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Introduction

A Solar Return is a chart cast for the moment when the transiting Sun (the Sun as it appears in the sky each day) "returns" to the same spot in the zodiac which it held at your birth. This event happens once a year, around your birthday. The horoscope calculated for that moment is considered indicative of your next year. The interpretations which follow offer some of the positive (and not-so-positive) issues and choices you are likely to face in the coming year. Suggestions are made to help you make the most of your future potentials.

Section One: Major and Repeated Messages

What is most important within your Return chart is themes which are repeated. There are up to four different ways repeated messages can appear in a Return:

(1) a stellium (three or more planets occupying the same house)
(2) aspect configurations (three or more planets aspecting each other)
(3) conjunctions to angles
(4) shared planetary themes.

If any of these four occur in your Return horoscope, they are interpreted below.

Stellia

When three or more bodies occupy one house of a Return chart, they indicate you are strongly focused on the matters of that house. Satisfaction is most likely if you express the positive potentials of the emphasized house(s). Ignoring that house or not thinking about how you will manifest its potentials is more likely to invite problems. Create constructive choices.

Your return chart has a stellium in the 5th house.

Creative expansion is a focus. You may be concerned with onstage activity, children, lovers, speculation, motivation, sales, promotion, entertainment, or recreation. Issues may surface around self-esteem, pride and shame, love, romance, risk-taking, excitement or charisma.
Aspect Configurations

Another form of repeated emphasis is aspect configurations. When several planets are tied together by aspects (angular relationships such as 90°, 180°, etc.), they have more significance. Both negative and positive options are discussed for any aspect configurations which are present in your Return.

°C in 3rd in ♉ □ ☉ in 6th in ♈ □ ♊ in 9th in ♉

This T-Square in your Return planets implies challenges in balancing the real and the ideal in your life. You may swing between rose-colored glasses, fantasy, escapism and overidealism versus hard-nosed pragmatism, critical judgments, a flaw-finding focus and a need to have everything just right. Without a vision, life is sterile and boring. Without practicality, nothing gets done. You may bring together a dream and the real world through art, beauty, compassionate activities, philanthropy, or any form of defining your ultimate goal and breaking it into bite-sized steps you can take. Scattering, due to multiple interests, is possible. Perfectionism ("If I can't do it perfectly, I won't do it at all.") could be a trap. Focus on the process of moving toward your dream while allowing human missteps along the way!

+C in 4th in ♉ □ Asc in ♉ □ MC in ♉

This T-Square in your Return planets implies challenges in balancing the major areas of your life. You might feel torn between devoting time and energy to yourself, a partner, children or family members, and a career. You could be unsure when to be independent and assertive; when to cooperate and share; when to protect or let someone else take care of you; and when to take charge and run the show. You could change your appearance or how you define yourself. You might alter your home or family relationships. You or a partner could change your relationship. Vocational shifts are also possible. For a full and satisfying life, you need to enjoy your own hobbies, interests and activities; share with a partner and/or close friends; have a rewarding domestic life; and feel a sense of power and control in your work.
Conjunctions to Angles

The angles of the horoscope (e.g., Ascendant, Midheaven) are formed by intersections of great circles (such as the celestial equator and the ecliptic or Earth’s path around the Sun). These angles operate as sensitive points. A significant event or focus is likely when a planet conjuncts an angle. This section discusses the conjunctions made by Return (or natal) planets to the angles of the Return. As usual, both positive and negative alternatives are provided.

When the same planet, both nataley and in your Return, conjuncts an angle, text regarding that planet is printed in boldface, to indicate extra emphasis.

Natal Venus Conjunct The Descendant

"Love is in the air." The urge is for more pleasure from relationships. You may meet a new partner or deepen a current commitment. Shared sensuality and/or beauty and art become more important. Money matters may be affected by your involvements with other people. Gratification appeals. You prefer harmony, ease, balance and sensual indulgences.

Since Venus rules your 5th house natally, relationships with others may change in regard to children, lovers, fun, creativity, recreation, speculation, sexuality, risk-taking, drive for excitement, self-esteem, pride, star quality.

Since Venus rules your 12th house natally, relationships with others may change in regard to compassion, forgiveness, psychic openness, infinite love and beauty, artistic yearnings, savior instincts, victim impulses, quest for Oneness.

Natal Jupiter Conjunct The Descendant and Westpoint

High aspirations are the focus in relationships. This can be from you to a partner or from a partner to you. Either or both of you could want more than is reasonable from yourselves, the other party, or from the relationship itself. Sharing activities which expand your world (e.g., travel, education, philosophy, spiritual studies) can be rewarding. Sociability, cooperativeness and good naturedness are likely to be higher. You seek the best and can encourage the best in each other.

Since Jupiter rules your 7th house natally, shifts in relationships may involve peer relationships, partnerships, marriage, competition, lawsuits, confrontation, beauty (especially visual), balance, grace, charm.
Return Chiron Conjunct The IC

You will probably seek to broaden your domestic horizons. This could be accomplished through bringing books, discussions and intellectually stimulating individuals into your home environment. You might also "run away" from home occasionally—to learn, to travel, to explore other possibilities; or someone in the domestic environment could express these restless, seeking themes for you. You may have high expectations for those most dependent on you and those you lean on as well. Appreciate and move toward the best, but remember that nobody’s perfect!

Themes

This report watches for commonalities between the planets making conjunctions to the angles of your Return chart. Any themes or issues held by two or more highlighted planets are listed here.

Observe and Communicate

Ideas and people are highlighted for this period. You may develop further in terms of your mind, perhaps taking classes, gathering information informally, or teaching others. You may focus on your relationships, particularly in striving for more balance and equality with others. Objectivity comes more easily; you can be a skilled observer and commentator on life. Don’t go to the extreme of being too aloof or uncaring. Do enjoy trying on and trying out new ideas and new ways of relating to others.

"Give Me Liberty!"

Personal independence is in strong focus. You need to feel free, and are likely to resist being pinned down, tied down, limited or restricted in any way. Eager to act, to do, to move, sports or other expressive, no-holds-barred activities could be a good outlet. Seek out ways to do your own thing which do not disrupt relationships, work, or areas of life which require compromises. Do take time to define what you want as an individual—just for yourself—and pursue it. Exploring or adventuring (physically or mentally) may appeal.

"A Thing of Beauty Is a Joy Forever."

Beauty and aesthetics are highlighted for this period. You may take up, or get more deeply into, an artistic hobby or pursuit. Possibilities run the gamut, including (but not limited to) sculpture, fabrics, pottery,
architecture, design, interior decorating, sewing, photography, painting, graphics, music, landscape gardening, etc. You are also likely to want life to be pleasant and easy. Don’t carry passivity, or looking for the easy way, too far. Do look for opportunities to enjoy life and to bring more beauty into your world.

Looking Forward

You are likely to have a strong feeling for the future now. You may further develop talent for visualizing and imaging what lies ahead, for planning future goals. A progressive bent to the mind is possible. You might sometimes live more for the future than in the present (if this theme is overdone)--perhaps dreaming great dreams, but not really grounding them. When constructively applied, this theme highlights creative, groundbreaking abilities to bring the new into being, to reach for the stars. The optimistic tenor of this motif often contributes to a confident thrust into life. You are probably willing to try, to pioneer, to move ahead as you tend to trust the future, and believe that what lies ahead will be even better.

Section Two: Balancing Pain and Pleasure

This section looks at the dynamics involved in your year ahead. Planets involved in many interactions are more significant. Thus, the first portion of this section ("Most Aspected Planets") lists any planets (or points) which had a higher than average number of aspects, and provides a description of the issues those planets highlight. Its major intent is to provide helpful suggestions of pitfalls to avoid and strengths on which to build.

The second portion ("Aspects in Detail") discusses each planetary pair separately. Each pair points to drives and desires you will be working on. Both challenges and opportunities are explained. In this section, aspects involving the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, or Mars are listed first as they are most likely to be personally relevant. Aspects to the outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto) and asteroids (Ceres, Vesta, Pallas, Juno, Chiron) are listed last as they are less personally relevant (unless aspected many times).

Watch for repeated messages. If certain concepts recur, pay more attention to them. When the same pair of planets are aspected by Return to Return planets as well as by Return to natal planets, the interpretation
will appear in boldface, indicating extra importance.

**Most Aspected Planets**

No planet has a significantly high number of aspects.

**Aspects in Detail**

Aspects refer to angular relationships between the planets. The aspects used within this report are the conjunction (0°), square (90°), opposition (180°), and quincunx (150°). Only those four are used because they are most associated with events or an outer world focus. The nature of the aspect (square, conjunction, etc.) is less significant than the planets involved. Therefore, the delineations which follow are keyed to the planetary pair. (The same issues arise, for example, with Mars quincunx Saturn as with Mars opposite Saturn.)

Within these interpretations, you will find varied possibilities. Multiple options always exist. There are as many ways to express a given pair of planets as there are people on Earth. We can only cover some of the potentials. This report aims to provide a good overview and summary of the basic principles with which you are dealing with. The details will vary from person to person.

We also suggest some ways you may wish to express the potentials involved. **Focusing on the positive alternatives and bringing them into being makes negative expressions much less likely.** We will always include some positive alternatives to help you improve and enhance your life.

**Sun square Return Mars**

Courage is highlighted. Your confidence, vitality, and assertiveness are in high focus. You are willing to present yourself strongly to the world. Directness, honesty and impulses appeal. Now is the time to be physically active—in whatever way you prefer. You need to shine, to achieve recognition for who you are. Seek the limelight in positive ways. Take advantage of opportunities to be center stage. Make people notice you. Beware of tendencies to be rash, foolhardy or arrogant. You can be quite charismatic, dramatic, dynamic, and magnetic.

**Return Moon quincunx Natal Moon**

Emotions are in high focus. Moodiness is possible. You tend to be affected by the feelings of others, and may be able to tune into the public.
Security is important; you reach toward the safe and familiar. Domestic matters may require attention: the home, the land, a parent, children, pets, plants, anything or anyone that you nurture or who cares for you. Keep a healthy balance between being the caretaker and being the vulnerable one protected by others. Adjustments involving women, mothering, food, the land, the public, or emotional matters are likely. Pay attention to your needs. Feed yourself properly (on all levels).

Return Moon conjunct Return Mercury

The down side of this combination is tension between thoughts and feelings. You might respond intellectually to emotional issues or react on a feeling level to a logical query. You will tend to seek safety in your communications, so can talk too much (camouflage) or totally clam up (self-protection). Commerce can go well and talking with or to the public is quite possible. If you’re thinking of publicity, go for it! You are eager to learn, and pick up information intuitively as well as through the actual words. You could get involved with the public who work with their minds--academic, scientific or technological types.

Your curiosity may be roused regarding emotional matters. This can end up stirring the pot where family members are concerned. They probably won’t appreciate all your inquiries. You may opt to study psychology or otherwise strive to understand feelings. Talking about emotions appeals, but you’ll have to pick and choose to get someone open. You could decide to alter your domestic routine, change residence or the people you live with, or vary the way you relate to food and caretaking. Public contact is possible; you may have a sense of fads and what the public wants. Your communication and insights occur on both rational and intuitive levels.

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Return Venus square Natal Moon

Pleasure is sought in the domestic realm. You may feel moved to beautify your home, indulge your mother, spoil the children, overeat, or create a nest full of affection, pleasure and love. Sensuality is highlighted—whether expressed through back rubs, holding hands, hugging, caressing, kissing, eating, alcohol, smoking, making love, etc. This is a cuddly combination. Beauty, ease, and a smooth flow make you feel safe and secure. Affection is centered on your home and/or family (including pets, plants—objects of your care). You appreciate commitment, security and the familiar. You enjoy the home fires.

Return Mercury conjunct Natal Mercury

Curiosity is highlighted. You are eager to learn—about anything and everything. You might seek out classes and seminars, or make more contacts in the immediate environment. You soak up information anywhere and everywhere. Informal situations add as much to your knowledge as more structured settings. You could feel an urge to travel as you tend to be physically as well as mentally restless. You appreciate objectivity and strive to be flexible, adaptable, and open to gaining as much information as possible. Keep your life full of variety and new experience. You thrive on mental stimulation and lots of activity.

Sun square Return Jupiter

Optimism, confidence, faith, and risk-taking are highlighted. If you are normally somewhat cautious, this could be a time of increased energy, enthusiasm and activity. You may try more, do more, enjoy life more. If you are generally rather outgoing and self-confident, you could be tempted to take excessive chances, gamble or speculate too much, or overreach. A "God is on my side" attitude might prevail. Opportunities may arise for public recognition, rewards, or honors. You can sell more, persuade more, and promote more. Belief leads to action. You do more because you know you can.

Return Moon square Return Saturn

Parental themes are emphasized. Your focus is on security and safety. You tend to go for survival needs. Others may seem emotionally harsh, withholding, or demanding. You tend to be cautious around feelings, fearing hurt, rejection, or domination. You might experience an emotional loss (separation). You could feel inadequate or insecure. You find it easy to fall into a caretaker role. Being dutiful feels appropriate. Be sure to nurture yourself as well as the world. Now is the time to balance...
family and work; being vulnerable and being in control; compassion and the bottom line; sensitivity and practicality. Protect your foundation.

The down side can include emotional limitation, perhaps feeling anxious, melancholic, deprived, unsupported. Parenting may be overly harsh or overly protective. The upside is balancing warmth and practicality, compassion and capability. Take turns between family and career. Now is the time to consider a family business; work out of your home; record genealogy; take care of family duties; look after a parent; put your home in order; be practical about your emotional needs; build or construct in the home (physically and emotionally); balance dominance and dependency in your life. Make peace between your inner mother and father.

**Return Moon conjunct Return Uranus**

This can be a period of emotional excitement. Surprises are possible. A new home (changes, moves, etc.) or different family members might emerge. You may feel a pull between roots and emotional safety, versus freedom and a desire for the new and different. If unresolved, emotional and nervous strain is possible. Look for ways to nurture your friends and be nurtured by them. Build a support network. Foster openness in the family. Feed everyone's individuality. Cherish and protect your inventiveness and flashes of insight. Keep a balance between a safe, protected nest and an ability to be outrageous, unusual, and innovative.

An unpredictable emotional life and emotional upsets are a down side of this combination. Your nurturing (given and received) may be erratic; friends may be moody. Surprises and sudden changes could affect your home, family, a parent, your parenting, or anyone you care for and who protects you. Strive for friendly nurturing. Keep a balance between attachment and independence. Support and be supported by friends. You may want to experiment with food; modernize your home; meet female astrologers; make friends with your mother; further equality for women; change your domestic arrangements; develop your intuition.

**Return Uranus quincunx Natal Moon**

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**Return Pluto quincunx Natal Moon**

The down side of this includes manipulation, emotional blackmail, smothering, overly controlled emotions. This may be manifested by you or the people around you. Positive options include a rich emotional life; deep feelings and insights; and a committed mate. You may want to go into therapy; do past-life regression; explore your dreams and unconscious symbolism; eliminate inappropriate dependencies; empower families; transmute negative emotions into positive ones; renovate your home; transform your domestic routines; make a deep emotional bond; control an addiction to food; or do concentrated nurturing.

**Return Mercury quincunx Natal Saturn**

The down side is feeling bored and restless on the job. Your work or life duties may seem mundane and uninteresting. You’d like to alter the structure a bit, but aren’t sure what’s best. You may feel a need for more mental stimulation, variety, or communication. Now is the time to take a class or any training that could further enhance your vocational prospects. Incorporate more communication (written and/or verbal) into your work. Change the routines. Perhaps you can travel a bit more. Pay attention to your ideas; they may lead you to new achievements. Cultivate a flexible, open-minded, and curious attitude toward life and work.

**Return Mercury conjunct Return Uranus**

This is a restless combination that gets bored very easily. You may find yourself not settling into things, eager to constantly move on. You may succumb to strange ideas or try unusual ways of communicating. Your perspective is unique—which could be an advantage and could also make it harder for others to understand. You may have flashes of insight, even genius, but could also just be erratic and weird. Pay attention to your ideas; record your insights and work with the useful ones. Experiment with the world. Question yourself and others. Now is the time to open up new vistas, gain information, go beyond the normal limits of knowledge.

One down side is weird thinking; strange communications. Perhaps your relatives seem eccentric or you are full of tics, twitches and nervous tension. The positive potential includes mental brilliance. You may make new connections, perceiving the world from a truly unique perspective. Now is the time to jot down your ideas; tape record sudden insights; com-
municate with friends; network; invent things; explore your environment; take new routes going places; question everything; read; study; take classes; investigate science; try on different points of view; explore new forms of communication; add a fax; modernize a phone system.

Return Neptune conjunct Natal Mercury

The down side here includes confused thinking, deceptive communications, evasion, and thoughts at war with feelings (or logic with intuition). When positively blended, this can indicate beautiful language, graceful images, and an ability to combine the conscious and unconscious minds. You can make the most of rationality and intuition. You may be drawn to poetry, imaginative writing, music, song writing, dancing, or playing a musical instrument. You may want to meditate, visualize, do affirmations, take up Tarot, I Ching or other metaphorical tools for insight. You could learn from your dreams, study Higher Truths, seek an inspired ideal in your life.

Return Venus square Natal Saturn

Questions of gratification rear their head. You may feel the need for more money, or more satisfaction from your job, or more love in your life. What was enough before just doesn’t make it anymore. Rather than focusing on lack, find ways to increase pleasure from work and relationships. Incorporate more beauty or art into your activities. Find ways to enjoy what you are doing. Pursue any opportunities for added income. Seek more authority. You probably feel best when in control. Planning, organizing, Running everything effectively gives you great satisfaction. Another option is working with a partner, combining love and work, or improving a relationship.

Return Venus opposite Natal Pluto

Pleasures are emphasized, with the question of personal versus shared pleasures in high focus. How much do you get what you want, versus satisfying a mate or partner? Who owns what? Who earns what? Who calls the shots financially? Can you give, receive, and share comfortably in terms of money and sensual/sexual experiences? Are you torn between indulging your appetites (“Eat, drink and be merry”) versus demonstrating self-control? Now is the time to find a moderate middle ground that allows you to enjoy the material world and still be its master. Seek gratifying sensual contacts (massage, making love, sculpture, etc.).
Return Venus conjunct Natal Juno
Return Juno conjunct Natal Venus

Beauty and relationships are in high focus. You can be quite involved with appreciating--and creating--beauty in any form. Aesthetic skills are highlighted. You may be drawn to make a committed bond, or to strengthen an already existing relationship. The goal is a more equalitarian association--to share more, to truly take turns, to encourage each other’s growth and development. Communication can be enhanced and awareness increased. Each of you can be more objective as well as affectionate and loving. Structure your life to provide more grace, harmony and pleasure.

Return Chiron square Natal Venus

You may seek pleasure through travel, studies, philosophy, healing activities, metaphysics, spiritual quests, or any form of looking for ultimate answers. Mental stimulation gratifies you, and you relish a sense of freedom and openness to possibilities. You could spend money on anything that expands your horizons--mentally, physically, emotionally, or spiritually. You might augment your income through education, training, writing, other cultures, or new ideas. An adventurous attitude appeals. Balance practical, security matters with the urge to risk for greater gain.

Return Mars opposite Return Jupiter

You are likely to act strongly on your beliefs during this period. Confidence, energy, and enthusiasm may be high. Too much trust in YOUR WAY could lead to acting on impulse (against your better judgment). If you are too personally identified with your beliefs and values, strife is likely. You might argue with others about religious or philosophical principles. Spiritual issues could be subject to attack and counterattack. This is a time to feel buoyant, optimistic and belief in yourself (but not TOO much). You can do more than usual, try more than before, accomplish more.

Energy and vitality are highlighted. You may experience increased confidence and optimism. Faith in yourself grows. You are willing to "go for it" because you believe you can handle it. If your general style is outrageous and risk-taking, you could overreach and expect more than is reasonable during this period. You might overextend yourself, biting off more than you can chew. Another possibility is demanding inhuman perfection of yourself, expecting to be perfect, understand everything, have it all together. Opportunities to advance yourself are likely. Use your increased trust and courage wisely for real growth.
Return Mars square Natal Pallas

Energy and enthusiasm are directed toward relationships and beauty. You may get very involved in one-on-one encounters. The impulse is to be very clear about what you want with others. If you keep a balance between personal desires and the needs of another, constructive results are likely. Otherwise, you might demand too much, or feel anger and pushiness from the other person. Channel some of this drive into action; pursuits which are graceful as well are highly desirable, such as dancing, skiing, swimming, etc. Practice directness and getting what you want while still pleasing a partner.

Return Jupiter quincunx Natal Uranus

You may be tempted to turn freedom into an absolute value. That could result in excessive rebellion, independence and individuality. Honesty could become blunt and tactless. A need to take risks might lead to foolhardy, impulsive behavior. Restlessness could disrupt accomplishments. The best potential here is intellectual growth and expansion. You may explore new lands—mentally, physically, spiritually. You could grasp new concepts, different world views, understand other cultures and gain insight on unusual perspectives. You can stimulate your genius side and encourage your ability to think for yourself.

Return Jupiter quincunx Return Ceres

Outreach and expansion are implied for family, work, or health. You might enlarge your family, the home itself, or increase your involvement with nurturing, protective, or caretaking activities. Higher standards are indicated for practical matters and bodily well being. This can lead to dissatisfaction because the ordinary, physical world does not measure up to your ideals. Or, it could result in you applying more enthusiasm, confidence, and intelligence to your health habits and work duties. The timing is right for you to capitalize on opportunities to further your goals.

Return Jupiter square Natal Pallas

Idealism is channeled toward relationships, beauty and balance. This can lead to seeking the “made in heaven” partnership and having trouble committing to a human being. It can result in guru/student relationships where one plays wise master to the other. Another option is lots of energy for growth in a committed partnership. Or, you might expand your artistic skills. Also possible is an absorption with justice. You may be drawn to fight for equality, with a passion for fair play predominating. Involvement with the law or social causes is a potential. You can see the
best in others and encourage it!

Return Vesta conjunct Natal Jupiter

Expansion beckons in the area of work and health. You may want more from your job. Opportunities for advancement are possible. Also possible is demanding more than can be achieved, and feeling chronically dissatisfied with your accomplishments. You might even succumb to the lure of the "perfect job" and search endlessly for something that doesn't exist. You may want to ground your ideals in the world, turning dreams into reality. You could apply more confidence, persuasive skills, and enthusiasm toward your duties. A buoyant spirit and optimistic attitude could strengthen your physical functioning.

Return Chiron square Natal Jupiter

Mental (and possibly physical) restlessness is likely. You need to feel expanded horizons. This could be physically through travel. It could be mentally through teaching, writing, studying, or taking courses. It could be spiritually through a quest for meaning—in philosophy, religion, spiritual paths, metaphysics, etc. It could be emotionally in clarifying your ultimate values: what do you trust the most? What do you value above all? What do you believe in. Tremendous learning and growth is possible. Opportunities may arise for much advancement, rich experiences, and a fuller, more vibrant life.

Return Saturn square Return Uranus

Perhaps authority figures are coming down hard on you. Your individuality may seem threatened. Rules and regulations feel suffocating. Others want to limit your uniqueness. Your wings are being clipped; your freedom is being limited. Now is the time to identify necessary and unnecessary rules. Know which ones you can break and which ones you cannot. Establish the difference between individuality and rebellion; between your unique statement and thumbing the nose at authority. Scientific hobbies may appeal. You could teach or take charge of a group; solidify friendships; turn a hobby into a career; structure your flashes of insight (genius); channel your inventive side.

You may feel ready to throw out the old, upset the applecart, and revolutionize the world and your place in it. Disruptions at work; rebellion from authority figures; chaos may battle structure. Your conventional and unconventional sides could be at odds. The best potential here is to build new structures or to change and democratize existing structures. You may wish to alter your career or position in society. Toppling hierarchies
could appeal. Keep a balance between necessary duties and time to be independent and individualistic. Bring together the best of the new and the old, the unusual and the standard.

**Return Pluto quincunx Natal Saturn**

This powerful combination can indicate head-on confrontations. You may try to play dictator—or meet others who adopt the role. Power struggles, especially over resources are likely. Jockeying for position and perks at the workplace is possible. Excesses can lead to cruel, dominating, ruthless behavior. This is, however, an excellent time to focus on self-control and self-mastery. Take charge of your addictions: diet, stop smoking, give up drugs, etc. Get rid of unnecessary duties and obligations. Eliminate obstacles and unhealthy circumstances, people in your life. Organize yourself and your workplace. Your focus is excellent.

**Return Saturn square Natal Pallas**  
**Return Pallas quincunx Natal Saturn**

A serious attitude pervades your feelings about relationships and beauty. This could be a time to really get to work on artistic or aesthetic pursuits. You might make a major commitment or take on new responsibilities in a relationship. Or, you could feel very down about an association. Other people may seem like "a drag" and your inclination may be to avoid involvements. Criticism could be a problem—from you toward others or from others toward you. Sharing tasks helps to channel the fault-finding toward physical accomplishments rather than each other's personalities.

**Return Saturn quincunx Return Chiron**

A practical focus is brought to your visions. This can result in dashed dreams if you are overly critical, judgmental or harsh in your examination of goals, values, and hopes for the future. Another possibility is working out a sensible, step-by-step plan for achieving your ideals. You may take pragmatic action to make your dreams into reality. Insights gained through education, travel, writing, spiritual quests can now be applied in your work and in your life. You take responsibility for achieving long-range goals. You begin to practice your beliefs and live your mystical principles.

**Return Neptune square Natal Uranus**

This combination can point to strange fantasies, confused mental states, mirages, and instability in thinking and feeling. Religious or spiri-
tual matters may be erratic, upsetting, or in constant flux. Humanity may be confused, inspired, victimized, sensitive, idealistic. This is an excellent time to beautify technology; visualize and support the Higher Self in friends; get involved with philanthropic or humanitarian ideals and causes; soften excessive rationality with compassion. Psychic insights may increase; an openness to other worlds and unusual ideas is likely. Incredible dreams (and delusions) are possible.

Return Juno quincunx Natal Uranus

Individuality is highlighted in relationships. This could point to a period of restlessness. You or a partner might pull away, feeling a need for space, wanting more independence. Issues of equality are likely to surface. You want justice and fair play and may try to alter associations which you feel are unfair. Now is the time to be friends with partners—open, tolerant, and eager for new experiences. Share things you’ve never done before. Try new directions. Experiment. If you enliven your relationship with occasional surprises, you can avoid disruption and keep a solid commitment. Encourage each other’s uniqueness.

Return Pluto conjunct Natal Neptune

You can bring a deep, penetrating focus to spiritual matters. You could get obsessive about meaning or put much discipline and concentration into pursuing answers and Higher Truth. You may connect sexuality and spiritual seeking, or expect too much of mates (and of yourself), or forge a deep, inspired connection with a partner. You can empower your spiritual side, strengthening your faith and trust. You may eliminate (unhealthy) fantasies and purge escapism from your life. You can master illusions and concentrate on your dreams. You can turn the dark into light, transforming the lowest into the highest.

Return Pallas conjunct Natal Neptune

Romantic dreams and images prevail. The quest for an ideal love may beckon irresistibly. You may search for a Prince or Princess Charming and end up disappointed that no one is perfect enough. You could “fall in love with love” and be led astray by rose-colored glasses or deliberate con artists. The time is ripe for seeing the best in partners, but stay grounded as well. Artistic skills are highlighted. You can bring much beauty, grace, and harmony into life. Sharing movies, romantic interludes, dreams, spiritual or religious activities, and compassion with those you love brings out the best in all.
Return Neptune conjunct Natal Vesta

An emphasis on the real/ideal polarity is present. Your challenge is to combine dreams, fantasies, imagery of a more beautiful and perfect world with practicality, effort, focus and the ability to get results. Dreams may be brought to earth in the form of artistic creations or healing and helping activities. Less positively, wanting too much can lead to disillusionment and disappointment. Escapism and victimization are also possible. The best form is working to make your life more ideal, one step at a time. Music, art, nature, meditation, imagination and a spiritual focus provide support and assistance.

Section Three: Where Is It Happening in Your Life?

Each planet occupies a particular house in your Return. The houses define where and how your drives are best expressed. The needs of each planet will manifest most smoothly and helpfully if you focus on the constructive potentials of the houses occupied.

Although each body in the horoscope has its own message, watch for repeated themes. Issues which come up repeatedly in this section will be more central in your life during this Return. Suggestions will be offered to make the most of the options available to you.

Houses

If you want a quick reference for one particular part of your personality, check this listing for the planets. (For example, if you are interested in home issues, the following tells you to check out the Moon. So then you would see what house your Moon occupies in your Return.)

Where the Sun is, you need to shine, to be recognized, applauded, and admired. You want to be a star in your Sun’s house. Where the Moon is, you need to nurture or be nurtured, to deal with emotional and family issues, to focus on the home. You want to feel safe and secure in your Moon’s house. Where Mercury is, you need to learn, communicate, use your hands, or be flexible and adaptable.

Where Venus is, you need to enjoy yourself—either through relationships with others or through money, possessions, and physical pleasures. Where Mars is, you need to be independent, to express yourself, to be active, assertive and deal with anger. Where Jupiter is, you need to
examine your goals and values, expand where appropriate, take advantage of opportunities for growth and feel a sense of meaning and purpose. Where Saturn is, you need to be practical, face essential limits, take on appropriate (neither too much nor too little) responsibility and achieve tangible results. Where Uranus is, you need to feel free, excited, open and able to move in new directions. Where Neptune is, you need inspiration—to be uplifted by art, healing, compassion, or mystical urges. Where Pluto is, you attract intense, emotional experiences. You might deal with obsessions, compulsions, intimacy, or shared resources.

Where Ceres or Vesta resides, you yearn to be of service, to focus on health, efficiency and productive efforts. Where Pallas or Juno is found, you seek harmony, justice, balance, relationships and beauty. Where Chiron is located, you search for an ideal and may travel, study, heal, teach, preach, or encourage people’s best potentials.

Sun in the 6th

Work or health may be avenues for you to gain attention. One positive option is recognition on the job. Strive for increased respect from colleagues. Attention through illness would be a negative option. Your competence and practical skills need to be highlighted and applauded by others. Practice playful work and creative craftsmanship.

Moon in the 5th

Emotions are in high focus. Family feelings may be quite strong, including to the point of adding a child (grandchild) if relevant. Your sense of safety and security now lies in being creative, in doing more than you have done before. Expand your possibilities. Exercise your magnetism and fun-loving spirit. Play. Be childlike.

Mercury in the 5th

Fun and games time! You are ready to play and recreation is important at this time. You need lots of stimulation and changes in your environment. Talk with children, lovers, and dear ones, but don’t forget to listen too! You can be a good motivator (cheerleader) for others. You can add zest, drama, and PUNCH to your thinking and communicating. Impress others.

Venus in the 7th

Love, ease, pleasure, balance and harmony are in high focus. You want relationships to flow smoothly, but might be a bit passive, expecting
everything to work out automatically. Enjoyment of people is likely; you and a partner may have fun pampering one another. You want to share your life and beauty is accentuated.

**Mars in the 3rd**

Energetic conversations could degenerate into conflicts and arguments. More quick-witted than usual, you may also speak on impulse or use sarcasm and irony. Alertness and perception are emphasized; you are open to your environment, and eager to pick up information. You might scatter a bit, feeling restless and wanting variety. You deal well with crises.

**Jupiter in the 9th**

You may soar on mental (if not physical) wings, as you feel the urge to learn more, travel more, understand more, enjoy more, and expand your horizons. You are ready for adventure and exploration—physically, mentally and spiritually. You could write, teach, preach, deal with moral/ethical issues or pursue a long-range dream.

**Saturn in the 9th**

Now is the time to test your beliefs and values in the "real world." You might doubt, fear, and lack faith. Critically evaluate what you really trust, your goals and ideals. Be sensible about priorities. You may solidify your world view, gain a firmer sense of truth and meaning. Practical limits might affect education, travel, idealism. Dreams meet reality.

**Uranus in the 5th**

Playtime! You are ready for light, casual fun with children and loved ones. Experiment and discover new people and new ways of relating. You may seek more space or find that lovers and/or children assert more of their independence (or seem a bit erratic). Love without ownership. Your creative spirit is in high focus. You can be quite innovative and original.

**Neptune in the 5th**

Your creative imagination is highlighted. You may exhibit real skills with film, promotion, advertising, magic, sales or anything involving an element of emotional persuasion and glamor. You may want more than is possible from loved ones (or they from you). Be willing to see the best in lovers and children while still allowing them to be human.
Pluto in the 3rd

Depth analysis and penetrating questions abound in your mind. The focus is beyond the superficialities, toward root causes. Secrecy may appeal; share your insights. Power comes through knowledge or information. Your mental focus and concentration are excellent. You could do research, organize files or confront challenging psychological issues and master them.

Ceres in the 4th

Family duties may seem more paramount. You are likely to work hard within your nest--perhaps reorganizing and improving the physical home, or assisting family members. Caretaker tendencies are strong; be sure you both give and receive support. You might consider a family business; working from (in) the home; or working with the public, land, emotional matters.

Pallas in the 3rd

Communication may become a central issue with other people. Blocks can be overcome; you can learn each other’s languages. You might consider seminars or classes to understand people better. Mental stimulation, new information and new experiences are what you need from the people around you. Objectivity is enhanced.

Juno in the 7th

Cooperation and competition are in high focus; you might do a bit of both. Questions of fair play may arise, with you eager to guarantee equal access for all. You and a partner might strengthen your bond--or find yourselves trying to "one-up" each other. Balance and harmony have strong appeal; compromise.

Vesta in the 6th

Enhanced efficiency is highlighted--both in your work and in your health. You may undertake a new regime, exercise program, or diet. Work routines could be changed to be more efficient. Filing or phone systems might be updated. Productivity could rise as you find better ways to do things. Much can be accomplished at this time.
Chiron in the 4th

You may wish to expand your home or bring an element of inspiration into your nurturing activities. You might consider writing a book at home, teaching a class, or simply bring in lots of philosophical or metaphysical discussions. You could create a more mystical or healing focus within your nest. Connecting to nature appeals.

Conclusion

We hope that this report has helped to prepare you to make the most of your coming year. May you capitalize on your opportunities, minimize your challenges, and find your life very fulfilling.