

Your Year or Month Soul Guide

As the planets move through the heavens on their orbits they form angular associations (Transits) with the positions they occupied when you were born. This report offers interpretations of their influence and apparent affects, together with the information and inspiration that will help you to understand their significance in your life, and to make the most of them.

Understanding your report

Your Year or Month Guide is therefore a representation of how the planets, as they move, are influencing the planets and points in your Birth Chart and shows *Keyphrases* and *Theme*, along with the *Possible encounters*.

Repeating waves of influence appear as repeated paragraphs in the interpretations, this is natural and will occur over time.

Timing - influences can be felt for some days or even months before or after the given dates, You should also bear in mind that the accuracy of your given birth time can greatly affect the timing of the interpretations, especially to your Ascendant or Midheaven.

Important

If yours is an unknown birth time, then disregard altogether paragraphs relating to your Ascendant, Midheaven and Moon, for these would only be reliable if you just happen to have been born around noon.

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From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 4 Aug 2007

* *Saturn Opposition Mars*

Significance: This is a strong influence, and usually attracts confrontations that in turn increase your awareness of the matter concerned.

Keyphrases: Blocked or Controlled Energy - Testing Self-Assertion - Sex on Hold

Theme: A powerful point of reckoning with regard to your *Mars Profile*, where you have to assess and organize how you go about getting what you want.

With this difficult period, hard work is not only the best policy, but quite unavoidable. 'Don't pull your punches, but don't push the river', which means that you have to persist with whatever needs your individual energy and input, while at the same time acknowledging and accepting that circumstances are such that hold-ups are inevitable and that the current way of the world ultimately has the upper hand.

Also, you will have to confront others, yet always be prepared to meet them half way. You are now laying down, or else having laid down for you, a long-term plan, which could even be quite military-like. So hold back, and hold firm, and hold it all together.

Be patient. If necessary, work out your pent-up energies, such as anger, in harmless physical activity, but beware of knocks and strains. It may also be necessary to re-appraise the nature of your sexual activity, with a view to maturing in this area. In general, you will find that relating to men is difficult at this time.

Possible Encounters: Frustration - Opposition - Collisions - Tough Conditions

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 28 Aug 2007

* *Jupiter Sextile Saturn*

Significance: This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

Keyphrases: Increasing Order - Alleviating Difficulties - Improving Status

Theme: Opportunities to appreciate you *Saturn Profile*, through creating a balance between vision and caution.

Whether or not more hectic or exciting planetary influences are around now, this one provides you with a sense of equilibrium and of the value of sobriety. You recognize and accept where your duties lie, and consequently go about performing them in a measured and matter-of-fact fashion. Anything that requires you to be serious or solitary, can be confidently undertaken now. At the very least, this period will help you to accept reality more.

Possible Encounters: Happy Responsibilities - Clear Objectives - Practical Solutions

From about: 1 Aug 2007 **to about:** 31 Aug 2007

* *Jupiter Sextile Jupiter*

Significance: This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

Keyphrases: Positive Thinking - Philanthropic Plans - Increased Scope

Theme: Chances to make more of your *Jupiter Profile* through simply trusting in your beliefs.

If things are going well right now, this will make them go better - or you could just sit back and coast for a while. If matters are difficult, this period can attract some much needed luck or help. It also favours travelling and studying. You are able to see more and see further, so this is a good time to make plans, or put them forward. Whatever your circumstances, you should feel that someone up there loves you!

Possible Encounters: Financial or Legal Ease - Optimism - Goodwill - Prestige

From about: 1 Aug 2007 **to about:** 2 Aug 2007

* *Mars Square Mars Hot!*

Keyphrases: Stimulating Assertiveness - Provoking Aggression - High Energy

You should be rearing to go now. So it is important that you have some constructive outlet for such energies, or otherwise you'll feel wound up

and easily agitated. Basically, you should do anything that makes you feel happy to be active and mobile. If for any reason this is not possible, try to identify inside of you what exactly it is that you want or wish to do. Generally, you now get a good idea of how decisive and forthright you currently are. In fact, any course of action that initiates, regenerates or merely continues any project is recommended at this point. However, be warned that working at something resentfully, or repressing and being totally unaware of any urge to act at all, would be asking for a backlash in the form an accident or aggression from someone else - or simply feeling drained.

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 3 Aug 2007

* *Mars Trine Venus*

Keyphrases: Loving Sex - Ease of Expression - Party time

This is a wonderful time for physically enjoying yourself. Your senses are more than usually responsive to stimulation, and others are also more responsive to your actions. You can now discover or improve your ability to 'hit the spot' - either in an intimate situation or in company. You are more attuned to striking a balance between getting and giving, and to the fact that mutual pleasure is pleasure indeed. Artistic pursuits are also favoured during this period.

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 2 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Square Pluto*

Keyphrases: Sleuthing It - Mental Preoccupation - Disturbing Undercurrents

Whatever galvanises you or demands your complete attention is going to appear on the scene now. This could be in the form of a letter, a conversation, a book, or even an old question or feeling that pops to the surface to be looked into. Things that involve a mystery, like a whodunit, can really grab you at this time. Crime or the underworld, or the seamy side of life, can also suck you in - but probably only on a mental level - but watch it, all the same. Having to perform work that requires deep concentration is very possible.

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 3 Aug 2007

* *Sun Sextile Saturn*

Keyphrases: A Sense of Order - Highlighting Discipline and Economy

You should be functioning well over these few days, so it is a good time to get more organised, devise a plan, or even embark upon some important undertaking assuming other indications are not unfavourable. You are presently more than usually inclined to get down to what needs doing without being or feeling side-tracked by issues that do not bear directly on the job in hand. For now you are more disposed towards structure and efficiency than you are towards whims or sentimentality.

* *Mercury Sextile Saturn*

Keyphrases: Getting Down To It - Efficient Thinking and Speaking - Officialdom

Now you can do with relative ease those boring tasks that you may usually put off. Mental discipline comes more naturally to you now, and people in authority, like bosses or officials, can be dealt with more effectively - they themselves will also seem more amenable or efficient. Any kind of work, study or communication is favoured now, but more so the practical rather creative type. You find it easier, and more immediately satisfying, to get organised. Things fall into place, especially if you do, or have done, the groundwork.

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 31 Aug 2007

* *Pluto Trine Ascendant*

Significance: This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

Keyphrases: Deepening Perception & Awareness - Positively Transforming Outlook

Theme: Opportunities to become more powerfully connected with your *Ascendant Profile*, thereby increasing your personal power and creating a more convincing impression.

This can give you 'power-assisted perception'. enabling you to see through the facades of life around you - and of yourself too, for that matter. Yet you are happy to delve past the superficial for it makes you feel more in touch with your own and others' true motivations. Consequently, you feel increasingly more effective, and attract people who appreciate you for your core attributes, as opposed to what they like or don't like to think of you. Likewise, your ability to tap into the heart and soul of other individuals attracts mutual profit and advantage.

As is usual with this period, there is a hidden agenda: first, be prepared to work through some of your personal garbage that has been obscuring the real you - it'll be worth it; and secondly, using this influence to gain power merely for the sake of boosting your ego will, at a later date, lumber you with more than you bargained for - so use any power that comes your way to improve the lot of others as much as yourself, and all will be more than well.

Possible Encounters: Close Ones - Genuine Displays - Influential Figures

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 7 Aug 2007

* *Saturn Conjunct Ascendant New Cycle*

Significance: This is a very strong influence. It energises the situation in hand and both forces and enables you to advance and grow.

Keyphrases: Testing Presentation - Getting It Together

Theme: The powerful necessity of being true to your *Ascendant Profile*, through having to brave the world as you put yourself and your interests forward as having definite worth. Start of a new 29.5 year 'Identity Cycle'.

This is a highly significant period in your life, for you are emerging, or rather re-emerging, into the world after several years of some degree of withdrawal. It may not have been a particularly conscious retreat because the re-assessing of how you wish to present yourself to the world, and what as, has been taking place in much the same way as your body would assimilate a large meal while you carried on the business of living.

But that 'large meal' was the last 29.5 years of your life - or the whole of your life if you are under that age. And so two main questions arise now: Are there any old issues from the past that still need to be closed or dealt with before you can make a fresh start, and, What has the emergent you got to offer or involve yourself with that is going to give a definite purpose for the future?

Theoretically, and traditionally, you would be advised to clear away the former before getting on with the latter. But in reality, you are probably finding yourself living out a mixture of both as you strive to straighten out old ties and commitments, while at the same time endeavouring to make that new beginning or launch that new product or project.

Consequently you have your work cut out for you now, while you represent yourself to the material world with all its, and your, strengths

and weaknesses being heavily emphasized. If you are trying to do too much, or do it too quickly, Saturn will find a way of slowing you down. Conversely, where you are on target, some influential or authoritative figure will appear on the scene to assist you substantially.

To keep matters as manageable as possible then, you'll need to cut out any dead wood, in the form of outworn habits, haunts and relationships. Later in your life you will look back at this time as the beginning of an important new chapter in your life, and you will see quite clearly what just had to shape up or ship out. For now though, you are having to thrash this out as best you can - in the knowledge that this new version of you will get through.

Possible Encounters: Firm Impressions - Concrete Reality - Material Resistance

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 2 Aug 2007

* *Mars Square Ascendant Hot!*

Keyphrases: Conflict in the Air - Fighting for Independence

You are not the easiest person to be around just now, for being your own person is an important issue for you. So others, especially intimates, are liable to bug you because you are so sensitive about not having anyone intrude upon your right to do things in your own way. Looked at more simply, you are having to assert yourself under pressure, so it is best to work alone if possible, and have a clear objective. Any repressed negative emotion such as resentment or anger is likely to come to the surface; so honestly express it, don't suppress it, or you could attract damage or illness.

From about: 1 Aug 2007 to about: 31 Aug 2007

* *Neptune Square Midheaven*

Significance: This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

Keyphrases: Refining Sense of Purpose - Undermining your Position

Theme: An air of deception hangs around your *Midheaven Profile*, giving rise to a temptation to use questionable means, or to come clean.

How you experience this period very much depends on how you currently see your role and standing in life. The less this has to do with meeting

some kind of social or worldly need, and the more it has to do with just making a living or maintaining material status, the more likely it is that you now feel some kind of unsettling undercurrent.

On the one hand, you may feel that what you are doing in life is rather meaningless or self-serving, and from this can arise a wish to immerse yourself in some completely different pursuit that relieves or enlightens in some way. But if you allow your ego to get in the way, or it has not yet occurred to you that there some things in life that are more important than how others see your position in the world, then you are likely to try bluffing your way through current difficulties. This will actually do nothing to diminish your feelings of uneasiness; on the contrary it would complicate things further.

Ultimately, it would be better to be as honest and upfront about any matters that threaten to make you look a fool, for this is far more preferable to actually being one! So face the music and don't try faking it by coming on weaker or stronger than you really are. Such honesty will eventually attract a quite revelatory display of help and compassion from others.

Possible Encounters: Embarrassment (Great or Slight) - Defeat (Dignified or Otherwise)

From about: 2 Aug 2007 to about: 4 Aug 2007

* *Sun Sextile Jupiter*

Keyphrases: Positive Thinking - Knowing The Plan - Goodwill - Luck

You are in a good frame of mind as you are in touch with the better sides of your life and personality. It is as if you can see how you fit in with the greater whole, you feel that everything is for the best, and you have some sense of how things will pan out alright. So with anything that is particularly oiled by having Lady Luck on your side, now is a good time to go for it, notwithstanding other influences to the contrary. You are also quite likely to encounter positive and encouraging people at this time.

* *Mercury Sextile Jupiter*

Keyphrases: Seeing the Whole - Getting a Plan - Philosophical Thinking

Organisation and furtherance are the allies available to you at present. Having all the facts at your fingertips, seeing how the general fits in with the particular, linking the local to the global, the everyday to the profound - perceptions like these now come more easily to you, allowing you to put

forward, create or resolve whatever issues are in front of you. Whether it is finding the meaning of things, or translating one thing into another, your deductive mind and intuitive mind are now working in concert. Now is the time when you can accurately get the picture, or be put in it.

From about: 2 Aug 2007 to about: 3 Aug 2007

**Mercury Opposition Venus*

Keyphrases: Not Saying or Seeing It Right - The Need for Diplomacy

This is a time when logical thought is at odds with the emotional or aesthetic side of life. Not seeing eye-to-eye with a member of the opposite sex is highly likely, as one of you wants to make sense of things, while the other wants to feel right about something. One of you might want to talk while the other wants to experience affection or sensual pleasure. None of this can pose a big problem unless you let it, for this is just a passing phase when you are out of phase with whoever is close to you. It is also a time when work issues can get in the way of personal ones, or vice versa, so avoid mixing business with pleasure. If you already have been doing so, then this could prove an awkward time for you. Sorting out love problems is quite likely, and desirable too. But be wary of the above described inclination of speaking in different 'languages' to one another. Try to meet each other half way - it's the only way at present.

From about: 4 Aug 2007 to about: 6 Aug 2007

**Sun Opposition Sun*

Keyphrases: Ego Conflicts - Me Versus The Rest - Cool It!

This is not a time to see eye to eye with others, for you are confrontation prone, whether you like it or not. You can use this affect to get a reading of how you and another, or the world in general, squares up to you, but by and large it is best during these few days either to take the line of least resistance, or to soldier on if needs must.

**Mercury Opposition Sun*

Keyphrases: Communication Challenges - Pressing Work Issues - Spats

If you start feeling a bit overwrought during this time, then take few deep breaths - or better still do some breathing exercises. If you are prone to insomnia this influence could exacerbate it as you are more than usually inclined to working everything out in your head. As your mind and ego

are kind of hooked up together now, try not to blurt out the first thing that comes into your head for you may regret it. For the same reason, for maximum mental harmony, keep your mind focussed only upon serious issues, or paradoxically upon humorous ones. Arguing for arguing sake could be a waste of time and energy now, and also could get you into hotter water than you'd bargained for.

From about: 4 Aug 2007 to about: 5 Aug 2007

**Mercury Trine Uranus*

Keyphrases: Synchronicity - Being In The Know - Unusual Connections

Being mentally in tune with new ideas, methods and technology is the advantage that this influence offers you. It is as if you can intuitively put your finger on whatever or whomever you need to make contact with. This is quite simply a time when you are on good mental and verbal form, so earmark it for those tasks and appointments that require such mental acuity.

From about: 5 Aug 2007 to about: 8 Aug 2007

**Mars Opposition Uranus Hot!*

Keyphrases: Asserting Individuality - Provoking the Unexpected

A time to discover your freedom to be and find out who you really are. You are now sharply made aware of this freedom, whether you think you want it or not! So you could find yourself feeling restless, uncomfortably restricted, or easily agitated by others' expectations of you. You need the space to be yourself. The more that you recognise this, then the more free you will feel to do your own thing or start something new, without feeling insecure because of having to break away from the norm. At the other extreme, if you suppress or are totally unaware of your need for freedom, then be ready for a shock that is in aid of waking you up to it - like an accident or someone close to you asserting their need for freedom.

From about: 6 Aug 2007 to about: 10 Aug 2007

**Venus Opposition Mercury*

Keyphrases: Bad Buys - Indiscretion - Feelings At Odds With Words

Feelings and values are presently in conflict with how things are seen or communicated. This can give rise to misunderstandings, especially between loved ones. You should be careful not to let a molehill be turned

into a mountain, for really this influence should only amount to a 'life and life only' type of irritation that has no real lasting effect. However, if there is something bigger brewing beneath the surface, then this could bring it out in the open. But it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, for with a bit of self-control and a few well-chosen, preferably loving, words, again rather than a loss could be on the cards. Apart from these more serious areas, be on guard against impulse buys or retorts you later come to regret.

From about: 6 Aug 2007 to about: 9 Aug 2007

***Mars Square Mercury Hot!**

Keyphrases: Argument or Hot Debate - Nervous Excitement or Exhaustion

If it's going to be said at all, it's going to be said now - with some force. This in turn will help make decisions concerning issues that have been hanging in the balance. If you still manage to sit on the fence, expect to get pushed off. In other words, keeping a lid on it will attract tension release in some other area - like speeding in your car, acute irritability, or physical weak spots playing up. Now is the time when you can, or have to, really get your mental teeth into an issue - or it will get its teeth into you!

From about: 8 Aug 2007 to about: 12 Aug 2007

***Venus Square Uranus**

Keyphrases: The Electricity Of Love - Unusual Attractions - Possible Alienation

Whatever is out of the ordinary regarding sexual, social, creative or romantic involvements can appear out of the blue now. By the very nature of this influence it is hard to say what will happen. For the same reason it is best not to put too much store by whatever does, because it will most probably be a flash-in-the-pan kind of occurrence. Experimental, shocking or odd - whatever happens now can be anything from extremely exciting to somehow detached - or both even. This influence can trigger the start of an exciting relationship, but it does not predict what way it will go, for the only assurances as far as Uranus is concerned is that you can expect the unexpected, be ready to be woken up to something new. Significant coincidences can happen now, trying to tell you something about how love and life tick. Sudden attractions and/or breaks in relationship can occur also.

From about: 9 Aug 2007 to about: 10 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Sextile Saturn*

Keyphrases: Getting Down To It - Efficient Thinking and Speaking - Officialdom

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From about: 10 Aug 2007 **to about:** 11 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Opposition Sun*

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From about: 13 Aug 2007 to about: 15 Aug 2007

* *Sun Square Midheaven*

Keyphrases: Private Life/Public Life Balance - Parental Conflicts

Try and meet both personal and business obligations equally, even though everything will be coming at you from all sides. This only lasts a few days, so don't overreact to difficulties and thereby make things as bad as they momentarily appear to be.

* *Mercury Square Midheaven*

Keyphrases: Bad Connections at Home or at Work

Your private life and your public life tend to get in the way of one another at this time. Try to create a balance here, and avoid feeling frustrated if nothing seems to gel or becomes unstuck, for this influence is brief as a rule.

From about: 15 Aug 2007 to about: 16 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Square Midheaven*

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From about: 15 Aug 2007 to about: 18 Aug 2007

* *Venus Conjunct Ascendant*

Keyphrases: Love In The Air - Attractive Presentation - Social Pleasures

You have a friendly, attractive aura now. So whatever it is you wish to attract, win over or simply make feel good, now is the time! You may well externalise this effect by having someone attractive come your way. Venus being Venus however, there is no guarantee as to whether such an encounter is the real thing or just a tease. It all depends what you yourself are prone to right now. Make sure you are aware of your own worth and talent now, and not lose yourself in someone else's apparent charms.

From about: 16 Aug 2007 to about: 19 Aug 2007

* *Venus Opposition Mars*

Keyphrases: Love At Odds With Sex - Attracting and/or Attracted

You are very much in the mood for sexual and/or romantic experience, or simply to feel socially alive. Depending upon your temperament and availability, such an experience, or at least the opportunity for it, could arise right now, or, it would be a good time to plan for such an occasion, or, failing all of these, it could be a time of frustration if these matters have been put on the backburner. Then again, out of the blue could come an experience that kind of pleasurable highlights the current state of affairs in your love/sex/social life - even precipitating you into an affair or relationship. All in all though, this has the potential an enjoyable and exciting time - but be wary of your own shortcomings with respect to these areas being exposed. Attractive, artistic or simply likeable people appear on the scene to sweeten your life - or you could be the one being this for someone else.

From about: 16 Aug 2007 to about: 17 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Sextile Pluto*

Keyphrases: Sleuthing It - Powerful Words and Thoughts - Deep Study

If you have a job to do that requires your undivided attention, do it now. Not only is your mind on relatively good form, and can work into the night, you are also in the frame of mind where you can repel any interference powerfully, even ruthlessly if need be. You know that you have to see whatever it is through, no matter what.

From about: 16 Aug 2007 to about: 17 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Trine Neptune*

Keyphrases: The Inspired Mind - Mystical or Psychic Attunement

If you have been after an answer or inspiration from out of the ether, this is the time you are very likely to receive it. This does not mean to say that it will come whatever you are doing. It may, but it would be better to be focussed upon the issue of your concern, then - magic! Doing anything of a creative, therapeutic or entertaining nature is profitable or advisable at this time. Any experience involving the natural or spirit world is good 'medicine' right now - it may even come to you unbidden.

From about: 16 Aug 2007 to about: 17 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Trine Moon*

Keyphrases: Contacting Feelings - Easy Conversation - Interest and Sympathy

Things are more likely to fall into place now because you have a greater than usual sense of give and take. You talk but also listen, or vice versa. Enquiry is met with relevant response. Allowed to run on like this, this period can become very stimulating and informative, both emotionally and intellectually. Any intercommunications, personal or business, are favoured at this time.

From about: 16 Aug 2007 to about: 18 Aug 2007

* *Sun Trine Neptune*

Keyphrases: Going With The Flow - Attuned To Spirit - Creativity and Entertainment

This is a fine subtle influence, which you could miss unless you are alive to the unseen, mystical or imaginative elements of life and your personality. Any kind of creative or spiritual pursuit - either active or passive - is well starred under this planetary effect. You are more attuned to subtle and emotional vibrations than usual, and possibly sense that struggling with issues only prolongs or complicates them. An enjoyable time listening or playing music, communing with Nature, or any activity involving the sea, is some of the possibilities right now.

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From about: 17 Aug 2007 to about: 20 Aug 2007

* *Venus Trine Moon*

Keyphrases: Emotional Harmony - Accord with/between Females - Attractiveness

This is a very 'female' influence in that you are inclined to use charm and receptivity rather than drive and ambition. If you are usually disposed to making things happen, now you are wise to let them happen as they will, for in this way the easiest solution or most attractive outcome will ensue. Any pursuits that require grace, diplomacy or artistic imagination, or occasions like domestic or family gatherings and parties are favoured at this time.

From about: 17 Aug 2007 to about: 18 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Opposition Mars*

Keyphrases: Forceful Words and Thinking - Count To Ten - Getting a Lot Done

It is as if everything has bells on now, and the slightest wrong word or movement sets them jangling. There is a danger of speaking out of turn or saying something you come to regret, so try to think before speaking - or acting, for that matter. You may feel justified in getting heated over a certain issue, but there is a strong possibility that the only satisfaction you get ultimately is from merely feeling justified. Your 'opponent' if so disposed, they could make you eat your words at a later date, or you may not have a 'later date' to say anything at all, justifiable or otherwise. At this time it pays to look at what it is in you that causes you to feel ineffectual or overlooked in any way. This will not only supply you with useful information which you can then do something constructive about, but it would prevent you having a run in with someone or something (like a car or sharp object) that has nothing to do with it other than the fact that they trigger your anger and frustration which is born of a complex about self-assertion and getting what you want in life.

From about: 17 Aug 2007 to about: 19 Aug 2007

* *Sun Sextile Pluto*

Keyphrases: Repairs and Regeneration - Getting to the Bottom of It

This is a good time to start any regimen, to turn things around, to eliminate anything that has been bothering you, or simply to put what's wrong right. You feel a power coursing through you, but it is a gentle and sure power - not one that is insisting you express it no matter what. Your powers of concentration, and your stamina - be it physical, mental or

emotional - are stronger than usual, so any demanding activity is better pursued at this time.

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If you have a job to do that requires your undivided attention, do it now. Not only is your mind on relatively good form, and can work into the night, you are also in the frame of mind where you can repel any interference powerfully, even ruthlessly if need be. You know that you have to see whatever it is through, no matter what.

From about: 17 Aug 2007 to about: 19 Aug 2007

* *Sun Trine Moon*

Keyphrases: Clear Feelings - Equilibrium - Understanding Needs - Inner Calm

This is an excellent time for getting in touch with both yourself and others. This is because you now experience an optimum balance between what you want and need, between what you think and feel. So you are more than usually able to see things in a healthy light, with a minimum of misunderstanding. Seeing eye to eye, creating agreements or settling disputes is also favoured. Moreover, problems arising from childhood traumas may be successfully explored and set on the road to resolution.

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* *Mercury Conjunct Ascendant*

Keyphrases: On The Ball - Getting Around Locally and/or Mentally

Life is interesting and busy at this time. Useful contacts and stimulating people and subjects cross your path. If you have to look anyone or anything up, you are more likely than usual to make the right connections, possess good timing. You could also receive a significant communication, or even the one you have been waiting for, especially if there are other activities occurring that indicate positive events.

From about: 17 Aug 2007 to about: 21 Aug 2007

* *Venus Sextile Pluto*

Keyphrases: Loving Deeply - Genuine Attraction - Sexual Pleasure

You are drawn to what is deep and dark - but probably without feeling controlled or compromised by such a feeling, such as can often be the case. If in a relationship, you now have the experience or opportunity of feeling in touch with the nucleus of what binds you together, yet in a way that is very right, fated even. This influence could possibly trigger the start of an important relationship, but there would probably have to be other, longer-standing planetary effects to make it so.

From about: 18 Aug 2007 to about: 21 Aug 2007

* *Venus Trine Neptune*

Keyphrases: Love Dreams - Pleasing Fantasies - Artistic Inspiration

Any feelings or ideas regarding love, sex, music or art - or social life generally - are now nicely attuned to your ideals and visions of a better life. None of this is particularly dynamic, but this gentle, almost 'hippie' type, influence can be very enjoyable. This is a good time to put aside for any pursuit or pastime that comes into these categories.

From about: 18 Aug 2007 to about: 20 Aug 2007

* *Sun Opposition Mars Hot!*

Keyphrases: Highlighting Personal Drive, Sex Life, Courage and Decisiveness

Mars is symbolic of that force within and around you that make it possible to go for and get something or someone; it also represents the urge and the right to do so. How good or bad or indifferent you are when it comes to expressing your Mars qualities is currently an issue. Being active, independent, forthright or bold now, is a sign that you know what you are after, and how and when to act. Experiencing - either in yourself or

another - anger, abusiveness or excessive use of force would be a sign that you need to look at what you yourself are angry about, at what you want, and at what you must do in order to obtain it or so that you no longer want it.

* *Mercury Opposition Mars*

Keyphrases: Forceful Words and Thinking - Count To Ten - Getting a Lot Done

It is as if everything has bells on now, and the slightest wrong word or movement sets them jangling. There is a danger of speaking out of turn or saying something you come to regret, so try to think before speaking - or acting, for that matter. You may feel justified in getting heated over a certain issue, but there is a strong possibility that the only satisfaction you get ultimately is from merely feeling justified. Your 'opponent' if so disposed, they could make you eat your words at a later date, or you may not have a 'later date' to say anything at all, justifiable or otherwise. At this time it pays to look at what it is in you that causes you to feel ineffectual or overlooked in any way. This will not only supply you with useful information which you can then do something constructive about, but it would prevent you having a run in with someone or something (like a car or sharp object) that has nothing to do with it other than the fact that they trigger your anger and frustration which is born of a complex about self-assertion and getting what you want in life.

From about: 18 Aug 2007 to about: 20 Aug 2007

* *Sun Conjunct Ascendant*

Keyphrases: Highlighting Presentation - Putting Yourself Across Well

It's as if you now have some natural spotlight shining upon you - or you yourself are the spotlight for others, illuminating that which needs clarifying or affirming. Any event that needs to look good or go off well can be arranged now - providing you know that your birth time is absolutely accurate, because any influence to your Ascendant (or Midheaven) depends upon this being the case. In fact, if you feel this spotlight at some time near but not during this time, this would be an opportunity to rectify your birth time; so see an astrologer if this is the case.

* *Mercury Conjunct Ascendant*

Keyphrases: On The Ball - Getting Around Locally and/or Mentally

Life is interesting and busy at this time. Useful contacts and stimulating people and subjects cross your path. If you have to look anyone or anything up, you are more likely than usual to make the right connections, possess good timing. You could also receive a significant communication, or even the one you have been waiting for, especially if there are other activities occurring that indicate positive events.

From about: 19 Aug 2007 to about: 20 Aug 2007

**Mercury Square Uranus*

Keyphrases: Scattered Thoughts - Stuck For Words - Indiscretion - Crossed Lines

Whatever is new or unusual now catches your interest. Then again it might be a disruptive element that intrudes upon your working and thinking. In any event, some new method or style is available or necessary. If you are in tune and in time with any necessary changes, then as if by magic, the right person, thing or opportunity appears on your scene. If you are of a nervous disposition, you could feel more jumpy than usual. If this is the case, do some deep breathing or chill out in some way that you know works for you. Your mind is speeded up now, and can be very alive to ideas and inventions. A great deal depends upon how procedure driven or free-spirited you are. The former 'will' attracts disruption, the latter attracts innovation. Another interesting aspect of this influence is that you either find yourself stuck for words, losing your thread while speaking, or, you can be very intuitive and outspoken. Then again, you may find yourself speaking out of turn, or saying something inappropriate. Everything depends on how informed you are regarding a given subject. Machines, especially computers, could play up now.

From about: 19 Aug 2007 to about: 20 Aug 2007

**Mercury Opposition Mercury*

Keyphrases: Disagreement - Nervous Energy - The Devil Makes Work For Idle Hands

Irritation, a lack of relevance, bad communication, work setbacks, inappropriate thinking - these are some of the things that could dog you at present. To avoid such frustrations or simply feeling at a loose end, find an optimum environment for getting down what has to be done. This could well mean working on your own somewhere, or keeping intrusions down to a minimum in some other way. All forms of communication could become a nuisance or be unreliable, with the proverbial wires getting crossed. Again, seek to minimise difficulties by avoiding having important

decisions dependent upon making a specific contact or travel connection. Look for a more suitable time for such activities.

From about: 21 Aug 2007 to about: 24 Aug 2007

* *Mars Trine Saturn*

Keyphrases: Disciplined Activity - Concentrated Energy - Steady Work

This period is good for getting down to those tasks that require effort but that are not very exciting. This is because now you are naturally inclined to plod on in an uncomplaining fashion, simply being satisfied in the knowledge that a necessary job is being well done. Painstaking work is also favoured for you are not so easily interrupted or side-tracked.

From about: 22 Aug 2007 to about: 25 Aug 2007

* *Mars Trine Jupiter*

Keyphrases: Acting with Conviction - Fortunate Moves - Exhorting Others

You can get a lot done during this period, and encourage others to greater effort and achievement too. All physical activities, particularly sports, can be favourably embarked upon. You feel more sure than usual, and so it is a good time to further your objectives. Planning and decision-making are also well starred because you have a greater than normal sense of all the elements that are in play.

From about: 22 Aug 2007 to about: 24 Aug 2007

* *Sun Square Uranus*

Keyphrases: Highlighting Uniqueness and Individuality - Expect the Unexpected

How you experience this influence has everything to do with how in touch you are with what is special about life in general and yourself in particular. If you have allowed your life to become too routine and predictable than something or someone could appear on the scene to give you a shock or a jolt, or at least remind you that the world is a wild and extraordinary place. Alternatively, you could be the one to shock others by revealing what is rebellious or highly original about you. Why not make this a date with the unexpected by doing something you'd never normally do? Then with the element of surprise on your side, there is no telling what new ideas or vistas could open up in front of you.

* *Mercury Square Uranus*

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From about: 23 Aug 2007 **to about:** 25 Aug 2007

* *Sun Opposition Mercury*

Keyphrases: State of Mind - Stimulating Interests - Highlighting Anxieties

Life's spotlight is focussed upon the way you think and perceive things now. So this can mean many things, depending upon what you have currently been doing with your mental faculties or to your nervous system. Studying, planning, reading, travelling short distances, making conversation, arguing the point, gossiping, worrying, or just plain thinking - these are some examples of Mercurial activities that are presently being intensified. This means that more energy is available to you for putting into one or more of these situations, or that you should learn to slow down, trust, think and talk a little less, and listen and feel more.

* *Mercury Opposition Mercury*

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find an optimum environment for getting down what has to be done. This could well mean working on your own somewhere, or keeping intrusions down to a minimum in some other way. All forms of communication could become a nuisance or be unreliable, with the proverbial wires getting crossed. Again, seek to minimise difficulties by avoiding having important decisions dependent upon making a specific contact or travel connection. Look for a more suitable time for such activities.

From about: 23 Aug 2007 to about: 26 Aug 2007

* *Venus Square Midheaven*

Keyphrases: Home/Work Conflicts - Spread A Little Happiness

Love and social life is now inclined to get in the way of your professional or domestic concerns. A case of business and pleasure not mixing, you could say. This could just be a passing thing, or then again it could be something more weighty and important, making itself felt. Being diplomatic and as pleasant as possible to whoever you have dealings with is the best course now.

From about: 23 Aug 2007 to about: 31 Aug 2007

* *Saturn Square Uranus*

Significance: This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your current strengths and weaknesses.

Keyphrases: Inhibiting Freedom - Necessity for Change - Purposeful Liberation

Theme: Having to be practical and objective with matters relating to your *Uranus Profile*, through establishing what freedom and the uniqueness of self means for you.

Essentially this is a time when you have to ascertain what structures and habits in your life are keeping you chained to people or situations that do not or no longer serve your most individual interests and goals. If you are fearful or unconscious of making any necessary changes in aid of this, then you'll be in for a tense time, which could even create (subsequent) health problems. Alternatively, the difficulty will be the disruption any changes will cause not to you but to those closely involved with you.

The trick is firstly to find a good reason (the actual reason) for making a change; and secondly, to appreciate that resisting this need for change will eventually make a disaster out of a mere dilemma, for both yourself

and others. Ruts are only so far from being graves. But most importantly, it is the most individualistic aspects of your life - be it your beliefs, lifestyle or whatever - that are put to the test. This means that at some point you have to create a balance between your principles and material necessities, or, to sacrifice one for the other.

Possible Encounters: A Parting of Ways - Worthwhile Causes - Feeling held back

From about: 25 Aug 2007 to about: 28 Aug 2007

* *Mars Trine Sun*

Keyphrases: Forcefulness with Ease - The Door-Opener - A Winning Way

You are able to approach and execute matters as well as is possible now, either in relation to your usual ability to act decisively - or considering the situation that you are currently dealing with. In other words, you are now most likely to know what you want, and how to go about getting it. More to the point however, you are most likely to assert yourself owing to an instinctive sense of sureness that attracts success and confidence, rather than to being impatient and pushy, which would attract the opposite.

From about: 28 Aug 2007 to about: 31 Aug 2007

* *Saturn Opposition Mercury*

Significance: This is a strong influence, and usually attracts confrontations that in turn increase your awareness of the matter concerned.

Keyphrases: Hard Work - Dull/Seriously Minded - Perception Tested - Groundwork

Theme: A powerful point of reckoning with regard to your *Mercury Profile*, where you have to organize your mental faculties.

Most things on the work and intellectual front are slowed down at this time. You are being tried as to whether any given project is worth the mental effort. If it is, then it will survive this period. You could be given more responsibility at work - or have your position tested. Any woolly thinking or slackness on your part will attract pressure from authority figures, which would include your own conscience.

Bear in mind that the intention of this influence is to stabilize your attitude, bringing it in line with the reality at hand. Disciplining your mind now, will serve you well for a long time to come. If in doubt, take your

time and only speak if you are absolutely sure of what you wish to say. Allow for delays, especially while travelling.

Possible Encounters: Mental Focus/Pressure - Lack of Work - Dry Intellectualism

From about: 30 Aug 2007 to about: 31 Aug 2007

* *Mercury Trine Midheaven*

Keyphrases: Home and Business Connections - Knowing Your Pitch

You now see clearly now how your home and working life are dependent upon each other, and are able to balance your interests and investments in these respects. Getting private and professional figures and concerns to co-operate comes easier now. You see the whole picture and can organise you and yours more efficiently.

Postscript

General ways of making good use of your Year or Month Guides

1. Quite apart from the actual Radix Planet(s) being transited at any given time, a predominant influence upon your life by a particular transiting Planet may be interpreted accordingly:

Pluto Transits - These are, or should be, life changing in a profound way. Pluto's influences are those of intensification, upheaval, elimination (of what is outworn), probing and deepening, purging, obsessing or concentrating, and are empowering or dis-empowering.

The best way to respond to Pluto is therefore through letting go of what or who you no longer need or is no longer there; getting more in touch with your deeper urges, feelings and fears; recognizing what or who is powerful in your life; and making the distinction between a positive expression of power and a negative one.

A Plutonian period in your life can be likened to a journey down and through, or an encounter with, the Underworld - that is, your deep subconscious mind. A Pluto Transit to one Radix Planet lasts around two to three years overall.

Neptune Transits - These are, or should be, life-changing in a subtle way. Neptune's influences are those of sensitisation, softening, mystification, fascination, temptation, inspiration, compassion, delusion, addiction, irritation, and are enlightening or undermining.

While very much under its influence - for Neptune is like a drug or gas, literally or metaphorically - you are advised to let things take their course without struggling or resisting too much, go with the flow, but at the same time avoid giving in to your weaknesses. Any pursuit that relieves, enlightens or entertains is a positive way of channelling

Neptune's influence - like healing, music, painting, writing, dancing, acting, any activities involving water, or that transcend the ego, like meditation, yoga, mysticism, etc. Most of all, an attitude of acceptance is appropriate.

A Neptunian period in your life can be likened to a voyage across or beneath, or an encounter with, the sea, attuning you to personal undercurrents or collective moods. A Neptune Transit to one Radix Planet lasts around two years overall.

Uranus Transits - These are, or should be, life changing in an unexpected way. Uranian influences are therefore those of revolution, rebellion, liberation, innovation, suddenness, explosiveness, originality, accident, co-incidence, and are awakening or disrupting and out of the ordinary.

The ideal way of responding to Uranus is with open-mindedness, a sense of experimentation, a willingness to look at things with alternative means that may well surprise or shock others, and by appreciating that you are receiving a message or an instruction from your unconscious, even though you might be unaware that such a thing could happen!

In effect then, Uranus is loosening up your idea of reality in order that you may adopt a more scientific, technological or esoteric overview of life processes. So a Uranian period in your life can be likened to flying or seeing the world from a higher vantage point. A Uranus Transit to one Radix Planet lasts around a year to eighteen months in all.

Saturn Transits - These are life stabilizing or life-testing in some way. Saturnian influences are therefore materially supportive or restrictive, consolidating or separative, firm or heavy, authoritative or oppressive, and are generally in aid of getting you organized and of making you aware of the status quo.

So it is advisable to meet Saturn with a sense of practicality, preparedness, matter-of-factness, a willingness to confront issues, and through using time as your instrument rather than being ruled by it. Saturn is about objectivity - which means to say that seeing things for what they are, and establishing and achieving your objectives, can and must be attended to, or begun to be so, under its influence.

A Saturnian period in your life is, or is like, an encounter with a figure of authority - and whether this is helpful or hindering, it is still in aid of your getting yourself together. A Saturn Transit to one Radix Planet lasts about a year overall.

Jupiter Transits - These are life-expanding or life-overdoing in some way. Jupiter's influences are therefore growth inducing or excessive, faith-inspiring or promising/expecting more than can be delivered, magnifying or exaggerating, and are generally in aid of showing you the bigger picture and how you fit into it, and how you can make more of yourself and life.

It is a good idea to meet Jupiter with a sense of enterprise, optimism and goodwill that is tempered with a sense of modesty and reality, and to keep an intuitive eye out for signs of where you are supposed to go next - for they will be there; and to cultivate enthusiasm for the overall feel of

how things are developing, rather than attempting to prove logically or account for everything item by item.

A Jupiterian period in your life can be likened to having a sense, literally or symbolically, of being on life's highway, with the journeys, adventures, opportunities and destinations that this can lead to, and with the possible realisation that all is in aid of some sort of divine plan. A Jupiter Transit to one Radix Planet can be relatively fleeting or last overall for up to one year.

Month Guides Only:

Mars Transits - These are highly significant, especially when Conjoining, Squaring or Opposing a Radix Planet, because they can trigger the bigger, longer Transits described above, or they fire you up for good or ill. It has to be said that 'for ill' usually means losing one's temper, or someone losing theirs with you or near you. And so knowing your Mars Transits is vital if you wish to avoid or minimise conflagrations. This can also be crucial with regard to driving or sports, for you may be vulnerable to accident and injury during one of them

Mars Transits normally only last two to five days, but sometimes when the Planet goes 'stationary', or it transits a number of Radix planets in quick succession, you can have that hair-trigger energy around for up to a month. It cannot be emphasised enough how much knowing your Mars Transits can help you to prevent upsets and regrets, while enabling you to use that energy wisely and productively.

Venus Transits - These are mild and usually pleasant, creating harmony and ease. There can be an inclination to indulgence or indolence though! Venus Transits are fleeting unless the planet has gone 'stationary' when one will last up to ten days or so.

Mercury transits - These are not that dynamic, but can cause you to feel mentally sharper or more on edge - depending on the type of aspect and your own temperament. Mercury Transits are similar to Venus in duration.

Sun transits - These 'high-light' the quality of the planet in your chart that is being transited. The Transiting Sun is indicative of the prevailing life circumstances around you. It indicates whether or not this general current of events is in or out of harmony with you. Sun Transits always last two or three days.

2. Last but by no means least, you need at all times to be aware of the possibility of **Psychological Protection**. This is probably the most

commonly confusing trait of human nature, for it is our inclination to live out unconsciously parts of ourselves through others - because we cannot accept them as coming from ourselves, as they seem either too bad or too good to be true.

So in this way, any Transit can manifest its influences in the life, character, dilemma, or creative expression of one person or many people apparently distinct from yourself - but not really. **Introjection**, or the taking back of one's projections is the major key to both self-awareness and the future of Humanity. So watch and wonder, perceive and ponder - and admit it.

'Transcan'

'Transcan' allows you to discover for yourself how any particular transit (in Year Guides only) relates to you very personally. For example, supposing you had Uranus Transiting your Mercury, then you would interpret this by linking the Uranus Keywords on the Left with the Mercury Keywords on the Right.

So for instance, you could be experiencing something that was Awakening your Perception of life but which also had a Disrupting effect upon the way you Work. Be imaginative and experimental with 'Transcan' and you'll tap into the dynamics of your life. Note: Words in "quotes" are recommended general responses to those transits.

Transiting Planets:

Pluto's influence when positive is *Regenerating*, when negative it is *Degenerating*. Key Response "Let Go".

Neptune's influence when positive is *Sensitising*, when negative it is *Undermining*. Key Response "Let It Be".

Uranus's influence when positive is *Awakening*, when negative it is *Disrupting*. Key Response "Loosen Up".

Saturn's influence when positive is *Stabilising*, when negative it is *Testing*. Key Response "Learn".

Jupiter's influence when positive is *Developing*, when negative it is *Exagerating*. Key Response "Launch".

Radix Planets:

Sun being influenced affects *Life in General, Vitality, Will, Creativity*.

Moon being influenced affects *Feelings, Emotional Security, Care*.

Mercury being influenced affects *Perception, Reason, Communication, Work, Study*.

Venus being influenced affects *Love-Life, Art, Values, Pleasures, Money*.

Mars being influenced affects *Energy, Anger/Danger, Self-Assertion, Sex-Life*.

Jupiter being influenced affects *Plans, Morals, Beliefs, Opportunity, Enthusiasm*.

Saturn being influenced affects *Life-Order, Status, Material Security, Responsibility*.

Uranus being influenced affects *Freedom, Originality, Technology, Alternatives*.

Neptune being influenced affects *Sensitivity, Imagination, Illusion, Ideals*.

Pluto being influenced affects *Insight, Power, Obsessions, Destiny, Endings*.

Ascendant being influenced affects *Persona, Outlook, Relationships*.

Midheaven being influenced affects *Worldly Position - Home/Family Life*.

Discovering a clear direction in life

From reading your *Soul Guide*, I hope that you have been able to make the most out of any advantages and opportunities, and to learn and profit from any lessons or challenges that your planetary transits have presented you with along your life track.

Most of all, I would like to think that you have been able to sense that there is something about you and within you that is trying to get you or keep you on course with your true direction - often in spite of where you think you want to go!

The way I see it is this: Humanity has lost its way somewhat, and it is only through each one of us as individuals finding our way back to our true path that we as a species will do so as well.

There really is a rhyme and a reason to life - yours and mine. But I believe we have to look at life from a different perspective in order to perceive this. Astrology can provide you with this new perspective. *Lyn Birkbeck*.