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THE SUN IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Sun in 7th house:

The Sun in the 7th house indicates that relationships are more important to you than your own individual identity. You are more interested in relating to others (and possibly someone in particular) than pursuing personal goals or working alone. It is very likely that your Sun was in the solar return 1st house two years ago and in the 10th house last year. For these two years, you probably stressed independent action and self-sufficiency. This emphasis on self and self-motivated endeavors is over and now you have a strong need for companionship, sharing, and feedback. Focus on relationships, and spend time with those you love who may have been feeling neglected. Their needs seem stronger than yours and it feels right to support those who have supported you over the past two years. It may not be easy for you to shift from a self-centered orientation into a partnership commitment, but you will find that fulfillment comes from sharing and cooperation. Your greatest successes occur when working with others or through the assistance of someone else. Generally, this is not the time to do things on your own.

Relationship problems are possible. Renewing old relationships can be difficult because others may have established a pattern of getting along without you if you were too distant in the past. Hopefully, they appreciate the time you are now able to spend with them. An old and useless relationship might end during this time so that a new and rewarding one can form. Use this time for a transition to a new and exciting commitment. Generally, new relationships are of a personal nature, but occasionally the emphasis is on a business partnership. The 7th house is the house of marriage, partnerships, and strong relationships, and it is likely that you will be deeply involved in one of these types of relationships during the year.

Partnerships can be either supportive or restrictive. There isn't a guarantee that relationships will be beneficial to you, but you mold them with your responses. This is an excellent time to work with someone on a project. Consult those offering objective feedback or expert information in your field of interest. You can accomplish more through cooperation or competition than you would have accomplished on your own.

Some individuals experience this placement as restrictive, especially if they always emphasize the needs of others without considering their own needs. The Sun in the 7th house can indicate a very consuming relationship, one which totally compromises your individuality and personal needs. In this situation you become too passive, refusing to assert yourself at all, while allowing a relationship to become everything as you become nothing. You accept limitations passively, are easily imposed upon, and tend to follow, never lead. You grow more insignificant the longer you remain in this type of relationship. Most likely, you are trying to hold together an impossible partnership, one that should be ended. If you continue to bite your tongue so things will run smoothly, your own needs will not be met and the strain of meeting the needs of others will drain you.

Unless your partner is physically ill, your dedication to another should not be so demanding as to be all-consuming. Should you choose to remain in a detrimental relationship with demands this great, be aware that the situation is probably psychologically unhealthy for you and may eventually involve verbal or physical abuse. Learn the fine art of negotiation. This is not the time for complete surrender. One hand washes the other and it is through cooperation that you progress and grow. The task is to learn to compromise and share within a meaningful and fulfilling relationship. Give willingly without allowing yourself to be used.

This is the time to walk a mile in someone else's shoes and become more aware of different points

of view. Be objective; most importantly, see yourself as others see you. Those with strong and difficult personalities will find it hard to relate until they correct their offensive behavior and irritating personality traits. If you are determined to get your own way, life will not run smoothly. You must consider the way you affect others. People will no longer make allowances for your behavior and it's time to clean up your act. If you can't learn to cooperate and share equally, you will have little chance for success and a greater tendency to create enemies. Correct those habits which block intimacy and sharing with others if you want to increase interpersonal gratification.

THE MOON IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Moon in 7th house:

The Moon in the 7th house of the solar return shows the probability of being involved in a nurturing relationship. This relationship does not have to be an intimate one, though this is a possibility. The caretaker quality is pronounced even in business relationships. You may be caring for family members or you may donate your extra time and money to a needy family that you know. If you are a secretary, you may be very involved with your boss's personal needs and comforts rather than clerical duties. If you are a physician seeing patients, you will be very concerned with your patients as individuals.

Personal involvement and concern are characteristic of this placement. It is very likely that you will personally relate on a regular basis to the individual you are helping. And unless the relationship is also an intimate one, it is common for the relationship and the nurturing activities to appear one-sided. Non-intimate relationships associated with the Moon in the 7th house are not equal. One person has more knowledge, expertise, status or responsibility than the other; one has more power and control than the other; one is cared for and nurtured while the other does the nurturing; one shares his or her feelings and the other just listens and/or helps. It is very common to be involved in professional or informal counseling relationships during the year. The individuals tend to be unequal and one person gives while the other receives.

Intimate relationships have a similar, yet slightly different, manifestation. Dependency issues are also common in these relationships and the individuals involved tend to assume polarized roles during the year. Examples include caretaker roles, stronger versus weaker or traditional male-female roles. Existing relationships change in some way and many times this is the change that occurs. Even if you and your partner have established a balanced relationship over a long period of time, it is usually the case that during this year, one, more than the other, needs to be supported emotionally, economically, or physically. The more dependent individual in the pair finds it difficult to make decisions, be assertive, or handle daily problems. The more dominant individual is usually in control and becomes responsible for the couple's future and welfare. Occasionally this is caused by illness, but it is more likely to result from subtle shifts in power within the relationship, or a greater need for understanding and support. Long-range goals, education, pregnancy, and child rearing may contribute to these power shifts. In very strained and difficult relationships, the balance of power is heavily weighted in one direction. The weaker individual finds it hard to attain a sense of individuality and yet is afraid to leave the relationship entirely. In very balanced intimate relationships, mutual nurturing is possible.

You may meet someone and become romantically involved during the year. You need greater emotional intimacy. Ideally, you will be able to establish a pattern of mutual support. But the Moon in the 7th house does not guarantee that your relationships will be naturally fulfilling. If you are involved with a partner who is capable and willing to match your need for closeness and sharing, then it is likely that your relationship will deepen and grow. However, if your relationship depends on your ability to care for the

other's needs, and your partner is unable or unwilling to reciprocate now or in the future, then your relationship will be emotionally draining and difficult. Expect your moods to change with the positive and negative shifts in this relationship. Since change and fluctuation will be such a major factor in your relationships during this year, moodiness can be a problem until you learn to handle the changes.

You will tend to be more emotional than rational this year and you will follow your heart more than your head. This is because you may be more interested in emotional fulfillment than intellectual analysis of your situation. If you are truly in love with someone and the relationship is good, you will be able to support each other and overcome any obstacles. Your relationship will grow more intimate. But strained or blocked relationships will only become more difficult. It is the emotional connection, whether good or bad, that draws you to someone; unfortunately, this need for intensity and lack of objective thinking may enable you to remain in a nonproductive relationship with unrealistic expectations for the future.

The Moon in the 7th house is also a sign that unconscious complexes can complicate your present relationship. Former relationships which reinforced negative patterns of relating and left you feeling wounded may have left psychological scars which must be faced and dealt with now before greater intimacy can develop. It is essential that you seek to understand these complexes. Irrational fears, obsessions, possessiveness, jealousy, and lack of trust are just a few of the forms these complexes might take. This is an excellent time to see a marriage counselor or attend a marriage encounter. If your relationship is basically combative and neither of you is interested in deepening your commitment to each other, then emotionally difficult scenes will be generated by your feelings of hurt and rejection, both in this relationship and others. In this case, individual counseling is more appropriate.

Moon Trine Pluto

The Moon sextile or trine Pluto implies insight and access into one's own emotional nature and unconscious. This aspect is gentler than the conjunction, square, or opposition. Even if you are basically psychologically healthy, your emotions may still be tainted or seasoned by events or complexes. You could be reliving a former happening in an immediate situation. The nature of this connection and revelation is meant to be healing. This is a time of renewal and growth. Usually someone or thing is available to assist you in this process. By being observant and psychologically aware, you can gain insight into issues affecting you and peel away layers of psychological debris from the past. Relationships are likely to be affected by this process of revelation and your new-found awareness. Clearing complexes can open you to relating with greater intimacy. Sharing your insights can deepen your connections. This is a good time to strive to empower yourself and others.

In the process of gaining insight and psychological awareness, you can also learn to deal with manipulators and their attempts at manipulation. You need not be a victim. Emotional blackmail and manipulation only work if you allow another person to have control over some portion of your life. As soon as you begin to control yourself and take responsibility for your own well-being, manipulators lose all power. There are others who will take your side in any conflict. Perhaps strength in numbers is the way to proceed.

The Moon sextile or trine to Pluto can be very beneficial to writers, counselors, psychology students, artists, therapists, or those whose career depends on their ability to understand human nature. This aspect signals options for greater insight and empowerment. This might be particularly helpful for professional advancement and popularity. In the end, success comes from psychological and emotional balance. Remaining focused and steady in your pursuit of achievement leads to attainment.

A very pleasant reason for being so intense and emotional is an involvement in a new and

exciting romantic relationship. All relationships, even those which are established, are subject to change and new insight. Domestic situations are also in the process of changing. Moving or planning to move is possible. Children or parents may move in or out, or you might welcome a new baby home. Should you remain in the same location, you can renovate or add to your existing house.

Moon Sextile Neptune

Moon sextile or trine to Neptune in the solar return chart can show increased sensitivity to life's subtleties. While Moon-Pluto aspects show a greater insight into psychological influences, manipulative games, and a need for self-control, Moon sextile or trine to Neptune indicates a greater sensitivity to feelings and needs that are not expressed openly yet bind us all. There is a spiritual, intuitive dynamic associated with Moon-Neptune aspects that can be inspirational and guiding during the year.

Moon-Neptune aspects symbolize intuitive insights into the commonalities we share. We all suffer from human frailty; Neptune symbolizes our ability to identify with others, view their missteps with forgiveness, and see their failings as well as our own. True understanding and acceptance supersedes judgmental attitudes and paves the way for a meaningful exchange. As compassion grows, spiritual development occurs.

Moon sextile or trine Neptune implies connections; connections to each other and to the Universe. We can foster and improve these connections by accepting, understanding, forgiving, and helping each other to progress as a whole toward a better existence. This is a good time to see people as they are, weaknesses and all. You will probably be involved in situations which give you the opportunity to increase your insight into others and their circumstances. Resist the urge to judge. As long as you do not make demands or have unrealistic expectations, you should be able to retain honest emotional contacts with those around you. This can be very healing for all those involved, especially when you set a loving example.

You may actually care for someone who is ill or disabled, or you could simply care for another person more than you care for yourself and your own welfare. Moon-Neptune aspects are signs of self-sacrifice and charity towards others. Needs may be home-based and involve infants, children, or elderly parents. You may work full-time to put your spouse through school. Giving now unselfishly may be to your benefit now and rewarding later on.

Self-sacrifice does not mean martyrdom. Give wisely! Moon-Neptune aspects in the solar return indicate that you are able to help others because you truly understand their situation and feel you can make a difference. You are also able to handle emotional uncertainty by accepting relationships which are not clearly defined, and giving without a guarantee of return. You see insecurity as a natural by-product of your situation. You function during times of uncertainty and handle the insecurities that go with them. You trust that in the end, everything will turn out for the best.

Moon Conjunct Uranus

The most common theme associated with Moon conjunct Uranus in a solar return chart is moving from one home or office to another. You may move, or help someone move in or out of your home such as a parent or grown child. Domestic changes are likely as well as structural changes to the house itself. Major renovations and additions to the home are seen with this aspect. Usually, a certain amount of disruption transpires with any home improvement project and may last all year. Expect breaks in your daily routine and habits.

Relationships are also changing. You could be attracted to someone new and involved in a new

relationship. Relationships tend to be on-again, off-again as emotions run both hot and cold. Anyone new is not necessarily a stabilizing influence, and there may be an obvious reason for the instability. Perhaps previous commitments or physical distance stand in the way.

On the other hand, an old relationship may be going through a period of transition or separation when either you or your partner initiates a major change. He or she may switch careers, need to travel for business, be required to upgrade skills and attend school, or experience a health crisis. Expect surprising developments. Even if the relationship is stable, changes may arise involving family members. Grown children may leave the nest, divorced children may return with grandchildren in tow, or elderly parents may require assistance.

Though strong attractions can occur, this is not the most common manifestation. If you feel you are caught in an emotional rut, changes are more likely. The external changes you experience in relationships, family, or home can be a direct result of internal restlessness. It stands to reason that if your situation and emotional needs change, you will be faced with new issues or problems, and be required to develop new ways of expressing yourself emotionally. This is one way to break inhibitions.

The involvement in new situations will accentuate your ability or inability to handle emotions and relationships in a positive way. At the very worst, emotional control will be difficult and feelings will be erratic. You may be overwhelmed one day and detached or cool the next. Moodiness is common as you cope with changes that you either did or did not initiate. You could say or do things without really considering the emotional consequences, but then, this might free you up to make necessary changes quickly.

Moon Sextile Venus

The Moon sextile or trine Venus suggests emotional security and domestic issues are tied to relationships and monetary considerations. This can be a pleasant time for families, partners, and finances depending on the house placement of the Moon and Venus. The house placement for the Moon in the solar return chart shows the emotional need for fulfillment. The house placement for Venus indicates financial and relationship support.

When these two planets are sextile or trine, your monetary situation will tend to be positive unless there are other limiting aspects seen in the chart. You should have enough money to pay for life's necessities and feel secure. You might have extra funds for savings, investments, and discretionary spending. Financial stability may be affected by domestic conditions such as moving, pregnancy, birth, caring for elderly parents, and educational pursuits. These common events affect the amount of money earned and spent. Occasionally this aspect can show a time when you are financially (Venus) dependent (Moon) on others for support for one or more reasons.

If you are planning on changing careers and pursuing an emotionally fulfilling profession, consider your financial situation before making changes. Whether or not your goal is feasible at this time depends on how much money you have set aside and/or the support you get from others. You might take a pay cut to enter a more fulfilling field, but ultimately, your salary will increase if you are successful in your new endeavors. Follow your heart, and you will make money.

MERCURY IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Mercury in 8th house:

The phrase "acute awareness" encapsulates the interpretation of Mercury in the 8th house of the solar return. Your mind is more insightful and reflective during this year, and there will be times when you will see more or know more than you were previously aware of. Knowledge of the unconscious mind grows quickly, leaving you overwhelmed by the change. You are more aware of nuances, motives, and psychological conflicts in yourself and others. Subtle shifts in power and power plays will be more obvious to you now. The interpretation of Mercury in the 8th house is very similar to the interpretation of the Sun or the Moon in this house, but there is an important difference. When Mercury is in the 8th, you are more apt to gain understanding of psychological issues as a result of training and education. You become intellectually aware of psychological complexes and power struggles, but they generally do not disrupt your life or upset you emotionally. When the Sun is in the 8th house, you are more likely to be disrupted by the turmoil of living with your own psychological issues or those of others. When the Moon is in the 8th house, you may be upset emotionally by complex unconscious forces and power struggles. Mercury in the 8th house is generally not upsetting, only insightful.

There are several ways to initiate and stimulate this psychological insight. You may study psychology directly or you may become involved in one of the occult sciences. You may see a counselor during the year even though you might not feel seriously stressed. Mercury in the 8th house implies the ability to grasp psychological information intellectually. Generally, by itself, Mercury is not indicative of nervousness or anxiety. If you are just entering therapy at this time, you may be doing so to gain self-knowledge rather than because of incapacitation. If you have been in therapy for a while now, this may be the year when therapy pays off and suddenly you begin to see the behavioral patterns that have been affecting your life negatively.

Psychologically, you may be more withdrawn and cautious during the year, preferring to talk to one person in depth rather than several friends superficially. Small talk will not interest you. Information that is factual and blatant will not be as exciting as what is less obvious, sexual, or mysterious. You see and understand a lot more than you express. You may withhold information deliberately or just be reluctant to talk openly.

This is a good time for financial planning and consolidation loans. If your debts have risen recently, you might want to establish a payment plan for reducing those bills. If you share income and expenses with another person, review the division of debts and plan for future expenditures. Reread your will and investigate estate and tax plans.

Mercury Square to Saturn

When Mercury is square or opposite Saturn there can be a communication disconnect. Others may not want to hear what you have to say or you might have problems expressing yourself given the intellectual climate. There may be limitations on what you can say, where and when you can say it, and how you deliver the message. You must work harder than normal to get the word out, and the process can be frustrating. In extreme cases, this is censorship. On the brighter side, resistance might lead you to refine and perfect your message. In business and educational settings, investigate different media formats. Pictures, graphics, and formulas might help you get your points across. Teachers and writers need to be mindful of the needs of the audience and organize information into presentations that are understandable, informative, and practical.

You will tend to have a serious and realistic approach to life issues and problems. In some situations, you need to make decisions and take on greater responsibility. Or, others might try to force you to make decisions and take on responsibility for issues that are not your own. It is up to you to determine exactly what is yours to address. Study choices in-depth and choose wisely. For some, there will be no good, clear choice, only the best choice given all the limitations. Dilemma situations plague

Mercury-Saturn combinations. It is likely that at least one major decision involving life-altering consequences will be made during the year. Sometimes this decision is made under stress and includes greater responsibility on your part. Decisions may have far-reaching effects on everyone involved. For these reasons, you will tend to be cautious and conservative regarding any plans or changes you initiate. You want modifications that will produce positive results, greater stability, and lead to future success.

Learning is associated with Mercury-Saturn aspects, and some individuals will seek a formal education such as a degree or certificate program. You might continue your education to fulfill professional requirements, or perhaps you feel uninformed and need to research a topic in greater depth. In some circumstances, reading and personal investigation will suffice, but regardless of the path you take, the material can be challenging or tedious. You might be required to prove your understanding and mastery of the information by passing a test or demonstrating a skill.

This is a good time to work on the completion of a major project. You have the ability to channel mental energy into constructive pursuits, even to the point of forcing yourself to finish a difficult and boring task. Work through any setbacks. If you are seeking someone's approval, listen to constructive criticism and suggestions, even if it means redoing part or all of your project or reorganizing your plans. The end product might be greatly improved by the changes and additions.

Saturn square or opposite Mercury can indicate a pessimistic outlook on life, and for a few, this might lead to depression and criticism of self and others. Saturn is associated with realistic perceptions. For those who have built their lives around fantasy, realism is too stark and even shocking. These individuals do not want to deal with life as it really is, and they may lack the skills needed to make modifications. They get stuck in situations that may or may not be of their own making. The inability to seek alternative solutions to problems is the origin of much of the stress associated with Mercury square or opposite Saturn. The need for problem-solving is evident, but do you compromise or stand your ground? Keep looking for solutions. Work through frustrations. Honestly consider the advice of others, but in the end, make your own decisions, and you can produce tangible results by the end of the solar return year.

Mercury Sextile Mars

Mercury sextile or trine Mars indicates a very energetic and inquisitive mind. This can be a time of great mental energy and productivity. When you present your ideas, you are supported by positive feedback and assisted in your endeavors. This is a good time to brainstorm with others. Sharing fosters continuing rounds of insight and creativity.

You actively search for knowledge. Your mind is quick and alert. Ideas move through and evolve quickly into something bigger and better. Learning can be very exciting and self-perpetuating even if you study alone. What is great for learning may not be so advantageous when making decisions if you jump to conclusions. Take the time necessary for thoughtful reflection. Weighing your options carefully and researching circumstances thoroughly can help you make wise responses.

Mercury sextile or trine Mars implies assertive ability and advocacy for those less fortunate. You do not have to be angry or aggressive to hold your ground and defend yourself or others. If you see injustice, you are willing to act. If there is a conflict, you are willing to listen to dissent, and then work to resolve the matter calmly. You know what you want, and you are able to go after it. Channel your thoughts into concrete and effective actions. Follow up on creative insights with practical applications. This way, you accomplish what you say you intend to do and manifest your most promising ideas with ease.

VENUS IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Venus in 8th house:

Relationships will tend to be more intense and complicated during the year. Psychological forces will play a strong role in your feelings of attraction to, and repulsion from, others. You will have a tendency to be unconsciously drawn to certain individuals, perhaps for reasons you find difficult to understand. One relationship in particular may be especially compelling, and you can react impulsively rather than respond rationally to this person. A relationship of this intensity has transforming qualities. It enables you to see yourself, others, and relationships in a new way by making everyone's fears, insecurities, and complexes more obvious. Psychological complexes are impediments to greater intimacy. They must be recognized and dealt with effectively before love can mature. This is an excellent time for joint counseling since the focus for the year will be on understanding how psychological forces play a role in your relationships.

Negatively, your relationships, or one in particular, may be a power struggle over money or sex. Regardless of whether this is a love relationship, a business relationship, or a relationship built on animosity, control issues will be important. Either one or both of you may use fear, intimidation, jealousy or manipulation in an attempt to gain money, sex or power over the other. The use of psychological tactics within the relationship complicates and weakens the negotiation process, making discussion, and compromise difficult, if not impossible. Daily struggles, lacking any foreseeable resolution, can leave you weak, drained, and feeling more controlled than in control.

When Venus is in the 8th house, you may receive money from sources other than your own earning power. If you split funds and expenses with someone else, you can benefit through your partner's pay raise or financial windfall. Your available funds increase through another person's efforts. If you are dependent upon someone for financial support, you may request and/or receive an increased amount of money. Funds can also come to you through an inheritance, insurance claims settlement, legal action, or joint financial venture. In all of these cases, money is not work-related unless profit sharing, retirement funds, royalties or disability payments are involved.

Negatively, this placement can show a struggle over shared resources. Money intended for your use may not be given freely or may not be given at all. Business partners who cannot settle their monetary disputes may end up in court. Individuals involved in a personal relationship are less likely to go to court over money, but more likely to see money as a tool for control. In this situation, money comes with strings attached. If you are financially dependent on someone else for support or locked into your present standard of living, you are more apt to allow yourself to be controlled, trading your personal freedom for your financial status.

Sex may also be tied to money, power or control. Psychological complexes can color your sexual experience or moral judgments. On a more positive note, sexual fulfillment will be stressed as an important and necessary part of your intimate relationships. Sexual relations themselves can become more pleasurable and better integrated with affection and love during the coming year. This is more likely to be true if sexual problems have occurred in the past and you have actively worked to improve your situation.

Venus Opposition Pluto

Venus square or opposite Pluto in the solar return chart indicates intense emotional involvements and complicated financial situations that can ignite disagreements and conflicts. These can arise when starting a new relationship, leaving an old relationship, or simply going through a period of transition.

New relationships can be especially compelling, and like the moth to the flame, you are drawn to particular individuals without understanding why. Unconscious forces play a major role in this type of infatuation which may or may not be healthy. Sometimes the attraction mimics a former positive or negative involvement. You may discover that you have met your soulmate or that he or she is your nemesis. There is no guarantee of emotional bliss though it is certainly possible. The perceived loss of control and diminished rationality is disconcerting. Regardless of what you think or plan, you can end up reacting to situations in a spontaneous and revealing manner. Your usual psychological defenses don't seem to work, while all your unconscious complexes are laid bare for the world to see. Consequently, a persistent sense of vulnerability becomes coupled with your growing need for intimacy in a love match. If the relationship is not a love match but a contentious relationship, a persistent sense of vulnerability prompts your increasing need for control within a power struggle.

On the other hand, you may be struggling to leave a difficult relationship. In this situation, money, or the withholding of funds or assets is frequently a weapon used by one or both parties. The end of a long-term relationship frequently involves financial support issues. Some couples are able to come to a fair agreement regarding the division of assets; others are not. When conflicts erupt, you may decide to walk away with nothing, hire a lawyer to secure your share of joint property, or be sued for what you have worked hard to accumulate. When a marriage or a long-term relationship is dissolved, dismantling the physical, emotional, and financial entanglements can be a complex, wrenching, and lengthy process. Pluto is the planet that rules power, and in the worst manifestations, difficult power struggles are possible.

If you are in the third situation, presently in an existing relationship that has challenges, you and your partner must negotiate a new understanding of your relationship. This may or may not be easy. Resistance is possible. Perhaps power is shifting because of illness, pregnancy, school, employment, or relocation. External pressure might be stressing one or both individuals. Roles might be changing and someone needs to take on new responsibilities, willingly or not. If there are problems, they must be addressed if the relationship is to survive and thrive. If a consensus cannot be reached, counseling is advised for the health of the relationship and the health of the individuals.

In both new and old relationships, Venus square or opposite Pluto can indicate considerable emotional growth, but not without a good understanding of the unconscious urges and psychological games that are impediments to intimacy. Plutonian tactics distort reality and destroy trust. They include, but are not limited to, manipulation, possessiveness, obsessive thinking, sexual preferences, compulsive behaviors, and controlling attitudes. Situational barriers include involvement with married, gay or bisexual partners, those living in a different locality, or those who realistically cannot be fully present or involved for one reason or another. These factors represent preexisting impediments to intimacy that were probably known or suspected before the relationship even began.

Power can be an issue in intimate, casual, familial, and professional relationships. Individuals who learn to compromise and share power see their relationships deepen and strengthen, but this is not always possible. Major power struggles are not uncommon. You can feel powerless to control your own destiny if your fate is dependent on the whims of others. Attempting to control those who have some hold over you might seem like a viable option. It's not. Within this struggle, manipulative techniques are the main weapons; sex, money, and power become the main issues. You can start to regain control over your life by making wise choices rather than gut-level reactions.

Financially, Venus square or opposite Pluto indicates strong financial changes or complex monetary arrangements. Salary changes are common, and may be the result of a career move, relocation, leave without pay, cutback in hours, or retirement. Your salary may rise if your earnings are based on commissions or profit-sharing, but your tactics might be questionable. Maybe you have to spend money

to make money. Relationship problems can directly affect your ability to concentrate and work. Your financial status may depend on the resources of others who may or may not be generous. Struggles over money or finances are seen with these aspects. Plan to be fiscally conservative. You might need to handle unexpected costs.

As with all Pluto-Venus aspects, the emphasis is on personal power in relationships and power over your own financial situation. By gaining insight into your behavior and the behavior of others, you can master both areas of concern.

Venus Trine Neptune

If you are already involved in a stable emotional relationship, Venus sextile or trine to Neptune may be more relevant to financial concerns than romantic interests. Financial circumstances will exhibit a degree of uncertainty, but this may work to your advantage. A break from work can be a leave of absence without pay, but it is more common to experience other reasons for financial uncertainty. You can be self-employed or have an income based on commissions, incentives, or profit-sharing; your hours may fluctuate, or you might work on an "on-call" basis. Under these conditions, you will be unsure of the amount of your pay until the check arrives.

Changing circumstances might affect the amount of money available, (e.g., relocation, job change, large purchases, or major sales), and it is impossible to predict the effect these changes will have, especially if several variables are involved. For example, if you must sell your home and relocate to a different state, you will not know the final sale price for your present home, how much your new home is likely to cost, how much you will be able to earn at your new job, and how expensive it will be to live in the area. You must be careful with your funds until the figures are worked out. If you are expecting money from others in the form of a loan, gift, or inheritance, you may not be sure how much you will receive or when you will receive it.

This is a good time to trust that everything will work out in the end. Learn to relax. Venus sextile or trine Neptune indicates that quality is more important than quantity. Though funds are uncertain, real hardship is very unlikely. Foster a strong appreciation of the non-materialistic side of life. What makes you happy? What makes others happy? What are the gifts that money cannot buy? Spend time with family or friends. Take a walk in the woods or sit on the beach. Appreciate the beauty of a sunrise or sunset.

Venus sextile or trine Neptune is also relevant to your understanding of relationships during the coming year. Significant emotional connections can be very spiritual and compassionate. In strong relationships, the partners are more likely to be sensitive to each other's needs. Intuition grows. Empathy increases and inner qualities are the focus of attention and appreciation. The principles significant others espouse and follow are more important than material possessions. Artistry and creativity inspire you. Charity uplifts you. You will sacrifice for the benefit of others. You want to volunteer to make the world a better place for those you love and for those you do not even know.

If you are not already married, legalizing your relationship is not a concern. You and your partner know what you have, and a piece of paper will not change that. You are more than likely committed to each other, just not to an external institution. You may want relations that are not defined by a stereotypical role. The lack of definition suits you and allows for greater freedom and closeness. Hidden relationships are likely to remain secret during this year.

At their best, relationships possess a sense of compassion and sensitivity that fosters spiritual development. You have lofty ideals that allow relationships to blossom and grow. Uncertainty does not

bother you. You live in the moment and take life one day at a time.

Venus Sextile Uranus

Of all the Venus-Uranus combinations, the sextile and trine are the easiest to handle and generally involve an upswing in relationships and finances. You are more likely to be attracted to someone or something beneficial, and finances are more likely to improve.

When Venus is sextile or trine Uranus in the solar return chart, positive changes in relationships may occur. For some people, this can mean a sudden attraction and the excitement of a new love. Involvements may be very strong, very quick, and may prove to have staying power. New relationships might eventually lead to marriage either quickly or in a following year. Existing relationships may improve for a variety of reasons. One or both individuals can make a significant or life-altering change that involves a career opportunity, mental or physical health, financial success, finishing an educational program or major project, retirement, relocation, travel, or similar changes that work to draw the individuals closer together. An open relationship is also possible in some situations. Friends become lovers, and some love relationships seem more like friendships. Occasionally, relationships and attractions are less than conventional. There is a newfound freedom to express your individuality.

A general mood of change and transition may permeate all partnerships, whether new or old, personal or professional. During the year, difficult relationships may end amicably, but for those in a healthy relationship, changes will occur within the relationship itself and do not indicate a break in ties or a loss of commitment to one another. Change is likely, but change is welcomed and exciting, like the birth of a child. New skills and patterns of behavior emerge to adapt to change.

Financial changes are also likely to occur with Venus sextile or trine to Uranus. You may move in with a lover, spouse, or friend and begin to share expenses. You might receive a financial windfall or promotion with pay raise. If you are working on a commission or incentive basis, you can secure a big account. If you are involved in profit-sharing, the company might go public or be bought by a larger, more profitable business. A sudden adjustment in your financial situation is possible and likely to be positive. Self-employment is perhaps a good move at this time and may be very profitable. If you need startup money for your new business, you probably are supported. For one reason or another, the amount of money available to you improves.

This is a good time to be creative, both in the arts and with life. Discover hidden talents and take risks. Make the best of changes and take advantage of opportunities.

Venus Conjunct Jupiter

Venus is known as the lesser benefic and Jupiter is known as the greater benefic. When Venus and Jupiter are conjunct in the same house in the solar return, you can expect benefits and ease according to that house placement. Although you might think that because Jupiter has a twelve-year cycle, you will experience the Venus-Jupiter conjunction once every twelve years, this is not so. Because Venus has eight placements in the solar return and moves around, Jupiter can totally miss the conjunction to Venus in the solar return. On the other hand, some individuals may experience several Venus-Jupiter conjunctions during a twelve-year cycle.

You benefit directly through the influence or assistance of another. Relationships can be very rewarding, and you reap what you have sown. If you have been helpful and understanding to others in the past, you can expect the same treatment now. Your spouse, lover, friend, or business partner may be actively supportive of your goals, physically, emotionally, and financially. In this way, you are the direct

recipient of good fortune or benefit.

You can instead benefit indirectly. Indirect benefits come to you through relationships with others. They are the direct recipients, and you benefit because of them. For example, your spouse accepts a job transfer to Hawaii, and you always wanted to live by the ocean in a tropical paradise. You may buy a house when you get there since large purchases and expenses are commonly seen with Venus-Jupiter solar return conjunctions. If your spouse received a promotion along with the relocation, there will be more money for the purchase. Regardless, you might still spend more than you should. While Saturn in aspect to Venus suggests conservative spending practices, Jupiter in aspect to Venus suggests large purchases and major expenses. There is a tendency to be financially overextended. Although additional funds might be available, money can flow out as quickly as it flows in.

Since Jupiter rules your belief system, what you believe to be true about most relationships, and specifically your own, can either be consistent with your experience, or in conflict with the reality of your situation. Your beliefs are up for review. Certain issues arise concerning religious beliefs, morals, ethics, spending practices, and sexuality. Developing a philosophy of relationships will help you make decisions regarding these and other issues. Some may discuss monogamy and whether or not their relationship is open or closed. One partner may wish for greater freedom, or the debate will arise if either one of the partners becomes involved in a second relationship. Defining the beliefs and ethics you live by in regard to relationships and finances becomes a goal during the year.

MARS IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Mars in 6th house:

The ability to work independently or with a limited amount of supervision is shown by Mars in the 6th house. You can work entirely on your own or set up your own business, but independence can be relative. A medical laboratory student completed a yearlong internship with intense supervision and graduated to her first full-time job when Mars entered this house. During the coming year, her work no longer required constant verification; however, she continued to work in a large laboratory setting with others. If possible, it is better for you to work alone and/or be your own boss. You have the ability to be self-motivated and can initiate and complete projects without prompting.

Workaholic tendencies are likely, especially if you have deadlines to meet or if crises periodically occur. Compulsive work habits that are carried too far eventually begin to affect one's health negatively. On-the-job tension is possible for those who work too hard or find the working environment unpleasant. You could be easily angered or frustrated by your working conditions, co-workers or employer. Conflicts can ensue. A fellow who was used to a very professional environment found it difficult to adjust to the lackadaisical attitude of co-workers and managers when he changed jobs and began working at a new office. He was aghast to discover the poor quality of service being rendered to clients; consequently, the situation caused him great stress. If you are easily angered and frustrated by your work, make suggestions which will help to improve conditions for everyone. Complaining is associated with this placement, but it would be more advantageous to take the initiative for problem solving. If presented tactfully, your ideas can be accepted and may help to straighten out office difficulties or conflicts.

Caution is warranted when Mars is in the 6th house of health. If your health is slipping, start to reassess your habits, specifically looking for health practices or routines which are not good for you. It is not uncommon to find you are working against your own well-being. If you are presently healthy and follow a beneficial program of exercise and diet, you need not have any difficulty with this placement. Problems are more apparent when you are doing something you should not be doing. Generally, negative

patterns do not develop during the year, but only become more obvious. This is the time you begin to see the effect of these detrimental habits and possibly feel pressured to control your behavior. Basically, healthy individuals are more likely to discover minor impediments which can easily be corrected. For example, one woman noticed that her cholesterol count was rising and realized she consistently ate foods high in fat content. Another realized she was overdosing her body with megavitamins.

Common minor problems include overeating, harmful dieting, consuming foods which upset the system (such as caffeine products, hot or spicy dishes, salty snacks, allergy-producing substances), failure to treat minor or chronic health problems, over-scheduling activities, and aggravating skeletal problems with strenuous activity or lifting.

Serious health problems are related to self-destructive habits which tend to be especially noticeable and threatening this year. The more serious threats to health correlate with the more excessive habits practiced over a long period of time (obesity; drug, alcohol or cigarette addictions; self-neglect or abuse; compulsive or stressful work habits; anorexia, bulimia, malnutrition, yo-yo dieting or other indiscretions). Surgery is possible during the year, especially those surgeries associated with infections (appendectomy and tonsillectomy), and those surgeries considered to be elective (sterilization, cosmetic, or corrective).

The purpose of this placement is to make you more aware of any detrimental habits you might have. Correcting the habit can alleviate the health problem. Learn to take better care of yourself. This is an excellent time to exercise your way to better health.

JUPITER IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Jupiter in 8th house:

The 8th house is commonly associated with the earnings of others while the 2nd house is more indicative of your own earning power. Therefore, Jupiter in the 8th primarily focuses on the money made available to you after someone else has already earned it. During the year, your financial situation may improve specifically because you are now able to share resources with another person. If you have already been sharing resources up to this point, the dollar amount of the shared funds is likely to increase. This placement commonly shows money coming to you through others, possibly in the form of a lump sum. For those who are interested in making a large purchase such as a home, combining incomes and savings makes the goal a reality.

Besides shared resources, you may acquire money through other means. These other means include an inheritance, gift or monetary settlement from an insurance claim or legal case. Funds from profit sharing, royalties, and advances for books or inventions are also more commonly seen in the 8th house, even though one would think they would be more consistent with 2nd house earnings. Because of the extra money coming in, this may be a good time to place some funds in an investment account or hire a broker to manage your money. In this way your money works for you, creating extra funds through means other than salary.

Most likely, if you share incomes with another, you must also share his or her debts, and unfortunately, this person can be a big spender. The negative interpretation for financial concerns associated with this placement is that you are just as likely to experience increased expenses and debts caused by the other person as you are to have more money available. The pendulum can swing either way.

Ethical questions relevant to sexual morality are important and must be addressed. Situations you

face this year are meant to force you to further define your own moral code. Therefore, sexual opportunities you encounter, regardless of whether or not you take advantage of the experience, must be understood within the context of your own religious or philosophical ideals. Issues concerning sexual freedom, preference, and practices are most noteworthy. Regardless of your age, the cycle is such that either you must look at these concepts for the first time or you must review what now can be considered preconceived notions. For example, a young teenager was faced with the possibility of her first sexual encounter, while a much older woman who had always defined her relationships as "open" now began to desire a monogamous relationship with her lover. Each of these people dealt with the philosophical aspect of the dilemma as well as the actual feelings, thoughts, and events.

For those who have the training or innate ability to make the leap to psychological understanding, the sexual and/or monetary situations and issues encountered during the year become a springboard to greater knowledge of the inner motivations and unconscious complexes of others. The intensity of relationships in these two areas of concern fosters great insight when one is able to read the subtleties of the mind.

SATURN IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Saturn in 4th house (within 3 degree orb of 5th house)

Saturn in the 4th can be a sign of increasing commitment and responsibility within the home environment. Usually, this newfound sense of responsibility involves the physical home itself, though the manifestation is not limited to the physical structure alone since emotional responsibility is also an issue. The condition of your home, apartment, or dwelling is such that you need to make repairs or improvements. If you have let your house go in the past, this is the year you will feel forced to take corrective action. Chronic and long-time problem areas will suddenly become especially annoying. Repairs can be major, though not always. If you are buying a home during the year, you may be drawn to older or rundown homes requiring much hard work and restoration. Physical discomfort in the home is common, especially before or during the repair and renovation process. If you have not neglected your house, time can be spent on routine maintenance or improvements geared toward making your house more comfortable.

External changes in your living environment tend to parallel inner emotional changes. This can be a year when you feel emotionally responsible for the well-being of certain family members, regardless of how well you get along with these people. The desire to accept responsibility for the physical state of your home is usually extended to a desire to assume responsibility for the emotional and physical state of others. If you feel you can help, you are likely to do so.

You may accept a family member into your home, or you may return to your parents' home to live or visit and lend assistance. Those who are mentally incapable of making important decisions look to you and other family members for guidance, support and possibly shelter. It is common for the health of one family member (usually a parent) to deteriorate during the year. If this is the case, you can nurse this individual yourself or provide for his or her daily needs. Elderly parents may be placed in a minimal-care retirement community or nursing home. If you have a grown child in the midst of a divorce, separation, or family crisis, he or she may return home with small children in tow. Your strong sense of familial responsibility compels you to take up the slack and help out where needed. You willingly give up some measure of physical and emotional comfort in the home to help those you love.

If you are a much younger individual, you may choose this time to become a parent yourself. In its most positive manifestation, Saturn in the 4th is a tendency to respond in a helpful manner to family

crises, problems, and issues. Unfortunately, the reverse is not always true. This may not be the best time to look for assistance and help for yourself. Even if you are in a difficult position, family members may be unable or unwilling to support you at this time. The tendency is for you to lend support rather than receive. Saturn in the 4th is not normally associated with the fulfillment of dependency needs. On the contrary, it is more closely akin to their denial. Pushing your own needs may be inappropriate under the present circumstances.

Some individuals lack the strong family ties necessary for such dedication to the needs of others. For them, no personal gratification, only frustration, can come from involvement in family issues and problems. During the year, events trigger memories of the past and old feelings of hurt and disappointment resurface. If this is your situation, you may wish to protect yourself by limiting family contacts or withdrawing completely. Saturn in the 4th can show a separation from family involvement, and if you have already exhausted all your options, including therapy, this might be in your best interest. Saturn indicates that you test your relationships and eliminate or restrict those ties which are unfulfilling while strengthening those which are meaningful.

The process of reassessing relationships for their emotional reward is not limited to family involvements. All close relationships are subject to scrutiny. Usually, family relationships are the ones tested the most, but any intimate relationship can be suspect. You may find it more difficult to trust others during the year, so you look for conspicuous proof of your loved one's affection and caring. If the relationship passes the intimacy test, commitment should follow, but if you are not satisfied or reassurances are not forthcoming, you can set emotional limits on those involvements which are unrewarding and not supporting. Saturn rules reality and this is a time for realistic appraisal of emotional situations. It no longer makes any difference what you are told or what you are led to believe. You know when you are unhappy and it makes sense to seek practical solutions to relationship problems. If you cannot work with your partner to make corrections, you will tend to live alone emotionally, if not physically.

It is common to have Saturn in the 4th when the native is trying to recover from, or deal with, an emotionally painful relationship and therefore feels the need to set emotional limits. Individuals can elect to withdraw from situations entirely or structure involvements in such a way as to protect themselves. Those who withdraw completely assume total responsibility for their own emotional well-being and refuse to be responsible for anyone else. They do not encourage nurturing attention from others and may shun all offers. Walls are built to allow a year's worth of time for healing and recovery, but in the meantime, they feel lonely, withdrawn and neglected.

In the most negative manifestation, those who build walls exhibit contradictory emotions. They expect or even demand to be taken care of. They see total dependency on others as proof of another's love, but at the same time refuse to commit themselves emotionally to a relationship or accept any responsibility for the other person involved. The goal is a one-sided exchange, an improbable situation in which all their needs are fulfilled without any fear, risk, or effort. Those who are wise realize that this is a time to assess the mistakes of the past and set guidelines for future emotional involvements. Trust and mutual responsibility are needed for emotional security.

Saturn within 3 degree orb of 5th house

Saturn in the 5th house of the solar return indicates that normal self-expression is affected by present circumstances. For one reason or another, you feel very unsure of yourself and find it difficult to express who you are without fear of criticism from others. Most likely, your social milieu has changed. You may feel like a fish out of water and you no longer feel relaxed and comfortable with yourself. This is especially true if you suspect that you are in an unfriendly environment and you are consciously trying

to be inoffensive to those around you.

For example, a psychic who went to graduate school found that another psychic had attended the same school before him. The first psychic had verbally threatened various professors and alienated them to such an extent that the second student had to deal with the stigma of being a psychic. It was to his advantage to be very inoffensive and non-threatening until he was able to establish his own personality as separate and distinct from his predecessor's. He experienced a period of self-imposed personality limitation while he worked toward greater definition of who he was. When he succeeded, he was able to show practical applications for his skills.

Another example of this uneasiness with self is the experience of an older woman dating a much younger man. She did not really fit in with his friends and he could not really relate to hers. The transition from one environment to another may involve some inhibition. The natural flow associated with self-expression seems more controlled and consciously directed. There will be situations where caution is warranted and even advantageous. The ability to "fit in" where you would not normally go can be beneficial to your own growth and to those you meet.

The need for greater discipline when working creatively is commonly seen with this Saturn placement. During the year, even the creative process itself will be subject to greater control. The natural flow needs to be channeled in a more organized and productive manner, while the final creation needs greater refinement. Some examples of these changes might include working within a scheduled time frame or having deadlines to meet. You may have a particular piece which is popular and can be reproduced for the mass market. You probably should review the creative process and make changes according to your future needs and ambitions.

During the year, you are likely to ask for constructive criticism of your work in the hopes of getting a clearer definition of what you are trying to get across. You may find that what you create is not exactly consistent with your intention. If this is true, the creative process will now be more labored and tedious as you work to refine your creation. You become less involved with Venusian creativity since you are now more involved with Saturnian perfectionism. Major pieces of work and long-term difficult projects are also implied by Saturn in the 5th house.

In all of these instances, it can initially become more difficult to express yourself creatively. Blockages can occur, but the goal in the end is a better product which is a more accurate reflection of what you were trying to get across. You are willing to make the extra effort necessary to perfect the creative process and, ultimately, your creation. Those who are unable to make this kind of commitment and who lack the perseverance necessary will remain blocked throughout most of the year.

Self-criticism can be at an all-time high during this period while self-confidence may be shaken. These personality tendencies directly relate to the refinement process and the desire to handle very different or difficult situations. Moving closer to perfection means first seeing what is less than perfect. Do not let criticism, whether yours or someone else's, discourage you. You should actually welcome constructive criticism since it will help you see what must be done. You must go beyond your disappointment. The quality required for future tasks is much higher than that required in the past. You need to be more organized, disciplined, consistent, and practical in the future. Sloppy habits, laziness, inconsistency, and hypocrisy can limit your success and weaken your self-confidence, both this year and in years to come.

Relationships, especially love affairs (but generally not including marital relationships), can be more difficult with Saturn in the 5th house. Saturn is consistent with limitations of one form or another. These limitations may be specific to this particular relationship or they may be residual fears from a

previous involvement. Common specific limitations include long-distance relationships, May-December romances, extramarital affairs, or relationships that involve a great deal of separation at least for the present year. You or your loved one may not have the available time necessary to carry on a wild romance. Practicality may be important.

The very worst manifestation is that you will be denied the relationship you want. This is most likely to be true if you are presently involved with a person who has previous commitments. Sometimes the relationship itself lacks affection and true caring. With very negative manifestations, Saturn may indicate sado-masochistic attractions or relationships that involve more pain than love.

If you have children, they may require closer supervision during the coming year. More of your time and energy can be taken up by their demands, and some individuals will find this frustrating and restricting. Situations will require you to be more actively involved with your children on a daily basis. New parents tend to have this placement (or a similar strong Saturn placement) because of the time and energy needed to care for an infant. The most common issues associated with school-aged children are either academic or behavioral goals or problems. For one reason or another, children may not be able to cope with everyday circumstances on their own and now need your guidance and support. This is especially true for children going through major life stages (infancy, terrible twos, puberty) or children trying to adjust to major life changes (relocation, new school, parents' separation or divorce, birth of a sibling). Increased discipline may or may not be appropriate, depending on the circumstances. Increased support and guidance are always appropriate. If your children are now adults, it is still possible for them to be involved in life situations that concern you or require assistance.

URANUS IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Uranus in 7th house:

The primary interpretation for Uranus in the 7th house focuses on changes to relationships. Depending upon what you are used to, relationships can change in a number of different ways. If you are not in a major relationship or have not been up until this point, this can be a milestone year for you, one in which you change your style of relating and push for greater intimacy. Sudden attractions are possible and the person you have your eye on may be quite different from what you would normally expect. Attractions can be very exciting, but also unpredictable. Patterns of relating tend not to be soothing, but somewhat disruptive. It may be difficult for you to depend on the person you are involved with, since he or she will not want to be tied down at this time. Freedom is an issue for both of you and togetherness may be on-again, off-again. Marriage is probably not an option during this year, though you may live together.

Existing relationships may go through a period of transition because one of you wishes to make a major change or needs more freedom of movement. Usually, the freedom to make a major change is sufficient, but sometimes the push is stronger. Although separation may be indicated by Uranus in the 7th house, it is more commonly associated with Uranus in the 4th house square to the Ascendant-Descendant axis. Separations in consciousness are frequent with Uranus in the 7th house. If your partner is working on a major project, he or she may seem detached and preoccupied, or extensive travel may be a job requirement, taking him or her away for part of the year. On the other hand, you might be the preoccupied or busy person. It is common to be separated for short periods of time for one reason or another. Perhaps one of you is married, lives out of town, or is busy with school, work, or other activities. Changes directly affecting you can come through the spouse, lover, or business partner. For example, the person you are living with relocates and you must decide to move also or separate. It is also possible for you to instigate changes on your own.

In both new and old relationships, a lack of true intimacy is a frequent complaint. Connections might seem distant, commitments erratic. A conflict of interest is possible, especially if there are squares or oppositions to Uranus in the 7th house. It is normal to experience some relationship oscillation during the year. Changes sometimes necessitate a disruption of the intimacy routine and flow, but some couples move closer as they grant each other greater freedom of movement or expression. This is a time to become a friend to the person you are closest to. Distances will be more evident and serious in difficult relationships, but good relationships will survive and grow from the transition.

NEPTUNE IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Neptune in 4th house:

Uncertainty is connected with the home or your living quarters, and you may not be certain where you will be living in the future or who will be living with you. Issues involving relocation are common. Either you yourself or the person/s you are living with might be considering a job-related move. In all likelihood, the exact destination or date of departure is not set. Also, the number of people going along might be questionable for a period of time. On the other hand, if you and your live-ins are happy with your employment situations, you could decide to look for a new residence in the area. Since there is no pressure to move immediately, you can look, but still feel unsure as to when or even whether you will move. House construction can be delayed indefinitely if you plan to build. Those who stay put might have family members coming or going during the year, causing confusion regarding who will be living with whom, and when. This is especially true if you have college-aged or recently divorced children or elderly parents. If any of these people are in a situation of need, they can come and go during the year without a lot of notification. These and other circumstances surrounding your living arrangements leave you with uncertain domestic plans during the coming year. It is most likely that major changes will not be a reality until the final three months of the solar return year.

You can have a family member requesting assistance at this time. Physical, financial, and emotional needs are possible. Issues are not necessarily serious; for example, you can help a relative build a new home or care for an infant. Use this time to share with family members. Compassion is increased, and one relative in particular could depend on you for support and encouragement. During the year, an older person might become forgetful, especially if he or she is at an age when senility is a problem. Medications can slow the thinking and physical vitality. Drug side effects should be considered if there is an appreciable change in his or her personality. If substance abuse is already occurring, confusion will be more noticeable at this time. Adults with elderly parents could consider having them move in either temporarily or permanently. Retirement communities, nursing homes, or visiting nurses are other options. If you are caring for an older relative, indecisiveness, and a wait-and-see attitude are common. It takes time to pick a course of action. In some way, either the health or mental capacity of a family member can directly affect you and any major decisions you must make. Uncertainty surrounding this family member leaves you without a clear personal direction or goal since you cannot be sure how much assistance he or she will need in the future.

Domestic uncertainty is usually coupled with a lack of emotional definition. Your feelings may not be clear to you, especially if the Moon is not strong in the solar return or has a conflicted interpretation. Emotional dilemmas can divide your feelings between two or more options. If you are dealing with a very withdrawn family member, you might not understand exactly what is going on. Misunderstandings and confusion persist; clear information is not available. For some, emotional clarity will not be important. The tendency is to offer assistance regardless of feelings. Emotions are generally on outflow, not intake, and the needs of others supersede your own. Self-sacrifice is possible if you have

mixed feelings about someone who is in great need of assistance, but don't let situations become so lopsided or negative that they become detrimental to your own well-being.

Neptune implies increased spiritual attunement to your sense of purpose here on the earth plane by first washing away preconceived notions so that new sensitivities can be felt. Increased compassion in the home and for family members helps to establish a new code of behavior. The roots of this new code are in a spiritual identification with higher forces brought about by newfound sensitivity. The first manifestation of this new code is in the home, but spiritual insights defined now may be expanded to other areas of life as Neptune moves on.

PLUTO IN THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Solar Return Pluto in 2nd house:

Dramatic changes in financial situations are associated with Pluto in the 2nd house. Your income may increase or decrease during the year and it is not uncommon to either enter or exit the job market at this time. Income losses can be preplanned and may not indicate any difficulty. You may wish to quit your job or retire. Unexpected salary cutbacks or financial difficulties are possible, but generally changes in salary come from self-initiated decisions.

The task for the year is to work toward controlling your own finances, including both income and outflow (spending practices). In the more positive manifestation, you will want to manage your own money. You must be the person in control, the one who decides how much you will or will not earn, and how you will spend it. It's time to either draw up a budget or trim the fat off the old one. Perhaps you want your own checking and/or savings account if you do not already have these. Learn to handle money responsibly. The tendency with this placement can be to maintain tight control over expenses. All purchases can be well thought out in advance, with allocations for specific expenses.

The need for personal financial control might cause a problem for your spouse, parent, or significant other. Financial struggles over debts and expenses are possible, especially if you have not maintained good control in the past or need to tighten your budget now. You may need to make some changes in order to meet your goals for the future. Changes generally involve spending less and saving a sum of money for a large expense further down the road. Some individuals realize that they must be free of financial concerns now in order to freely pursue goals which are not financially rewarding at this time. For this, you must stockpile funds now and learn to live on less money.

Financial control may be an all-or-nothing deal. It may be the total lack of control that rules your life. In this case impulse spending and large expenses will drain your capital. The inability to control spending results in serious financial disruption. In this negative case, disruption will last for the year.

Changes in self-worth are frequently associated with changes in income, since many measure their self-worth against a materialistic yardstick. For them, money equals self-value. Equations such as this reinforce psychological messages which define personal worth in the context of conditional love. Those with poor self-images will not be able to support their sagging self-esteem without external monetary confirmation. Once income stops or the flow of money tightens, one must face the issue of innate value separate from abilities and accomplishments. Grow to appreciate who you are regardless of what you are earning or doing.
