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for **Bill Gates** (male)

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Chapter I.

INTRODUCTION Embracing the Future

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once wrote that nothing is certain except change. In the last two decades we have been forced to acknowledge this ancient truth, for many of our time-honoured and reliable religious, economic and social structures and definitions of reality have undergone major upheavals. Because human beings instinctively fear change, we imagine global disasters as we move into the future, or global redemption through the miracles of technology or some extraordinary new spiritual or political revolution. We are filled with both anxiety and hope. Is this really a time of great opportunity, spiritually and materially? Or does it seem so merely because we believe it to be so?

Astrological cycles do not take account of human calendars, and the movements of the planets have their own logic and timing. If we were to take any six-year period in history, we might find any number of possible planetary configurations which give a particular flavour and meaning to that time. But the fact that we place such importance on our recent entry into the 21st century means that we will perceive the flavour and meaning of this time through specially orientated vision. We expect a great deal from the next decades, for either good or ill; and therefore, from a psychological perspective, we are particularly attuned to the currents of the time and perhaps able to respond more acutely, with greater hopes and increased creativity. What is the special flavour of this time? What can astrology tell us as we move further into the 21st century? First of all, this time is extraordinary because it happens to coincide with the changing of the astrological ages. Most people have heard about the Age of Aquarius, but what does it really mean?

The advent of the Aquarian Age

The changing of the ages is governed by the movement of the spring equinoctial point (the first degree of the zodiac) into a new constellation. This happens roughly every two thousand years. It is presently shifting from the constellation of Pisces to the constellation of Aquarius. At the dawn of the Christian era it shifted from Aries to Pisces. Such huge cosmic movements are reflected in human affairs first and foremost through the ways in which we perceive God, and the world-view which we deem to be "true". If we look back through history, it is obvious that at the dawn of the Age of Pisces the perception of reality shifted in a radical way, reflected in the birth of new religions (not only Christianity, but also Islam) and a profoundly different vision of life's essential meaning and purpose. Vast changes such as these do not occur on Thursday at 3.00 PM, but stretch over a period of a couple of centuries, and the transition time is often one of chaos during which old values and old gods begin to lose their value and meaning, and new ways are sought by an increasingly anxious and disorientated human family.

What, then, might this shift from Pisces into Aquarius mean for us all? Aquarius is a sign belonging to the astrological element of air, and this signifies that mind, rather than heart, is likely to begin to assume the highest value. Human ingenuity and human inventiveness, reflected in technology and a greater understanding of how the cosmos works, are important dimensions of the Aquarian ethos.

Human brotherhood is also immensely important. The values which propel nations into recognising not only each other's rights but also each other's similarities is likely to be reflected in an increasing sense of globalism, of being "citizens of the world". Aquarius is also the sign of the mass, and this means a levelling of extremes and a seeking of common denominators in education, money, fashion, the arts, and all other spheres in which human creativity and effort can make their mark. Is this then a "good" or "bad" age? That depends on what we make of it. Each of us, in this exciting, challenging and sometimes frightening time, has the individual challenge of responding to and working with the new energy which is presently causing such profound changes in science, religion, communications, and social and political structures.



Chapter II

The planetary configurations

Each of us has an individual horoscope which will be affected by the shifting planetary pictures which occur over any six-year period of time. These planetary configurations, although not directly linked with the changing of the astrological ages, need nevertheless to be seen in that context. And they do indeed seem to support the vast shift in human consciousness which is presently occurring. The three outer planets -Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto - are, for the next few years, all in what are called the "dynamic" signs, meaning the elements of fire and air. For many years they were in the "receptive" earth and water signs, and not since the late 1940's have all three been in fire and air. What does this mean for us all? After the last World War, a new spirit was abroad, fuelled in part by the darkness and suffering with which so many people were afflicted, but fuelled also by a fiery spirit of hope and innovation, and an airy dream of harmony and peace in the world. There is a similar spirit abroad now. These three outer planets, all concerned with collective movements and trends, seem to be offering us a vision of a reformed and brighter world.

This does not mean that we will all sail into the future full of joy and free of problems. In many areas of the world there is a great deal of suffering, and individuals may still have to cope with challenges which may prove painful and frustrating. Also, the kind of vision which is presently infecting so many people is not necessarily congenial to everyone. Idealism and vision may also be accompanied by a lack of recognition of individual rights and feelings, and the elements of fire and air, while strong on vision, may occasionally lack an appreciation of time and human frailty. Some people may feel pressured and overloaded by the qualities of the time, as though they are expected to learn everything all at once and give up hard-won values and security because the collective demands it. To understand and get the best from this unusual grouping of outer planets coinciding with the changing of the ages, we need first to understand ourselves, and how these planets will affect us individually.

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Pluto in Sagittarius

Pluto in Sagittarius
1995 until November 2008

Pluto is the great bass drumbeat of the planetary pantheon, taking a leisurely 249 years to travel around the zodiac. It entered the sign of Sagittarius in 1995 and leaves it to enter Capricorn in 2008. Thus most of the first decade of the 21st century is dominated by this important movement of Pluto through the sign of Sagittarius the Centaur, concerned with religious, spiritual, philosophical and moral questions. Pluto symbolises those deep underground forces in the collective psyche which break down and renew that which is old, outworn and past its time. It works like a machine dredging the bottom of a pond, bringing to the surface everything which is rotten and ready for the compost heap, so that new life can emerge cleaner, brighter and stronger than before. While it moved through Scorpio in the second half of the 1980's and the first half of the 1990's, we experienced a darkening of our vision of life. Now we have reached a point where we are seeking a new vision of God, a new way of defining right and wrong, and new ways in which to understand and communicate with each other. On the global level, we may expect many conflicts and transformations in the sphere of orthodox religion, with a heady mixture of sectarianism and impassioned truth-seeking, fanaticism and a greater tolerance of the many ways through which we may approach the divine. We may also expect new attitudes toward law and the legal systems in every nation, as well as changes in our attitudes toward knowledge and education. And in the sphere of communication the internet has already made its mark.

The profound moral and spiritual dilemmas which Pluto raises as it travels through Sagittarius may be seen on many levels in the outer world. They may also challenge you in very personal ways, and you may not initially realise that the issues you are confronting are not only your own, but also shared by many people struggling in their own individual ways to redefine what they understand as truth. Even if Pluto's movement affects very personal spheres of your life, it may be worth ultimately asking the question, "What is the deeper meaning of what I am going through? What am I meant to be learning? How can I use this time to redefine what I believe to be right and wrong, truth and falsehood? And what is the nature of the God in which I believe?"

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Unlocking the inner child

As Pluto makes its long transit through Sagittarius, one question is likely to resonate over and over again in your life: Who are you, really? What makes you a special individual? The transformative nature of Pluto is most likely to express itself in the sphere of your expression as an individual, and this includes those ways in which you are able to be creative and find suitable vehicles for giving form to what you feel matters most deeply to your heart. This time may reflect a new creative birth, when you discover a talent you didn't know you had, or find new artistic ways of expressing what is within you. New business enterprises, new creative projects, and new confidence in your right to be yourself may be some of the finest fruits of this process. Whether the children which are born of this time are physical or imaginative, it is, on the most profound level, a time of birth, and although the gestation may be a long one, you are likely to emerge with a profound sense of your unique value as an individual.

Pluto in 5th House 1988 until February 2005

No birth can take place without some struggle, however, and it may be that certain patterns in your life need to come to an end. Matters of love, even if they are happy rather than distressing (and happiness is just as likely as crisis during this time) may require you attend to old psychological attitudes inherited from your family background -- attitudes which you might do better without. You may also need to think long and deeply about what kind of parent you are or would like to be, and what kind of child you once were, and what you expect and need from your own children. It is really the child within you which is being activated and brought to the surface by the processes reflected by Pluto's movement, and you may need to face all those issues concerned with the blocking of childhood needs and the stifling of childlike dreams and inspirations. Your ability to express the child within is a measure of your ability to be creative and joyful in life. Do you know how to play? Can you experience the joy of a child, the sense of wonder at life, and the confidence to express your vision in creative forms? Or are you hemmed in by worrying about what others think, or by unrealistic expectations and standards which paralyse your self-expression? This ability to express yourself without material gain or ideological justification reveals who you most truly are, and it is this which you are likely to discover over the next few years. Every human being has some sphere where he or she can be creative, and you may need to discover this on new levels.

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Giving up old habits

Pluto in 6th House February 2005 until 2022 Pluto's long transit through the questing, aspirational sign of Sagittarius is most likely to exhibit its transformative qualities in the sphere of your everyday mundane life. This includes such issues as your work (not so much your long-term goals as the ways in which your time and energy are structured), your domestic arrangements and habits, and your relationship with your body. It is possible that this critical and profoundly important time may provoke enormous changes in your mundane life, and you may find vourself in a new field of work or with a new commitment to learning skills that you had never thought of developing before. Your understanding of your place in the material world is likely to deepen, and while this may involve some long-overdue re-evaluation of your relationships with employers and employees, and a different attitude toward old entrenched habits, you are likely to emerge from this process cleansed, free of many old destructive habit patterns, and ready to begin a new phase wherein you can start making plans to bring your talents and abilities to a wider audience.

You might discover some things about yourself or your work situation that are a little disturbing, because all kinds of issues involving your dealings with co- workers and those in your domestic environment -especially issues involving power and control - may come to a head and force you to make changes you would prefer to avoid. You might find that you have been too passive and too ready to accept the bidding of others for the sake of security. Or you might find that you have been too heavy-handed in expecting others to do your bidding, and now have to recognise that a better balance is required. This issue of discovering where extremes have secretly been at work may also arise around the relationship you have with your body. You might discover that you have not been respecting basic routines like diet and exercise, and that some long-overdue attention is required. But the nature of this planetary transit, for you as well as for the larger collective around you, is concerned with discovering the truth and getting rid of that which blocks clear vision and hopes for the future. For you, this is a time of preparation, when all the little details of your life need to be examined carefully, so that you can achieve a better balance in all areas of your material existence. Don't allow discovery of darker elements spoil your hopes for the future. All cleansing processes bring a few unattractive things to the surface, so that better integration can be achieved. This is now likely to happen, slowly, subtly, but inexorably, on many levels of your mundane life.

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Changing attitudes and perceptions may deepen your thinking and lead you to seeing things in much greater complexity and profundity. All things psychological may interest you, even if this also involves financial concerns; for you are very open right now to the deeper levels of life, and could make good use of the insights you gain. Certain old attitudes from the past may quietly drop away, and you may feel rather intolerant of others' insincerity. For a while you may need plenty of time for quiet reflection, and this could make you wish to withdraw a little from social contacts which are too superficial. Trust your instincts, and follow the path of your interests right now. They could lead you to a radically transformed view of life, which may indirectly lead to important external changes later. Most importantly, your need to see and understand the truth, about others and about yourself, may alter in a very positive way not only your perceptions but your way of communicating to others.

Pluto sextile Mercury
End of January 2001
until beginning of November
2003

Your hopes and dreams, and indeed, your entire philosophy of life, are likely to slowly but irrevocably change and deepen, and you may find yourself losing interest in previous belief systems which once held your emotional and intellectual attention, in favour of a new and more inclusive vision of life. All your definitions of right and wrong, good and bad, worthy and unworthy, may be subject to deep reflection at this critical period, and beliefs and values which you previously held because they were collectively acceptable or because they made you feel safe may give way to a world-view which is more truly individual and loyal to your own heart and soul. You may also feel especially creatively inspired and eager for creative challenges which use your imagination as well as reflecting your highest aspirations. This inner strengthening and clarifying process could be reflected, in due course of time, in some very attractive material rewards, because your increasing faith in yourself is likely to help you make the right material choices in the outer world.

Pluto trine Jupiter
End of January 2006
until mid November 2008

Neptune in Aquarius

Neptune takes 165 years to make its cycle around the zodiac, and it is now in Aquarius for the first time since 1834, having entered the sign in February 1998. It leaves Aquarius and enters Pisces in the spring of 2011. This planet reflects the constantly changing and constantly repeating cycles of collective dreams and aspirations, and we can see its subtle emotional effects in those things which seem to promise redemption, peace, perfection, and freedom from suffering. Neptune reflects our longing to merge with a

Neptune in Aquarius 1998 until 2011

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greater whole and lose the painful sense of isolation which accompanies any individual journey in incarnation. Thus the sign through which Neptune passes describes, on many different levels, those qualities, objects and people which we believe will lift us out of pain and loneliness and lead us into the Paradise Garden which we lost once upon a time long, long ago. What we perceive as fashionable is also reflected by Neptune's current zodiacal sign, and music, art, and interpretation of beauty all change and shift like Neptune's waters as we alter our vision of what will satisfy our eternal longing.

When Neptune moved through Aquarius in the last century, it was the first time the phrase "United Europe" was used in a political sense. During that earlier transit, dreams of an end to global conflict were accompanied by a heightened feeling of brotherhood and spiritual unity among men and women of every different race and nation. At the same time, a passionate spirit of nationalism swept Europe and America, putting an end to the dreams of global unity. As Neptune moves through Aquarius once again, we are once again dreaming dreams of a worldwide unity which will end all conflict. Sadly, not all of Neptune's dreams come true, and sometimes there is bitter disappointment as our heightened perceptions of what could be possible collide with the reality of the world and the limitations of human nature. For the first time in over a century and a half we are filled once again with a vision of human unity which could yield many immensely creative results. But such a vision could also make us blind to recognising our limits. What we see as beautiful, fashionable and desirable is also changing. As a collective we are losing our sentimentality about the past and focusing on that which is new, innovative, technologically advanced, and able to create a more efficient and interconnected society.

Learning to let go

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Neptune in 8th House
March 2004 until 2014

During this important time you are most likely to experience the magical and mysterious qualities of Neptune in your intimate relationship life. Gently and subtly, the emotional barriers between you and others are changing and becoming more fluid, and this opens the possibility for deeper emotional and sexual exchange as well as an increasing awareness of the unity of all life. Neptune is not an altogether easy influence, however, and sometimes emotions may rise to the surface which concern the past, especially any losses you may have suffered when you were much younger. A sense of life being cyclical, and of having to let go, may some-

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times make you a little melancholic. But this is more than compensated for by a deepening awareness of life's mysteries and a profound sense of what supports you invisibly from within. You may sometimes feel as though you are no longer properly rooted in life, and your thoughts and fantasies may move into more boundless terrain. Such feelings can be very powerful and disturbing if you are used to being a matter-of-fact, prosaic sort of person. But this kind of emotional opening could transform your relationships and your view of what life is really about.

Another keynote of this transit of Neptune is, for you, the issue of sharing. This means not only emotions, but also resources, and issues may arise which concern joint financial matters and areas where you need to learn to be more fluid and open in your dealings with others. Some confusion is probably inevitable as you grapple with what you really want, what you have outgrown, and what you need to let go of in order to progress in your life. Letting go of the past - whether in the form of people you have been holding on to, emotional attitudes which you are reluctant to relinquish, or an old pattern involving money and security -may be part of the subtle effects of Neptune. Try not to fight the direction in which your heart and imagination are leading you. The kind of deep emotional renewal which could be yours over this time can only come if you make room for the changes which need to take place; and making room may mean being willing to be less rigid in many of your interactions with others. This does not mean being gullible or passive; but if you are willing to recognise and contain the kinds of deep feelings and inner experiences which may come your way, you are likely to connect with a deep and abiding sense of faith in life's meaning.

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Neptune trine Mercury End of March 2004 until mid January 2007

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Neptune square Venus Beginning of March 2006 until end of December 2008 Feelings of compassion toward others, and a willingness to let go of past hurts and resentments, could make this time one in which you experience a gentle inner healing and a new sense of belonging. Your heart is open and others are likely to respond to you, too, with an open heart. This could mean a time of deep tranquillity and emotional closeness. Even if the usual external problems interfere, you are likely to feel somehow supported by something higher or deeper in your life. New friendships and a deepening of family bonds could increase your sense of being surrounded by a benign and loving humanity, and this could heal many old hurts and feelings of isolation which might have plagued you in the past.

Inspiration and openness to the inner realm could make this time enormously productive in terms of any creative work you might undertake. You are also likely to be unusually receptive to the feelings of others, perhaps almost telepathically so, and your response to the atmospheres and hidden levels of any human interaction is likely to be acute. This could also be a time when your interest in the inner world deepens, perhaps through studies such as psychology or astrology, or practices such as meditation. Your grasp of practical matters may need some attention, as your mind may be inclined to wander on higher planes and details may bore you. Make sure you don't ignore important matters which need attention. But that caution having been given, try to make as much use as you can of the inner resources which are now at your disposal. Your rational faculties are blending with a heightened intuition, and this could opens many doors to knowledge normally not accessible to the intellect alone.

For a time you will probably have to deal with a fundamental conflict between dreams of perfection and the reality of the people in your life. This could prove immensely rewarding in the long term, because you have a chance to glimpse just what kind of unconscious expectations you have had of others, and how you can adjust these attitudes to accommodate a greater appreciation and understanding of the real needs and natures of the people close to you. Some feelings of disappointment are probably inevitable, but try to remember that they reflect the gap between reality and vision. You cannot bridge this gap if you are unaware of it. In long-term relationships, try not to let feelings of disillusionment drive you into assuming that some perfect dream is obtainable elsewhere. The fault may lie not in your partner or child, parent or friend, but in your own impossible expectations. The pursuit of perfection is a time- consuming and ultimately disappointing exercise. But if you can deal realistically and compassionately with

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what is happening both within you and in your relationships, you will gain enormously. You will understand not only what you most truly want and value from others, but also, you will find a deep fund of empathy and understanding which can allow you to let go gracefully, healing not only your own past hurts but also those of the people you love.

Important lessons in letting go could heal many old hurts and release some very ancient and intractable blocks and defences within you. This may not be the easiest of processes, but it could prove one of the most transformative. In allowing yourself to be vulnerable, you could establish freer relationships with others and a deeper trust in life. Some anxiety may be floating about for a while, but such feelings are natural and inevitable when any important inner change occurs. This could be an excellent time to explore creative potentials, since your imagination is likely to be highly active and you have a unique access right now to the inner world. Artistic endeavours could prove particularly rewarding. On the practical level, you may need to keep a sharp eye on boundaries and on issues which concern your security, since so much is happening inside that you may be inclined to neglect or overlook the importance of practical details. But as long as you are able to keep your feet on the ground and exercise caution and common sense in all mundane matters, you could fruitfully explore the feelings and intuitions which are arising within. Don't be frightened by feelings of vulnerability. You may discover many areas where, in the past, you have shut life out through too much rigidity or mistrust or self-doubt. If you are prepared to flow with the current of things right now, and are willing to explore your inner world with honesty, you could find yourself a much freer, more confident individual with a greater sense of belonging.

Uranus in Aquarius

Uranus spends seven years in each sign of the zodiac. It entered Aquarius in 1995, and remains there until 2003 Then it moves into Pisces, where it remains until 2010. Its passage through Aquarius is coincident not only with the advent of a new century and a new Millennium, but also with the great movement of the vernal equinoctial point into the constellation of Aquarius. Thus this planet, carrying its Promethean vision of a brave new world, is particularly important as a herald of things to come. Prometheus stole fire from the gods and gave it to human beings, and Uranus symbolises the human capacity for vision and foresight which, coupled with innovative thinking and a global perspective, heralds breakth-

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Neptune square Saturn End of April 2006 until beginning of February 2009

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Uranus in Pisces

March 2003 until 2011

roughs in science, technology, social and political structures, and the arts. Although sometimes revolutionary in an erratic and even violent sense, Uranus is at home in Aquarius. The electric and inspiring energy which it reflects moving through this sign is generating major discoveries and important social changes which will improve the quality of our lives and transform social interaction through fairer laws and greater equality of opportunities for everyone.

Uranus in Pisces

Uranus spends seven years in Pisces, and the sense of excitement, tension, immanent change, and greater freedom that occurred as the new century dawned gradually gives way to a subtler, deeper shift in collective thinking. Because Pisces is concerned with the realm of the spirit and those levels of reality which lie beyond the mundane world, we may find that religious and spiritual concerns become a priority on a global level. We may also experience major new artistic movements, for Pisces is the sign of the creative imagination. Changes in the structures of orthodox religions are likely as the collective psyche is awakened to a quest for more inclusive spiritual values. There is some anxiety reflected by this seven-year transit of Uranus, because its disruptive, innovative energy, moving through Pisces, affects us on emotional rather than intellectual levels. This means not only shifts in the ways in which we perceive God, but also a potential time of artistic flowering as the human imagination seeks new forms and vehicles through which to express itself.

A new world-view

During this exciting time you may experience a profound awakening on intellectual and spiritual levels. Your world- view is likely to change quite radically, and you may find yourself open to many new ideas which, in the past, you might have dismissed as "cranky" or irrational. The deeper nature of this change is connected with a more holistic vision of life, where the connections between different spheres of knowledge begin to become apparent and your understanding is more inclusive. Included in this expanding and holistic world-view may be incidental side-benefits such as an interest in languages and a deepening appreciation of the customs and attitudes of different nations and peoples. Subjects such as psychology, astrology, metaphysics, and philosophy may draw you strongly, and you may even feel you have been the recipient of a real revelation about the nature of life and the universe.

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Education may also become increasingly important - either because you have realised that you need a very different and more inclusive kind of intellectual training, or because you have realised you did not go far enough in your mental development in the past. Changes in your attitudes may be reflected in starting, or finishing, a particular approach to knowledge. On a deeper level, your moral and ethical attitudes may also undergo change, and you may find that you have outgrown previous religious or spiritual convictions because they were not inclusive enough. This time is likely to prove enlightening and rewarding, especially in the sphere of your attitudes toward life and your philosophical overview. Try to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way to expand your reservoir of knowledge, whether this is through study, travel, or exposure to other cultures. It could prove one of the most stimulating and mind-expanding periods of your life.

The sky may seem like the limit right now, and you are likely to be particularly inspired and full of new ideas and new possibilities for the future. A sense of release and new-found freedom is in the air, and this could be exhilarating. Some of your ideas may well turn out to be viable and lead the way to a new direction in work, creative pursuits, or spiritual commitment. Some of your ideas may be interesting but unpractical; and some may be simply wild. Take some time to reflect on all that inspires you, so that you can discriminate and contain your restlessness and make sound choices which could transform your future in the right way. You may experience many new intuitions and inspirations of a spiritual kind right now, and you are likely to be particularly receptive and open to unusual new ways of thinking. This could prove immensely creative for both your intellectual and spiritual life. It might not be the best time to speculate materially, however, as what is inspiring on the mental level may turn out to be rather risky on the financial one if you do not take due care. Curb your impulsiveness for a while, and you will get the best from this potentially extremely creative and inspiring time.

New possibilities and potentials are likely to make this time exciting and rewarding, especially because you can take advantage of opportunities without having to make any wrenching changes in your life. Your goals and life direction may change, and all kinds of new ideas may make you want to develop an entirely new path. The likelihood is that the right people and situations will appear which can help you to pursue these new goals in a hopeful and confident spirit, because you yourself are ready to receive them. Don't let this very creative and valuable time go by without trying

Uranus opposition Jupiter Beginning of March 2002 until end of December 2003

Uranus trine Sun End of February 2004 until beginning of December 2005

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at least one new thing - especially if it involves learning something new or trying out a new creative project which involves you in group or humanitarian projects and requires resources you didn't realise you had. Your image of yourself and of life is changing and becoming bigger and brighter and freer. You are probably more aware than ever before of how large and diverse the world is, and how interconnected people are regardless of their national or racial background. If you can find the courage to try out new things, you will truly change the shape of your future for many years to come.

HAP Uranus trine Venus Mid May 2007 until beginning of March 2009

New contacts and friendships entering your life right now are likely to reflect important inner changes in the way you relate to others and what you value in relationships. You may experience a curious detachment which allows you to see beyond immediate emotional concerns. This could prove healing and very positive for any close bonds, because you can let go of the past and allow greater breathing space and a more flexible apportioning of roles. You may also experience a time of increased creative inspiration, when new ideas flow easily and you are open to developing your talents in new directions. Your tastes are likely to change and you may be more receptive to the cutting edge in all artistic fields. The gently inspiring quality of this time could open you up to a whole new circle of people and transform your personal as well as your aesthetic life.

Uranus trine Saturn End of March 2008 until mid January 2010

During this important and potentially extremely constructive period, you may discover ways to have your cake and eat it. A need for change is pushing you along into new creative and emotional terrain, but at the same time your sense of realism and an acceptance of human limits helps you to keep your feet on the ground and arrange your life so that you can allow new things in without damaging what is of value to you from the past. Materially this means you could pursue new ventures without losing your head or foolishly gambling away hard-won assets. Emotionally it means you could make new contacts and initiate necessary changes in existing relationships, giving yourself more breathing space without destroying what matters to you. Worldly wisdom and inspiration are combined in you rather than doing battle, and if you are prepared to take up new and unconventional challenges while maintaining a realistic and sensible attitude, the rewards of this combination could be very great.

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Chapter III

Inner Changes

Not everything happening within and around you is linked with the great cycles occurring in the heavens over the next few years. You also have your own highly individual pattern of development, and certain challenges and changes are likely to occur because it is the right time for them to do so. This profound inner pattern of growth is unique to you, and although there is likely to be some overlap with the changes going on in the world, in this sphere you may find that your experiences are entirely your own and the creative possibilities inherent in them depend almost wholly on your understanding and willingness to work with who you are and what you are becoming.

The Years 2003 and 2004

The themes reflected by the planetary movements in your birth chart during the next six years are given below in chronological order. Some are themes with which you have already become familiar in the last year or two, and they may last for many more years; we will begin with these. Some themes are new, entering your life only now, and are of shorter duration although they may seem very intense at the time.

Feeling raw

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 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

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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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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 yourself 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 being separate and causing disharmony in your emotional life. Yet if you are not honest with yourself and others right now, unexpressed anger 703

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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 loyal 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.

Sobering up

This is likely to be a rather sober period, for you are in the process of consolidating who you are and what you want, and may not feel especially expansive or fun-loving. A deep reflective process is taking place within you, and your personality is crystallising and taking on a much more solid and defined form. Even if you have spent a lot of time in the past trying to adapt to others, now you may find that you cannot do so, for your own values, needs and personal identity may now be too real and definite to allow such compromise. In fact you are likely to benefit greatly from this process, even if you don't feel especially spontaneous or contented, because you are becoming a much more authentic person. The process itself is positive, constructive and will leave lasting benefits. The feelings, however, may not be quite so pleasant, and you may feel restricted or deeply dissatisfied in close relationships in which your increasing sense of authenticity challenges previous patterns of too much placation and self-sacrifice. You may also feel anxious that those close to you will reject you if you establish strong boundaries, and this could make you act in overly compromising ways when you are actually feeling the reverse.

You may discover great sensitivity and a need for close emotional involvement with others, and you will probably not be able to mask these qualities or hide them from those close to you, no matter how hard you try. If your loved ones can accept and accommodate these important facets of your personality, which are



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now crystallising and requiring more scope for expression, you will be able to enjoy a deeper sense of commitment and stability. But if you are involved in relationships in which you have maintained harmony by stifling these dimensions of your nature, you may find that certain bonds are no longer viable in your life. You may feel restricted, hurt or simply misunderstood by those around you, and may feel you have to choose between loyalty to self and dependency on others. In this sense the present time may prove difficult and challenging, for in becoming truer to yourself you may have to let go of people and situations which are not right for you. Yet if such difficulties occur, try to remember that you cannothide what you are indefinitely. The qualities you are integrating more firmly in your personality are deeply important to you, and need to be part of any relationship you enter or maintain in the future.

The importance of relationship

You may feel a powerful longing to experience closer emotional contact with others during this time, and relationships may now assume enormous importance in your life. Your usual fluidity and responsiveness may give way to a greater need for discipline and self-sufficiency, and you are likely to seek - and perhaps find - someone who seems to provide these qualities and can help you to develop them within yourself. You may have marriage on your mind; or, on a less personal level, you may feel you want to share who you are and what you can create with a wider audience. You are probably increasingly aware of the importance of others, and of the need to adjust your own attitudes and ideas in order to interact with them more deeply. On the inner level you are becoming more whole, through recognising that you are incomplete without others' intellectual and emotional input.

Your increasing awareness of the emotional reality of others could open up and enrich your personal life; but on a more profound level it could also connect you with the larger world of which you are a part. Social issues may begin to concern you more right now, and you may be conscious of your need to contribute something individual to the rest of life - not through practical efforts alone, but through a deepening empathy with other human beings. The English poet John Donne once wrote that no man or woman is an island, and you may be very aware of this great truth at the moment. You cannot develop as an individual without emotional interaction with others, for otherwise nothing you believe in or aspire to has any application to real life. You have reached the be-

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ginning of a new and promising emotional cycle, in which your inner development is deeply and inextricably bound up with the lives of others.

The Years 2005 and 2006

The planets do not stand still, but continue to reflect new themes entering your life. Some planetary movements began in the preceding year and are still relevant and merit further mention; others are fresh and will bring you many new experiences during this period.

Conflict and tension

prog. Moon square Sun Mid June 2005 until mid August 2005

You are likely to be in a somewhat turbulent state. You may be acutely aware of yourself as a separate individual, but these feelings are likely to conflict with your need for harmony and closeness. Thus you may find yourself inclined to assert your ideas, feelings and desires in a forceful or even aggressive manner, while at the same time trying too hard to accommodate the needs of others. Right now, however much you may wish to please others, your primary need is to affirm yourself - not in a destructively egocentric way, but as a statement of the person you feel you have become at this stage of your life, and as a reflection of the talents and abilities you have developed. Your sense of self is deeply connected with your family background and your roots, although you may not have been fully conscious of the power of the past. At this time you may be more aware than ever of the nature of the psychological as well as material inheritance, both positive and negative, which you must integrate into your future goals and aspirations.

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

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and energy. This period may not be especially pleasant on the emotional level, because you may experience internal conflict. But it is an important time because you could recognise on an emotional, not merely intellectual, level, the outlines of your unique individuality and the deeper sense of purpose which can allow that individuality its fullest expression in life.

Struggling against limits

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

You may be intensely aware of yourself as a separate individual responsible for your own life, and this awareness could prove extremely important in helping you to use this time to lay groundwork for the future. Things are not likely to go smoothly or easily, but every inch of ground you gain, you will keep. You may experience a powerful need to affirm your identity through creating a domestic and family environment which reflects your deepest values and needs and helps you to move beyond the constrictions of your childhood and family background. At the moment something may always seem to obstruct your path when you pursue these aspirations. You may sometimes get the feeling that mysterious roadblocks are ensuring that you keep to a route not of your own choosing, but preordained by forces within or outside yourself about which you know little. And it may be that something wiser inside you is guiding you, even though the guidance may appear to come in the form of what you can't do rather than what you can. You probably do need to stand your ground at the moment, and it may be right for you to struggle to achieve a cherished goal; but this does not mean fighting against your deeper needs and nature. Saturn square Sun Beginning of August 2005 until end of May 2006

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You may need to reflect long and deeply on what you are trying to achieve and why, so that you be sure you are fighting for something which truly matters, rather than attempting to prove that you can beat the opposition. Then you can place your strength and determination in the service of who you really are rather than on whom, in the past, others expected you to be.

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

Creative ideas

prog. Mercury sextile Sun Mid May 2006 until end of August 2007 This time could prove to be very creative, intellectually, artistically, and perhaps also financially. Your mind is likely to be clear and your ideas original, inventive and sound; and any plans you make will probably reflect authentic needs within you which can help to give them authority and viability in the eyes of others. What you say is likely to be what you really mean, and you may be able to express yourself with unusual fluency and quickness. You may also have ideas about pursuing a new direction which truly suits who you are. You might benefit from new ways of en-

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hancing your domestic environment and reassessing the dynamics of your family relationships.

This could be a very fruitful time for study and the development of new skills. Furthering your formal education, or undergoing a training of some kind, could be excellent ways of using the mental energy available. Such efforts could also prepare you for a future change in direction which might prove more fulfilling than the position you find yourself in now. You may be feeling both physically and mentally restless and eager for travel and knowledge, and anything you can do to enhance your understanding of the world will probably prove rewarding and beneficial on many levels. You probably need plenty of intellectual challenge right now. Even if you have not been inclined toward such pursuits in the past, you may be aware now that your mind, like your body, needs appreciation, nourishment, and attention.

Seeking the impossible

You may be feeling particularly constrained in your work right now, and eager to find a new and more expansive role in life. Discontent and irritation are likely, toward those in authority as well as toward family members, and you may be aware that you have many potentials and talents which are not being used to the full. You may be angry with employers, colleagues and loved ones because they seem oblivious to your need for greater financial flexibility and a more creative use of your talents and resources. If you feel you are being thwarted or overlooked, it is possible that, without realising it, you may be communicating your wishes in a negative, demanding or imperious way. The need for change and expansion is right and valid at this time. But at the moment you may sometimes feel that other people are behaving like the American writer Ambrose Bierce's definition of an egotist: they have the audacity to think they are more important than you are. A little care in the way you articulate your goals and convey your underlying feelings about the validity of others' needs, may spare you much unnecessary conflict.

You are seeking opportunities to grow within your working and personal life, and to formulate new and more exciting goals which can give you a greater sense of meaning. But you may also feel uneasy about such changes, frightened of leaving safe and secure structures behind, and uncertain or even vaguely guilty about your right to ask for more from life. This tension and inner uncertainty may make you exacerbate your difficulties. Try to reflect careful-

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ly before you walk out of a job, pick a fight with a colleague, or leave a marriage or home behind. Just what do you really want to do and be? Do you have goals, or are you just drifting? Is your dissatisfaction due to genuine injustice or restriction, or is it due to your own reluctance to make the effort and commitment necessary to achieve real success? There are many questions you may need to ask yourself right now, so that the restless spirit which has seized you can be turned in a positive direction for the future. If an opportunity tempts you, check it out carefully; if you feel aggrieved by someone else's actions in your place of work or at home, consider whether you might be partly responsible. If you are able to keep your head and reflect on what is happening, this time could prove to be immensely creative in discovering new objectives and new hopes.

Building character

You have arrived at an important turning point in your cycle of development, and life is likely to test the solidity and authenticity of your goals and sense of personal identity. You may need to give up certain old attitudes and patterns, and begin new ventures or new relationships at thistime, based on an increasing sense of self-sufficiency and more mature goals and aspirations. But you are likely to be challenged not only by the outer world but by your own fears, and what you begin now may have to prove itself in the face of competition or difficulty. You may experience opposition or obstruction to what you are trying to achieve, and certain external situations may trigger deep insecurities. Yet if you are able to stand firmly behind what you know to be right for you, you will emerge from this period with a much deeper sense of your strength and survival capacities, and a greater acceptance of your human limits.

You may have to define yourself more clearly in terms of your expression of individuality. Disappointing experiences in love may make you review your behaviour and your capacity to express yourself spontaneously; and you may also need to examine the ways in which insecurity springing from early life has made you block creative potentials. Issues of personal boundaries may need to be dealt with, and also the question of just how self-sufficient you truly are. You may experience a strong sense of separateness, even if you are in a stable and loving relationship, and this could leave you feeling lonely and isolated. You may also have to let go of defences or props which you have been using to give the illusion of strength and competence, so that you can develop greater

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authenticity and more genuine self-respect. Don't pretend that you are something you are not. If you discover areas of weakness within yourself, or find that external situations are not as valid or stable as you thought, you may need to be prepared to face this honestly and do what is necessary to build better foundations. And if some area of your personal or professional life proves to be truly unviable, you may need to let it go.

This is a time of weeding out, consolidating, and defining and your ground. It might be better if you don'trush into new relationships or new ventures until you feel more solid and secure within yourself. Don't be afraid of the challenges of this period. Life is not trying to be malevolent; any difficulties or obstructions you experience are highlighting where you need to work on your life, and if you understand the message you can establish much stronger foundations for all your future choices and endeavours. This is also a time when you may experience a kind of psychological separation from your family background and the collective around you - regardless of your age. You may have to define who you are even if it means severing the unconscious fusion or identification with others which previously made you feel safe and secure. Hopefully, this process of separation will not involve actual physical parting from those you love. But if it does, it could mean that such a relationship has fulfilled its purpose, or can no longer allow you to grow and mature as an independent individual. The most painful issue you may now be facing is a profound and archetypal sense of aloneness. If you can learn to cope with this, you will be able to use this time creatively and constructively to build a better future.

The Years 2007 and 2008

You are continuing to change and grow, and the ongoing cycles of the planets continue to weave their unique tapestry, not as a statement of "fate", but always highlighting those dimensions of your life which are ripe for development and expression.

Sunny days

This is likely to be a healthy, vital, and invigourating time, when you will probably feel well and strong and able to value who you are and what you have to offer others. Your confidence is likely to be high, and you may be able to express the need for roots and connection with the past which is so important to your sense of worth, without worrying about whether others will approve or like

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prog. Ascendant sextile Sun Beginning of November 2006 until mid August 2009



you. Because you are centred within yourself, you may also be more magnetic and able to attract others more easily, and paradoxically, the less you depend on their approval, the more approval you are likely to encounter. You may find yourself in a new relationship which fulfills many dimensions of your personality and allows you to feel special and loved without having to compromise your deeper values. Or you may wish to commit yourself more deeply to an existing relationship, because you feel more certain of yourself and your long-term goals.

The process you are undergoing will probably not necessitate any critical events or major conflicts to bring about great realisations. It is more likely that you will quietly, gently, but irrevocably come to know, appreciate, and value what you are as a unique individual. This may lead, as a kind of "by-product", to a wish to change your direction, so that more of your deeper perceptions and opinions about life can be expressed through a field of work which reflects them. You may be looking for a vocation, rather than a job. But although increased confidence and self-esteem may lead to personal fulfillment and improved career prospects and goals, the real meaning of this time is greater consciousness of yourself not only who you are and what you believe in, but also how your world-view has contributed to the reality you now live in. You are discovering the creative power within yourself, which can transform your life and your environment according to your own attitudes. Such a realisation could be enormously productive and strengthening on a long-term basis, because it involves the recognition that you are not a spectator or a pawn in life. You are a creator who is ultimately responsible for the world you build around yourself.

Great expectations

prog. Sun trine Jupiter
Mid January 2007
until beginning of January 2009

You are likely to feel full of hope and confidence right now, but not in an excessive or naive way. Your aspirations and dreams for the future are in harmony with your real capabilities at the moment, and this means that what you aim for is likely to be an authentic reflection of who you are. You may therefore encounter many excellent opportunities during this time, as well as benefitting from the support and encouragement of those around you. Your intuition is probably working well and you are inclined to take a positive view toward life. These qualities, in combination with a tolerant and generous spirit, are likely to win you many rewards and advantages. Most importantly, you are likely to believe in yourself, and this may go a long way toward healing any

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hurts, disappointments or failures from the past. You may be realising not only that you are acceptable just as you are, but also that you can create a better life through your own talents, efforts and vision. You may understand at a profound level that you are not limited by the circumstances in which you find yourself; nor are you likely to be frightened by the prospect of following your hunches to pursue a goal others might not have the courage to seek.

You may feel particularly self-assured and expansive in your financial affairs, and confident that even if faced with problems or difficulties you can make your way in the world through your own talents, imagination and inspired ideas. At the moment you are probably feeling more than usually generous, tolerant and understanding of others' foibles, and this could be reflected in renewed warmth and affection in long-standing relationships as well as the possibility of new bonds. If you enter a new relationship now, it is likely to prove extremely positive for you in the future, whether or not it is romantic or endures indefinitely. This is because, whatever other aspects might enter the equation, you are likely at present to form deep friendships, based on intellectual or spiritual affinity, which will retain their sincerity and mutual respect even if the romance eventually grows cold. People who enter your life now may prove to be in some way connected with the pattern of your future and your continuing growth; and whether your involvement with them is emotional, sexual, intellectual, material or spiritual, the course of your life may be changed for the better.

This could prove an extremely rewarding time, and unpleasant crises are unlikely because of your own balance and inner soundness. If you do encounter difficulties, you will probably handle them with a high degree of confidence, faith and good judgement. Try to take advantage of the opportunities which come your way, rather than merely sitting back and feeling good. Any seeds you sow now will probably yield a fine harvest later on, and it is worth combining enthusiasm, optimism and intuitive vision with some hard practical work in order to ensure that this time of seeding and expansion is anchored in solid reality. Any sense of renewed faith you experience is not likely to be based on blind belief or the promise of future rewards. It is probably soundly anchored in a sense of your own unique identity and destiny, and in a positive but realistic appraisal of your strengths and weaknesses as an individual. Your judgement is therefore likely to be sound right now, and your sense of life's essential goodness can, like a magnet, attract the goodness that is all around you.

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Resistance to change

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prog. MC square Pluto
End of February 2007
until beginning of April 2009

You may encounter conflicts or difficulties in both your working life and your home environment during this time. You may feel as though you are being frustrated in your efforts to achieve particular goals, and may also feel uprooted or isolated in your personal life. Try not to let disruption or frustration push you into a state of self-pity or rage. Whatever is occurring in your outer life, an inner process of change is taking place which marks the end of a particular chapter of your life. This change is concerned with the image you have presented to the outer world and the role you have been playing at work and in your social life, as well as with certain inherited emotional patterns from your early childhood relationships. On some level you may have been trying to live out old expectations which come from your family background, and it is these which are now being challenged.

You may need to look inward and ask yourself some relevant questions so that you can understand the possible necessity of certain changes, whether you have initiated them or they have been forced upon you. Is the work you are doing truly satisfying and a reflection of who you are, or is it merely a job or the fulfillment of parental hopes? How do you want others to see you, and does this image allow you to express the important dimensions of your personality? Is the life you live at home the one you really want, or has it somehow simply developed without your conscious consent and involvement? Do you feel trapped in a marriage or family structure? You may experience upheaval or conflict, as well as deep changes in your values and outlook, in matters concerning money, security, and your use of talents and resources. You may discover depths within yourself which necessitate a different way of interpreting and dealing with life. You may also have outgrown certain aspirations and goals which once mattered greatly, and now you may require greater flexibility or the opportunity to express your individuality on a new level or in a different way. If you find that you must move house, leave or lose a loved one, or change your work against your wishes, try to reflect on whether or not such circumstances might in fact prove extremely positive for the future - even if you feel resentful and angry now. Try not to fight change through aggressive or obsessive behaviour, or through attempting to control others, overtly or manipulatively, in an effort to feel stronger and more secure. Although this may be a turbulent time, it does not have to be a destructive one, as long as you can refrain from behaving in a destructive fashion in the face of life's deeper forces and patterns.

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The delights of power

A subtle but profound change is taking place in your life, and you will probably emerge from this period a very different person from the one you were before it began. On the inner level your sense of identity - who you are, what you value, what you want from life is undergoing a complete renovation. On the outer level, changes may be visible in your material resources and use of skills and talents. At the base of this deep shift may lie a gradual realisation of your own power and capacity to create and destroy. You may discover resources you never knew you had, and may experience a profound sense of your survival capacities and life-purpose. For this reason you may find that you are able to totally commit yourself to a particular path in life, or a particular relationship - not because it promises worldly benefits or rewards, but because you must be what you are. And the deep confidence that such commitment can bring will probably never leave you, regardless of difficulties or challenges that arise later on.

You may feel so committed, in fact, that you become the unswerving champion of a particular way of thought, or a cause in the outer world with which you are passionately involved. The difficulty with the changes you are experiencing is that, if you begin to realise the enormous reserves of strength and tenacity which lie within yourself, you may become too rigid or obsessive about particular attitudes or ways of thinking. You may also seem a little too forceful to others because they may not understand the kind of inner passion which now motivates you, and they may feel overwhelmed by your certainties. But you are not likely to arouse destructive enmity, because although you may find it easy to dominate others right now, you are probably inclined to do it with some sensitivity. You may feel in harmony with yourself, moving along the path you have chosen, and sure of your purpose in life; and this may allow you to respect the rights and feelings of others, even if you must go your own way.

You may learn a great deal about your inner life during this time. Emotions, needs, passions and instincts that may have seemed alien or frightening to you in the past can now be perceived as deeper aspects of your nature, and you can include these deeper and sometimes darker elements in your assessment of your strengths and weaknesses. You are likely to feel inclined toward greater self-honesty right now, and may find it valuable to do some deeper exploration through psychotherapy or other inner journeying which gives you greater insight into your own com-

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plexity. You may feel drawn to understanding others at deeper levels as well, for you are not likely to view life superficially right now. People's motives may matter to you, and you are probably highly sensitive to the unspoken undercurrents of any situation you find yourself in. You may find yourself more reflective about larger and deeper questions, such as the issue of fate and free will, and the problem of human destructiveness. Whatever changes occur in your outer life during this time, you will probably emerge with an entirely different and far subtler world-view, and a deeper and more insightful understanding of yourself and others. And ultimately this can ensure your survival on many levels, as well as an enduring sense of destiny and purpose.

No one understands!

prog. Mercury square Moon End of May 2008 until end of August 2009 Your emotional state may be rather turbulent at the moment. Your mental attitudes are presently in conflict with your emotional needs, and this could make you feel confused and indecisive in your thinking, and irritable and critical in your emotional life. At core, this is a problem in communication. You are may not be clearly expressing what you need, because somewhere deep inside you don't think you should be feeling it; and when you try to express what you think, bottled-up emotions may cloud your objectivity and make you say things you didn't mean to say. The result of all this may be a period when you are easily provoked into quarrelling, and when you may feel very self-critical or dissatisfied with those close to you. Yet there is a lot of mental energy available to you right now, and also a possibility of understanding your emotional needs more deeply and honestly.

A strong instinct to please others by fulfilling all their expectations may dominate your actions and judgement at the moment, and difficulties could occur in this sphere because you are being challenged to develop greater self-sufficiency and independence in your thinking. Because you are likely to feel shaky or insecure, you may be oversensitive, a little opinionated, and too quick to react or misinterpret others' words and motives. You may have often experienced such confusion and touchiness in the past, and have probably experienced a cyclical state of tension and oversensitivity which has caused you to inadvertently misread others' intentions and misrepresent your own. During this time it may be best to avoid, as much as possible, contractual arrangements and business commitments which require clear thinking as well as a tactful response to others. You may experience some difficulties in financial matters, because your judgement may be clouded by

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your feelings. You probably need a creative vehicle through which to express what you are feeling, rather than seeking release through confrontations with those close to you. Try writing your thoughts down, or keeping a journal of some kind, or channel your erratic mental energy into studies or new projects where restlessness and an overactive imagination can produce creative rather than destructive results. Most importantly, try to understand what you want before you say it, and then say it with some consciousness of the impact of your words. You may save yourself a lot of trouble, and learn a good deal in the process.

Self and other

Love may be on your mind at the moment. Your ideals and values are maturing and becoming more solid, and it is possible that you will meet in the outer world someone who seems the personification of what you are in process of developing in the inner one. You may have a strong inclination to marry or to settle down in a permanent partnership, and you may experience a sense of completeness in the company of the beloved which you have not felt before. You have probably always needed people around you who could freely express the structure and self-containment which you yourself may sometimes find difficulty in expressing. Now it may seem that you have found what you were seeking. This could be an extremely happy time, and you may indeed meet someone who complements you and brings the best out of you. You may also experience a sense stability in relationship which you have not felt before; and on the material level too, it might seem that the future promises to be bountiful.

Any feelings of happiness and contentment you might experience are not likely to prove illusory. But they are not solely due to having found the 'right' person. You are also becoming more conscious of yourself as a complex individual, and you may find that you are able to be increasingly tolerant toward others' differences. At the same time that you might love and appreciate particular qualities you have discovered in someone else, you may also need to be more appreciative of these same potentials within yourself. Try to express these in your own life as well as you can, rather than entirely relying on a loved one to do it for you. There is no harm now in basking in the glow of another's sterling attributes. But later on, if you wish to keep the romance and happiness in your life, you may also need to allow your partner to be other things besides simply the ones you need to feel complete yourself. To do this, you will need to develop as a whole person, allowing

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Beginning of August 2008
until mid March 2010

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what you love in others to provide the model for your own growth. You may also find that this period in your life ushers in a greater involvement with the world at large, and greater confidence in your worth and value. This may be especially true if you wish to express artistic talent to a wider public. And even if you aren't seeking, or don't find, any particular relationship which embodies your romantic ideals, nevertheless over the next few months you are likely to enjoy happy and rewarding relationships with friends, colleagues and family members because you yourself feel more lovable.

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Chapter IV

Your Generation Group

You are an individual, unique and special, yet you are also part of a vast human family which shares the same hopes, aspirations, and needs. Between these two extremes - the individual and the collective - you also belong to a particular age group which differs from others. The three outer planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, define different "generations" in terms of progressive vision, spiritual and imaginative longings, and survival instincts. The well-known "generation gap" is not caused merely by differences in age, but also by the placement of these important planets in the individual's birth chart. Your Uranus generation consists of people born within a seven-year period when Uranus moved through a particular sign. Your Neptune generation consists of people born within a fourteen-year period when Neptune moved through a particular sign. And your Pluto generation consists of people born within anything between an eighteen-year and a thirty-year period (Pluto's orbit is irregular) when this outermost planet moved through a particular sign.

The generation with Uranus in Leo

Because Leo is a sign concerned with self-expression and the importance of individual creativity, the innovative quality of Uranus marks you and those of your age group with a strongly autocratic and self-assertive attitude toward all matters which touch on your personal self-expression. You may find it hard to join with the crowd, especially if this means compromising your ideals, and you

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may have experienced a certain amount of conflict with family members, educational authorities, or anyone, for that matter, who expects you to conform and stifle your independent outlook in favour of the group. Even if this deeply inspired and self-determined quality is at odds with other, more adaptable qualities in your personality, nevertheless there will be times when you simply cannot deny the inspired vision which makes the world seem a potentially brighter, more dramatic and more exciting place than collective opinions might tell you it is. Don't be afraid to be loyal to your inner dreams when it's really important, and don't neglect your creative potentials, however much pressure the material world places on you; for you can draw great rewards from this quality of romantic vision and inspiration which you share with your Uranus age group.

... with Neptune in Libra

Neptune moved through Libra between 1942 and 1957, and you, in common with those born during these years, are one of the world's dyed-in-the-wool romantics. Because Neptune symbolises the dreams and redemptive longings of an entire generation, you, in common with your age group, look to a dream of perfect love, perfect beauty, and a perfect society as the vision which gives your life meaning and communicates to you the reality of a transcendent dimension of life. Sadly, all dreams of perfection are doomed to some compromise in this weary old world, and it is likely that you have had your share of disappointments and disillusionment as you have pursued your ideal loves and your ideal political or spiritual philosophy. No doubt you have found the individual resources to cope with these disappointments, which are due more to your high expectations than to your or other people's personal failings or mistakes. Consciously or unconsciously, you share the hope of a perfect world with all those born during the 14-year transit of Neptune through Libra, the most idealistic and perfectionist of all the zodiacal signs. This transit began toward the end of the Second World War, and in part reflects the dream of peace which arose out of the suffering and sorrow of that conflagration. But even if there is a deep core within you which sometimes gets bruised when life, and people, turn out to be less civilised than you had hoped, your dream of beauty and harmony will never die, and you will go on seeking it wherever you can catch glimpses of it. This profound idealism gives you a gentle, refined spirit and a recognition of all that is beautiful in life. More than any other generation, yours is capable of recognising the beauty hidden within even the most difficult and unprepossessing of situations. Such a gentle

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encounter along the way.

Uranus trine Neptune
Beginning of March 2002
until beginning of January 2004

Your imagination and openness to the realm of the spirit may be strongly activated right now, and important inner experiences may give you a profound sense of connection with something higher and deeper that infuses your life with meaning. You may be unusually inspired in creative pursuits, and if you are an artist you may find this time particularly rewarding because you are able to touch a very deep level in others as well as yourself. This is in part because you are particularly receptive to the dreams and aspirations of your Neptune generation group, and the longings which stir your soul are also stirring many others of your age group. Spiritual pursuits may hold a strong appeal, and you may feel deeply connected with all those who share your ideals and long for your particular vision of perfection and peace. These subtle changes are not likely to herald or be precipitated by big, dramatic events. But they are important nonetheless, and to get the most from them, it might be helpful to listen to the inner voice which draws you into creative or mystical pathways. You are also likely to meet likeminded souls with whom you can share your dreams as well as your vulnerability, and this could offer you a deeply healing sense of belonging to a greater whole.

and enlightened spirit is worth whatever disillusionment you may

Pluto sextile Neptune Mid February 2006 until beginning of December 2008

A quiet process of maturing is taking place inside you, and many of your most cherished dreams and fantasies are gradually being moderated and better grounded. In fact you share this maturation process with others of your Neptune generation, all of whom in their own individual ways are also learning to take reality as it is rather than as they might wish it to be. Dreams of perfect love and a perfect society may still be heartfelt, but may be more amenable now to realistic compromise mediated by compassion. Although no specific event or external crises is likely to be linked with this change in you, nevertheless you are becoming more tolerant in what you expect from life and from others, and perhaps also more willing to take what you do believe in and ground it in some creative form which, though less than perfect, may be thoroughly worthwhile. You may need to let go of certain unrealistic expectations of those you love, and recognise that, while dreams of perfection are beautiful, they are not likely to be accommodated by how people actually are. In the past, this gap between ideal and reality may have caused you difficulties. Now you may find that it is not unbridgeable, and that you can allow your own and others' emotions to be what they are without feeling you are losing something precious. This is a profound process of growing up psycho-

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logically, which could leave you much better grounded and equipped to cope emotionally with whatever life brings you.

... and with Pluto in Leo

Pluto moved through Leo from 1937 to 1958, and you are one of the group of people born with the planet placed in this fiercely independent, self-expressive sign. Although you are a unique individual with an individual birth chart, this placement of Pluto means that on the basic survival level you share certain responses to life with others of your generation group. And what intense responses they are! Whatever might be happening in the world, those born with Pluto in Leo are determined to be individuals, whatever the cost. This might not be something you are especially concerned about when times are quiet. But when crisis strikes, or when your life is in upheaval, there is a fiery core within you which insists that your vision, your values, your dreams and your unique identity matter. You are not prepared to lie down and sacrifice your life potentials just because others think you should. The Pluto in Leo generation has been called "the ME generation" by those who either cannot or will not give such value to self-expression and the importance of becoming a unique individual. Yet despite the envy of those born in earlier generations, this does not mean you are "selfish". The impetus of Pluto in Leo toward selfexpression is not really concerned with pleasing yourself or being insensitive to others' feelings. It is a profound unconscious knowledge that each person has a special destiny and purpose in life, and unless you can discover this, nothing can ever be really rewarding. It is a paradox that an entire generation shares this collective sense of being unique - but that is what characterises you and your age group.

Some upheaval is likely in your life right now, but it is undoubtedly necessary change which is long overdue and which could free you to pursue a much more interesting and inspiring future. You are entering a new chapter of life, when you need to let go of certain attitudes from the past and try out new possibilities and potentials which you would not have thought feasible in the past. You are also likely to discover new inner resources of strength and resilience which allow you to take chances on things you might always have wanted but never before had the courage to try. These resources are not yours alone; they are part of the inner gifts of your Pluto generation, and many others are being challenged, like you, to affirm their deepest emotional loyalties. Don't cling to the past. You have outgrown certain situations or attitudes and

Uranus opposition Pluto
Mid March 2002
until beginning of January 2004

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although no human being likes to face the unknown without guarantees, you may well discover that the only real guarantee is your own inner toughness and survival instincts. This period could help you to build a deep and enduring self-confidence which arises not from dependency on external structures, but on a profound inner knowledge of your gifts and strengths, which you should have many new opportunities to discover and utilise.

Pluto trine Pluto
Mid February 2006
until beginning of December 2008

You are experiencing a quiet but extremely important phase in the deeper pattern of your development right now. This concerns a strengthening connection with your survival instincts and what is most essential in your life in order to feel you are coping and have some reason to exist. Although this connection may not be immediately obvious or fuelled by any external event of a critical kind, nevertheless you are plugging into a deep resource pool of intuitive vision and faith in the future which could give you greater strength, determination, and confidence in your ability to manage in life. In fact what you are tapping is not entirely your own, for this deep resource pool belongs to all those born in your Pluto generation. As a group, you and those of similar age have certain basic "bottom lines" which ensure that you feel potent and useful in life. The value and importance of individual self-expression is one of these "bottom lines". If you have been unaware of these qualities before, you are likely to recognise them now - even if they are not entirely in accord with your conscious values and the kind of person you wish to be. Don't reject these essential survival capacities, even if they seem "selfish" or are not entirely in line with what is considered "politically correct". They provide the backbone for your resilience and toughness in life, and are absolutely necessary and deserving of honour and inclusion in your life.

Chapter V

What is happening in your environment

The changes which are occurring around and within are likely to have specific repercussions in the country in which you are currently residing, and while you may not be directly involved in these changes, nevertheless they may affect you in subtle ways.

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(Note: If you wish to read the text for another country than chosen above, please read the hint at the end of the Appendix).

The national chart of Switzerland

In the horoscope for Switzerland, Pluto, as it moves through Sagittarius, will reflect extremely important shifts in the nature of the structure of government and the role the country plays in the world. This may be reflected in an increased involvement with the European Union, which, if it occurred, would inevitably involve major changes in many areas of Swiss life. Whether or not you favour these changes personally, they are a reflection of a larger global trend toward broader horizons and increased communication and interaction between nations as well as between individuals. The ultimate results are likely to be extremely positive, although some conflict and resistance are probably inevitable. Switzerland's Sun is placed in the versatile, shrewd, orderly, and cautious earth sign Virgo. The dynamic energies of Neptune and Uranus moving through socially innovative Aquarius and Pluto through visionary Sagittarius are likely to be met initially with some anxiety and mistrust. Yet although some of the changes may seem to fly in the face of tradition and the values of the past - for Pluto also affects that aspect of the Swiss chart concerned with security and stability rooted in the structures of the past - it may be that the time has arrived for renewal and a moving toward the future with optimism rather than a sense of victimisation or oppression. And as Uranus moves through Pisces the immensely imaginative and creative qualities of the Swiss may be expressed through new artistic channels which are increasingly made available to a world community.

(Data used: 12 September 1848, 11.12 am LMT, Bern)

CONCLUSION

"No man is an island," wrote the English poet John Donne, and the planetary configurations over the next few years bear witness to this profound truth. We are living in an epoch when our relations with each other as part of a human family are changing our definitions of reality and providing the basis for the coming generations to perceive life in a more global and inclusive way than ever before. All births involve some struggle and suffering, and

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only the very naive could assume that such major changes in spiritual, social, technological and scientific spheres as we are experiencing now can flow smoothly and without pain or sacrifice. However, we are not "pawns on the chessboard of the gods". It is up to each individual to take the astrological configurations of the new century and work with what they symbolise in as conscious and constructive a way as possible. No planetary aspect is intrinsically "bad", and even those which reflect a time of personal questioning and conflict can yield positive results that enhance life.

The juxtaposition of the changing of an Astrological Age with the changing of the human calendar into a new Millennium provided, and continues to provide each one of us, with enormous challenges. At worst, we may do what human beings have always done - seek our redemption through external political and spiritual authorities, blame our difficulties on others, and refuse to take responsibility for our own individual choices and dilemmas. At best, we may take advantage of the placements of the slow-moving planets in dynamic fiery and airy signs to expand our vision, recognise the larger whole of which each of us is a part, and make the best individual contribution possible to that larger human unity. There is an old saying that charity begins at home - that is to say, within. Change, too, begins within, and living the dynamic spirit of these times in a creative way means, first of all, living it in one's own life in one's own way, according to one's own highest values. If each of us were able to do even a little of this, then we might truly see that giant's step in human progress of which the planetary placements now stand as a symbol and a goal.

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
- «Planets in Transit» by Robert Hand

On individual planets and their meaning:

- «The Astrological Moon» by Darby Costello
- «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 Principl» by C. G. Jung
- «The Astrology of Fate» by Liz Greene

Other Astro*Intelligence reports written by *Liz Greene* can enhance the value of this report, because the greater your understanding of yourself, the more intelligently you can work with the meaning of the time. For an in-depth analysis of your birth horoscope, you can order the *Psychological Horoscope Analysis*. The Horoscope *Career and Vocation* will be very helpful to plan and develop your professional career. For deeper insight into your relationships, the *Relationship Horoscope* can offer a new perspective. And for a greater appreciation of the unique personality of your child or of your own childhood, you can order the *Child's Horoscope*.

A more detailed analysis of your personal perspectives and inner soul themes for a period of 12 months is offered by the *Yearly Horoscope Analysis*. This report contains some of the same text material as you find in chapter III of the *Long-Term Horoscope*, but because it focuses on only one year, it is much more detailed.

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Technical Information

In order to create your *Long-Term Horoscope*, the following astrological factors have been examined:

- the transits of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto through signs and houses and their most important aspects to the natal chart,
- major progressed aspects of the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, MC, Mercury, Venus, and Mars to natal planets and angles.
- the Saturn transits which are important for inner development,
- the transits of outer planets over typical generation placements.

The report which results from these considerations is assembled from selected interpretation text sections. As the Long-Term Horoscope covers a period of six years, only the most important constellations are included in the printed report, only those selected by Liz Greene's model of interpretation. Otherwise - with a more detailed coverage as for example in the Yearly Horoscope Analysis - the report would be 200 pages long and result rather in confusion than clarification. As in all works by Liz Greene, the Placidus house system is used. In chapter III, some of the same text as in the Yearly Horoscope Analysis appears, while all other text is unique for the Long-Term Horoscope.

The transit graphics

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

A transit bar begins at the moment when a moving planet enters for the first time into the orb of a natal planet, and it ends when the moving planet finally leaves the orb and does not return into it (until the next full cycle). When the planet is in orb, the bar is represented by a full line. A planet can leave the orb and return later into the orb. During this time, the bar is represented by a dotted line. A planet can change its direction of movement; when it becomes retrograde, this time is marked with 'sr' for 'stationary retrograde'. When it becomes direct again, the time is marked with 'sd' for 'stationary direct'. The moment when a transit (or progression) becomes exact is market with a little ' on top of the transit bar.

Other Country Charts

Chapter IV discusses the horoscope of the country into which this report is delivered. This may not be the country where you live or in which you are most interested. The country charts are not written individually for your horoscope, they are the same for all inhabitants of a particular country.

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All data for national horoscopes comes from *The Book of World Horoscopes* by Nicholas Campion, Cinnabar Books, Bristol, 1995. Further information about the basis of these horoscopes may be found in the book.