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Progressions for year commencing 1 Nov 2014

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 ways in which Moon Magic will show you the course and scenery of this, the River of Your Life.

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. 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. 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 Luration, 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 Luration ~ Emerging Phase
2. Crescent Moon Luration ~ Striving Phase
3. Waxing Half Moon Luration ~ Deciding Phase
4. Gibbous Moon Luration ~ Adjusting Phase

5. Full Moon Luration ~ Realizing Phase
6. Disseminating Moon Luration ~ Sharing Phase
7. Waning Half Moon Luration ~ Understanding Phase
8. Balsamic Moon Luration ~ Releasing Phase

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

Notes on Duration

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

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

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

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

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The River of Your Life *for year commencing 1 Nov 2014 AD Sat*

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}

Available Energy

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Mars

By and large this is a period of your life when the raw energy for doing whatever has to be done is more available. This is of course in proportion to how energetic, assertive or decisive you normally are. The point is that, like a demand valve, the energy is there if you do something that requires it, but it won't just pick you up and propel you if you do not activate the requirement of it. It is like the muscles are working but you have to initiate movement, and once you do the energy flow follows - again, the degree depending on your usual 'energy status'. All being well this is a time when you can realize what courage is and how valuable a commodity it is. Positive masculinity and/or positive males are quite likely present in your life now, as too could be a sense of the 'warrior' or leader in you.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

In Vogue

Progressed Venus Flowing With your Natal Uranus

Your tastes and sense of what appeals are now in line with what is fashionable or to the fore. You may even find yourself being innovative or avant-garde. And yet this sense will also harmonize itself to what actually is tasteful and attractive and suitable for your age, rather than being inappropriate or shocking. Socially you are also drawn to the new and young, however old you are. At the very least you should feel an ongoing sparkle to your personality and the way you socially interact. As this influence lasts some time you could find your style and the people you mix with changing quite easily

as you shift and attune to what you sense has got 'it'. Indeed, it is this readiness to change with the times that has a rejuvenating effect upon you - and those around you too.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

Destiny Calling

Progressed Venus Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Head

This can be a very significant time as you are now drawn towards something or someone who is key to the direction your Life River truly wants to take. This can take the classic form of a love interest, or it could be a group of people or a social or artistic interest that exercises an irresistible pull on you. Then again, if that direction your life is supposed to take is for some reason unattractive to you, then you can find yourself resisting that current and going nowhere, and possibly feeling drained into the bargain. Looking at all this another way, if the people and haunts that you are involved with or inhabit seem boring and tired now, or just 'not happening', then this is a sign of the direction your life does NOT want to go! So don't flog a dead horse. This is a time when you can be your own worst enemy if you are not alive to some new interest or direction. And that direction may well be inward as introspection may well be called for; the answer lying within. Overall and quite simply, if something or someone is pulling you in a new direction - follow it!

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Energy for the Use Of

Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Pluto

Anything you are doing now has or attracts some kind of 'power assist'. It is like your muscles and your will are aligned with one another, your desires are aligned with the resolve and energy that is needed to satisfy them. People and opportunities appear as you need them. Health regimens such as hatha yoga are especially beneficial at present. Of course, it helps to actually have some thing or direction into which such combined forces can be channelled. If this is not the case, then applying yourself to finding out would begin to reveal what it is that is worth aiming for. You will then find you get into your stride, and if other influences or factors are conducive you may even get on a roll. This is a bit like a 'tidal bore' on which you can surf to wherever the River of Your Life wants you to get to. Initially however, you might have to put out your feelers to sense this wave of positive and natural energy.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Putting Yourself Forward

Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive

You are more likely to assert yourself in the right way and at the right time now, other influences permitting. So step up to the plate now if you need to for your physical presence and willpower are currently aligned.

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}

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

Adjusting Phase

Progressed Gibbous Moon Lunation

~ now my River finds itself crossing terrain that is rough and uneven ~ cataracts and bogs, weirs and waterfalls ~ and so I keep true to myself by adjusting to these obstacles and hazards ~ and following the line of resistance in this way shows me more and more how to find and go with my own flow ~

This Phase is the strangely named 'Gibbous' Moon which is the Phase before the Full Moon. So during this time we are between the decision that was made in the previous Deciding Phase and the form of what was then set in motion reaching fruition at the Realizing Phase or Full Moon Lunation in several years time. The word 'gibbous' literally means 'hump-backed', so this Phase is like a hump-backed bridge you have to cross in order to attain that peak of Realization.

All this indicates that you have to Adjust your speed and trajectory to negotiate this bridge from the one Phase to the other. It is human nature to feel that once you are past a crucial stage such as the previous Deciding Phase you can relax and free-wheel a bit. But the fact is that this Adjustment has to be made carefully, otherwise, if you are unable or unwilling to do so, you could well 'get the hump' - and as any driver should know, 'free-wheeling' gives you the least control over your vehicle, especially when that is just what's required.

In terms of the events that can characterize this Adjusting Phase you are mainly confronted with a change or changes that demand some kind of acclimatization. Such a change can be quite subtle, and not necessarily externally obvious. Remember that the Moon symbolises our subjective experience of things; what can come and go without hardly being noticed by someone else can be having a major emotional effect upon yourself. And again, like with the Deciding Phase where a decision was apparently made for you, an Adjustment may be made for you, and have long-lasting repercussions. For example, there was a boy who during his first Adjusting Phase was made a prefect at school, only to be demoted a few months later for 'behaviour unbecoming someone in authority'. For many years after this, in order to fit in or make any impression on the world around him, he was forever having to Adjust his radical 'outsider' stance to the demands of the status quo and the authorities that control it.

So what equips you for handling this Phase successfully is firstly, as ever, an awareness and acceptance of there being this necessity to make Adjustments. Following upon this, flexibility and a sense of accommodation are the vital qualities. Conversely, obstinacy or a know-it-all attitude can be fatal - or at least, have you finding that your principles are a lonely place to stand by. During this Phase you can expect to experience any contrast between what you essentially are and the nature of the environment in which you find yourself. Such a contrast can be interpreted as a useful sense of getting the measure of your own character - or as an attack upon it. As a rule, this is not a time to dig your heels in, but paradoxically it is a time to persevere. The difference between the two being that the former can be arrogant rigidity asking for a rocky ride, while the latter is sure enough of its long-term goals to bend enough in order to negotiate that hump rather than just get the hump.

Some kind of change or shift of emphasis at this time creates some need to Adjust your 'natural' inclinations to the set-up in which you find yourself. As ever with the Moon, quite what is meant by 'natural' inclinations is open to question, because whatever they are, you are now possibly faced with a 'when in Rome do as the Romans do' type of situation. But it is the strength of your individuality that is going to be one of two major contributing factors now. How the other individuals that you are currently in the midst of respond to your individualism is going to be the other major contributing factor!

Another example of someone going through an Adjusting Phase at school age was an Aquarian female whose experience at this time was firstly to be bullied in class by some of the other pupils because she looked unusual, secondly to be ridiculed by a school set-up frighteningly different from her previous one, and thirdly to be subjected to an experimental educational technique which was

eventually scrapped because it did not work. Basically then, she could not Adjust to all this and simply found herself wanting, installing a long-lasting inferiority complex, not to mention resentment. One is inclined to think that it is the system that should have Adjusted to the individual here, but the Moon is showing us the soul's course, that River of Your Life, and as such, the reality it encounters at every step or Phase is there to form and conduct its course - just like how the banks of a river contain it. And at this early stage her 'river' was very young, a mere trickle, and so the reality of the 'earth' or material conditions it encountered verily dictated where it has to go. The trickle has to Adjust to the lie of the land. Years later, during her second Emerging Phase and during a whole new lunar cycle, she began to see the significance of these experiences, and to turn the resentment into a justifiable sense of injustice, which in turn fuelled a pledge to help others thus afflicted.

Quite often the need for Adjusting can be 'serial' in its effect. Another, this time an elderly individual was at ten years first fostered out to another family, but then they had to move to a 'not so good' neighbourhood owing to the father of the house going to jail. Then come the third year of this Phase the father returned and made good, moving them upwards again. However, he started drinking and the lady had to cut a very low profile - something against her Leonine nature. Not surprisingly, this woman has been 'Adjusting' all her life because these experiences triggered an innate inclination of hers to fit in with the circumstances, yet all the while her suppressed need to be her own person kept bubbling under and awkwardly asserting itself.

When you are somewhat older the very nature of Adjusting implies several things. Firstly, by now you probably have a number of things going on in your life - like family, a busy work and/or social schedule, ageing parents, etc. - so the chances are that you have not got that much room to manoeuvre. Secondly, there is also the possibility that you are beginning to think you can settle into a comfortable rhythm of life, that you have and know your priorities, that you have a degree of control or authority in your life - so why should you have to Adjust?! The short answer is that this is the way Nature intended it - that human beings should not get too set in their ways just because they've got past a certain age. Our culture's idea of life's progression can very often be at odds with the greater scheme of things.

This preordained need to Adjust which is 'scheduled' by these Phases can be prompted by more or less anything, some self-induced, others apparently beyond one's control. Having an affair can be one method of stirring up your life, to shatter any complacency or emotional inertia that may have crept in. Because this need to Adjust is the agenda, be very careful in how you assess your feelings. Maybe the real Adjustment was needed in your marriage or ongoing relationship, and an affair is just a red herring or a lesson. You find you have to Adjust, whatever the case - so allow yourself to go through the process of doing so, and learn what you need to know as you go, without making any hard and fast decisions until you reach your Realizing Phase which arrives when this Phase finishes.

Then again you may be having to Adjust to a divorce or the demise of a relationship, or your partner having an affair or just being difficult to relate to. But the same 'lunar logic' would apply - keep Adjusting, bending with that wind of change, finding out that you are far more flexible than you thought - or paradoxically, that your Adjustment is one of actually not being so flexible. An Adjusting Phase can be very demanding, but it will only seem impossible if you will not Adjust to the basic fact that you are able to Adjust! Thinking that your life should be free of the need to make Adjustments is what would be asking for the most trouble. 'Bend or break' is the call of the day. Trust your unconscious mind, for it is throwing things at you which will force you into becoming a stronger, better and more capable and aware person. Impress yourself with that famous human aptitude for adapting to circumstances.

Some other classic events that are Nature's or the Moon's way of getting you to Adjust are: having children; reaching a crisis of confidence because your beliefs are not suited to the reality in which

you live; losing your job and having to retrain, rethink or go freelance; having to live on less money; experiencing changes in your domestic set-up; health issues; or any curve ball that Fate chooses to pitch you. They are all in aid of getting you to Adjust, and it won't last forever - unless you refuse to Adjust.

Later in life this Phase may coincide with the conventional time of retirement from routine work, and having to Adjust to that. Or it could take place at the onset of old age, with some definite Adjusting to be done. The physical aspect is often all too obvious with stiff joints, aches and pains, less elasticity, etc. being well-known afflictions even for people who are considerably younger. Diet and exercise, now if not sooner, are what are called for. Additionally however, it is one's psychological condition which greatly dictates your physical one. A rigid attitude creates or worsens a rigid body, and an inactive life on a mental and/or emotional level can cause the body to be inactive too. And if one is closed to new ideas and circumstances then loneliness and uselessness can tip one down the slippery slope.

As ever, a lot depends upon the previous or Deciding Phase, which in this case may have been that of deciding to do something worthwhile, new or renewed with your life. A positive decision to make something out of life with an 'it's never too late' philosophy will have pre-empted any feeling that there is no place in the world for you. What you are mainly Adjusting to at this time is those conventional ideas of getting older, either in the sense of not accepting that you have to withdraw and be less in the land of the living, or, that it smacks of being old and infirm when you have to do such things as other retired people do. Of course, if you do not retire, but carry on with some creative avenue of expression, then none of this would apply, except perhaps for having to Adjust what you are creating or doing so that it is ultimately successful - and to any negative attitudes you might encounter from others simply because they themselves cannot positively Adjust. Whatever age you are while experiencing this Phase, regularly remind yourself: Adjusting is healthy!

~?~ *What important Adjustments were or are being made by you or for you during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship was or is being a call for major Adjustment during this Phase?*

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around January

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 January

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 February

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 {Surge} occurring around June

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Progressed Moon Flowing With & Against your Natal Neptune

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This can be a very significant time as you are now drawn towards something or someone who is key to the direction your Life River truly wants to take. This can take the classic form of a love interest, or it could be a group of people or a social or artistic interest that exercises an irresistible pull on you. Then again, if that direction your life is supposed to take is for some reason unattractive to you, then you can find yourself resisting that current and going nowhere, and possibly feeling drained into the bargain. Looking at all this another way, if the people and haunts that you are involved with or inhabit seem boring and tired now, or just 'not happening', then this is a sign of the direction your life does NOT want to go! So don't flog a dead horse. This is a time when you can be your own worst enemy if you are not alive to some new interest or direction. And that direction may well be inward as introspection may well be called for; the answer lying within. Overall and quite simply, if something or someone is pulling you in a new direction - follow it!

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Energy for the Use Of

Progressed Mars Flowing With your Natal Pluto

Anything you are doing now has or attracts some kind of 'power assist'. It is like your muscles and your will are aligned with one another, your desires are aligned with the resolve and energy that is needed to satisfy them. People and opportunities appear as you need them. Health regimens such as hatha yoga are especially beneficial at present. Of course, it helps to actually have some thing or direction into which such combined forces can be channelled. If this is not the case, then applying yourself to finding out would begin to reveal what it is that is worth aiming for. You will then find you get into your stride, and if other influences or factors are conducive you may even get on a roll. This is a bit like a 'tidal bore' on which you can surf to wherever the River of Your Life wants you to get to. Initially however, you might have to put out your feelers to sense this wave of positive and natural energy.

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 July

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 you 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}

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

Adjusting Phase

Progressed Gibbous Moon Lunation

~ now my River finds itself crossing terrain that is rough and uneven ~ cataracts and bogs, weirs and waterfalls ~ and so I keep true to myself by adjusting to these obstacles and hazards ~ and following

the line of resistance in this way shows me more and more how to find and go with my own flow ~

This Phase is the strangely named 'Gibbous' Moon which is the Phase before the Full Moon. So during this time we are between the decision that was made in the previous Deciding Phase and the form of what was then set in motion reaching fruition at the Realizing Phase or Full Moon Lunation in several years time. The word 'gibbous' literally means 'hump-backed', so this Phase is like a hump-backed bridge you have to cross in order to attain that peak of Realization.

All this indicates that you have to Adjust your speed and trajectory to negotiate this bridge from the one Phase to the other. It is human nature to feel that once you are past a crucial stage such as the previous Deciding Phase you can relax and free-wheel a bit. But the fact is that this Adjustment has to be made carefully, otherwise, if you are unable or unwilling to do so, you could well 'get the hump' - and as any driver should know, 'free-wheeling' gives you the least control over your vehicle, especially when that is just what's required.

In terms of the events that can characterize this Adjusting Phase you are mainly confronted with a change or changes that demand some kind of acclimatization. Such a change can be quite subtle, and not necessarily externally obvious. Remember that the Moon symbolises our subjective experience of things; what can come and go without hardly being noticed by someone else can be having a major emotional effect upon yourself. And again, like with the Deciding Phase where a decision was apparently made for you, an Adjustment may be made for you, and have long-lasting repercussions. For example, there was a boy who during his first Adjusting Phase was made a prefect at school, only to be demoted a few months later for 'behaviour unbecoming someone in authority'. For many years after this, in order to fit in or make any impression on the world around him, he was forever having to Adjust his radical 'outsider' stance to the demands of the status quo and the authorities that control it.

So what equips you for handling this Phase successfully is firstly, as ever, an awareness and acceptance of there being this necessity to make Adjustments. Following upon this, flexibility and a sense of accommodation are the vital qualities. Conversely, obstinacy or a know-it-all attitude can be fatal - or at least, have you finding that your principles are a lonely place to stand by. During this Phase you can expect to experience any contrast between what you essentially are and the nature of the environment in which you find yourself. Such a contrast can be interpreted as a useful sense of getting the measure of your own character - or as an attack upon it. As a rule, this is not a time to dig your heels in, but paradoxically it is a time to persevere. The difference between the two being that the former can be arrogant rigidity asking for a rocky ride, while the latter is sure enough of its long-term goals to bend enough in order to negotiate that hump rather than just get the hump.

Some kind of change or shift of emphasis at this time creates some need to Adjust your 'natural' inclinations to the set-up in which you find yourself. As ever with the Moon, quite what is meant by 'natural' inclinations is open to question, because whatever they are, you are now possibly faced with a 'when in Rome do as the Romans do' type of situation. But it is the strength of your individuality that is going to be one of two major contributing factors now. How the other individuals that you are currently in the midst of respond to your individualism is going to be the other major contributing factor!

Another example of someone going through an Adjusting Phase at school age was an Aquarian female whose experience at this time was firstly to be bullied in class by some of the other pupils because she looked unusual, secondly to be ridiculed by a school set-up frighteningly different from her previous one, and thirdly to be subjected to an experimental educational technique which was eventually scrapped because it did not work. Basically then, she could not Adjust to all this and simply found herself wanting, installing a long-lasting inferiority complex, not to mention resentment.

One is inclined to think that it is the system that should have Adjusted to the individual here, but the Moon is showing us the soul's course, that River of Your Life, and as such, the reality it encounters at every step or Phase is there to form and conduct its course - just like how the banks of a river contain it. And at this early stage her 'river' was very young, a mere trickle, and so the reality of the 'earth' or material conditions it encountered verily dictated where it has to go. The trickle has to Adjust to the lie of the land. Years later, during her second Emerging Phase and during a whole new lunar cycle, she began to see the significance of these experiences, and to turn the resentment into a justifiable sense of injustice, which in turn fuelled a pledge to help others thus afflicted.

Quite often the need for Adjusting can be 'serial' in its effect. Another, this time an elderly individual was at ten years first fostered out to another family, but then they had to move to a 'not so good' neighbourhood owing to the father of the house going to jail. Then come the third year of this Phase the father returned and made good, moving them upwards again. However, he started drinking and the lady had to cut a very low profile - something against her Leonine nature. Not surprisingly, this woman has been 'Adjusting' all her life because these experiences triggered an innate inclination of hers to fit in with the circumstances, yet all the while her suppressed need to be her own person kept bubbling under and awkwardly asserting itself.

When you are somewhat older the very nature of Adjusting implies several things. Firstly, by now you probably have a number of things going on in your life - like family, a busy work and/or social schedule, ageing parents, etc. - so the chances are that you have not got that much room to manoeuvre. Secondly, there is also the possibility that you are beginning to think you can settle into a comfortable rhythm of life, that you have and know your priorities, that you have a degree of control or authority in your life - so why should you have to Adjust?! The short answer is that this is the way Nature intended it - that human beings should not get too set in their ways just because they've got past a certain age. Our culture's idea of life's progression can very often be at odds with the greater scheme of things.

This preordained need to Adjust which is 'scheduled' by these Phases can be prompted by more or less anything, some self-induced, others apparently beyond one's control. Having an affair can be one method of stirring up your life, to shatter any complacency or emotional inertia that may have crept in. Because this need to Adjust is the agenda, be very careful in how you assess your feelings. Maybe the real Adjustment was needed in your marriage or ongoing relationship, and an affair is just a red herring or a lesson. You find you have to Adjust, whatever the case - so allow yourself to go through the process of doing so, and learn what you need to know as you go, without making any hard and fast decisions until you reach your Realizing Phase which arrives when this Phase finishes.

Then again you may be having to Adjust to a divorce or the demise of a relationship, or your partner having an affair or just being difficult to relate to. But the same 'lunar logic' would apply - keep Adjusting, bending with that wind of change, finding out that you are far more flexible than you thought - or paradoxically, that your Adjustment is one of actually not being so flexible. An Adjusting Phase can be very demanding, but it will only seem impossible if you will not Adjust to the basic fact that you are able to Adjust! Thinking that your life should be free of the need to make Adjustments is what would be asking for the most trouble. 'Bend or break' is the call of the day. Trust your unconscious mind, for it is throwing things at you which will force you into becoming a stronger, better and more capable and aware person. Impress yourself with that famous human aptitude for adapting to circumstances.

Some other classic events that are Nature's or the Moon's way of getting you to Adjust are: having children; reaching a crisis of confidence because your beliefs are not suited to the reality in which you live; losing your job and having to retrain, rethink or go freelance; having to live on less money; experiencing changes in your domestic set-up; health issues; or any curve ball that Fate chooses to

pitch you. They are all in aid of getting you to Adjust, and it won't last forever - unless you refuse to Adjust.

Later in life this Phase may coincide with the conventional time of retirement from routine work, and having to Adjust to that. Or it could take place at the onset of old age, with some definite Adjusting to be done. The physical aspect is often all too obvious with stiff joints, aches and pains, less elasticity, etc. being well-known afflictions even for people who are considerably younger. Diet and exercise, now if not sooner, are what are called for. Additionally however, it is one's psychological condition which greatly dictates your physical one. A rigid attitude creates or worsens a rigid body, and an inactive life on a mental and/or emotional level can cause the body to be inactive too. And if one is closed to new ideas and circumstances then loneliness and uselessness can tip one down the slippery slope.

As ever, a lot depends upon the previous or Deciding Phase, which in this case may have been that of deciding to do something worthwhile, new or renewed with your life. A positive decision to make something out of life with an 'it's never too late' philosophy will have pre-empted any feeling that there is no place in the world for you. What you are mainly Adjusting to at this time is those conventional ideas of getting older, either in the sense of not accepting that you have to withdraw and be less in the land of the living, or, that it smacks of being old and infirm when you have to do such things as other retired people do. Of course, if you do not retire, but carry on with some creative avenue of expression, then none of this would apply, except perhaps for having to Adjust what you are creating or doing so that it is ultimately successful - and to any negative attitudes you might encounter from others simply because they themselves cannot positively Adjust. Whatever age you are while experiencing this Phase, regularly remind yourself: Adjusting is healthy!

~?~ *What important Adjustments were or are being made by you or for you during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship was or is being a call for major Adjustment during this Phase?*

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

Current Event {Rough} occurring around July

Need versus Taste

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Venus

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

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Progressed Sun Flowing With & Against your Natal Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive

Here is a green light for professional advancement or for acting on anything that gives you a higher profile. And if you are not so sure what direction or form this should take, it is very likely that you will receive some sign or guidance with respect to just that. Someone of authority or with influence could enter on your scene, especially if you have been striving for some kind of recognition in the world at large. For all the above reasons, it is possible that home and private life has to take a back seat now. Just be careful not to abandon it completely and become 'top heavy', disregarding what and who supports you emotionally only to find such underpinnings no longer there just when you need them at some later stage.

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Destiny Calling

Progressed Venus Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Head

This can be a very significant time as you are now drawn towards something or someone who is key to the direction your Life River truly wants to take. This can take the classic form of a love interest, or it could be a group of people or a social or artistic interest that exercises an irresistible pull on you. Then again, if that direction your life is supposed to take is for some reason unattractive to you, then you can find yourself resisting that current and going nowhere, and possibly feeling drained into the bargain. Looking at all this another way, if the people and haunts that you are involved with or inhabit seem boring and tired now, or just 'not happening', then this is a sign of the direction your life does NOT want to go! So don't flog a dead horse. This is a time when you can be your own worst enemy if you are not alive to some new interest or direction. And that direction may well be inward as introspection may well be called for; the answer lying within. Overall and quite simply, if something or someone is pulling you in a new direction - follow it!

Life-Stream {River}

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 you 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}

Getting Connected

Moon Progressing through your Third House

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

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

Life-Stream {Banks} changes come January

Bringing It All Back Home

Moon Progressing through your Fourth House

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

During this stretch of the River of Your Life you feel, or need to feel, closer than usual to your roots, family and home-patch - as well as to Nature. You could well find yourself involved with subjects like genealogy or genetics. In effect you are emotionally touching base, giving you a strong sense of 'where you live', both in a literal and symbolic sense. If you find yourself at ease and enjoying the private and natural you, then you can be sure that you are comfortable in your own skin and are happy with where you belong. If however there is disquiet, particularly on the home-front, then it would suggest that you are either stuck in a habit or rut for fear of going out into the world or 'moving on', or that you have some very personal issues that need sorting out - or both - before you can get out and express yourself when your Moon goes into your Fifth House. Until then, you can at times feel that your life has ground to a halt somewhat or, at least, that not much is happening for you, especially in the outer world of profession and society. But your River of Life has naturally arrived at this place along its banks that calls for introspection and nest-building, maybe improving your home with some DIY and redecorating, or even a move to a location more suited to your requirements. However, as in effect it is the force of gravity that has taken you to this low spot with a vibration to match, it could be advisable at times to force yourself out into the world at large so that you do not become too subjective and buried in your own thoughts and feelings. Conversely, be mindful that if you are spending little time 'at home' during this time, it is possible that you are avoiding some home truths. And it important to familiarize yourself with such home truths or deeply ingrained behaviours because they can act as a launch pad for taking off into the more lively and creative realms that lie ahead of you when your Moon progresses through your Fifth House. For now though, this is a time and place where you are immersed in your past and background issues, but ultimately this is the platform upon which your future is founded - so make provision for it now.

Lunar Phase

Adjusting Phase

Progressed Gibbous Moon Lunation

~ now my River finds itself crossing terrain that is rough and uneven ~ cataracts and bogs, weirs and waterfalls ~ and so I keep true to myself by adjusting to these obstacles and hazards ~ and following the line of resistance in this way shows me more and more how to find and go with my own flow ~

This Phase is the strangely named 'Gibbous' Moon which is the Phase before the Full Moon. So during this time we are between the decision that was made in the previous Deciding Phase and the form of what was then set in motion reaching fruition at the Realizing Phase or Full Moon Lunation in several years time. The word 'gibbous' literally means 'hump-backed', so this Phase is like a hump-backed bridge you have to cross in order to attain that peak of Realization.

All this indicates that you have to Adjust your speed and trajectory to negotiate this bridge from the one Phase to the other. It is human nature to feel that once you are past a crucial stage such as the previous Deciding Phase you can relax and free-wheel a bit. But the fact is that this Adjustment has to be made carefully, otherwise, if you are unable or unwilling to do so, you could well 'get the hump' - and as any driver should know, 'free-wheeling' gives you the least control over your vehicle, especially when that is just what's required.

In terms of the events that can characterize this Adjusting Phase you are mainly confronted with a change or changes that demand some kind of acclimatization. Such a change can be quite subtle, and not necessarily externally obvious. Remember that the Moon symbolises our subjective experience of things; what can come and go without hardly being noticed by someone else can be having a major emotional effect upon yourself. And again, like with the Deciding Phase where a decision was apparently made for you, an Adjustment may be made for you, and have long-lasting repercussions. For example, there was a boy who during his first Adjusting Phase was made a prefect at school, only to be demoted a few months later for 'behaviour unbecoming someone in authority'. For many years after this, in order to fit in or make any impression on the world around him, he was forever having to Adjust his radical 'outsider' stance to the demands of the status quo and the authorities that control it.

So what equips you for handling this Phase successfully is firstly, as ever, an awareness and acceptance of there being this necessity to make Adjustments. Following upon this, flexibility and a sense of accommodation are the vital qualities. Conversely, obstinacy or a know-it-all attitude can be fatal - or at least, have you finding that your principles are a lonely place to stand by. During this Phase you can expect to experience any contrast between what you essentially are and the nature of the environment in which you find yourself. Such a contrast can be interpreted as a useful sense of getting the measure of your own character - or as an attack upon it. As a rule, this is not a time to dig your heels in, but paradoxically it is a time to persevere. The difference between the two being that the former can be arrogant rigidity asking for a rocky ride, while the latter is sure enough of its long-term goals to bend enough in order to negotiate that hump rather than just get the hump.

Some kind of change or shift of emphasis at this time creates some need to Adjust your 'natural' inclinations to the set-up in which you find yourself. As ever with the Moon, quite what is meant by 'natural' inclinations is open to question, because whatever they are, you are now possibly faced with a 'when in Rome do as the Romans do' type of situation. But it is the strength of your individuality that is going to be one of two major contributing factors now. How the other individuals that you are currently in the midst of respond to your individualism is going to be the other major contributing factor!

Another example of someone going through an Adjusting Phase at school age was an Aquarian female whose experience at this time was firstly to be bullied in class by some of the other pupils because she looked unusual, secondly to be ridiculed by a school set-up frighteningly different from

her previous one, and thirdly to be subjected to an experimental educational technique which was eventually scrapped because it did not work. Basically then, she could not Adjust to all this and simply found herself wanting, installing a long-lasting inferiority complex, not to mention resentment. One is inclined to think that it is the system that should have Adjusted to the individual here, but the Moon is showing us the soul's course, that River of Your Life, and as such, the reality it encounters at every step or Phase is there to form and conduct its course - just like how the banks of a river contain it. And at this early stage her 'river' was very young, a mere trickle, and so the reality of the 'earth' or material conditions it encountered verily dictated where it has to go. The trickle has to Adjust to the lie of the land. Years later, during her second Emerging Phase and during a whole new lunar cycle, she began to see the significance of these experiences, and to turn the resentment into a justifiable sense of injustice, which in turn fuelled a pledge to help others thus afflicted.

Quite often the need for Adjusting can be 'serial' in its effect. Another, this time an elderly individual was at ten years first fostered out to another family, but then they had to move to a 'not so good' neighbourhood owing to the father of the house going to jail. Then come the third year of this Phase the father returned and made good, moving them upwards again. However, he started drinking and the lady had to cut a very low profile - something against her Leonine nature. Not surprisingly, this woman has been 'Adjusting' all her life because these experiences triggered an innate inclination of hers to fit in with the circumstances, yet all the while her suppressed need to be her own person kept bubbling under and awkwardly asserting itself.

When you are somewhat older the very nature of Adjusting implies several things. Firstly, by now you probably have a number of things going on in your life - like family, a busy work and/or social schedule, ageing parents, etc. - so the chances are that you have not got that much room to manoeuvre. Secondly, there is also the possibility that you are beginning to think you can settle into a comfortable rhythm of life, that you have and know your priorities, that you have a degree of control or authority in your life - so why should you have to Adjust?! The short answer is that this is the way Nature intended it - that human beings should not get too set in their ways just because they've got past a certain age. Our culture's idea of life's progression can very often be at odds with the greater scheme of things.

This preordained need to Adjust which is 'scheduled' by these Phases can be prompted by more or less anything, some self-induced, others apparently beyond one's control. Having an affair can be one method of stirring up your life, to shatter any complacency or emotional inertia that may have crept in. Because this need to Adjust is the agenda, be very careful in how you assess your feelings. Maybe the real Adjustment was needed in your marriage or ongoing relationship, and an affair is just a red herring or a lesson. You find you have to Adjust, whatever the case - so allow yourself to go through the process of doing so, and learn what you need to know as you go, without making any hard and fast decisions until you reach your Realizing Phase which arrives when this Phase finishes.

Then again you may be having to Adjust to a divorce or the demise of a relationship, or your partner having an affair or just being difficult to relate to. But the same 'lunar logic' would apply - keep Adjusting, bending with that wind of change, finding out that you are far more flexible than you thought - or paradoxically, that your Adjustment is one of actually not being so flexible. An Adjusting Phase can be very demanding, but it will only seem impossible if you will not Adjust to the basic fact that you are able to Adjust! Thinking that your life should be free of the need to make Adjustments is what would be asking for the most trouble. 'Bend or break' is the call of the day. Trust your unconscious mind, for it is throwing things at you which will force you into becoming a stronger, better and more capable and aware person. Impress yourself with that famous human aptitude for adapting to circumstances.

Some other classic events that are Nature's or the Moon's way of getting you to Adjust are: having

children; reaching a crisis of confidence because your beliefs are not suited to the reality in which you live; losing your job and having to retrain, rethink or go freelance; having to live on less money; experiencing changes in your domestic set-up; health issues; or any curve ball that Fate chooses to pitch you. They are all in aid of getting you to Adjust, and it won't last forever - unless you refuse to Adjust.

Later in life this Phase may coincide with the conventional time of retirement from routine work, and having to Adjust to that. Or it could take place at the onset of old age, with some definite Adjusting to be done. The physical aspect is often all too obvious with stiff joints, aches and pains, less elasticity, etc. being well-known afflictions even for people who are considerably younger. Diet and exercise, now if not sooner, are what are called for. Additionally however, it is one's psychological condition which greatly dictates your physical one. A rigid attitude creates or worsens a rigid body, and an inactive life on a mental and/or emotional level can cause the body to be inactive too. And if one is closed to new ideas and circumstances then loneliness and uselessness can tip one down the slippery slope.

As ever, a lot depends upon the previous or Deciding Phase, which in this case may have been that of deciding to do something worthwhile, new or renewed with your life. A positive decision to make something out of life with an 'it's never too late' philosophy will have pre-empted any feeling that there is no place in the world for you. What you are mainly Adjusting to at this time is those conventional ideas of getting older, either in the sense of not accepting that you have to withdraw and be less in the land of the living, or, that it smacks of being old and infirm when you have to do such things as other retired people do. Of course, if you do not retire, but carry on with some creative avenue of expression, then none of this would apply, except perhaps for having to Adjust what you are creating or doing so that it is ultimately successful - and to any negative attitudes you might encounter from others simply because they themselves cannot positively Adjust. Whatever age you are while experiencing this Phase, regularly remind yourself: Adjusting is healthy!

~?~ *What important Adjustments were or are being made by you or for you during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship was or is being a call for major Adjustment during this Phase?*

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

Lunar Phase changes to Full come December

Realizing Phase

Progressed Full Moon Lunation

- now my River shows itself to be the formidable body of water that it is - for I have grown and swollen through the trials of rough terrain that preceded this stretch - I truly am a River. Equally, I now Realize what kind of River I am - and in knowing this I may continue on to the sea more sure of my course and nature -

This Phase, being a Full Moon, is symbolic of the maximum illumination of the emotional state of things, and a revelation of what the foregoing period has amounted to. Whereas the New Moon Phase fifteen odd years earlier was the 'seed', this is the 'flower' in full bloom.

So it is the Realizing Phase both in the sense of becoming aware of something, and of something being made real or coming to a point of fruition. This Phase is highly significant because, if we look, we can now get a far clearer idea of what is going on, what we're really up to, and how we're doing. It has to be said that we can be reluctant to look because we fear that what we see might tell us something we did not want to know. But to this it can only be said that genuine astrology is not a subject for ostriches!

Furthermore, if you do see something during this Phase that disturbs you, then hold your gaze a little longer and you will then have revealed to you something very valuable that will better equip you for the future. Admittedly, this is a bit like going for a medical scan - but what you don't know can hurt you. If there is anything festering in your unconscious, now is your chance to spot it, then eradicate or correct it.

Positively speaking, it becomes plain now if you are doing well with whatever your endeavours might be, giving rise to confidence and further success. In any event though, your Realizing Phase should not be regarded as a judgement any more than the Sun itself could be seen as judging any darkness it is dispelling. Apart from this, it is through owning your darker side that you make your brightness shine - for as that poet of ancient days, Danté, said "Take away my Demons and you take away my Angels".

It has to be remembered that the Moon is essentially about your emotional and private life, so do not expect such Realizations always to be material ones, although they can coincide with such events brought about by other planetary influences. Anyway, it is through keeping track of and in touch with your feelings that outer success is made more possible. After all, it is your emotions that motivate you, not ambitions as is commonly believed, for ambitions are the externalization of emotional needs. An example here is of a man just turned forty - while experiencing his second Realizing Phase - for whom it was made evident that the confident image he presented to the world gave the lie to the insecure emotional being behind that image. Most of this came about with the help of a male friend, through a new sexual involvement with a female, and as the result of a belated and vain attempt at bonding with his mother. None of this was easy for him but it was a vital Realization for him in terms of making him infinitely more aware of his inner state, and consequently far more strongly motivated from within regarding his career and social relationships.

So, although a Realizing Phase can be rather exposing - a kind of emotional 'outing' - it does have the advantage of finding out what's in your 'basement'. In there, maybe all you can see at first is the rubbish, but clear some of it away and you can then see and lay claim to something valuable you forgot existed. It also means that you no longer have to hide behind some mask that is possibly suffocating you. In fact, you may find your Realizing Phase so useful and clarifying that it becomes something you wish you had it on tap! So this is a time when certain emotional truths that are relative to your overall state of emotional awareness are shown to you, or at least are begun to be. Such truths can bear upon your life history as a whole, or stem particularly from whatever was happening or you set out to achieve during your Emerging Phase about 15 years before the onset of this Realizing Phase (assuming you were alive then).

How this awareness comes upon you is usually the result of one or usually more emotional confrontations - or even showdowns. As ever, the scenarios that can bring these about are as varied as experience itself, but emotional relationships are the prime ones. It is as if the significant other or others in your life now show themselves to you 'full frontal', as it were. Consequently, the mirror to your own emotional state is now directly opposite you, not at some more oblique angle. In the purest psychological terms, such confrontations and reflections are an excellent opportunity to gain a far clearer idea of where you are coming from emotionally, to see your patterns of behaviour and how they either serve you or give you and others a hard time.

However, in most people's realities there is quite a degree of need and desire involved, so seeing the emotional score for what it actually is can be distorted by those ever present fears and ideals. So although this is a Realizing Phase, the Realizing is in strict proportion to how much you are able or willing to see what is being shown to you. Because of this, the content of such Realization is probably going to unfold over several, even many, years to come. And this will happen despite

whether the relationship that begun or is going on at this time still exists. In fact, in retrospect this time can be viewed as a kind of emotional landmark, a registering of one's most basic and essential emotional make-up. At its most extreme, it is rather like some deep and complex subject which is a lifetime's work and study. In any event, it is probably a good idea to view it this way, for thinking that whatever goes on now is of passing significance could be classed as flippancy at best, or grave emotional denial at worst.

Other areas of focus for such emotional revelation, apart from one-to-one relationships, can be those involving one's parents - especially your mother. Becoming considerably more aware of her influence - or that of any other 'carer' - upon you is what can take place now. Again, what you can draw, learn and benefit from this is entirely up to you. Although by no means a stock expression of this Phase, losing a parent (or anyone close) can obviously act as a powerful emotional awakening. A more deliberate, constructive, and therefore advisable, way of experiencing your Realizing Phase is through some form of therapy, counselling or group-work. If you are intentionally looking for increased emotional and self-awareness, then now is the time to get it.

This period also makes it clear that there is ultimately no side-stepping or rationalizing away what is emotionally on the cards. If there is any music to face, then this is the time you are forced, or at least obliged, to do so. This may entail the 'real world' of external authority or material conditions, or as some health condition, or sometimes very vividly, in your dreams. In fact your dream life could be more than usually active during this Phase as they are your most natural and subjective way of illuminating what is going on deep inside of you that is now bubbling to the surface.

A Realizing Phase is basically about 'contrast' - between what you want and what you have, between what you feel and what you think, between reality and the dream, between yourself and someone or something else. The poet John Keats lived his life according to the principle of contrast because he found that in such a way he became as acutely aware of existence as it is possible to be. This gave rise to some of the most moving and profound poetry ever written, and reading it is recommended to anyone suffering the extremes of emotional life, at this or any other time. That most basic area of contrast - between male and female - is likely to give rise to telling scenarios now. This can even mean getting a clearer idea of your sexual orientation - again, happily or shockingly. Any latent homosexuality may now come to the fore - either confidently or as a confusing contrast between what you are 'supposed' to feel and what you actually feel. However, through being aware of these processes you can diminish, if not wholly overcome, their negative effects.

Another 'sexual scenario' that can arise now in retrospect, or now if you are still a youth, is that of Realizing how one parent or the other saw or sees you either as sexual competition or temptation, or as being sexually significant in some other way. For example, a mother can focus upon her son as being a man, and as more malleable than her husband who she has given up trying to 'reform'. And so a boy can get sexually 'manipulated' into the image of what his mother thinks her ideal male to be - which is probably in sharp distinction to what he is actually like himself. So what he is Realizing here is the contrast between the two versions of himself. But the astrologically significant fact here is that such a 'split' or identity confusion would have been latent at birth; it is just that the Realizing Phase now makes it real. For example, witness a female who, her parents having previously split up, had her father making a love object out of her, but never touching her. So at this time she Realized this was behind her desire to be looked at and admired but not actually touched or got close to.

Another Realization can be a 'read-out' of who or what you started out as - at birth or at your previous Emerging Phase fifteen or so years before the start of this Phase - compared to what you are in the present. If your 'seed' then was that of a 'rose' it shows itself as such during this Realizing Phase, not as a 'daisy' or whatever you might have thought you were. Generally speaking, at this time you get some kind of feedback as to what kind of person you are in truth and in the making. Not

surprisingly, during this Phase differences and conflicts can flare up - confrontations which in themselves can be revealing or illuminating.

This Phase, especially when occurring in later years, can mark a period in your life when some great Realization can be made, brought about by a wealth of experience and an acceptance of life's great mystery as being ultimately positive. If however, cynicism or narrow-mindedness have been allowed to take hold then such a Realization is not going to take place. Instead, such Realization would be seen as 'through a glass darkly', that life was some bad and pointless joke, with only regret and resentment for constant company. A third alternative could be the Realization that life was, after all, not such a negative affair as previously imagined - or simply the Realization that such a negative idea was unacceptable. This in turn could give rise to the first type of Realization, that life is something great and that you are now in a better position than most to appreciate this.

-?- *What important Realizations were or are being made by you or for you during this Phase?*

-?- *What event or relationship was or is aiding some form of Realization during this Phase?*

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around November

Feeling Capable

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Mars

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

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Current Event {Surge} occurring around January

Touching Base

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

This is an important time for you as it plants you precisely where you belong in the sense of immersing you in private and family affairs, along with your most personal sense of origin and background. How welcome this is to you depends on how introspective or sentimental you are as a personality. In any event, this stretch is putting you more in touch with these feelings and the people and things that are associated with such feelings. Possibly this could be seen as a time to establish

where you stand as a person as distinct from what you are out there in the world. And this would serve to ascertain or improve the foundations your outer life stands upon. Also a wonderful time to get involved with genealogy or the planet you live on, that is, the natural world with all its depth and mystery. Quite simply, a time to be in the bosom of your family, which means either your biological one or whatever constitutes such a thing for you. You might feel that things have slowed to a halt at this time, but that is because the River of Your Life is brought you to a place where you are supposed to linger, to smell the roses.

Current Event {Rough} occurring around February

Security versus Freedom

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Uranus

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

Current Event {Rough} occurring around July

Feelings versus Image

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive

How you come across to others at this time is liable to be confused by how you are feeling on the inside. Being too caught up in strictly personal issues can make the impression you give of yourself to others seem either garbled or unstable. A lot of course can depend on what you are actually feeling and how you are dealing with it - which in turn poses how well you know yourself emotionally, and how to handle yourself in this regard. Looked at the other way, trying to maintain an image while hiding how you are feeling - especially from yourself - could be asking for some kind of explosion or outburst later, possibly in a more inconvenient situation.

So the challenge at present is to express your feelings even though they might come out as awkward or embarrassing - but to do this to the right person or people, those who are sympathetic to you, be it a family member, a close friend or a therapist/counsellor. Avoid blurting out your feelings to someone or something that is not in the least interested in where you are at emotionally or privately - like an

official, anyone in authority, or someone who is just downright unsympathetic (which could actually be a family member). In other words, say your piece but pick your audience carefully.

Current Event {Rough} occurring around August

Deeper Darker Waters

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Pluto

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

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

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around September

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.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around October

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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 Nov 2017*

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

Cross Currents

Progressed Sun Flowing Against your Natal Uranus

As the title strongly suggests, you are prone to being pulled this way and that while these Cross Currents persist. One day you are convinced of an opinion, idea or plan of action - the next you are not so sure or some other notion grabs your attention - and then back again to 'plan A'. What is actually going on is a battle between what your ego would like to be doing on the one hand, and what some more idealistic and selfless part of you aspires to on the other. The trouble is that in the mix you can get possessed by some impractical high-flown scheme, impulsively embark on it, only to find that you were chasing the wind. What seemed a good idea evaporates into the cold light of day. Conversely, you can find yourself resisting some radical course of action - or someone with one - simply because it does seem so farfetched and risky. And of course you can oscillate between these two extremes. The simple answer is to closely study the pros and cons with as cool a head as possible, guarding against impulsive decisions on the one hand or being too cautious on the other. It is likely that you will find yourself with one or more 'back to the drawing board' moments, but that might be the only way to tell a brilliant idea from foolish one. At a more psychological level, what is going on is an internal conflict between a part of you that wants change and a part that just wants to stay put. These Cross Currents have you thrashing out a resolution, as you swing between compromise and revolution.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

Ambitions Are Go

Progressed Sun Flowing With & Against your Natal Midheaven - Birth Time Sensitive

Here is a green light for professional advancement or for acting on anything that gives you a higher profile. And if you are not so sure what direction or form this should take, it is very likely that you will receive some sign or guidance with respect to just that. Someone of authority or with influence could enter on your scene, especially if you have been striving for some kind of recognition in the world at large. For all the above reasons, it is possible that home and private life has to take a back seat now. Just be careful not to abandon it completely and become 'top heavy', disregarding what and who supports you emotionally only to find such underpinnings no longer there just when you need them at some later stage.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Mental Conviction

Progressed Mercury Flowing With your Natal Pluto

How you think, perceive and communicate is currently in flow with something profound and powerful, be that your own authenticity or some deep and meaningful subject. In any event, there is something about it that others sit up and take notice of. Alternatively, or additionally, all this could take the form of your being far more intimately in touch with what makes you tick deep down - the nature and workings of your soul and its destiny even! You may also, if you have a mind to, be able to root out hidden or secret information, be able to access something whose significance appeals to

many people. Be aware that there is now, relative to how you are normally, an air of conviction about you, so don't underestimate this or fail to take advantage of it.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Making It Clear

Progressed Mercury Flowing With your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive

You now find that you are able to make it clear to others what you think and feel not just by words or looks, but by a combination of the two. If it's one-to-one communication or public speaking, you are now on better form than usual. For any task or interest that calls for the ability to convey something with conviction and flair, you're the one to enlist or step up to the plate. You also find that the information or contacts you require come your way quite easily.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

In Vogue

Progressed Venus Flowing With your Natal Uranus

Your tastes and sense of what appeals are now in line with what is fashionable or to the fore. You may even find yourself being innovative or avant-garde. And yet this sense will also harmonize itself to what actually is tasteful and attractive and suitable for your age, rather than being inappropriate or shocking. Socially you are also drawn to the new and young, however old you are. At the very least you should feel an ongoing sparkle to your personality and the way you socially interact. As this influence lasts some time you could find your style and the people you mix with changing quite easily as you shift and attune to what you sense has got 'it'. Indeed, it is this readiness to change with the times that has a rejuvenating effect upon you - and those around you too.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

Destiny Calling

Progressed Venus Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Head

This can be a very significant time as you are now drawn towards something or someone who is key to the direction your Life River truly wants to take. This can take the classic form of a love interest, or it could be a group of people or a social or artistic interest that exercises an irresistible pull on you. Then again, if that direction your life is supposed to take is for some reason unattractive to you, then you can find yourself resisting that current and going nowhere, and possibly feeling drained into the bargain. Looking at all this another way, if the people and haunts that you are involved with or inhabit seem boring and tired now, or just 'not happening', then this is a sign of the direction your life does NOT want to go! So don't flog a dead horse. This is a time when you can be your own worst enemy if you are not alive to some new interest or direction. And that direction may well be inward as introspection may well be called for; the answer lying within. Overall and quite simply, if something or someone is pulling you in a new direction - follow it!

Life-Stream {River}

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 you 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}

Bringing It All Back Home

Moon Progressing through your Fourth House

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

During this stretch of the River of Your Life you feel, or need to feel, closer than usual to your roots, family and home-patch - as well as to Nature. You could well find yourself involved with subjects like genealogy or genetics. In effect you are emotionally touching base, giving you a strong sense of 'where you live', both in a literal and symbolic sense. If you find yourself at ease and enjoying the private and natural you, then you can be sure that you are comfortable in your own skin and are happy with where you belong. If however there is disquiet, particularly on the home-front, then it would suggest that you are either stuck in a habit or rut for fear of going out into the world or 'moving on', or that you have some very personal issues that need sorting out - or both - before you can get out and express yourself when your Moon goes into your Fifth House. Until then, you can at times feel that your life has ground to a halt somewhat or, at least, that not much is happening for you, especially in the outer world of profession and society. But your River of Life has naturally arrived at this place along its banks that calls for introspection and nest-building, maybe improving your home with some DIY and redecorating, or even a move to a location more suited to your requirements. However, as in effect it is the force of gravity that has taken you to this low spot with a vibration to match, it could be advisable at times to force yourself out into the world at large so that you do not become too subjective and buried in your own thoughts and feelings. Conversely, be mindful that if you are spending little time 'at home' during this time, it is possible that you are avoiding some home truths. And it is important to familiarize yourself with such home truths or deeply ingrained behaviours because they can act as a launch pad for taking off into the more lively and creative realms that lie ahead of you when your Moon progresses through your Fifth House. For now though, this is a time and place where you are immersed in your past and background issues, but ultimately this is the platform upon which your future is founded - so make provision for it now.

Lunar Phase

Realizing Phase

Progressed Full Moon Lunation

~ now my River shows itself to be the formidable body of water that it is ~ for I have grown and swollen through the trials of rough terrain that preceded this stretch ~ I truly am a River. Equally, I now Realize what kind of River I am ~ and in knowing this I may continue on to the sea more sure of my course and nature ~

This Phase, being a Full Moon, is symbolic of the maximum illumination of the emotional state of things, and a revelation of what the foregoing period has amounted to. Whereas the New Moon Phase fifteen odd years earlier was the 'seed', this is the 'flower' in full bloom.

So it is the Realizing Phase both in the sense of becoming aware of something, and of something being made real or coming to a point of fruition. This Phase is highly significant because, if we look, we can now get a far clearer idea of what is going on, what we're really up to, and how we're doing. It has to be said that we can be reluctant to look because we fear that what we see might tell us something we did not want to know. But to this it can only be said that genuine astrology is not a subject for ostriches!

Furthermore, if you do see something during this Phase that disturbs you, then hold your gaze a little longer and you will then have revealed to you something very valuable that will better equip you for the future. Admittedly, this is a bit like going for a medical scan - but what you don't know can hurt you. If there is anything festering in your unconscious, now is your chance to spot it, then eradicate or correct it.

Positively speaking, it becomes plain now if you are doing well with whatever your endeavours might be, giving rise to confidence and further success. In any event though, your Realizing Phase should not be regarded as a judgement any more than the Sun itself could be seen as judging any darkness it is dispelling. Apart from this, it is through owning your darker side that you make your brightness shine - for as that poet of ancient days, Danté, said "Take away my Demons and you take away my Angels".

It has to be remembered that the Moon is essentially about your emotional and private life, so do not expect such Realizations always to be material ones, although they can coincide with such events brought about by other planetary influences. Anyway, it is through keeping track of and in touch with your feelings that outer success is made more possible. After all, it is your emotions that motivate you, not ambitions as is commonly believed, for ambitions are the externalization of emotional needs. An example here is of a man just turned forty - while experiencing his second Realizing Phase - for whom it was made evident that the confident image he presented to the world gave the lie to the insecure emotional being behind that image. Most of this came about with the help of a male friend, through a new sexual involvement with a female, and as the result of a belated and vain attempt at bonding with his mother. None of this was easy for him but it was a vital Realization for him in terms of making him infinitely more aware of his inner state, and consequently far more strongly motivated from within regarding his career and social relationships.

So, although a Realizing Phase can be rather exposing - a kind of emotional 'outing' - it does have the advantage of finding out what's in your 'basement'. In there, maybe all you can see at first is the rubbish, but clear some of it away and you can then see and lay claim to something valuable you forgot existed. It also means that you no longer have to hide behind some mask that is possibly

suffocating you. In fact, you may find your Realizing Phase so useful and clarifying that it becomes something you wish you had it on tap! So this is a time when certain emotional truths that are relative to your overall state of emotional awareness are shown to you, or at least are begun to be. Such truths can bear upon your life history as a whole, or stem particularly from whatever was happening or you set out to achieve during your Emerging Phase about 15 years before the onset of this Realizing Phase (assuming you were alive then).

How this awareness comes upon you is usually the result of one or usually more emotional confrontations - or even showdowns. As ever, the scenarios that can bring these about are as varied as experience itself, but emotional relationships are the prime ones. It is as if the significant other or others in your life now show themselves to you 'full frontal', as it were. Consequently, the mirror to your own emotional state is now directly opposite you, not at some more oblique angle. In the purest psychological terms, such confrontations and reflections are an excellent opportunity to gain a far clearer idea of where you are coming from emotionally, to see your patterns of behaviour and how they either serve you or give you and others a hard time.

However, in most people's realities there is quite a degree of need and desire involved, so seeing the emotional score for what it actually is can be distorted by those ever present fears and ideals. So although this is a Realizing Phase, the Realizing is in strict proportion to how much you are able or willing to see what is being shown to you. Because of this, the content of such Realization is probably going to unfold over several, even many, years to come. And this will happen despite whether the relationship that begun or is going on at this time still exists. In fact, in retrospect this time can be viewed as a kind of emotional landmark, a registering of one's most basic and essential emotional make-up. At its most extreme, it is rather like some deep and complex subject which is a lifetime's work and study. In any event, it is probably a good idea to view it this way, for thinking that whatever goes on now is of passing significance could be classed as flippancy at best, or grave emotional denial at worst.

Other areas of focus for such emotional revelation, apart from one-to-one relationships, can be those involving one's parents - especially your mother. Becoming considerably more aware of her influence - or that of any other 'carer' - upon you is what can take place now. Again, what you can draw, learn and benefit from this is entirely up to you. Although by no means a stock expression of this Phase, losing a parent (or anyone close) can obviously act as a powerful emotional awakening. A more deliberate, constructive, and therefore advisable, way of experiencing your Realizing Phase is through some form of therapy, counselling or group-work. If you are intentionally looking for increased emotional and self-awareness, then now is the time to get it.

This period also makes it clear that there is ultimately no side-stepping or rationalizing away what is emotionally on the cards. If there is any music to face, then this is the time you are forced, or at least obliged, to do so. This may entail the 'real world' of external authority or material conditions, or as some health condition, or sometimes very vividly, in your dreams. In fact your dream life could be more than usually active during this Phase as they are your most natural and subjective way of illuminating what is going on deep inside of you that is now bubbling to the surface.

A Realizing Phase is basically about 'contrast' - between what you want and what you have, between what you feel and what you think, between reality and the dream, between yourself and someone or something else. The poet John Keats lived his life according to the principle of contrast because he found that in such a way he became as acutely aware of existence as it is possible to be. This gave rise to some of the most moving and profound poetry ever written, and reading it is recommended to anyone suffering the extremes of emotional life, at this or any other time. That most basic area of contrast - between male and female - is likely to give rise to telling scenarios now. This can even mean getting a clearer idea of your sexual orientation - again, happily or shockingly. Any latent

homosexuality may now come to the fore - either confidently or as a confusing contrast between what you are 'supposed' to feel and what you actually feel. However, through being aware of these processes you can diminish, if not wholly overcome, their negative effects.

Another 'sexual scenario' that can arise now in retrospect, or now if you are still a youth, is that of Realizing how one parent or the other saw or sees you either as sexual competition or temptation, or as being sexually significant in some other way. For example, a mother can focus upon her son as being a man, and as more malleable than her husband who she has given up trying to 'reform'. And so a boy can get sexually 'manipulated' into the image of what his mother thinks her ideal male to be - which is probably in sharp distinction to what he is actually like himself. So what he is Realizing here is the contrast between the two versions of himself. But the astrologically significant fact here is that such a 'split' or identity confusion would have been latent at birth; it is just that the Realizing Phase now makes it real. For example, witness a female who, her parents having previously split up, had her father making a love object out of her, but never touching her. So at this time she Realized this was behind her desire to be looked at and admired but not actually touched or got close to.

Another Realization can be a 'read-out' of who or what you started out as - at birth or at your previous Emerging Phase fifteen or so years before the start of this Phase - compared to what you are in the present. If your 'seed' then was that of a 'rose' it shows itself as such during this Realizing Phase, not as a 'daisy' or whatever you might have thought you were. Generally speaking, at this time you get some kind of feedback as to what kind of person you are in truth and in the making. Not surprisingly, during this Phase differences and conflicts can flare up - confrontations which in themselves can be revealing or illuminating.

This Phase, especially when occurring in later years, can mark a period in your life when some great Realization can be made, brought about by a wealth of experience and an acceptance of life's great mystery as being ultimately positive. If however, cynicism or narrow-mindedness have been allowed to take hold then such a Realization is not going to take place. Instead, such Realization would be seen as 'through a glass darkly', that life was some bad and pointless joke, with only regret and resentment for constant company. A third alternative could be the Realization that life was, after all, not such a negative affair as previously imagined - or simply the Realization that such a negative idea was unacceptable. This in turn could give rise to the first type of Realization, that life is something great and that you are now in a better position than most to appreciate this.

~?~ *What important Realizations were or are being made by you or for you during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship was or is aiding some form of Realization during this Phase?*

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

Current Event {Surge} occurring around October

Lunar Return or Emotional Round-Up

Progressed Moon Flowing With & Against your Natal Moon

The profoundly significant stretch of your Life River occurs every twenty-seven and a third years and marks a time to emotionally register and develop whatever you have discovered as most valid about your life and personality so far. This discovery may or may not be conscious. Remember that the Moon is symbolic of the unconscious, so it usually moves you for reasons you do not recognise first of all, that is unless you are particularly in touch with your emotions. Then again, you may think you know where you are going but discover later that your unconscious mind had something else in store for you - or you might get it partly right. But you'll only know for sure what the case is in retrospect, when you notice what is then trying to take shape in your life, or as your life.

However, and it's a big however, unlike the natural world where creatures grow and develop according to a ruthlessly efficient and unbending schedule, we human beings do not. This all has something to do with how we have been reared, for human mothers and fathers vary in efficiency in a way birds and beasts do not. And so at this time our level of security in the world becomes very evident. Personal and family life is therefore most likely to be the focus of concern. During your first Lunar Return at 27-28 years, any children born at this time usually have some significance over and above what is usual. In fact, issues around birth and babies are common now, but they are emotionally unique for each mother or father. However again, just like in the natural world, it would seem that many people have children at this time when they are only just 'grown' themselves. It is therefore not surprising that children born during this time in a parent's life turn out to be a greater than usual responsibility because they are somehow an extension of what still needs nurturing in that parent. It is as if we produce in a child that which is the child in ourselves. This is not unnatural or neurotic, but quite the reverse. Nature uses subtle means to achieve Her ends; any half-decent natural history TV program will show you that! In fact it could be said that at this time, whether we produce children or not, we emerge from the 'chrysalis' of childhood and youth and become adults proper.

Also during the First Lunar Return, certain people, for some reason close to their own soul, choose not to emerge from that 'chrysalis' at all. Rather than shuffle it off, they shuffle off the mortal coil altogether. Famous examples of this are rock icons Brian Jones, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain - all dying within six months of their First Lunar Return (Brian was dead on time, so to speak, at twenty-seven and a third years). We could call these 'Once around the bay' lifetimes, for it seems that this single emotional circuit was sufficient for them to make their point, either to the world or themselves. And yet it would appear from contemporary reports that Brian, Jimi, Jim, Janis and Kurt were rather lost and in between prior to their deaths (like motherless children), and to a lesser extent such an emotional state can characterize this time for any of us. Someone else who made a monumental mark at this point in his life, but then kind of shrivelled up and died not long after, was Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. He didn't so much go 'once around the bay' at twenty-seven and a half, but was the first man to go once around the Earth - just like the Moon! He literally couldn't follow that, being killed in an air crash seven years later.

Here are four more celebrated examples of occurrences around the First Lunar Return - who all just happen to be male and definite fighters for certain causes. Nelson Mandela was appointed as National Secretary of the African National Congress. Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat, co-founded the Al Fatah movement, which was his first step towards becoming Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation during his second Lunar Return. Civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, in his first high profile act concerning civil rights, led a 381 day boycott of Montgomery city buses, which eventually gave birth to his founding a national vehicle for civil rights reform, the S.C.L.C.. John Lennon married Yoko Ono (very much the mother figure to him) and then the Beatles split up.

Now here are three women whose lives took a significant turn right at this time of their lives. Queen Elizabeth II of England was crowned on June 2nd 1953. As the Moon governs womanhood, Elizabeth becoming the country's 'leading lady' and Mother of the Church of England at this time was very much 'on time'. Another, this time theatrical, leading lady, Elizabeth Taylor converted to Judaism. Having lost her third husband Mike Todd in a plane crash the previous year, she felt in dire need of some inner support, and this was her predilection. This little known fact demonstrates how private and personal the Moon's influence can be, even for someone so much in the public eye. Marilyn Monroe married Joe DiMaggio in January 1954. This is sadly significant because, in a way, she had 'come home' in marrying him because he was reputed to be the one male in her life who truly cared about her. He could have given her the lunar protection that she so sorely needed - but glamour and a confused sense of independence tempted her away, and she divorced and left him after being, as it happened, nine months in the womb of his care.

So the First Lunar Return is very much a 'birth and death' kind of time - but obviously the event of a literal death is quite rare. All the same, that caterpillar, that old skin or pupal stage, is what has to die, for hanging on to it would be suffocating (which is what Marilyn, ironically, was feeling in her marriage to Joe). It is all part of the process of 'putting away childish things' - and significantly, the word 'pupa' means 'doll'. It is also an emotional landmark, with home-, nest- and family-building, not to mention marriage, being high on the list of life priorities - but as such it could eventually affect your outer or work life as well.

True to the Moon, home moves are a common expression of breathing some fresh air into your emotional lungs during any Lunar Return, although more so during the First when one is still possibly less settled. And such home moves are not, or should not be, merely a change of address. Most moves at this time involve a shift in career emphasis or life-style too. One possibility is moving into a larger house which can be used as a guest house or for functions of some kind. Conversely, down-sizing to make life simpler or less expensive, and leaving more time for one's inner life, could be the desirable route. Apart from these contingencies, a home move could be forced by some occurrence such as the death of a parent or loved one, illness or divorce/separation. Then again, changes in domestic set-up could be on the cards, as distinct from actually moving.

With the Second Lunar Return at around 54-55 years of age, the important thing is to be alive to the fact that Nature herself does not regard human beings as over the hill just because they have reached their mid-fifties. On the contrary, most that have had the responsibility of parenthood, or elderly parents, are free from it now. If they are not, then their Second Emotional Round-Up is presenting them with a new beginning with respect to such responsibilities. A son or daughter who still needs parental support, or conversely, the parent who needs the (continued) support of one or more of their children, are also possibilities now. It all depends on what the Moon deems fit for you with regard to caring or being cared for.

With the Moon being the Moon, a strong possibility now is that of going, or being taken, to some new level of caring. This could entail embarking upon some course or regimen of healing - for oneself or others, or for anything that is close to your heart. An illness at this time can shift one's priorities or emotional orientation quite dramatically, causing one to review one's old ways and attempt to be more open and tolerant with both yourself and others. In fact, any such illness or complaint at this time could well be ascribed to either a lack of self-care or the insufficient care of others. Any longstanding imbalances in one's system (caused by life-style or habits) really have to be addressed now because the body or mind can no longer take such strain. This is a bit like a vessel that lists heavily to one side being capsized by a bigger wave than usual and/or because its structure is no longer quite as sound or elastic. Notable examples of such capsizing in their mid-fifties are Peter Sellers who died of a heart attack brought on by drug abuse; Humphrey Bogart who died of cancer after years of heavy drinking and smoking; Adolf Hitler killed himself after it finally struck him that he really had got it a bit wrong; and Andy Warhol who died following a gall-bladder operation after what could be described as a rather unnatural and impure mode of living (that part of the body deals with purifying it).

None of the above is there to imply that you will meet such a fate, but your Emotional Round-Ups can act as a heads-up regarding your state of health or somebody else's. It is so important that health and care are put high up on your list of priorities now for the vital reason that this time is supposed to mark a new lease of life for you. It is a time when there is an enormous emotional Surge that can launch you into a new era. This period of your life should be no less than an emotional rebirth! So you don't want your body to let you down now, of all times.

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 Nov 2018*

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Rough}

Cross Currents

Progressed Sun Flowing Against your Natal Uranus

As the title strongly suggests, you are prone to being pulled this way and that while these Cross Currents persist. One day you are convinced of an opinion, idea or plan of action - the next you are not so sure or some other notion grabs your attention - and then back again to 'plan A'. What is actually going on is a battle between what your ego would like to be doing on the one hand, and what some more idealistic and selfless part of you aspires to on the other. The trouble is that in the mix you can get possessed by some impractical high-flown scheme, impulsively embark on it, only to find that you were chasing the wind. What seemed a good idea evaporates into the cold light of day. Conversely, you can find yourself resisting some radical course of action - or someone with one - simply because it does seem so farfetched and risky. And of course you can oscillate between these two extremes. The simple answer is to closely study the pros and cons with as cool a head as possible, guarding against impulsive decisions on the one hand or being too cautious on the other. It is likely that you will find yourself with one or more 'back to the drawing board' moments, but that might be the only way to tell a brilliant idea from foolish one. At a more psychological level, what is going on is an internal conflict between a part of you that wants change and a part that just wants to stay put. These Cross Currents have you thrashing out a resolution, as you swing between compromise and revolution.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Mental Conviction

Progressed Mercury Flowing With your Natal Pluto

How you think, perceive and communicate is currently in flow with something profound and powerful, be that your own authenticity or some deep and meaningful subject. In any event, there is something about it that others sit up and take notice of. Alternatively, or additionally, all this could take the form of your being far more intimately in touch with what makes you tick deep down - the nature and workings of your soul and its destiny even! You may also, if you have a mind to, be able to root out hidden or secret information, be able to access something whose significance appeals to many people. Be aware that there is now, relative to how you are normally, an air of conviction about you, so don't underestimate this or fail to take advantage of it.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Making It Clear

Progressed Mercury Flowing With your Natal Ascendant - Birth Time Sensitive

You now find that you are able to make it clear to others what you think and feel not just by words or looks, but by a combination of the two. If it's one-to-one communication or public speaking, you are now on better form than usual. For any task or interest that calls for the ability to convey something with conviction and flair, you're the one to enlist or step up to the plate. You also find that the information or contacts you require come your way quite easily.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

In Vogue

Progressed Venus Flowing With your Natal Uranus

Your tastes and sense of what appeals are now in line with what is fashionable or to the fore. You may even find yourself being innovative or avant-garde. And yet this sense will also harmonize itself to what actually is tasteful and attractive and suitable for your age, rather than being inappropriate or shocking. Socially you are also drawn to the new and young, however old you are. At the very least you should feel an ongoing sparkle to your personality and the way you socially interact. As this influence lasts some time you could find your style and the people you mix with changing quite easily as you shift and attune to what you sense has got 'it'. Indeed, it is this readiness to change with the times that has a rejuvenating effect upon you - and those around you too.

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

Destiny Calling

Progressed Venus Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Head

This can be a very significant time as you are now drawn towards something or someone who is key to the direction your Life River truly wants to take. This can take the classic form of a love interest, or it could be a group of people or a social or artistic interest that exercises an irresistible pull on you. Then again, if that direction your life is supposed to take is for some reason unattractive to you, then you can find yourself resisting that current and going nowhere, and possibly feeling drained into the bargain. Looking at all this another way, if the people and haunts that you are involved with or inhabit seem boring and tired now, or just 'not happening', then this is a sign of the direction your life does NOT want to go! So don't flog a dead horse. This is a time when you can be your own worst enemy if you are not alive to some new interest or direction. And that direction may well be inward as introspection may well be called for; the answer lying within. Overall and quite simply, if something or someone is pulling you in a new direction - follow it!

Life-Stream {River}

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 you 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 {River} changes come February

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}

Bringing It All Back Home

Moon Progressing through your Fourth House

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

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

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

Lunar Phase

Realizing Phase

Progressed Full Moon Lunation

~ now my River shows itself to be the formidable body of water that it is ~ for I have grown and swollen through the trials of rough terrain that preceded this stretch ~ I truly am a River. Equally, I now Realize what kind of River I am ~ and in knowing this I may continue on to the sea more sure of my course and nature ~

This Phase, being a Full Moon, is symbolic of the maximum illumination of the emotional state of things, and a revelation of what the foregoing period has amounted to. Whereas the New Moon Phase fifteen odd years earlier was the 'seed', this is the 'flower' in full bloom.

So it is the Realizing Phase both in the sense of becoming aware of something, and of something being made real or coming to a point of fruition. This Phase is highly significant because, if we look, we can now get a far clearer idea of what is going on, what we're really up to, and how we're doing. It has to be said that we can be reluctant to look because we fear that what we see might tell us something we did not want to know. But to this it can only be said that genuine astrology is not a subject for ostriches!

Furthermore, if you do see something during this Phase that disturbs you, then hold your gaze a little longer and you will then have revealed to you something very valuable that will better equip you for the future. Admittedly, this is a bit like going for a medical scan - but what you don't know can hurt you. If there is anything festering in your unconscious, now is your chance to spot it, then eradicate or correct it.

Positively speaking, it becomes plain now if you are doing well with whatever your endeavours might be, giving rise to confidence and further success. In any event though, your Realizing Phase should not be regarded as a judgement any more than the Sun itself could be seen as judging any darkness it is dispelling. Apart from this, it is through owning your darker side that you make your brightness shine - for as that poet of ancient days, Danté, said "Take away my Demons and you take away my Angels".

It has to be remembered that the Moon is essentially about your emotional and private life, so do not expect such Realizations always to be material ones, although they can coincide with such events brought about by other planetary influences. Anyway, it is through keeping track of and in touch with your feelings that outer success is made more possible. After all, it is your emotions that motivate you, not ambitions as is commonly believed, for ambitions are the externalization of emotional needs. An example here is of a man just turned forty - while experiencing his second Realizing Phase - for whom it was made evident that the confident image he presented to the world

gave the lie to the insecure emotional being behind that image. Most of this came about with the help of a male friend, through a new sexual involvement with a female, and as the result of a belated and vain attempt at bonding with his mother. None of this was easy for him but it was a vital Realization for him in terms of making him infinitely more aware of his inner state, and consequently far more strongly motivated from within regarding his career and social relationships.

So, although a Realizing Phase can be rather exposing - a kind of emotional 'outing' - it does have the advantage of finding out what's in your 'basement'. In there, maybe all you can see at first is the rubbish, but clear some of it away and you can then see and lay claim to something valuable you forgot existed. It also means that you no longer have to hide behind some mask that is possibly suffocating you. In fact, you may find your Realizing Phase so useful and clarifying that it becomes something you wish you had it on tap! So this is a time when certain emotional truths that are relative to your overall state of emotional awareness are shown to you, or at least are begun to be. Such truths can bear upon your life history as a whole, or stem particularly from whatever was happening or you set out to achieve during your Emerging Phase about 15 years before the onset of this Realizing Phase (assuming you were alive then).

How this awareness comes upon you is usually the result of one or usually more emotional confrontations - or even showdowns. As ever, the scenarios that can bring these about are as varied as experience itself, but emotional relationships are the prime ones. It is as if the significant other or others in your life now show themselves to you 'full frontal', as it were. Consequently, the mirror to your own emotional state is now directly opposite you, not at some more oblique angle. In the purest psychological terms, such confrontations and reflections are an excellent opportunity to gain a far clearer idea of where you are coming from emotionally, to see your patterns of behaviour and how they either serve you or give you and others a hard time.

However, in most people's realities there is quite a degree of need and desire involved, so seeing the emotional score for what it actually is can be distorted by those ever present fears and ideals. So although this is a Realizing Phase, the Realizing is in strict proportion to how much you are able or willing to see what is being shown to you. Because of this, the content of such Realization is probably going to unfold over several, even many, years to come. And this will happen despite whether the relationship that begun or is going on at this time still exists. In fact, in retrospect this time can be viewed as a kind of emotional landmark, a registering of one's most basic and essential emotional make-up. At its most extreme, it is rather like some deep and complex subject which is a lifetime's work and study. In any event, it is probably a good idea to view it this way, for thinking that whatever goes on now is of passing significance could be classed as flippancy at best, or grave emotional denial at worst.

Other areas of focus for such emotional revelation, apart from one-to-one relationships, can be those involving one's parents - especially your mother. Becoming considerably more aware of her influence - or that of any other 'carer' - upon you is what can take place now. Again, what you can draw, learn and benefit from this is entirely up to you. Although by no means a stock expression of this Phase, losing a parent (or anyone close) can obviously act as a powerful emotional awakening. A more deliberate, constructive, and therefore advisable, way of experiencing your Realizing Phase is through some form of therapy, counselling or group-work. If you are intentionally looking for increased emotional and self-awareness, then now is the time to get it.

This period also makes it clear that there is ultimately no side-stepping or rationalizing away what is emotionally on the cards. If there is any music to face, then this is the time you are forced, or at least obliged, to do so. This may entail the 'real world' of external authority or material conditions, or as some health condition, or sometimes very vividly, in your dreams. In fact your dream life could be more than usually active during this Phase as they are your most natural and subjective way of

illuminating what is going on deep inside of you that is now bubbling to the surface.

A Realizing Phase is basically about 'contrast' - between what you want and what you have, between what you feel and what you think, between reality and the dream, between yourself and someone or something else. The poet John Keats lived his life according to the principle of contrast because he found that in such a way he became as acutely aware of existence as it is possible to be. This gave rise to some of the most moving and profound poetry ever written, and reading it is recommended to anyone suffering the extremes of emotional life, at this or any other time. That most basic area of contrast - between male and female - is likely to give rise to telling scenarios now. This can even mean getting a clearer idea of your sexual orientation - again, happily or shockingly. Any latent homosexuality may now come to the fore - either confidently or as a confusing contrast between what you are 'supposed' to feel and what you actually feel. However, through being aware of these processes you can diminish, if not wholly overcome, their negative effects.

Another 'sexual scenario' that can arise now in retrospect, or now if you are still a youth, is that of Realizing how one parent or the other saw or sees you either as sexual competition or temptation, or as being sexually significant in some other way. For example, a mother can focus upon her son as being a man, and as more malleable than her husband who she has given up trying to 'reform'. And so a boy can get sexually 'manipulated' into the image of what his mother thinks her ideal male to be - which is probably in sharp distinction to what he is actually like himself. So what he is Realizing here is the contrast between the two versions of himself. But the astrologically significant fact here is that such a 'split' or identity confusion would have been latent at birth; it is just that the Realizing Phase now makes it real. For example, witness a female who, her parents having previously split up, had her father making a love object out of her, but never touching her. So at this time she Realized this was behind her desire to be looked at and admired but not actually touched or got close to.

Another Realization can be a 'read-out' of who or what you started out as - at birth or at your previous Emerging Phase fifteen or so years before the start of this Phase - compared to what you are in the present. If your 'seed' then was that of a 'rose' it shows itself as such during this Realizing Phase, not as a 'daisy' or whatever you might have thought you were. Generally speaking, at this time you get some kind of feedback as to what kind of person you are in truth and in the making. Not surprisingly, during this Phase differences and conflicts can flare up - confrontations which in themselves can be revealing or illuminating.

This Phase, especially when occurring in later years, can mark a period in your life when some great Realization can be made, brought about by a wealth of experience and an acceptance of life's great mystery as being ultimately positive. If however, cynicism or narrow-mindedness have been allowed to take hold then such a Realization is not going to take place. Instead, such Realization would be seen as 'through a glass darkly', that life was some bad and pointless joke, with only regret and resentment for constant company. A third alternative could be the Realization that life was, after all, not such a negative affair as previously imagined - or simply the Realization that such a negative idea was unacceptable. This in turn could give rise to the first type of Realization, that life is something great and that you are now in a better position than most to appreciate this.

~?~ *What important Realizations were or are being made by you or for you during this Phase?*

~?~ *What event or relationship was or is aiding some form of Realization during this Phase?*

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around December

Positive Waves

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Jupiter

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around March

Steady As You Flow

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Saturn

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around April

Sense and Sensibility

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Mercury

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

Current Event {Rough} occurring around June

Feeling Energized or Angry

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Mars

You need to tell yourself that you are probably not going to be able to keep things comfortable and nice at this particular spot along the River of Your Life. This is because more aggressive or angry feelings are somehow brought to the surface. Chances are such hard feelings will have their origins in the past when you didn't assert yourself or get your own way for some reason. Now they are representing themselves in some form or other, be it with a person, object or even an animal wanting their way over yours. If you are the passive type, it could be someone just being angry or pushy with you - but this would be simply them taking advantage of you for being so easily pushed - and this Current Event is rubbing in this weakness. Conversely, if you are usually the pushy type then this could find you in a situation where push comes to shove - somebody or something pushes back. If you are normally passive and compliant though, this should make you the one who is doing the pushing back. It could be a time to redress the balance of power in a certain relationship or relationships. Then again, there could well be a judgement call needed, which means the necessity of counting to ten before you say or do anything - whether you're pushed or pushy - because fighting could become nastier than was bargained for.

But unless some kind of submission is a necessity in the face of a 'superior force', sitting on your own hard feelings is also to be avoided. This could be seen as a time to get in touch with your 'raw energies' ('not nice' or 'not allowed' in some people's books) and convert them into useful, assertive and effective acts, moves or statements. A sign that you are (still) sitting on those harder Martian energies would, naturally enough, be your feeling actually lacking in energy. Girding your loins and summoning up some courage, on the other hand, will release energies you didn't know you had. But in any event, try to make whatever you do a positive response rather than a hasty reaction.

Current Event {Surge} occurring around July

Encountering Old Ties

Progressed Moon Flowing With & Against your Dragon's Tail

Something can now thrust you forward or tug you back. It all depends on whether what or who you are now involved with acts as something tried and true that has a valid and useful role in your pursuing the course the River of Your Life is wanting to take, or, if it is just a case of old haunts and the devil you know preventing you from going in that very direction. As if to reflect this Surge you are quite likely to run into one or more people that figured in your past - be it in this life or even a previous one; the question being does this pose a forward or backward step?

So at this time you can either find yourself in a backwater or where there is some positive rush from somewhere way back when. This could literally or figuratively take the form of finding someone or something you'd lost or long-forgotten. Would you clasp it to your breast or throw it back in the water? As ever, all of this could just manifest internally as old habits and attitudes surfacing, presenting themselves to be jettisoned so you can travel lighter on down the River of Your Life.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around August

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.

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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.

Blessed Be

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