

Solar Returns



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Every year on your birthday, the Sun comes back to where it was when you were born. Cast a horoscope for that moment, and that's your solar return chart. Theoretically, it can affect you for a whole year, yet in actual fact most of the effects are just for the first six months. Six months after your solar return,

you'll have your demi-solar. That's when the Sun is opposite the place from where it was when you were born. The first person who told me about solar returns told me that you have to precession-correct them. "What's that?" I asked him, and he said it's a sidereal technique. But I do tropical astrology and so do you, I told him. He said it works. Well, he was a Taurus and I'm a Capricorn. All he had to say was that it works.

So I tried it, and guess what, it works. With my fantastic statistical technique, I tried it with one chart and it worked. So I naturally concluded that it worked. I've seen it work time and time again. I have many arguments with people. You can't precession correct. It's a sidereal technique. This is a tropical chart. It works, I say.

So what I did here—I not only gave you a lot of charts that are precession-corrected. I compared them with charts which were not precession-corrected. What's the difference? The earth's orbit wobbles around the Sun. It takes over 24,000 years to make a complete circle. That's where we get

the ages. We had the Age of Pisces. This is the Age of Aquarius. So, you have to make that little correction. It comes up to about 50 seconds of arc for every year of a person's life. Let the computer do it. I used to do these things by hand. Let the computer do it.

AUDIENCE: *How do you do them?*

BM: I know in Win Star it says geocentric which is regular or geocentric-precessed. I don't know how they list it in Solar Fire but that's how Win Star does it.

AUDIENCE: *In Solar Fire you hit the solar return button and click on precession.*

BM: Click on 'precession' and make it your default.

At any rate, the very first time I tried traveling on my birthday—and anybody who's watched my cable TV show knows this because I've mentioned it practically every program. It was 1981, and I have a chart that I'll show you later.

even more money." That's all you have to say to a Cancer.

Cancer goes in front of a judge and starts crying. "\$900,000. The lawyer takes \$300,000. And taxes, they could have taken another \$300,000. I'll be left with nothing. What do I do?" And the judge thinks and says, "Tell them you want the settlement divided this way. Tell them that you want only \$400,000 as a settlement here. The rest for the claim that you were the one who caused the damage while

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you didn't. They actually defamed you in open court. So tell them that the rest should be for defamation of character. And those damages are not taxable.

The client says "what if they don't bite." "Then don't sign it." The judge said that. Would that happen with Saturn and Neptune at the top of the chart? No.

The client takes the lawyer's fee out of the \$400,000. So she only has \$100,000 taxable. In gratitude the client gave me a Chinese evergreen plant to put in the money corner of my house for feng shui. (Laughter) I think I'm lucky to get the plant.

AUDIENCE: *Did it work?*

BM: Yes. A little bit. I had to buy a planter.

I had another client, by coincidence born one day different from this one. Same year. I didn't put that chart in the handouts. This is a real estate agent. And I had to send her to Barbados. This one tells me, "I went to a

psychic once and the psychic told me I was going to die far from home across the water."

BM: "You're not going to die in Barbados."

CLIENT: *"Are you sure?"*

So I keep getting phone calls again. "Are you sure this is going to work? All my friends say I'm crazy." "Well, you are, but not because of this." (Laughter)

Again, the night before, I didn't answer the phone because I knew. There's a message on the machine. "I told a whole bunch of people that you said I would not die by going to Barbados. If something happens to me, they're going to spread the story all over town and ruin your reputation."

So I spoke to the client a couple of months later and asked her how it was going. "You know the month after I got back I got \$8,000 in commissions. It was my most ever." You could hear the disappointment in her voice. "I didn't die!" (Laughter)

That same client. I bump into her in the street. "Oh, I'm so miserable. This other astrologer told me I was going to die in two years or four years." "What? What kind of astrologer would say that? It's so unprofessional. What ever possessed them to say something like that?" "I asked him."

Well, you know there are plenty of positive Cancers. But when you get a negative Cancer, this is what you do. You tell them something. You could do this; you could do that. Then they'll come back.

CLIENT: "Oh, I couldn't do anything. You were right. The accident happened right on schedule."