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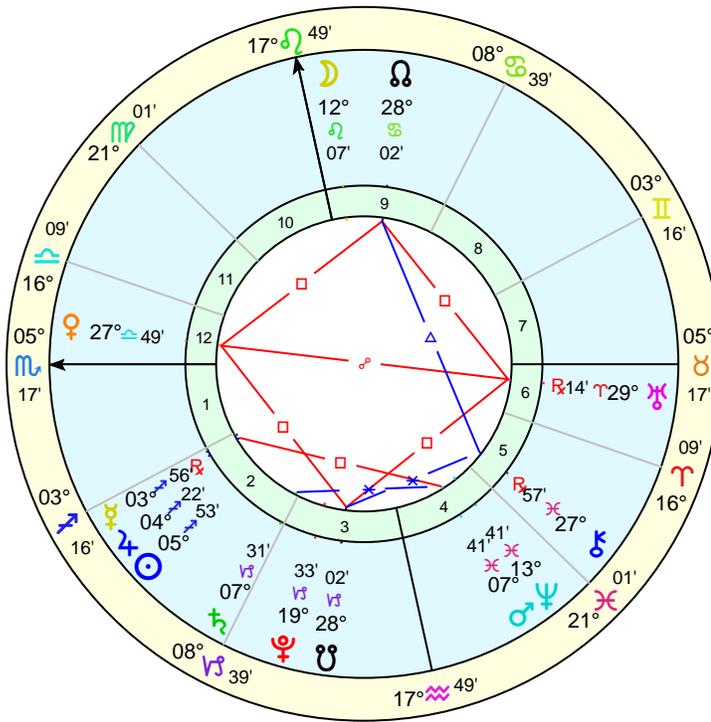
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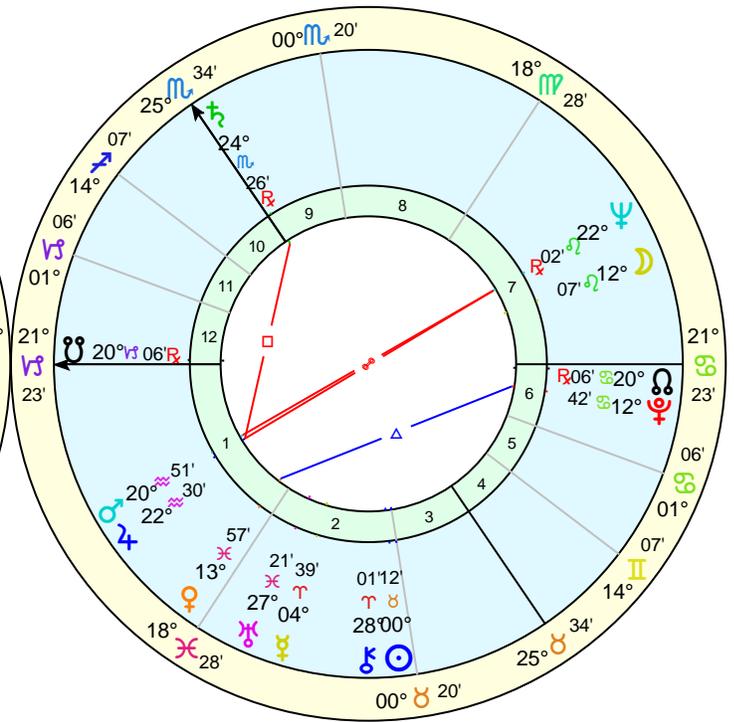
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Introduction



"I've never seen a moon in the sky that, if it didn't take my breath away, at least misplaced it for a moment.
-- Colin Farrell, Irish Actor

The Moon has been long known for its effect on planet Earth. Together with the gravitational pull of the Earth and the Sun it is known to influence the ebb and flow of oceans. The Earth's large moon makes it unique in the inner Solar System. Mercury and Venus have no moons, and Mars has only two small asteroid-sized objects orbiting it. Without the Moon, planet Earth would be much darker at night and the wonder of Eclipses would not exist.

The physical attributes of the Moon are known. Astrologers also associate the cycles of the Moon with human affairs, in particular, the emotions of individuals. This report delves into the effect of the Moon on your life as it cycles through your Horoscope. Every month, the Moon returns to the exact position it held in your Birth Chart at your time of birth. If you calculate this Return for the location of your current residence then you have what astrologers call a Lunar Return.

This Lunar Return can tell you the ebb and flow of your life in the following month. It is not a major influence but it can add colour and clarity to patterns, circumstances and events. Your physical and emotional reserves are described and this in turn helps you plan how to cope with everyday life during the course of the month.

This report is not a comprehensive tome outlining every detail of your Lunar Return chart. Rather it is intended to give you the broad brush influences of the Moon's cycles on your life.

When using these Lunar Return interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences. As a result, certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your Chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually, an astrologer will synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of any anomalies in your Horoscope.

YOUR TEMPERAMENT



"The moon puts on an elegant show, different every time in shape, colour and nuance."

-- Arthur Smith, English Comedian

The Moon

The Moon is the most important influence in your Lunar Return chart. Each month the Moon returns to the exact position that it had when you were born but other factors change. Therefore, the Lunar Return chart tells a story for a month. The Moon is said to be a strong influence on your emotions and mood. Its placement in your Lunar Return Chart reveals much about how you are affected during the phase of its influence. The Moon in its House shows the area of life that is pre-occupying you most during the month, where you are likely to be seeking emotional satisfaction. The other Planets also influence how easily you are likely to achieve that emotional satisfaction.

The Moon is in Leo

The Moon is the most important influence in your Lunar Return Chart because it is the point on which the chart revolves. Your Lunar Return Moon Sign is always the same as the Sign in your Birth Chart. Nevertheless, it is important to recognise your own Moon Sign tendencies as the basis of this report. How you react and respond is through your own Moon Sign. With the Moon in the sign of Leo you crave praise and appreciation. You also like attention. It is not necessarily that you like to be on stage in front of lots of people, but that you like to take centre stage in the lives of your loved ones. You want to play, and know all the tricks of the trade when it comes to getting others to join you. This can make you delightful company, as long as you don't go too far in ignoring the needs of others in order to get the attention focussed on yourself. When life gets tough you like to play in order to lighten up the situation. Parties, festivals, picnics and other fun events are the food of life, as far as you're concerned. Mostly you're a happy-go-lucky soul; however, when upset you can roar like a lion. In most cases if anyone stands their ground amidst the roaring they soon see that you're really a pussycat. You have a big heart and are also such a generous soul that most of your loved ones will forgive a little arrogance now and then. You are also very loyal, empathising with your loved ones in happy and troubled times. You respond well to praise, and are often prompt to praise others. In fact, you're proud of your friends and family members, and often like to show them off to each other. One of your prominent needs is for quality time with loved ones. When you read the rest of this report you need to take note of your basic need for quality time. If you are going through

a particularly emotional month then this need is to the fore.

The Moon is in the 9th House

You are likely to seek emotional fulfilment through activities that are out of your usual comfort zone. Therefore, travel, religion or perhaps a course of study could appeal. You may have the opportunity to attend or lecture at a conference. This can lift your mood, excite your emotions and help you escape daily life. This is the prime motivation for you this month – escaping mundane activities. You are more likely to find emotional satisfaction in anything that is out of the ordinary. For this reason you are more likely than usual to try new activities, meet people from different cultures and seek educative experiences. If you have been planning a trip to a foreign land then this may be the month during which you take off. On the other hand you may seek the advice of a travel agent and dream of foreign shores. Foreign movies, historical dramas, nature programs and alternative music may be soothing. Stimulation is the key to emotional satisfaction in this Lunar cycle.

YOUR EMOTIONAL SATISFACTION



"Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star."
 -- W Clement Stone, Author, Philanthropist, Businessman

The Ascendant

The Ascendant or Rising Sign may not be as important as the Moon in a Lunar Return chart; however, it is a strong influence. Your Ascendant tells you how you are likely to try to achieve the emotional satisfaction that you require this month. Planets that influence the Ascendant are also of importance. The Moon remains the key factor in your Lunar Return Chart and your Ascendant provides the framework through which you can assimilate, understand and seek to express your emotional needs.

The Ascendant is in Scorpio

Scorpio is a Water Sign and therefore, very receptive to any influences of the Moon. When Scorpio rises in your Lunar Chart you can be sure that your emotions are strong. This is likely to be an intense month during which you learn much about your own feelings. Events and other people may trigger strong emotions, or your own emotions may be surfacing for you to gain greater understanding of your own psyche. Hurt feelings from the past may surface so that you can acknowledge and heal in order to move forward in your life. Some might say that this month is one of rebirth, but this depends on other astrological influences. You may immerse yourself in a writing, research or intense project. You could also direct your feelings into a positive outlet. Dance, poetry, painting, acting and other artistic avenues could be conduits to help you gain awareness. You may also be attracted to psychology or seek guidance yourself this month. Another possibility is that you seek a physical activity or sport for any pent-up feelings. The important thing is that you learn more about yourself, your interactions with others and free your emotions. Suppressing your feelings right now is not the best option. It is time to listen to your intuition and trust your instincts. You may like to remind yourself that you have little control over other people's feelings this month. As events change and hidden feelings begin to surface you may feel that you are embroiled in other people's power struggles. You need to take a step away as you are vulnerable. Your insight into human nature is heightened and you can put this to good use with integrity. This can be a cleansing time when you are able to be influential in a positive manner. Your powers of recuperation are also prominent this month, indicating that you can rise to any physical challenge.

YOUR TURNING POINT



"Turning Point: A time at which a decisive change in a situation occurs, especially one with beneficial results"
-- Oxford Dictionary

Angular Planets

Astrologers note not only the Planets in a Horoscope but also the Angles and Houses. The Angles of a Chart are calculated and then the Planet or Planets influencing your Ascending and Descending Signs, and the Midheaven (MC) and Imum Coeli (IC) of your Horoscope become important. Planets which are close to these Angles are given extra significance. They are called Angular Planets. When a Planet is Angular in your Lunar Return Chart then this is of consequence. The nature of the Angular Planet sets the tone of your month. Sometimes these Planets indicate current events and emotional challenges or promises. The Moon still remains the most important theme of your month, but these Angular Planets give you extra information about what is likely to surface during this time. The Planets on the Angles of your Lunar Return Chart also indicate the months in which other astrological influences are triggered. Therefore, you may note the months during which you are experiencing the effects of an Angular Planet and those in which you are not. If there is no Angular Planet listed in this section then you can pay more attention to the themes and subtle influences. If there are Angular Planets then you are likely to experience an important event, hear some news of consequence or interact with a significant person. You may also experience months when you have more than one Planet affecting your Angles. These are likely to be key months of the year.

YOUR VITALITY



" There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique."
 -- Martha Graham US modern dancer and choreographer

The Sun

The Sun is an important component of your Lunar Return report as, like the Moon, it is called a "luminary" rather than a planet. As such it illuminates personal matters which are close to your heart. The Sun shines its light on what you are likely to desire during the month. The Moon shows how your moods are affected by other people and by events. Therefore, the Moon also portends your emotional and physical health. However, the Sun depicts what you actively seek or desire this month. You may override your feelings and push for your own objectives, or you may go with the flow and pursue your personal goals. Either way the Sun illuminates what you actively seek during the month. Also importantly the Sun highlights your physical vitality during the month. It shows whether or not you are able to invest a lot of energy into your desires or if you should sit back and wait as your energy levels are low. Timing in astrology, and life, is everything. Your Sun Sign and placement in your Lunar Return chart can help you determine the best times to seek your desires. If you look at a sequence of your Lunar Return charts then you may see the rise and fall of your energy patterns. This will help you utilise the months of lower energy for planning and the months of high energy for action.

The Sun is in the 2nd House

Your Sun is placed in what astrologers call a "Succedent House" in your Lunar Return Chart. This means that you have a reasonable amount of energy to fulfil your desires as long as you maintain a good balance. Your challenge this month is to ensure that you look after yourself while pursuing your craving to merge with others. In your case you are likely to expend the energy that you have in making yourself feel secure. Money matters more so than usual this month. If you feel good about yourself and your own talents and attributes then you are likely to feel energetic and alive. However, if you are feeling less than worthy then you are more likely to feel tired and lethargic. The trick is to focus only on people and activities that boost your self-esteem. In turn you may also find that your finances improve as your sense of inner strength increases. You can be resourceful this month if you are careful with your money and your energy. You may be reaping the rewards of previous money-making efforts and enjoying the fruits of your labour. This is your time to assess how much time and energy you are putting into making ends meet and how to improve your income and your personal enjoyment.

The Sun is in Sagittarius

The Zodiac Sign of your Sun is not a major influence in your Lunar Return Chart. However, it is worth noting its general influence on you and those around you. When the Sun is in Sagittarius then you are likely to be enthusiastic about most things this month. It is a beneficial time for pursuits that aid personal growth. You may be keener than usual to embrace self-help matters. You may also benefit from taking part in fun-filled sporting activities. Many things are likely to light your fire this month. You need to make sure that you do not disperse your energy into too many different activities. Let your fire burn brightly but don't let it burn out. You are likely to feel more energetic at this time of month when you see the big picture rather than when you try to settle down and face your everyday responsibilities. For this reason you may enjoy activities that help you escape either via your imagination or literally through travel. Physical activities such as hockey, netball, football, orienteering, yoga or horse riding may also appeal. In fact, any activity that is related to the outdoors and space is likely to appeal rather than being stuck indoors. If you are required to remain indoors then you need to expand your mind through reading, writing or watching uplifting stories on your computer or television.

The Sun is Conjunct Mercury

You are in for a busy month when the planet Mercury combines with the Sun. Connections with other people play a role in your life now. Your work and private life are both likely to thrust you into a more social mode. Short trips, sales, consultations, meetings and paperwork all need to be dealt with. You may be somewhat distracted by all that you need to accomplish. Alternatively, you may thrive as you juggle different commitments. Either way the trick is to make a list of priorities and move forward. A light-hearted attitude serves you well. Your energy levels are likely to vary during the month. You can stop and go as you need. The planet Mercury is often close to the Sun. Therefore, other astrological influences may overrule this combination. Nevertheless, it is important to keep a positive attitude and make realistic plans. Your schedule sets your pace.

The Sun is Square Mars

The Sun is combining with the fiery Mars this month indicating that you are likely to have plenty of physical energy. In fact, you are all set for an adventure. You are ready, willing and able to set goals, and then take action to make sure that they are reached. Even if you are not usually a risk-taker this month sees you able to break out of old patterns and act in new ways. You are more enterprising than usual, able to initiate change. You need to be a little wary of being too rash. At times you may feel a little edgy and impatient; however, you can use these feelings as signals and prepare for progress. Occasionally, conflict can be the catalyst for the changes that you need to make in order to move on. Anger can be a strong motivating force; however, you need to make sure that you act with integrity not aggression. This is time for you to be daring not foolhardy. If you feel pent-up and aggressive, then these are the times when physical exercise or a sport is beneficial. In fact, this month you may be attracted to a new and exciting physical activity or game, something that helps you positively utilise your extra energy. Your passion for sports may be a prominent theme of this month, as you enjoy the challenge of directing your energies into the physical and mental challenge. You may also enjoy trips to sports events, theme parks, and out-of-the-way places. Basically this month you are ripe for adventure, so make the most of the opportunities that come your way and enjoy the ride.

The Sun is Conjunct Jupiter

The beneficial planet Jupiter is shining its powerful rays on you indicating that you can enjoy a month of growth and success. Good fortune is with you. At the moment you are able to see your own life in terms of the big picture, as if you were observing a fortunate character in a paperback novel, an epic film or a theatrical production. You are able to be the leading man or lady in your own life story, and to enjoy the journey. You are likely to feel like a super hero, able to "leap tall buildings in a single bound". You are optimistic, gladly trying out new activities and ventures. Others notice your natural enthusiasm and willingly lend a helping hand. In fact, you may receive rewards from people in high places. This is one of those months when doors open almost as soon

as you state your request. It is almost as if you have your own personal genie in a lamp, granting your wishes. This month you are more able to take a positive outlet on life and as a result you are popular, happy-go-lucky, free to explore new options and able to take great strides towards your goals. You need only beware of becoming greedy. A thirst for adventure is one thing, arrogance is quite another. An attitude of gratitude goes a long way to helping you on your journey. If your ego is starting to become over-inflated think of this quote from the famous Walt Whitman, *"henceforth I ask not good fortune. I myself am good fortune."* In other words start to spread good fortune for others, rather than seek it for yourself. This is also your month to become a benefactor, teacher or mentor.

COMMUNICATING YOUR NEEDS



“Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.”

-- Yehuda Berg, Rabbi and Author

Mercury

Mercury is the planet of communications. This merry planet is always full of contradictions, toing and froing between dual options. Therefore, Mercury in a Lunar Return Chart represents how well you express your feelings and how easily you are distracted from achieving health and well-being. Self-awareness is the key to success in many aspects of life. Mercury here tells you how you can become more self-aware and what types of activities may stimulate good health.

Mercury is in the 2nd House

Money matters are likely to engender strong feelings this month. If you are feeling positive about yourself then your good vibes are noticed by others. As a result your self-esteem is boosted through your connections, as may be your personal income. Opportunities to earn extra income may arise. On the other hand if you are feeling somewhat down then you may worry about your income. Bills and expenses may be playing on your mind. This is your month to set your thinking straight when it comes to money matters. You need to adopt an attitude of gratitude, face any monetary circumstances that are troubling you and plan your way forward. You feel better once you have tackled any outstanding issues that are connected to your possessions and finances.

Mercury is Conjunct Jupiter

This combination is not a significant influence in your Lunar Return Chart but it does indicate that positive thinking gets you a long way this month. This is a period during which you can learn much about your own psyche, and also grow in your efforts to communicate positively. You may study, preach, teach or train others because you feel like it. You are teaching by example. You can gain in wisdom and understanding this month. You know when to listen and when to speak. When you do speak it is from your own experience. Others respect your words. It is also possible that you receive some good news, rewards or recognition. Your connections are constructive and upbeat.

YOUR DRIVE AND DETERMINATION



"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

-- Vince Lombardi, US Coach

Mars

Saturn

The planets Mars and Saturn highlight your drive and determination in any given month. The fiery Mars shows which areas are likely to demand your attention and whether or not you have the energy to deal with these demands. The serious planet Saturn depicts the degree to which you are likely to apply yourself to any given task. Together, they represent challenges as well as your ability to rise to these challenges. Planets in a Lunar Return chart are not as important as the Moon and Sun unless they connect with an Angle (as explained in a previous section). Nevertheless, it is worth looking at the influence as another piece of information about your month.

Mars is in the 4th House

As many astrologers rightly proclaim Mars is the planet connected with energy. Energy has a negative and a positive force. When you focus energy positively then through decisive action you can achieve results. However, if you are rash then this can result in accidents, conflict and misguided behaviour. Mars is also the planet that is connected with fast vehicles, sporting arenas and sharp instruments. Hence the need to utilise these things carefully rather than recklessly. Your Mars is placed in the 4th House of private affairs. This is the ideal placement for home renovations, a spring clean or setting up a gym on your property. Basically you have lots of energy ready to channel into your private life. If you don't find a positive outlet then you could be more feisty than usual at home, restless and out of sorts. In some cases this placement of the planet Mars can indicate a male visitor, conflict with a relative or family conflagrations. If this is the case then you need to assert yourself, find a calm manner and find ways to direct your energy into a burst of household vacuuming, cleaning or weeding. If you have been planning changes in your living situation or in family matters then you have plenty of drive to do so this month. Your vitality is strong as long as you don't push beyond your limits. If you have too much heat in your private life you may like to consume cool foods, find activities that are cooling and take time

out to consider your options before tackling private matters.

Mars is Sextile Saturn

The time has come to slow down and be diligent. This combination applies not only to you but also likely to many of the people around you. You are likely to be frustrated and tired if you rush into anything right now. The idea is to think about long-term benefits rather than short-term gratification. Therefore, this is the ideal month during which to plant the seeds for lasting projects, businesses or physical activities. Endurance is the key.

Saturn is in the 2nd House

The planet Saturn is known as the taskmaster of the Zodiac. Sometimes it is thought to be a hard taskmaster. At other times it is known that this planet's influence is essential in achieving any set task. As such Saturn steadily helps you attract the tools that you need to achieve your objectives. The choice about whether or not you pick up your tools is yours; however, you also then live with the consequences. These can be either opportunities lost or satisfaction guaranteed. Your lesson this month is to be disciplined in the way that you earn and spend your money, and to set limits. You also need to reassess your income earning potential, and accept your limitations, or incorporate ways in which to boost your income. Perhaps you need to attend a work-related course, one that puts you in line for promotion in the future? Alternatively, perhaps you have been working in an unhappy situation and spending to compensate, or squandering your talents? Either way perhaps it is time to apply for another line of work? The more that you address your personal finances the more energy that you are likely to have for resolving them and moving forward.

YOUR SOCIAL NEEDS



"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."
 -- Maya Angelou US author, dancer, actress and singer

Venus

Jupiter

The Lunar Return Chart tells more about energy levels and urges to direct energy than it does about events that occur. The more joy that can be experienced then the better your energy levels is likely to be. Joy equals vitality. Two of the most positive planets – Venus and Jupiter – describe the areas that come alive this month and offer the most pleasure. Although the Moon, the Sun and Planets on the Ascendant are key to this report, it is also useful to look at the placements of Venus and Jupiter so that you can determine where to find gratification.

Venus is in the 12th House

The planet Venus is all about attraction. What attracts you, what makes you attractive to others and how can you attract what you need? Therefore, Venus tells you about your relationship with love, money, pleasure, joy and feeling worthwhile. In a Lunar Return Chart this planet of love tells you what you are likely to attract throughout the month, what gives you pleasure right now. It depicts whether or not personal relationships are likely to be prominent, what kind of personal relationships and whether or not you are likely to be focussed on money and pleasure. In your case Venus is in the 12th House of your Lunar Return Chart bringing a sense of vulnerability to matters of the heart and purse. This is not a favourable time for pushing ahead in money or love. To a certain extent matters are out of your control. Therefore, you need to have compassion for yourself and your loved ones. If you are in debt then this is the month during which you realise your troubles and start to untangle them. You may seek the counsel of others. This is an unfavourable month for making big romantic gestures or spending large amounts of money, unless they have been specifically planned previously. It is more likely that secrets abound this month in connection with love and money. Perhaps you have a secret admirer whose advances are welcome. If they are not welcome then you need to seek professional help. You may also be harbouring a secret love. Another scenario might be that you or your loved one are apart right now for reason of work, family or other matters that have to take precedence. You can be reassured that this is a temporary state of affairs. Now is the time to quietly examine your feelings and the purpose of any close relationship while still keeping your feelings private. If you have strong feelings then the trick is to use these feelings to benefit

yourself and others. Joy is sought through altruistic acts of love rather than selfish ones right now.

Venus is Opposite Uranus

Your routine is likely to be shaken up somewhat this month. This is because other people have some surprises in store for you. You may have a visitor who lands on your doorstep, a partner who alters plans, or a family member who challenges you in some way. Whatever your scenario the trick is to go with the flow. Trying to control your social calendar may prove difficult. If you do attempt to keep a tight rein on your social needs then you are likely to be in for some upsets. Listen to those around you. What are the messages? This is your opportunity to try to relate in a new way. Old habits die hard, but this is your chance to shake things up a bit and enjoy yourself. You can meet new people, change your routine, try a new hobby and be more spontaneous.

Jupiter is in the 2nd House

In traditional astrology Jupiter is the planet of Kings. This planet brings rewards wherever it is placed in a chart. Of course Kings can be benevolent and magnificent, or they can be maleficent. Therefore, there is an element of choice in association with Jupiter. In your Lunar Return Chart this planet of largess depicts where you are likely to attract rewards and recognition. Good fortune can be yours if you act with humility and wisdom. Growth is possible wherever Jupiter reigns. Finances take on an increasingly noticeable role in your life this month. This can be either because you have a mounting number of bills to pay, or because you are reaping the benefits of a pay rise or past financial decisions. In other words money is coming in or going out very fast. You can enjoy the benefits of your personal income right now, but you would also be well advised to try to moderate your spending habits, so that you can make the most of the money that you have. This is an ideal time to focus on abundance. At the same time you need to learn not to waste your resources. You can be very lucky when it comes to money this month, receiving unexpected gifts when least expected, finding a little bit more tucked away when you most need it or achieving a promotion that boosts your income. If you have been thinking about implementing some expansive money-making ideas then this could be the right time to implement your plans. If you have been thinking about applying for a different job that you would enjoy and that would also attract a larger income, then now is the right time to apply. Money and your personal resources can be a source of joy this month.

Conclusion



You will have noticed that there are many influences in your Lunar Return Chart, some conflicting with others. It is important to remember that this is a Lunar report and therefore anything associated with the Moon needs to be given precedence. The main themes will be repeated throughout this report but an understanding of the Moon is crucial.

Others may also share the planetary effects that are in your Lunar Return Chart. Therefore, this report can give you personal guidance and also highlight influences in other people's lives.

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