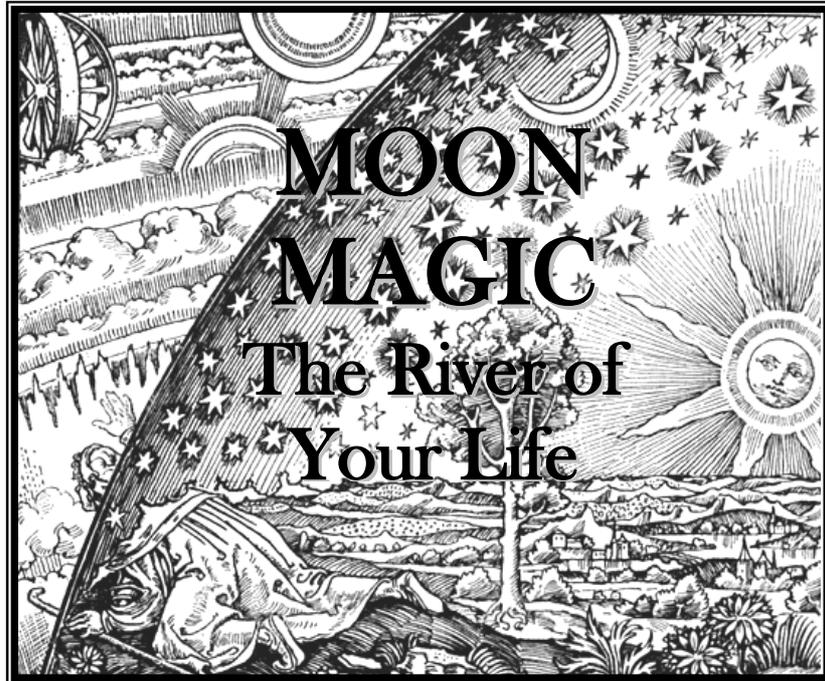


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MOON MAGIC The River of Your Life

for

Vladimir Putin

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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

Progression method Naibod

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
MC Sxt Chi-r
ASC Sxt Sat-r

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sun Tri MC-r
Mar Opp MC-r
Ven Sqr ASC-r

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sun Sxt Mer-r
Sun Cnj Mar-r
Sun Sxt Sat-p
Sun Sxt Nep-r
Sun Sxt Nep-p
Sun Tri Plu-r
Sun Tri Plu-p
Mer Opp Moo-r
Ven Tri Moo-r
Mar Sqr Jup-r
Mar Tri Sat-r
Mar Tri Nep-r
Mar Cnj Nod-r

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Moo Sqr MC-r
Moo Tri MC-r
Moo Sxt MC-p
Moo Sxt ASC-r
Moo Cnj ASC-p
Moo Sqr Sun-r
Moo Sxt Sun-r
Moo Cnj Sun-p
Moo Opp Moo-r
Moo Sxt Mer-r
Moo Cnj Mer-p
Moo Cnj Ven-r
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Progressions for year commencing 1 Jan 2020

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 Lunation, your inborn basic emotional inclination. But this is just a part of a whole cycle, the Progressed Lunation 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 Lunations are listed below, each lasting 3 to 4 years, with one of them being your own personal Lunation 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 Lunation, is, or discover it some other way}.

The first four Lunations 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 Lunation ~ Emerging Phase
2. Crescent Moon Lunation ~ Striving Phase
3. Waxing Half Moon Lunation ~ Deciding Phase
4. Gibbous Moon Lunation ~ Adjusting Phase

5. Full Moon Lunation ~ Realizing Phase
6. Disseminating Moon Lunation ~ Sharing Phase
7. Waning Half Moon Lunation ~ Understanding Phase
8. Balsamic Moon Lunation ~ 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 Lunation. 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 Lunation. 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 2020 AD Wed*

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 {Smooth}

Feeling the Current

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Neptune

You are now beautifully attuned to wherever it is you are supposed to be going. You are not just intuitively inclined to go with the flow; the flow is also taking you where you want to go. It is as if you know the right channels via which to navigate a safe and productive course. As a consequence of this others will be ready or drawn to go along with you, to follow your lead. Curiously, you might not actually know exactly where you are bound; it is your sense of going somewhere and the inner assurance which accompanies this that others find appealing.

If you have a dream, now is the time to pull out all the stops to follow it, because your dream is calling you on. You may also find that your psychic nature or sixth sense is heightened now. For all the above reasons, this can be a time when the spiritual side of life takes on more prominence for you.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Recognition

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive

This is a time to promote what you value and believe in, to gain recognition, to seek promotion or a raise. Looked at another way, it is a good time to identify the nature of those very things if you are unsure of your direction or material purpose.

Current Event {Smooth}

Harmonious Feelings

Progressed Venus Flowing With your Natal Moon

Here the River of Your Life takes on a particularly female feel and flavour. This means that the current is gentle and passive as opposed to being dynamic and forcing activity. This can be so much so that the benefits of this Current Event may not be fully appreciated or hardly noticed at all. This can especially be the case if you are the proactive type, in which case you may well find yourself in the presence of more passive and gentle types of people, as if the River is trying to make a point! The classic female qualities of being emotionally aware and expressive are to the fore during this time. You are, relatively speaking, more abiding and harmonizing with whatever else is happening within and around you. For similar reasons, you should find that obstacles are better gone around than contended with along this stretch of your River - or it is recommended that you take this evasive course rather than a confrontational one. An element of softness and empathy pervades your interior being or is experienced externally, or both. For example, this can bring peace and beauty into your life, very possibly in your home. Consequently this is a good time for redecorating or home entertaining. A sense of harmony and sociability rules; feelings can be sensed and expressed more easily than usual. In general, positive women and relationships with them are indicated now.

You are more likely to attract good things into your sphere than by actively going out to get them. However, once something of value does appear on your doorstep, so to speak, you may then have to act on it rather than just hoping it'll all fall right into your lap. In fact, such is the extremely 'yin' quality of your River right now, there is a danger of laziness and lack of motivation creeping in and taking over. So couch potatoes beware! Similarly, comfort foods could be harder to resist at present.

Naturally enough, such a time of pleasing feelings can bring a love interest into your life - but again it might not happen if you expect someone else to do all the running. Being a mother, or in any caring role, should be an especially loving experience right now. In any event, the value of affection and companionship is something that is now highly appreciable and available. Whatever it is about you that is popular or attractive should be clear to yourself and others, as too could be a greater awareness of what appeals to the public. Although there is a chance that you might not notice this if you insist on having something more dramatic or flashy in mind. Overall, and any other more turbulent influences permitting, this is a very soft influence, a time to go with the flow - but not to excess.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

A Question of Image

Progressed Venus Flowing Against your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive

Issues of 'image' can arise at times during this period. Generally this means that how things appear is not going to be true to how they actually are, and vice versa. More particularly, and especially in these days of feverish image-consciousness, how someone or something looks can be a problem - or more is the point, appear to be one. Quite likely it is your own looks that you may find wanting, whether or not anyone or anything else says so. Ironically, the problem here is one that is created by being 'superficial' in the first place. In other words, there is more likely to be something that needs appreciating or improving on the inside, rather than the outside, but it seems easier to project it on to your own or someone else's body or looks. Then again, if there really is a genuine cosmetic problem, then take whatever steps you can to minimize it - but be very sure that that is what it is, and not some internal or psychological issue!

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Slowly but Surely

Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Saturn

During this period your 'body timing' is in sync, or at least better than usual. This means that you pace yourself well, find a rhythm to your movement, and are generally more in tune with the physical universe. Patience comes to you more readily, so you don't force, matters but just persist in a measured and sure fashion. If you normally hurry things and then have to go back and deal with missed steps - a common error in human nature - along this stretch of your River of Life you become aware of this and go about correcting it in an equally objective and steady fashion. You are prepared for and accepting of the long hauls of life, feeling in your bones that you can achieve any goal through disciplined activity, that time is your instrument rather than your adversary. As someone once said 'Genius is only a greater aptitude for patience'.

Life-Stream {River}

Deepening & Merging

Moon Progressing through Scorpio

~ now I feel strongly the merging of two streams, my own and someone else's, or the need for feeling someone else's, or to feel intimately and deeply involved with what I do with my life ~ so it now becomes imperative that the old and outworn parts of me now fade away and die to make room for this merging, for this profound need for something that expresses or touches my soul. Should I resist this merging or need for depth of feeling, or attempt to coerce another solely for my own ends, or to suppress my darker, hidden, more passionate emotions, then inevitably I shall be or feel cast out, alone, drowned in my own undercurrent. Yet when I submit to the true intimacy of truly joining and sharing ~ with another, with my own deeper self, or with both ~ then the power of my Life-Stream is doubled. With such combined Flow the strength of my inner convictions can move mountains ~

Along this stretch of the River of Your Life you are drawn to your deeper feelings and experience the need to have them recognized and satisfied. You may do this quite unconsciously and find yourself attracting or attracted to deeper and more intense situations and people - possibly individuals with the sign of Scorpio in their makeup. At times this can have you feeling quite extreme as your thoughts and emotions become more passionate than usual. You are given to great highs and lows, and you don't like things being insipid or coming in half-measures. You have a pronounced need for emotional authenticity and find superficiality annoying, even intolerable. Because of all of this intensity and extremity you might need to occasionally take a reality check and just float downstream for a bit and not made to feel so obsessed and desperate by such deep and compulsive feelings, as if your life depended on them being seen or finding expression. This is perfect time for sensing and connecting with the deeper and more genuine 'you' - as it figures in your work, relationships or health - but there can be the danger of becoming destructive as you attempt to eliminate anything or anyone you see as getting in the way of your accomplishing this. This is a time to contact your depths but not be sucked down by them.

Life-Stream {Banks}

New Beginnings

Moon Progressing through your First House

~ circumstances force me to renew myself ~ so as a spring ~ a stream ~ a young river ~ I make my own Banks or environmental conditions by the sheer force of my being and flowing on ~ it is I who determines the direction I take and the nature of the life I lead ~ and as I flow on, gathering size and momentum, I encounter resistance and confinement ~ and I see these impediments to my progress, to my new beginnings, as challenges that shape me and make my current all the stronger ~ I do not tarry

or dwell in indecision ~ I just flow on ~ following what is only the line of least resistance and not really resistance at all ~ blessed be me ~

Now it is important to realize that at a very fundamental level you are starting out afresh. You may remain in the same job, relationship or abode, but there is still something within you that is responding - to these very situations in which you are living - with an urge to renew itself. It could be just an attitude, or the feeling you have about life and yourself. There could be people around you who encourage or constrain with regard to this renewal, but the point is that it is your 'renewal energy' that is attracting both. Another sign that this renewal is happening could be a feeling of self-consciousness, as if you are the key player in whatever circumstances in which you find yourself.

Depending on your innate temperament, and the Sign through which your Moon is progressing at the same time as this, such self-consciousness can cause you, at one extreme, to be shy and not know where to put yourself. At the other extreme you are in everyone's face, possibly being a bit hard to be with! But the point to grasp is that whatever it feels like be bursting on to the scene which is your present life stage, this time is like a new birth for you. More than this, considering that a birth is actually something emerging from out of the unconscious, it would be well to note your spontaneous feelings and your dreams at this time. By doing this you will get a very real sense of what it actually is in you that wants to be born, or born again. To put it another way, you will find that you are leading with your emotions presently, and pausing to sense and acknowledge what those emotions are will connect you with what it is about you that 'wants out' in the sense of spontaneously being - here and now. Say to yourself 'Let there be me!'

Lunar Phase

Understanding Phase

Progressed Waning Half Moon Lunation

~ now my River feels within its breadth and depth its inevitable meeting with the sea ~ this I experience as a pull towards the prospect of something totally new that I have no chance of resisting ~ and I am prompted to reorient myself in order to meet it all ~

This Phase is the Waning Half Moon, which represents a period that requires re-orientation as involvements and certain attitudes of mind that are no longer necessary to your life must fall away, like the husk of a fruit. Seeing that the Waning part of the Moon Cycle is like a harvest-time, at this, the critical point in it, you have to separate the wheat from the chaff - that is, retain the 'good seed' and let go of what is useless. But the main issue here is that you Understand why this letting go must happen, otherwise you would be inclined to hang on to an attitude which you no longer need and will not serve you. What is basically demanded from you now is an Understanding of the simple truth that cycles are all about renewal, and that we only hang on to the unnecessary out of the mistaken sense that life only deals us one hand. It does not. You, the 'player', remain what you essentially are, but the scripts and new parts keep coming round - be they good, bad or mediocre. But the better the player you are, the better the scripts you get given!

This Phase is a critical one because although at the time there may be some great or small crisis occurring, you are not easily inclined to Understand what it means. All you can focus upon is what or who has departed from your life, or is threatening to do so. Again this harks back to that ignorance of the fact that our lives are cycles within cycles. Nature has Her purpose. Like the Lord, She giveth and taketh away - and giveth again, and so on and so on. But what is really critical now is the attitude that you have to whatever is happening at this time, and to your life in general, because "as you think, so shall it be". To put it another way, whatever difficulties you may be experiencing emotionally now, they are there because of an attitude or philosophy that is no longer appropriate. It is as if your

attitude is like the combination that unlocks the door to the next chapter of your life - and it is different to the one you have been using. If you still hang on to some role or outlook that you have grown too attached to, then your mind is closed to whatever life is trying to present you with, and whatever that is simply becomes unavailable to you - and possibly you'd never know what it was.

As this Understanding Phase is the Waning Half Moon it is the mirror image of the Waxing Half Moon which is your Deciding Phase which occurs about 15 years before and after this current Phase. This says that this present Phase is also a time of decision, but now it is a decision of how to view what is happening, not necessarily a decision of what to do or how to act. You have to know what you are looking at before you can do anything effective to, with, or about it. When you do know, you then have the new combination, and the way ahead becomes clear.

In terms of what kind of events can characterize this Phase and its need to reform your attitude, they are bound to have one thing in common: the old departing to make way for the new. Such could be - but this does NOT mean they are predicted for this time - the end of a relationship that frees you up for a fresher and better one, or the death of a parent forcing you to become someone in your own right or reappraise your feelings, or the end of a personal era of life that ultimately ushers in a whole new chapter, or a new relationship or form of relationship, or the loss or demise of a job that forces you to look at what you are doing with your mind and hands. Whatever it might be, the point is that you must Understand it in this light of the old dying and the new being made room for and conceived, and ultimately born. The timing of this can be quite straightforward, or decidedly subtle, or a combination of both. Moreover, it may not be fully appreciated or Understood until viewed in retrospect from the next Cycle - and as ever, its meaning could be extremely personal to you. Another example shows how this Phase begins a process that ends with a beginning: an individual during his first Understanding Phase let go of a whole group of people who were previously his whole life; then he retreated even more from them during the following Releasing Phase, and was positively reborn when he left for a new life somewhere else completely come the beginning of his next Moon Cycle. But to emphasize the point once more, at the time he was not aware of quite what he was doing or where he was going - he was only aware of what things or people could not or should not be in his life, not what was going to take their place. In the light of his awareness of this Phase, his attitude to what was happening, or rather ceasing to happen, was what changed. A new attitude to life not only paves the way for the future, but actually ushers it in. What that is could arrive at any time if you've adopted the right attitude, but in terms of this, your Moon Cycle, it is 'scheduled' to come at or during your next 'Emerging Phase'. Quite simply, during any Understanding Phase you can manage, learn and benefit from it through endeavouring to understand what is happening and thereby adopting the right attitude towards it.

Sometimes it can be pretty unavoidable that confusion will arise as your old attitude to life conflicts with the new one that is trying to take shape. Whatever the content of your confusion though, it will have a key bearing upon the direction your life wants to go, emotionally and attitudinally speaking. For example, a woman who was going through this Phase was obsessed with the fear of catching AIDS (with no good reason other than a brief infidelity with someone of virtually non-existent risk) and could only find one person to confide in. To cut a long story short, the fear of AIDS passed but then she felt hostage to this friend's continuing confidentiality. Such an attitude of mind, that she had the threat of exposure hanging over her, was an emotional blackmail scenario that had been haunting her since she was very young. The poetic reason for this was that from the age of seven she had to keep her mother's extramarital affair secret from her father. In her seven-year old head she believed that if she did not keep the secret, her mother would run off with her lover. Now this pattern was trying to come to an end, but true to the nature of this Phase, some form of crisis had to arise to force the issue. The Moon, that is her unconscious, was saying to her 'this paranoid belief that you have a guilty secret is driving you into a very tight corner'.

Now, this woman actually failed to Understand what was actually happening to her at the time, and her only change in attitude was to tread even more carefully and consequently intensify her paranoia. But one of the beauties of your Moon Cycle is that though back-tracking in this way, we can then 'recast the past', which is a bit like editing the videotape of your life. The lady managed to do this during her following Releasing Phase when she released all this material to a therapist. Then come her subsequent Emerging Phase she was able to put these shadows of the past behind her as she moved away from the area and changed to a partner with whom she could be open.

All of this hopefully conveys how both critical and subtle the Understanding Phase can be - especially because it is a time of acquiring new standards and paradigms and ditching old ones. Such pressures to alter your attitude can be particularly hard if you are too closely identified with the values and lifestyle of your 'group'.

So, this Phase is all about putting together an attitude of mind that allows you to manage and relate to the world in a way that could be regarded as more mature and in keeping with what lies ahead of you. One manifestation of this could be that you experience situations that demand this very thing, and so how well you fare has everything to do with the current state of your individual personality. The chances are that the part of your life and/or character that finds itself in the frame will be what is in need of being brought up to par. Then again, you may have arrived at a point where your emotional Understanding has developed to a degree where some new level of living and relating comes about in the form of a new or renewed relationship, job or lifestyle. This could be a career move that is upward but more stressful, or a love interest that both delights and confuses you, complements and compromises you. But it is still all down to attitude, that is, the way you are looking at it and consequently, the way you are presenting yourself to it.

If you look at whatever is demanding your attention in a fashion that is inappropriate, then it will demand even more of your attention. For example, there was this man who was newly involved with someone who was wanting more from him than he felt he could afford. But this attitude was the very thing at fault, for in putting his usual limit upon emotional commitment his new partner put even more pressure upon him, eventually compromising his professional position. He failed to Understand that in giving a little more quality time and attention to her than was his usual 'quota', he would satisfy her needs and diminish the pressure. Instead, by sticking to his old but unintentional attitude of 'treat'em mean and keep'em keen' he was making the situation into the very one he feared - of feeling emotionally put upon. At a deeper level, he had to Understand why he felt that he could not give enough emotionally, and why he felt so easily crowded. Giving her a loving look rather than a dismissive one took exactly the same amount of time, but his faulty attitude had him believe that a loving look would incur some kind of unwelcome complication or obligation, while a dismissive one would dispel it. Not surprisingly, such an attitude got formed earlier on in his love-life at the time of his first Understanding Phase - 28 years before during his teenage years - when he was rejected by a girlfriend after having shown his feelings.

All this very much bears witness to the esoteric dictum that 'Energy follows thought', that how you are thinking and feeling determines what will happen to you. After all, everything in the world that did not begin with a seed began with a feeling or idea. This is particularly applicable to cases where you could be giving yourself a hard time over some issue, particularly a relationship. Either with some concentrated introspection, or preferably with the help of a good friend, counsellor or therapist, you will find that what you thought was a problem was not a problem - but just the way you were looking at it. This is analogous to getting headaches when all that is required is a (new) pair of spectacles.

Apart from your attitude changing the circumstances, most circumstances occurring during this Phase are there to change your attitude. Resisting this simple formula can make a hard time harder - and last longer. This is especially the case if an inappropriate attitude, which a difficult situation is

reflecting, has been around for a long time. Simply facing the truth is often the first step to a solution, whereas arguing the toss is asking for the fall-out or 'lawsuit' to persist, perhaps for years.

Considering that this is a critical Phase it is not too surprising that it can have a kick in its tail. This would be some event that is saying 'If you haven't got the message - take that!' In other words, the pressure increases as reality impinges upon that unsuitable attitude, compounded by the inclination to cling on to that attitude. However, that same pressure can lift instantaneously when you at last look at the situation in the right way. It may help if you cast your mind back to your previous Realizing Phase, which ended 3-4 years before the start of this Phase, and determine what you learnt or what became clear then. Whatever it was - and it should have been something - it contains the key to your correct Understanding now.

~?~ *What important Understandings were or are being reached by you during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship was or is aiding or demanding a new attitude during this Phase?*

~?~ *What do these Understandings and attitude changes tell you about you and the River of Your Life?*

Lunar Phase changes come January

Releasing Phase

Progressed Balsamic Moon Lunation

- now as my River empties into the sea - rather than feeling out of control - I allow matters to unravel - to resolve themselves - surrendering to the swirling current - not attempting to fight it or control it - open to and ready for the coming New Cycle -

This is the final Phase of a 29-30 year cycle. It is called the Waning Crescent or Balsamic Moon, and it is a time of healing in the sense of letting go as much as possible of the very last of anything that could impede or compromise you during the next cycle, especially at its beginning, your Progressed New Moon, occurring at the end of this Phase. As well as having to do with healing, 'balsam' is also an oily substance that can smooth the way if properly 'applied'.

Ideally then, this is a time when you can empty yourself of feelings, memories, attachments and habits that are inappropriate to your current circumstances, and in so doing oil the way for and into the future. But in reality, you can still feel that if you give something up, even that which you find uncomfortable or stress producing, there won't be anything left or coming to replace it, or that something untoward will happen. In modern culture at least, we are conditioned to avoid feeling empty. This is because we are brought up to be achievement orientated, which is more to do with the Waxing Crescent or Striving Phase which is the second Phase, occurring three to four years after the beginning of the 29-30 year cycle. In fact, the actual shape of the Waxing Crescent is the mirror opposite of the Waning Crescent, as Striving is the opposite of Releasing. Your River of Life says that you can also Release yourself from pressures and conflicts with certain others by not reacting to them, by simply letting go of them. So this Releasing Phase could be regarded as being in aid of making room for what is arriving with the Emerging Phase and the New Lunar Cycle it initiates. The less you give up or let go of stale or redundant thoughts, feelings and reactions - and the involvements that go with them - then the less room there will be for the new. Hanging on to the outworn in this way could amount to a self-fulfilling prophecy because you might lose someone or something through doing so, and mistakenly think that you should have hung on more rather than just let go.

So consciously or unconsciously, deliberately or involuntarily, at this time you Release from yourself anything that is 'imprisoning' you. And remember we are primarily talking about internal things, like thoughts, feelings, fears, attitudes and habits - not necessarily external things like relationships, jobs,

domestic set-ups, etc. Nonetheless, Releasing such internal things can, and does, prepare the way for a Release from any external ones that have passed their 'sell-by date'. All this can mean a surrendering to whatever forces are prevailing - and this means you may well also encounter the need for making some kind of sacrifice for the good of the whole. Indeed, the 'good of the whole' is in many ways the essence of a Releasing Phase. This is because the 'emptying' that takes place during this Phase is like a river emptying into the sea. This suggests that individual feelings (river) have to be sacrificed for the good of the feelings and concerns of the group (sea) - be it a large group or a group of two, or for the good of the whole of the rest of your life. You may well experience a feeling of being lost or 'at sea' during this Phase, and this would be a sign that you are trying to hang on to your sense of separateness and self-containment, rather than surrendering to the 'outgoing tide'. Any such egotism, for that is what it is, could be regarded as the enemy now - although the exception to this could be if it is taking place during the your first 28 years - called the 1st Age of life - when you are having to develop your personality, and are building up an ego structure. Then again, your individual or natural inclinations would also be a factor in all this, whether you are personally inclined to go with the flow or fight it.

And so, the kinds of event that you could experience during this time are ones where it can appear that you are losing out, or that life is passing you by. An example from case files is of someone who after having accepted quite a few endings in his previous Understanding Phase, during his Releasing Phase then seemed to lose everything he had had going for him formerly in terms of professional and social life. From being in a high profile career he got made redundant and went to vegetating in meaningless jobs and living a rather uneventful private life. But amazingly, this period of enforced surrender to a seemingly unprepossessing fate lasted three years and five months, the exact length of this Phase for this individual. Then, having emptied himself completely, gaining valuable personal insights in the process, the New Cycle began with absolutely everything changing for the better.

This Phase is quite similar to the foregoing Understanding Phase in that they are both to do with letting go of what it is in your life and personality that is no longer appropriate or genuinely needed. But while the Understanding Phase is akin to the stage where a vessel goes from being half-empty to a quarter empty, the Releasing Phase is when it goes from there to being totally empty. Apart from anything else, this means that whatever thoughts, feelings and attitudes were past their sell-by date, and had not yet been revised or eliminated during the previous Phase, are now rotten and must be rooted out during this one. In fact, considering that Balsamic viscous quality, this Phase is perfectly analogous to an 'oil change'. You cannot fill the tank with fresh oil until it has been emptied, and when it is being drained you cannot go anywhere. But once it has been filled again you are refreshed and can go on your way, travelling smoothly again, ready for the next complete 29-30 year Progressed Moon Cycle. None of this means to say that during the whole of this Phase you are going to be 'off the road'. This is because, firstly, this would be labouring the metaphor - you still carry on living, making decisions rightly or wrongly - and secondly, that notorious thing, the human ego, can ignore all these lunar traffic-lights and needs for emotional servicing, and steam on regardless - only to grind to a halt somewhat further down the road.

As implied above, the surrendering or sacrificing quality of this Phase is not so likely to take place voluntarily or consciously during the 1st Age of life, from birth to 28 years old. This is because during this Age you are still in the process of building and developing a life and a career, and such passive and selfless responses to whatever is happening to you or around you could be regarded as inappropriate and ineffectual - or just not possible when very young. But this is precisely what makes a Releasing Phase at this time a potentially difficult one. Having said this though, statistically there is the great likelihood of having one or more children during the latter part of this time, and that is probably the most sacrifice-demanding thing that a human being can experience. If one looked into the figures, one would probably find that this is precisely the event that characterizes this Phase for most people. It could also be said that for a pregnant woman, the experience of at last giving birth is a

classic form of Release. It should also be pointed out that Releasing can occur in the form of events that involuntarily take you away from the life you knew, like for instance moving home or changing schools because of your parents' or someone else's intent. These kind of events can or are bound to happen whether you are going through a Releasing Phase or not, but it is the way in which you subjectively experience them that is the crucial thing. In other words, when you are going through a Releasing Phase there is far more fated quality to any such moves or changes to which one just has to surrender. Also, by going with the flow during this Phase, things are more than likely to just sort themselves out. True astrology is not so much in aid of predicting events as understanding what those events mean as they happen, or preparing yourself for certain possibilities. This is particularly the case with your Releasing Moon Phase.

Apart from for reasons of being a parent though, it is often during a Releasing Phase that you really have to 'put away childish things'. Such 'things' can be girlish or laddish behaviour, or any pursuit that was really just an extension of adolescent fun and experimentation. This does not mean to say that having a good time and trying things new should come to an end - far from it, for such letting off steam is a Releasing in itself - but it does mean that there now has to be some consideration of how you fit into the greater scheme of things. Although the Moon does not have anything directly to do with socialization, the Releasing Phase does have this quality of making you feel one among the many.

This time of your Releasing Phase can also be experienced as a surrender to a life lived in a more spiritually or psychologically aware fashion, rather than pushing for what you have been led to believe you should want. In reality, it could well prove to be an oscillating mixture between these two extremes. Everything depends upon whether you experience Fate in general - and your own fate in particular - as something you feel offended by or trapped in, or as something that you should trust as knowing best. On the face of it, it would appear that the latter choice of surrendering to your fate (and possibly the fate of another) is far more desirable. The trouble is that the ego always likes to think that its life-style should live up to its romantic, glamorous, self-indulgent, comfortable or vain idea of itself. Consequently, seeing that your situation during this Phase has the in-built necessity of making some kind of sacrifice, your life-style is going to appear wanting from the ego's point of view. Such an 'inadequate life-style' may include a restricted or even non-existent social or love life, a materially or emotionally unrewarding job, or any situation that seems to be out of your control or beyond your influence.

Returning to the River of Life metaphor, this stretch is the 'estuary' where the river inexorably empties into the sea - especially as the tide is now ebbing, this being the last Phase of the Waning or second half of your 29-30 year Lunation Cycle. This symbolizes that time and place where your individual path has to succumb to universal, collective or karmic forces - namely, Fate. This engenders a most practical definition of that much misused word 'spiritual': meeting a collective need. This can be anything from looking after and tolerating an ailing parent to helping someone else close to you and getting little (or worse) in return; from swallowing your pride and doing what has to be done, to surrendering what seems most precious to you personally for the good of the whole. Unless you are consciously committed to and involved with some form of healing process or spiritual discipline (the best expression of this Phase), the trouble is that the ego regards all these courses as surrendering control of what it wants or needs, and therefore possibly inviting chaos. After all, the word 'estuary' does actually mean 'commotion'! But the truth of the matter is that if the ego tries to get its way then there really will be commotion - not least of all inside of you as your ego wrestles with Fate. This could manifest physically (health problems), emotionally (relationship or domestic problems) or mentally (work or psychological problems). And the reason for any commotion would be that you were trying to control the situation in the face of uncontrollable forces. Health issues would be particularly indicative of not giving into the flow, struggling against the current. This is why this Phase is termed Releasing, for you need to release or surrender physical, emotional and mental blockages -

or rather what is creating them. Such can be very old issues and habits.

A health example here was of a woman who was experiencing all manner of skin and hair problems as something was trying to break out and Release itself through the only channels being allowed it. It turned out that there was a point in her early life that a trauma occurred about which she had told nobody. It was a great relief to her there and then to at last Release this matter, but it was emphasized that it would be highly compressed after more than forty years, and she was encouraged to Release it more and more - whenever, however and to whomever she could. She continued to empty her old hurt until the hair and skin problems ceased, for the truth will out as surely as the river finds the sea. If one accepts and lives through the 'commotion' of the struggle between one's fate and one's ego, then peace, healing and resolution are Released into your life.

Another example was a 'message' a man received from his motor car, a wonderful symbol of one's own physical-emotional-mental vehicle (the personality). For the first time ever he had ran out of petrol - and was on his way to seeing his doctor! This was symbolic of an unconscious need to empty himself of whatever he regarded as essential to his ego's idea of progress, something which was interfering with his physical health. He also had to surrender to the need to be helped out by someone or something else. However, he did not get this message at the time - and his radiator had to blow up a month later and empty out all the water and coolant!

The Releasing Phase could be described as one of 'enforced selflessness' as you are obliged to live up to something higher or more inclusive than an egocentric sense of life. A symptom of this is that of feeling more sensitive than usual. This is owing to sensing the whole more keenly, with a view to attuning yourself to your role in it. Such increased sensitivity can express as irritability and feeling 'drowned' by others or circumstances. As well as letting go of your ego barriers in the way that is being suggested here, it is also a good idea to protect yourself with some form of psychic defence because there is not too much point in being incapacitated! Likewise, using self-healing methods such as visualization are recommended as they employ your body's natural way of restoring health by following the line of least resistance.

Quite understandably, often this Phase can kick off with you wrestling with and balking at whatever or whoever assails you from without. This could be regarded as just a sensible stance to adopt as you assess the situation, but with a definite view to seeing what or who it is in your life that you are going to have to meet more than halfway sooner rather than later. This Phase is a time to go with the flow - not for maintaining a stiff upper lip or being rigidly non-compliant, for this would sink you.

-?- *What significant things have you Released yourself from, or are in the process of letting go of, during this Phase?*

-?- *What relationships have you Released yourself into, or are in the process of letting go of, during this Phase?*

-?- *What do these Releases or relinquishments tell you about you and the River of Your Life?*

Current Event {Surge} occurring around June

Satisfaction

Progressed Moon Flowing With & Against your Natal Venus

This should a pleasant and enjoyable interlude along the River of Your Life, any other less harmonious influences permitting. This is because during this time what you need attracts that very thing in the form of something that is to your liking too. Looked at another way, if you are not sure what you need or like, then you are now shown what that is. So in any event this is a great opportunity to find satisfaction or find what it is that satisfies. This also means that you are more than usually aware of

what others need and like - and you may be well-disposed to providing that for them as generosity is also to the fore now. From a spiritual standpoint this influence can show you what is best about you, or what it is that can make you a better person, especially in an artistic or social sense. You now love what you need and need what you love.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around December

20/20 Vision

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Uranus

This can be a quite wonderful stretch of the River of Your Life because your comfort and security needs are balancing out with your needs for space and freedom. More often and not these two sets of needs are at odds with one another, which is a pity because this common imbalance prevents us from seeing what's actually going on. For example, fears for one's security can inhibit or distort one's intuition. Or our need to do our own thing can sabotage our family and relationship circumstances. For whatever reason, and relative to other influences, this conflict doesn't occur now, so you are far better equipped to see clearly and therefore to make plans and decisions, and to position yourself better personally and/or professionally. At the very least, you should feel a certain lightness about you emotionally. If all this sounds too good to be true then that would be because you were still allowing some chronically negative emotion such as guilt or fear to insinuate its way into your system. But this is an opportunity to free yourself from such feelings. So while on this smooth stretch just affirm to yourself 'I am free, I am secure' and then try modelling your personality on that feeling when this influence has passed.

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.

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The River of Your Life *for year commencing 1 Jan 2021*

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Experience Brings Knowledge

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Mercury

By now along the River of Your Life you find that there are many things that you can do and say that just come naturally - like driving a car or any other 'habitual' skill. For that very reason though, you can possibly underestimate such capabilities. Consequently you, and others, could be taking you for granted. But with a little conscious effort you can realize just how well-equipped you are in various ways - intellectually, manually, humorously and more. Like the hard drive of a computer you have a lot of items in your memory that are both useful and sentimental. It is time to relish and cherish this store of ability and recollections, of contacts and connections. It is also a time when you can learn something new relatively easily.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Power Assisted

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Pluto

To a greater or lesser extent there is now something or someone that lends a power to your progress through life. There is also a regenerative mode present which means that you are more than usually able to restore or transform anything or anyone that is in need of some means of positive transformation. Interestingly, such powers of regeneration are more available for helping others than yourself now, for it is as if the such powers have a selfless lack of agenda. This is a sweeping stretch or bend in the River of Your Life.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Slowly but Surely

Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Saturn

During this period your 'body timing' is in sync, or at least better than usual. This means that you pace yourself well, find a rhythm to your movement, and are generally more in tune with the physical universe. Patience comes to you more readily, so you don't force, matters but just persist in a measured and sure fashion. If you normally hurry things and then have to go back and deal with missed steps - a common error in human nature - along this stretch of your River of Life you become aware of this and go about correcting it in an equally objective and steady fashion. You are prepared for and accepting of the long hauls of life, feeling in your bones that you can achieve any goal through disciplined activity, that time is your instrument rather than your adversary. As someone once said 'Genius is only a greater aptitude for patience'.

Life-Stream {River}

Deepening & Merging

Moon Progressing through Scorpio

~ now I feel strongly the merging of two streams, my own and someone else's, or the need for feeling someone else's, or to feel intimately and deeply involved with what I do with my life ~ so it now

becomes imperative that the old and outworn parts of me now fade away and die to make room for this merging, for this profound need for something that expresses or touches my soul. Should I resist this merging or need for depth of feeling, or attempt to coerce another solely for my own ends, or to suppress my darker, hidden, more passionate emotions, then inevitably I shall be or feel cast out, alone, drowned in my own undercurrent. Yet when I submit to the true intimacy of truly joining and sharing ~ with another, with my own deeper self, or with both ~ then the power of my Life-Stream is doubled. With such combined Flow the strength of my inner convictions can move mountains ~

Along this stretch of the River of Your Life you are drawn to your deeper feelings and experience the need to have them recognized and satisfied. You may do this quite unconsciously and find yourself attracting or attracted to deeper and more intense situations and people - possibly individuals with the sign of Scorpio in their makeup. At times this can have you feeling quite extreme as your thoughts and emotions become more passionate than usual. You are given to great highs and lows, and you don't like things being insipid or coming in half-measures. You have a pronounced need for emotional authenticity and find superficiality annoying, even intolerable. Because of all of this intensity and extremity you might need to occasionally take a reality check and just float downstream for a bit and not made to feel so obsessed and desperate by such deep and compulsive feelings, as if your life depended on them being seen or finding expression. This is perfect time for sensing and connecting with the deeper and more genuine 'you' - as it figures in your work, relationships or health - but there can be the danger of becoming destructive as you attempt to eliminate anything or anyone you see as getting in the way of your accomplishing this. This is a time to contact your depths but not be sucked down by them.

Life-Stream {River} changes come October

Flowing Ever On

Moon Progressing through Sagittarius

- I am now filled with the sheer joy of being and sensing the River that is My Life - wherever it goes and flows I feel it is bound for glory - whatever or whoever constrains or encourages me I take as perfect complement to my progress and adventure. And lest I flood the banks with excesses or over-enthusiasm, I always remember my small and trickling origins - and again the Stream is good -

During this time your increasingly feel your lust for life and spirit of adventure returning after some years of being perhaps sometimes too wound up and obsessed with your deepest fears and desires. It is as if you have come out of a tunnel into the light of day! You feel that your life is a story with a meaning rather than something merely to be endured. Life is to be enjoyed, an amazing journey, a spiritual quest! All this could be characterized by attracting or being involved with Sagittarian types. One of your greatest assets now is that you can see and appreciate the bigger picture, so trivial matters and petty details recede into insignificance. However, this is a stretch of the river that can encourage you to overstretch yourself. So you have to be careful that such zest and optimism do not degenerate into your being too full of yourself and self-righteous, for chances are you would encounter something or someone who is bigger and more influential than you, and judges your product as not measuring up to your advertisement. You can be full of big ideas and head for equally broad horizons, although this can greatly depend on whether you are innately expansive or more restrained by nature. Whatever the case, any kind of furtherance through education or travel is something you can be spontaneously drawn towards at the time. Notwithstanding overreaching yourself, this should be a joyful, even majestic, part of your River's journey - for wherever your course lies, you know it is taking you somewhere!

Life-Stream {Banks}

New Beginnings

Moon Progressing through your First House

~ circumstances force me to renew myself ~ so as a spring ~ a stream ~ a young river ~ I make my own Banks or environmental conditions by the sheer force of my being and flowing on ~ it is I who determines the direction I take and the nature of the life I lead ~ and as I flow on, gathering size and momentum, I encounter resistance and confinement ~ and I see these impediments to my progress, to my new beginnings, as challenges that shape me and make my current all the stronger ~ I do not tarry or dwell in indecision ~ I just flow on ~ following what is only the line of least resistance and not really resistance at all ~ blessed be me ~

Now it is important to realize that at a very fundamental level you are starting out afresh. You may remain in the same job, relationship or abode, but there is still something within you that is responding - to these very situations in which you are living - with an urge to renew itself. It could be just an attitude, or the feeling you have about life and yourself. There could be people around you who encourage or constrain with regard to this renewal, but the point is that it is your 'renewal energy' that is attracting both. Another sign that this renewal is happening could be a feeling of self-consciousness, as if you are the key player in whatever circumstances in which you find yourself.

Depending on your innate temperament, and the Sign through which your Moon is progressing at the same time as this, such self-consciousness can cause you, at one extreme, to be shy and not know where to put yourself. At the other extreme you are in everyone's face, possibly being a bit hard to be with! But the point to grasp is that whatever it feels like be bursting on to the scene which is your present life stage, this time is like a new birth for you. More than this, considering that a birth is actually something emerging from out of the unconscious, it would be well to note your spontaneous feelings and your dreams at this time. By doing this you will get a very real sense of what it actually is in you that wants to be born, or born again. To put it another way, you will find that you are leading with your emotions presently, and pausing to sense and acknowledge what those emotions are will connect you with what it is about you that 'wants out' in the sense of spontaneously being - here and now. Say to yourself 'Let there be me!'

Life-Stream {Banks} changes come October

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.

Lunar Phase

Releasing Phase

Progressed Balsamic Moon Lunation

~ now as my River empties into the sea ~ rather than feeling out of control ~ I allow matters to unravel ~ to resolve themselves ~ surrendering to the swirling current ~ not attempting to fight it or control it ~ open to and ready for the coming New Cycle ~

This is the final Phase of a 29-30 year cycle. It is called the Waning Crescent or Balsamic Moon, and it is a time of healing in the sense of letting go as much as possible of the very last of anything that could impede or compromise you during the next cycle, especially at its beginning, your Progressed New Moon, occurring at the end of this Phase. As well as having to do with healing, 'balsam' is also an oily substance that can smooth the way if properly 'applied'.

Ideally then, this is a time when you can empty yourself of feelings, memories, attachments and habits that are inappropriate to your current circumstances, and in so doing oil the way for and into the future. But in reality, you can still feel that if you give something up, even that which you find uncomfortable or stress producing, there won't be anything left or coming to replace it, or that something untoward will happen. In modern culture at least, we are conditioned to avoid feeling empty. This is because we are brought up to be achievement orientated, which is more to do with the Waxing Crescent or Striving Phase which is the second Phase, occurring three to four years after the beginning of the 29-30 year cycle. In fact, the actual shape of the Waxing Crescent is the mirror opposite of the Waning Crescent, as Striving is the opposite of Releasing. Your River of Life says that you can also Release yourself from pressures and conflicts with certain others by not reacting to them, by simply letting go of them. So this Releasing Phase could be regarded as being in aid of making room for what is arriving with the Emerging Phase and the New Lunar Cycle it initiates. The less you give up or let go of stale or redundant thoughts, feelings and reactions - and the involvements that go with them - then the less room there will be for the new. Hanging on to the outworn in this way could amount to a self-fulfilling prophecy because you might lose someone or something through doing so, and mistakenly think that you should have hung on more rather than just let go.

So consciously or unconsciously, deliberately or involuntarily, at this time you Release from yourself

anything that is 'imprisoning' you. And remember we are primarily talking about internal things, like thoughts, feelings, fears, attitudes and habits - not necessarily external things like relationships, jobs, domestic set-ups, etc. Nonetheless, Releasing such internal things can, and does, prepare the way for a Release from any external ones that have passed their 'sell-by date'. All this can mean a surrendering to whatever forces are prevailing - and this means you may well also encounter the need for making some kind of sacrifice for the good of the whole. Indeed, the 'good of the whole' is in many ways the essence of a Releasing Phase. This is because the 'emptying' that takes place during this Phase is like a river emptying into the sea. This suggests that individual feelings (river) have to be sacrificed for the good of the feelings and concerns of the group (sea) - be it a large group or a group of two, or for the good of the whole of the rest of your life. You may well experience a feeling of being lost or 'at sea' during this Phase, and this would be a sign that you are trying to hang on to your sense of separateness and self-containment, rather than surrendering to the 'outgoing tide'. Any such egotism, for that is what it is, could be regarded as the enemy now - although the exception to this could be if it is taking place during the your first 28 years - called the 1st Age of life - when you are having to develop your personality, and are building up an ego structure. Then again, your individual or natural inclinations would also be a factor in all this, whether you are personally inclined to go with the flow or fight it.

And so, the kinds of event that you could experience during this time are ones where it can appear that you are losing out, or that life is passing you by. An example from case files is of someone who after having accepted quite a few endings in his previous Understanding Phase, during his Releasing Phase then seemed to lose everything he had had going for him formerly in terms of professional and social life. From being in a high profile career he got made redundant and went to vegetating in meaningless jobs and living a rather uneventful private life. But amazingly, this period of enforced surrender to a seemingly unprepossessing fate lasted three years and five months, the exact length of this Phase for this individual. Then, having emptied himself completely, gaining valuable personal insights in the process, the New Cycle began with absolutely everything changing for the better.

This Phase is quite similar to the foregoing Understanding Phase in that they are both to do with letting go of what it is in your life and personality that is no longer appropriate or genuinely needed. But while the Understanding Phase is akin to the stage where a vessel goes from being half-empty to a quarter empty, the Releasing Phase is when it goes from there to being totally empty. Apart from anything else, this means that whatever thoughts, feelings and attitudes were past their sell-by date, and had not yet been revised or eliminated during the previous Phase, are now rotten and must be rooted out during this one. In fact, considering that Balsamic viscous quality, this Phase is perfectly analogous to an 'oil change'. You cannot fill the tank with fresh oil until it has been emptied, and when it is being drained you cannot go anywhere. But once it has been filled again you are refreshed and can go on your way, travelling smoothly again, ready for the next complete 29-30 year Progressed Moon Cycle. None of this means to say that during the whole of this Phase you are going to be 'off the road'. This is because, firstly, this would be labouring the metaphor - you still carry on living, making decisions rightly or wrongly - and secondly, that notorious thing, the human ego, can ignore all these lunar traffic-lights and needs for emotional servicing, and steam on regardless - only to grind to a halt somewhat further down the road.

As implied above, the surrendering or sacrificing quality of this Phase is not so likely to take place voluntarily or consciously during the 1st Age of life, from birth to 28 years old. This is because during this Age you are still in the process of building and developing a life and a career, and such passive and selfless responses to whatever is happening to you or around you could be regarded as inappropriate and ineffectual - or just not possible when very young. But this is precisely what makes a Releasing Phase at this time a potentially difficult one. Having said this though, statistically there is the great likelihood of having one or more children during the latter part of this time, and that is probably the most sacrifice-demanding thing that a human being can experience. If one looked into

the figures, one would probably find that this is precisely the event that characterizes this Phase for most people. It could also be said that for a pregnant woman, the experience of at last giving birth is a classic form of Release. It should also be pointed out that Releasing can occur in the form of events that involuntarily take you away from the life you knew, like for instance moving home or changing schools because of your parents' or someone else's intent. These kind of events can or are bound to happen whether you are going through a Releasing Phase or not, but it is the way in which you subjectively experience them that is the crucial thing. In other words, when you are going through a Releasing Phase there is far more fated quality to any such moves or changes to which one just has to surrender. Also, by going with the flow during this Phase, things are more than likely to just sort themselves out. True astrology is not so much in aid of predicting events as understanding what those events mean as they happen, or preparing yourself for certain possibilities. This is particularly the case with your Releasing Moon Phase.

Apart from for reasons of being a parent though, it is often during a Releasing Phase that you really have to 'put away childish things'. Such 'things' can be girlish or laddish behaviour, or any pursuit that was really just an extension of adolescent fun and experimentation. This does not mean to say that having a good time and trying things new should come to an end - far from it, for such letting off steam is a Releasing in itself - but it does mean that there now has to be some consideration of how you fit into the greater scheme of things. Although the Moon does not have anything directly to do with socialization, the Releasing Phase does have this quality of making you feel one among the many.

This time of your Releasing Phase can also be experienced as a surrender to a life lived in a more spiritually or psychologically aware fashion, rather than pushing for what you have been led to believe you should want. In reality, it could well prove to be an oscillating mixture between these two extremes. Everything depends upon whether you experience Fate in general - and your own fate in particular - as something you feel offended by or trapped in, or as something that you should trust as knowing best. On the face of it, it would appear that the latter choice of surrendering to your fate (and possibly the fate of another) is far more desirable. The trouble is that the ego always likes to think that its life-style should live up to its romantic, glamorous, self-indulgent, comfortable or vain idea of itself. Consequently, seeing that your situation during this Phase has the in-built necessity of making some kind of sacrifice, your life-style is going to appear wanting from the ego's point of view. Such an 'inadequate life-style' may include a restricted or even non-existent social or love life, a materially or emotionally unrewarding job, or any situation that seems to be out of your control or beyond your influence.

Returning to the River of Life metaphor, this stretch is the 'estuary' where the river inexorably empties into the sea - especially as the tide is now ebbing, this being the last Phase of the Waning or second half of your 29-30 year Lunation Cycle. This symbolizes that time and place where your individual path has to succumb to universal, collective or karmic forces - namely, Fate. This engenders a most practical definition of that much misused word 'spiritual': meeting a collective need. This can be anything from looking after and tolerating an ailing parent to helping someone else close to you and getting little (or worse) in return; from swallowing your pride and doing what has to be done, to surrendering what seems most precious to you personally for the good of the whole. Unless you are consciously committed to and involved with some form of healing process or spiritual discipline (the best expression of this Phase), the trouble is that the ego regards all these courses as surrendering control of what it wants or needs, and therefore possibly inviting chaos. After all, the word 'estuary' does actually mean 'commotion'! But the truth of the matter is that if the ego tries to get its way then there really will be commotion - not least of all inside of you as your ego wrestles with Fate. This could manifest physically (health problems), emotionally (relationship or domestic problems) or mentally (work or psychological problems). And the reason for any commotion would be that you were trying to control the situation in the face of uncontrollable forces. Health issues would be

particularly indicative of not giving into the flow, struggling against the current. This is why this Phase is termed Releasing, for you need to release or surrender physical, emotional and mental blockages - or rather what is creating them. Such can be very old issues and habits.

A health example here was of a woman who was experiencing all manner of skin and hair problems as something was trying to break out and Release itself through the only channels being allowed it. It turned out that there was a point in her early life that a trauma occurred about which she had told nobody. It was a great relief to her there and then to at last Release this matter, but it was emphasized that it would be highly compressed after more than forty years, and she was encouraged to Release it more and more - whenever, however and to whomever she could. She continued to empty her old hurt until the hair and skin problems ceased, for the truth will out as surely as the river finds the sea. If one accepts and lives through the 'commotion' of the struggle between one's fate and one's ego, then peace, healing and resolution are Released into your life.

Another example was a 'message' a man received from his motor car, a wonderful symbol of one's own physical-emotional-mental vehicle (the personality). For the first time ever he had ran out of petrol - and was on his way to seeing his doctor! This was symbolic of an unconscious need to empty himself of whatever he regarded as essential to his ego's idea of progress, something which was interfering with his physical health. He also had to surrender to the need to be helped out by someone or something else. However, he did not get this message at the time - and his radiator had to blow up a month later and empty out all the water and coolant!

The Releasing Phase could be described as one of 'enforced selflessness' as you are obliged to live up to something higher or more inclusive than an egocentric sense of life. A symptom of this is that of feeling more sensitive than usual. This is owing to sensing the whole more keenly, with a view to attuning yourself to your role in it. Such increased sensitivity can express as irritability and feeling 'drowned' by others or circumstances. As well as letting go of your ego barriers in the way that is being suggested here, it is also a good idea to protect yourself with some form of psychic defence because there is not too much point in being incapacitated! Likewise, using self-healing methods such as visualization are recommended as they employ your body's natural way of restoring health by following the line of least resistance.

Quite understandably, often this Phase can kick off with you wrestling with and balking at whatever or whoever assails you from without. This could be regarded as just a sensible stance to adopt as you assess the situation, but with a definite view to seeing what or who it is in your life that you are going to have to meet more than halfway sooner rather than later. This Phase is a time to go with the flow - not for maintaining a stiff upper lip or being rigidly non-compliant, for this would sink you.

~?~ *What significant things have you Released yourself from, or are in the process of letting go of, during this Phase?*

~?~ *What relationships have you Released yourself into, or are in the process of letting go of, during this Phase?*

~?~ *What do these Releases or relinquishments tell you about you and the River of Your Life?*

Current Event {Rough} occurring around January

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 {Rough} occurring around January

Tempted Off-Course

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Dragon's Head

Something pulls you away from the direction you want to go, like a mischievous eddy whisking you off-centre. You may actually think that this is where you want to go simply because your ego or someone else flatters you into believing so, when actually you are giving into a habit of evading your true course for some reason. Possibly it is unattractive to you, but the reasons for this are what would be suspect. This is rather like Ulysses in the myth being tempted off-course by the singing of the Sirens, but he was wise to the trickery and made sure he didn't succumb - or rather couldn't succumb, for he got his men to tie him to the mast after blocking up their ears with wax. These 'sirens' could simply be what most others think, especially more conventional souls. But it is tricky because they might appear to you as actually being unconventional and tuned-in, when although they may be right in themselves they're not right about you. Symbolically, this is all about distinguishing those eddies from the main current of your life. As a rule of thumb, you could say that this is a time to 'take the road less travelled', to be true to yourself and nobody else.

If you don't read this admittedly tricky situation right, it can mean that you take a wrong turning now, only to find out this to be the case in anything from a short to a long time. It could be said that you presently feel out of step with current social, cultural or business trends, so everything depends on you either wanting to follow those trends or to strike out for what you as an individual believe in. And you'll know this latter direction for it'll be at odds with the former one.

Current Event {Rough} occurring around February

Beware Hunches

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive

Emotional hunches and gut instincts regarding career decisions of domestic issues are not to be relied on during this time. You'll need to get down to some hard thinking instead - or wait this one out if you can because unconscious promptings could misdirect or undermine your position currently. An external effect of all this could be some kind of emotional upset affecting or threatening to destabilize your professional status or private situation. The same advice applies: think things through and/or wait until a calmer stretch.

Current Event {Rough} occurring around March

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.

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Current Event {Rough} occurring around December

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.

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 2022*

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Experience Brings Knowledge

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Mercury

By now along the River of Your Life you find that there are many things that you can do and say that just come naturally - like driving a car or any other 'habitual' skill. For that very reason though, you can possibly underestimate such capabilities. Consequently you, and others, could be taking you for granted. But with a little conscious effort you can realize just how well-equipped you are in various ways - intellectually, manually, humorously and more. Like the hard drive of a computer you have a lot of items in your memory that are both useful and sentimental. It is time to relish and cherish this store of ability and recollections, of contacts and connections. It is also a time when you can learn something new relatively easily.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Power Assisted

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Pluto

To a greater or lesser extent there is now something or someone that lends a power to your progress through life. There is also a regenerative mode present which means that you are more than usually able to restore or transform anything or anyone that is in need of some means of positive transformation. Interestingly, such powers of regeneration are more available for helping others than yourself now, for it is as if the such powers have a selfless lack of agenda. This is a sweeping stretch or bend in the River of Your Life.

Current Event {Rough}

Having to Mentally Contact Feelings

Progressed Mercury Flowing Against your Natal Moon

Here the River of Your Life, that is your emotional flow or 'soul flow', is likely to be confused or inhibited by either your over-thinking or by someone or something who is involved with you not getting where you are at emotionally because they are being too intellectual for your needs. But it boils down to the same thing: there is a need to appraise where you are at emotionally - which would particularly include where you stand with significant women in your life and women generally - but not so much that you lose sight of how you are actually feeling yourself. And the feelings you are mentally preoccupied with would include issues around security, family, home-life, longings, sentiments, memories and your soul-path itself. On the other hand, there is also a need to mentally understand where others are at emotionally too. Quite simply, you are having to create a balance between mind and instinct, to mentally know how you and certain others feel. But the trick is not to lose sight of feelings themselves in the process. This is rather like swimming - if you have to think about it too much you can lose your stroke or even sink! This would be especially the case if you are learning something new. In fact, this time is a learning curve anyway - about how you and others feel and stand emotionally - so do not go too hard on yourself or them for getting wires crossed or missing the point. Being as straightforward and honest as possible is what will keep

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Slowly but Surely

Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Saturn

During this period your 'body timing' is in sync, or at least better than usual. This means that you pace yourself well, find a rhythm to your movement, and are generally more in tune with the physical universe. Patience comes to you more readily, so you don't force matters but just persist in a measured and sure fashion. If you normally hurry things and then have to go back and deal with missed steps - a common error in human nature - along this stretch of your River of Life you become aware of this and go about correcting it in an equally objective and steady fashion. You are prepared for and accepting of the long hauls of life, feeling in your bones that you can achieve any goal through disciplined activity, that time is your instrument rather than your adversary. As someone once said 'Genius is only a greater aptitude for patience'.

Life-Stream {River}

Flowing Ever On

Moon Progressing through Sagittarius

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So consciously or unconsciously, deliberately or involuntarily, at this time you Release from yourself anything that is 'imprisoning' you. And remember we are primarily talking about internal things, like thoughts, feelings, fears, attitudes and habits - not necessarily external things like relationships, jobs, domestic set-ups, etc. Nonetheless, Releasing such internal things can, and does, prepare the way for a Release from any external ones that have passed their 'sell-by date'. All this can mean a surrendering to whatever forces are prevailing - and this means you may well also encounter the need for making some kind of sacrifice for the good of the whole. Indeed, the 'good of the whole' is in many ways the essence of a Releasing Phase. This is because the 'emptying' that takes place during this Phase is like a river emptying into the sea. This suggests that individual feelings (river) have to be sacrificed for the good of the feelings and concerns of the group (sea) - be it a large group or a group of two, or for the good of the whole of the rest of your life. You may well experience a feeling of being lost or 'at sea' during this Phase, and this would be a sign that you are trying to hang on to your sense of separateness and self-containment, rather than surrendering to the 'outgoing tide'. Any such egotism, for that is what it is, could be regarded as the enemy now - although the exception to this could be if it is taking place during the your first 28 years - called the 1st Age of life - when you are having to develop your personality, and are building up an ego structure. Then again, your individual or natural inclinations would also be a factor in all this, whether you are personally inclined to go with the flow or fight it.

And so, the kinds of event that you could experience during this time are ones where it can appear that you are losing out, or that life is passing you by. An example from case files is of someone who after having accepted quite a few endings in his previous Understanding Phase, during his Releasing Phase then seemed to lose everything he had had going for him formerly in terms of professional and social life. From being in a high profile career he got made redundant and went to vegetating in meaningless jobs and living a rather uneventful private life. But amazingly, this period of enforced surrender to a seemingly unprepossessing fate lasted three years and five months, the exact length of this Phase for this individual. Then, having emptied himself completely, gaining valuable personal insights in the process, the New Cycle began with absolutely everything changing for the better.

This Phase is quite similar to the foregoing Understanding Phase in that they are both to do with letting go of what it is in your life and personality that is no longer appropriate or genuinely needed. But while the Understanding Phase is akin to the stage where a vessel goes from being half-empty to a quarter empty, the Releasing Phase is when it goes from there to being totally empty. Apart from anything else, this means that whatever thoughts, feelings and attitudes were past their sell-by date, and had not yet been revised or eliminated during the previous Phase, are now rotten and must be rooted out during this one. In fact, considering that Balsamic viscous quality, this Phase is perfectly analogous to an 'oil change'. You cannot fill the tank with fresh oil until it has been emptied, and when it is being drained you cannot go anywhere. But once it has been filled again you are refreshed and can go on your way, travelling smoothly again, ready for the next complete 29-30 year Progressed Moon Cycle. None of this means to say that during the whole of this Phase you are going to be 'off the road'. This is because, firstly, this would be labouring the metaphor - you still carry on living, making decisions rightly or wrongly - and secondly, that notorious thing, the human ego, can

ignore all these lunar traffic-lights and needs for emotional servicing, and steam on regardless - only to grind to a halt somewhat further down the road.

As implied above, the surrendering or sacrificing quality of this Phase is not so likely to take place voluntarily or consciously during the 1st Age of life, from birth to 28 years old. This is because during this Age you are still in the process of building and developing a life and a career, and such passive and selfless responses to whatever is happening to you or around you could be regarded as inappropriate and ineffectual - or just not possible when very young. But this is precisely what makes a Releasing Phase at this time a potentially difficult one. Having said this though, statistically there is the great likelihood of having one or more children during the latter part of this time, and that is probably the most sacrifice-demanding thing that a human being can experience. If one looked into the figures, one would probably find that this is precisely the event that characterizes this Phase for most people. It could also be said that for a pregnant woman, the experience of at last giving birth is a classic form of Release. It should also be pointed out that Releasing can occur in the form of events that involuntarily take you away from the life you knew, like for instance moving home or changing schools because of your parents' or someone else's intent. These kind of events can or are bound to happen whether you are going through a Releasing Phase or not, but it is the way in which you subjectively experience them that is the crucial thing. In other words, when you are going through a Releasing Phase there is far more fated quality to any such moves or changes to which one just has to surrender. Also, by going with the flow during this Phase, things are more than likely to just sort themselves out. True astrology is not so much in aid of predicting events as understanding what those events mean as they happen, or preparing yourself for certain possibilities. This is particularly the case with your Releasing Moon Phase.

Apart from for reasons of being a parent though, it is often during a Releasing Phase that you really have to 'put away childish things'. Such 'things' can be girlish or laddish behaviour, or any pursuit that was really just an extension of adolescent fun and experimentation. This does not mean to say that having a good time and trying things new should come to an end - far from it, for such letting off steam is a Releasing in itself - but it does mean that there now has to be some consideration of how you fit into the greater scheme of things. Although the Moon does not have anything directly to do with socialization, the Releasing Phase does have this quality of making you feel one among the many.

This time of your Releasing Phase can also be experienced as a surrender to a life lived in a more spiritually or psychologically aware fashion, rather than pushing for what you have been led to believe you should want. In reality, it could well prove to be an oscillating mixture between these two extremes. Everything depends upon whether you experience Fate in general - and your own fate in particular - as something you feel offended by or trapped in, or as something that you should trust as knowing best. On the face of it, it would appear that the latter choice of surrendering to your fate (and possibly the fate of another) is far more desirable. The trouble is that the ego always likes to think that its life-style should live up to its romantic, glamorous, self-indulgent, comfortable or vain idea of itself. Consequently, seeing that your situation during this Phase has the in-built necessity of making some kind of sacrifice, your life-style is going to appear wanting from the ego's point of view. Such an 'inadequate life-style' may include a restricted or even non-existent social or love life, a materially or emotionally unrewarding job, or any situation that seems to be out of your control or beyond your influence.

Returning to the River of Life metaphor, this stretch is the 'estuary' where the river inexorably empties into the sea - especially as the tide is now ebbing, this being the last Phase of the Waning or second half of your 29-30 year Lunation Cycle. This symbolizes that time and place where your individual path has to succumb to universal, collective or karmic forces - namely, Fate. This engenders a most practical definition of that much misused word 'spiritual': meeting a collective need. This can be

anything from looking after and tolerating an ailing parent to helping someone else close to you and getting little (or worse) in return; from swallowing your pride and doing what has to be done, to surrendering what seems most precious to you personally for the good of the whole. Unless you are consciously committed to and involved with some form of healing process or spiritual discipline (the best expression of this Phase), the trouble is that the ego regards all these courses as surrendering control of what it wants or needs, and therefore possibly inviting chaos. After all, the word 'estuary' does actually mean 'commotion'! But the truth of the matter is that if the ego tries to get its way then there really will be commotion - not least of all inside of you as your ego wrestles with Fate. This could manifest physically (health problems), emotionally (relationship or domestic problems) or mentally (work or psychological problems). And the reason for any commotion would be that you were trying to control the situation in the face of uncontrollable forces. Health issues would be particularly indicative of not giving into the flow, struggling against the current. This is why this Phase is termed Releasing, for you need to release or surrender physical, emotional and mental blockages - or rather what is creating them. Such can be very old issues and habits.

A health example here was of a woman who was experiencing all manner of skin and hair problems as something was trying to break out and Release itself through the only channels being allowed it. It turned out that there was a point in her early life that a trauma occurred about which she had told nobody. It was a great relief to her there and then to at last Release this matter, but it was emphasized that it would be highly compressed after more than forty years, and she was encouraged to Release it more and more - whenever, however and to whomever she could. She continued to empty her old hurt until the hair and skin problems ceased, for the truth will out as surely as the river finds the sea. If one accepts and lives through the 'commotion' of the struggle between one's fate and one's ego, then peace, healing and resolution are Released into your life.

Another example was a 'message' a man received from his motor car, a wonderful symbol of one's own physical-emotional-mental vehicle (the personality). For the first time ever he had ran out of petrol - and was on his way to seeing his doctor! This was symbolic of an unconscious need to empty himself of whatever he regarded as essential to his ego's idea of progress, something which was interfering with his physical health. He also had to surrender to the need to be helped out by someone or something else. However, he did not get this message at the time - and his radiator had to blow up a month later and empty out all the water and coolant!

The Releasing Phase could be described as one of 'enforced selflessness' as you are obliged to live up to something higher or more inclusive than an egocentric sense of life. A symptom of this is that of feeling more sensitive than usual. This is owing to sensing the whole more keenly, with a view to attuning yourself to your role in it. Such increased sensitivity can express as irritability and feeling 'drowned' by others or circumstances. As well as letting go of your ego barriers in the way that is being suggested here, it is also a good idea to protect yourself with some form of psychic defence because there is not too much point in being incapacitated! Likewise, using self-healing methods such as visualization are recommended as they employ your body's natural way of restoring health by following the line of least resistance.

Quite understandably, often this Phase can kick off with you wrestling with and balking at whatever or whoever assails you from without. This could be regarded as just a sensible stance to adopt as you assess the situation, but with a definite view to seeing what or who it is in your life that you are going to have to meet more than halfway sooner rather than later. This Phase is a time to go with the flow - not for maintaining a stiff upper lip or being rigidly non-compliant, for this would sink you.

~?~ *What significant things have you Released yourself from, or are in the process of letting go of, during this Phase?*

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~?~ What do these Releases or relinquishments tell you about you and the River of Your Life?

Current Event {Rough} occurring around January

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 October

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'.

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The River of Your Life for year commencing 1 Jan 2023

Current Event {Rough}

Having to Mentally Contact Feelings

Progressed Mercury Flowing Against your Natal Moon

Here the River of Your Life, that is your emotional flow or 'soul flow', is likely to be confused or inhibited by either your over-thinking or by someone or something who is involved with you not getting where you are at emotionally because they are being too intellectual for your needs. But it boils down to the same thing: there is a need to appraise where you are at emotionally - which would particularly include where you stand with significant women in your life and women generally - but not so much that you lose sight of how you are actually feeling yourself. And the feelings you are mentally preoccupied with would include issues around security, family, home-life, longings, sentiments, memories and your soul-path itself. On the other hand, there is also a need to mentally understand where others are at emotionally too. Quite simply, you are having to create a balance between mind and instinct, to mentally know how you and certain others feel. But the trick is not to lose sight of feelings themselves in the process. This is rather like swimming - if you have to think about it too much you can lose your stroke or even sink! This would be especially the case if you are learning something new. In fact, this time is a learning curve anyway - about how you and others feel and stand emotionally - so do not go too hard on yourself or them for getting wires crossed or missing the point. Being as straightforward and honest as possible is what will keep

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.

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Life-Stream {River} changes come December

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Moon Progressing through Capricorn

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Ideally then, this is a time when you can empty yourself of feelings, memories, attachments and habits that are inappropriate to your current circumstances, and in so doing oil the way for and into the future. But in reality, you can still feel that if you give something up, even that which you find

uncomfortable or stress producing, there won't be anything left or coming to replace it, or that something untoward will happen. In modern culture at least, we are conditioned to avoid feeling empty. This is because we are brought up to be achievement orientated, which is more to do with the Waxing Crescent or Striving Phase which is the second Phase, occurring three to four years after the beginning of the 29-30 year cycle. In fact, the actual shape of the Waxing Crescent is the mirror opposite of the Waning Crescent, as Striving is the opposite of Releasing. Your River of Life says that you can also Release yourself from pressures and conflicts with certain others by not reacting to them, by simply letting go of them. So this Releasing Phase could be regarded as being in aid of making room for what is arriving with the Emerging Phase and the New Lunar Cycle it initiates. The less you give up or let go of stale or redundant thoughts, feelings and reactions - and the involvements that go with them - then the less room there will be for the new. Hanging on to the outworn in this way could amount to a self-fulfilling prophecy because you might lose someone or something through doing so, and mistakenly think that you should have hung on more rather than just let go.

So consciously or unconsciously, deliberately or involuntarily, at this time you Release from yourself anything that is 'imprisoning' you. And remember we are primarily talking about internal things, like thoughts, feelings, fears, attitudes and habits - not necessarily external things like relationships, jobs, domestic set-ups, etc. Nonetheless, Releasing such internal things can, and does, prepare the way for a Release from any external ones that have passed their 'sell-by date'. All this can mean a surrendering to whatever forces are prevailing - and this means you may well also encounter the need for making some kind of sacrifice for the good of the whole. Indeed, the 'good of the whole' is in many ways the essence of a Releasing Phase. This is because the 'emptying' that takes place during this Phase is like a river emptying into the sea. This suggests that individual feelings (river) have to be sacrificed for the good of the feelings and concerns of the group (sea) - be it a large group or a group of two, or for the good of the whole of the rest of your life. You may well experience a feeling of being lost or 'at sea' during this Phase, and this would be a sign that you are trying to hang on to your sense of separateness and self-containment, rather than surrendering to the 'outgoing tide'. Any such egotism, for that is what it is, could be regarded as the enemy now - although the exception to this could be if it is taking place during the your first 28 years - called the 1st Age of life - when you are having to develop your personality, and are building up an ego structure. Then again, your individual or natural inclinations would also be a factor in all this, whether you are personally inclined to go with the flow or fight it.

And so, the kinds of event that you could experience during this time are ones where it can appear that you are losing out, or that life is passing you by. An example from case files is of someone who after having accepted quite a few endings in his previous Understanding Phase, during his Releasing Phase then seemed to lose everything he had had going for him formerly in terms of professional and social life. From being in a high profile career he got made redundant and went to vegetating in meaningless jobs and living a rather uneventful private life. But amazingly, this period of enforced surrender to a seemingly unprepossessing fate lasted three years and five months, the exact length of this Phase for this individual. Then, having emptied himself completely, gaining valuable personal insights in the process, the New Cycle began with absolutely everything changing for the better.

This Phase is quite similar to the foregoing Understanding Phase in that they are both to do with letting go of what it is in your life and personality that is no longer appropriate or genuinely needed. But while the Understanding Phase is akin to the stage where a vessel goes from being half-empty to a quarter empty, the Releasing Phase is when it goes from there to being totally empty. Apart from anything else, this means that whatever thoughts, feelings and attitudes were past their sell-by date, and had not yet been revised or eliminated during the previous Phase, are now rotten and must be rooted out during this one. In fact, considering that Balsamic viscous quality, this Phase is perfectly analogous to an 'oil change'. You cannot fill the tank with fresh oil until it has been emptied, and when it is being drained you cannot go anywhere. But once it has been filled again you are refreshed

and can go on your way, travelling smoothly again, ready for the next complete 29-30 year Progressed Moon Cycle. None of this means to say that during the whole of this Phase you are going to be 'off the road'. This is because, firstly, this would be labouring the metaphor - you still carry on living, making decisions rightly or wrongly - and secondly, that notorious thing, the human ego, can ignore all these lunar traffic-lights and needs for emotional servicing, and steam on regardless - only to grind to a halt somewhat further down the road.

As implied above, the surrendering or sacrificing quality of this Phase is not so likely to take place voluntarily or consciously during the 1st Age of life, from birth to 28 years old. This is because during this Age you are still in the process of building and developing a life and a career, and such passive and selfless responses to whatever is happening to you or around you could be regarded as inappropriate and ineffectual - or just not possible when very young. But this is precisely what makes a Releasing Phase at this time a potentially difficult one. Having said this though, statistically there is the great likelihood of having one or more children during the latter part of this time, and that is probably the most sacrifice-demanding thing that a human being can experience. If one looked into the figures, one would probably find that this is precisely the event that characterizes this Phase for most people. It could also be said that for a pregnant woman, the experience of at last giving birth is a classic form of Release. It should also be pointed out that Releasing can occur in the form of events that involuntarily take you away from the life you knew, like for instance moving home or changing schools because of your parents' or someone else's intent. These kind of events can or are bound to happen whether you are going through a Releasing Phase or not, but it is the way in which you subjectively experience them that is the crucial thing. In other words, when you are going through a Releasing Phase there is far more fated quality to any such moves or changes to which one just has to surrender. Also, by going with the flow during this Phase, things are more than likely to just sort themselves out. True astrology is not so much in aid of predicting events as understanding what those events mean as they happen, or preparing yourself for certain possibilities. This is particularly the case with your Releasing Moon Phase.

Apart from for reasons of being a parent though, it is often during a Releasing Phase that you really have to 'put away childish things'. Such 'things' can be girlish or laddish behaviour, or any pursuit that was really just an extension of adolescent fun and experimentation. This does not mean to say that having a good time and trying things new should come to an end - far from it, for such letting off steam is a Releasing in itself - but it does mean that there now has to be some consideration of how you fit into the greater scheme of things. Although the Moon does not have anything directly to do with socialization, the Releasing Phase does have this quality of making you feel one among the many.

This time of your Releasing Phase can also be experienced as a surrender to a life lived in a more spiritually or psychologically aware fashion, rather than pushing for what you have been led to believe you should want. In reality, it could well prove to be an oscillating mixture between these two extremes. Everything depends upon whether you experience Fate in general - and your own fate in particular - as something you feel offended by or trapped in, or as something that you should trust as knowing best. On the face of it, it would appear that the latter choice of surrendering to your fate (and possibly the fate of another) is far more desirable. The trouble is that the ego always likes to think that its life-style should live up to its romantic, glamorous, self-indulgent, comfortable or vain idea of itself. Consequently, seeing that your situation during this Phase has the in-built necessity of making some kind of sacrifice, your life-style is going to appear wanting from the ego's point of view. Such an 'inadequate life-style' may include a restricted or even non-existent social or love life, a materially or emotionally unrewarding job, or any situation that seems to be out of your control or beyond your influence.

Returning to the River of Life metaphor, this stretch is the 'estuary' where the river inexorably empties

into the sea - especially as the tide is now ebbing, this being the last Phase of the Waning or second half of your 29-30 year Lunation Cycle. This symbolizes that time and place where your individual path has to succumb to universal, collective or karmic forces - namely, Fate. This engenders a most practical definition of that much misused word 'spiritual': meeting a collective need. This can be anything from looking after and tolerating an ailing parent to helping someone else close to you and getting little (or worse) in return; from swallowing your pride and doing what has to be done, to surrendering what seems most precious to you personally for the good of the whole. Unless you are consciously committed to and involved with some form of healing process or spiritual discipline (the best expression of this Phase), the trouble is that the ego regards all these courses as surrendering control of what it wants or needs, and therefore possibly inviting chaos. After all, the word 'estuary' does actually mean 'commotion'! But the truth of the matter is that if the ego tries to get its way then there really will be commotion - not least of all inside of you as your ego wrestles with Fate. This could manifest physically (health problems), emotionally (relationship or domestic problems) or mentally (work or psychological problems). And the reason for any commotion would be that you were trying to control the situation in the face of uncontrollable forces. Health issues would be particularly indicative of not giving into the flow, struggling against the current. This is why this Phase is termed Releasing, for you need to release or surrender physical, emotional and mental blockages - or rather what is creating them. Such can be very old issues and habits.

A health example here was of a woman who was experiencing all manner of skin and hair problems as something was trying to break out and Release itself through the only channels being allowed it. It turned out that there was a point in her early life that a trauma occurred about which she had told nobody. It was a great relief to her there and then to at last Release this matter, but it was emphasized that it would be highly compressed after more than forty years, and she was encouraged to Release it more and more - whenever, however and to whomever she could. She continued to empty her old hurt until the hair and skin problems ceased, for the truth will out as surely as the river finds the sea. If one accepts and lives through the 'commotion' of the struggle between one's fate and one's ego, then peace, healing and resolution are Released into your life.

Another example was a 'message' a man received from his motor car, a wonderful symbol of one's own physical-emotional-mental vehicle (the personality). For the first time ever he had ran out of petrol - and was on his way to seeing his doctor! This was symbolic of an unconscious need to empty himself of whatever he regarded as essential to his ego's idea of progress, something which was interfering with his physical health. He also had to surrender to the need to be helped out by someone or something else. However, he did not get this message at the time - and his radiator had to blow up a month later and empty out all the water and coolant!

The Releasing Phase could be described as one of 'enforced selflessness' as you are obliged to live up to something higher or more inclusive than an egocentric sense of life. A symptom of this is that of feeling more sensitive than usual. This is owing to sensing the whole more keenly, with a view to attuning yourself to your role in it. Such increased sensitivity can express as irritability and feeling 'drowned' by others or circumstances. As well as letting go of your ego barriers in the way that is being suggested here, it is also a good idea to protect yourself with some form of psychic defence because there is not too much point in being incapacitated! Likewise, using self-healing methods such as visualization are recommended as they employ your body's natural way of restoring health by following the line of least resistance.

Quite understandably, often this Phase can kick off with you wrestling with and balking at whatever or whoever assails you from without. This could be regarded as just a sensible stance to adopt as you assess the situation, but with a definite view to seeing what or who it is in your life that you are going to have to meet more than halfway sooner rather than later. This Phase is a time to go with the flow - not for maintaining a stiff upper lip or being rigidly non-compliant, for this would sink you.

~?~ What significant things have you Released yourself from, or are in the process of letting go of, during this Phase?

~?~ What relationships have you Released yourself into, or are in the process of letting go of, during this Phase?

~?~ What do these Releases or relinquishments tell you about you and the River of Your Life?

Lunar Phase changes to New come August

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 - that is, your Life-Stream {River} and Life-Stream {Banks} occurring at the same time, given above - and in some cases by one or more Current Events coinciding with it, given at the beginning and end of this report. In the latter case, this would mean that your Progressed New Moon is strongly affected by any such Events, especially Surges, further colouring the meaning and purpose of the whole 29-30 year Cycle.

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?*

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around January

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 {Smooth} occurring around March

In It and With It

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Dragon's Head

This can be a very rewarding time for you as your feelings and instincts are coinciding with the needs and tastes of the society of which you are a part. This could be a case of it catching up with you or of you catching up with it. But it still amounts to the same thing: currently you are IN IT and you are WITH IT. Naturally, this is all relative to how attuned you usually are to prevailing social trends and fashions, but in any event this stretch of the river helps puts you in touch with whoever or whatever it is that you need to be put in touch with. At a more spiritual level, this time could be seen as a period when you home in on your true direction or destiny. And of course, being in the swing of things socially or commercially could be down to this very fact - and/or vice versa. So, in any event, it is crucial that you take advantage of this influence for the few months that it lasts.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around April

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 {Smooth} occurring around April

Sensing Your Direction

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive

You can presently trust your instincts as to career choices and domestic decisions - providing of course that there are not other more confusing or misleading influences concurrent with this one. This is not a particularly 'loud' influence in itself; it would be more audible if something else in the River of Your Life was augmenting or supporting it. But all the same, like an inner voice, it is calling to you now. On a more matter of fact level, career and domestic issues are more likely to be in harmony now - or here lies the opportunity to make them more so.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around May

Flowing Powerfully On

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Pluto

There is now a distinct and healthy power to the current of your Life River. This means that you feel aligned not just with your own deeper aims and convictions, but also with what others fundamentally need. This in turn means that you attract people and opportunities that further your progress and attainments, whether they are on a material or spiritual level. There is a feeling or energy about you at present that says 'I know where I am going'. So this is a classic case of 'energy follows thought', meaning that what you focus upon is what you get. People are inclined to believe in you now so there is no need to overplay your hand - but be sure not to underplay either. On a personal level your animal magnetism is at a high, so be careful what you attract! Fortunately, your instincts for a good or bad 'bet' are more reliable than usual too.

It has to be said that it helps to see this empowered stretch of your Riving coming up in advance, for then you can have ready whatever it that might benefit from it. In other words, get your pieces in position because they'll have a tailwind behind them at this time.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around June

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.

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Current Event {Surge} occurring around September

The Need To Act

Progressed Moon Flowing With & Against your Natal Mars

In many respects this is straightforward for instinct and desire are aligning or combining along this stretch of the River of Your Life. So this can simply be a time when you have a feeling and you act upon it. Job done! And others sense this unfettered, energized and direct quality about you and respond accordingly, which usually means they follow your lead, give you what you want, or get out of your way. Then again they may pick up on all this as antagonistic towards them and take issue, deny you or defy you. In this case, what you are wanting is not what somebody or something else is wanting, so either you have to push harder and/or longer, or negotiate with the opposing force. The point with both these cases is that you do at present have the verve and drive to attain what you are after, one way or the other. So this can be a time when you can get a lot done, achieve goals, start projects, or attain the object of your desire. Some might see you as being selfish in all this, but that is how you do it.

However, it may be that the 'linkage' between your instincts, urges and needs on the one hand, and your desire, drive and courage on the other, is not that sound for some reason. Effectively, doubt or inhibition jumps in the gap and you can wind up feeling frustrated, indecisive and blocked. But this would be missing the very point of this Surge, for that is precisely what it is. This is a rush of energy that you can harness or ride, and push on through what holds you back and in. This is a time to

actually be self-interested, 'me first'. That is how it is done, how the decision is made, the task executed, the adversary engaged. Then again, and quite commonly, such inhibited energy erupts as anger, seemingly disproportionate to the situation because it really has something to do with past events and thwarted desires. So this could be regarded as an opportunity, or necessity, to look at what is behind such anger issues.

Needless to say, there can be fall-out from such self-interested and very possibly impulsive acts or expressions of your desire. Ideally you should think things through before you act - and if you can well and good. But the very nature of this Surge is that there is a kind of 'the mail must get through' energy to it, regardless. In other words, inhibiting or damping down this 'impulse power' may seem a safe option, but apart from denying yourself what you want, or even denying that you have a desire or anger issue at all, such suppression can be bad for your health as you are effectively damming up vital energies within your system. A sign that this is the case would be a lack of energy as a result of using the Surge to block itself, instead of feeling an abundance of energy. So as a rule of thumb, remember that The Need To Act is just that, no matter what - almost. And bear in mind that all this is happening in the context of the Sign and House through which your Moon is currently progressing.

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 2024*

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. 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?

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around February

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.

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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