year. It is time to not only discover, but also to pursue your true passion. If you have always wanted to play a competitive sport, create needlework crafts, study chi energy, or work with young children, then now is the time to pursue your goals. Anything your heart desires. You just need courage. If there have been obstacles in the past then this year you need to blast them out of the way. You may need to face some of your own fears and failings, in order to move forward creatively. Alternatively perhaps someone else has been standing in your way. This is your year to overcome these short fallings and not just follow your calling, but make it happen. You may enjoy competing with yourself, or with someone else. Make sure that you are competing for all of the right reasons. A love affair is likely to spark a change of direction. This could be an exciting new lover in your own life, or perhaps one of your closest friends or family members has a passionate lover, leaving you to discover your own excitement in life. Your challenge is to focus on your own goals, rather than compete with others for attention. Even if you have an amorous affair, you are still required to focus on your own passions rather than become obsessed with your lover. If someone close to you falls madly in love and you feel somewhat neglected, your challenge is to use this opportunity to find something that you enjoy. If the affair is short lived, or if you feel pushed aside by your loved one, you may feel spiteful. The more that you take risks, and explore activities that give you pleasure, the more you are likely to make the most of the opportunities that arise this year. Think of small children, who are crying one moment and laughing the next. Let your emotions flow just as freely and realize the joy of discovery.

## Mars is Square Neptune

You are travelling along the road and you see a sign that says road works. You know the road rules and you slow down, knowing that others' safety and your own well being depend on it. So why is it so difficult to do the same thing when your life requires the same action. The challenge for you this year is to take notice of the signs of whether or not you are on the right path, to slow down when necessary and to take a different road if required. Others may question your motivation, but you need to take note of your own heart and mind. It is time to follow your intuition and to ensure that your actions have meaning. Otherwise you could lose your sense of purpose, feel redundant and have decisions made for you. It is much preferable for you to calmly take the initiative. This is an excellent year to pursue humanitarian or artistic project. You may not benefit financially, but you are likely to find the work rewarding, particularly if you work behind the scenes rather than seeking the limelight. This is your year for service to others, rather than self-seeking behaviour. You need to strive for emotional satisfaction and creative merit, rather than material gains. It is possible that you are at the mercy of the whims of someone else this year. If this is the case then your life may change direction as a result of his or her creative endeavours. Of course, you do not have to be the sacrificial lamb at the altar of their desires. You can pursue your own dreams, but you may have to be prepared to assert yourself gently and firmly. Your compassion for others is likely to be aroused now, and therefore you are a soft target for con artists, pedlars and fundraisers. You need to refrain from making financial contributions or decisions that deplete your resources. Donations of time and money certainly have merit but your powers of discrimination are not strong, so wait until after your next birthday before investing large amounts of money. Likewise you can volunteer your time, but make sure that you are not depleting your own energy levels.

## Uranus

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

## Uranus is in the 3rd House

Just when you thought that you had the answers to everything, now you are challenged to break away from your comfortable belief system and keep an open mind. This is your year to open up your mind to new possibilities. You may do this through a sudden opportunity to attend a conference, training course or study at an academic institution. However, it is also likely that you meet someone who is outside of your usual social circle, a true meeting of the minds, but at the same time someone who challenges your opinions. Your focus may be more mental than emotional, and therefore this person is not necessarily a love interest. It is also possible that you are thrust into a new neighbourhood, or social circle this year, one that challenges you to see the world differently. This is your opportunity to freshen up your ideas and gain a new outlook on life. As a result you are likely to make decisions that change your lifestyle. You may even decide to move away from your neighbourhood to one that more truly reflects your own nature. If you resist the learning process then you are likely to feel restless, worried and anxious. You may turn down opportunities, delay making decisions and generally resist the process of change. However, this is your year to take a few risks in the way that you view your world. If you keep an open mind and explore new possibilities, then you are likely to be amazed at the results. Don't limit yourself to previously held beliefs. If you have always wanted to learn about astrology, become an electrician's apprentice, learn about computers, or join an environmental group then do so. If you have always dreamed of writing an original piece of work then create the time and space this year. You may choose to remain anonymous if your work seems too personal and revealing. Even if your creative activities are not long term prospects, they are certainly likely to be catalysts until you see the next signpost along your life path. So get started and watch out for those signposts because they can jump out at you when you least expect it and it can be fun taking up the challenges.

## Pluto

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

## Pluto is in the 1st House

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

Matters of power are also likely to be prominent right now. What does this mean? One dictionary describes “power” as, “the ability or official capacity to exercise control; authority - a person, group, or nation having great influence or control over others - forcefulness; effectiveness.” Events or people are likely to challenge you to reassess your life in terms of your effectiveness. In what areas of your life do you exercise control? Do you exercise this control wisely? Do you respect other people's contributions or do you try to run roughshod over them knowing that they have to support you? It is time to find the answers to these questions and ensure that you are expressing yourself with integrity and working co-operatively. As a result you are likely to enjoy a new surge of energy as well as increase your effectiveness in achieving your own ambitions. You may also discover leadership potential that you never knew existed.

## THIS YEAR'S LESSONS



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

-- Jean Paul Richter German Writer

### Mercury

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

### Mercury is in the 7th House

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

### Mercury is in Cancer

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

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

### Mercury is Square Saturn

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

### Jupiter

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

### Jupiter is in the 4th House

This is a year of good news in the family, as well as an opportunity to expand your living arrangements. You have the chance to move to a larger house, or a house in a spacious area, or to add on rooms. You need room to breathe in your home, and right now you have the chance to create some space. It is also possible that your family is

expanding. You may be expecting the birth of a child, or older children are moving back home, or you are moving in with a lover who has children of his or her own. On the other hand you may be planning a home office, or a retreat in which you can meditate and broaden your perspective. Whatever your personal circumstances you can be assured that this is a busy time at home. As such you may choose to clean out cupboards, discard unused items and make room for the new. It is time to expand your horizons. Your need to physically expand your living quarters probably comes from a realisation that it is time to be released from the past to make way for new growth. You are ready to let go of past hurts or obstacles in your home and family environment and expand your private life in ways that uphold you. Try not to move too quickly. You need to ensure that the foundations are solid, and to enjoy the process of change as much as the end result. This ensures that you are happy with each step of the process, and can enjoy your new living arrangements.

## Saturn

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

## Saturn is in the 9th House

In its simplest form the placement of Saturn, the Lord of ambition and career, in the 9th house of foreign lands means a voyage taken for work, or working with people from other cultures. You may seek to further your career by moving to a foreign country, or perhaps you plan to attend a conference in another country, as a means of further education or promotion of your work interests. This is no vacation or joy trip. In some ways you would be better advised to stay at home and reassess your beliefs and plans, rather than travel to foreign shores. Your plans are likely to be delayed, restricted or postponed. If you do make a temporary or permanent move to a foreign country, then you need to thoroughly prepare, and ensure that you have done your homework. Likewise you may decide to do business on an international level, perhaps purchasing a business with dealings overseas. If you have any grandiose plans, then you are likely to be sorely disappointed. If you make extravagant promises then you are likely to lose the respect of your friends, family or colleagues. Likewise you would be wise to carefully consider any extravagant claims made by foreigners, or people in positions of authority. This is no high-flying, freewheeling period. The masterful planet Saturn is said to be the Lord of Karma. This means that you are currently reaping what you have sown, and you are planting seeds for the future. "Karma" is a philosophical concept, that means that people's actions create past, present, and future experiences. In other words each person is responsible for his or her own life, and the subsequent suffering or joy experienced. This year you are likely to be made well aware of this concept by a particular event or person. You reap the rewards, or suffer the consequences of past behaviour and decisions. Hence you are wiser for the experience. If you have done your professional apprenticeship, plied your trade and worked hard, then you are likely to profit professionally from any overseas connections. However, if you are just starting out then you still have a lot to learn, and you would be wise to keep your own counsel and learn from those who have more experience. If you try to force situations, big-noting yourself or making promises that you can't keep, then your professional reputation is likely to suffer. You would be better advised to seek the knowledge and experience, so that you reap the benefits later. You may decide to further your studies at a highly reputable institution. The short term benefits are likely to be minimal, whereas the long term ones are highly desirable. Your lesson is to examine your beliefs, learn what you can from different cultures, and ensure that you are living an honourable life within reasonable limits, with no pompous expectations of yourself or those around you.

## THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY



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

-- Charles Reader Modern Author

### Neptune

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

### Neptune is in the 2nd House

This year you are challenged to evaluate or re-evaluate the manner in which you earn your income, with a view to ensuring that you are receiving money for work done with love and integrity. If you are just starting out then you may be faced with decisions about what line of work you would like to pursue, whether to train, study or apply for different avenues of work. You may be a little confused about which path to choose. If you have already been in the workforce then you may be ready to review how you earn and budget. If money feels like it is in short supply right now, then it is likely to be because you are not happy with your work, or that there are bigger issues at stake. Perhaps you are undervaluing your worth, or you are working for money and not love, or you are miserable at work and therefore spending too much. It is time for you to learn to respect money, change your ways of handling your personal finances, and to learn about abundance. Money matters may be uncertain right now, but worrying is not going to help. If money seems to be slipping through your fingers, then ponder the reasons why. You may not be in a position to make immediate changes to the way in which you earn money, and in fact it is probably best if you investigate different options, rather than making any sudden personal financial decisions. All is not clear yet. Your true financial potential is still emerging. At the moment you need to look beyond the mundane exchange of dollars, pounds, euros, yen etc. It is time to meditate on the bigger picture. Not everyone has money or worldly power and you may be lacking both at the moment, as a consequence of your own decisions or for reasons beyond your control. Either way you have the capacity to love, and work is love made manifest. If you are unhappy in your daily work then you can start to seek alternatives. Play with some ideas about how you would like to earn your money, research your options or seek advice. In fact if you do nothing, but continue with an attitude of another day, another dollar, then you may find that events trigger a change in your circumstances. Now is the time to consider alternative

means of income. Perhaps you would like to your income to be made by spiritual or artistic work, or perhaps the time has come for you to make a gradual transition into self-employment. Whatever your circumstances, your transition is likely to be a gradual one over the course of the year. If you are unemployed, then you can still dream about the possibilities, apply for jobs, and in the meantime seek volunteer work that would satisfy and uplift you, and provide skills that are vital later on. The time has come to stop looking at the monetary incentive and look for emotional, intellectual and spiritual motivation. Affirmations and creative visualisation exercises may be of benefit this year.

### Neptune is Trine The Midheaven

If ambition, financial security and hard work have been the primary motivating forces in your profession then this is about to change. This is the year in which you start to look beyond the mundane and ask yourself if there is more to life than your current work. You seek more meaning in life, and particularly in your public life. It is time to question whether or not your current job really reflects your true passion. If it does then you are unlikely to make any dramatic changes to your career, or life direction. Your work may change in subtle ways, as you spend less hours at the office, or incorporate more creative or philanthropic approaches in certain areas. It is the ideal year in which to introduce a vision or mission statement into your work place, and perhaps become more benevolent or creative in your own role. You may take a temporary or permanent break making the most of long service leave, retirement, or some such scheme that enables you to slow down, recharge your batteries and return to your current work place with a new lease on life. It is always possible that you are unsure about your career right now. You may be vaguely aware of some dissatisfaction but are unable to ascertain the cause of your unrest. This also hold true for any volunteer line of work, or public office role. If you are weary without knowing why, then it is likely that you are resisting the changes that need to occur this year. Try to take note of the symbols and meaning that are like signposts on your life's journey.

### The North Node

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

## Conclusion



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