

Planets which are "foreground" (within fifteen degrees of the angles) in a Solar, Lunar, or Planetary Return are major keys to the following period. They point to the predominant issues with which you will be working. The following planets are foreground in your Return on the date shown, and point to the issues listed.

SATURN: You are likely to be quite aware of the structure of the world you live in during this period. Father and other authority figures could play an important role in your life. Dealing with power & responsibility are significant issues. One challenge is to move from an external experience of power (perhaps even feeling blocked, inhibited and inadequate) to an internal expression of power through a career in the world (without feeling as if you must take care of everything). Keeping realistic limits (not too much, not too little) is vital. Be serious, but not morose; dedicated, but not a workaholic; realistic, but not too pessimistic.

PLUTO: Self-mastery issues figure largely in your life at this time. The stress could be on mastery of appetites around food, sex, smoking, spending money, drugs or other forms of material/sensual indulgence. A desire for control could lead to excesses with other people (power plays, intimidation, manipulation, jealousy) or with yourself (e.g., withdrawing into asceticism). Knowing when is enough and when to release, to let go emotionally, may be a central theme. You may compulsively push to finish what you start. Your emotional intensity feeds your thoroughness and desire to attend to every detail. Dogged determination comes easily to you now.

VESTA: Doing things RIGHT matters to you now. Sensitive to the flaws and sharply aware of shortcomings, you probably have the discipline & desire to perfect yourself. Your work in the world could be a major focus at this time -- as could your bodily health since you are striving for efficient functioning in both areas. Criticism or obsessive attention to details could be issues you deal with currently. Seek a balance between flaw-finding and productive accomplishment.

Natal planets which are foreground in your Return also highlight significant themes for the appropriate period. The following (natal) planets are foreground in your Return, suggesting a focus on the themes discussed.

JUPITER: Your life now is like a quest. The search may be for more knowledge, education, religion, spirituality, philosophy, travel, understanding or plain, old-fashioned fun! The search is for MORE in life and excesses could be an issue. Idealism is likely to be high and you may want or expect more than is possible (from yourself, other people or a limited part of life). Optimism, faith and confidence are probably high. Because the truth is important to you, an overdose of honesty (can be foot-in-mouth) or a tendency to push your beliefs on others is possible during this period. Clear priorities and goals are essential, lest you overextend yourself.

PLUTO: See the delineation of Pluto in the foreground of the Return chart given above.

CHIRON: Knowledge beckons to you. The mind is more important to you right now. You are willing to go beyond traditional boundaries in order to seek truth and a wider understanding of life. You may explore many byways physically and/or mentally in your quest for learning. Since you can also share what you attain, teaching or preaching roles are possibilities for you now. Curiosity and the intellect are in high focus.

CERES: Responsible caring and supportive capability are themes for you. Efficiency matters, but the goal is to accomplish for the sake of the people involved--not the task alone. You can assist people on an emotional, nurturant level as well as pointing out the practicalities of life to them. Work and health could be areas of strong focus now. Your mother or mother figure, or your own mothering role could be quite important at this time. You can be very warm as well as highly productive during this period.

JUNO: Committed partnerships probably appeal to you now. Not inclined to go it alone, you would rather share your life in some way. At times the intensity can become too much and you may withdraw for awhile, but your major learning will come through relationships. Intimacy issues, including shared pleasures, possessions and money, could be a focus. You are facing the theme of sharing power with another human being in the closest of contexts.

VESTA: Re-read the text above for Vesta in the foreground in the Return chart.

Planets which conjunct the angles in your Solar, Lunar or Planetary Return are also considered to be very important. This includes both natal planets and planets in the Return chart. The interplay of the nature of the planet involved, the angle involved, and the house that that planet rules in your natal chart will further refine and expand upon the issues indicated by planets in the foreground of your Return. Angles include the Ascendant, Descendant, IC or 4th house cusp, MC or 10th house cusp, East Point and Antivertex. Orbs are 6 degrees for the first 4, 3 degrees for the last 2. The following planets (either as NATAL PLANETS or as RETURN PLANETS) conjunct these angles in your Return and suggest the issues discussed.

Return Mercury Conjunct The Antivertex

Learning and gathering information take center stage. Your mind works more quickly than usual--and your tongue may as well! Communication could be an important focus. Relatives may be more important in your life right now and so could commerce or business. More travel, especially short trips, is likely. Curiosity is more marked. Restlessness is likely.

Since Mercury rules your 2nd house natively, you may alter your behavior in terms of money (self-earned), physical pleasures (eating, drinking, smoking, sex), sensuality, comfort, beauty, ease, passivity, follow-through.

Since Mercury rules your 3rd house natally, you may alter your behavior in terms of communication, learning, information-gathering, relatives, detachment, casual social contacts, nearby environment, short trips.

Since Mercury rules your 11th house natally, you may alter your behavior in terms of friends, groups, humanitarian instincts, freedom needs, individuality, rebelliousness, new-age ideas, detachment, inventiveness, originality.

Return Saturn Conjunct The Descendant

You are ready to take responsibilities very seriously. This could include a new, firm commitment (such as marriage). It could also indicate focusing attention on building a better exchange with a partner. Facing reality where other people are concerned is the theme. Beware of overdoing critical judgment (from you toward them or from them toward you). Be sensible, but not too demanding. Career drives could affect partnership prospects (and vice versa).

Since Saturn rules your 6th house natally, relationships may be affected by productivity, efficiency, health (and illness), work routines, details, competence, "fix-it" approach, flaw-finding instincts, analysis.

Return Pallas Conjunct The Antivertex

Equality issues become more personal. You seek to act in ways which are truly balanced, and you are willing to fight for your rights--or to ensure that fair play occurs. Artistic expression could be channeled through physical activity (dancing, skiing, skating, etc.) or through your personal appearance. Competitive instincts are stimulated. Your perceptions of justice (or injustice) affect what you do.

Natal Juno Conjunct The MC

A partner or partnership relationship could affect your career. Beauty issues may be incorporated more into your work. Financial questions could come up and power issues with the people at work are also possible. The challenge is to blend your equalitarian, sharing side with your executive, "take charge" side. You need both love and work; let them supplement NOT compete with one another.