

Lunar Return Report

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The Chart Data

Natal Chart

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 Koch Houses

Lunar Return

Lunar Return Chart
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Planet	Posit.	Hs	Cusp	Plan.	Posit.	Hs	Cusp
Sun	18°Sg40'	01st	16°Sg01'	Sun	03°Ta37'	01st	16°Ta11'
Moon	16°Ge44'	02nd	12°Cp58'	Moon	17°Ge11'	02nd	14°Ge43'
Mercury	05°Cp13'	03rd	18°Aq19'	Mercury	23°Ar06' R	03rd	07°Ca31'
Venus	03°Sc41'	04th	05°Ar38'	Venus	16°Ge32'	04th	27°Ca39'
Mars	10°Ge36' R	05th	29°Ar03'	Mars	21°Ge10'	05th	30°Le00'
Jupiter	27°Le03'	06th	22°Ta13'	Jupiter	09°Vi07' R	06th	09°Li23'
Saturn	23°Ge30' R	07th	16°Ge01'	Saturn	08°Ca13'	07th	16°Sc11'
Uranus	06°Ge20' R	08th	12°Ca58'	Uranus	05°Pi53'	08th	14°Sg43'
Neptune	04°Li04'	09th	18°Le19'	Neptune	15°Aq14'	09th	07°Cp31'
Pluto	08°Le32' R	10th	05°Li38'	Pluto	22°Sg01' R	10th	27°Cp39'
Ascendant	16°Sg01'	11th	29°Li03'	Ascendant	16°Ta11'	11th	30°Aq00'
Midheaven	05°Li38'	12th	22°Sc13'	Midheaven	27°Cp39'	12th	09°Ar23'

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The Lunar Return

Astrology can provide many valuable panoramas as you move through this world, from a lifelong overview to the snapshot of the opportunities available in a single instant. The view you get depends upon how far back you pull from the subject and thus how much your eye, so to speak, can encompass. In the words of the Sesame Street song:

That's about the size,
Where you put your eyes,
That's about the size of it.

It's all in how you frame your picture. The closer to the subject you get, the greater the detail - the farther away, the larger the scope. The natal horoscope with its transits and progressions can, for instance, give you a view of all the days of your life, painted with a broad brush. Or, the sweep of the heavens in the instant of the moment can portray where you're at right now. In the middle, the pictures of the coming month or the coming year are available to you in the form of lunar (monthly) and solar (yearly) returns.

What Is A Lunar Return?

Your Lunar return is the monthly chart of the instant the Moon in the sky returns to the exact position it was at your birth. It's kind of a monthly birthday, and the arrangement of planets it displays reflects the patterns of your coming month. Each month, this re-birth-day works out its potential for you and then is renewed once again 27 1/2 days later with a new set of surprises and opportunities.

How Does It Work?

Like your natal chart, or any other kind of horoscope, a Lunar return is a chart of a beginning - in this case, the monthly beginning of the lunar cycle that started at your birth, which is the cycle of your response to your environment, including your emotions, feelings, interactivity, social well-being, and generally how creatively you react to the challenges and opportunities of life. It works on the principle that when you begin something - anything - everything that flows from it is bound up in the initial conditions under which it started. The beginning is your foundation, and you build and rest upon it until you are finished. A Lunar return is the astrological depiction of the new beginning you make each month and what results from it until the next cycle begins.

Well Begun Is Half Done

"The beginning is half of everything," said the ancient Greeks, and so your monthly beginning is something to be taken seriously and honored, if you want your lunar month to have a good start. Thus, give yourself a little time and space to rest and meditate if you

can in the few hours surrounding the time of your Lunar return each month. Take the time to think about what lies ahead, plan your strategies, and gather your resources so you can make the best of what's offered. Look over the aspects in your Lunar return chart and the days and times ahead where they individually kick in. Once you've got a calm picture of the challenges and openings to come, you can rise to seize the day, one moment at a time, and make the most of the month.

Changing The Picture

The planetary positions in a Lunar return are locked in at the moment the Moon returns to its natal place. Where these positions fall in relation to the local horizon, and thus the areas of life in which they work, is entirely dependent upon where you are at the time. Thus, if you see that your Lunar return is going to develop a picture you'd like to rearrange, that can be accomplished by placing yourself at the right spot on the globe to fine-tune the event. Many astrologers travel widely in order to adjust both Solar and Lunar returns - I have done so repeatedly over the last 35 years with apparent great success, so I recommend it when necessary. Moving about extensively every month is not easy for everyone, but being aware that it affects the Lunar return is a plus if you normally travel on business and have some say as to where.

Pieces Of The Puzzle

The Lunar return is a large piece of the astrological picture of what happens with your life every month, but it is not the only one. Lunar transits, New and Full Moons, and other factors also weigh in, so they have been included in this report so you can have a more complete picture of what to expect and what you have to work with. You should remember, however, that factors whose timing is as short as a monthly cycle are more like the minute or second hands on your life's clock face. Don't forget to stand back every now and then and refresh yourself with the big picture of where you are and where you're going, which are described by long-term transit and progression cycles. After that, you can get back down to the day-to-day nitty-gritty which the Lunar return offers and know that your focus is tracking and every moment is enjoyed and utilized to its best advantage. With that in mind, read on and launch yourself into the coming month with the wind at your back and the planets racing by your side...

Your Personal Lunar Return

Your Lunar Return Chart This Month

Your Lunar return can be read in a manner similar to many other types of horoscopes, except that in doing interpretations it must be kept in mind that it has an unusually short life. The chart is only in effect for 27 1/2 days until it is supplanted by the next Lunar return. Thus, where the middle and outer planets are concerned, there is little or no change of sign over literally dozens of Lunar returns. This makes the overall influence of signs more of a long-term, barely changing backdrop and thus negligible in effect. The house placements and the mutual aspects of the planets and Angles thus become where all the action is, fueled mostly by the faster-changing positions of the inner planets. That may be just as well, as trying to stuff too much interpretive information into a description of a single month leads to diminishing returns, and what is important gets lost in the shuffle. So what is most important in a Lunar return? Certainly the house positions of the Sun and Moon, and the sign of the Ascendant, which represent the main areas of focus for the month, along with the house positions of the planets. After that comes the aspects of the Lights, Angles, and inner planets to each other and to the middle and outer planets, which describes the dynamics of the month. Last comes the aspects of the middle and outer planets to each other, which provide a background dynamic upon which the rest play out. These, taken together with featured elements of your natal chart highlighted by Lunar Return positions, give an overall picture of the coming month.

Daily Events

After a look at the overall picture for the month, daily influences are painted primarily by the transiting Moon as it passes through the natal and Lunar return houses and ticks off its conjunctions to planets in both the natal chart and the Lunar return chart. This accounts for 47 occurrences, each of which happens once, in varying orders, throughout each month. As the Moon transits the houses and planets of the natal chart, it triggers events that are both personal to the moment and yet connect with more long-term issues as well, since the natal chart abides permanently. As the Moon touches the houses and planets of the Lunar return, however, its effects are to highlight and spark off the trends depicted in that chart only, and thus apply only to very short-term developments. These Lunar transits thus give what amounts to inner and outer pictures, short-term and longer-term effects working together, both of which are described in the text.

Personal Void-of-Course Moon

One final, and very useful, addition is the Personal Void-of-Course Moon. The period of time every 2 1/2 days when the transiting Moon has made its last aspect to another body in the sky before changing signs is described as a Void-of-Course Moon period. It can last from a few minutes to over a day, depending how late in signs the planets are at the time. Because the Moon at this time doesn't really have its "feet on the ground," is generally considered a period unfavorable for tangible decisions that require solid support, but an excellent time for insight, relaxation, and reaching outside of confining boundaries. Many astrological calendars include a monthly list of these times. If you have natal planets late in one or more signs, however, an ordinarily Void-of-Course Moon may still be making aspects to your chart, allowing you a special exception from the rule and giving you a decision-making advantage at this time. Conversely, if your planets are mostly early in signs, then for you the Moon goes Void-of-Course sooner than for the rest of the world, allowing you to check out and party early, while others are still in a more mundane frame of mind. Thus, included here is a list of your own Personal Void-of-Course Moon times unique to you alone, in order to give you a very specific personal advantage. They each begin when the Moon makes its last aspect to your chart and end when the Moon enters the next sign.

Lunar Return: Apr 23, 2004

As in a natal chart, the first thing you look at is the position of the Sun, Moon, and Ascendant. Their positions and aspects form the fundamental dynamic for the month: whether it's coming on like a juggernaut, sneaking up like a cat, stumbling in like a bull in a china shop, or striding in like a hero. Since the Lunar Return Moon is the same as your natal Moon, any aspects to it are also transiting aspects to your natal horoscope, thus uniquely entwining both charts and making the Lunar aspects especially important. The house position of the Sun and Moon tell you where your main action will be all month, and the Ascendant sign show the overall style. Easy aspects of these to the rest of the chart will show a month whizzing by according to plan. Hard aspects will indicate tangles and challenges to overcome. The text relays how to make the most of the former and how to transform the latter to get best results from the month.

Sun

Getting beneath the surface will be the key issue this cycle, so don't be afraid to be a sleuth. What you uncover about your inner self as well as what may be going on behind your back can make the difference between success or setbacks. Cultivate the ability to recognize and understand the more troublesome aspects of yourself and those you deal with and you will come to better know the difference between constructive criticism and intentional injury. Keep your antennae up and don't be afraid to act on what you pick up, but only after due thought about its consequences. This is a time to move with care, steady your footsteps, look for potholes in the road of life and repair them. Your best efforts will be done out of the limelight.

Sun in Twelfth House

This is a great time for promoting new ideas, developing exciting research, and finding support for original thinking. The essence of success is to sell what you are promoting as progressive but not radical, needed change not revolution. By proceeding stepwise, you can preserve the connection of the new (the future) with the old (the past) and allow one to gracefully transform into the other. You will find surprisingly little resistance using this approach, and expected roadblocks will likely fade away before your "open sesame." Being non-threatening is the door to success, as is guising progress in the clothes of the status quo. You catch more flies with honey...

Sun Sextile Uranus

Moon

Whatever your head says about managing your money this lunar month, try following

your intuition. You may get much more out of a first reaction on what to spend than a lengthy analysis and justification. Things you acquire now, however ephemeral or seemingly irrelevant, can pay off in unexpected dividends in the future. Pick up that extra duplicate before it's not available any more, and so forth. Above all, however, remember that if you don't like what you've got, get rid of it and keep what feels best to you. You can only successfully mine the resources that feel right, possessions are only worthwhile if they truly serve your purpose. Now is a time you are particularly gifted at knowing what will be a support and what will be a burden.

Moon in Second House

A major inclination this month will be to like what you see or make what you see into something you like. Good feelings come easy and intense, and it's easy to love and be loved. Your first reaction will be to charm and flatter, and that will get you everywhere so go ahead and indulge in it. Avoid being a Pollyanna, however, as not everything you feel to be just wonderful will appear entirely so to others. Make sure you can take the rose-colored glasses off when you need to. On the other hand, your ability to be a rosy optometrist to those in need of a better attitude will be appreciated all around. Good feelings are their own reward, but they also bring reward, in both short and long runs.

Moon Conjunction Venus

It is easy to let strong feelings reign and anger lead you into the fray - you'll regret it, so don't. That's easy to say, hard to follow, and it involves more than just reining in your emotions - it means finding a way to channel them so they can express themselves and expend the energy behind them in a positive, not negative fashion. This energy is floating about and can come back to harm you right on the spot, road rage being a shining example. Fortunately, this tends to pass quickly and not interfere in your overall operations unless you indulge in it. A rule of thumb: count to ten, and if it still doesn't pass, flee. Expend this passionate energy in love, not war.

Moon Conjunction Mars

For some time now you can paint your dreams with very broad brush strokes and creativity and an innate sense of what's coming next allow you to be very on top of things, perhaps without even knowing it. In fact, much of the challenge at the moment will be figuring out why you know what you know. Don't take talents for granted but explore them in sufficient detail to be able to teach and set down what you have learned so the realms of your imagination can be sufficiently mapped so that you can get back there should you lose your way later. Similarly, if you can be a guide for others, you can have company to explore your own dreamscapes and bring your fantasies to earth.

Moon Trine Neptune

Ascendant

This lunar month gives the outward impression of a bit of a steamroller which, once begun, takes no prisoners to the very end. Irresistible charm mixed with dogged determination is the combination that will see you through and make the most of it. Concrete solutions are preferred right off the bat, and depth of meaning counts. Subtlety

may be put on the backburner in favor of a down-to-earth, practical approach that can sometimes bypass the niceties of the situation. Don't stand on ceremony, and expect the rest of the world not to, either. When you call a spade a spade, you're in like Flynn, but beat around the bush and you'll be relegated to bush country. A down-home month, which favors the long-distance runner.

Ascendant in Taurus

It may be harder than usual to make yourself perfectly clear this month, as what you see is not what you get, and what you say may be totally misread. Attempts to clarify are likely to make things worse, so when in doubt, try another tack entirely rather than reexplain until the cows come home. This may be because you don't look like what someone expected, or because you're not clear as to how to really express what your bottom line is. Chemical solutions don't help - in fact, they just confuse things more, unless you just decide to put it all off and party. Still, there's the hangover to consider, literally or figuratively. Time will soon enough put you back into focus.

Neptune Square Ascendant

As a general rule, in personal life you will be more on the giving side and your partner(s) more on the receiving this month. This means taking a load off their shoulders, volunteering to be the first to do the job, serving as the forward column that takes the brunt of it to protect the rear. You will do this voluntarily if it is to be of any benefit to you, but you'll probably get wangled into it like it or not, whatever your wishes. No point in putting up resistance, just adopt the role and play it with a will, as the shoe will be on the other foot soon enough. And, if you learn to like it, or like it already, it will be hard to give up.

Node Conjunction Ascendant

The inner planets change significantly from month to month and indicate the personal permutations your life is going through. Basically, it's the framework of how you play the game, who else is playing, and how they're playing it. Easy aspects mean you win with no contest, hard aspects suggest a more hard-fought game that may put your life skills more to the test and increase your personal growth and talents through experience. The text relays both sides and gives advice on what games to play, what ones to avoid, and the best strategies - whether you want to raise, hold, or walk away.

Mercury

What you say may get you in trouble, so don't lead off with the first thing that comes to mind. Put your mind in gear, then your mouth. Behind the scenes efforts are favored, so you may want to keep your ideas under wrap until they can get a proper hearing. Personal insight is especially available if you are willing to put some of your hidden feelings into words and bring them into daylight. A few well-chosen words can cure inner and outer disputes as you come to better understand them. Formless fears turn to dust when you root them out and show them the light of day. Run silent, run deep - then, when you surface, take a deep breath of air.

Mercury Retrograde

Three times each year Mercury goes retrograde for three weeks, impacting on one or two of your Lunar Returns. The period during which it is retrograde (Apr 6, 2004 to Apr 30, 2004) marks a background that affects everyone in a similar way and is not to be ignored. It's a period of some confusion, when messages and meanings go awry and the best laid plans discover something was left out or needs correction. Therefore, it is a great time for finishing things, putting on the last touches, editing the final project, as you'll pick up mistakes you might have otherwise missed. Conversely, it is less than ideal for beginning anything having to do with communications, as you may build in errors without meaning to and have to spend time reworking it after it is launched.

Well thought-out plans smile on you and you can put words into actions this month by enlisting the help of acquaintances and generally networking to get things done. Good communications are heightened and agreements easier to reach as you find common ground for progress and the enthusiasm to roll it along. Small steps mount up and they will get you further than great leaps right now. Serial improvements have the guise of business as usual but come together to make something unusually impressive. The ability to swiftly and surely put all the pieces together in concert with others is heightened for you, and circumstances conspire to give you calm internal weather in which to use it.

Mercury Sextile Mars

Faith in your convictions will get you everything this month and it will be the manner in which you can forcefully get across what you deeply feel to be the right thing that will have others following you along. This doesn't mean using a crowbar or steamrolling your way over others, rather it means demonstrating the magnetic appeal of what you believe in and thus converting and corralling your audience. You do not require a lot of intellectual arguments to win a following, though a few classic and well-chosen catch phrases help immensely. It is not a debate but a demonstration that wins the day. If you believe in yourself strongly enough, that will be good enough. Without that, the best arguments are hollow.

Mercury Trine Pluto

Venus

You may find yourself getting a little more affluent for a bit, even if it's only the appearance of affluence. It's a time when you can put an especially good face on your investments and thus maximize their benefits. What you have to sell looks good and fetches a better price. What you choose to keep looks more desirable and thus increases your overall worth without further acquisition. As a result, you should strike while the iron is hot and take advantage of the situation as it presents itself. Don't part with what you love - rather, deck it out - but what you sell, sell high. Throughout, you'll be feeling special pride in ownership, which brings admiration.

Venus in Second House

This is an apex time for love, romance, personal magnetism, and scintillating charm.

Both desire and opportunity come together in the same basket, optimiizing opportunity for you to star in your own personal play, to slam-dunk the screen test of life and take your shot at the high life. At the very least, you will find personal and physical attraction heightened all around you, with everyone and everything taking on a greater aura of charisma. The world of the senses takes a front row seat, with energetic amorousness center stage. Only remember that beauty is only skin deep, and this, too, will pass, so don't throw away something valuable for a moment's gratification.

Venus Conjunction Mars

Separating out what you ideally want and what you practically can get is easier than usual for a while, and in fact it may seem to some that you've got it all without having struggle at it. Be slow to shatter that illusion, as it may work for you more than you know. Further, it may come closer to the truth than you might have thought after you take a look at just how far you have come in beautifying and enjoying your life. There is much you may take for granted in your own world in the way of love and spiritual recognition that others would give their eye teeth to enjoy. To ensure the grass is really greener on your side of the fence, invite someone for a lawn party.

Venus Trine Neptune

Mars

Put some punch into your pocket this lunar month - by being assertive in financial affairs you will get more, keep more, and pick up the prize before the next person snatches it. That does not mean picking up anything you see, because you should look before you leap during this time. It does mean you have the strength to put behind your purchases and will find that they have a life all their own. You may be asked to put your money where your mouth is, and you can do it on the spot, which puts you ahead of the game. But, make sure you don't promise or expect more than you can manage, or you'll be the one punched in the pocket. Operant phrase: the early bird gets the worm.

Mars in Second House

Things putting up resistance? Back off, go around, avoid confrontation when seemingly irresistible objects stand in your way. Still the urge to push your way through may be strong, but the ability to accomplish it may be inconsistent, leaving you with a job half done and therefore of not much use. When energy is blocked, the absolute key to surviving is not to waste assault thinking you will win. Winning, in fact, is not what it should be about, only getting on with things. So if your partner, boss, shopkeeper, or general person on the street says put up your dukes, find a different avenue to cruise for a while. The only fights to accept are the ones you're dead certain to win well ahead of time.

Mars Opposition Pluto

The positions of the middle and outer Planets - Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, along with the Moon's North and South Nodes - change little from one Lunar Return to the next, so they add more of a backdrop, the stage set on which the monthly

play is performed. They are very powerful, however, and their long-running helpful and troublesome aspects are not to be taken lightly. They can be like a rope to swing yourself across the stage or a trap door that will cause a fall if you're not watching. The text on the mutual aspects of these giants to the inner planets and the Lights, and where they fall by house, shows you just where to watch for them, what mood they're in, and how to get them on your side.

Jupiter

There's no time like the present to change into your casuals, pitch the work ethic, and enjoy yourself. Planning vacations, playtime with the kids, romance time with your partner, creativity in expanding your artistic inclinations, all should be on the front burner this lunar month. Don't feel you have to button down the details - they will take care of themselves if you launch yourself into the effort with abandon. Don't forget to bring along your camera, as you'll want to capture the smiles and happy faces to light up your life later. Of course, you could just lay back and snooze, but chances are your energies won't let you and you'll opt for the more active approach. Don't stint, when there's fun to be had.

Jupiter in Fifth House

This year is what might be termed a time of profit-taking and cashing in on positions you have taken morally and financially and of establishing newer and more solid structures on which to base both your income and your moral life. It is a time to dispense with prejudice but not abandon caution, to reach out to others but without selling out to them. This is the overall background on which your personal life is being played, so you will have to roll with it where necessary, though you may not now, or ever, be in the thick of it. If you are aware of the larger picture going on around you, however, you can only benefit from the trends you find yourself immersed in.

Jupiter Sextile Saturn

This is a time when large-scale efforts and the best of intentions can suddenly change, go awry, be shot down, or get reborn. Not just for you, but for everyone around, so keep that in mind before putting all your eggs in one basket. It's a time of discovery not so much from new revelations but from uncovering what was wrong, popping the overinflated balloon, spotting the phony. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is, and the profit goes to the one who finds it out first. The same can apply to your heart, where promising more than can be delivered is a distinct possibility, and its revelation come as a shock. Use normal precautions, get confirmation, before you go whole hog.

Jupiter Opposition Uranus

Saturn

Don't worry if your phone isn't ringing off the hook for awhile, it's all part of the plan. This is a period when you will find yourself more careful about what you say or even at a loss for words until you give the situation a second look. It may mark a quiet time in general which gives you some time to think and regroup your mental energies. Avoid a tendency to be over-critical of your acquaintances and opt for simply winnowing out

people who are time-wasters and don't carry their weight. You will learn to parse your words and thought so you concentrate on what is important and let the distractions fall by the wayside. Be conservative, have reservations, doubt the usual, demand meaning. A careful mind brings a well-wrought life.

Saturn in Third House

This year-long period which happens twice in every 45 years makes for a curious backdrop which everyone has to deal with but which is not necessarily individually specific. It's a time when radical and conservative trends, whether in politics or technology, are at odds but are strangely comfortable bedfellows, each relying on the one to fuel the other. It makes for a period of surface tension which belies the fact that not much new or solid is really happening. Lots of smoke and mirrors, surprisingly little substance. At the same time, a somewhat insubstantive peace reigns that has in it the seeds of real confrontation and revolution yet to come.

Saturn Trine Uranus

Uranus

Creative insight is right around the corner if you are willing to take a cue from your nearest and dearest and tag along with their bandwagon. Avoid challenges without first thinking them over and know that other's success happens for a reason and they will help you gain the same if you listen. Leave the kids with an uncle or aunt and spend some time in good company with discovery on your mind. The doors of perception are only next door - just walk on over and spend some time there. Be quick to pay heed, but slow to argue. When someone offers to drive, let them. Free rides right now are where you least expect them, and they'll pass right by if you're only listening to the sound of your own voice.

Uranus in Eleventh House

Neptune

You would do well to go out of your way to squelch rumors about yourself, nip wrong ideas in the bud before they can do damage. On the other hand, because you are likely to be thought about inaccurately, it's also a good time to feed overblown myths of your greatness and accomplishments. It is not a good time for job-seeking by sending in a resume, which may be misinterpreted - far better to show up in person. If you're thinking of changing or modifying your career, it's a great space for dreaming up new things you could do well and hadn't thought about, but not so good for throwing yourself into a new direction unless you have checked it out thoroughly in advance. Nevertheless, the operant phrase is: if you can dream it, you can achieve it.

Neptune in Tenth House

Pluto

Memories of the past may tend to overwhelm during this lunar cycle, but you can learn much from them. Remember that what is lost is found again in time, and every day is a new chance to reshape your life. Conflicts over family property can be resolved by sharing, so no one takes the lion's share but each gets what is personally special. Learning

to give up what you desire for the moment is the lesson of the month, and what you permit to pass will in time, like the cat, come back. What returns is truly yours, what doesn't, wasn't meant to be to begin with. The opportunity to place the importance of spirit over matter is knocking, so don't bar the door.

Pluto in Eighth House

Node

You may find that some of your more important commitments this month may occur behind the scenes and even behind the backs of everyone around you. The need for privacy about sensitive issues will probably be the reason, but it can siphon off some of the energy you would ordinarily use elsewhere. The need for you to be a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on can have you booked, but mum's the word as far as the rest of the world is concerned until you finish helping out getting personal problems resolved and you can go back and tend to yourself. If there's such a thing as earning really good karma, this is it. Oddly enough, a relatively free ride at work allows you the time to do it all.

Node in Twelfth House

Daily Events: Apr 23, 2004

As the Moon speeds on through the month, the minute hand of your Lunar Return, it moves through all twelve houses of both your natal chart and the Lunar Return chart, as well as hitting both sets of planets. These are the times to look for specific events that activate these parts of your monthly picture and will offer times for making your best moves. There are forty-seven such events, and they repeat every month, but not at the same time or in the same order. Plus, the playing field and basic potentials of each month differ, so each of the basic transits has a different role to play every month, while retaining its core implications. The individual transits begin with the symbolism of the degree at which they occur, followed by an interpretation of their general meaning, and finish with a handful of specific "issues and accents" to address, which they may bring into your life. Finally, your personal Void-of-Course Moon periods will vary widely and are important timing factors in the daily decision-making process, so keep a close eye on them.

Fri Apr 23, 2004 Moon in Gemini

04:00 pm **Moon Conjunct Return's Mars**

22° Gemini: *An old-fashioned harvest home festival is at its height with flashing dancing couples crowding the barn floor. ASSEMBLY*

A quick, deft thrust can slay your quarry, but shooting from the hip risks overwhelming return fire. Rash actions seated in annoyance or anger can do a lot more damage than just sitting on your hands and waiting it out. Forceful action can carry the day, but only if it's well thought out and comes from a cool head, not a hot heart. The opportunity here lies in knowing when to pass and let someone else make the mistake, after which you may capitalize upon it.

Issues and Accents: *accidents, effort, enmity, antagonism, sharp objects*

07:23 pm **Moon Void Ends: Apr 24, 2004 09:57 am**

08:46 pm **Moon Conjunct Natal Saturn**

24° Gemini: *A group of carefree children, gaily dressed for their sport, are skating about a smoothly frozen backwoods pond. DELICACY*

If you are tempted to highlight your insufficiencies, do so in the interest of a better and less wasteful existence. When things suddenly stall, it's usually for a reason, and now's the time to find out why. Don't bash yourself, do improve yourself, you can't overcome your limitations until you truly know what they are. Similarly, limitations are often imposed because you haven't made sufficient use

of what's already on your plate. Say grace, and you'll receive grace.
Issues and Accents: *memory, ingratitude, inertia, disasters, discounts*

Sat Apr 24, 2004 **Moon in Gemini** (Enters Cancer at 09:57 am)
03:58 am **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 09:57 am**
08:33 pm **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: Apr 26, 2004 10:15 pm**

Sun Apr 25, 2004 **Moon in Cancer**
01:12 am **Moon Enters Return's 3rd House**

8° Cancer: *An imaginary land of rabbits is revealed, with its citizens faultlessly dressed and on dignified parade. ASPIRATION*

It takes a village to get anything done, which means to get things moving you've got to talk to everybody in town. If you take this time to be the great communicator and unify your social network you will find there are plenty of hands to go around to get it all done. Open new avenues of discussion that focus not on theory but on everyday nitty-gritty, things that grease the skids for all concerned and avoid wasted time by getting rid of repetition, misunderstandings.

Issues and Accents: *tests, location, news, context, highways*

02:37 am **Moon Conjunct Return's Saturn**

9° Cancer: *A little miss, innocently devoid of any suggestion of clothing, leans over to catch a goldfish in a sparkling pond. PROVOCATION*

Setting limits and downsizing some of your operations may be just what you need to get a tighter focus and better utilize limited resources. This may at first seem a downer, but it's really a matter of putting quality over quantity. You cannot be all things to all people, so you have to select what role you can effectively play and divert your assets to support it. Carefully-chosen sacrifices allow all your guns to bear on the target you can't afford to miss.

Issues and Accents: *fatigue, colds, constancy, attainment, punctuality*

12:12 pm **Moon Enters Natal 8th House**

13° Cancer: *A hand, which is held out receptively, is remarkable for the suggestion of character in its prominent thumb. DETERMINATION*

Credit can be looked at creatively and used to maximum effect, with particular attention to raising your limits without overtaxing yourself. Recycling efforts may pay off by repurposing something you would have otherwise disposed of. A glance back to the old ways of doing things can inspire and even pay off as you realize there's nothing really new under the sun. Taking out the trash, once you have decided what it really is, can feel like a fresh, new start.

Issues and Accents: *disappearance, health insurance, commitments, disposal, lust*

Mon Apr 26, 2004 **Moon in Cancer** (Enters Leo at 10:15 pm)
05:57 am **Moon Void Ends: 10:15 pm**
05:35 pm **Moon Enters Return's 4th House**

28° Cancer: *An American Indian girl, college trained but returned to her people, seeks to win their friendship for her lover. ALLEGIANCE*

Attention to laying the foundations of what you are going to do and be for the month is the order of the day. Build from the ground up and don't start on the first floor until the basement is done. You don't have to complete it all right now, but have the order determined and your materials ordered so you don't have to go back and draw up altered plans later. Where you've already put it all together (or mostly), tidy up the joint, set your house in order.

Issues and Accents: *home, cultivation, ancestors, hoarding, customs*

Tue Apr 27, 2004 Moon in Leo

03:02 pm **Moon Conjunct Natal Pluto**

9° Leo: *In a scene of weird display and brilliant colors, glass-blowers produce one by one the marvels of their craft. FORMATION*

The inclination may be to push through to get your way, that for the moment the end justifies the means. Stand back and take another look, however, and you might decide otherwise. When you simply "must" do or have something, you probably shouldn't - at least not to the degree you are contemplating. Such feelings are signals that can get you in better touch with deeper emotions and are better used in that cause rather than in the service of a quick ego boost.

Issues and Accents: *radio, immodesty, the bedroom, abnormalities, debilities*

04:27 pm **Moon Conjunct Natal Moon's Node**

10° Leo: *Everywhere there is a sparkle, and nature is revealed in pastel colors; the early morning dew salutes the sunlight. NOVELTY*

Commitments undertaken at this time may last longer and require more of you than you now anticipate, so don't sign on the dotted line until you have read the fine print. And, don't casually say yes to something you don't really mean, because you may be held emotionally or financially accountable for it. This is a time to fine-tune your honor and become more closely aware of your emotional responsibilities, and realize just how much your behavior affects others.

Wed Apr 28, 2004 Moon in Leo

09:55 am **Moon Enters Natal 9th House**

19° Leo: *A clubhouse built on a floating barge is gaily decorated, and crowded with revelers; the water reflects its lights. CONGENIALITY*

This can be an ideal time for those long conversations and ambitious exploration of new mental and emotional territories. Your reach feels greater than before and you are only limited for the moment to what you can imagine, leaving the details for later. You can stand back and examine the big picture and chart your way through it. Travel broadens the mind, whether it be a physical trip or an armchair journey of the mind. Believe in what you conceive, and it will come true.

Issues and Accents: *wanderlust, suggestions, magnanimity, appointments, air travel*

10:09 pm **Moon Void Ends: Apr 29, 2004 08:01 am**

Thu Apr 29, 2004 Moon in Leo (Enters Virgo at 08:01 am)

02:29 am **Moon Conjunct Natal Jupiter**

28° Leo: *Innumerable little birds have settled down upon one large tree; they chirp happily to each other in endless rows. VARIETY*

Look for circumstances to further your good fortune and new ways to develop that further your agenda. This is aided by a generally positive, can-do attitude and a feeling that it's all going to work out for the best. And that's an approach that can make for excellent self-fulfilling prophecies. Generosity is the first option, which tends to be returned in kind, and a feeling of being in touch with the general operating system of life gives insight to the heart as well as the head.

Issues and Accents: *credentials, gratitude, worthiness, abundance, amplification*

02:29 am **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 08:01 am**

08:00 am **Moon Enters Return's 5th House**

30° Leo: *Into a letter is poured vital and confidential information; it is folded carefully, but the envelope is not sealed. CONFIDENCE*

Making the most of playtime can do as well for you as the most earnest work, and setting time aside for recreation and generally creative pursuits will serve to refuel and reinspire the rest of the month. The works of your life are your children as much as any son or daughter, and when they are conceived and nurtured in love, the result can only bring reward. So, listen to the natural soul inside and take some time now to bring those inner voices into the sunshine.

Issues and Accents: *gusto, fertility, imagination, ostentation, trophies*

Fri Apr 30, 2004 Moon in Virgo

00:51 am **Moon Conjunct Return's Jupiter**

10° Virgo: *As if in a moment of vision a man is seen possessed of two heads; both of these look out and beyond the shadows. DEXTERITY*

Positive thinking and a generous imagination can now set the stage for increased opportunity and a bigger piece of the pie. The only limits you have are those you impose upon yourself, and now is not the time to do that. Think big, not only for yourself but for those involved with you, so that win-win situations can blossom and lead to ever-expanding possibilities for all concerned. When you invest in others, you invest in yourself, paying dividends to your posterity.

Issues and Accents: *luck, budgets, protection, salaries, Thursday*

Sat May 1, 2004 Moon in Virgo (Enters Libra at 02:03 pm)

02:41 am **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 02:03 pm**

07:32 am **Moon Void Ends: 02:03 pm**

09:05 pm **Moon Conjunct Natal Neptune**

5° Libra: *A teacher of the occult betrays his possession of real knowledge by the inspiration of his gathered students. INSTRUCTION*

Intuition runs strong for a bit, and chances are that hunch you have is correct, even if you can't put your finger on it or give a reason for your predictions. The same goes for your people-antennae, which are particularly tuned in to the feelings of those around you. It's easy to drift off into a daydream, or simply fog out at a cocktail party. Operating heavy machinery, however, is less than recommended. Don't try to dream and drive at the same time.

Issues and Accents: *higher love, collusion, introspection, movies, the arts*

11:48 pm Moon Enters Natal 10th House

6° Libra: *A pilgrim sits on a rustic bench and one by one his ideals in a sort of trance-vision take form before him. CONSERVATISM*

Professional considerations should be looked at and adjustments made to see that your name is recognized and respected among your peers. While your attention is on it, touch up that resume, touch up your image, and take some time to advertise yourself. Make mileage out of compliments and take credit where it is due.

Follow up leads and don't be shy about blowing your own horn, as long as you can truly live up to what you promise. Time to wave the flag - yours.

Issues and Accents: *permanence, professionalism, maturity, position, adversity*

Sun May 2, 2004 Moon in Libra

06:12 am Moon Enters Return's 6th House

10° Libra: *Placid waters are revealed at the bottom of a narrow rapids; a canoe is rapidly and surely approaching safety. RELIANCE*

The daily structure of your life and work is often taken for granted and so can fall into disrepair. This is a time to reinvent the ordinary and make it special, to see that the habits and methods that make up your daily operations actually serve the purposes for which they were intended. By being a do-it-yourself efficiency expert, you can make this month more productive and less boringly repetitious. If it works, embrace it. If it doesn't, erase it.

Issues and Accents: *appliances, agencies, defects, discipline, dinner*

Mon May 3, 2004 Moon in Libra (Enters Scorpio at 04:39 pm)

11:48 am Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 04:39 pm

12:50 pm Moon Void Ends: 04:39 pm

03:05 pm Moon Enters Natal 11th House

30° Libra: *The phrenologist is reading bumps for his clients; he explains three mounds of knowledge on a philosopher's head. PRESCIENCE*

This is a good time to look to close friends for support, either as backing for endeavors you need help with or just for general emotional support and refueling. It's also a good time to tap into others' creativity when your own inspiration well runs a bit dry, and you'll find yourself refreshed as a result. In a similar vein, you may also want to tap into higher resources, both spiritually and financially, to pick up some of their overflow for yourself.

Issues and Accents: *relations, notices, blood, aspirations, prosperity*

10:41 pm **Moon Conjunct Natal Venus**

4° Scorpio: *In an old-fashioned candlelighting service, a youth gains for the first time a sense of the great other world. LINKAGE*

Take the opportunity to express the warmth you feel and don't hesitate to display your social charms in a fertile, group context. Flattery will get you everywhere, so you can safely lay it on thick. Self-improvement and beautification are the way to go, but self-indulgence can slip into the middle, so watch that you don't overdo things because you just can't help yourself. Impulse buying is easy to do - be kind to yourself, but watch your wallet.

Issues and Accents: *gratification, bonding, mother, cooperation, affairs*

Tue May 4, 2004 Moon in Scorpio

04:34 pm **Full Moon**

15° Scorpio: *In unconscious occult symbolism, a group of laughing, joyous children are playing on five mounds of white sand. GRATIFICATION*

Full Moon in Natal 11th House

Relaxation, comfort with your surroundings, and the warmth and glow of friendship can be the watchwords of this Full Moon, if you're willing to disconnect from the daily grind and tap into your personal happy side for a while. Fine food, pleasant company, tales of shared lives and mutual adventures bring a fullness that makes you realize that the good life is about feelings, not money, friendship, not possessions. Satisfaction comes from just letting things happen for a moment and inviting in the blessings that still surround you, despite the rigors of existence. If you want a peak experience, that's the one that's in the wings right now, when you're ready to roll it out. Take the time to put the seal on relationships that elevate you, support you.

Full Moon in Return 6th House

Schemes and schedules you may have set in motion at work are likely to be tested and found either successful or consigned to the scrap heap. The former brings praise, and fortunately the latter will soon be forgotten. This is also a good time to take a close look at what you're eating and what kind of exercise you've been getting. Maybe too much of one and not the best of the other - or, maybe it's all coming together as planned. At any rate, this will be the time to declare it worthy or chuck it and try a new approach. A great time to make an assault upon and weed out destructive habits, recurring annoyances, bad scheduling and streamline your life.

Lunar Eclipse

This Full Moon is also a Lunar Eclipse, which makes its impact twice as important. Expect sudden turnarounds, unexpected new directions, serious paradigm shifts in this house area's developments (see New Moon paragraph) along with the planets the Moon touches today (q.v.) that has been building for the last month and will have effects running into the next five months. Because of its intensity, this particular part of your Lunar Return may quite literally eclipse much of the rest of the month's goings-on. Its effects fall mainly on the emotional

side and ripple outward from there. Expect to make room for resultant happenings for some time to come.

Issues and Accents: *liberty, camaraderie, counselors, friendship, management*

05:37 pm **Moon Void Ends: May 05, 2004 05:08 pm**

06:57 pm **Moon Enters Return's 7th House**

17° Scorpio: *A woman is great with child; the remarkable thing is that she was impregnated by her own spirit or aspiration. NUCLEATION*

There is no greater opportunity in life than another person, and your ability to partner well now can turn this period into a cornucopia of possibilities that would not be available operating solo. Don't expect to luck into a good relationship - the best ones are carefully built and meticulously tended. Creating and maintaining space for both to operate comfortably in is the key to making a partnership more than just two people making do. Tend to each other's houses and hearts.

Issues and Accents: *collusion, faithlessness, divorce, stalemate, understandings*

Wed May 5, 2004 Moon in Scorpio (Enters Sagittarius at 05:08 pm)

04:41 am **Moon Enters Natal 12th House**

23° Scorpio: *A little white rabbit rests contentedly in his cage; before the eyes he metamorphoses into an elf in a fairy glade. FERTILITY*

This is likely the quiet time of the month, a lull in traffic, the calm before the storm of renewed energy that will follow. Retreat and contemplation, with resultant renewal and regrouping, are favored pursuits. Use down time to reconsider your options and make sure you are really on the right course. Inner challenges you grapple with and resolve now will result in more focused and effective action when the time comes for it, which will be shortly.

Issues and Accents: *fantasies, privacy, eavesdropping, envy, support*

12:25 pm **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 05:08 pm**

Thu May 6, 2004 Moon in Sagittarius

04:41 pm **Moon Enters Return's 8th House**

15° Sagittarius: *The time is at hand to determine whether the winter shall end; the groundhog comes forth looking for its shadow. RECONNAISSANCE*

Financial self-reliance is a goal, but sometimes it's better to gamble with other people's money than your own. A carefully-wrought juggling act of balancing borrowed stakes with retooling and refitting your own personal resources can serve you as well as gold in a safe deposit box. Extra baggage that you eliminate right now will make that whole process work more efficiently, so what you can't reclaim for reuse, spin off as gifts or collateral.

Issues and Accents: *sexuality, eradication, condemnation, harassment, resentment*

06:46 pm **Moon Enters Natal 1st House**

17° Sagittarius: *An Easter sunrise service is about to begin at the suggestion of dawn; darkness surrenders to the worshippers. CHASTITY*

This is likely your most interesting and active time of the month, when you can project yourself more convincingly and with greater force than at any other time. It's the time to get things done in person, face-to-face, rather than by mail or phone, as your ability to project yourself is at a peak, as is the inclination of others to accept you at face value. It's a period to make extra space in your schedule, as you're likely to have more to do than you expect.

Issues and Accents: *deadlines, self-pity, disavowal, advice, confidence*

11:01 pm Moon Conjunct Natal Sun

19° Sagittarius: *The pelicans have been distressed by the intrusion of a man; they are moving their habitat to places unknown. MIGRATION*

This is likely your second most active time of the month, as your inner energies get a boost and you are more likely to be in for some ego-stroking. As greater energy and enthusiasm flow, so do the opportunities to expend them, so you might take care not to overdo things or you'll drain yourself. This has a "launch-pad" feel to it, so make sure new endeavors begun now are birthed with a steady hand, as well begun is half done and you don't want slips at the starting gate.

Issues and Accents: *speculation, exhibitionism, boasting, arrogance, protocol*

Fri May 7, 2004 Moon in Sagittarius (Enters Capricorn at 05:17 pm)

04:24 am Moon Conjunct Return's Pluto

23° Sagittarius: *Bathed in a slantwise western sun, with the Statue of Liberty beyond, Ellis Island welcomes the immigrants. PRESUMPTION*

You may have to briefly force someone's hand in order to win this round, but that's all part of the game, so don't flinch at the possible necessity. Also don't be surprised if turnabout is fair play and you find yourself the subject of a force play. The bottom line is to remember that it's more than just your game and you can only win if everybody gets to the finish line. Don't try to overwhelm pockets of resistance, however, as a Pyrrhic victory is an empiric defeat.

Issues and Accents: *sexual power, microbes, new beginnings, mysteries, renovation*

07:51 am **Moon Void Ends: 05:17 pm**

12:31 pm **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 05:17 pm**

Sat May 8, 2004 Moon in Capricorn

01:46 am **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: May 09, 2004 06:47 pm**

01:46 am Moon Conjunct Natal Mercury

6° Capricorn: *A dark archway in the forest leads to greater depths and darkness beyond; in its shade lie an even ten logs. THOROUGHNESS*

Sudden inclinations to figure things out and think things through are definitely the way to go, and it's a good time to put it down in writing lest you forget it. That's also a good idea because schemes hatched now may be somewhat colored by feelings of the moment that can be wisely edited out after a second look. Keep it simple and don't get bogged down in details for the time being and you can cover

multiple topics and issues, solve multiple problems while the inspiration lasts.

Issues and Accents: *visitors, reason, accounts, accountants, irregularities, deposits*

05:30 am Moon Enters Return's 9th House

8° Capricorn: *A huge living room in an old-fashioned frame mansion is flooded with sunlight and canaries are singing happily. ESTABLISHED*

Is your life cinema verite, or is there a plan? Now's the time to invent the latter or improve on what you've got. Dead reckoning can get you where you're going, but why not have a map? This is a good time for establishing the lay of the land, getting that aerial overview that confirms where you've been, where you are, and where you're going. You needn't rush off on the journey, just turn it around in your mind until you have a good grip on the possibilities it offers.

Issues and Accents: *inaccuracy, notoriety, ceremonies, enlightenment, inflation*

02:25 pm Moon Enters Natal 2nd House

13° Capricorn: *Back against the mountains towards the East that fringe the roof of the world a fire-worshipper is meditating. MAGIC*

Attention to cash flow and how to improve its balance in your favor catches your focus, and you'll find yourself basing both attitude and decisions on how much it costs, what it's worth, who wants to buy it. Your innate possessiveness is at its maximum and it may be hard to part with belongings, even ones you need to get rid of. It's also a time for reevaluation of what you think is important to you and why you consider it so, getting your ducks in a row and making critical choices.

Issues and Accents: *solitude, order, renunciation, penalties, predestination*

Sun May 9, 2004 Moon in Capricorn (Enters Aquarius at 06:47 pm)

09:04 am **Moon Void Ends: 06:47 pm**

02:49 pm Moon Enters Return's 10th House

28° Capricorn: *A large aviary built as a wing of a rural mansion reveals a host of singing and contented feathered citizens. LIGHTNESS*

What people believe you are often seems more important than what you really are, so crafting your public image is critical for success. This is always a mix of real achievements mixed with what's in the eye of the beholder, so make sure that you have both working for you. Find out now what other people, especially your peers, are saying about you and provide information to turn the opinion polls your way. Sometimes a spin doctor is more valuable than an M.D.

Issues and Accents: *perseverance, self-fulfillment, preparation, improvements, career*

Mon May 10, 2004 Moon in Aquarius

10:34 am **Moon Conjunct Moon's South Node**

10° Aquarius: *A man of stature has been catapulted into ephemeral popularity, and unspoiled, he plans further achievements. PROJECTION*

08:52 pm **Moon Conjunct Return's Neptune**

16° Aquarius: *The active executive of a large corporation sits at his desk immersed in the details of some business project. MANAGEMENT*

Trust your feelings and try to harness your intuition, which is favored. Although goals are different from dreams, you must dream to have goals, and it's at times like this they are born. The seeds of the future are borne on the wind, and when reveries come to roost, the fantasies of tomorrow become the accomplishments of today. But like a hall of mirrors, only one of the images is you, and you will have to find out which one that is, in order to make it come true.

Issues and Accents: *illusions, holidays, forgetfulness, intuition, clarification*

Tue May 11, 2004 Moon in Aquarius (Enters Pisces at 10:53 pm)

02:13 am **Moon Enters Natal 3rd House**

19° Aquarius: *On every hand are the still-smoking embers, but the forest fire is out, and the weary fighters are most jubilant. ASCENDANCY*

Getting the word out, making connections, tying people and things together are the focus, and you can expect more phone and mail activity than usual, so adjust your schedule accordingly. It's a good time for touching base, but not ideal for in-depth conversations which may be put off until you have more time to get into them. Technical matters, networking, and anything that involves media are on the front burner, and machines can take on a life of their own, albeit briefly.

Issues and Accents: *mobility, brothers and sisters, convenience, letters, shipments*

03:32 pm **Moon Void Ends: 10:53 pm**

05:38 pm **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 10:53 pm**

10:53 pm **Moon Enters Return's 11th House**

30° Aquarius: *A mystic moonlit field near the site of a mystic and traditional Babylon has sprung into delicate white bloom. RETROSPECT*

What you can't do for yourself, maybe your friends can do for you, and a friend in need is a friend, indeed. You don't want to tap your nearest and dearest too often, but asking for help and support occasionally is part of what makes friendship, and you might do that now, even if you're not terribly in need, just to keep relations from getting rusty. A little mutual admiration can go a long way towards lifting your esprit de corps, and a heartfelt hug beats a handshake.

Issues and Accents: *appliances, love, feedback, anomalies, lighting*

Wed May 12, 2004 Moon in Pisces

09:27 am **Moon Conjunct Return's Uranus**

6° Pisces: *All the traditional dignity of West Point is seen in the parade of officers-in-the-making under the setting sun. INCITATION*

Taking risks on sudden, far-out ideas may generally be inadvisable, but this may be just the time to do it. Sudden flashes of insight may cut through the normal, humdrum solutions and start you thinking out of the box. Don't just throw caution

to the winds, but don't hesitate to try something new and different this month if it seems appropriate to the occasion. Remember, however, that doing so may change more than you think and could have you off balance unless you take a flexible stance.

Issues and Accents: *speed, disagreements, outlets, interference, novelty*

Thu May 13, 2004 Moon in Pisces

05:52 pm **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: May 14, 2004 06:03 am**

10:15 pm **Moon Void Ends: May 14, 2004 06:03 am**

Fri May 14, 2004 Moon in Pisces (Enters Aries at 06:03 am)

04:45 pm **Moon Enters Natal 4th House**

6° Aries: *A black square stands firmly, illumined red on one side.*

RESTLESSNESS

A general inclination to hold back and go inside for inspiration holds sway, which can lead you to tend home affairs or simply to withdraw a safe distance to consider what's important and what your next move will be. Similarly, it's a good time to refine defense strategies and patch up those fences that separate you from the neighbors and the outside world, literally and figuratively. When you are sure of your boundaries, you can more safely go beyond them.

Issues and Accents: *reflection, fluctuations, malls, conclusions, nourishment*

11:55 pm **Moon Enters Return's 12th House**

10° Aries: *A savant is revealed, a man who has created new forms for old symbols that have lost their meanings. INTERPRETATION*

Behind-the-scenes maneuvering can go a long way toward setting you up for the main event, so don't feel you have to tell all right now to get things done. What you don't know can hurt you, so some non-invasive information-gathering on the sly may be just what you need to take some time for right now. Honesty is the best policy, but do no harm is the bottom line. The less said the better right now, and actions will speak louder than words when the time comes.

Issues and Accents: *estrangement, bafflement, service, unreality, avoidance*

Sat May 15, 2004 Moon in Aries

Sun May 16, 2004 Moon in Aries (Enters Taurus at 03:58 pm)

02:26 am **Moon Conjunct Return's Mercury**

24° Aries: *An open window of an old-fashioned room is seen, the net curtain blowing inward into the shape of a cornucopia. PROTECTION*

This is a time for clearing things up and attempting to be particularly lucid about your current set of plans. New insights can be worked into the picture and details laid out to those who need to be in the know. Bounce ideas off other heads to see a less subjective view of your schemata, then proceed to set things into motion before you lose the freshness of the inspiration. Though feelings may compel,

you're best off right now with only what can be expressed clearly in words.

Issues and Accents: *attorneys, automobiles, efficiency, ingenuity, credentials*

08:18 am **Moon Void Ends: 03:58 pm**

10:11 am **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: 03:58 pm**

02:05 pm **Moon Enters Natal 5th House**

30° Aries: *A duck pond is revealed, on which a brood of ducklings are disporting themselves. CONTENTEDNESS*

This is a very open time of month, when spontaneity and warm feelings can flow more easily, and the creative and romantic urges compete to hold sway. A good time for connecting with children or for taking a little time off for fun and frolic. Risk-taking is easier, and you're likely better at it now, though don't go out on a limb unless you're sure. Don't push for concrete steps, but go with the flow and let things happen and the results will surprise and delight.

Issues and Accents: *relaxation, luxuries, infatuation, audience, geniality*

11:07 pm **Moon Conjunct Return's Sun**

4° Taurus: *The rainbow's pot of gold is revealed in the midst of a shower of sparkling and flashing colors. VISUALIZATION*

The heart of the matter and the main focus of the month gets its greatest boost now, even if it may not seem so at the moment, so keep your eyes wide open and be ready to jump to the tune when it starts to play. It's a time to whip up enthusiasm, not necessarily to get down to brass tacks, so put on a happy face and spread good feelings around, even if nothing else seems to get done. By engendering warmth and excitement, you focus the flood in your direction and partake not only of your own energy, but the environmental electricity flowing down your wire.

Issues and Accents: *fire, supremacy, foremen, quality, honor*

Mon May 17, 2004 Moon in Taurus

03:07 pm **Moon Conjunct Return's Moon's Node**

12° Taurus: *A quite youthful young couple is walking down a busy street, stopping to peer into every window with joyful glee. ESTIMATION*

This is a time when the fox comes into view and the chase is begun, but you may not want to participate in the hunt, so take stock before you go galloping off. The opportunity for emotional or financial attachments and the responsibilities they entail may be something you want to pass on for the moment. Today's blithe commitment all too often becomes tomorrow's burden, so be sure that you really want it before you saddle yourself with more than you may want to carry. This does not mean avoid commitment altogether, but that many call and only a few should be chosen.

Tue May 18, 2004 Moon in Taurus

00:03 am **Moon Enters Return's 1st House**

17° Taurus: *An imaginative battle is under way between swords, the disciples of might, and torches, the disciples of enlightenment. RESOLVE*

This marks a period when it will benefit you most to use your personality as the winning card in any game you are playing. It's the time to make that sale, impress that client, charm that lover, play to the audience. Don't try to impress them with statistics or your track record, just wow 'em with the way you come on, with the conviction you have in what you present. This is the month's window for being on-stage, so take the opportunity to light up when it's presented.

Issues and Accents: *evasion, conviction, desires, distinction, a debut*

12:10 pm **Moon Enters Natal 6th House**

23° Taurus: *A magnificent jewelry shop is revealed, containing every conceivable article of value or beauty. VALUATION*

This period has a bit of a "back to work" flavor, where picking up stitches and buttoning down projects is the flavor of the day. Where you have gotten off schedule, either at work or in your personal habits or health regiment, now is the time to make the correction and get back on track. By strengthening routine so it runs by itself, you free your hands for more important things down the line and prevent untimely trip-ups from overlooked details at the last minute.

Issues and Accents: *tension, resources, doctors, cooking, physicians*

09:52 pm **Moon Void (Personal) Ends: May 19, 2004 03:48 am**

Wed May 19, 2004 Moon in Taurus (Enters Gemini at 03:48 am)

00:53 am **Moon Void Ends: 03:48 am**

00:53 am **New Moon**

29° Taurus: *Two garrulous old cobblers are working side by side on their ancient bench. INCLINATION*

New Moon in Natal 6th House

A good time to take your blood pressure - if it's not elevated now, you're in really good shape. It can be easy to get worried about health matters now, but moderation is the right response. The temptation to throw yourself into a new regimen may run high, but choose your new path well before you embark on it or it will be a flash in the pan. The same goes for cleaning house in the workplace and starting off on a fresh footing. Make sure you're not demanding too much of yourself in the long run - you will not always have this much drive, and you don't want to peter out because you can't keep up with yourself. A good program is determined by whether you can still keep it going on an off day.

New Moon in Return 1st House

A brief period when this month's personal issues come into focus is underway, especially where you can be tagged as an initiator. You have the option of establishing your personal picture for the period by asserting yourself at this time, and you can expect involvements you throw yourself into right now to come to at least a temporary head in about two weeks. You'll be best off by keeping your head about you when others are losing theirs, but don't feel you can't get out of

what you've done now, as it will be a new ball game next month. Nevertheless, if you want the spotlight, it can be yours for the moment, but be ready to pass on the baton when it's time.

Issues and Accents: *doctors, craftsmanship, cooking, instruments, physicians*

04:36 pm **Moon Conjunct Natal Uranus**

7° Gemini: *An old-fashioned well, still yielding the purest and coldest of waters, stands invitingly near a shade of trees. RESOLUTION*

The urge to think or act impetuously offers both risk and opportunity. A sudden change of direction or a new direction entirely can put you way ahead of the game, or get you thrown out of it. But, if it's within reason, fly with it and see what happens - nothing ventured, nothing gained. The best maneuvers often burst out full-blown like Athena from Zeus's brow. Don't be impatient with others who may not go along, and be ready to accept consequences, for good or ill.

Issues and Accents: *potentials, electrical devices, dissent, obtrusiveness, uncertainty*

Thu May 20, 2004 Moon in Gemini

01:13 am **Moon Conjunct Natal Mars**

11° Gemini: *A new real-estate subdivision is revealed with wide paved streets, ornamental lights, and a few newly built houses. IDENTIFY*

You may find yourself running into brief spells of irritability and/or impatience, when you want to get on with things but your way appears blocked. It's easy to get into a fight, perhaps even easy to win one, but it's not a good time to choose one. Avoid quarrelsome and contentious people who might get your goat and remember that most battles aren't worth fighting. Snap judgments are usually the worst, and you can't regret mistakes you don't make.

Issues and Accents: *impulsiveness, injury, fever, sparks, recklessness*

09:34 am **Moon Enters Return's 2nd House**

15° Gemini: *Two Dutch children in their immaculate native costumes are studying their lessons together. CLARITY*

This month's finances are best dealt with, or at least planned for, during this two-day stretch. Make decisions, allocate funds, plan a budget, write checks, anything that can go towards wrapping up your money issues for the month. Once these issues are out of the way, you can move on to networking on your next set of issues. This is the time to count your recent winnings, impact any losses, and see what your bottom line is going to fund for you in the near future.

Issues and Accents: *burden, food, endurance, wages, mortgages*

12:12 pm **Moon Enters Natal 7th House**

17° Gemini: *The head of a handsome youthful athlete slowly changes into a different type of beauty, the mature thinker. FUNCTION*

Personal relationships can be put into focus now, and you may find that you can share your emotions and responsibilities with a partner who will take a load off

your back. By giving credit where it's due and avoiding competition or jealousy you will find you often receive more than you give, but then that is what usually results from an open hand and heart. Fairness is at a premium right now, so go out of your way to see that everyone is on an equal playing field.

Issues and Accents: *war, differences, bonding, neutrality, teamwork*

01:15 pm **Moon Conjunct Return's Venus**

17° Gemini: *The head of a handsome youthful athlete slowly changes into a different type of beauty, the mature thinker. FUNCTION*

It's a good time to be presenting things in the best possible light and dressing up your reality in its Sunday best. When you look good, you feel good, and you make others around you feel better as well. By surrounding yourself with the trappings of love, desire, wealth, and beauty, you bring those very same elements closer to you, so indulge yourself in order to attract the future wherewithal of self-indulgence. In other words, consider play to be an investment in the future as one good thing leads to another.

Issues and Accents: *cash, excuses, leisure, refunds, sentiment*

10:39 pm **Moon Conjunct Return's Mars**

22° Gemini: *An old-fashioned harvest home festival is at its height with flashing dancing couples crowding the barn floor. ASSEMBLY*

A quick, deft thrust can slay your quarry, but shooting from the hip risks overwhelming return fire. Rash actions seated in annoyance or anger can do a lot more damage than just sitting on your hands and waiting it out. Forceful action can carry the day, but only if it's well thought out and comes from a cool head, not a hot heart. The opportunity here lies in knowing when to pass and let someone else make the mistake, after which you may capitalize upon it.

Issues and Accents: *accidents, excitement, enmity, antagonism, bitterness*