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for Bill Gates

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YEARLY HOROSCOPE ANALYSIS from January 2003 to December 2003

for **Bill Gates** (male)

birthdate: **28 Oct 1955** local time **22:00** Sun **Scorpio** 5°02'23

place: **Seattle, WA (US)**U.T. **06+00**Ascendant **Cancer** 26°57'41

long: 122w20 lat: 47n36 sid. time 00:17:52 houses: Placidus

The selected transits and progressions for this period

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The most important themes of the year	July 2003
	prog. Moon sextile prog. Mars
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Saturn trine Sun	Saturn square MC 26
Jupiter square Saturn	August 2003
The prevalent themes of each month	Saturn square Moon
The prevalent themes of each month	Chiron conjunction prog. Moon
January 2003	Jupiter conjunction Pluto
Saturn opposition prog. Sun (2)	Saturn square Mars
Jupiter sextile Mercury	Pluto sextile Mercury (2)
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Chiron square Mercury 30	November 2003
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April 2003	Uranus opposition Pluto 23
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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, ex-

ternal 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 kairos 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.



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 you are not usually afraid of intensity or intense experience, the underlying energies at work over the next year are not likely to twist you in too many knots - although you may sometimes find that the emotional challenges push you to the limit. You are likely to spend a good deal of time focused on relationships of all kinds, and perhaps also on domestic and family matters which ordinarily you might not wish to be so closely involved with. The atmosphere is likely to be changeful as well as emotionally deepening, and you may sometimes wish things were more stable and secure. But you have sufficient imagination and inner strength to cope with any challenges which come your way on these highly personal levels. You may even find that an increased emphasis on your feelings and needs can help your creative expression and your ability to actualise your dreams, through a greater sense of connectedness with others. Try not to react to feelings of increased vulnerability with a defensively independent attitude or an overly theatrical spirit of "poor me". This year could prove wonderfully rewarding on many levels, if you are prepared to give plenty of time and thought to the ways in which you interact with other human beings.

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Learning self-sufficiency

During this period you are likely to discover a new sense of strength, self-containment and serenity. But this process may challenge old habit patterns. You may feel as though you are carrying burdens in your personal life from which you cannot see any escape. You may also feel lonely and unappreciated, and others may seem to be insensitive, unresponsive or indifferent. However, before you descend into a trough of self-pity and resentment, you may need to recognise the nature and meaning of the process which is taking place within you. You are experiencing a period of emotional maturing which could leave you with much greater self-sufficiency, and at the moment you probably need to learn how to nourish and nurture yourself. The more you demand that others do something to make you feel better, the less likely you are to get what you want, for you are likely to be as closed to them as you accuse them of being to you. And if you try to hold on to relationships which are passing or proving unviable, you may be doing so not because you truly want and need them, but because you are afraid of being alone.

In the past, you may have depended too much on the good opinion of others to provide you with a sense of safety and security. You may also have expected too much from others, secretly hoping that they would provide a kind of parenting which could keep you protected and sheltered from loneliness and change. Now you may have to accept the fact that others cannot provide unconditional love all the time, and you may need to be able to take them as they are without becoming bitter or cynical, or blaming yourself for being unlovable. You may also need to accept your own limits, and understand that you cannot be available to everyone all the time. Learn to value vourself and look after your own well-being, for at the moment it is likely that no one is going to do it for you to the extent you might wish. If you feel burdened with the responsibility to look after someone else right now, you may need to learn to say no; or, if you cannot, then you may need to learn to delegate responsibility or find a balance which honours your own needs as well as those of loved ones.

You are probably feeling very restricted and trapped. There may be objective reasons for this; but equally, you may be trapping yourself because you find it so difficult to express what you want and don't want. You may be too frightened of

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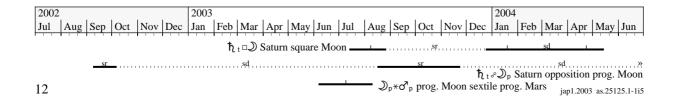
Saturn opposition prog. Moon From September 2002, for several more years being separate and causing disharmony in your emotional life. Yet if you are not honest with yourself and others right now, unexpressed anger could place too much stress on your body, or you might inadvertently alienate the very people you are so fearful of losing because your resentment may show itself in covert if not overt ways. In some ways, you cannot win right now: Your choices are between self-affirmation and the risk of loneliness, or self-suppression and the risk of long-term resentment. Whatever you do, you will pay a price; inner strength of the lasting kind does not come cheap. But ultimately honesty about who you are will reap rewards in the future, while dishonesty now will result in the same problem reappearing even more powerfully in a few years' time. If you learn to define your own needs, you may upset one or two people. You may even have to say goodbye to one or two people, or put up with a period of coolness or friction. But you will also discover that you have loval and loving support from those who truly understand you. And if you can stand on your own feet, you will be able to enjoy relationships much more in the future because you can grant greater freedom both to your loved ones and yourself.

Ready for action

You are likely to feel full of energy at the moment, and eager for emotional stimulation and excitement. You may be in no mood to be self-sacrificing, for your own needs are important to you and you probably want to make them known to those close to you. You have always been strong-willed, but in the past you may have found it hard to find a balance between self-assertion and self-effacement. At the moment this balance is achievable. This is an enthusiastic and and productive period, when you may have the optimism and initiative to make changes in your personal life without creating pain or disruption. You will probably feel physically well and strong. Your recuperative powers are likely to be good and you may crave physical exercise to get yourself in shape. You may also inclined to take the initiative in your personal life, making decisions on your own rather than sitting back and relinquishing your autonomy in order to please.

You may experience a burst of creative energy which you want to put into work projects or activities which can improve your domestic environment and family relationships. Although you are likely to enjoy this time even if you do noth-





ing deliberate to advance yourself, you might gain a great deal more by formulating some immediate goal toward which you can direct your energy. You are likely to feel very confident right now, and able to assert your wishes and ideas in a positive although considerate way. If you set your heart on something, you are likely to get it, provided you are willing to work for it. Although no major dramatic events may occur to trigger this enhancement of energy and self-esteem, nevertheless you could turn this period into a highly productive one which leaves lasting improvements in its wake.

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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.

Because you are accustomed to relying on your own strengths and resources to make your way through life, in some ways you may welcome certain experiences you encounter over the next year. You will probably have to cope with a good deal of aloneness, on an inner if not an outer level, and you may be required to meet tough challenges to establish your place in the world and define your identity in ways which separate you from the collective around you. Whatever it costs, this is the thing you do best. But in other ways you may find this year quite difficult and painful, because you tend to resent restrictions imposed upon you from without. You may have to accept certain limitations, particularly of a material kind, which force you to keep your mind on mundane issues. You may not be free to enjoy the kind of individual self-expression which you thrive on, and this might leave you with unfamiliar and unpleasant feelings of powerlessness. Try not to react to frustration with anger, resentment, or displays of rebelliousness which get you into trouble. There are important lessons to be learned from this time, which could make you a much stronger and wiser person. But if you set your will against circumstances, you may find that circumstances are stronger; and then you may have to cope with bruised pride, as well as unresolved material or emotional issues which will still be waiting after the temper tantrum has passed.

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Saturn opposition prog. Sun Mid June 2002 until mid April 2003

The rewards of effort

Although you may feel somewhat burdened by work or other obligations at the moment, you are likely to see the rewards of your past efforts during this time. Much that you have been trying to establish over the last few years is now likely to yield tangible results, and you may experience a deeply satisfying sense of achievement. Your sense of self-worth and inner authenticity are likely to be strong - not in a flamboyant or arrogant way, but from the quiet realisation that you have used your abilities well and can indeed accomplish what you aspire to if you are prepared to work for it. During this time you can make peace with the basic human dichotomy of dreams versus reality. Efforts that you have made to acquire education, training or experience may now be rewarded by material and professional advancement. Efforts that you have made to consolidate your financial and professional position as well as your personal life may produce a period of financial and emotional stability. Equally importantly, you are probably able to feel contented with what you have made of yourself and your abilities.

The more you reflect on your life, the more you are likely to recognise that your deepest goals and aspirations circle around home, family, and the roots - family, community, nation - from which you have come. Here you may discover potency, originality and a meaningful context for your work. In one way or another you are likely to experience some crystallisation of your aspirations during this time; for it seems the outer world is conspiring not to hinder you but to help you achieve what you want. Depending on what you have been working toward over the last few years, the rewards may be large or small. But earlier struggles are now likely to yield fruit, and you can rest contented that you have been on the right track.

This is also a time when you can consolidate what you have achieved. Your energy may not be especially high, but you probably have a steady persistence which can be effectively used to solidify your life in those areas where you seek greater stability. Even if you encounter difficult experiences in more personal spheres, you may be better off at the moment not struggling against these, but may find that defining your own ground and what really matters to you allows you to let go of things which you have outgrown. This may not be

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an exciting period, but it is likely to be a satisfying one because you can achieve greater security and confidence, quietly and without having to pit yourself against life. You can also define yourself to others in ways which do not cause animosity or offence, but which enlist their support. Try to take advantage of the time to make what you have built secure, and to prepare for tougher challenges which, later on, you may wish to take. You can feel pleased by the knowledge that any rewards that have come your way now are those you have earned.

Questioning the future

Thoughts of mortality and feelings of life's sadness may be with you much of the time right now, and you are likely to swing between feeling the future is just opening up and feeling it is closing down. You may experience some sorrow in love or loss in speculative ventures, but at the same time you may realise how certain inhibitions and fears have kept you from fully expressing and valuing yourself. You have probably always had some difficulty in reconciling natural optimism and enthusiasm with a defensive emotional withdrawal following difficult experiences, and this conflict may have contributed to your being both foolhardy and excessively cautious at different periods in your life. Now you may be trying to come to terms with a gap between your faith in life's bounty and your awareness of life's limits, and there are moments when you are likely to feel deeply dispirited, fearful, depressed, or cynical about beliefs and ideals you once held. Try to take plenty of time to make decisions of any kind, since your swings in mood may make you feel overly optimistic one moment and overly pessimistic the next. Many opportunities may lie waiting for you to take them, yet unreal expectations or indecision may make you overextend yourself. Equally, you may have to keep on going, even if a cynical inner voice tells you to quit. You will probably have to make important decisions during this period, particularly in relation to your working life or a domestic situation which you find restrictive or limiting. Yet you are not likely to find such decision- making easy.

Although it may seem that others are responsible for any feelings of hurt or restriction you experience at the moment, you may discover that it has really been you, at least in large part, who has secretly ensured you could not be hurt through

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Jupiter square Saturn Beginning of July 2003 until end of July 2003

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Saturn sextile Jupiter End of July 2002 until beginning of June 2003

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adopting rigid or defensive attitudes. Experiences of loss, separation or financial or professional difficulty may be the triggers for deep insights. Try to see whether or not you might have contributed to a present crisis - or are responding to challenges in ways which are more negative than they need to be. Something deep within you is being freed from bondage right now. Your sense of your own failings and limitations may be too great, and you may have denied vourself many emotional and creative outlets because you feared failure or rejection. Now you may be able to see where these blocks lie. You are growing and moving beyond the structures, internal and external, which you have built around yourself for reasons of security and social acceptability. You may need to pursue a new field of work, or a new relationship; but such changes, if they are required, need to be made with care and reflection, not impulsively out of frustration and anger. Try not to indulge your impatience; you are more likely to need calm reflection and a recognition of your own contribution to any present impasse. This could be an immensely fruitful time, if you can maintain the balance between a realistic assessment of your limits, needs and abilities, and a growing sense that life holds many possibilities which have previously been denied you and which you may now be urgent to pursue.

Chapter III

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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.

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1. The sphere of emotions

There may be periods during the year when matters concerning your emotional life take priority in a particularly fulfilling way. When your heart is happily stirred, other, more difficult issues may recede in importance, and perhaps rightly so; for if you are at peace on the emotional level, you can cope with other areas of your life in a more open and confident way.

Pleasure in companionship

This may be a time of deep emotional contentment. You have reached a period of your life when you are able to value who you are and what you have achieved; and this increased sense of self-worth can help you to relate to others in a more open and generous way. This in turn is likely to attract the spontaneous support and affection of those around you, and you may be able to lay many old conflicts to rest and repair relationships which have been damaged in the past. You may also make new relationships which bring harmony, pleasure and companionship into your life, and this is likely to be a happy time for socialising, enjoying the company of friends and family, and taking pleasure in the beauty of the natural environment.

You may experience a time of creative productivity. Such inner serenity and confidence could heal many old insecurities and doubts, and could renew your faith in life and in yourself. Whatever difficulties you may have experienced in your emotional life in the past, over the next months you have the chance to make peace with your own and others' mistakes and shortcomings, and to establish a new level of trust and openness in all your future encounters.

There may also be periods when emotional difficulties arise, which you would be wise to deal with in the most honest and generous way you can.

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Chiron sextile Venus Mid March 2003 until mid November 2004

Feelings of loneliness and restriction

This time could prove profoundly important in healing many old blocks and difficulties. But to do this, you may have to face certain times in the past when you have been wounded through your relationships with others, or have been the one who inflicted wounds. Most relevant are those experiences which may seem unfair or unjustified. At the moment you are likely to remember people and situations which you thought you had forgotten or got over long ago. You may feel creatively blocked, or suffer a loss of confidence in yourself which leaves you feeling unlovable and unwanted. If you are in a long-standing relationship, you may find it hard to give as much as you might wish. Something about your partner's behaviour may stir old hurts and remind you of times when you were humiliated, overlooked, rejected, or betrayed. You may even feel deeply disillusioned with love, and you may wonder whether relationships are really worth the effort. Try to be conscious of any secret fund of bitterness you might be carrying, because during this time you could heal certain wounds. First, however, you will need to face them and acknowledge the poison they may contain.

This period is concerned with the healing of hurts which began in your childhood, and which may covertly affect your ability to interact with others. Most important are those early experiences which may have injured your sense of self-value. Such hurts may have made you seek partners who did not value you, or those whom you thought would be "safe" because you secretly didn't believe you would find anything better. Try to muster as much self- honesty as you can when reflecting on such issues. External circumstances may reflect an important process occurring within you, and whatever you experience during this time can help you to discover where you may have perpetuated your own wounds. You may be called upon to be unusually compassionate and understanding toward a partner's or child's hurts at this time, and you may sometimes feel as though others do not merit your compassion because they are not treating you well. But an increased understanding of your secret defence mechanisms may help you to recognise that others too can behave badly because of their own fears and hurts.

Such heavy issues will probably not preoccupy you every hour of the day. But beneath the surface there is a process

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taking place which will show itself from time to time, and which can help you to get over old hurts and be more accepting of life in general. It may gradually become clear that life is not always fair, and that sometimes love is not reciprocated as one might wish - not because anyone is to blame, but because people are human. Loved ones may try hard but may make bad mistakes, and sometimes love can be eroded by unconscious needs and complexes which even the wisest individual cannot control. A more philosophical approach to these issues may leave you better equipped to cope with those times when others disappoint you - or you disappoint them because you can be more flexible in your definitions of love. If you feel undervalued, it may be because you secretly undervalue yourself. If you feel disillusioned, it may be because you have expected too much, from yourself and others. If you feel aggrieved, you may discover that others do not feel as sorry for you as you do for yourself. Try to avoid self-pity and negative thinking during this time. You have the opportunity to emerge with greater compassion toward human frailty and fallibility, including your own.

Feeling hurt

Your emotional state may not be particularly serene at the moment, and you are likely to be troubled by conflicting feelings. Deep down, an important healing process is occurring, but you may not initially recognise it. Others may not seem very understanding or sensitive to your needs, and you may experience a sense of being unfairly shut out or rejected by loved ones. Yet much of what you experience in others may reflect your own withdrawal, for you are probably not able to give as much emotionally right now as you might at other times. You may feel mistrustful or suspicious of the motives of others, or expect hurt or rejection even if there is no apparent reason for such anxiety. You are likely to feel rather negative, and you may project these feelings outward onto other people, experiencing them as unfeeling, and possibly incurring an unsympathetic response because of your own secret animosity toward them.

It may be important to understand such moods. They are not merely unpleasant fancies, but have a deeper and potentially positive meaning and effect. You could be experiencing a resurgence of past emotional unhappiness which has not been properly digested and integrated into your life. Any distresChiron conjunction prog. Moon
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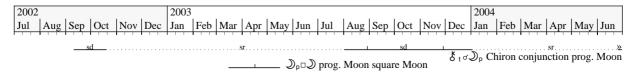
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sing feelings you experience now could be mixed with the memory of long-forgotten efforts to reach out to others, perhaps during childhood, which resulted in an indifferent, preoccupied or hurtful response. You may be feeling a little sorry for yourself right now, and perhaps also a little self-denigrating. But these feelings are probably linked with a time when rejection, or the inability of loved ones to meet your needs, produced impotent anger and a sense of wounding which never properly healed. Your present emotional state may be a reconnection with all that has been wounded in you through your need to be loved. The potential healing of this time can come from a recognition of the ways in which, perhaps unconsciously, you might be carrying a deep sense of grievance toward those who - possibly through no fault of their own - have let you down.

At the moment you may feel particularly vulnerable about your need for acceptance from colleagues, employers, and the social world in which you move. You may have depended too much on others to fulfill these needs, and at the moment others might not be available, or are unwilling to help. This offers you the possibility of learning greater emotional selfsufficiency - not in a spirit of angry cynicism or self-martyrdom, but from a genuine recognition that others cannot be everything. As you come to terms with those periods in your life when your emotional expectations might have been disappointed, your ability to accept others' limits will increase. If you can avoid self-pity or angry blame, you may discover that you are much freer emotionally after this period passes, and more willing to nourish yourself when others are unable to do so. During this time you may do a little emotional growing up, and you could emerge a far stronger and more compassionate person because of it.

Feeling raw

prog. Moon square Moon Mid March 2003 until mid May 2003 On the emotional level you may be experiencing a deep sense of unease. Although no external events may occur which cause such feelings, you may sense that on some profound level you have matured and reached a greater understanding of your own needs and nature; and you may find yourself in conflict with older emotional patterns which you have now outgrown, and with people with whom you have interacted according to those patterns. This is a time for some deep reflection about how you have dealt with your emotional



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needs in the past, and how you might need to make changes in the future. You may be particularly aware of how you might have played 'safe' in terms of worldly goals, and perhaps have focused your ambitions on those areas where you have known you would be accepted and validated by those around you. Now you may feel more confident and willing to formulate new goals which reflect your own individual skills, talents and interests. You may also be conscious of the need to make changes in your personal life, particularly in the ways in which you ask for emotional support from others and in the ways you respond to their needs. Although no dramatic events are likely to occur which shake the stability of your environment, nevertheless your increasing sense of individual boundaries may put you into conflict with those close to you. You are probably discovering that your feelings are somehow being overlooked or ignored; but initially you may not be able to express this realisation gracefully.

This period of your emotional development reflects greater emotional maturity. Every important stage of growth is generally accompanied by a conflict, great or small, with what has gone before; and this time is no exception. You are becoming more real as an individual, especially in your everyday life. For this reason the close relationships on which you have depended may be a source of friction, especially with female friends and partners, some of whom may seem to oppose the changes which you deeply need. At the moment you are in contact with your deepest capacity for self-nurturing and self-mothering. Old patterns of dependency and need, acquired in your childhood, may feel constricting because you no longer need them, but efforts to free yourself could result in anxiety or even guilt. You probably don't wish to feel dependent on others to provide the emotional validation you require. This could trigger a need to prove your independence to yourself through fighting others. You may be psychologically 'leaving home', even if you left your actual parental home a long time ago; and you are preparing to begin a new emotional life cycle, with new experiences, new contacts, and a much stronger sense of your independent identity.

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All or nothing

Jupiter conjunction Pluto Beginning of August 2003 until end of August 2003 Great passion and energy are being released within you now, and you may feel there is nothing you cannot accomplish if you put your mind to it. You probably have the emotional commitment and determination to achieve a great deal right now, and because your survival instincts are being activated, you may view external situations with a particularly intense and dramatic attitude. This could prove extremely creative because it means you can take yourself and your goals very seriously indeed; and where your deeper feelings are engaged and combined with foresight and a capacity to recognise opportunities, as they are right now, you may reap very substantial emotional, material or spiritual rewards. However, this heightened sense of life's drama, and an increased feeling of your own potential powers, may bring a taste for crisis which causes you to dramatise yourself and external situations to an excessive degree. You have probably always had an "all-ornothing" attitude when your passions are stirred, and you are not inclined to tolerate a humdrum life or sacrifice your dreams for the sake of convention or ordinary security. In the past, this may have led you into power struggles or difficulties with authority, and you may harbour a strong although secret sense that you have an important individual destiny to fulfill. You may therefore need to watch out for an inflated sense of your own importance right now, which could make you behave in insensitive or even downright ruthless ways as you progress toward your goal.

During this time you may find yourself drawn toward an exploration of life's mysteries, and your use of material, emotional and creative resources may acquire a new and deeper sense of purpose and determination. External situations could trigger such delving into the invisible, and they may not necessarily be pleasant. You may have to face issues of power and control, both in your personal and your professional life, and a search for life's "fundaments" could be precipitated by a need to find any means at your disposal to ensure your own psychological survival. If events do serve as such a trigger, they are likely to be dramatic; but they are also likely to work in your favour in the end, and you may discover new strengths and resources within yourself you didn't know you had. This may be a time of struggle, when you find out just how tenacious and powerful you can really be. More importantly, it is a time when you may question the meaning and

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purpose of the experiences you encounter; and this could open doors to aspects of human nature which, although not always nice or civilised, could bring great richness and depth of insight to your life.

Shaky foundations

Unexpected changes in your external life may trigger powerful instincts and emotions within you during this time, and you may feel as though you must struggle to survive and maintain control of your world. In common with many others of your generation, you have particular ways in which you have tried to ensure the continuity and stability of the structures and values which support you in life. Now you may have to reevaluate these basic responses to life's challenges, because you have outgrown some of them and probably need greater flexibility and trust in coping with the unknown. A major shift in your external circumstances may make you question the real nature of your resources and talents, and you may feel threatened or impotent in the face of people, circumstances, or emotional eruptions over which you seem to have no power. You may sometimes think that your whole life could be overturned by forces beyond your control, and you may react by feeling victimised and passive, or by fighting ferociously, and perhaps even vindictively, to reassert your power. Neither of these extremes are likely to prove helpful to you. Apathy and self-pity may breed resentment which could surface in covert and perhaps unpleasant ways; and unthinking aggression may be misplaced, or may create enmity and opposition which leave you feeling defeated and humiliated.

This is a period of deep change within you. Any disturbing outer circumstances you encounter at this time may reflect an internal conflict between the need for greater freedom and mobility, and the need to preserve the status quo - within yourself as well as in your external life. You may need to learn to let go gracefully when it is clear that you must relinquish an old attitude, relationship, or worldly objective. Try to keep pride out of the equation if you can. At the moment your pride is likely to be stung, and you may be more worried about personal humiliation than you are about your capacity to take advantage of changing circumstances. Don't let a bruised ego make you indulge in poor decisions or impulsive judgements. There is a primitive element in all human beings

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which adheres to a kind of jungle law: fight or flight when threatened. Neither is likely to be a very productive response at the moment, although this primitive element is being constellated in you right now. You can learn a lot about your deeper instinctual resources, and could gain in sense of self-confidence and strength as a result of this time. But try to contain your emotional reactions and preserve a balance between the extremes. Most importantly, learn to trust life, even if you cannot yet see any positive purpose or meaning in outer events. There may be wiser patterns at work within you than the ego can at present recognise.

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2. The sphere of the physical world

Matters concerning your physical and material life are also likely to prove important, but some of these may turn out to be quite difficult. You may have to face challenges over the next twelve months which make you question your work and your place in the world, and frustration - with yourself, with money issues, or with employers or colleagues - may bring your temper to boiling point, or generate an unhappy sense that you have failed in some way. Try to keep your mind focused on what you can learn from such situations, and what your own contribution to the difficulties might be. With patience, effort, and consciousness, you could turn mundane difficulties into opportunities for developing strength, commitment, and tenacity. Later on, when the time of difficulty has passed, these qualities, because they have been hard-won, could help you to anchor your talents and abilities firmly in the world.

An instinct to fight

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Circumstances may seem to be hemming you in at the moment, and you may feel extremely frustrated. You may be struggling with conflicts in your family and domestic life, and your inclination may be to come out fighting and push forcibly against what restricts you. However, the harder you push, the more likely you are to arouse enmity, particularly with those in authority. If you lose control of your temper, you may be careless when driving or handling mechanical or electrical implements, and cause minor accidents and injuries.

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Before you explode, try to stop and reflect on what is happening inside you. This could be an extremely productive time, and you could discover new resources of inner strength and tenacity. You may also be increasingly aware of a need for greater autonomy, and may want to take more control over your life. But you may become so impatient and impulsive that you defeat the very thing you want.

You may need, first of all, to examine carefully where your own unconscious actions and attitudes in the past might have contributed to any present feelings of being constrained and blocked. It is possible that you have not been able to express your wishes clearly and honestly, and have compromised yourself because of security needs or fear of alienating others. Now the structures you yourself built may have become too tight, and you may be kicking against them. But if this is so, you will need to change your own attitudes before you are free; for if you remain still ambivalent and unsure of who you are and what you want, you will only build new structures which, in time, will cage you as you are feeling caged now. It is your sense of self, and your belief in your right to have what you want from life, which need encouraging. Examine this issue first, before you react blindly to what you experience as oppression or limitation in the world around you.

You will need a lot of patience during this period, and a capacity to adapt your goals to the reality of the outer world. Here too you may not have developed sufficient ability to compromise. Life may have been black and white to you, with some people dominating and others submitting. Now you may be determined not to submit; but perhaps the solution does not lie in trying to dominate. You may need to carefully weigh your own desires against what is really possible, rather than what inflamed emotions or wounded pride tell you you want. You may feel as though you are engaged in mortal combat and must prove your potency and effectiveness or suffer a humiliating defeat. Try not to identify too much with conventional definitions of masculinity, for if you do, you may go around feeling impotent and inadequate because you aren't able to live up to a collective image. Your sense of manhood needs to be individual and rooted in an understanding of your own individual strengths and weaknesses, not on a television or cinema caricature of strength. It may be your own perceptions which are turning challenging outside factors into threatening or oppressive forces. Try to see where you

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might be too rigid and inflexible in demanding things all your own way. You may be culpable of the very thing of which you are accusing others. If you are willing to make certain adjustments, and can move within realistic limits, you can progress slowly and firmly toward your goals, and achieve much with the energy and discipline now at your disposal.

Coping with an unreceptive world

Frustration in your work, obstacles in the path of cherished professional and social goals, and conflicts or increased responsibilities in your domestic life may all conspire at the moment to make you feel deeply challenged. This could help you to discover a new resource of strength and self-discipline. At work you may be trying to offer energy, intiative and innovative thinking, but it may seem that no one wants what you are attempting to give, or is willing to reward you fairly for your efforts. You may experience setbacks or opposition from colleagues, or may find that you must work extremely hard to prove yourself. You may also experience conflict with those in authority, or may feel that collective or social expectations are preventing you from expressing who you really are. On the home front you may feel equally unappreciated or blocked, and you may feel unhappy in your environment, disappointed with those you live with, or stifled by domestic routines and duties. Yet despite possible difficulties with the outer world, your real conflict at the moment is chiefly within yourself. You may have to adapt your particular abilities to the requirements of mundane reality, and this could mean making compromises you may feel are humiliating or destructive to your long-term plans. You may also need to formulate your goals more clearly, and aim for what is possible rather than what you could have if the world were ideal. All this may hurt and anger you, leaving you with a sense of personal failure and defeat.

Yet this could prove an extremely beneficial and constructive time. You are being challenged to define who you want to be in the world, with respect both for your own desires and the nature of the reality around you. This may require a fine balance between ideals and an acceptance of human nature. You may need to make important choices about your career goals, which should be made slowly and carefully and with due regard for the rules of the marketplace, rather than rashly or in a spirit of angry rebellion or depressed passivity. Most im-

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portantly, the role you choose to play may need to be more flexible at the same time that it reflects your deeper values, rather than an image which is conventionally acceptable but leaves you feeling unreal or false, or a rebellious stance which is full of emotion but expects too much of life. If you have been acting a part in the past, you will probably not be able to do so for much longer; the world requires authenticity and commitment from you at the moment and you are being challenged to give it. Thus you may be laying foundations for your future path in life, and if you move slowly and with insight you will be able to lay those foundations solidly and reap the rewards over the years to come.

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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.

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The reality of the psyche

You may gain considerable insight into the deeper levels of life right now, and you may find that you can see through the superficial levels of human speech and behaviour to the motives and patterns hidden beneath. Your thinking is probably trenchant and penetrating right now, and you are not likely to be fooled by sentiment, deception, or idealisation. This could be an excellent time to pursue psychological knowledge, both of yourself - through some kind of counselling or therapeutic work - and of others. Your attitudes and world-view are changing radically, although gently and subtly. Your perceptions may be highly complex and you may see subtleties which you might previously have missed. And you may also experience profound realisations about your attitudes toward money and security, and the real nature of your resources and talents.

The only difficulty which this deep change in mental attitudes might provoke is an intense feeling of loneliness, because others cannot see what you see. For a while you may feel impatient with superficiality and annoyed by hypocrisy, and you may find it increasingly hard to communicate with those who, not long ago, were perfectly satisfactory intellectual companions. Truth isolates, especially truth of a psychological kind; and you may find that certain people close to you are threatened or disturbed by the fact that you can see through their masks and smokescreens. This could leave you feeling a little defensive and rather mistrustful, and you may be inclined to keep your thoughts to yourself. Although you might need to be careful not to become too closed and suspicious, at the same time you may also learn how to communicate in subtle ways which do not reveal everything. Although knowing how to keep secrets can be utilised for deceptive and dishonest purposes, it is also essential in terms of preserving the integrity of relationships and respecting the privacy of others. And this positive aspect of self- containment could prove one of the most creative potentials of this time.

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Inspired ideas

Your mind may be open to all kinds of new ideas at the moment, particularly those which require an intuitive ability to make connections and perceive the meaning underlying facts and events. This could be a time of considerable opportunity, in terms of expanding your spheres of knowledge and developing a broad overview of any subject which interests you. It may also be an excellent time to travel, for you are likely to be open to new people and new cultures as well as new ideas and an inclusive way of looking at things. Your frame of mind is probably optimistic and hopeful, particularly in matters concerned with inner understanding and interaction with members of your family.

Although the opportunities are likely to arrive and the meaning of the time is favourable, you will probably need to do something with your energy to produce any lasting results. Study, writing, teaching, improving your educational level, and making contacts in foreign spheres are all positive areas where an investment of time and energy might yield fruit. An exploration of new spiritual and philosophical paths could also broaden your world-view and change your attitudes toward life. If you do nothing, you may experience a pleasant time when your optimism and positive attitude make life seem meaningful and worthwhile. This alone is extremely creative, allowing you to cope with everyday problems and difficulties in a hopeful and intuitive spirit. But you could do much more, if you are willing to put effort and discipline behind your vision.

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

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Worries and forebodings

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You may be particularly concerned about the health or stability of a family member, or a problem in your domestic environment, and you may have to untangle quite complicated problems. But whatever the circumstances, your underlying opinions and assumptions need also to be considered. Perhaps you are facing the consequences of a long chain of past choices and decisions, based on entrenched mental attitudes, which are in some way contributing to, if not the cause of, what you now have to deal with in outer life. You may feel as though life is wounding you, and it is also possible that a separation or conflict with someone close to you has made you feel particularly cynical or bitter about relationships. Try not to unleash sarcasm or wounding remarks. This is unlikely to make you feel better, and you could create long-term alienation, whereas greater flexibility and understanding may be far more productive. Your chief problem at the moment is likely to be your own outlook, which may be underpinned by unconscious convictions with roots in hurtful past experiences. In certain respects the past is now coming to meet you in the present; and if you can track bitterness, resentment, or cynicism back to their source, you may shift or transform many deep-rooted negative assumptions about life.

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Heavy thoughts

Your thoughts during this time are likely to be darker and more serious than usual. You may need to be careful not to weigh yourself down with negative thinking, for you may notice only the problems and difficulties in life and in your fellow humans, and ignore the pleasures and good points. You may not be wholly aware of this, but others might let you know how critical and worried you can sometimes sound. During this period external pressures may force you to be more realistic about life, and more attentive to everyday responsibilities. This could result in a better grounded attitude toward life. But you may need to guard against chronic worry, self- criticism and a strangely passive expectation of failure, in order to get the best out of this period. You may be feeling cut off from your family and unhappy in your domestic environment. Deep down, your world-view is being challenged - by others and from within yourself - and through this process you have a chance to be clearer and more defined about what you believe in. However, you may have to guard against totally rejecting everything and everyone you previously valued because you feel disillusioned. You may be overly touchy, sensitive and somewhat unforgiving at the moment, and this could make it hard for you to find the flexibility to preserve what you most deeply believe in while recognising where you need to change your attitudes.

Because your world-view is changing, you may find that communication with others is difficult. You may wish to sever particular relationships where a conflict in viewpoints has arisen. Others may shut you out or reject the attitudes and values you try to express. You could feel misunderstood when you try to express yourself to those close to you. Some of these feelings could be due to your inclination to be critical and negative. Some could reflect the fact that you are looking at the world more deeply and may not be able to accommodate flighty, vague or foolish attitudes. It may be time for certain relationships to end, but it is important that you do not allow such endings to occur with bitter words and irreconcilable quarrels. You may feel misunderstood right now, but you are also likely to have trouble understanding what others are trying to say, and you may think they are being more critical, negative or rigid than they in fact are. This is a time for serious thinking, careful examination of your goals and plans, and consolidation of your skills and talents. If you can work

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along these lines, and can avoid unnecessary self-deprecation, negative thinking and resentment because others do not appear to understand you, you will emerge with a healthier, sounder and more honest view of people and life.

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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.

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 utilising your skills and talents in ways which are more practical and marketable, and which can help you to build greater emotional and financial self-sufficiency. 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 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.

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Glimpsing the whole

HAY Uranus trine Neptune Beginning of March 2002 until beginning of January 2004 Surprising insights into your deepest longings and ideals are likely to be among the creative products of this period of your life. On the most profound level, a sense of the hidden side of life is being powerfully activated, and with this is likely to emerge a strong sense of mystical feeling, or a longing to explore religious or spiritual truths. A yearning for contact with the ineffable is a part of every person, but it is possible that you have not fully recognised or expressed this urge within yourself. In the past it may have been channelled indirectly, through a sense of rootlessness and vague longing, rather than through a direct recognition of the spiritual nature of the yearning. Now you are likely to be aware that you need to feel connected to a deeper or higher life-source in highly individual ways, and this may be accompanied by an intense interest in esoteric or spiritual matters of an unconventional or "New Age" kind. You may also wish to make some kind of deep inner commitment to what you understand as a higher purpose in your life, because you are aware of your interconnectedness with others and of the unity of all things.

Although this process of inner awakening is likely to be subtle rather than dramatic, it should be honoured and given as much recognition as possible. Vague intuitions and dreams could be important, and might need to be explored and taken seriously. You are probably not in danger of being gullible or exploited right now, even though you may be longing for a kind of redemption; for your intellect and common sense are also active and can bring the faculty of discrimination to your quest. Try to be conscious of what is happening within you right now. Even if you believe that any inner inspiration you experience right now is due to a particular relationship or person, if you look beyond personal circumstances you may see that you share an awakening vision with others of your own age-group who carry similar ideals and dreams. Thus this time can also give you a sense of belonging to a larger human family, through common longings and aspirations. Such awareness can help you to achieve a broader perspective on the patterns of your personal experiences and the course your life needs to follow for the future.

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Grounding the dream-world

It is not often that fantasy and reality work in harmony with each other, but they are doing so for you now. Although you may experience a certain amount of disillusionment during this time, you are probably able to accommodate your highest ideals to the limits of the world around you and the boundaries of your own individual strengths and weaknesses. This means that, although you may have to compromise, you can anchor some of your most cherished dreams and hopes in solid forms. This is a particularly good time to do any kind of creative or artistic work, for you are able to translate your inner intuitions and imaginings into material forms which honour the beauty of your dream-world. You are probably able to be objective about the limits of your talent, and can therefore see clearly what is good enough and what may need improvement. You may also be able to exercise an unusual degree of patience and self-discipline at the same time that you feel inspired, and you will probably not feel bereft even if the finished product is not perfect. Although it may hurt, you are able right now to relinquish a secret fantasy of perfection, without feeling you have lost the magic and meaning in life. This is a most important shift within you, because it allows you to make peace with being mortal in an imperfect world, while still feeling hopeful, creative and alive.

You may find that you are less vulnerable and idealistic in your family relationships, and although this may mean giving up certain cherished fantasies and expectations, you may be able to do so now without feeling resentful or self-pitying. You are likely to be curiously detached from your own personal conflicts and frustrations, and better able to accept the general human condition as your own. If you are involved with any humanitarian work or spiritual discipline, your expectations of redemption may be tempered by a healthy recognition of the value and importance of this world, and the limits to which human nature is bound. This can allow you to be much more effective and practical in any contribution you make. Your realism and increased maturity may be hardwon, and you may have to sacrifice certain dreams and experience certain disappointments - especially with loved ones to achieve it. But if you can relinquish illusions with grace, you will find yourself in an enviable position, because you are able to be a denizen of the material world while still retaining those higher ideals which have proven to be truly authentic

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and individually yours. Try to make the best use of this time of inner conciliation and productivity. You can bring important ideas, ideals, creative visions and spiritual values into permanent form in your life and the lives of others.

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.

A change of fortune

Extreme restlessness and a powerful desire to break free of restrictions may plague you now, and you may feel like a racehorse trapped into pulling a cart. In both your personal and professional life, you may be seeking newer and greener pastures. A sense of vision and intuition is likely to be powerfully activated right now, and anything might seem possible. Sudden and unexpected changes in your external life may provide a release from tensions which have been building up for a long time. Even if these changes are not pleasant in the short term, they may herald the end of a long period of difficulty and the possibility of a new beginning. Whether it is you who initiates such shifts, or whether they are imposed upon you from without, you are likely to experience a change of fortune which promises much greater freedom and room to express undeveloped potentials. However, you will need to keep your feet firmly on the ground and exercise plenty of patience right now. Even if everything seems to be working in your favour, your judgement might not yet be clear, and you may not be especially attentive to the practical details of your life.

During this period you may become aware of unlived potentials and new possibilities for the future. You could be outgrowing many old attitudes and may need to broaden your life, especially through financial change and a more creative use of your unique talents and resources. Such needs are positive and could open many doors. But your inclination at the mo-

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ment may be to rush through those doors, without reflecting on whether they are viable on the practical level, or whether the painful consequences may outweigh the benefits. You may wish to abandon one relationship in hot pursuit of another, and you might not allow yourself enough time to reflect on whether changes within your existing situation might provide you with the excitement and new possibilities you probably crave. You may be inclined to gamble with resources which you cannot afford to lose. And you may be so enchanted by the vision of a new and wonderful future that you could become a little inflated and oblivious to the fact that everything in life has a price. Because you may be too rash and impulsive in the pursuit of a new vision, you may make some serious mistakes which result in losses - emotional or material - which you could spare yourself if you can learn to be patient.

Try to slow down and look before you leap. The leaping may be out of your hands, if external circumstances force you into change which you have not initiated. If this occurs, try to focus on new opportunities for the future, rather than dwelling on what you have lost. Any changes of an involuntary kind are likely to be beneficial to you in the long term, even if they do not seem so now. However, you do not have to exacerbate the instability of this period through poor judgements. This is a time when you should be planning for the future, and taking opportunities only after you have thought about their price as well as their benefits. A balance between overcautiousness and overoptimism would probably be your best course. Life is likely to move quickly right now, and everything is really on your side. But you need to navigate the currents with a clear head as well as an eye on distant horizons.

5. The sphere of the Inner Self

Deeper and more profound than events occurring in any of these spheres is the development of the Self, which underpins everything that happens to us in life. This is the real heart of the mystery of fate, because if there is truly a destiny at work in individual life, it lies within, and the astrological configurations only reflect, at any given time, opportunities for this

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hidden development pattern. You may only experience glimpses of this inner pattern at work, through realising that some experience is vitally necessary even if it is painful. You may also sometimes sense the purposefulness of what is happening around and within you, even if you cannot find a rationale for what you sense. Through particular feelings and situations which make you grow, you can establish a strong connection with the inner world, even if your heart is sore or you are encountering trouble on the mundane level. But this kind of connection depends on how willing you are to look inward at the deeper pattern of your life, regardless of how you are feeling at the time, or toward whom you feel it.

Changes in relationship

During this time you may experience considerable disruption in your personal life. Long-standing relationships are especially vulnerable to change right now, and whether you yourself initiate these changes or they are imposed on you by others, you may experience an important separation or loss during this period. However, this is not inevitable, and the opposite may occur instead: You may enter an important new relationship which has the potential to radically change your life and may feel electric and compulsive in its fascination. Or you may experience both, and find yourself in an uncomfortable triangle, torn between an old love and a new. On a more worldly level you are also likely to make new professional and social contacts, perhaps of a different and unconventional kind. And you may find yourself displaying a much higher public profile than you ever have before, interacting with a larger group or expressing your ideas and ideals to a bigger audience.

Such external changes, although potentially disruptive and perhaps, in the case of a close relationship, painful, could reflect a profound change taking place within you. You have always tended to relate to others in a sensitive and emotionally responsive way. Now you may discover the need for self-sufficiency and firm personal boundaries. You may meet someone who seems to personify these qualities, and presents you with an entirely new way of looking at life. Equally, you may part from someone. If you do, however painfully, it is likely to free you to develop these qualities within yourself. Either way, you are experiencing a process of mental and spiritual expansion. Try to move with this time in a spirit of

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cautious optimism. Be open to new ideas, but be careful about signing anything too binding just at the moment. You may need to wait until the dust settles, before you can see the shape of your future. All you may know at the moment is that it is time to let go and move on.

Relinquishing self-will

A peculiar passivity may affect you right now, although this is likely to be subtle and gentle rather than unpleasant or destructive. You may find that you are reluctant to assert your own wishes unless they are in harmony with the needs of those around you, and you may want to put your energy and initiative into causes or concerns which benefit the community or humanity in general. In fact you may be downright reluctant to do much of anything, unless it furthers your ideals. Taken to extremes, this could become a resistance to doing anything at all except drift pleasantly along in a dreamworld because it seems too difficult to make decisions or take action in the real world. This period is likely to be an ambivalent one, for it has both positive and negative possibilities. Much depends on what you choose to do with the subtle changes you are likely to experience in your levels of energy and your capacity to use your will.

On the positive side, you may experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of your background, roots, and family relationships. Because you are likely to trust the invisible currents of life right now, your efforts may be combined with a relaxed attitude which could take you much further than anxious pushing and shoving to get where you want to go. You may also find that others are more responsive to you because you are more considerate of them, and more attuned to their needs. On the negative side, you may be so sure that everything will somehow magically work out that you fail to act or make decisions when you need to. If you are not alert and careful, you may pay a price for such passivity later. Others may be very supportive to you right now, but you may be inclined to rely a little too much on them; and you may need to balance this with a good sense of your own capabilities. And while your sensual as well as your emotional nature is likely to be open and receptive right now, you may also need to make sure that any new relationship you enter is really what you think it is. This could be a moving, rewarding, and immensely creative time. But keep your eyes open, and

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remember that you have a will, and that you may need to use it from time to time. Life may do some, or even most, of the work for you right now; but it will not do everything.

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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 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.

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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 doe 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 retrogards, 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.