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Chapter I

INTRODUCTION THE MEANING OF THE TIME

Many people assume that astrology is used to predict events, and that a recognition of astrology's validity implies an acceptance of fatalism and a denial of individual free will. Over the centuries, astrological prognostications have certainly played an important role in the lives of world leaders and the fate of nations. But predictability, and the fate which it implies, are far more complex issues than simply a destiny written "in the stars", about which the individual can do nothing. In the following pages, your birth horoscope is analysed according to the planetary movements which are occurring over the next year. On one level, it is a "predictive" analysis. But its purpose is not a foretelling of concrete events. It is an exploration of the inner changes and cycles which occur in every individual and which often mysteriously coincide with events in the outer world. These planetary movements will not tell us what WILL happen. They describe the stage the individual has reached in his or her life, and what kind of responses can be expected to external situations which might occur at any other time, but mean something special because of the special time at which they are occurring.

The German poet Novalis once wrote, "Fate and soul are two names for the same principle." This profound perception of the identity of inner and outer worlds is often difficult for the person unfamiliar with the deeper psychological dimensions of astrology to recognise. Carl Jung echoed Novalis' sentiment when he said that a person's life is characteristic of the person. We are complex creatures, made up of many facets, and all the different dimensions of the human psyche will seek, sooner or later, to find their place in the light of day and achieve expression in the outer world. But some aspects of the personality are inherently in conflict with other aspects. Some will elbow others out of the way because we identify with these at the expense of other, less developed attributes. Human development, like that of any other living thing,

proceeds in stages, in an elaborate dance of interwoven themes. When the time is right, certain aspects of the individual will strive for expression. In order for us to achieve that expression, we may need to create, or find ourselves drawn to, external situations which make us conscious of what we were unaware of before.

Some life events are not the expression of any individual need, conscious or unconscious. They reflect great collective movements into which we may all be swept up. Wars, plagues, famines, and holocausts may supercede any individual effort at self-awareness or choice. But in those spheres where our lives are our own, and not merged with the collective, we may have many levels on which to fulfill the expression of our individual horoscope patterns. We cannot be certain whether particular events are inevitable, or whether, with foresight, they might be avoided or transformed. We cannot be certain of the extent to which we are required to act out or redeem conflicts which have been part of the family psyche over many generations. These things contribute to what we loosely call "fate". Also, the choices we make at any point in time may have unforeseen and far-reaching consequences on the kind of events which occur later on. Cause and effect may play more of a role in "fate" than we realise. What is clear from the study of astrology is that no outer event is devoid of meaning, or unconnected with individual psychological issues. "Good" luck and "bad" luck are not luck at all, but reflections of what in ancient Greece was known as kairós - the right moment.

Analysis of the year's planetary movements by computer is necessarily limited, primarily because no computer can ascertain what an individual has learned from experiences which have occurred in the past. Every stage in life is processed by individual consciousness, and the degree to which we are self-aware, and have some understanding of our deeper needs and conflicts, may have a powerful effect, not only on how we respond to events, but on the events themselves. Consciousness, rather than fate, may determine whether we are able to turn a painful or difficult time into one of inner strengthening and self-knowledge, and whether we can take

advantage of the right moment to develop abilities or pursue goals which previously we might not have realised were possible. Our choices may be circumscribed by our genetic inheritance on the physical level, and by social and collective factors which place limits on our possibilities for growth. We may also be circumscribed by our own self-doubt and blindness, and wind up fating ourselves through reacting blindly to the emotions which a particular situation stirs in us.

The paragraphs which follow only sketch in the barest fashion the possible areas in which outer events might occur, according to the year's planetary movements. They focus primarily on the inner developments, conflicts, changes and realisations which reflect the real meaning of the time. We perceive the outer world through deeply subjective eyes, and interpret events in accord with our own highly individual psychic constitution. One person might look at a glass of water and say, "Ah, it's half full, there is plenty for me to drink." Another might look at the same glass and declare, "Oh, it's half empty, there isn't enough for me to drink." One person might view rejection by a loved one as a reflection of the other person's failings. Another might view it as an opportunity for a deep examination of his or her expectations and assumptions in matters of love. When a group of people describe the same event, they describe it in as many ways as there are people in the group. What matters in the end is the meaning of the time for each of us as individuals, and what the time can offer us in terms of the greater unfoldment of the essential self.

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Chapter II

THE YEAR'S MAIN THEMES

The paragraphs which follow describe the main planetary themes which are likely to dominate the year, and which may permeate virtually every area of your life. They are like the bass line in a piece of music, and set the underlying tempo and key. Although other planetary movements may form a musical counterpoint, highlighting specific issues in different ways at different times over the next twelve months, these main themes provide the overall backdrop for this particular stage of your development.

The dominant energy

Because self-expression and the affirmation of your individuality are extremely important to you, you will probably find that the underlying energies at work over the next year release many new creative potentials, and give you a powerful feeling of confidence and purpose. Your inner light is truly beginning to shine, and this may have many repercussions in your outer life, some happy and others more challenging. Creative projects are likely to be fuelled by a strong sense of inspiration and authenticity, and you may find that you have the courage to try out new ventures which, a year or two ago, you might have found daunting. If you have been seeking greater recognition in the outer world, you may also find that many doors open, because other people respond to your sense of inner purpose and confidence. The only real "fly in the ointment" is that, if you have been too accommodating toward others, or they have been too dependent on you, an increased sense of your right to be yourself could create friction in certain close relationships. If so, you may have to recognise that this is a time when concern for your own development is probably right and fitting. At this point in your life, you may have to put your own wishes first.

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Dependency and independence

You may feel torn at the moment, between who you are as an individual and what you need to be happy in your emotional life. Your relationship needs are in conflict with your development as an independent person, and you may feel "cornered" or forced to make choices you do not wish to make. Your inner unfoldment has always been best served by the pursuit of greater knowledge, especially through travel and in religious, spiritual and philosophical spheres, and it is in this way that you are likely to feel most connected to a sense of meaning and purpose. But over the next months your relationships may pull you in another, apparently mutually exclusive, direction. You may feel as though you have to choose between your career and your partner, or between being successful and being happy. Or you may feel that your efforts to make a relationship work are somehow taking time and energy away from your sense of individual worth and accomplishment. At the moment, there is likely to be some truth in such feelings; you may have to make certain decisions or adjustments to reconcile opposing values within yourself, and this could involve relinquishing a bond or situation which is bad for you. But you might not have to uproot or destroy your stability or your fundamental values in order to make appropriate choices.

It is important that you can find a point of balance between the extremes, rather than making impulsive decisions in the hope of alleviating inner tension and unhappiness. This means doing some careful reflecting on the ways in which your values are changing, and defining just who you are and what you really want. Don't try to accelerate the process by seeking an ideal relationship which will somehow solve all your problems. It would probably bring you even more problems at the moment, because you may then have to add guilt and remorse to discontent and frustration. It is possible that a conflict in love may beset you right now - either your own, or that of your partner. You may find yourself caught in a triangle, and may believe that leaving the past behind will make you happy. But your unhappiness may be largely generated within yourself. You may have to sever old ties; but if so,



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this should ideally be done after, not during, the process you are presently undergoing. You are in a state of flux and, if possible, should seek greater clarity about yourself and your own motives first.

Try not to blame your loved ones for any present pain. If you are left, hurt, or rejected, it is likely that you as well as your partner may need change. You are not the victim of life or circumstance, but you may feel like one because you are probably not fully conscious of your own conflict. This is why it is particularly important for you to reflect deeply on your real needs as an individual. Those close to you may be acting out something you secretly long to act out yourself. This may not lessen an experience of hurt pride, but it could give an entirely different interpretation to what you are experiencing. It could also provide a meaning and a context for your experience, which could counteract any tendency to feel victimised or martyred. This is not likely to be an easy time for you, but it is profoundly important because it concerns the development of inner values and the formation of an independent individuality. It is not simply random conflict or unhappiness, nor is any single individual "at fault". Try to look beyond your emotional dissatisfaction to the pattern at work beneath, and you may feel stronger, calmer, and better able to make whatever decisions life now requires of you.

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Wanting to grow

You probably want bigger and greener pastures at the moment, and you may be feeling extremely restless and discontented with the life you are living. You may crave better and more, and could be aware of many potentials which you haven't lived and which are demanding expression. Your eyes are likely to be fixed on the future and you are probably fed up with certain people, situations and habits from the past. All this could be very positive and invigourating, and you may encounter many opportunities which could open doors to a new work direction, a new relationship, or new interests and creative activities. But your judgement may not be at its best right now, because there is some conflict within you between a desire to grow and a desire to preserve what you have built and know yourself to be. While the future might beckon, it is unknown, and may seem to pose too many risks. Tension and indecision could make you rash or impulsive in your actions; or it could make you frightened of change, so that you fight against it and provoke others into making the changes for you, against your conscious wishes.

At the root of your restlessness is the pervasive power of individual potential and destiny, which may be making you want to be and do something special rather than simply living an ordinary life. The desire to be special could lead to a certain arrogance, so be careful; this is not the moment to challenge those in authority, push your body beyond its limits, or act foolishly with financial and emotional resources. Speculation is not advisable because you may not be able to distinguish between a sound prospect and the promise of something for nothing. Wait until you are less starry-eyed before you gamble with what you cannot afford to lose. Try to develop your spiritual and philosophical interests before you make quick decisions which might uproot your life. This could be an exciting, abundant and opportunity-filled time. But you could also fall on your face through your own unwillingness to take the limits of reality and human nature into account. Take your time, keep your feet on the ground, and then enjoy what life has to offer.

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Jupiter square Sun
End of January 2008
until end of September 2008

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Jupiter opposition prog. Sun
A transit approaching its end,
from middle of December 2006,
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until end of August 2007


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
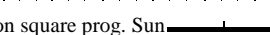
Conflict and tension

You are likely to be in a somewhat turbulent state. You may be acutely aware of yourself as a separate individual, but these feelings are likely to conflict with your need for harmony and closeness. Thus you may find yourself inclined to assert your ideas, feelings and desires in a forceful or even aggressive manner, while at the same time trying too hard to accommodate the needs of others. You have probably always experienced some conflict between your relationship needs and your need for expressing your own individuality. Right now, however much you may wish to please others, your primary need is to affirm yourself - not in a destructively egocentric way, but as a statement of the person you feel you have become at this stage of your life, and as a reflection of the talents and abilities you have developed. Your sense of self is deeply connected with your moral, philosophical, religious and spiritual outlook. Your path of development requires you to explore life from as broad and inclusive a base as possible. At this time you may be more aware than ever of your need to travel, mentally, physically, or both, to expand and deepen your knowledge of life - even if this involves a certain amount of material instability.


 prog. Moon square prog. Sun
 Beginning of May 2008
 until mid July 2008

You may meet others who in some way epitomise a strong spirit of self-affirmation, but your attraction toward them is liable to be ambivalent and composed of a curious mixture of fascination and annoyance. This does not mean that such relationships are inauthentic or 'bad'. But you probably need to live out your own special gifts and talents, rather than turning yourself into the devoted acolyte of a charismatic or gifted personality. This is a time when you could, despite some tension and emotional unease, experience a renewed sense of confidence in who you are and what you have to offer. Try to take advantage of such feelings by developing your creative abilities as much as possible. You may discover new creative avenues which you didn't think existed, or which you were afraid to pursue because others needed your emotional time and energy. This period may not be especially pleasant on the emotional level, because you may experience internal conflict. But it is an important time because you could recognise

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on an emotional, not merely intellectual, level, the outlines of your unique individuality and the deeper sense of purpose which can allow that individuality its fullest expression in life.


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Another important theme

There is another important dynamic at work this year, which may sometimes support and sometimes contradict the energies described above.

You tend to live close to the world of myth, and life needs to be larger than life for you to feel you are truly alive. For this reason you will probably respond positively and creatively to the new perceptions and experiences you are likely to encounter over the next year. Your sense of future potentials may be strongly activated, and you will probably find the necessary confidence and spirit to try out all kinds of new ventures and possibilities. You are not usually afraid of taking a gamble with life, and over the next twelve months you may need to take some risks to make the most of the opportunities likely to come your way. This does not mean that everything will come up roses, without any effort. You may have a tendency to feel so special and lucky that you lose contact with reality, and get yourself in trouble through carelessness, extravagance, arrogance, or a tendency to make an exhibition of yourself in a bid for attention. Try to be aware of your weaknesses as well as your strengths right now. This could be a time of golden opportunities and a great burst of creative energy. A little restraint, and a semblance of humility, could help you avoid angering others who might feel you are treading on their toes.

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A time of equilibrium

Intuition and a capacity for realism and discipline are likely to work together harmoniously right now, and you may be able to make effective plans and work toward goals with particular energy and tenacity. This may be an excellent time to consolidate your financial and professional life, and also to begin new ventures which do not involve serious risks. On the inner level, too, you are probably able to reconcile your ideals with the reality of the world around you, and experience an unusually serene time of equilibrium. At the moment you may be able to see a deeper purpose and meaning in worldly limitations, and may be quick to recognise how to turn existing problems into advantages or springboards for growth. You are likely to apply a positive and philosophical attitude to even apparently intractable difficulties, so that experience becomes a teacher and even painful events become useful lessons. Such a perspective could heal many old wounds and give you a deep sense of strength and solidity.

You may also find that certain areas of personal insecurity or awkwardness, in particular a sense of shyness and inhibition when meeting new people and situations, do not seem so painful or vulnerable. You may have created good solid defences to protect these areas from hurt, and may have fooled many people, perhaps even yourself. But you have probably paid a price for such defences, for you may have had to wall out life and other people in certain ways. Now you are likely to be more trusting and less wary of being hurt or humiliated, and this could prove deeply healing. It is likely to be a gentle process, without heavy confrontations or soul-searching. But such inner change could be the positive and lasting result of an increased intuitive sense of life's essential goodness during this time. Painful experiences from your childhood may now seem in some way necessary or valuable because you have learned from them. The more you look within, the more you will learn and benefit from a new perception of your unique individual pattern of development.

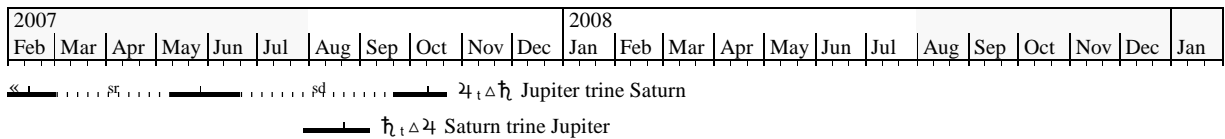
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End of July 2007
until beginning of September 2007



Giving generously

On the emotional level you are likely to feel unusually contented, secure and happy at the moment, and able to give generously to others. Your trust in those close to you is likely to be strong and unshakeable, and old insecurities from the past may not trouble you during this time. You may also make some worthwhile new friendships, especially with women, and you might begin a new romantic relationship which could help to expand your horizons and broaden your viewpoint. But despite such enjoyable experiences, this period is not really concerned with romance; it involves the opening up of the heart on an everyday human level. You are probably able to feel tolerant and compassionate toward others' foibles because you can accept yourself, and may be less in need of protecting yourself from hurt than at other times in your life. You have always had a trusting emotional nature, even if on the rational level you have believed such an attitude to be naive or gullible. In the past you may have experienced more than your share of bruising because you gave your heart at the wrong time or in the wrong place, or believed the best of people and then discovered you should have expected the worst. But at the moment your instinctive faith in life is likely to be vindicated by experience. This could prove an extremely positive time, in terms of helping you to heal past experiences of hurt or disappointment, for you can look forward to the future and believe that it will be bright.

You may be especially attuned in your attentiveness to and enjoyment of the rituals and routines of everyday life, and you may feel particularly open and receptive in any personal interchange. In fact, whatever you are feeling right now, you are likely to feel it on a grand scale, with a certain theatrical flair and intensity. On a deeper level, old wounds from the past, especially from childhood, may now be seen in a different and more meaningful light, and from a broader and more philosophical perspective. This can help you to forgive others' insensitivity in the past, as well as encouraging you to place more trust in the fundamental decency of human nature. During this time you may feel like indulging yourself - not only emotionally, but also with basic physical pleasures such as

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Mid December 2007
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food. This could be an especially pleasant experience, although you may have to be careful of excesses which you will pay the price for later. But eating, drinking and good company are not the only likely expressions of this time - although these things will probably be an important part of your life at the moment. If you look a little deeper, you may see that many old emotional patterns and attitudes are being gently changed by a brighter, more trusting, and more generous spirit which can leave you more open to life experience and more hopeful for the future.

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Chapter III

SIGNIFICANT TRENDS IN EACH SPHERE OF LIFE

Because the cycles of the planets create a complex and intricate pattern in the heavens, not every movement in your horoscope will dance to the same rhythm at the same time. There may be periods when the year's main themes seem to fade somewhat, because some special issue has brought other feelings, attitudes and responses to the fore. Some of these trends and patterns may be brief and some longer-lasting, giving variety to your life experience during the course of the year.

1. The sphere of emotions

There may be periods during the year when matters concerning your emotional life take priority in a difficult way. You might experience some times of personal unhappiness, and you may feel like blaming others at the time. But if you can achieve some awareness of the deeper psychological issues involved, you could turn such difficulties into positive learning experiences. Unhappiness is not a permanent state any more than happiness is, even if you might feel that way at

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certain moments, and the hard times will pass. Conflicts with loved ones may occur which leave you feeling resentful or unfulfilled, but it may be important to take such experiences as opportunities to resolve emotional patterns from the past which have secretly been causing you trouble for a long time.

Smoke gets in your eyes

Your emotional life is likely to be beset by confusion at the moment. You may be tempted to try to find a way out of the fog by pursuing a romantic ideal which, if you do not keep your wits about you, could eventually leave you feeling badly disillusioned and let down. You are growing and maturing in terms of your values and your understanding of love at this juncture of your life, and you may now be coming into conflict with a side of yourself which, despite your age, has remained very childlike and naive. This childlike side seeks an experience of perfect love in a perfect world, and because it is being powerfully activated right now it may create a kind of 'blind spot' if you bump up against the limits of reality. Over the next months you may need to face this side of yourself and understand it better. Rather than either suppressing it or acting it out blindly, you may need to distinguish the difference between a human being and a fantasy redeemer, and to honour your romanticism while still being able to feel contented within the limits of an everyday relationship.

You may be inclined to naivety or unrealistic expectations - albeit unconscious - by assuming that others will magically share and understand your thoughts and feelings without your having to formulate and articulate them. Now you may feel badly let down, because it is possible that you have not fully understood the extent of your unconscious expectations and hopes. Be careful of indulging in self-pity, or acting out a martyr's role. No one is likely to victimise you as extensively as you are doing yourself, for you may be at the mercy of your own childlike expectations. You might have to undergo a painful process of learning which could ultimately leave you stronger, wiser, and more genuinely accepting of yourself and others. This could require exploring any gap that might exist between your fantasies and what you need in order to be



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happy as an ordinary human being. You may also need to relinquish a few impossible expectations, while still validating the romantic spirit within which recognises life as a beautiful and meaningful unity.

Be careful of any new relationship you enter at this time. You may be sorely tempted to seek redemption in the arms of someone who seems to promise an exalted and transcendent kind of love. Or you may be drawn to a guru or spiritual teacher who promises the same kind of redemption if you devote yourself to a particular set of teachings. It is also possible that a loss or separation triggers deep melancholy, grief and soul-searching of a kind which you did not expect. But regardless of outer circumstances, any emotional suffering you experience right now may arise, in large part, from the fact that you can no longer believe in simplistic solutions for life's problems. You may seek to alleviate this unwelcome process of maturation through blaming others, or life, for having failed you. If a partner or loved one has betrayed you in some way, you may feel severely disappointed and bitterly angry. Yet it could be that such problems reflect not only others' human failings, but also too many impossible expectations on your part. You may need to gracefully relinquish a relationship in which your prospects for happiness were always severely circumscribed; or you may need to relinquish the secret assumption that your loved ones owe you their lives and souls. Sadness at the moment may be both appropriate and archetypal, for it is likely to be the sadness of all those who hope for perfection in an imperfect world. Any disillusionment you experience may be necessary at this time, so that, later on, you can set your sights on a happiness which is truly achievable and not merely a dream.

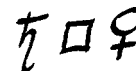
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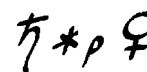
Relationships may feel a little bumpy at the moment, for you are going through a testing period in terms of your values and your definitions of love. You are probably not at your most confident right now, and may experience feelings of depression and loss of self-esteem. You may also have the distressing sense of being unattractive or unlovable, and may consciously or unconsciously expect those close to you to reject or ignore you because you are not feeling very secure within yourself. It is possible that your partner may give you a difficult time - perhaps for reasons such as financial or work difficulties which apparently have nothing to do with you - or you may experience friction or jealousy in an otherwise stable relationship. You may also be disturbed to discover that your own feelings of love, affection or desire have cooled toward a loved one, or that your previously idealised view of a lover, parent or child has been badly tarnished. Don't expect to feel your best during this period, and don't be surprised if difficulties or unaccustomed feelings of depression and loneliness arise in your personal life. It is important to understand what is really happening inside you, so that you can deal with such feelings and situations constructively.

You may have grown to the point where old values, particularly those concerned with love and relationship, are due for an overhaul. Your definitions of love have probably always been bound up with the need to find the right social and professional role in life. It is possible that you have been a little too demanding or simplistic in your expectations of love, and you may have a hard time understanding or forgiving ordinary human failings and imperfections. Now you may have to deal with disappointments, either in a loved one or in yourself, and you may discover that love can coexist with some very confused and even unpleasant behaviour because human emotions are far more muddled and complex than you might wish. Any feelings of loneliness or isolation may need to be viewed in terms of just what role others have played in your life, and what you have secretly expected of them. Feelings of unattractiveness or unlovability may have to be explored in terms of how you have defined your worthiness to

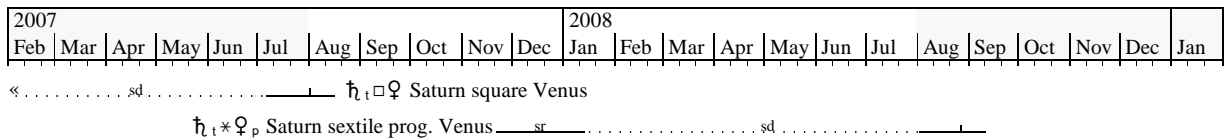


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be loved, and what older family patterns, rooted in your childhood and parental relationships, have influenced that definition. If you find yourself in the throes of a separation - whether you or your partner has initiated it - you may need to look hard and deeply at the real basis of the relationship. If a parting occurs, it may be because, without realising it, you have outgrown the values and needs which once dominated your emotional life. If you feel betrayed or rejected, or find yourself in an emotional triangle, it might be wise to look at the deeper issues, rather than simply feeling hurt, angry and eager to find someone to blame.

All this may seem very hard and gloomy. But those bonds which are real and solid - with friends, lovers, children, parents, spouse - will not break because of the emergence of difficult feelings or the need for adjustments and compromises. During this time you can create solid ground for your emotional future, if you are prepared to take your experiences as a challenge rather than simply feeling victimised. Pleasure and frivolity may seem in short supply right now, and you may also experience a certain financial constriction which makes it hard for you to enjoy yourself. Don't panic, or seek comfort or alleviation of your unhappiness by rushing about looking for someone new who will magically make you feel better. Any relationship entered into at this time might prove more difficult and complicated than you think, because there could be a certain desperation in your search and you may attract someone who, because of their own insecurity, enjoys the power of having a needy and insecure partner. Try to cope on your own with any feelings of isolation, and use your energy to discover what you want from others and what you have to offer as an individual. You may need to learn to love yourself more, and to recognise in yourself the same value you have attributed to others. You can come out of this period with a far stronger and healthier appreciation of yourself, and a greater capacity to accept your own and others' human flaws and limitations.

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An awareness of separateness

During this period you are likely to discover new emotional strengths and resources. But this may prove a stressful time emotionally, for you could be experiencing a sense of separateness which may sometimes be painful. Outer circumstances may trigger these feelings, but your responses are equally important and you may need to look carefully at the ways in which you have depended upon others to give you a sense of emotional security and well-being. You may feel rather like an orphaned child, who does not know where to turn for support, and who does not trust anyone to give it. The most difficult thing you may have to deal at the moment is a propensity for self-pity, for you are likely to interpret your experiences as a kind of undeserved martyrdom. Try not to indulge in self-pity, or allow reactions of bitterness or cynicism to obscure the meaning of the process which is occurring within you. You could emerge from this period much stronger and more emotionally self-sufficient, with a deeper knowledge of your emotional needs and a better capacity to express them in balanced ways.

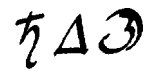
In the past you may have had a tendency to rely on your working life and daily routines to give you a sense of emotional security. Now you may find that you are unable to use these props to make yourself feel better. Either others are not responding as they should, or your own dark mood makes it hard for you to trust or even recognise others' support. You may discover that you are not very good at nourishing yourself. You have probably needed certain external supports which have become a kind of parental container in which you feel safe. At the moment it seems no one is inclined to offer you safe parenting. Thus you may need to discover how to respond to your own emotional needs and look after yourself, bodily and psychologically, in your everyday life.

One area where you may realise you have shortchanged yourself is in your care of your body. You may feel quite low and under par right now, and you probably need to listen to your body's signals and give yourself plenty of time, rest, good food and care. You may also have difficulty in being



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honest with others about your needs, because their love and approval means too much to you; and you may have to learn to be more straightforward in communicating what you want, and more realistic about accepting others' limits. There are probably several areas of your life where you need to take charge of your own well-being through first recognising what you need, and then trying to provide it without feeling aggrieved that others are not providing it for you. Childhood experiences of loneliness, neglect or emotional frustration may occupy your mind right now, and you may need to be careful not to transfer these onto people in your present life. At other times you may have found plenty of support in the world outside. Right now such support is likely to be in short supply, and this can give you a superb opportunity to discover inner resources on which you can rely so that you can give others freedom when they need it and can appreciate the support they do give you - even if it is not everything you might wish to have.

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2. The sphere of the physical world

Matters concerning your physical and material life are also likely to prove important, and some of these may prove very rewarding over the next year. You may enjoy the fruits of a long period of hard work. Or new opportunities, arising as if out of nowhere, may give you the sense that things are really working for you on the worldly level, and that you now have a chance to express yourself in ways that create tangible, financially and professionally satisfying results. Try to make the most of these opportunities; you may surprise yourself by what you are able to achieve.

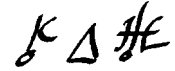
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Freedom within limits

You may feel rather frustrated and hemmed in at the moment, and life may be proving rather different from your intellectual conceptions of how it ought to be. You may long for the freedom to pursue unconventional ideals and people with whom you can share them, but it may seem as though people and circumstances are presently ensuring that you must compromise your ideals or deny your wishes for quite unfair reasons. However, despite such constraints, during this time you could make peace between your ideals and the human limits within which you must live.

Although you may have to accept certain compromises which are painful or irritating, nevertheless you have the opportunity to find a balance between what you believe to be your rights and entitlements in principle, and what life, with all its unpredictability, has actually given you to work with. Try to refrain from converting personal feelings of limitation or inhibition into ideological principles which you think are universal. No one is oppressing you except your own definitions of what you believe a perfect world ought to be. This could prove a creative and healing time, because you can define your ideals more clearly as well as learning to live creatively within limits which you cannot change. If you are able to accept the gap between visions of a perfect world and everyday human reality, you may find that a great deal of creative energy is released and you can fulfill more, not less, of your potentials.

However, you may also have to deal with some less pleasant mundane issues. You may have to face challenges which make you question your work and your place in the world, and frustration may bring your temper to boiling point or generate a sense that you have failed. Try to keep your mind focused on what you can learn from such situations, because you could turn them into strengthening lessons which, when the time is right, help you to achieve what you want later on.



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alleviate inner discomfort and confusion. This is probably not a good time for making major commitments or decisions. Any new relationship, personal or professional, should be accompanied by plenty of realism, discrimination, and clarity before you make sacrifices or pursue questionable lines of emotional, sexual, or financial activity.

Try to be alert and conscious in your interaction with others. Deception of any kind should be scrupulously avoided, as you are likely to be found out. If you catch someone else deceiving you, try not to take this as a reflection of your own failure. On a deeper level you may experience a particularly childlike need for someone or something to come and make life all right. The desire to be looked after might be a retreat from having to face new challenges, or a way of avoiding the loneliness of being a separate individual. There is nothing "wrong" or "abnormal" about such childlike dreams and feelings. But you may have to recognise, honour, and express them without confusing them with actual people and situations in your outer life. Excessive passivity or refusal to confront problems may make you open to exploitation, or even to engaging in dishonesty or deception yourself. Later on, when you wake up from the dream, you may not enjoy what you have landed yourself in or with, if you do not exercise caution now. If a particular relationship or goal proves untenable right now, let it go, rather than becoming stubborn about what you think is a high ideal or principle. You may also need to learn to relinquish gracefully what you cannot have, and recognise what might not be right for you - even if, for a while, you want it very badly.

The role doesn't fit

You may be feeling rather constrained in both your work and your domestic environment right now, and eager to find a new and more expansive role in life. Discontent and irritation with those in authority are likely to plague you, and you may also be aware that you have many potentials and talents which are not being used to the full. Your domestic or family circumstances may seem restrictive or emotionally draining, and you may set your sights on living somewhere else, or with


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someone else. You may be angry with employers or family members because they seem too aggressive and convinced of their own rightness, or, at the opposite end of the spectrum, too equivocal and indirect. But if this is the case, you might reflect on the possibility that it is you yourself who may be displaying some of these qualities in a somewhat negative or unconsciously insensitive way. In fact the positive side of such attributes may be just what you are needing to express, through vehicles which could make your working life more exciting and meaningful and a lifestyle which could make your domestic life richer and more interesting. An employer may appear too controlling because you yourself want more control and responsibility, but haven't found the courage to ask for it; a spouse, child or parent may appear uninspired because you have been stifling your own originality.

At the moment you are probably seeking opportunities to grow within your public and private life, and to formulate new and more exciting goals which can give you a sense of meaning. But you may need to reflect carefully before you walk out of a job, pick a fight with a colleague, or put your house on the market with an eye to moving to Alaska. Just what do you really want to do and be? Do you have goals, or are you just drifting? Is any dissatisfaction you might feel due to genuine injustice or restriction, or is it perhaps due, at least in part, to your own reluctance to make the effort and commitment necessary to achieve real success, or manage your domestic life as you, rather than others, wish? There are many questions you may need to ask yourself right now, so that the restless spirit which is likely to seize you can be channelled in a positive direction for the future. If an opportunity tempts you, check it out carefully before you burn any bridges. If you feel aggrieved by someone else's actions at home or in your place of work, consider whether you might be partly responsible for the conflict. If you are able to keep your head and reflect soberly on what is happening, this time could prove to be immensely creative in discovering new goals, new hopes, a new direction, and a role which fits you better than the one which you are now living.

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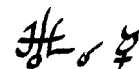
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3. The mental sphere

The development of your mind, and the cultivation of new skills, may also occupy a lot of your energy at different times during the year. The life of the mind is as important as the life of the heart and the life of the bank account, and this time could prove very important in enhancing your level of knowledge and the application of your talents. Try to take advantage of any opportunity to pursue new areas of study and new spheres of interest, and if you have the chance to acquire useful skills on the practical level, make use of the time in the best possible way. Such opportunities may not always be available, and you might be surprised at how life opens up when your perceptions are changed and expanded.

A time of revelations

Many of your habitual mental attitudes and opinions are likely to go through a big shakeup at the moment, and your views about people and the world may undergo profound changes. During this time you may wake up to all kinds of new and inspiring ideas, especially those which are not part of the conventional mainstream. You may find yourself attracted to subjects like astrology or other cosmological systems, or you may be drawn to research involving new scientific or technological approaches. You may also discover your own inventiveness and ingenuity through unusual creative pursuits, and it is likely that your tastes in artistic spheres will be more open to the innovative and unconventional. You have always had an inventive and progressive element in your mental outlook, but it is likely to be particularly intense at the moment. Even if you are usually pragmatic in your thinking, your eyes are now likely to turn toward the skies, and your mind and spirit can fly.



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
New insights and ideas may occur in spheres concerned with psychological exploration and an understanding of the hidden side of life. Any time and energy you are able to invest in in-

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creasing your breadth of knowledge would be beneficial and promising for the future, and if this involves further formal education you might be wise to take whatever opportunities are offered. But it is more likely that the subjects you want to learn are not offered by conventional educational institutions. You may need to be a little more unconventional in the contacts you make and the sort of groups with which you become involved, for it is the ideas of the future, not the present, which are likely to exercise a powerful fascination for you now.

The only difficulty which this mentally inspiring time is likely to generate is that you may sometimes feel very tense and overloaded. Your mind is working overtime, and sometimes you may feel as though you cannot keep up with all the new ideas and information flooding in. Try to balance your mental life with plenty of physical rest and exercise right now. Otherwise you may find yourself becoming extremely nervous and irritable, with yourself and those around you. If you become impatient you may cause problems, not only in terms of quarrels with others, but also in your physical life, through carelessness when driving or using mechanical or electrical instruments. Even if your mind is racing, try to go more slowly, and make sure you are attending to details. At the moment details may irritate and frustrate you, but you will have to ground your inspirations if you want any real rewards, and this requires some careful attention to your material life. You are likely to be unusually intuitive and inspired right now, and inclined to leap to conclusions without attending to the steps in between. This may be easier, but it would not be the best way of utilising the creative energy which is being unleashed. Keep your feet on the ground while your mind and spirit soar, and you could discover a much larger, more exciting and inspiring world around and within you.

However, you may also encounter some problems, especially in communication with others and in the general tenor of your mental attitude during this time. If you find yourself unusually negative, critical or depressed, try to find out what is really troubling you, rather than taking it out on others or

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inadvertently causing difficulties in material affairs because you are not conscious of your own negativity.

Breaking from the past

Important changes are likely to occur now, for you have reached a point in your development when many un-lived potentials need to be included in your life. You will probably need a break from the past on some level, whether this is a separation from roots and family background, the entry of an important new relationship into your life, or a change in direction. You need greater freedom to discover your own possibilities right now, and if you do not provide it for yourself, life may provide it through disruptive circumstances which give you the freedom you have secretly needed but were too frightened to ask for. For this reason it would be helpful if you could honestly review your life circumstances, personally and in terms of worldly goals, to see where you may have outgrown certain past patterns, or where you have been trying to fulfill others' expectations at the expense of your own soul. Look particularly hard at your goals and ideals. You may find that you are cluttering your life up with many assumptions and unconsciously held convictions which you need to move beyond, in order to grow and become the individual you are. Although you may have to temper sudden insights and realisations with patience and pragmatism, nevertheless the more conscious you are of what you really need, the less disruption and unexpected upheaval you are likely to attract into your life.

You are also experiencing an important phase in one of the great psychological cycles which affects everyone belonging to your particular age group. This juncture occurs around the age of 21 and again around the age of 63. Both points in life coincide with a change in one's fundamental relationship to the outer world. The first cycle is often a time when we must make vocational decisions which define us as independent adults, and the second is often a time when we retire from working life and must find a different kind of meaning and purpose for existence. Understanding that you are participating in a fundamental human cycle which challenges your



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relationship to the outer world can help you to view the decisions and choices available to you now with greater wisdom and care. Certain old structures may have to pass out of your life, to make way for new attitudes and the unlocking of un-lived potentials. Even if a hurtful experience of separation or change makes you resist moving in new directions, try to step back and look beyond your emotional responses to the deeper patterns at work. You will lose nothing that is right for you for the future; but you may have to part ways with those situations or relationships which have fulfilled their purpose in your life.

4. The spiritual sphere

What gives meaning to any emotional, material or intellectual challenges and changes you might encounter is your spiritual life, and here too you may experience certain important changes in perception and attitude. Such changes may be subtle and slow to register on your awareness, but they may profoundly influence the way you experience and interpret what happens to you over the next year. Never underestimate the importance of the meaning you assign to events, because the clearer your vision, the more likely you are to work with the time in constructive and creative ways. You may experience a deeper sense of connection to the greater whole of which you are a part, although such a feeling may not remain with you all the time. You may also be open to new ideas and ways of looking at life which make the world seem bigger, richer, and more meaningful.

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Doors are opening

This is a time of great opportunity, but you might not immediately recognise it as such. You are likely to be feeling particularly optimistic about the future, and expectant that good things are coming your way. They probably are; but not necessarily in material form, and not necessarily tomorrow afternoon. You are more likely to encounter opportunities that can eventually open doors to a greater ability to express creative ideas and visions in concrete form. But the results may not be apparent for some time to come; and if you are hoping for instant gratification or free gifts from heaven, you could allow this potentially productive time to pass in a pleasant optimistic state which leaves nothing lasting in its wake.

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You are in fact beginning a new twelve-year life cycle, which is related to the ways in which you grow and discover meaning in your life. This is a subtle process, because it is only with hindsight that we realise that particular choices, actions and individuals have been instrumental in helping us to find and begin the next stage of the journey. For this reason the people who enter your life right now may be particularly important - not because they give you something immediately recognisable as benefits, but because they may offer knowledge or an opportunity which you could greatly benefit from later. You need to be willing to try new things out - things you might never have thought of doing before, but which could, even with small beginnings, expand into major spheres of expression in a few years' time. This is particularly true of talents which you know you have but which are lying undeveloped because other, more urgent concerns have made them seem unimportant or unviable. You will get out of this period what you put into it. But the opportunities are there, if you are quick enough to see them, and willing to do some groundwork before you expect to see results.

On a deeper level, this is a time when you can look back over the last twelve years and discern an intelligent pattern at work in your life. Even if you are not conventionally religious, you may experience a powerful intuitive sense that something within you is guiding your life, and that even unpleasant

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events and experiences have had something to teach you. Slowly, you may be formulating a world-view or philosophy of life which, over the years, can provide a framework in which you can place your life experiences in order to make sense of them and see them in context. At the moment you may be able to recognise the shape of that world-view, even if you are not ordinarily philosophically inclined. On the surface level, this period may not generate many fireworks. On the deeper level it is enormously important - especially if you can find the courage to pursue new viewpoints and perspectives which can help your life to expand. If all you are feeling is a condition of general restlessness and dissatisfaction, you may need to look more deeply into yourself, to understand where you need to open doors and look toward more distant horizons.

Jumping hurdles

You are probably extremely impatient for change at the moment, and likely to kick hard against any restrictions in your life. You may need more freedom and are probably determined to get it, even if this means new social contacts and the emergence of new political, social or spiritual ideals. If you try to avoid or suppress the need for change, it may come to you anyway, since those around you may pick up your hidden restlessness and frustration and react in unpredictable ways. It is also possible that events in the world outside may contribute to sudden changes occurring in your personal life, which initially may seem disturbing and unwelcome, or, at the least, utterly unexpected. However, you may need to let certain old structures go right now, and perhaps even an old relationship which has fulfilled its purpose. Whatever explodes, the dominant feeling in you is likely to be immense relief, even if you must experience some loss or separation; for it is possible that you have been building up pressure for a long time. You have always possessed a good intuition and a sense of when it is time to move on - even if practical concerns or emotional bonds have kept you where you no longer wished to be. If you listen carefully to this intuitive voice right now, you will probably recognise that any changes which occur in your life are those which, secretly or openly,

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you know you want and need in order to grow and develop as an individual.

This could prove an immensely creative and freeing time, provided you do not go rampaging about kicking down structures which you need in your life. Try to exercise some patience and reflection, so that you can make constructive decisions rather than feeling like the passive victim of changes which you don't wish to admit you desire. This is also a time when you are likely to feel particularly idealistic and in need of a sense of greater meaning in your life. You may become involved in a spiritual quest or an ideological commitment which seems to offer a broader perspective on life, and you may encounter new ideas and new people who bring with them a more exciting vision of the world. Although you may need to exercise some discrimination in terms of the ideals you espouse right now, nevertheless this would be an excellent time to explore the world of ideas and examine just what you really do believe in. On the deepest level it is not so much the form of your life as the attitude you take toward it which may be badly in need of an overhaul.

However, you may also experience times of doubt and disillusionment, and you may wonder whether what you believe in is really worth the investment of energy and faith. Such periods of spiritual depression could, however, prove rewarding in the long term, because they may provide valuable insights into unrealistic expectations or too rigid a world-view or spiritual perspective. If you can reflect on what is happening, rather than falling into cynicism, the testing times you experience may ultimately help to shape an enduring faith in yourself and in life.

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Aiming for the top

During this time you may experience a profound sense of meaning and purpose, and you may be able, more than ever before, to look beneath the surface and discern an intelligent pattern in the unfolding of your life. Disruptive or challenging experiences concerned with children or love affairs may provide the trigger, but the real initiator of change lies within you. Your vision of the future, and the kind of life you want for yourself, are likely to undergo profound alterations, and you may have to leave behind a world-view, life-plan, or set of beliefs which you have now outgrown. You are liable to think deeply and philosophically right now, and you may be inclined to search for spiritual truths or discover hidden levels of life you had previously not known were there. You may experience some kind of spiritual or psychological illumination or insight which transforms your attitudes toward people, and this may arise in response to feelings of bewilderment about why your life has suddenly taken such a dramatically different turn.

This could be a period of great achievement, when the attainment of long-cherished goals suddenly catapults you out of one lifestyle and into another. You may feel as though fate has had a hand in what is happening. It may also be a period when you experience serious setbacks or opposition from others. This too could bring with it the feeling that some fate is interfering with the course of your life. But there isn't any external, impersonal fate at work. A shift in your sense of who you are and what you believe in, combined with the "rightness" of the time, are combining to create change in both inner and outer life. Events in the outer world - both positive and negative - may occur over which you have no control, and which are in no way of your own making. But the timing of any important external events is significant, because if they happened at another time they would probably not have the effect of making you question things so deeply. Whatever happens in your life right now, it may act as a catalyst for a questing side of you which has always sought to grasp universal principles. Try to follow this inner seeker. Any successes or losses you encounter in your life during this

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could leave you wiser, stronger, and more confident in your inner resources. Your main difficulty is likely to lie in how you respond to the outer events which might trigger a negative emotional state. While you may not be able to alter what occurs in your life at this time, you have many choices in terms of your reactions. Deeper reflection could help you deal intelligently with any changes, obstacles, or major decisions which may now face you.

All human beings develop defences against being hurt by life, and you are no exception. You may secretly be quite self-protective and defended in your way of interacting with others. You might fear being overpowered or ineffectual, and may try to control others to make yourself feel stronger. These defences may now be challenged, and this could trigger many old feelings of vulnerability and inadequacy which are rooted in your early life. At the moment you may sometimes think it's all too much to cope with. Feelings of depression and hopelessness may accompany deep anger at life's unfair treatment of you. However, it is possible that your unconscious defences actually need to be challenged. You may be too rigid in certain ways, or too closed to life and other people. Although this may give you the illusion of security, it may also leave you feeling caged or imprisoned in some way, or unable to enjoy spontaneous emotional or creative expression. On the most profound level you may discover that such defences cannot really protect you from life at all.

Although you may not find this time easy, try to bow gracefully to the inevitable. If you are hurt, don't be ashamed to turn to others for support, so that you can experience the transformative and healing power of human comfort and empathy. Your pride might be badly injured right now. But pride may not be of much use to you at the moment, and you might be wiser to let yourself be human and allow others to offer comfort and understanding. You may intensely aware of those areas of life in which you have always felt vulnerable or inadequate in some way. Facing these honestly, without self-blame, could help you to take a more objective and less self-denigrating view of your own failings. You may need to learn to accept your limitations as a perfectly natural aspect of

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lost faith in yourself because you felt victimised, deprived, or treated unfairly. You may have encountered aspects of life which you could not explain, justify, or incorporate into your habitual world-view or religious framework. Now these older areas of vulnerability are being activated once again. The important issue of this time is not who is doing what to you, but rather, how you are reacting to the situations you meet. The more you look inward, the more you may discover how, over the years, you have probably developed powerful defences to protect yourself from further hurt. These defences, while valid and necessary in the past, may now be too restricting, and are preventing you from growing. At the moment you have the opportunity to face them, and find new ways of dealing with life's uncertainties. Try to be patient, and compassionate toward yourself and others during this time. Self-pity will not help, nor will indiscriminate rage toward life. Accept gracefully what you cannot change, and you may make real peace with your own and others' human limits.

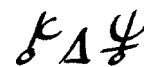
Losing faith

A powerful sense of compassion for the world's suffering may be awakened in you. But this opening of the heart may also require a recognition and healing of your own past. Inexplicable feelings of sadness or loneliness may afflict you for a time, and you may find yourself reliving hurtful past experiences with surprising intensity. You may also experience deep empathy for others who suffer pain or unhappiness, for your own increased consciousness of life's difficulties may make you unusually receptive to human sorrow on a more universal level. You may be especially aware of the lack of a supportive family, or the feeling that you don't really have any roots. It may sometimes seem as though you are wandering through life in a strangely passive, melancholic state. You may be somewhat prone to self-pity at the moment, and you may need to be careful not to believe you are one of life's victims, at the mercy of circumstance. The truth is that you are not a victim; and any unhappy experiences which you might encounter at the moment, as well as those from the past, need to be seen in balance with what has gone well in your life, and what will go well in the future.



Neptune square Chiron
End of February 2008
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Chiron trine Neptune
Beginning of April 2006
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The deeper meaning underlying the depressed emotional state you are likely to experience is a need to face, understand, and let go of the pain of the past. You may be clinging to hurtful experiences in ways you have not realised, storing them up and nursing an unconscious sense of grievance and mistrust which may be secretly affecting many of your decisions and responses to other people. It is not that your past experiences are unimportant, or that your unhappiness is or was unreal. But right now you are being challenged to find the capacity to forgive life for not meeting your expectations. If you can see where your idealisation or unrealistic expectations might have led you into disappointment, you could go a long way toward healing these past wounds. Also, you may need to learn to accept life as it is, rather than as you wish it could be. The proverbial choice of perceiving a glass of water as either half-empty or half-full applies to you now. If you see life only in terms of its unfairness, you will become bitter, cynical and martyred. If you see it only as wonderful, or maintain spiritual convictions which are too simplistic or naive, you will be disillusioned when life turns out to be more complex than you thought. But if you see it as a mixture of dark and light, and can be flexible enough to accept both, you will be able to find the resources to cope with the dark while enjoying the light.

You may also be deeply aware of your connection with other human beings at this time. The sense of being different or isolated is one which everyone feels at one time or another, and you may be increasingly sensitive to how all human beings reach out to each other, directly or indirectly, so that they can feel less alone. One of the most constructive possibilities of what you are presently going through is the capacity to forgive and empathise with others. This may sometimes seem difficult, because you may experience hurt or disillusionment at others' hands right now. But it is likely that, if someone hurts you, they are doing it for the same reason you might be so surprised by it - they are seeking some perfect dream which made them blind to the consequences of their behaviour. The issues which underlie any external disappointments in your life right now are profound ones, and you may need to keep this deeper perspective in mind so that you can let go of any accumulation of anger, resentment or

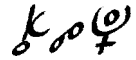
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bitterness which you might be carrying from the past. This is not likely to be an easy time, but it can soften and deepen you, and link you more profoundly with your fellow human beings.

Danger: high explosives

This is likely to be a disturbing time. You may encounter powerful emotions within yourself which threaten to upset your self-image, your view of life, and certain structures on which you have based your security. External circumstances of an unpredictable and possibly hurtful kind may trigger these feelings in you. But the feelings may be out of proportion to the event, revealing deeper dimensions of your inner world which you may have tried to avoid facing in the past. Your fundamental survival instincts are being activated at the moment, and this could make you react to external pressure or disappointment as though everything were a life-and-death struggle. If you let yourself be overwhelmed by such feelings, you may try to assert power over others to defend yourself. Or you may sink into a black mood of passivity and martyrdom. Neither response would be very helpful to you at the moment. You could discover hidden resources of strength and tenacity right now, as well as profound insights into your deeper nature. Life is likely to challenge your previous assumptions, and require that you examine the manner in which you deal with emotional issues between you and your partner. You are not likely to gain anything by responding to the world as though it were trying to hunt you down. Newly awakened survival instincts need to be put in the service of your own well-being and self-understanding, rather than utilised to control or do battle with others.

It may prove tricky to hold your own ground without taking the role of the aggressor. If you strike first, or indulge in retaliation, you may incur strong opposition which could leave you feeling defeated and humiliated. Try to cultivate detachment, and a perspective which can allow you to recognise and honour your feelings while containing their more primitive elements. On a deeper level, the discovery of such inner in-



Chiron opposition Pluto
Beginning of May 2006
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tensity and power could transform not only your view of yourself, but also your understanding of human nature. But such a transformation depends on your being able to accept the darker elements in yourself and in life. You may be particularly aware at the moment of life's unfairness, and of how easy it is for human destructiveness - including your own - to be unleashed. While this may not be a pleasant revelation, it is a realistic one, which could give you the objectivity and strength to cope with life situations which are distressing but which happen to even the nicest and most decent of souls.

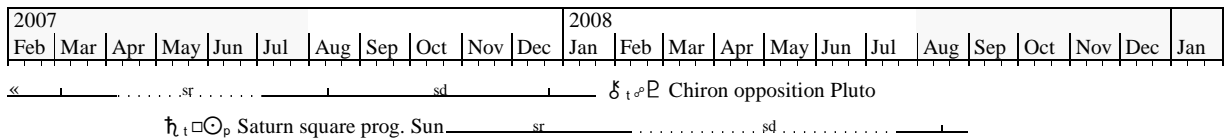
There is no easy formula which can tell you what to do right now. You are being challenged to accept dimensions of life which may conflict with your personal values, religious convictions, or ideology. But you might benefit from acknowledging such issues even if you don't like them. Try to tap your own resources of strength and integrity without joining the power games which occupy the time and energy of so many people. You may feel very angry, hurt, or betrayed because of external events occurring in your life at this time. Your feelings may be totally justified. But it is where those feelings lead which is so critical, and you probably have many more choices than you realise. Pretending that everything will be fine if you just think positively may be too naive a response. Telling yourself that any means are justified by the end may be cynical and destructive. This is a profoundly important time, when subtle choices are being offered to you which can lead to the firming up of values and ethics which truly matter to you.

Struggling against limits

You may be struggling hard at the moment to handle burdens which are making you feel trapped. The outer world may seem to be conspiring to keep you confined, and you may feel frustrated or depleted. Usually you are able to retain your confidence within the framework of the limits life imposes on you, and this gift of realism has probably helped you to attain objectives without subjecting yourself to the sort of struggles many other people have to deal with. At the moment, how-

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End of October 2007
until beginning of September 2008



ever, you may feel as though your wisdom has deserted you, and you have taken on more than you can handle. Yet at the same time you are probably discovering new reserves of strength and tenacity, and may feel determined not only to prove that you can manage your load, but that you can also turn it into something constructive. You are undergoing a process rather like steel being tempered. You may be taking a bit of a pounding, but it will leave you much tougher, more realistic and better able to make your own way in life. And you could also discover a much greater sense of self-confidence if you reflect on the paradox of your situation. You are probably finding out just what you really want through having it denied you. This is often a more effective way of discovering values and objectives than any amount of idle speculation or dreaming when things are going well.

You may be intensely aware of yourself as a separate individual responsible for your own life, and this awareness could prove extremely important in helping you to use this time to lay groundwork for the future. Things are not likely to go smoothly or easily, but every inch of ground you gain, you will keep. You may experience a powerful need to affirm your identity through establishing your own spiritual, religious, moral and philosophical framework, independent of family background or external religious authorities. At the moment something may always seem to obstruct your path when you pursue these aspirations. You may sometimes get the feeling that mysterious roadblocks are ensuring that you keep to a route not of your own choosing, but preordained by forces within or outside yourself about which you know little. And it may be that something wiser inside you is guiding you, even though the guidance may appear to come in the form of what you can't do rather than what you can. You probably do need to stand your ground at the moment, and it may be right for you to struggle to achieve a cherished goal; but this does not mean fighting against your deeper needs and nature. You may need to reflect long and deeply on what you are trying to achieve and why, so that you be sure you are fighting for something which truly matters, rather than attempting to prove that you can beat the opposition. Then you can place your strength and determination in the service of who you

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really are rather than on whom, in the past, others expected you to be.

This may not be a particularly good time to begin new creative ventures, because your energy and self-confidence are likely to be low. But refining skills, and finishing projects which require a period of hard and perhaps boring work, may be appropriate right now. This is also not likely to be the best time to begin a new relationship, as the people to whom you are attracted at the moment may reflect your own sense of heaviness and cynicism. If you believe that life should be hard, you may choose companions who make it hard for you, rather than those who can help you to find happiness and contentment. But working at ongoing relationships, and establishing new and more flexible roles, may prove very rewarding right now, because you are able to define yourself more clearly as an individual and can therefore be more honest with your partner. You may need to consolidate what matters to you, but you may also need to relinquish situations or relationships which are proving to be wrong for you. This is a period of weeding out, battling on, and coming to know yourself and your strengths and limits on much deeper levels. Try to have patience. Any feelings of weariness and hopelessness you experience are subjective, and the time of stress will pass. You are really fighting to discover who you are and what you want from life. Try to be clearer about this before you make major decisions. The more patient and calm you are inside, the better you will feel, physically and emotionally, and the sounder the groundwork will be that you build for the future.

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Chapter IV

CONCLUSION

The Greek philosopher Herakleitos once wrote that nothing is permanent except change. The human psyche is always in a

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process of change and unfoldment, and the planetary configurations which reflect your pattern of development over the next year will change to new configurations which reflect new patterns over the years to come. When we miss opportunities, they usually come back again in a different form and on a different level, because life not only changes but moves in cycles, reflected by the planetary cycles in the heavens. Whatever "fate" might be, it is not a rigid design which denies us freedom to choose, grow, make mistakes, re-choose, and grow again.

Each of the sections given above describes planetary patterns which, at core, will be shared at some time and in some way by other human beings. What we experience is not as unique as we might think; we all go through joy, pain, good fortune, loss, loneliness, togetherness, light and darkness, and we all have certain needs and drives in common. But the timing and distinctive expression of your constantly changing growth pattern is unique to you, and so too are the individual heart, mind, body and spirit which experience that pattern. Whatever might occur in your outer life over the next year, finding meaning in it, and connecting that meaning with who you are and what you really seek in life, can unlock previously unsuspected funds of energy and creativity, and can give you a greater range of choices in the future. We are taught as children to "use time wisely". What does this mean? Perhaps the most profound meaning is that time has qualities, and each moment of time has a special meaning for us as individuals. And understanding and working with these qualities and meaning can transform how we experience the circumstances of our lives.

APPENDIX

Suggested further reading

On planetary cycles and movements:

«The Gods of Change» by Howard Sasportas (transits of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto)

«Transits: The Time of Your Life» by Betty Lundsted

«Transits» by Rob Hand

On individual planets and their meaning:

«The Astrological Moon» by Darby Costello

«Prometheus the Awakener» by Richard Tarnas

«Venus and Jupiter» by Erin Sullivan

«The Inner Planets» by Liz Greene and Howard Sasportas

«The Luminaries» by Liz Greene and Howard Sasportas

«Exploring Jupiter» by Stephen Arroyo

«The Outer Planets» by Liz Greene

«Saturn» by Liz Greene

«Neptune» by Liz Greene

«Chiron and the Healing Journey» by Melanie Reinhart

On the subject of fate:

«Synchronicity: An Acausal Connecting Principle» by C. G. Jung

«The Astrology of Fate» by Liz Greene

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Technical Information

In order to create this analysis, the following astrological factors have been examined:

- major progressed aspects (conjunction, opposition, square, trine, sextile) of the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, MC, Mercury, Venus and Mars to natal planets and angles.
- major aspects (conjunction, opposition, square, trine, sextile) of transiting Pluto, Neptune, Uranus, Chiron, Saturn, and Jupiter to both natal and progressed planets and angles.
- conjunctions and oppositions of transiting Mars to both natal and progressed planets and angles.
- aspects between progressed planets, especially progressed new and full Moons.

Special importance is given to stations of transiting planets close to natal planets and angles. Importance has been given not only to the nature of the specific progressed or transiting planet and aspect, but also to natal configurations which echo the progressed and transiting aspects, to house positions of natal, transiting and progressed planets, and to the overall balance of elements and configurations in the birth chart. Internally the results of the Psychological Horoscope Analysis are used for the evaluation of each chart.

Because the importance of any transit or progressed aspect is not limited only to the time of the precise aspect, but extends for some time before and after, orbs of aspect have been used. These recognise the buildup and gradual diminishing of the energy of a particular planetary movement. Consequently some configurations are described which may not reach exact aspect until the following year, but which are already beginning to show their effects, or which have already made an exact aspect in the previous year.

The report which results from these considerations is assembled from selected interpretation text sections. Not all transits or progressions which occur during a year are included in the printed report, only those selected by Liz Greene's model of interpretation. As in all works by Liz Greene the Placidus house system is used.

The transit graphics

The timing of the transits and progressions within the focus period of this report is visually represented by 'transit bars'. They are printed in the graphical overview on page 4 and on the bottom of each page where the interpretation of a transit or progression is given.

A transit bar begins at the moment when a moving planet enters for the first time into the orb of a natal planet, and it ends when the moving planet finally leaves the orb and does not return into it (until the next full cycle). When the planet is in orb, the bar is represented by a full line. A planet can

leave the orb and return later into the orb. During this time the bar is represented by a dotted line. A planet can change its direction of movement; when it becomes retrograde, this time is marked with 'sr' for stationary retrograde. When it becomes direct again, the time is marked with 'sd' for stationary direct. The moment when a transit (or progression) becomes exact is marked with a little ' ' on top of the transit bar.

The Month Table (page 5)

Some entries in the month overview table are marked with (2). Please check the sidebar of the indicated page carefully. The mark (2) indicates that in the given month it is not the primary transit which is activating an issue but one of the secondary transits or progressions listed below the primary event in the sidebar.