

SOLAR RETURN REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for Madonna



Written by Stephanie Johnson

Report by:

**Kathaleen Bentkowski
Know Your Destiny Cards / Astrology
Lawrenceville, GA USA**

**Kathaleen@KnowYourDestinyCards.com
<https://KnowYourDestinyCards.com>**

Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Madonna

Solar Return: Aug 15 2018 8:16:34 pm EDT +4:00 Bay City, Michigan

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Libra	25°Li09'	8th	
The Sun	Leo	23°Le06'	7th	
Mercury	Leo	12°Le07'	6th	
Venus	Libra	9°Li00'	8th	
Mars	Capricorn	29°Cp30'	12th	
Jupiter	Scorpio	15°Sc15'	9th	
Saturn	Capricorn	2°Cp54'	11th	
Uranus	Taurus	2°Ta31'	2nd	
Neptune	Pisces	15°Pi41'	1st	
Pluto	Capricorn	19°Cp14'	12th	
Chiron	Aries	1°Ar41'	1st	
The North Node	Leo	5°Le46'	6th	
The Ascendant	Aquarius	16°Aq23'	1st	
The Midheaven	Sagittarius	6°Sg27'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	0°54'	Separating
Mars	Semisquare	Neptune	1°10'	Separating
Jupiter	Trine	Neptune	0°25'	Applying
Jupiter	Sesquisquare	Chiron	1°26'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	The Ascendant	1°07'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	Uranus	0°22'	Applying
Saturn	Square	Chiron	1°12'	Applying
Chiron	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°18'	Applying
The North Node	Trine	The Midheaven	0°40'	Separating

Introduction



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

-- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Many people are familiar with their own astrological sign because Sun sign astrology is popular in today's culture. 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 Aquarius

Your birthday chart Ascendant is in a masculine Air sign indicating that this year you are keen to express yourself more freely. While you are keen to consult other people, and perhaps even to involve them, you are also eager to seek the information that you need to achieve your goals. You are more likely to consult an expert, study a course, research, socialize and network in order to discover what you need to know. You may actively seek new horizons. As a result you may be more busy than usual, striving for new interests as well as for a more independent lifestyle. You are not necessarily going it alone. In fact your social network may play a key role in helping you achieve your goals. Nevertheless your focus is on mixing with other people in a way that promotes your own interests. You may ask for other people's input, but you will make up your own mind. Other aspects of your birthday chart depict in more details in which areas these interests are likely to lie. Nevertheless you are keen to strike out on your own. If you usually rely on others to help you achieve your goals, then you may surprise

yourself and them with your newfound need for a bit of freedom.

The gregarious sign of Aquarius emphasizes your need for creative freedom. Under the influence of Aquarius you are eager for to feel unfettered and alive. Whether or not you are usually an independent person, this year urges you to think for yourself, to experiment with changes in the way that you think and ultimately to express yourself in a new way. You seek inspiration in all areas. Your focus may also be on new ideas and planning for the future, rather than on the past. You are keen to detach from past ties, adopt a fresh approach and move forward. Your focus is less conservative and more progressive. This could also reflect in your appearance. During this year you may experiment with new dress styles, before deciding on your own individual style. Your physical appearance may change as you experiment with different ideas, and perhaps a new lifestyle. Your loved ones may be a little edgy, wondering what happened to the person who they felt they knew. You are like a butterfly emerging from the chrysalis. Yes, one way of life may end. However, another exciting new chapter of your life is beginning. It is time to spread your wings and fly.

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.

7th 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 seventh house of your chart indicating that you are also focussed on matters to do with partnership. One of the additional themes of your year is sharing and caring within a primary relationship. If you are single, then you may turn your attention to finding and courting a mate. If you are married, then your union takes centre stage this year as you seek to spend quality time with your beloved. This is the year when you notice any signs of wear and tear on long term partnerships and take corrective measures if possible, and make decisions regarding your union. Business alliances and contracts are also highlighted.

The Sun is Semisquare Venus

This is your year to be on your toes when it comes to love and money. If you are married you may be feeling a little stale when it comes to romance. You would do well to see if you can spark a little extra pleasure in your partnership, but don't push too hard. Something or someone is just not ready despite your need. If you are single then it is possible that you meet a significant new partner during the year, however; there may be impediments to your relationship. Perhaps your lover has other responsibilities to fulfil before making a commitment. Whether you are single or married this is your year to reassess your relationship values. Where do your true passions lie? Do you want love and commitment, or are you just bored in other aspects of your life? If you are single, do you like the dating game or are you ready to settle down? If so this process is likely to demand some changes in your lifestyle. Are you prepared to make these changes? The longer that you have been single, the harder you are likely to find it to change some of your habits. If you are already married, or in a committed partnership, then your lover is likely to demand changes. This may relate to the way in which you express yourself and your love, or it could involve money matters. A little financial planning can be a positive course of action during this period. It is a good year to budget and plan for long term goals. If you tighten the purse strings a little now, you are likely to reap the benefits later.

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 8th House

The material world is likely to take a back step this year, while you focus on the more subtle aspects of life. This could be a very subtle and private process in which you become aware of the undercurrents of life, or events may occur that catapult you into a search for meaning. Either way logic is not likely to be a strong point. Rather you are aware of hidden agendas. Many aspects of the way that people communicate and act are hidden. Subtle emotional undercurrents seem to shimmer and then disappear like imagined oases in the deserts. Sometimes these emotional undercurrents are joyous and sometimes confusing and sad. It is true of all humans and relations. There are facts and then there are emotions. Facts and logic rarely apply to humans and this is particularly true when it comes to men and woman and sexuality. Authors have made millions based on the fact that women come from Venus and men from Mars. Humans, and our relationships, are complex indeed. This is your year to take steps towards gaining greater understanding of these undercurrents. You may become involved in a metaphysical movement or course of studies, or perhaps read many self-help books. On the other hand you may start a new business, or a new relationship that challenges you

to see your life in a different light. Dreams, coincidences and people from the past may turn up like signposts on life's journey. Whatever course your life takes, you feel that destiny is playing its hand. You are likely to gain a greater depth of understanding of society in general, loved ones and your own psychological motivations. As a result of your newfound insights you now have the chance to make changes in your own life. You have the opportunity to see manipulative behaviour for what it is and sidestep other people's expectations and follow your own dreams. You probably shouldn't expect others to have the same insights as you, or even to listen to you, but you can learn to trust your own instincts and follow your intuition.

The Moon is in Libra

Your emotional Moon is in an intellectual Air sign indicating that this is a year when your feelings may feel somewhat out of kilter with your thoughts. Logic does not apply when it comes to personal matters and right now you may feel imbalanced as your private life changes. It is time to gain a new understanding of your emotional needs, and your circle of friends, family and loved ones may change as a result. Try to remain open in your communications, and be patient with yourself and others. If you are feeling strong emotions then you need to count to ten before you speak, otherwise you may regret words spoken in haste. If you take the time to analyse your feelings then you can communicate with clarity.

Your Moon is in the diplomatic sign of Libra, but you may not be feeling very tactful. Relationships with loved ones, in particular those close to home are highlighted during this year. You have a strong need for harmony, but this is not necessarily achievable. You want to be surrounded by peace, quiet and beauty - easy-going family members, an aesthetically pleasing home, beautiful flowers and artistry of all types. Depending on other aspects of your astrology you may or may not achieve this equilibrium this year. On the positive side you may have more opportunities for pleasure trips and socially pleasing outings with friends and family. You may also enjoy outings to art galleries, museums, theatre, and the ballet. However, it is also likely that your patience is going to be tested by loved ones, and your powers of diplomacy put to the test. You may find it difficult to relate to others in a rational and logical manner because your emotions are so intricately involved with loved ones. A creative or artistic hobby may be soothing. Perhaps this is a good moment to take up a pleasurable activity that has always attracted you. Distracting yourself from other people's problems may be just what you need. However sooner or later you need to decide just how much you are willing to give of yourself to your loved ones - when to say "no" and when to say "yes". Appeasing others is not always wise. By all means practice your powers of diplomacy this year, and spend time with loved ones, but you also need to ensure that your own needs for positive and supportive relationships are met. The time is right to attract like-minded people into your inner circle.

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 8th House

Hidden forces affect your love life and your finances this year. When it comes to your love life you are about to come face to face with your own strong feelings in regards to an intimate relationship. If you are single then you are likely to feel a magnetic attraction to someone else. For inexplicable reasons you are drawn to this person. Whether or not you pursue a sexual relationship, you are likely to seriously question your own needs and desires when it comes to marriage and commitment. In some way this person represents hidden desires within your own psyche. It is up to you to face your own fears and move forward on your own journey. This could mean facing a fear of intimacy and making a joyous commitment, or it could mean turning away from a less than desirable relationship that is simply a balm for a fear of loneliness. If you are married then this year is likely to see a change of direction based on your own or your partner's desires. Underlying tension may arise as you and your spouse tackle previously suppressed feelings. Questions surrounding the sharing of material resources are also likely to arise. Initially you may feel caught between two worlds as you realize that this relationship and your current situation needs to change, yet are unsure how to move forward. Money matters may be contentious. You need to proceed with caution both emotionally and financially. Imagine that your current problem is like a large ball of tangled twine. You need patience as you untangle the twine, piece by piece. Eventually with persistence, you are elated by your ability to resolve a problem with useful results. The same can be said for your love life, and money matters. Ancient astrologers consider the planet Venus to have a positive influence. Therefore you are likely to benefit from any resulting changes that can be achieved by your investment of time and money in important matters. You may also receive an expected monetary gift such as a lottery win, profit on an investment, a tax return or an inheritance. You are likely to invest this windfall in something that gives you and your loved ones pleasure, an artistic work or project, or perhaps in redecorating your home.

In some ways the earth's seasons may be having a profound effect on your life right now. You seek pleasure and comfort through heat or cold. If you are a person who loves the heat, then you are likely to take a vacation in warmer climates, and may be tempted to make the move more permanent. If you are oppressed by heat then you may take a holiday or migrate to colder climes. The same can be said for city and country folk, and beach and mountain lovers. This is your opportunity to take a risk, to discover where you belong, and enjoy the pleasures of nature.

Venus is in Libra

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 12th House

This year you are the servant, not the master. Depending on aspects of your personality this may be easy or difficult to accept. Either way if you are encouraged to take a backseat this year, rather than take on prominent responsibilities. If you cannot avoid a leadership role, then you need to tread warily or you could become the target for other people's dissatisfaction with their own lives, or with someone else in a leadership position. For instance you may be the second person in the chain of command but you are in the unenviable position of being the run-about for the boss and the brunt of the team's complaints. You would be better off avoiding responsibilities that can damage your reputation in favour of pursuing more selfless work. For instance you may enjoy working in isolation on a creative, charitable or manual project. You may also gain satisfaction from a more contemplative lifestyle this year. If you are feeling aimless and lost, voluntary work could be beneficial, helping you gain a new sense of direction and

feel like you are contributing, particularly if you are out of paid work right now.

Mars is Semisquare 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 2nd House

This is a year in which to change the way that you earn your money. You may have to take a few financial risks, but you can do this in a sensible not reckless manner. For instance you may have worked for one company for many years and are now tempted to take your long-service leave and return to the same company. This year you are challenged to think about other prospects. Could you take your long service leave and

make a fresh start at a job more suited to your skills? Likewise if you have always worked in steady paid employment then this could be the year when you leave your secure job and become self-employed. If you are already self-employed then the nature of your business may change. However, this is not about your business income, this is about the risks that you are willing to take in order to change your own personal finances. Perhaps you take a cut in your own salary, or risk your own income to take a chance with your business. If you have been unemployed then you are likely to gain paid work this year. The work may be erratic, but it is sure to be a catalyst for boosting your self-confidence and hence your income. There is no point staying at home and waiting for the changes to occur. This is your year to step outside your comfort zone, and actively change your moneymaking capacity. If you are unemployed, or in a job that is not paying you well, then you need to actively seek employment in a field that is appealing. You may volunteer your skills and be surprised by an offer of paid work. Your challenge is to change your beliefs around money and your own income earning abilities, to take reasonable risks and to increase your income. If you are unsure about how to do this, then start by re-evaluating your sense of self-worth, then you could seek advice from people you admire when it comes to money. You could take classes on money and financial planning, or consult an expert. If you do nothing then your finances are likely to be challenged in other ways and you may find it difficult to meet your financial responsibilities. This is not about being financial irresponsible but rather about changing the way that you view money and your earning capacity.

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 12th House

This a year in which you are being challenged to work behind the scenes rather than take centre stage. You need to pay attention to the subtle ebb and flow of your life rather than strive towards your own ambitions. The degree to which you are able to accept this challenge depends on other aspects of your personality, and your astrology chart. If you do take on a public role, or a prominent position at work then you need to be very aware of the subtle forces that are working to undermine you. Everything is not as it seems. The people who appear to be supporting you may in fact be working against you. This is because matters of power are at work 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." The planet of power is in a subversive section of your astrology chart this year indicating that not all is what it seems when it comes to power. Hence you are advised to avoid the limelight, if you can. If you do step into the public arena, or take on a position of power, then you are likely to struggle. Your resources are stretched and your ambitions thwarted. You would be better advised to seek ways in which you can support someone in a position of authority. Even so you may not be fully aware of the power games that are surrounding you. Inadvertently you may find yourself embroiled in other people's battles. You would be well advised to step away rather than take sides. Don't let your sympathies be swayed but rather stay focussed on your own process. All is not as it seems and gradually you will learn to see the true machinations at work. Right now, if you interfere, then you may not see things clearly, and chances are that you are likely to end up as the sacrificial lamb.

While you should not be self-seeking, serving others will teach you more and serve you better in the long run. For instance you may work better in a temporary secretarial role this year, biding your time while the forces at work ebb and flow, rather than taking on role with more responsibility. Perhaps circumstances in your life also challenge you to take some time to reflect and heal rather than take on too much at work. You can be assured that in the following year you are then in a position to accept a promotion knowing the office politics has now settled, or that the healing has progressed. If you are tempted to interfere right now by accepting more responsibility then you are likely to become embroiled in the office politics yourself. If you are forced to take on more responsibility or leadership, then make sure that you respect boundaries, adhere to your job description, and no matter what your job, follow the rules and don't argue. If you can downsize your life a little then you are free to relax, meditate, and contemplate the deeper side of life. You may even eventually incorporate this contemplation into your work. For instance perhaps you are an aspiring writer, and can hole up and write your manuscript ready for publishing later. If you are an actor then perhaps you are offered a role in the chorus or ensemble rather than a lead role that leaves you exposed to criticism. If you are a health care worker, then you are better to be involved in a team that takes care of the sick or downtrodden rather than taking on the role of team leader or manager. Generally speaking, this is the year in which you get to take some time out, to reflect on where your life is going, and to put your personal life in order in readiness for future objectives.

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 6th House

As they say "a change is as good as a holiday". It is time to have a change of scenery, or to alter your lifestyle. Daily habits come under the microscope. If you have been living a healthy and happy lifestyle then you only need make minor adjustments. However, if you have formed some bad habits then you need to take stock, prioritise and adopt new healthy habits. This could include changing your diet, starting a new exercise regime or perhaps cutting back on your work hours to make way for more rest and relaxation. Your calendar is likely to fill up quickly with commitments. Nevertheless you need to keep a check on your energy levels. This may be your year to start practicing the word "no". If you have experience any niggling health problems then this is the year in which to seek professional advice. It is unlikely that you will experience any major physical problems. Rather you need to look at the areas where your mental attitude is stressing your body. If you worry too much then start the daily practice of yoga, meditation, tai chi or walking in nature. You may also enjoy looking after, or working with small animals. If your long working hours are stressful then cut back, delegate or stand firm on what you can and can't do. You may need to change jobs. This is not a complete career change, but rather a chance to work in a healthier environment. If you are overworked in your family life then start delegating jobs, or perhaps find the funds for

some domestic help. Think of your body and health in the same way that you would your car. Your car needs petrol, oil, water, regular cleaning inside and out, servicing and replacing of small parts. Funnily enough the human body can be the same. Your lesson this year is to pay attention to your anatomy, clean and service what you can and feel reinvigorated as a result.

Mercury is in Leo

The planet of communications is in a fire sign in your annual chart indicating that you are open to new ideas and activities. You are quick to voice your opinions this year, and as long as you judge the mood of your listeners or audience then you are likely to inspire a positive response. For this reason you may start a new intellectual activity, such as public speaking, writing, marketing and public relations, or performing. You enjoy expressing yourself freely, and conversing with others. You need to be careful not to be too outspoken. Your popularity will quickly wane if you are seen as a know-all. You also need to learn not to take on too many projects or you could become overloaded and tense. You have the best of intentions but you are not an intellectual super hero, and are only doomed to disappoint yourself and associates if you attempt superhuman intellectual feats. A little creative thinking goes a long way. So try to prioritise according to what matters most. You can switch off your active mind by watching television, reading a novel, magazine, or non-fiction book as well as becoming a fan of the arts. You may also enjoy learning a new skill, or developing your talents.

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 9th House

Your world is opening up. Are you ready? This is the year to reach for your dreams and make them happen. If you have always wanted to travel to a specific destination, then now you can make plans and fly away. If you have always wanted to publish an edifying or artistic piece of work then this is your year to seek publishers. Perhaps you have always longed to study a particular religious or academic course then this is your year. Your larger than life presence attracts attention in this expansive year. As a result you are likely to be bestowed with gifts from friends in high places. A project that you have been working on may finally get off the ground. You may receive sponsorship from a benefactor. You may meet an inspirational lover or teacher to help you on your way. Take note of this person's traits. What is it about them, or their subject, that inspires you? As you observe those around you, you discover that these people are simply reflecting dormant characteristics in your own personality. You gain in wisdom, as you learn about the ways of the world, and also your role in it. Other people can certainly help you on your journey, but they are they are the signposts. It is up to you to focus on your own aspirations. If you are afraid, then assess the verification of these fears. Perhaps some of your fears are founded on real concerns, but all you need do is prepare

yourself. For instance if you are obliged to do some public speaking then you can decide to thoroughly research your topic, practice in front of friends and family before entering the public arena. If they are not founded on any real threat then you need to find the courage to follow your own goals. This is your opportunity to identify your most prominent desires and reach for the stars.

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 11th House

This year your social circle is shifting. This could be due to added responsibilities at work, a change of job, maternity/paternity leave, marriage/divorce, or a change in position on a local group committee. However, it is also likely to be as a result of changes in your own heart and mind. Whatever the impetus, this year you are likely to discover your true friends, the ones who last through the other changes in your life. At first you may be too busy dealing with your different schedule, the ramifications of recent events or your new responsibilities. However, eventually you are likely to find time to reflect on the difference in your friendships, social calendar and local network. As a result you are likely to reassess your own standing in the community, the ebb and flow of your social life and the true value of friendship. Your conclusion is likely to involve a change of heart about yourself, your own goals and commitment to other people. You may also be the keeper of your friend's secrets this year. You would be well advised to remain steadfast, true to your own self and to your friend. Your lesson is to interact with friends, social circles, community groups and work colleagues with integrity. A little reticence may also be advantageous this year. You may usually be outspoken with friends, or in groups, but you likely to fare better with silence, improving your listening rather than your verbal skills.

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 1st House

This is a year of self-realisation. This can be an enlightening and uplifting process, or perhaps an uncomfortable comprehension of a few home truths. Right now it is as if you are standing in front of a mirror and the image is out-of-focus. You are confused, and perhaps unsure in one or more facets of your life. Your challenge is to try to see yourself in a clear and loving light, and then make the necessary adjustments to ensure that you are living a fulfilled life. You may undergo a gradual process of change because this is what you need to do. It is possible that you have fallen into some lazy habits, relying on others or taking the easy way out. Now you need to open up to all of the possibilities in front of you, and choose the most positive and appealing course of action. Once again, this is not the easiest option, but the one that helps you grow in love and strength. You need to look beyond the physical and develop your emotional and spiritual muscles. You may need to tend to some physical attributes, to shed a few pounds or kilos, start a new exercise program, and develop a new sense of style. More importantly,

you need make sure that you are improving your spiritual self. Are you living according your personal principles? Are you surrounding yourself with inspirational friends, colleagues and mentors? Are you expressing yourself in a loving and compassionate manner? If not, then why not? What changes can you make in the coming year? Remind yourself that you deserve the very best. Dream a little, and be willing to stare down a few fears. Ironically you need to face the reality of a particular situation before you can step into the realm of possibilities. It is time to honour yourself, and follow your own dreams. If you have wandered off track, then set off again in the right direction. You may have to say farewell to some aspects of your life, and you may not experience instant results, but you will feel better for knowing that you are not depending on others for your sense of reality, or to help you live your life. This is your life, your happiness and your well being. Now you can find creative ways of following your own dreams.

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 6th House

The people who walk alongside you and the pets which offer you comfort play a fateful role in your life's journey this year. This is because it is time to make some changes to your daily lifestyle and habits. If you have developed some unhealthy habits then the Fates are likely to give you a helping hand in overcoming them. Make sure that you note the signals, rather than ignore them. Your workaday life may change, as your workplace or employers adjust to different circumstances. On the other hand you may make some changes that have been due for a long time. You do not necessarily want to change careers, but you may feel an urge to change jobs or go out on your own. This year it is time to develop some healthier habits that help enhance your life's journey.

The North Node is Trine The Midheaven

The direction in which your life is heading takes an about turn this year. Your career, marriage, and perhaps even your home life change direction. If you are single then you may meet someone who changes the course of your life. If you are married, then you or your spouse may make some life changing decisions. You are likely to change jobs, or professions, as a result of lessons learned this year. You are on a quest for more dignity and meaning in your public life. As a result you may make momentous decisions, meet significant mentors, or receive unexpected help to further your stance in the community. You may have to let go of as aspects of your home, or family, in order to pursue your life's calling. For instance you may need to relocate in order to accept a sought-after job. It is time to take steps to further your life's dreams.

Conclusion



About the Author: Stephanie Johnson is a founder of Esoteric Technologies, the company that creates the Solar Fire suite of astrology products. She has helped create, design, develop and author Solar Fire and the other products. In particular she is the author of many of the Solar Writer range of astrology report writers. She is also the Marketing Director for Esoteric Technologies. Stephanie runs her own Seeing With Stars astrology consultation business as well as editing the Australian Data Collection. She holds a Federation of Australian Astrologers' Practitioner's Certificate and Diploma and is a member of the Federation of Australian Astrologers. She is a student of Medieval Astrology and the Ancient Wisdom teachings. She has lectured at national conferences, and her astrology articles have appeared in Australian publications including the FAA Journal and the Astrological Monthly Review. Before commencing her professional astrology career Stephanie was a journalist for 15 years in Australia, England and the USA.

About the Artist: The illustrations have been created by artist, illustrator and teacher, Janet Bridgland. The illustrations have been created by artist, illustrator and teacher, Janet Bridgland. Janet divides her time between her home and garden in Bridgewater, overlooking the Heysen Trail, and working in the second hand bookshop Back Pages Books, in cosmopolitan Unley in Adelaide where she sells books, paints and teaches water colour painting and drawing. Her beautiful illustrative work can be discovered at:

www.janetbridgland.com.au

Please note that the author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

Copyright 2008, Seeing With Stars Pty Ltd. PO Box 159 Stepney SA 5069