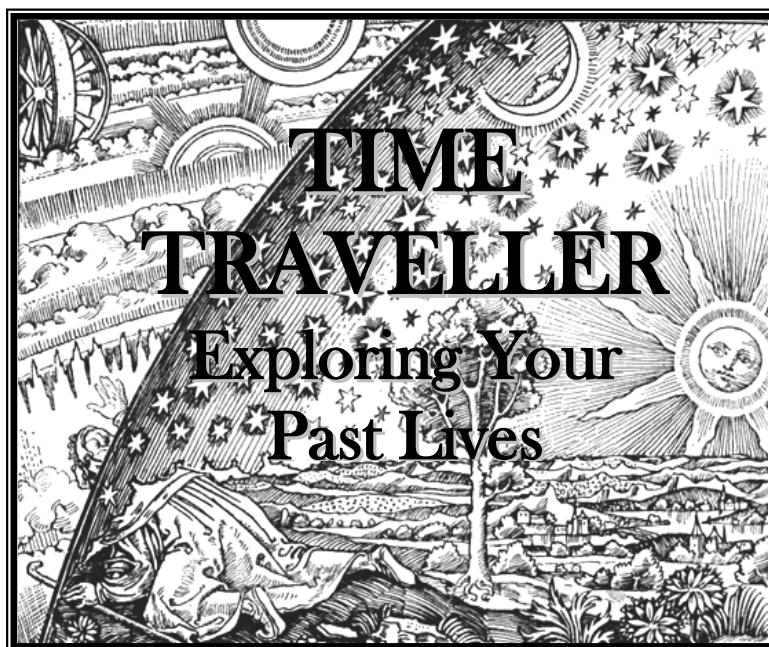


# HOMESTAR

**Genuine Astrological Guidance**



*for*  
***Vladimir Putin***  
Personality Profiles  
Year & Month Guides  
Relationship Profiles

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## Symbol Key

SUN	☉	MOON	☾	MERCURY	☿	VENUS	♀	MARS	♂	N.NODE	♋
JUPITER	♃	SATURN	♄	URANUS	♅	NEPTUNE	♆	PLUTO	♇	S.NODE	♎
ARI	♈	TAU	♉	GEM	♊	CNC	♋	LEO	♌	VIR	♍
LIB	♎	SCO	♏	SGR	♐	CAP	♑	AQR	♒	PSC	♓

# MOON MAGIC TIMELINE

## Getting the Measure of the River of Your Life

On the next two pages, before your Moon Magic report itself begins, you will find a graphic which displays all the planetary influences which are interpreted in what follows. This will show you an overview of the whole five year period as well as giving you a clearer idea of the duration of these influences, especially the Supra-Lunar Current Events (see below) which can flow over either end of their given length by quite some months. This graph is given purely to help you get more out of Moon Magic, but you may disregard it if you like and skip to the report itself a few of pages on.

### Reading the graph

1. The first column shows the Progressed Planet (3 letter abbreviation, e.g. Mer = Mercury) followed by the Aspect it is making (3 letter abbreviation, e.g. Tri = Trine), and then the Planet or Point in your chart to which the Progressed Planet is making that Aspect, and finally the characters '-r' or '-p'.

In the report itself the Aspects are termed as follows: Cnj (Conjunction) as Flowing With and Against; Opp (Opposition) or Sqr (Square) as Flowing Against; Tri (Trine) or Sxt (Sextile) as Flowing With (note that Sextile is a lot weaker than Trine but can be benefitted from with some conscious effort).

2. The coloured bands that follow on to the right of the above indicate the length of time that the influence approximately lasts. The darker the colour within any particular bands shows when the influence is usually (but not always) the strongest. The vertical lines of dots denote the months of the year indicated at the top of the timeline.

3. Any influences/bands that appear to be abruptly cut off at the beginning or end of the timeline tells you that the influence began before the start date of the report or goes beyond the end of it.

4. Sometimes you will see an influence/band at the beginning or end of a year (and cuts off like in 3. above) that is not interpreted in the text. If this is the case just look to the preceding or following year and you should find that Progression interpreted there.

**NOTE!** - Finally, be aware that you should **disregard** the following indications given in the graph that follows:

1. The first block of influences which all begin with the words 'ASC' or 'MC' for these are NOT interpreted.

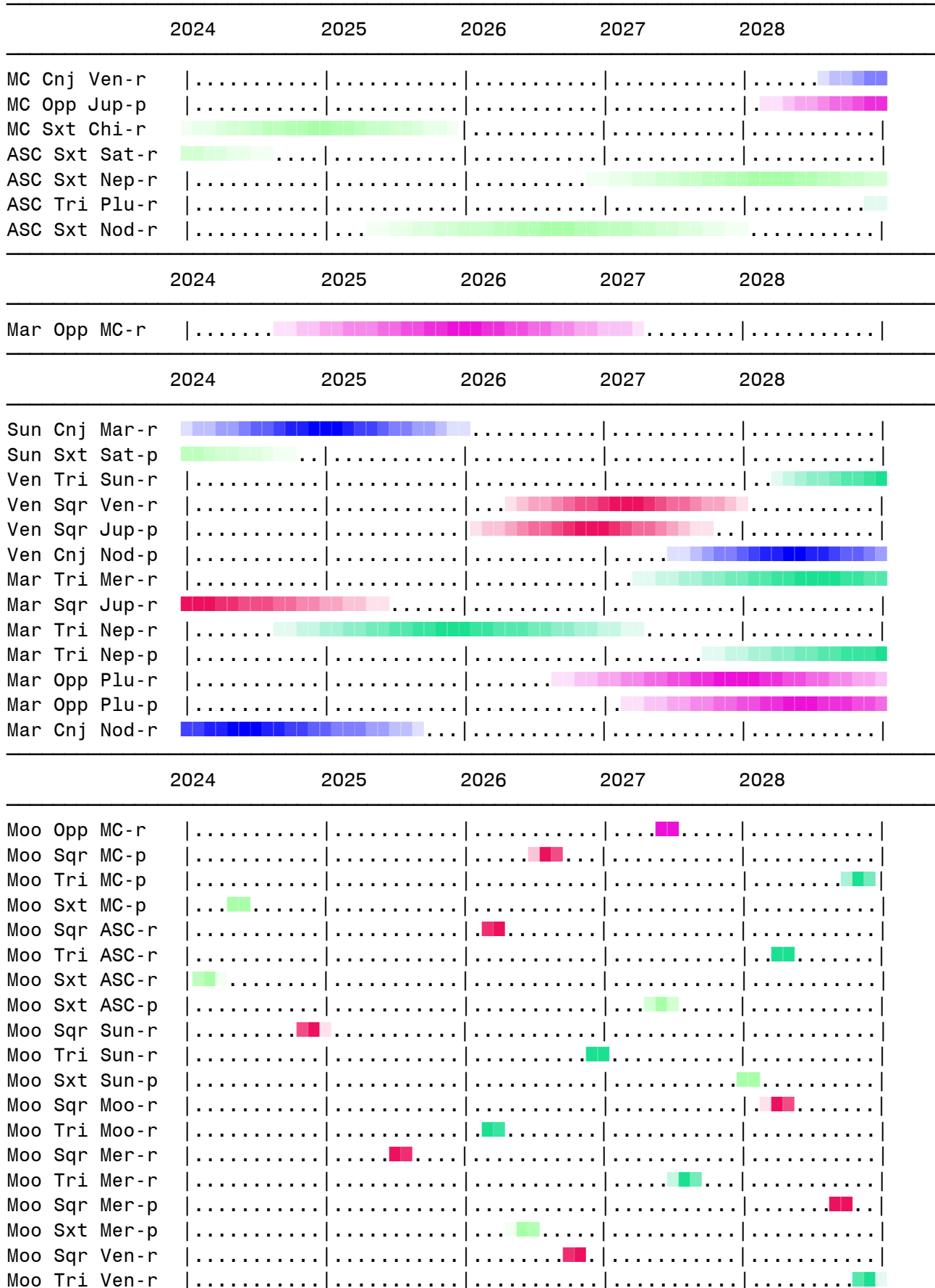
2. Any Progression or influence ending in the characters '-p' as this is NOT interpreted either.



## 5-year Progressions

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*Progressions for year commencing 1 Jan 2024*

## MOON MAGIC ~ The River of Your Life

*You Came out of a Mountain  
Turned into a Stream  
Then Flowed like a River  
Down to the Sea*

This report is all about the natural you over the unnatural or conditioned you. It shows the way your true and original self wants and needs to flow through life ~ the River of Your Life ~ as against forces and conditions that coerce or oblige all of us to go some other, more artificial route. This does not mean that there are not inner conflicts that need working through along the way ~ and it will be shown when these occur and how to deal with them ~ but that suppression of the true you can confuse the issue, your life, quite heavily. By following the River of Your Life you discover your Moon Magic, the natural, eternal and soulful you and the course it is supposed to follow. To be a better Moon Magician it is recommended that you read the following general information about the River of Your Life ~ but there is nothing to stop you skipping it and jumping right in with the report itself that begins straight after it.

## The Astrological Moon

*I Must Go  
Down by the River  
Down by the Sea  
See if the Fishes  
Agree with Me  
I'm Born of Water  
I'm Born of Water  
I Must Flow*

The astrological symbolism of your Moon is all about flow and mood, feelings and sympathy, and a natural sense of life and yourself. It is about your most fundamental needs for security and belonging, family and home. Moon Magic looks at your lunar nature by seeing the ways in which that nature is influenced through time by what are called your Progressed Moon and your Progressed Sun and Planets. Unlike the ongoing influences that come from the outside, from 'transits' or the planets in the sky, Progressions (as they are generally called) are worked out by taking a day for each year of your life. So if you are, say, thirty years old, then the positions of the Sun, Moon and Planets in the sky on the thirtieth day of your life are the Progressed Sun, Moon and Planets during your thirtieth year, and then these positions are seen and interpreted in relation to your birth chart as a whole. This is not as strange as it sounds for nature itself creates all its forms by way of what are called fractals which are geometrical patterns that underlie the form anything takes. For example, the shape and structure of a leaf can show you the shape and structure of the tree that it comes from. So likewise, we have inside of us this minute pattern that unfolds, or should unfold, into something greater. Your Progressions, especially of and to your Moon, inform you of this unfolding, the River of Your Life.

Another natural fact is that the human body is on average 60% water, and the brain is 75% water. So it follows that the Moon, which creates the tides of the sea, also affects us. Another fact is that the make-up of your body is constantly changing, so in effect you could say that as a 'body of water' you are more like a river than, say, a pool. You are a river ~ ever flowing, ever changing. You are, quite literally, a Stream of Consciousness.

Here are the riverine ways in which Moon Magic will show you the course and scenery of this, the River of Your Life. NOTE: Many of these influences will repeat from one twelvemonth report to another, simply because they are of a longer stretch than a year.

## Current Events~Surges, Rough & Smooth

*I went down to the River*

*And watched it Flowing there*

*I thought 'Nobody ever Told me*

*I was going anywhere'*

*So I Jumped right in the River*

*To let it Take me where it Wends*

*To Ride the Rough, and Glide the Smooth,*

*To love its Surges and its Bends*

These are when your Progressed Moon aspects (makes certain angles to) the Sun, Moon, Planets and important Points in your birth chart - called Natal Planets - and when other Progressed Planets aspect your natal Moon. Additionally, there are occasionally Supra-Lunar Current Events which are when Progressed Planets aspect any Planets in your birth chart apart from your Moon. All Current Events mark significant internal and external events that occur as the current of the River of Your Life follows its course.

Progressed Moon influences technically last about 3 months but can be considerably more. Sometimes an influence will be repeated one month after the other, suggesting that it will last a little longer than usual.

Influences from Progressed Planets to your natal Moon and other Planets can last from 1 to 4 years, but in some relatively rare cases, when the former are going slow owing to retrograde motion, they can last even longer. It is also important to note that these influences are monumentally significant for the simple reason that they nearly always only occur once in a lifetime, and then not for everyone. To help you be especially aware of these whenever they happen they are given at the very beginning of your report!

There are three basic types of Current Event: Rough, Smooth and Surges, which are a combination of Rough and Smooth.

Moon Magic will show you what type of Current Event is happening at the beginning of the report period with the heading 'Current Event' followed by the title for that influence, its full astrological name, and finally the description of the influence itself.

*Periods of Influence* - Supra-Lunar Current Events and Current Events involving Progressed Planets influencing your Moon can be seen as lasting until the end of the twelvemonth period of the report - or beyond if seen to repeat in the following twelvemonth report. Also they may or may not have been active before the report period began. Progressed Moon influences, given towards the end of your Moon

Magic twelvemonth report, will last approximately a month each side of the month or months given for the influence being active.

## Life-Stream ~ River & Banks

*I'm Swimming in the River ~*

*With the River ~*

*Swimming in Me ~*

Your Life-Stream is created by the Moon progressing through the Signs and Houses of your birth chart. Your Life-Stream is experienced in two ways: as the River itself, and as the Banks on either side of it.

*River ~* This is your Moon progressing through the Signs of your birth chart. It creates your current ongoing mood and shows what or who you are attracted to, what your emotional needs are, and the way in which you are inclined to express your feelings. Your River shows the basic nature of how you feel, of your internal promptings or ideas, and of the attitude or responses you have to life during its passage through any particular Sign, which last 2 years and 3 months. Your River is an effect of time passing.

*Banks ~* This is your Moon progressing through the Houses of your birth chart. They show the surrounding external circumstances that your River is passing through, what areas of life (work, health, relationship, etc.) your feelings are focused upon, what field of emotional interest you are drawn to or how you are made to feel. How long it takes for your Progressed Moon to go through one House depends on house size. These vary from person to person and so the time taken can last anything from 1 to 5 years. The Banks display external opportunity or situation, the conditions and input from your environment. The Banks are an effect of where you currently find yourself passing through.

You will notice that sometimes the nature of the Banks is conducive to the needs and nature of your River, while at other times the Banks are more of a challenge to the satisfaction of your River's needs and moods. How the Banks mesh with your River is written into your birth chart itself. In other words, this River/Banks interaction through time is your fate. But how you manage and steer your course is down to you, helped by Moon Magic! In some fortunate cases one has an 'undeviated' chart where every House Progressed more or less matches the quality of the Sign being Progressed, like it'll be the First House at the same time - mostly or entirely - as the first Sign, which is Aries; Second House and second Sign (Taurus), etc.

Moon Magic will show you the nature of your Life-Stream at any given time during the report, according to both River and Banks. The Life-Stream you are in at the start of the report is indicated by the heading 'Life-Stream {River}' or 'Life-Stream {Banks}' and will last beyond the end of the twelvemonth report period OR until you are informed that 'Life Stream Changes come (month)'. Below either of these headings is given the title of that particular stretch of your Life River, followed by the complete astrological term for it. Following upon this is the description of this stretch itself, starting with a *lyrical affirmation*.

## Lunar Phases

*As the Tides Ebb and Flow*

*So Will the Living Thing*

*A Feather from a Seagull's Wing*

*Could Tell you So*



You were born at one of the eight Phases of the Moon, which is called your personal Luration, your inborn basic emotional inclination. But this is just a part of a whole cycle, the Progressed Luration Cycle, which lasts 29-30 years, revealing to you the important Phases that you go through in terms of where you have got to in this cycle and how to be in rhythm with it. The eight Phases or Progressed Lurations are listed below, each lasting 3 to 4 years, with one of them being your own personal Luration which will repeat at around every 26-30 years depending how far into that Phase you were born in the first place. {You would have to have a Moon Magic report from your birth to find out what this, your personal Luration, is, or discover it some other way}.

The first four Lurations are part of the Waxing half of the Cycle, a time when you are sowing and growing. The second or Waning half of the Cycle is when you are reaping and distributing what you have sown, which would involve retaining what is still needed for the New Cycle that follows, or relinquishing that which could hamper you during that New Cycle.

1. New Moon Luration ~ Emerging Phase
2. Crescent Moon Luration ~ Striving Phase
3. Waxing Half Moon Luration ~ Deciding Phase
4. Gibbous Moon Luration ~ Adjusting Phase
5. Full Moon Luration ~ Realizing Phase
6. Disseminating Moon Luration ~ Sharing Phase
7. Waning Half Moon Luration ~ Understanding Phase
8. Balsamic Moon Luration ~ Releasing Phase

Moon Magic will show you what Phase you are in at any given time during the period of this report. The Phase which you are going through at the start of the report is indicated with the heading 'Lunar Phase', and then is given the actual name of the phase, e.g. Realizing Phase, followed by the complete astrological term for it, e.g. Progressed Full Moon Luration. Then comes the description of the Phase itself and what it poses in your life. This begins with a *lyrical affirmation*, then there is the main body of interpretation, and it finishes with some helpful *interactive questions* about your experience of that Luration. This Phase will last for the duration of this report and beyond, UNLESS any change of Phase is indicated with the heading 'Lunar Phase changes to (Phase) come (Month)' and this will last beyond the twelvemonth report period.

## Notes on Duration

*When certain months are named* for the occurrence of any influence this is referring to that month within the report period. And when the month referred to is the same as the one in which your report began, then that is the month to which it is referring, NOT the month after the end of the report.

*With influences of longer duration* ~ usually your Lunar Phases and your Life-Stream ~ you have several years to really get in flow with that influence ~ to get into the mood and rhythm of your own time. This is what creates Moon Magic, the feeling of being your true and natural self. As mentioned above, Supra-Lunar Current Events, and Current Events where Progressed Planets are influencing your natal Moon, can also last a particularly long time, allowing you to adjust to them or take advantage of them.

*The accuracy of periods given* for any influences to your Ascendant or Midheaven are highly dependent on the accuracy of your given birth time. In such cases you will be reminded of this with the phrase 'Birth



Time Sensitive' in the heading of a relevant entry.

*Be alive to the watery nature* of these influences in that they do not go on and off like light switches at precise times. They can trickle or roll in, or swiftly swell or gradually recede.

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**The River of Your Life** *for year commencing 1 Jan 2024 AD Mon*

### The Magic of Your River

As you read the following bear in mind that like an actual river the River of Your Life is one great continuous entity with every drop of it being in touch with every other drop. Consequently, any past or future period or stretch, be it a Lunar Phase, Life-Stream or a Current Event, will resonate with the stretch you are flowing with and through in the present. For similar reasons you can find yourself in various types of watery situation all at the same time. For example, you could be languishing in still waters, being swirled about in turbulence, and flowing steadily on - all at the same time. Being aware of these past or future periods, and of widely differing experiences happening simultaneously, quite magically gives you a sense of yourself as a multi-dimensional whole, the whole that is the River of Your Life. And often you will find positive waves to calm you or keep you afloat in the presence of any negative waves happening at the same time. Such a sense confers upon you a profound feeling of security and belonging, of self-acceptance and self-awareness, and of coming from somewhere and of going to somewhere.

*Flow River Flow ~~~*

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

*Power Surge*

*Progressed Sun Flowing With & Against your Natal Mars*

This truly is a 'Surge' as raw energy courses through your system. However, a great deal depends on how you are as an individual in terms of asserting yourself, or being decisive and confident in your actions. If you are quite naturally in touch with your personal drive then this Current Event will have you progressing in leaps and bounds as you feel this Surge energizing and motivating you. Anything you do is done with more vigour and conviction than usual. So this is a great time for getting things done.

However, if you are someone who is diffident or indecisive, and you are not the cutting and thrusting type, then these energies will back up on you, causing you to feel frustrated and tense, and rather lacking in energy, and as a result possibly given to outbursts of anger. The challenge here is to discover what you want and assert your right to get it, and this will involve making hard and fast decisions - and to stop wasting energy trying to hold back this Surge! Naturally you need to avoid being overly pushy and offensive by way of compensation, but then again you will have to remind yourself that treading on a few toes is often unavoidable when you are making yourself felt. Failing this, you will find that you have others asserting themselves over and against you, even quite aggressively.

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

*Enthusiasm Needs Temperance*

*Progressed Mars Flowing Against your Natal Jupiter*

At points during this time you are likely to say or do things without first thinking through to the possible consequences. Your high horse or a soapbox is what you very eager to climb on! If you wish to drum up enthusiasm for anything then jumping in with both feet could be the way you do it now. It could also be said that you are now living in the spirit of the saying that 'there is no substitute for experience'. In other words, rather than hanging around thinking about doing 'it' you just do 'it' and see where that gets you in physical and emotional reality - and be the wiser for it. Another way this could happen is through someone or something attacking or blocking whatever it is that you believe in, thereby forcing you to fight for that very thing.

But if you find yourself without any get up and go during this time, this would be because you are lacking faith in yourself, or rather, you are lacking the courage to stand up and be counted and find out what is worth what. There is an 'all roads lead to Rome' quality about this stretch of your Life River, meaning that you are going to get where you are going to get to, one way or the other, sooner or later. A dash of temperance could well be in order though, if you are not to find yourself wasting time and energy doubling back or floundering in hot water for want of it - temperance, that is.

## Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

### *Time for Locomotion*

### *Progressed Mars Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Head*

This really is a Surge in the River of Your Life for it is aimed at putting some energy and self-assertion into your spiritual direction, your karmic pathway, the route to your destiny. Depending on other factors and influences in play, you can eagerly pursue whatever excites you, or you might have to be pushed. It is quite likely that a male will play a role in all this, leading you some way or all the way. Or it could simply be the 'masculine' in you, whether you are male or female, that now feels driven to act decisively and unequivocally, pushing on no matter who or what complains or drags its feet - and this may be a part of your own personality that is hanging back for whatever reason. The point right here is that you have the locomotive power and a green light to head on down the line, but if some of your rolling stock - aspects to your life or character - are compromising this, then a hard decision is going to have to be made. The rest of your life could depend on it. The clue is in the metaphor: a train can't get anywhere without the engine that's drawing it, and if some carriage or other is holding up the whole train, then ditch those 'carriages'!

## Life-Stream {River}

### *Feeling or the Need to Feel Constructive*

### *Moon Progressing through Capricorn*

*~ instinctively I now use my natural senses of resourcefulness and worldly purpose to amount to something through negotiating any cataracts of adversity that I encounter in response to my ambitions ~ and my power to progress is not in question for it is inescapable ~ but my ultimate achievement is to exercise only the control necessary to remain upright and still be aware of my emotional depths ~*

A great deal now depends on how worldly a person you usually are because your emotional needs are currently focussed upon your standing in the material world and the state of your career. Inwardly, and again depending on your natural inclinations, you are aware that personal feelings have to be kept in check if you're going to deal with the outer world successfully. So if you are usually quite emotionally sensitive and subjective this could prove a hard time as you will be required to grow a thicker skin. At

the other extreme, if you are naturally at home in the rough and tumble of the material world, then you will feel in your element, with your ambitious senses firing on all cylinders. Be careful here though, because you could neglect the more personal side of life and relating and put your private, family or domestic interests in jeopardy. In either case there could be a sense of being somewhat less sentimental or sympathetic than usual, which is par for the course as long as it is not taken too far. As a reflection of this need to be more worldly and objective you may well attract people who are of this nature - very possibly individuals who have Capricorn figuring strongly in their astrological make-up.

## Life-Stream {Banks}

### Feeling Worth It

#### Moon Progressing through your Second House

*~ as I continue to encounter the richness and resistance of the Earth ~ I savour and ponder Her nature and worth ~ and in so doing realize my own talents and abilities ~ and I own what I possess. When strong in flow I feel abundant and fertile ~ and bring the pleasure and reassurance of Nature's goodness to myself and others. When the flow is weak ~ in order to avoid becoming bogged down I allow chance and change into my life, freeing and refreshing me ~*

Now your emotions focus on matters of possession, be it your money, property, self-worth or whatever you value strongly in terms of giving you material security, comfort and pleasure. Positively, this allows you to gain a good sense of these matters; negatively you could be inclined to attach too much importance to things material or have a distorted sense of what, or even who, you think you own. Because there is presently an emotional preoccupation with financial issues this can mean that you find you have a better than usual instinct for making and managing money now. Yet it can also be a time when what you truly feel you are worth in yourself is reflected in what you attract materially. So if there is a dip in your income, scrutinize what it is in yourself that you are undervaluing or overvaluing for this will give you the key to why you are not getting enough work, offers, buyers or suitable reward. This stretch of your River is rather like a market place, where 'costs merely register competing attractions', where you can get a real sense of what is worth what rather than a purely notional one. Money matters should ideally be dealt with in an objective and unemotional way, but with the Moon progressing through your House of Money this can be patently difficult. It may be advisable to get someone who is not in the least emotionally invested in you to give you an objective evaluation of your 'assets'.

At a more fundamental level it is your actual value system that is your real emotional concern right now. At one extreme, this can mean that you discover that you are prepared to live on a shoestring in order to be true to your 'art' or whatever might be your 'labour of love'. At the other extreme, you might be driven to accepting that you need to get more 'market aware' in order to earn a decent income. Then again, if you are the one with the money, it could be a case of adjusting your values to help and accommodate others financially - or not, as you see fit. At some point it may have to be borne in mind that money can be a substitute for emotions. This can mean a number of things. The classic one is forgetting that 'money can't buy you love' - or health or happiness. Or is someone with you for what you have rather than what you are - or are you with someone for similar reasons? In any event, and there are several scenarios here, the secret is to establish what has real value. This could mean realizing or agreeing upon where there is a fair exchange, like for example, one person providing income and the other keeping house. Underlying any financial arrangement there will be this basic issue of what is worth what. Your emotional stability and peace rests upon this.

## Life-Stream {Banks} changes come May

## Getting Connected

### Moon Progressing through your Third House

*- the Stream flows through a multi-faceted neighbourhood - a great variety of interests and choices are being presented to me if I care to look - I notice that when I make one contact or connection then many more are produced as a result - social media are particularly advantageous and useful to me at this time - the more I get involved with my immediate environment the more I feel a youthful energy coursing through me - I am vitalized by taking up new interests - by reading and conversing - brothers and sisters are now more important to me - and if I have none I identify those I know who I can relate to as brothers or sisters - all people I meet now are potentially my friends and acquaintances - as the River of My Life flows right by my door -*

Now your emotions focus on matters concerning communications and everyday affairs. Positively, this is a good time to be neighbourly, write private letters/emails, text more than usual, make short trips, or get in touch with a relative. Negatively you could be inclined to let your feelings get in the way of your thinking and speaking and thereby prevent you from getting your point across, or just get you lost. Conversely, you can let your thinking and talking distract yourself and others from how you are truly feeling. Overall though, this is a time for getting your bearings, becoming more familiar with what is going on locally for you could be pleasantly surprised at what you find. You might never know that someone you'd click with so well who lives just a few doors down. And if your interests are of a more far-reaching persuasion, then now you would be advised to 'think globally and act locally'. Although this time can find you feeling that everyday life is a bit too ordinary, along this stretch of your River's Banks you should discover the truth of the saying 'There's none so strange as folk'. The fact is that the ordinary and the extraordinary are always wound up together, and this period offers the opportunity to apprise yourself of this fact.

## Lunar Phase

### Emerging Phase

#### Progressed New Moon Lunation

*~ now my River of Life is once again at its Source ~ a spring issuing from the ground ~ bubbling freely, merrily and full of the energy that goes with setting out afresh ~*

It cannot be stressed enough as to how important and significant this Phase is for it is the beginning of a new life cycle of 29-30 years. It is like being born again - but this time into a body and personality of a certain number of years of age and experience. During this Emerging Phase you have a strong sense of something 'sprouting' or 'germinating'. One eminent astrologer coined the term 'pregnant with futurity' which aptly describes the feeling or state of this Phase. As such, at this time you have to be quite self-possessed, and not consider too much the opinions or even feelings of others. This does not mean to say that you should be insensitive, but that the little sprouting seed of your new 'emerging self' should not wonder and tarry too much because of what someone else says or does that disagrees with it. Another metaphor that springs to mind here is that of a flower in bud - it cannot afford to be less than totally concerned with its own unfolding and reaching its destiny as a full bloom, which would be the Full Moon Phase about 15 years from the very beginning of this Emerging Phase.

You feel that something new and momentous is taking shape, even though you may not be that clear what it actually is or will be. In fact jumping to conclusions can be an occupational hazard during this Phase with there possibly being some false starts as presumed goals prove to be impractical. But you have

to keep pushing on, almost regardless. As you do so, opportunities concerning this new beginning are likely to just appear, with you finding yourself in positions that hitherto you would never have dreamt of. It is as if some unseen hand is giving you a definite push in the direction of your destiny, so it is not a time to hang back and ponder too much. This was the mood of the previous, Releasing Phase, more about which will be mentioned shortly.

***Your Progressed New Moon ~*** This Emerging Phase begins with your Progressed New Moon itself, when your Progressed Sun and Moon arrive on the same degree of the Zodiac, the precise start of this new emotional cycle of 29-30 years, which also marks the end of the previous one. The meaning and significance of this cycle is revealed by the Sign and House in which your Progressed New Moon takes place, and in some cases by one Current Event or more coinciding with it. In the latter case, this would mean that your Progressed New Moon is strongly affected by such an Event, especially a Surge, further colouring the meaning and purpose of the whole 29-30 year Cycle.

However, because in the River of Your Life your Emerging Phase was happening at the start of this twelvemonth stretch then this means that your Progressed New Moon itself occurred at some point in time before that. If you already have Moon Magic reports for enough years preceding this one then you can track back to when your Emerging Phase began, and you may already have clocked this. If you do not have enough years of previous reports you would need to find out when this occurred from some other source of astrological intelligence, which naturally would include me and for which I would charge a nominal 'finder's fee' - [lynbirkbeck@btinternet.com](mailto:lynbirkbeck@btinternet.com). You could then, if you wish, obtain a Moon Magic report for the period around that time. In either case you would now be able to find out what Sign and House your Moon was Progressing through during the same month as it began, along with any Current Events if there were any. You would then discover a more personal meaning for your all-important Emerging Phase and the Cycle it initiates.

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### *Image Aligns with Feelings*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive*

If you wish to put across something or simply express yourself in a way that resonates with others, gives them a good feeling, then now is the time! Your instincts and common touch are more at your fingertips than usual - relative to how they normally are of course. A widespread human doubt is feeling that one is not genuine, that one is a fake even. But now you are in touch with the emotionally authentic 'you' and it shows. And it shows not just to others but, possibly more importantly, to yourself - which means that you now have a feel for how your innermost self and its feelings and values can find direct expression through your persona and character - and consequently how you fare in work and relationships. Put it this way: you look the part. So if there is some role or position you are after, then put your best foot forward during this stretch of your Life River, for notwithstanding any contrary influences, your 'best foot' is poised and ready.

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around September

### *Pleasant Feelings, Good Vibes*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Venus*

Relative to your normal temperament, you are presently at ease with the world and in harmony with yourself. Your charm factor is high, and so too is your eye for a good buy. This is also a good time to tune into what it is about you that is attractive, talented and of real worth. This is not a particularly dynamic influence because by its very nature it is easygoing and sociable. Everything in the garden can be lovely now, but what you make of this is entirely up to you, and in proportion to other possibly harder influences. If you are of a busy and restless disposition then this stretch of your Life River can offer a respite from it all - but it won't if you don't let it. All in all, this is a time to sit back and smell the roses.

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around November

### *Misalignment*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Sun*

This can be a time when you feel out of step with yourself, and things just don't fall into place naturally. 'Sod's law' prevails. The reason behind this that your emotional needs or habitual ways of behaving don't sit well with what has to be done or with what is simply happening around you now. Some kind of trade-off or compromise is possibly being called for. Trying to satisfy too many of your own requirements could find you falling between two stools. Conversely, consciously sacrificing your needs for the good of the whole would be the most successful course to take - creating flow by allowing it, by going round obstacles. However, the mere fact that you feel denied what you want personally is the very thing that can prompt you to dig your heels in. And then you are back to square one. Remind yourself that you are the one who is currently 'misaligned' so taking yourself out of the equation by taking a back seat would be the wisest course. Then again, any conflicts of interest, which are likely to happen now, are actually showing you what it is about you that is still hurting from or confused by something that happened many years ago. Looked at in this more psychological light can make such conflicts enlightening rather than frustrating.





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### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

*Enthusiasm Needs Temperance*

*Progressed Mars Flowing Against your Natal Jupiter*

At points during this time you are likely to say or do things without first thinking through to the possible consequences. Your high horse or a soapbox is what you very eager to climb on! If you wish to drum up enthusiasm for anything then jumping in with both feet could be the way you do it now. It could also be said that you are now living in the spirit of the saying that 'there is no substitute for experience'. In other words, rather than hanging around thinking about doing 'it' you just do 'it' and see where that gets you in physical and emotional reality - and be the wiser for it. Another way this could happen is through someone or something attacking or blocking whatever it is that you believe in, thereby forcing you to fight for that very thing.

But if you find yourself without any get up and go during this time, this would be because you are lacking faith in yourself, or rather, you are lacking the courage to stand up and be counted and find out what is worth what. There is an 'all roads lead to Rome' quality about this stretch of your Life River, meaning that you are going to get where you are going to get to, one way or the other, sooner or later. A dash of temperance could well be in order though, if you are not to find yourself wasting time and energy doubling back or floundering in hot water for want of it - temperance, that is.

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

*Going with the Flow*

*Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Neptune*

As long as you can put your ego on hold now - which mainly means not insisting on what you think you want or know - then you will find a way through, round or over any obstacles or difficulties life currently might present you with. Apart from this you can feel that life is a dance or musical now, as you trip the light fantastic amidst many others or all on your own. Performing and music are generally favoured now. Going with the Flow was never easier.

**Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}***Time for Locomotion**Progressed Mars Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Head*

This really is a Surge in the River of Your Life for it is aimed at putting some energy and self-assertion into your spiritual direction, your karmic pathway, the route to your destiny. Depending on other factors and influences in play, you can eagerly pursue whatever excites you, or you might have to be pushed. It is quite likely that a male will play a role in all this, leading you some way or all the way. Or it could simply be the 'masculine' in you, whether you are male or female, that now feels driven to act decisively and unequivocally, pushing on no matter who or what complains or drags its feet - and this may be a part of your own personality that is hanging back for whatever reason. The point right here is that you have the locomotive power and a green light to head on down the line, but if some of your rolling stock - aspects to your life or character - are compromising this, then a hard decision is going to have to be made. The rest of your life could depend on it. The clue is in the metaphor: a train can't get anywhere without the engine that's drawing it, and if some carriage or other is holding up the whole train, then ditch those 'carriages'!

**Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}***Buried Energies**Progressed Mars Flowing With & Against your Natal Lower Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive*

This is an important time when you have to deal with and express any strife or aggression that took place or is still taking place in the family or domestic sphere. It is as if some long-buried tool or weapon is now drawn to the surface. This means that it can be a welling up of positive and decisive energy or of troublesome elements. It all depends on what is 'down there' for you personally as the source of this anger or assertiveness, or both, lies in the past, in your childhood, or even longer ago in your family history, in your blood or genetic make-up. This can be quite rough if such history is negative, but you have to tell yourself that if this is the case it is something that needs confronting and sorting because such energy when trapped or repressed can hamper and disturb your life in any number of spheres, from career to health to relationships. In other words, that tool or weapon when not cleaned off can be useless or damaging to you and yours. In effect, it can be like you are fighting to win back something that is yours. One sign you are succeeding in this respect would be an increase in your vital energy.

**Life-Stream {River}***Feeling or the Need to Feel Constructive**Moon Progressing through Capricorn*

~ instinctively I now use my natural senses of resourcefulness and worldly purpose to amount to something through negotiating any cataracts of adversity that I encounter in response to my ambitions ~

*and my power to progress is not in question for it is inescapable ~ but my ultimate achievement is to exercise only the control necessary to remain upright and still be aware of my emotional depths ~*

A great deal now depends on how worldly a person you usually are because your emotional needs are currently focussed upon your standing in the material world and the state of your career. Inwardly, and again depending on your natural inclinations, you are aware that personal feelings have to be kept in check if you're going to deal with the outer world successfully. So if you are usually quite emotionally sensitive and subjective this could prove a hard time as you will be required to grow a thicker skin. At the other extreme, if you are naturally at home in the rough and tumble of the material world, then you will feel in your element, with your ambitious senses firing on all cylinders. Be careful here though, because you could neglect the more personal side of life and relating and put your private, family or domestic interests in jeopardy. In either case there could be a sense of being somewhat less sentimental or sympathetic than usual, which is par for the course as long as it is not taken too far. As a reflection of this need to be more worldly and objective you may well attract people who are of this nature - very possibly individuals who have Capricorn figuring strongly in their astrological make-up.

## Life-Stream {River} changes come December

### *The Waters of Paradox*

#### *Moon Progressing through Aquarius*

*- now I feel my River as bearing the precious water of knowledge and life, distributing it evenly and impartially - never resisting or shrinking from the truth, for I know it spreads inexorably. My social conscience and idealism is strong in flow now - sensing in my waters that as all beings are thus nourished and informed with the truths of life, eventually a great awakening occurs amongst the people as the accumulated knowledge - that the Stream brings - frees us from fear - realizing that we are all One and all unique within the one Life-Stream -*

This is a paradoxical time for you as you feel the flow of life within and around you but at the same time also feel quite detached from it. Similarly, you may be drawn to group activities in the name of some humanitarian goal or personal realization but this would serve to make you feel that you are not one of the crowd at all, but a law unto yourself. Moreover you can become quite impassioned about politics and sociology, but be and feel quite anarchic or anti-social too. To some, possibly including yourself, you could appear as quite hypocritical or slightly schizoid as you run with the hare and the hounds, or change your policy overnight and then back again in the afternoon. But what is actually going on during this period is that you are finding out what your own unique set of principles and life rules are by going from one extreme to another, rather like plunging into icy water and then hot water alternately. In effect, you are inventing yourself, free from what is fashionable or politically correct, but being intensely fashionable or staunchly PC can be the way you find out and develop your own unique style. For this reason you are quite likely to be drawn to the off-beat, unconventional and avant-garde side of life and society. This may take the form of an Aquarian individual figuring in your life now. Ultimately you are saying 'I am utterly my own person, I am incomparable, and so is everyone else'. It is in these Waters of Paradox that you are more likely to discover this ultimate truth.

## Life-Stream {Banks}

### *Getting Connected*

#### *Moon Progressing through your Third House*

~ the Stream flows through a multi-faceted neighbourhood ~ a great variety of interests and choices are being presented to me if I care to look ~ I notice that when I make one contact or connection then many more are produced as a result ~ social media are particularly advantageous and useful to me at this time ~ the more I get involved with my immediate environment the more I feel a youthful energy coursing through me ~ I am vitalized by taking up new interests ~ by reading and conversing ~ brothers and sisters are now more important to me ~ and if I have none I identify those I know who I can relate to as brothers or sisters ~ all people I meet now are potentially my friends and acquaintances ~ as the River of My Life flows right by my door ~

Now your emotions focus on matters concerning communications and everyday affairs. Positively, this is a good time to be neighbourly, write private letters/emails, text more than usual, make short trips, or get in touch with a relative. Negatively you could be inclined to let your feelings get in the way of your thinking and speaking and thereby prevent you from getting your point across, or just get you lost. Conversely, you can let your thinking and talking distract yourself and others from how you are truly feeling. Overall though, this is a time for getting your bearings, becoming more familiar with what is going on locally for you could be pleasantly surprised at what you find. You might never know that someone you'd click with so well who lives just a few doors down. And if your interests are of a more far-reaching persuasion, then now you would be advised to 'think globally and act locally'. Although this time can find you feeling that everyday life is a bit too ordinary, along this stretch of your River's Banks you should discover the truth of the saying 'There's none so strange as folk'. The fact is that the ordinary and the extraordinary are always wound up together, and this period offers the opportunity to apprise yourself of this fact.

## Lunar Phase

### Emerging Phase

#### Progressed New Moon Lunation

~ now my River of Life is once again at its Source ~ a spring issuing from the ground ~ bubbling freely, merrily and full of the energy that goes with setting out afresh ~

It cannot be stressed enough as to how important and significant this Phase is for it is the beginning of a new life cycle of 29-30 years. It is like being born again - but this time into a body and personality of a certain number of years of age and experience. During this Emerging Phase you have a strong sense of something 'sprouting' or 'germinating'. One eminent astrologer coined the term 'pregnant with futurity' which aptly describes the feeling or state of this Phase. As such, at this time you have to be quite self-possessed, and not consider too much the opinions or even feelings of others. This does not mean to say that you should be insensitive, but that the little sprouting seed of your new 'emerging self' should not wonder and tarry too much because of what someone else says or does that disagrees with it. Another metaphor that springs to mind here is that of a flower in bud - it cannot afford to be less than totally concerned with its own unfolding and reaching its destiny as a full bloom, which would be the Full Moon Phase about 15 years from the very beginning of this Emerging Phase.

You feel that something new and momentous is taking shape, even though you may not be that clear what it actually is or will be. In fact jumping to conclusions can be an occupational hazard during this Phase with there possibly being some false starts as presumed goals prove to be impractical. But you have to keep pushing on, almost regardless. As you do so, opportunities concerning this new beginning are likely to just appear, with you finding yourself in positions that hitherto you would never have dreamt of. It is as if some unseen hand is giving you a definite push in the direction of your destiny, so it



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### *Reality versus Feelings*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Saturn*

This is not an at all comfortable time, notwithstanding more cordial influences. Even so, it can cast a shadow over anything and everything if you let it. Essentially what is going on now is that circumstances put you in a place where you feel emotionally hurt, inadequate, defensive or actually paranoid. If you let this get the better of you then it can make matters worse. The bottom line is realizing that something inside of you, very likely from the past, is (again) getting upset by something outside of you. For instance, an official or businessperson could confront you for no personal reason, but you take it very personally and feel picked on. Or it could be someone close to you who treads on your emotional toes.

Overreacting is what you have to guard against in any such situation because it can set off a train of events that seem to prove you right in feeling that someone else is at fault. They might well need putting straight if they have upset you, but be very sure that you are not misreading the situation, and thereby failing to learn an important lesson that'll make you a stronger person. This is a 'vulnerable child caught in the cold adult world' kind of place in which you find yourself. The short answer to all this is to be cautious and hold back, while taking mental note of where you need to possibly mature somewhat. The world out there is not going to change for you any time soon - so you have to toughen up through addressing your emotionally vulnerable spots if you are to function in it. A need for objectivity is what is called for as you navigate these rather cold and rocky waters, even if it just means gritting your teeth.

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around March

### *Security versus Freedom*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Uranus*

This can be a difficult stretch because you have two very different sides of your nature working against one another more than they normally would. These are the need for security, comfort and the familiar on the one hand, and an urge for excitement, to be free and break out, on the other hand. So you can feel easily 'crowded' at this time, bristling against the usual limitations of society, relationship and home-life. But then you might experience the opposite with your need for the conventional and safe being threatened by something or someone else's need for space or the new. You yourself could experience both of these extremes, giving rise to mood swings and unpredictability. So this whole period, although only lasting about two months or so, can really set the cat amongst the pigeons in that it discloses what your true feelings are about anything or anyone you are involved with - or what somebody else's feelings are - or both. Things may be said that are true but if too bluntly expressed will create unnecessary emotional damage or distance. It is probably wisest to every so often step back from whatever is going on and coolly appraise the situation rather than making a snap decision or move that you come to regret further down the line. But then again, it can be a volatile-making time, so you are quite likely to act on impulse, in spite of your better judgement or someone else's. This all could be regarded as a time to 'cool it' - but not to be too 'icy', for that would smack of an overreaction on your part. As ever, the boot maybe on the other foot, with someone else being volatile and impulsive. Then again, some kind of sudden awakening and break-up may be unavoidable - welcome even. Another expression of all this could be that you find yourself some physical distance apart from someone you think you want to be closer to. But the message is still the same: find a balance between being too close and familiar on one side of the scales, and being too remote and unemotional on the other. As Kahlil Gibran once wrote "Let the winds of the heavens dance between you".

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around April

### *Positive Waves*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Jupiter*

Here you find yourself more readily in touch with your positive, optimistic and better nature. You sense, consciously or unconsciously, that there is something bigger than you that is guiding and looking after yourself and others. All this fosters a feeling of faith in life, that it is for some far-flung purpose, that it has meaning and is going somewhere. Because of this, life can be more of an adventure or story, making travel and exploration especially auspicious. If you are of a philosophical bent, then now you come to understand a lot more about life and yourself; things start to fall into place. It is as if you are attuned to a lucky star or a guiding principle - which are seen to be the same thing. Quite simply, on this stretch of the River of Your Life you find, or should find, that putting out Positive Waves means that Positive Waves come back to you. Acts of generosity would be a testament to this, as would be sense of understanding where others are coming from emotionally. A time to trust that all is for the best.

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around May

### *Foggy River*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Neptune*

This is a more or less unavoidably confusing patch as you find it hard to see your way through current difficulties or perplexing circumstances. Ideally you should not make any important decisions until this Current Event is well over as you are not in full possession of the facts, even though you might think you are. It is quite possible you are delusion prone now as longings, weaknesses or addictions are likely to cloud issues more than usual. Also easy answers or fanciful notions can tempt you away from safer waters. But if you want something exciting or even dangerous to test or thrill you then you are in the right place! But be careful what you wish for because you could get more than you bargained for. There are whirlpools around - in the form of people, promises or intoxicants - that could suck you down.

There are positive ways of navigating this stretch. One would be helping someone or something that is in the kind of plight that the above is warning you yourself of falling into. But again, be careful not to be sucked in or taken for a ride or for granted. It could be a time to be tough and draw some boundaries - for all parties concerned. A productive expression of all this is to use it creatively as it can stimulate the imagination. So much so in fact that if you don't use your imagination then it can get the better of you, giving you the wrong impression of matters, and causing you to fear the worst. When all is said and done this time is best used - through therapy or spiritual practice - in a way that deliberately puts you in touch with your blind-spots with a view to eliminating them, because it is your illusions that you are now being put emotionally in touch with.

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### *Feeling versus Thinking*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Mercury*

There is danger here of complicating your feelings by either analyzing them too much or not enough, probably depending on your usual bent; are you someone who goes by your mind or gut? So upsets owing to failures to communicate can occur that are down to your being too 'dry' or too 'wet', too reasonable or not reasonable enough. Most probably you are going to collide with whatever your opposite number is in this respect. Basically this is a time when you are challenged to verbally express

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However, if you are someone who is diffident or indecisive, and you are not the cutting and thrusting type, then these energies will back up on you, causing you to feel frustrated and tense, and rather lacking in energy, and as a result possibly given to outbursts of anger. The challenge here is to discover what you want and assert your right to get it, and this will involve making hard and fast decisions - and to stop wasting energy trying to hold back this Surge! Naturally you need to avoid being overly pushy and offensive by way of compensation, but then again you will have to remind yourself that treading on a few toes is often unavoidable when you are making yourself felt. Failing this, you will find that you have others asserting themselves over and against you, even quite aggressively.

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

*Going with the Flow*

*Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Neptune*

As long as you can put your ego on hold now - which mainly means not insisting on what you think you want or know - then you will find a way through, round or over any obstacles or difficulties life currently might present you with. Apart from this you can feel that life is a dance or musical now, as you trip the light fantastic amidst many others or all on your own. Performing and music are generally favoured now. Going with the Flow was never easier.

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

*Buried Energies*

*Progressed Mars Flowing With & Against your Natal Lower Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive*

This is an important time when you have to deal with and express any strife or aggression that took place or is still taking place in the family or domestic sphere. It is as if some long-buried tool or weapon is now drawn to the surface. This means that it can be a welling up of positive and decisive energy or of troublesome elements. It all depends on what is 'down there' for you personally as the source of this anger or assertiveness, or both, lies in the past, in your childhood, or even longer ago in your family history, in your blood or genetic make-up. This can be quite rough if such history is negative, but you have to tell yourself that if this is the case it is something that needs confronting and sorting because such energy when trapped or repressed can hamper and disturb your life in any number of spheres, from

career to health to relationships. In other words, that tool or weapon when not cleaned off can be useless or damaging to you and yours. In effect, it can be like you are fighting to win back something that is yours. One sign you are succeeding in this respect would be an increase in your vital energy.

## Life-Stream {River}

### *The Waters of Paradox*

#### *Moon Progressing through Aquarius*

*~ now I feel my River as bearing the precious water of knowledge and life, distributing it evenly and impartially ~ never resisting or shrinking from the truth, for I know it spreads inexorably. My social conscience and idealism is strong in flow now ~ sensing in my waters that as all beings are thus nourished and informed with the truths of life, eventually a great awakening occurs amongst the people as the accumulated knowledge ~ that the Stream brings ~ frees us from fear ~ realizing that we are all One and all unique within the one Life-Stream ~*

This is a paradoxical time for you as you feel the flow of life within and around you but at the same time also feel quite detached from it. Similarly, you may be drawn to group activities in the name of some humanitarian goal or personal realization but this would serve to make you feel that you are not one of the crowd at all, but a law unto yourself. Moreover you can become quite impassioned about politics and sociology, but be and feel quite anarchic or anti-social too. To some, possibly including yourself, you could appear as quite hypocritical or slightly schizoid as you run with the hare and the hounds, or change your policy overnight and then back again in the afternoon. But what is actually going on during this period is that you are finding out what your own unique set of principles and life rules are by going from one extreme to another, rather like plunging into icy water and then hot water alternately. In effect, you are inventing yourself, free from what is fashionable or politically correct, but being intensely fashionable or staunchly PC can be the way you find out and develop your own unique style. For this reason you are quite likely to be drawn to the off-beat, unconventional and avant-garde side of life and society. This may take the form of an Aquarian individual figuring in your life now. Ultimately you are saying 'I am utterly my own person, I am incomparable, and so is everyone else'. It is in these Waters of Paradox that you are more likely to discover this ultimate truth.

## Life-Stream {Banks}

### *Getting Connected*

#### *Moon Progressing through your Third House*

*~ the Stream flows through a multi-faceted neighbourhood ~ a great variety of interests and choices are being presented to me if I care to look ~ I notice that when I make one contact or connection then many more are produced as a result ~ social media are particularly advantageous and useful to me at this time ~ the more I get involved with my immediate environment the more I feel a youthful energy coursing through me ~ I am vitalized by taking up new interests ~ by reading and conversing ~ brothers and sisters are now more important to me ~ and if I have none I identify those I know who I can relate to as brothers or sisters ~ all people I meet now are potentially my friends and acquaintances ~ as the River of My Life flows right by my door ~*

Now your emotions focus on matters concerning communications and everyday affairs. Positively, this is a good time to be neighbourly, write private letters/emails, text more than usual, make short trips, or get in touch with a relative. Negatively you could be inclined to let your feelings get in the way of your



thinking and speaking and thereby prevent you from getting your point across, or just get you lost. Conversely, you can let your thinking and talking distract yourself and others from how you are truly feeling. Overall though, this is a time for getting your bearings, becoming more familiar with what is going on locally for you could be pleasantly surprised at what you find. You might never know that someone you'd click with so well who lives just a few doors down. And if your interests are of a more far-reaching persuasion, then now you would be advised to 'think globally and act locally'. Although this time can find you feeling that everyday life is a bit too ordinary, along this stretch of your River's Banks you should discover the truth of the saying 'There's none so strange as folk'. The fact is that the ordinary and the extraordinary are always wound up together, and this period offers the opportunity to apprise yourself of this fact.

## Lunar Phase

### Emerging Phase

#### Progressed New Moon Lunation

*~ now my River of Life is once again at its Source ~ a spring issuing from the ground ~ bubbling freely, merrily and full of the energy that goes with setting out afresh ~*

It cannot be stressed enough as to how important and significant this Phase is for it is the beginning of a new life cycle of 29-30 years. It is like being born again - but this time into a body and personality of a certain number of years of age and experience. During this Emerging Phase you have a strong sense of something 'sprouting' or 'germinating'. One eminent astrologer coined the term 'pregnant with futurity' which aptly describes the feeling or state of this Phase. As such, at this time you have to be quite self-possessed, and not consider too much the opinions or even feelings of others. This does not mean to say that you should be insensitive, but that the little sprouting seed of your new 'emerging self' should not wonder and tarry too much because of what someone else says or does that disagrees with it. Another metaphor that springs to mind here is that of a flower in bud - it cannot afford to be less than totally concerned with its own unfolding and reaching its destiny as a full bloom, which would be the Full Moon Phase about 15 years from the very beginning of this Emerging Phase.

You feel that something new and momentous is taking shape, even though you may not be that clear what it actually is or will be. In fact jumping to conclusions can be an occupational hazard during this Phase with there possibly being some false starts as presumed goals prove to be impractical. But you have to keep pushing on, almost regardless. As you do so, opportunities concerning this new beginning are likely to just appear, with you finding yourself in positions that hitherto you would never have dreamt of. It is as if some unseen hand is giving you a definite push in the direction of your destiny, so it is not a time to hang back and ponder too much. This was the mood of the previous, Releasing Phase, more about which will be mentioned shortly.

**Your Progressed New Moon ~** This Emerging Phase begins with your Progressed New Moon itself, when your Progressed Sun and Moon arrive on the same degree of the Zodiac, the precise start of this new emotional cycle of 29-30 years, which also marks the end of the previous one. The meaning and significance of this cycle is revealed by the Sign and House in which your Progressed New Moon takes place, and in some cases by one Current Event or more coinciding with it. In the latter case, this would mean that your Progressed New Moon is strongly affected by such an Event, especially a Surge, further colouring the meaning and purpose of the whole 29-30 year Cycle.

However, because in the River of Your Life your Emerging Phase was happening at the start of this



twelvemonth stretch then this means that your Progressed New Moon itself occurred at some point in time before that. If you already have Moon Magic reports for enough years preceding this one then you can track back to when your Emerging Phase began, and you may already have clocked this. If you do not have enough years of previous reports you would need to find out when this occurred from some other source of astrological intelligence, which naturally would include me and for which I would charge a nominal 'finder's fee' - [lynbirkbeck@btinternet.com](mailto:lynbirkbeck@btinternet.com). You could then, if you wish, obtain a Moon Magic report for the period around that time. In either case you would now be able to find out what Sign and House your Moon was Progressing through during the same month as it began, along with any Current Events if there were any. You would then discover a more personal meaning for your all-important Emerging Phase and the Cycle it initiates.

***The Significance of the Previous Cycle ~*** It is important to bear in mind that it is the previous cycle, and particularly the Releasing Phase of 3-4 years which ended it, that strongly affects what you make of the birth of this new cycle, and the cycle as a whole. If the previous cycle ended with certain personal, domestic or family issues still unresolved, then the new cycle could be hampered or confused by this. Then again, the whole nature of the new cycle, and beyond even, could have the express purpose of sorting out that 'unfinished business' - whatever it may be. Furthermore, that previous cycle, which could be the whole of your life so far, has to some degree provided you with the experience and insight to forge ahead with the new one. But whether or not you are 'clear' of the undertow of previous encumbrances or are actually well-equipped because of previous experiences, the beginnings of any new cycle are always somewhat indistinct - just like the image of the New Moon itself.

But the main point is that it is the start of a new cycle of emotional experience and general development, a bit like getting seven new letters in a game of Scrabble with which to make a brand new word, except one may have some odd letters left over from the previous go or game so far! The clues as to what this new cycle is going to be about are essentially written into the 'set and setting' of the time during which it begins. This means that the emotional and mental attitude that you have now, along with your material and relationship circumstances in which you find yourself, have everything to do with what this new cycle is going to be concerned with - for good or ill.

*~?~ What important things have birthed or Emerged, or are in the process of Emerging, during this Phase?*

*~?~ What significant events or relationships occurred, or are occurring, during this Emerging Phase that triggered or are triggering a new beginning?*

*~?~ What do these Emerging events or relationships tell you about you and the River of Your Life?*

## **Lunar Phase changes come December**

### ***Striving Phase***

#### ***Progressed Waxing Crescent Moon Lunation***

*- now my River is like a spring or young stream that is having to accumulate enough volume and flow to make its way through and over obstacles in its path that could otherwise reduce it to a mere trickle or nothing at all - and so I swell through reminding myself of my original and pure intent that first sprung from the Source -*

This Phase is that of the Waxing Crescent Moon, and 'crescent' literally means 'growing one'. Whatever has been set in motion at or since the start of the cycle at your Emerging Phase, you can now see signs of what is to come, of what really is trying to take form and develop. The trouble is, so can everyone else,

and this means that what the world thinks - or what you feel the world thinks - of what you are developing at this stage is taken on board very personally by you. And again, like with all other Phases, the sense of what has gone before is also highly influential but particularly during this Phase. In effect, you are now having to make an effort to establish a trend, that can be maintained for some years to come, in the face of the competition, conditions and opinions that you feel are put in place by the outside world on the one hand, and any inner doubts or need to withdraw or tread water on the other. It is during this Phase that something can occur that challenges your progress or confuses it - and it again it could be an external event or an internal feeling, or a combination of the two. If your Emerging Phase was akin to being a 'seed', this Striving Phase is like a 'seedling' in that it suggests what is trying to grow or take shape. And just because of this tenuous visibility you can be easily put off by such outer or inner influences. However, all being well, you usually feel more confident, or are made to feel so, around half way through this Phase. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield" (Tennyson).

But when all is said and done, it is called the Striving Phase for good reason. You have to Strive against any possible active or passive discouragement from that outer or inner world, and Strive to discern what really is trying to grow, and Strive to nurture it in whatever way you can. By way of example, witness the events and experiences of a man who at the onset of his first Emerging Phase moved from city to country with the initial intent of becoming a professional songwriter, but still within the early part of that Phase he began studying various complementary healing methods and then practising them on an amateur basis. Come the Striving Phase, for financial reasons he had to move back to the city, which initially meant having to leave behind the peace and quiet amidst which I had been able to write songs. So effectively, his Striving was firstly to leave behind that life and the ambition to be successful in the music field. His Striving was also greatly involved with having to make his way in the city again, which actually included coping with the difficulties and distractions that he had originally left the city to get away from. But all the time he was still Striving to become more and more proficient as a healer as this was the 'seedling' he now felt taking shape rather than the music-making. And a year or two into this Phase, because there was a larger and more varied social input, he was able to be far more practical in terms of helping others through healing, as well as getting a lot more feedback. And all this was having to be done when he had time free from his day-job and normal social engagements until the time came in his following Deciding Phase when he became a full-time professional as a healing practitioner. Also worth noting is that about half way through this Striving Phase he received a great deal of encouragement to become a healer from his girlfriend at that time.

During a 'Striving Phase' then, the vital issue is to emotionally detect, to genuinely feel, what is truly trying to take form, and to nourish it in whatever way you can. At the same time, be wary of inclinations to revert to the 'devil you know' in the form of old habits and haunts, attitudes and activities, and in our example's case, what turned out to be the fantasy of becoming a professional singer/songwriter. Whatever that true 'growing one' is, it will then assuredly grow even more.

Another point to consider during this or any Striving Phase at other times of your life is that there can occur changes which destabilize, and this can reveal you as one of two basic psychological types. It can show you to be a real trier who feeds off challenges to growth because you believe that it is ultimately all down to you, or, to be just a 'leaf in the wind' who cannot see much point in trying because you come to believe there is something outside of yourself that determines outcomes. Psychologically this has to do with the first type having what is called an 'internal locus of control' and the second type an 'external locus of control'. It doesn't take too much imagination to see what a difference falling into one category or the other makes to a person's life as a whole - especially during a Striving Phase! If you are older than 29-30 years you can track back that number of years back to what happened for you in your preceding

Striving Phase, and how it affected you. If you are or were the second type, it is possible that this period hampered your progress through life. However, if you are or were someone with a strong internal locus of control it is more likely that you found your Striving to be more of a positive experience as you were sustained by an inner conviction of whatever it was growing inside of you. As ever, that lunar riddle of 'Nature or Nurture' arises here. The answer is both, because people are born with either an internal or external locus of control, but it is during one of your Striving Phases that one can at last attain an internal locus of control when before one was handicapped with the opposite. In other words, the Striving Phase is a time to detect and develop your innermost convictions and strongest feelings.

Something that can coincide with a Striving Phase, mostly if you are an adult, are relationship difficulties. This is because a relationship, or the absence of one, can appear to challenge your confidence in yourself. But whether your partner, or want of one, is supporting or blocking you, the point to cling to is that the experience of it is the actual acid test of your own authenticity. Another issue can be that whatever is going on in a relationship at this time is possibly a symptom of trying to find something you feel you have lost or not getting from a partner (or from not having one). The fact is that you have possibly lost track of whatever was trying to spring forth while you were in your preceding Emerging Phase, and either you gave up on that or did not even notice what it was. In other words, looking for what you have not discovered in yourself is not going to be found in someone else - at least, not directly speaking. This means that your 'cage' might need rattling to bring home the fact that you've placed yourself in one, that you have either settled for a seemingly secure life with someone only to find that it cost you the freedom to pursue your journey of self-discovery, or - and this is a strong alternative - you need relationship challenges to get you to grow, especially emotionally. So unless you retrace and resurrect that 'seedling' of future growth back to the 'germination' of your previous Emerging Phase, you are in danger of losing your own course or sense of direction. Apart from all this however, bear in mind that Striving to make your relationship(s) work now is very much on the cards - so do not let one 'go to seed' for lack of attention.

Careerwise, you may be Striving to build some kind of professional practice at this time - often having to prove your independence too. But as ever, the secret is to not lose sight of that 'seedling' which is trying to grow into a healthy plant. As any gardener knows, seedlings have to survive spells of bad weather, being 'hardened off', getting trodden on, or even trying to grow too quickly. They also have to be fed and watered regularly. If this metaphor fails to penetrate, this means that any infant project will be challenged by market forces, encounter attacks from others, or take on too much too soon. And you have to be 'fed' with encouragement, information and experience. Most of all, keep in touch with whatever spurred you to start that project in the first place - for that will be the seed itself.

Talking of 'seedlings' and growth, children being born or raised at this time can prove more demanding than usual. This would have everything to do with something that needed nurturing or healing in yourself re-presenting itself to you in the form of your 'offspring' - that which sprung from you. Everything is natural and meant to be as far as the Moon is concerned, it is just that so often we have been driven off-course by a society divorced from Nature. Remember that a child is saying 'I am more yours than anything apart from your own body, mind and soul'. A child is also a symbol and a messenger, telling you something about you as parent and parents, as a couple, as a human being. And like the literal meaning of the word 'crescent', the shape of this Phase, a child is also literally a 'growing one'.

Health. This is not to say that this is a time when you are more than usually likely to get sick, but Striving can put a strain on the system. A good way to cut down wear and tear is to draw up a list of essentials

and non-essentials, on either side of a page. For instance, an 'essential' could be to make sure that you reach a goal you have set yourself, whereas a 'non-essential' would be to entertain doubts of ever getting there, or involve wishful thinking. Then again, another 'essential' could be to entertain enough doubts to make sure you organize yourself well and do not drop any stitches. You will find that by drawing up such a list your 'natural intelligence' is able to access these essential and non-essentials quite easily. This is because within you there is a wealth of answers - you just have to ask the right questions. Having sorted this out, stresses and strains are marvellously diminished. However, you may still have to Strive to root out the cause of any serious complaint, should there be one. In fact if there is one, it is there expressly to get you to track down why.

If you are more advanced in years, this could be a time when your Striving could be a time when what has been so long in the growing through your efforts now needs that last push to take it that vital stage further, perhaps to that final vital stage. Whatever the case, this all stresses the significance of Striving to make some kind of positive mark in life - or as the Vikings saw it, to not leave this world without being remembered well for your time here. The emphasis is upon what you have created, or are creating in life, rather than how long it took or takes to do so.

-?- *What important things are you Striving for, or have Striven for, during this Phase?*

-?- *What event or relationship made, or is making, your Striving harder or easier during this Phase?*

-?- *What do these Strivings tell you about you and the River of Your Life?*

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around March

### *Emotionally Attuned*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Moon*

This a marvellous time for being or getting in touch with your whole lunar nature, with the River of Your Life and where it's coming from, where it is, and where it's going to. Your feelings are in tune with themselves. During this period it is a good practice to just pause every so often to savour and observe just what it is that is giving you this feeling of emotional attunement, of feeling alright with the world. The degree to which this is the case is of course relative to how in or out of touch you usually are with your feelings, but in any event by doing this savouring and observing you can greatly improve the quality of your emotional life. Such would include any emotional relationship, family, domestic matters, your past and any significant females in your life, very possibly including your mother, or yourself as a mother. In fact, whether you are male or female, the feminine qualities of life - such as feeling values, empathy, care, intuition and receptivity - are now to the fore. For the same reason, you can trust your gut feelings and hunches more than usual - especially regarding what is the safest or most comfortable route or stance to currently adopt. All in all, this stretch of the River of Your Life should be a good one, or at the very least it will ameliorate any harsher influences or incidents as you are able to navigate the optimum course through or around them.

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around March

### *Feelings versus Image*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive*

How you come across to others at this time is liable to be confused by how you are feeling on the inside. Being too caught up in strictly personal issues can make the impression you give of yourself to others

seem either garbled or unstable. A lot of course can depend on what you are actually feeling and how you are dealing with it - which in turn poses how well you know yourself emotionally, and how to handle yourself in this regard. Looked at the other way, trying to maintain an image while hiding how you are feeling - especially from yourself - could be asking for some kind of explosion or outburst later, possibly in a more inconvenient situation.

So the challenge at present is to express your feelings even though they might come out as awkward or embarrassing - but to do this to the right person or people, those who are sympathetic to you, be it a family member, a close friend or a therapist/counsellor. Avoid blurting out your feelings to someone or something that is not in the least interested in where you are at emotionally or privately - like an official, anyone in authority, or someone who is just downright unsympathetic (which could actually be a family member). In other words, say your piece but pick your audience carefully.

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around October

### *Need versus Taste*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Venus*

This is not a particularly 'rough' Current Event unless you miss the point of the influence itself which is one of revealing the difference between what you need and what you like. For instance, you might go for something or someone that you need only to find out a little or a lot later that you don't actually like it or them that much. In other words, you might feel you like it or them at the time but are shown that you were really at the mercy of a need. On a superficial level this could just amount to buying something that is fashionable and/or expensive but is not what you need from a realistic or economical standpoint. More seriously, having romantic feelings clouding your practical judgement can lead to all kinds of scenario ranging from the merely embarrassing to the downright disastrous. Another conflict of interest could be between social and family interests, like a disagreement between mother and lover for example. More generally, this is a 'can't please everyone' kind of time, and that includes trying to satisfy your needs and your wants at the same time. Put plainly, if this is a case of just being greedy or too needy then you could wind up with little or nothing. When all is said and done, right now you probably just have to make compromises.

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around December

### *On Form*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Sun*

This is one of those times when you are in harmony with yourself. More precisely your will is in tune with your feelings, your female side in touch with your male side if you are a woman, or vice versa if you are a man. Consequently this is all reflected in life around you for there appears to be more understanding and accord amongst those you mix with. It also means that getting across to the opposite sex is easier and more successful. But it is important to recognize that this is a quality that the River of Your Life now possesses, meaning that such harmony is emanating from you. In fact, people in your sphere will look to you for a balanced opinion for they recognize that you are, presently at least, a balanced individual. As ever it has to be said that this in proportion to how balanced and whole you normally are and feel. But in any event this is a time to take advantage of being more On Form than usual, taking note of it, and modelling yourself on in days to come when this helpful influence is past.

## Flowing Forever On ~

*As Vapour from the Sea  
Rises Up into the Sky  
And Falls as Rain  
Or Sleet or Snow  
So too shall You Go*

In the Mayan Sacred Calendar there is sacred symbol called 'muluc' which literally means 'raindrop'. What this represents has been further described as the Process of Universal Water, the phenomenon of Water and how it behaves. Take the raindrop on a window pane; how will it flow down, and when? The observer doesn't know, but in a mysterious way the raindrop does. And this applies to all the water everywhere, whether it is flowing or standing, freezing or bubbling, raging or still. Something in the water knows. As the saying goes 'I can feel it in my water'.

Hopefully, MOON MAGIC has given you a sense of your watery lunar nature, of how you too are like an individual raindrop with its destined course from sky to Earth then back again, cycling forever on. And in the process, giving you a sense of where you come from and where you are going to - and where you are now.

**Blessed Be**

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**The River of Your Life** *for year commencing 1 Jan 2027*

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

#### *A Matter of Taste*

*Progressed Venus Flowing Against your Natal Venus*

As this is only going happen in later years of your life, what tickles your fancy, floats your boat, turns you on, or simply brings pleasure into your life now seems to have lost its sparkle or is simply no longer available. But actually if it was available you'd probably not find it to your taste anymore either. Or you are indulging with no sense of satisfaction. What is happening is that you are experiencing a shift in what it is that appeals to your taste in food and fashion etc, as well as to your social values. The simple injunction here is to try something new or different, but that might not be so easy if one of your no longer tasty tastes is a person in your life! This can urge both of you to experiment with what gives you physical pleasure or a sense of social satisfaction. But if this is not possible it could have the more serious possibility of growing apart. You might even try the former only to find that it is a case of the latter. Looked at more philosophically, maybe it is time to weigh the importance of what are relatively superficial matters, and look at what your higher values are.

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As long as you can put your ego on hold now - which mainly means not insisting on what you think you want or know - then you will find a way through, round or over any obstacles or difficulties life currently might present you with. Apart from this you can feel that life is a dance or musical now, as you trip the light fantastic amidst many others or all on your own. Performing and music are generally favoured now. Going with the Flow was never easier.

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*Progressed Mars Flowing Against your Natal Pluto*

While this Current is prevailing it is probably most advisable to look before you leap. In fact this means looking to see if you are even about to leap! In other words, scrutinize your feelings and intentions for whether they have negative emotions such as rage or resentment, jealousy or paranoia, coursing through them. If they do and you not clock them, then something could be unleashed quite impulsively and produce consequences you could do without, to put it mildly. Then again you could find people coming out the woodwork who have an axe to grind and they pick on you as the one responsible. In a deep psychological way this would be true because what you would be experiencing is your own unlooked at or unacknowledged harder feelings, your shadow, coming back at you. Because of this, the wisest course to adopt now is to use this time of Provoking Emotions to become more aware of your deeper and more powerful feelings with a view to cleaning them off and harnessing them for the achieving of something positive and productive. Short of that you can just release them through some form of



therapy or harmless physical exertion; but even then be careful!

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*Moon Progressing through Aquarius*

*~ now I feel my River as bearing the precious water of knowledge and life, distributing it evenly and impartially ~ never resisting or shrinking from the truth, for I know it spreads inexorably. My social conscience and idealism is strong in flow now ~ sensing in my waters that as all beings are thus nourished and informed with the truths of life, eventually a great awakening occurs amongst the people as the accumulated knowledge ~ that the Stream brings ~ frees us from fear ~ realizing that we are all One and all unique within the one Life-Stream ~*

This is a paradoxical time for you as you feel the flow of life within and around you but at the same time also feel quite detached from it. Similarly, you may be drawn to group activities in the name of some humanitarian goal or personal realization but this would serve to make you feel that you are not one of the crowd at all, but a law unto yourself. Moreover you can become quite impassioned about politics and sociology, but be and feel quite anarchic or anti-social too. To some, possibly including yourself, you could appear as quite hypocritical or slightly schizoid as you run with the hare and the hounds, or change your policy overnight and then back again in the afternoon. But what is actually going on during this period is that you are finding out what your own unique set of principles and life rules are by going from one extreme to another, rather like plunging into icy water and then hot water alternately. In effect, you are inventing yourself, free from what is fashionable or politically correct, but being intensely fashionable or staunchly PC can be the way you find out and develop your own unique style. For this reason you are quite likely to be drawn to the off-beat, unconventional and avant-garde side of life and society. This may take the form of an Aquarian individual figuring in your life now. Ultimately you are saying 'I am utterly my own person, I am incomparable, and so is everyone else'. It is in these Waters of Paradox that you are more likely to discover this ultimate truth.

## Life-Stream {Banks}

### *Getting Connected*

### *Moon Progressing through your Third House*

*~ the Stream flows through a multi-faceted neighbourhood ~ a great variety of interests and choices are being presented to me if I care to look ~ I notice that when I make one contact or connection then many more are produced as a result ~ social media are particularly advantageous and useful to me at this time ~ the more I get involved with my immediate environment the more I feel a youthful energy coursing through me ~ I am vitalized by taking up new interests ~ by reading and conversing ~ brothers and sisters are now more important to me ~ and if I have none I identify those I know who I can relate to as brothers or sisters ~ all people I meet now are potentially my friends and acquaintances ~ as the River of My Life flows right by my door ~*

Now your emotions focus on matters concerning communications and everyday affairs. Positively, this is a good time to be neighbourly, write private letters/emails, text more than usual, make short trips, or get in touch with a relative. Negatively you could be inclined to let your feelings get in the way of your thinking and speaking and thereby prevent you from getting your point across, or just get you lost. Conversely, you can let your thinking and talking distract yourself and others from how you are truly feeling. Overall though, this is a time for getting your bearings, becoming more familiar with what is going on locally for you could be pleasantly surprised at what you find. You might never know that someone you'd click with so well who lives just a few doors down. And if your interests are of a more far-reaching persuasion, then now you would be advised to 'think globally and act locally'. Although this time can find you feeling that everyday life is a bit too ordinary, along this stretch of your River's Banks you should discover the truth of the saying 'There's none so strange as folk'. The fact is that the ordinary and the extraordinary are always wound up together, and this period offers the opportunity to apprise yourself of this fact.

### **Life-Stream {Banks} changes come June**

#### ***Bringing It All Back Home***

### *Moon Progressing through your Fourth House*

*- I now settle into a pool of safety and security where I may prosper from Nature's surrounding bounty - and dream in my silent depths in the well created by the terrain that my Life-Stream is slowly passing through. When this pool is clear and therefore maintained and fed by the Stream's input and output I am able and willing to nourish myself and others. When clogged by the silt of stale memories, old attachments and unnecessary emotions, I become aware of those fresh thoughts and feelings that are readily offered - allowing myself to receive them - and be cleansed and restored by them -*

During this stretch of the River of Your Life you feel, or need to feel, closer than usual to your roots, family and home-patch - as well as to Nature. You could well find yourself involved with subjects like genealogy or genetics. In effect you are emotionally touching base, giving you a strong sense of 'where you live', both in a literal and symbolic sense. If you find yourself at ease and enjoying the private and natural you, then you can be sure that you are comfortable in your own skin and are happy with where you belong. If however there is disquiet, particularly on the home-front, then it would suggest that you are either stuck in a habit or rut for fear of going out into the world or 'moving on', or that you have some very personal issues that need sorting out - or both - before you can get out and express yourself when your Moon goes into your Fifth House. Until then, you can at times feel that your life has ground to a halt somewhat or, at least, that not much is happening for you, especially in the outer world of profession and society. But your River of Life has naturally arrived at this place along its banks that calls for introspection and nest-building, maybe improving your home with some DIY and redecorating, or

even a move to a location more suited to your requirements. However, as in effect it is the force of gravity that has taken you to this low spot with a vibration to match, it could be advisable at times to force yourself out into the world at large so that you do not become too subjective and buried in your own thoughts and feelings. Conversely, be mindful that if you are spending little time 'at home' during this time, it is possible that you are avoiding some home truths. And it important to familiarize yourself with such home truths or deeply ingrained behaviours because they can act as a launch pad for taking off into the more lively and creative realms that lie ahead of you when your Moon progresses through your Fifth House. For now though, this is a time and place where you are immersed in your past and background issues, but ultimately this is the platform upon which your future is founded - so make provision for it now.

## Lunar Phase

### Striving Phase

#### Progressed Waxing Crescent Moon Lunation

*~ now my River is like a spring or young stream that is having to accumulate enough volume and flow to make its way through and over obstacles in its path that could otherwise reduce it to a mere trickle or nothing at all ~ and so I swell through reminding myself of my original and pure intent that first sprung from the Source ~*

This Phase is that of the Waxing Crescent Moon, and 'crescent' literally means 'growing one'. Whatever has been set in motion at or since the start of the cycle at your Emerging Phase, you can now see signs of what is to come, of what really is trying to take form and develop. The trouble is, so can everyone else, and this means that what the world thinks - or what you feel the world thinks - of what you are developing at this stage is taken on board very personally by you. And again, like with all other Phases, the sense of what has gone before is also highly influential but particularly during this Phase. In effect, you are now having to make an effort to establish a trend, that can be maintained for some years to come, in the face of the competition, conditions and opinions that you feel are put in place by the outside world on the one hand, and any inner doubts or need to withdraw or tread water on the other. It is during this Phase that something can occur that challenges your progress or confuses it - and it again it could be an external event or an internal feeling, or a combination of the two. If your Emerging Phase was akin to being a 'seed', this Striving Phase is like a 'seedling' in that it suggests what is trying to grow or take shape. And just because of this tenuous visibility you can be easily put off by such outer or inner influences. However, all being well, you usually feel more confident, or are made to feel so, around half way through this Phase. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield" (Tennyson).

But when all is said and done, it is called the Striving Phase for good reason. You have to Strive against any possible active or passive discouragement from that outer or inner world, and Strive to discern what really is trying to grow, and Strive to nurture it in whatever way you can. By way of example, witness the events and experiences of a man who at the onset of his first Emerging Phase moved from city to country with the initial intent of becoming a professional songwriter, but still within the early part of that Phase he began studying various complementary healing methods and then practising them on an amateur basis. Come the Striving Phase, for financial reasons he had to move back to the city, which initially meant having to leave behind the peace and quiet amidst which I had been able to write songs. So effectively, his Striving was firstly to leave behind that life and the ambition to be successful in the music field. His Striving was also greatly involved with having to make his way in the city again, which actually included coping with the difficulties and distractions that he had originally left the city to get away from. But all the time he was still Striving to become more and more proficient as a healer as this was the

'seedling' he now felt taking shape rather than the music-making. And a year or two into this Phase, because there was a larger and more varied social input, he was able to be far more practical in terms of helping others through healing, as well as getting a lot more feedback. And all this was having to be done when he had time free from his day-job and normal social engagements until the time came in his following Deciding Phase when he became a full-time professional as a healing practitioner. Also worth noting is that about half way through this Striving Phase he received a great deal of encouragement to become a healer from his girlfriend at that time.

During a 'Striving Phase' then, the vital issue is to emotionally detect, to genuinely feel, what is truly trying to take form, and to nourish it in whatever way you can. At the same time, be wary of inclinations to revert to the 'devil you know' in the form of old habits and haunts, attitudes and activities, and in our example's case, what turned out to be the fantasy of becoming a professional singer/songwriter. Whatever that true 'growing one' is, it will then assuredly grow even more.

Another point to consider during this or any Striving Phase at other times of your life is that there can occur changes which destabilize, and this can reveal you as one of two basic psychological types. It can show you to be a real trier who feeds off challenges to growth because you believe that it is ultimately all down to you, or, to be just a 'leaf in the wind' who cannot see much point in trying because you come to believe there is something outside of yourself that determines outcomes. Psychologically this has to do with the first type having what is called an 'internal locus of control' and the second type an 'external locus of control'. It doesn't take too much imagination to see what a difference falling into one category or the other makes to a person's life as a whole - especially during a Striving Phase! If you are older than 29-30 years you can track back that number of years back to what happened for you in your preceding Striving Phase, and how it affected you. If you are or were the second type, it is possible that this period hampered your progress through life. However, if you are or were someone with a strong internal locus of control it is more likely that you found your Striving to be more of a positive experience as you were sustained by an inner conviction of whatever it was growing inside of you. As ever, that lunar riddle of 'Nature or Nurture' arises here. The answer is both, because people are born with either an internal or external locus of control, but it is during one of your Striving Phases that one can at last attain an internal locus of control when before one was handicapped with the opposite. In other words, the Striving Phase is a time to detect and develop your innermost convictions and strongest feelings.

Something that can coincide with a Striving Phase, mostly if you are an adult, are relationship difficulties. This is because a relationship, or the absence of one, can appear to challenge your confidence in yourself. But whether your partner, or want of one, is supporting or blocking you, the point to cling to is that the experience of it is the actual acid test of your own authenticity. Another issue can be that whatever is going on in a relationship at this time is possibly a symptom of trying to find something you feel you have lost or not getting from a partner (or from not having one). The fact is that you have possibly lost track of whatever was trying to spring forth while you were in your preceding Emerging Phase, and either you gave up on that or did not even notice what it was. In other words, looking for what you have not discovered in yourself is not going to be found in someone else - at least, not directly speaking. This means that your 'cage' might need rattling to bring home the fact that you've placed yourself in one, that you have either settled for a seemingly secure life with someone only to find that it cost you the freedom to pursue your journey of self-discovery, or - and this is a strong alternative - you need relationship challenges to get you to grow, especially emotionally. So unless you retrace and resurrect that 'seedling' of future growth back to the 'germination' of your previous Emerging Phase, you are in danger of losing your own course or sense of direction. Apart from all this however, bear in mind that Striving to make your relationship(s) work now is very much on the cards - so do not let one 'go to

seed' for lack of attention.

Careerwise, you may be Striving to build some kind of professional practice at this time - often having to prove your independence too. But as ever, the secret is to not lose sight of that 'seedling' which is trying to grow into a healthy plant. As any gardener knows, seedlings have to survive spells of bad weather, being 'hardened off', getting trodden on, or even trying to grow too quickly. They also have to be fed and watered regularly. If this metaphor fails to penetrate, this means that any infant project will be challenged by market forces, encounter attacks from others, or take on too much too soon. And you have to be 'fed' with encouragement, information and experience. Most of all, keep in touch with whatever spurred you to start that project in the first place - for that will be the seed itself.

Talking of 'seedlings' and growth, children being born or raised at this time can prove more demanding than usual. This would have everything to do with something that needed nurturing or healing in yourself re-presenting itself to you in the form of your 'offspring' -that which sprung from you. Everything is natural and meant to be as far as the Moon is concerned, it is just that so often we have been driven off-course by a society divorced from Nature. Remember that a child is saying 'I am more yours than anything apart from your own body, mind and soul'. A child is also a symbol and a messenger, telling you something about you as parent and parents, as a couple, as a human being. And like the literal meaning of the word 'crescent', the shape of this Phase, a child is also literally a 'growing one'.

Health. This is not to say that this is a time when you are more than usually likely to get sick, but Striving can put a strain on the system. A good way to cut down wear and tear is to draw up a list of essentials and non-essentials, on either side of a page. For instance, an 'essential' could be to make sure that you reach a goal you have set yourself, whereas a 'non-essential' would be to entertain doubts of ever getting there, or involve wishful thinking. Then again, another 'essential' could be to entertain enough doubts to make sure you organize yourself well and do not drop any stitches. You will find that by drawing up such a list your 'natural intelligence' is able to access these essential and non-essentials quite easily. This is because within you there is a wealth of answers - you just have to ask the right questions. Having sorted this out, stresses and strains are marvellously diminished. However, you may still have to Strive to root out the cause of any serious complaint, should there be one. In fact if there is one, it is there expressly to get you to track down why.

If you are more advanced in years, this could be a time when your Striving could be a time when what has been so long in the growing through your efforts now needs that last push to take it that vital stage further, perhaps to that final vital stage. Whatever the case, this all stresses the significance of Striving to make some kind of positive mark in life - or as the Vikings saw it, to not leave this world without being remembered well for your time here. The emphasis is upon what you have created, or are creating in life, rather than how long it took or takes to do so.

~?~ *What important things are you Striving for, or have Striven for, during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship made, or is making, your Striving harder or easier during this Phase?*

~?~ *What do these Strivings tell you about you and the River of Your Life?*

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around March

### *Steady As You Flow*

### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Saturn*



To one degree or another you are presently able to detect within yourself a point of emotional stability, a feeling of relative maturity. There exists a feeling of equanimity, of sobriety, of all things being equal. Because of this others see you as being trustworthy, reliable and as having an air of authority. Consequently this can be a time when you are given some position of (greater) responsibility, that is, promotion or a step up whatever ladder you are attempting to climb. On a personal level, your needs and emotions are more under control - relative to your normal sense of self-possession. So whatever else may be going on in your life, along your River, you are less likely to be fazed by disruptive or jarring elements. Basically, your sense of time and timing is at an optimum, so you need not feel either hurried or hindered. 'Everything in its own sweet time' could currently be your motto. For the same reasons, duties and tasks can be set about in a measured and methodical manner, with sound results.

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around May

### *Emotional Hunger or Indulgence*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Jupiter*

Now you are drawn to something or anything that makes you feel that life is more worth living, that it has meaning, or is both. And so you are inclined to go overboard with the offer or promise of such experiences - without reading the fine print. This then finds you with more than you can cope with, or than you want to cope with. Another expression of this Current Event is that it can find you 'guru prone', which means that someone comes along who seems to have all the answers, and that someone could be you! This mix of need and faith can be a heady one as self-justifying philosophies and opinions appear to fill this bill. As it has been said 'If you meet Buddha on the road, kill him!' - meaning that it is unwise to attach too much importance to concepts and doctrines, and especially to those that espouse them. Beware sanctimoniousness!

This 'hunger' can find another, rather more obvious expression in your just overindulging in whatever takes you fancy - anything from ice cream to your favourite topic. It is probably best to experience all this with a view to seeing writ large what is the state of your faith and optimism, how you see the 'bigger picture', with a view to conferring on yourself a more positive outlook. As William Blake said, "the road of excess does lead to the palace of wisdom" - but just as long as you avoid falling by the wayside because you haven't clocked when enough is enough. Knowing your limits is what the getting of wisdom is all about.

## Current Event {Surge} occurring around May

### *Destiny Calling*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With & Against your Dragon's Head*

Here you now have something pushing or pulling you in the right direction - the direction of your destiny, no less. How much you go with or against this is entirely down to you, depending on how aware you are of your true path in life, as against labouring under some kind of illusion as to why you are living on this mysterious planet. So this time could be exhilarating or turbulent, a time of progress as you let the current take you, or of time wasted going against the current of your Life River. Being alive to the right and wrong signs is critical now - something which is simply according to the Zodiacal Signs of your Dragon's Head (where you are going and the Sign through which your Moon is now progressing) and Dragon's Tail (where you came from and the opposite Sign through which your Moon is now progressing) - so check this out. Emphasize and go with the former, resist and steer away from the latter, tempting though it is to plump for that soft option, the devil you know. However, there may be the



necessity of a detour as you need to 'go back for something' and navigate retrogressively, but be careful not to be caught in an 'eddy'.

All in all this stretch of your Life River, and how you navigate it, can be very decisive. In any event, it is quite likely that you will be tossed this way and that - that is unless you are extremely sure of where you are supposed to be headed. So this is a time when your most fundamental instincts are put to the test, or are realized and confirmed, or possibly both.

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around June

### *Down the Lazy River*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Neptune*

You are relatively well-attuned now; you can feel subtle undercurrents and intimations. You could feel whimsical, and maybe more prone to just being taken by the drift of events, to live by your dreams more than concrete reality. But this would be in proportion to other conditions and influences prevailing at this time, and to the normal bent of your personality. Looked at another way, this stretch could be seen as an opportunity to be less materialistic, more interested in the intangible or spiritual side of life; to deliberately go with the flow rather than just finding yourself doing so - or finding you're not doing so but needing to! In other words, attune yourself to more wonderful reasons for being and at this time it is quite likely that you'll find them - but again in proportion to how sensitive you usually are to such areas. In any event, you could find yourself being the sympathetic ear or shoulder to cry on, or you could find this is what you need for yourself - and so you will. Altogether, this is a period for the finer and higher human emotions and sensibilities.

## Current Event {Surge} occurring around June

### *Touching Base*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With and Against your Natal Lower Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive*

This is an important time for you as it plants you precisely where you belong in the sense of immersing you in private and family affairs, along with your most personal sense of origin and background. How welcome this is to you depends on how introspective or sentimental you are as a personality. In any event, this stretch is putting you more in touch with these feelings and the people and things that are associated with such feelings. Possibly this could be seen as a time to establish where you stand as a person as distinct from what you are out there in the world. And this would serve to ascertain or improve the foundations your outer life stands upon. Also a wonderful time to get involved with genealogy or the planet you live on, that is, the natural world with all its depth and mystery. Quite simply, a time to be in the bosom of your family, which means either your biological one or whatever constitutes such a thing for you. You might feel that things have slowed to a halt at this time, but that is because the River of Your Life is brought you to a place where you are supposed to linger, to smell the roses.

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around July

### *Deeper Darker Waters*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Pluto*

This time finds you in a situation that is profoundly emotional, where feelings you maybe didn't know you possessed are summoned to the surface. Like suddenly finding yourself 'out of your depth' there is a

danger you might panic, but really you needn't because, after all, this 'depth' is entirely your own. It is your emotional depth, not anyone else's! The River of Your Life has now taken you to a spot which could be seen as going underground. It is important now that you reclaim your own emotional power - which can simply be the power and right to say 'No' or 'Yes' - to yourself or someone or something else. So don't cave in to pressure; breathe in deeply and take command of your emotional centre and depth. Believe and realize that you are someone to be reckoned with, but not to the point of being provocative for this could backfire on you as there is a likelihood of encountering something or someone more powerful than you.

All of this may involve having to look at some home truths or the darker side of life and your personality. Again, this should be regarded positively in that you see this time in your life as an opportunity to tune into the innermost realities and feelings, to realize that there is something deep down that moves and motivates you (and others) and which needs taming if it is not to be shaming, to get to know it consciously rather than have it catch you unawares. It is not a time to pretend you are nicer or lighter than you actually are, or to be equivocal, for then there is the probability of encountering someone who is apparently not 'nice' or 'light' at all, ruthless even, for this would just be your own denied heavier - and therefore more powerful - emotional nature coming back at you in the form of something or someone else.

One way or the other you may now be put in touch with anything that reminds you of the fact that you have a profound soul capable of equally profound feelings - feelings that influence and move others too. For similar reasons, involvement with the hidden, the 'underworld' or even occult forces is possible now - especially if you are naturally drawn to such, and then they will be all the more profound - but beware of just toying with such things or people for you could regret it. As a general rule during this Current Event it would be safer to keep to areas with which you are familiar unless you are actually after experiencing the hidden or darker dimensions of life and yourself. Then again, as has been pointed out, such may present themselves to you anyway. It all depends on how conscious you are of that hidden or darker side of yourself.

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around August

### *Sense and Sensibility*

#### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Mercury*

This is a great time for getting across how you feel with the spoken or written word. If you want to make yourself understood in any quarter, then now is the hour! Possibly more significant is what it is that lies behind or beneath this boost in your ability to express yourself more effectively and clearly. This is simply because your mind and feelings are more in touch with one another; your head and heart are in sync. Naturally this favours all areas of life, from the personal to the professional, from writing a letter or a book, to smoothly travelling from A to B, connecting and reconnecting to those in your sphere, near or far. Obviously all of this is in proportion to how adept you usually are at verbally expressing your feelings, but in any event this could, or even should be, a time of advancement or improvement. Perhaps one thing to watch out on this mental-emotional roll that you are on is that you are not too loquacious for this could cause others to turn off because they can't get a word in edgeways. Looked at another way, this is also a time when you are or could be better at listening to others and hearing what it is that they are trying to express, what they are feeling.

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around October

## *Feeling Capable*

### *Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Mars*

Your instincts are in harmony with your actions now, your feelings in sync with your body, which means that you can trust yourself to successfully navigate whatever waters in which you find yourself - just as long as you do not think too much. If you are usually inclined to rationalize and analyze then you won't get the best out of this influence unless you consciously let go of the urge to do so. If on the other hand you are given to following your feelings, then you could be on a roll at this time, other influences notwithstanding. This body-feelings accord would also help you to safely or skilfully negotiate any tricky reefs or rapids you might currently be in the midst of.

## Flowing Forever On ~

*As Vapour from the Sea  
Rises Up into the Sky  
And Falls as Rain  
Or Sleet or Snow  
So too shall You Go*

In the Mayan Sacred Calendar there is sacred symbol called 'muluc' which literally means 'raindrop'. What this represents has been further described as the Process of Universal Water, the phenomenon of Water and how it behaves. Take the raindrop on a window pane; how will it flow down, and when? The observer doesn't know, but in a mysterious way the raindrop does. And this applies to all the water everywhere, whether it is flowing or standing, freezing or bubbling, raging or still. Something in the water knows. As the saying goes 'I can feel it in my water'.

Hopefully, MOON MAGIC has given you a sense of your watery lunar nature, of how you too are like an individual raindrop with its destined course from sky to Earth then back again, cycling forever on. And in the process, giving you a sense of where you come from and where you are going to - and where you are now.

**Blessed Be**

*Lyn Birkbeck*

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**The River of Your Life** *for year commencing 1 Jan 2028*

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

*Nicely Does It*

*Progressed Venus Flowing With your Natal Sun*

Whatever charms you have, they are now in sync with your ego and the world around you. And so whatever you do now you do it with a sense of harmony, give and take, style and grace. Consequently the world smiles back at you. You may have to apply yourself a bit here, but you are now able to appeal to whomever or whatever is your focus of intent. But do not try too hard; it is after all your very naturalness of grace and charm that IS the grace and charm! Life should go with a swing now; something rhymes.

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

*A Matter of Taste*

*Progressed Venus Flowing Against your Natal Venus*

As this is only going happen in later years of your life, what tickles your fancy, floats your boat, turns you on, or simply brings pleasure into your life now seems to have lost its sparkle or is simply no longer available. But actually if it was available you'd probably not find it to your taste anymore either. Or you are indulging with no sense of satisfaction. What is happening is that you are experiencing a shift in what it is that appeals to your taste in food and fashion etc, as well as to your social values. The simple injunction here is to try something new or different, but that might not be so easy if one of your no longer tasty tastes is a person in your life! This can urge both of you to experiment with what gives you physical pleasure or a sense of social satisfaction. But if this is not possible it could have the more serious possibility of growing apart. You might even try the former only to find that it is a case of the latter. Looked at more philosophically, maybe it is time to weigh the importance of what are relatively superficial matters, and look at what your higher values are.

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

*Mental Flow*

*Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Mercury*

You are on excellent form with regard to performing mental tasks and getting feelings to synchronize with thinking. There is a good feeling about the way you go about doing things. Others pick up on this and so fall in with your rhythm and wishes. You are not inclined to over-think and simply get on with the job in hand. You then proceed to the next one. Gainful employment is a key theme of this time. You walk your talk.

### Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

*Provoking Emotions*

*Progressed Mars Flowing Against your Natal Pluto*

While this Current is prevailing it is probably most advisable to look before you leap. In fact this means looking to see if you are even about to leap! In other words, scrutinize your feelings and intentions for whether they have negative emotions such as rage or resentment, jealousy or paranoia, coursing through them. If they do and you not clock them, then something could be unleashed quite impulsively and produce consequences you could do without, to put it mildly. Then again you could find people coming out the woodwork who have an axe to grind and they pick on you as the one responsible. In a deep psychological way this would be true because what you would be experiencing is your own unlooked at or unacknowledged harder feelings, your shadow, coming back at you. Because of this, the wisest course to adopt now is to use this time of Provoking Emotions to become more aware of your deeper and more powerful feelings with a view to cleaning them off and harnessing them for the achieving of something positive and productive. Short of that you can just release them through some form of therapy or harmless physical exertion; but even then be careful!

## Life-Stream {River}

### *The Waters of Paradox*

#### *Moon Progressing through Aquarius*

*~ now I feel my River as bearing the precious water of knowledge and life, distributing it evenly and impartially ~ never resisting or shrinking from the truth, for I know it spreads inexorably. My social conscience and idealism is strong in flow now ~ sensing in my waters that as all beings are thus nourished and informed with the truths of life, eventually a great awakening occurs amongst the people as the accumulated knowledge ~ that the Stream brings ~ frees us from fear ~ realizing that we are all One and all unique within the one Life-Stream ~*

This is a paradoxical time for you as you feel the flow of life within and around you but at the same time also feel quite detached from it. Similarly, you may be drawn to group activities in the name of some humanitarian goal or personal realization but this would serve to make you feel that you are not one of the crowd at all, but a law unto yourself. Moreover you can become quite impassioned about politics and sociology, but be and feel quite anarchic or anti-social too. To some, possibly including yourself, you could appear as quite hypocritical or slightly schizoid as you run with the hare and the hounds, or change your policy overnight and then back again in the afternoon. But what is actually going on during this period is that you are finding out what your own unique set of principles and life rules are by going from one extreme to another, rather like plunging into icy water and then hot water alternately. In effect, you are inventing yourself, free from what is fashionable or politically correct, but being intensely fashionable or staunchly PC can be the way you find out and develop your own unique style. For this reason you are quite likely to be drawn to the off-beat, unconventional and avant-garde side of life and society. This may take the form of an Aquarian individual figuring in your life now. Ultimately you are saying 'I am utterly my own person, I am incomparable, and so is everyone else'. It is in these Waters of Paradox that you are more likely to discover this ultimate truth.

## Life-Stream {River} changes come January

### *Swimming or Drowning*

#### *Moon Progressing through Pisces*

*- at last I feel all the many individual streams as one Stream emptying into the ocean - and we realize that our individual longings are ultimately a longing for the same thing - the mysterious sea of peace and*



*acceptance - and so I feel all the life-streams within me as the one Life-stream and I am faithfully led forever on to inspire and relieve - or I merely crave some non-existent shortcut - for or as vapour from the sea rises up into the sky and falls as rain or sleet or snow - so too shall we go - and return to the Source -*

You now find yourself very much 'in your Life River' as the watery and vaguer aspects of reality are what draw you downwards and inwards to the mysterious depths of life and your own psyche. If you are a creative individual then the muse is more likely to be with you - so get creating! If you have addictive or escapist tendencies, beware, for the inclination to give into them is stronger now. The subtleties and illusions of life play upon you like light dappling water, giving rise to beautiful reveries or confusing situations. This could well take the form of someone of a Piscean nature figuring in your life now. You are more sensitive than usual - to your own feelings and those of others too. It is best to adopt a spiritual or metaphysical attitude to life while this stretch lasts. This means seeing life in terms of what is happening at a subtler level, that all are one, that reality is the interplay of energies. At the same time be careful not to take this too far by neglecting material or financial matters to the point of them becoming a threat to your wellbeing. At the same time, a more enlightened or finer sense of what governs not just your own economic status but that of the world as whole is called for - because it should be evident that the latter greatly determines the former. Doing with less while imagining yourself with more could be a policy worth adopting. Essentially you now have to use your sensitivity to attune yourself to the line of least resistance while at the same time not giving in to temptations or escapes. During this time you can more than ever become aware of blind-spots that have been confusing you or holding you back for years, or have those very blind-spots mislead you even further.

## **Life-Stream {Banks}**

### ***Bringing It All Back Home***

#### ***Moon Progressing through your Fourth House***

*~ I now settle into a pool of safety and security where I may prosper from Nature's surrounding bounty ~ and dream in my silent depths in the well created by the terrain that my Life-Stream is slowly passing through. When this pool is clear and therefore maintained and fed by the Stream's input and output I am able and willing to nourish myself and others. When clogged by the silt of stale memories, old attachments and unnecessary emotions, I become aware of those fresh thoughts and feelings that are readily offered ~ allowing myself to receive them ~ and be cleansed and restored by them ~*

During this stretch of the River of Your Life you feel, or need to feel, closer than usual to your roots, family and home-patch - as well as to Nature. You could well find yourself involved with subjects like genealogy or genetics. In effect you are emotionally touching base, giving you a strong sense of 'where you live', both in a literal and symbolic sense. If you find yourself at ease and enjoying the private and natural you, then you can be sure that you are comfortable in your own skin and are happy with where you belong. If however there is disquiet, particularly on the home-front, then it would suggest that you are either stuck in a habit or rut for fear of going out into the world or 'moving on', or that you have some very personal issues that need sorting out - or both - before you can get out and express yourself when your Moon goes into your Fifth House. Until then, you can at times feel that your life has ground to a halt somewhat or, at least, that not much is happening for you, especially in the outer world of profession and society. But your River of Life has naturally arrived at this place along its banks that calls for introspection and nest-building, maybe improving your home with some DIY and redecorating, or even a move to a location more suited to your requirements. However, as in effect it is the force of gravity that has taken you to this low spot with a vibration to match, it could be advisable at times to force yourself out into the world at large so that you do not become too subjective and buried in your

own thoughts and feelings. Conversely, be mindful that if you are spending little time 'at home' during this time, it is possible that you are avoiding some home truths. And it important to familiarize yourself with such home truths or deeply ingrained behaviours because they can act as a launch pad for taking off into the more lively and creative realms that lie ahead of you when your Moon progresses through your Fifth House. For now though, this is a time and place where you are immersed in your past and background issues, but ultimately this is the platform upon which your future is founded - so make provision for it now.

## Lunar Phase

### Striving Phase

#### Progressed Waxing Crescent Moon Lunation

*~ now my River is like a spring or young stream that is having to accumulate enough volume and flow to make its way through and over obstacles in its path that could otherwise reduce it to a mere trickle or nothing at all ~ and so I swell through reminding myself of my original and pure intent that first sprung from the Source ~*

This Phase is that of the Waxing Crescent Moon, and 'crescent' literally means 'growing one'. Whatever has been set in motion at or since the start of the cycle at your Emerging Phase, you can now see signs of what is to come, of what really is trying to take form and develop. The trouble is, so can everyone else, and this means that what the world thinks - or what you feel the world thinks - of what you are developing at this stage is taken on board very personally by you. And again, like with all other Phases, the sense of what has gone before is also highly influential but particularly during this Phase. In effect, you are now having to make an effort to establish a trend, that can be maintained for some years to come, in the face of the competition, conditions and opinions that you feel are put in place by the outside world on the one hand, and any inner doubts or need to withdraw or tread water on the other. It is during this Phase that something can occur that challenges your progress or confuses it - and it again it could be an external event or an internal feeling, or a combination of the two. If your Emerging Phase was akin to being a 'seed', this Striving Phase is like a 'seedling' in that it suggests what is trying to grow or take shape. And just because of this tenuous visibility you can be easily put off by such outer or inner influences. However, all being well, you usually feel more confident, or are made to feel so, around half way through this Phase. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield" (Tennyson).

But when all is said and done, it is called the Striving Phase for good reason. You have to Strive against any possible active or passive discouragement from that outer or inner world, and Strive to discern what really is trying to grow, and Strive to nurture it in whatever way you can. By way of example, witness the events and experiences of a man who at the onset of his first Emerging Phase moved from city to country with the initial intent of becoming a professional songwriter, but still within the early part of that Phase he began studying various complementary healing methods and then practising them on an amateur basis. Come the Striving Phase, for financial reasons he had to move back to the city, which initially meant having to leave behind the peace and quiet amidst which I had been able to write songs. So effectively, his Striving was firstly to leave behind that life and the ambition to be successful in the music field. His Striving was also greatly involved with having to make his way in the city again, which actually included coping with the difficulties and distractions that he had originally left the city to get away from. But all the time he was still Striving to become more and more proficient as a healer as this was the 'seedling' he now felt taking shape rather than the music-making. And a year or two into this Phase, because there was a larger and more varied social input, he was able to be far more practical in terms of helping others through healing, as well as getting a lot more feedback. And all this was having to be done

when he had time free from his day-job and normal social engagements until the time came in his following Deciding Phase when he became a full-time professional as a healing practitioner. Also worth noting is that about half way through this Striving Phase he received a great deal of encouragement to become a healer from his girlfriend at that time.

During a 'Striving Phase' then, the vital issue is to emotionally detect, to genuinely feel, what is truly trying to take form, and to nourish it in whatever way you can. At the same time, be wary of inclinations to revert to the 'devil you know' in the form of old habits and haunts, attitudes and activities, and in our example's case, what turned out to be the fantasy of becoming a professional singer/songwriter. Whatever that true 'growing one' is, it will then assuredly grow even more.

Another point to consider during this or any Striving Phase at other times of your life is that there can occur changes which destabilize, and this can reveal you as one of two basic psychological types. It can show you to be a real trier who feeds off challenges to growth because you believe that it is ultimately all down to you, or, to be just a 'leaf in the wind' who cannot see much point in trying because you come to believe there is something outside of yourself that determines outcomes. Psychologically this has to do with the first type having what is called an 'internal locus of control' and the second type an 'external locus of control'. It doesn't take too much imagination to see what a difference falling into one category or the other makes to a person's life as a whole - especially during a Striving Phase! If you are older than 29-30 years you can track back that number of years back to what happened for you in your preceding Striving Phase, and how it affected you. If you are or were the second type, it is possible that this period hampered your progress through life. However, if you are or were someone with a strong internal locus of control it is more likely that you found your Striving to be more of a positive experience as you were sustained by an inner conviction of whatever it was growing inside of you. As ever, that lunar riddle of 'Nature or Nurture' arises here. The answer is both, because people are born with either an internal or external locus of control, but it is during one of your Striving Phases that one can at last attain an internal locus of control when before one was handicapped with the opposite. In other words, the Striving Phase is a time to detect and develop your innermost convictions and strongest feelings.

Something that can coincide with a Striving Phase, mostly if you are an adult, are relationship difficulties. This is because a relationship, or the absence of one, can appear to challenge your confidence in yourself. But whether your partner, or want of one, is supporting or blocking you, the point to cling to is that the experience of it is the actual acid test of your own authenticity. Another issue can be that whatever is going on in a relationship at this time is possibly a symptom of trying to find something you feel you have lost or not getting from a partner (or from not having one). The fact is that you have possibly lost track of whatever was trying to spring forth while you were in your preceding Emerging Phase, and either you gave up on that or did not even notice what it was. In other words, looking for what you have not discovered in yourself is not going to be found in someone else - at least, not directly speaking. This means that your 'cage' might need rattling to bring home the fact that you've placed yourself in one, that you have either settled for a seemingly secure life with someone only to find that it cost you the freedom to pursue your journey of self-discovery, or - and this is a strong alternative - you need relationship challenges to get you to grow, especially emotionally. So unless you retrace and resurrect that 'seedling' of future growth back to the 'germination' of your previous Emerging Phase, you are in danger of losing your own course or sense of direction. Apart from all this however, bear in mind that Striving to make your relationship(s) work now is very much on the cards - so do not let one 'go to seed' for lack of attention.

Careerwise, you may be Striving to build some kind of professional practice at this time - often having to

prove your independence too. But as ever, the secret is to not lose sight of that 'seedling' which is trying to grow into a healthy plant. As any gardener knows, seedlings have to survive spells of bad weather, being 'hardened off', getting trodden on, or even trying to grow too quickly. They also have to be fed and watered regularly. If this metaphor fails to penetrate, this means that any infant project will be challenged by market forces, encounter attacks from others, or take on too much too soon. And you have to be 'fed' with encouragement, information and experience. Most of all, keep in touch with whatever spurred you to start that project in the first place - for that will be the seed itself.

Talking of 'seedlings' and growth, children being born or raised at this time can prove more demanding than usual. This would have everything to do with something that needed nurturing or healing in yourself re-presenting itself to you in the form of your 'offspring' - that which sprung from you. Everything is natural and meant to be as far as the Moon is concerned, it is just that so often we have been driven off-course by a society divorced from Nature. Remember that a child is saying 'I am more yours than anything apart from your own body, mind and soul'. A child is also a symbol and a messenger, telling you something about you as parent and parents, as a couple, as a human being. And like the literal meaning of the word 'crescent', the shape of this Phase, a child is also literally a 'growing one'.

Health. This is not to say that this is a time when you are more than usually likely to get sick, but Striving can put a strain on the system. A good way to cut down wear and tear is to draw up a list of essentials and non-essentials, on either side of a page. For instance, an 'essential' could be to make sure that you reach a goal you have set yourself, whereas a 'non-essential' would be to entertain doubts of ever getting there, or involve wishful thinking. Then again, another 'essential' could be to entertain enough doubts to make sure you organize yourself well and do not drop any stitches. You will find that by drawing up such a list your 'natural intelligence' is able to access these essential and non-essentials quite easily. This is because within you there is a wealth of answers - you just have to ask the right questions. Having sorted this out, stresses and strains are marvellously diminished. However, you may still have to Strive to root out the cause of any serious complaint, should there be one. In fact if there is one, it is there expressly to get you to track down why.

If you are more advanced in years, this could be a time when your Striving could be a time when what has been so long in the growing through your efforts now needs that last push to take it that vital stage further, perhaps to that final vital stage. Whatever the case, this all stresses the significance of Striving to make some kind of positive mark in life - or as the Vikings saw it, to not leave this world without being remembered well for your time here. The emphasis is upon what you have created, or are creating in life, rather than how long it took or takes to do so.

~?~ *What important things are you Striving for, or have Striven for, during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship made, or is making, your Striving harder or easier during this Phase?*

~?~ *What do these Strivings tell you about you and the River of Your Life?*

## Current Event {Rough} occurring around April

### *Emotional Turnaround*

### *Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Moon*

Whatever is going on along this reach of your River is in aid of making you change the very way in which you emotionally respond to people and situations - and thereby putting you more in touch with your emotional truth in the process. This is a time when you can discover that it is in your power to change

the state of your emotional world, which includes anything to do with security and family, love and relating, as well as the motivation to succeed in the material world. How all this works is that you find yourself being confronted by someone or something that is difficult to relate to or make sense of. The reason for this is that you need to realize that you are being challenged to respond differently, because the old way is no longer working - or working less well than it did. It may be that the way you relate and respond is fine - in which there'll be no case to answer, no emotional dilemma to contend or wrestle with. Even so, be careful if you think this is the case because you might just be making someone or something else wrong and denying your side of the equation. This is a classic 'it takes to tango' time, after all!

So, if you are normally given to being reasonable in the face of emotional issues, then now try being 'unreasonable', that is to just go with your feelings, but without losing your rag. If on the other hand you usually respond in an emotional way, from the gut, then now try considering mentally what is going on, to talk and, most of all, be willing to listen. Either way, this is a time to be extremely honest if difficult emotional situations are to be prevented from going into critical mass. In any event, you will be learning a lot about how you feel, or disallow yourself from feeling.

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around April

### *Image Aligns with Feelings*

*Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive*

If you wish to put across something or simply express yourself in a way that resonates with others, gives them a good feeling, then now is the time! Your instincts and common touch are more at your fingertips than usual - relative to how they normally are of course. A widespread human doubt is feeling that one is not genuine, that one is a fake even. But now you are in touch with the emotionally authentic 'you' and it shows. And it shows not just to others but, possibly more importantly, to yourself - which means that you now have a feel for how your innermost self and its feelings and values can find direct expression through your persona and character - and consequently how you fare in work and relationships. Put it this way: you look the part. So if there is some role or position you are after, then put your best foot forward during this stretch of your Life River, for notwithstanding any contrary influences, your 'best foot' is poised and ready.

## Current Event {Smooth} occurring around November

### *Pleasant Feelings, Good Vibes*

*Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Venus*

Relative to your normal temperament, you are presently at ease with the world and in harmony with yourself. Your charm factor is high, and so too is your eye for a good buy. This is also a good time to tune into what it is about you that is attractive, talented and of real worth. This is not a particularly dynamic influence because by its very nature it is easygoing and sociable. Everything in the garden can be lovely now, but what you make of this is entirely up to you, and in proportion to other possibly harder influences. If you are of a busy and restless disposition then this stretch of your Life River can offer a respite from it all - but it won't if you don't let it. All in all, this is a time to sit back and smell the roses.

## Flowing Forever On ~

*As Vapour from the Sea  
Rises Up into the Sky  
And Falls as Rain  
Or Sleet or Snow  
So too shall You Go*

In the Mayan Sacred Calendar there is sacred symbol called 'muluc' which literally means 'raindrop'. What this represents has been further described as the Process of Universal Water, the phenomenon of Water and how it behaves. Take the raindrop on a window pane; how will it flow down, and when? The observer doesn't know, but in a mysterious way the raindrop does. And this applies to all the water everywhere, whether it is flowing or standing, freezing or bubbling, raging or still. Something in the water knows. As the saying goes 'I can feel it in my water'.

Hopefully, MOON MAGIC has given you a sense of your watery lunar nature, of how you too are like an individual raindrop with its destined course from sky to Earth then back again, cycling forever on. And in the process, giving you a sense of where you come from and where you are going to - and where you are now.

**Blessed Be**

*Lyn Birkbeck*