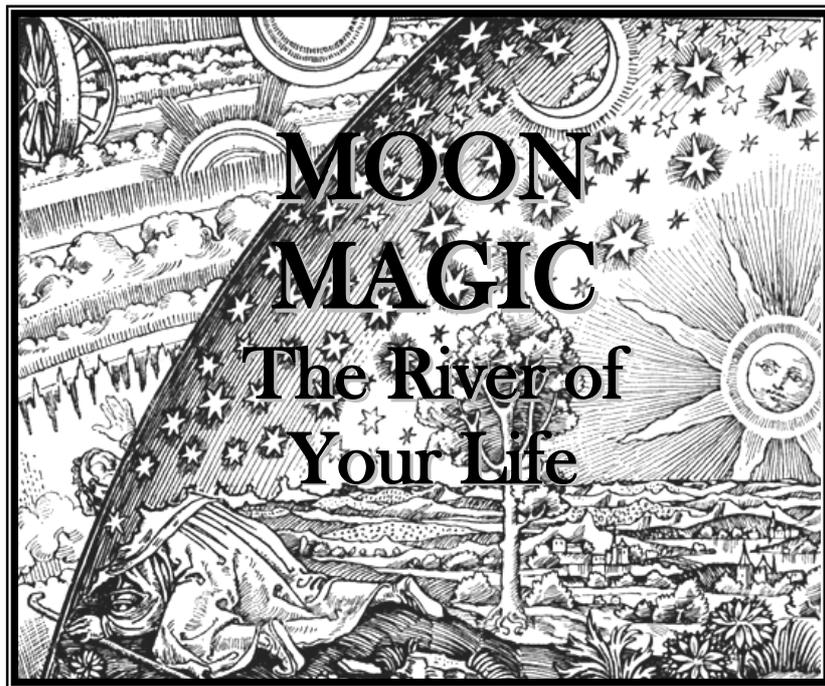


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Symbol Key

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

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Progressions for year commencing 1 Jan 2015

MOON MAGIC ~ The River of Your Life

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

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

The Astrological Moon

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

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

Another natural fact is that the human body is on average 60% water, and the brain is 75% water. So it follows that the Moon, which creates the tides of the sea, also affects us. Another fact is that the

make-up of your body is constantly changing, so in effect you could say that as a 'body of water' you are more like a river than, say, a pool. You are a river ~ ever flowing, ever changing. You are, quite literally, a Stream of Consciousness.

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

Current Events~Surges, Rough & Smooth

I went down to the River

And watched it Flowing there

I thought 'Nobody ever Told me

I was going anywhere'

So I Jumped right in the River

To let it Take me where it Wends

To Ride the Rough, and Glide the Smooth,

To love its Surges and its Bends

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

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

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

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

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

Periods of Influence - Supra-Lunar Current Events and Current Events involving Progressed Planets influencing your Moon can be seen as lasting until the end of the twelvemonth period of the report - or beyond if seen to repeat in the following twelvemonth report. Also they may or may not have been active before the report period began. Progressed Moon influences, given towards the end of your Moon Magic twelvemonth report, will last approximately a month each side of the month or months given for the influence being active.

Life-Stream~River & Banks

*I'm Swimming in the River ~
With the River ~
Swimming in Me ~*

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

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

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

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

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

Lunar Phases

*As the Tides Ebb and Flow
So Will the Living Thing
A Feather from a Seagull's Wing
Could Tell you So*

You were born at one of the eight Phases of the Moon, which is called your personal Lunation, your inborn basic emotional inclination. But this is just a part of a whole cycle, the Progressed Lunation Cycle, which lasts 29-30 years, revealing to you the important Phases that you go through in terms of where you have got to in this cycle and how to be in rhythm with it. The eight Phases or Progressed Lunations are listed below, each lasting 3 to 4 years, with one of them being your own personal Lunation which will repeat at around every 26-30 years depending how far into that Phase you were

born in the first place. {You would have to have a Moon Magic report from your birth to find out what this, your personal Lunation, is, or discover it some other way}.

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

1. New Moon Lunation ~ Emerging Phase
2. Crescent Moon Lunation ~ Striving Phase
3. Waxing Half Moon Lunation ~ Deciding Phase
4. Gibbous Moon Lunation ~ Adjusting Phase

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

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

Notes on Duration

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

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

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

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

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The River of Your Life *for year commencing 1 Jan 2015 AD Thu*

The Magic of Your River

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

Flow River Flow ~~~

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

Déjà Vu?

Progressed Mercury Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Tail

You may find that you hook up with someone or something that you have been involved with before - or that is how it feels, pointing to the possibility of it originating from a past life. Déjà vu at least! What you have to watch out for however is getting stuck in something that feels familiar but is really just going over old ground. This might prove interesting, but there is an element of backward-looking in the air which could confuse or delay your forward intentions.

Current Event {Smooth}

Harmonious Feelings

Progressed Venus Flowing With your Natal Moon

Here the River of Your Life takes on a particularly female feel and flavour. This means that the current is gentle and passive as opposed to being dynamic and forcing activity. This can be so much so that the benefits of this Current Event may not be fully appreciated or hardly noticed at all. This can especially be the case if you are the proactive type, in which case you may well find yourself in the presence of more passive and gentle types of people, as if the River is trying to make a point! The classic female qualities of being emotionally aware and expressive are to the fore during this time. You are, relatively speaking, more abiding and harmonizing with whatever else is happening within and around you. For similar reasons, you should find that obstacles are better gone around than contended with along this stretch of your River - or it is recommended that you take this evasive course rather than a confrontational one. An element of softness and empathy pervades your interior

being or is experienced externally, or both. For example, this can bring peace and beauty into your life, very possibly in your home. Consequently this is a good time for redecorating or home entertaining. A sense of harmony and sociability rules; feelings can be sensed and expressed more easily than usual. In general, positive women and relationships with them are indicated now.

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

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

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

Pleasure Is What Pleases

Progressed Venus Flowing With your Natal Venus

Presently you are in harmony with yourself, at least as much as you can be. If you have any degree of artistic flair then you now find it enhanced, that it comes easier - notwithstanding any disharmonious or inhibiting influences. Your sense of pleasure and what pleases you is strong, and so you are also more likely to attract occasions and people that please you - love you, even. Your charm factor goes up a notch or two. Likewise, you sense what pleases others, and this adds to the good vibes that this aspect can bring.

Quite simply, you have a clearer sense or idea of what you like and therefore what you are good at. Consequently, if you take advantage of this time you can get on a roll socially and/or creatively. All of this amounts to a time when you like yourself more than usual. You get to know your appeal.

Life-Stream {River}

Feeling or Needing Stability

Moon Progressing through Taurus

~ now I feel slower and heavier within myself ~ enjoying the steadiness and stability that this brings and engenders ~ drawing towards me the natural and wholesome, the traditional and earthy ~ I take my time as I feel the organic rightness of an unhurried pace ~ I feel that all things good will manifest in due course ~ I savour each moment for its stillness, its docility, its peacefulness born of feeling in tune with the way of Nature ~ I sense my innate creativity and craft, my pure sensuality and true worth, as the earth and water singing in my body and soul ~

Along this stretch of the River of Your Life you are drawn to your more down-to-earth nature. You cherish things and people that are practical and have sound value and values. You are likely to attract such types, which you may, according to your own basic temperament, find either too slow and limited in their outlook and behaviour, or reassuring and comforting as they provide what you need at

a basic physical and material level. Creature comforts and pleasures of the flesh are things that you may well attract and be attracted to during this period. This is a time to feel at one with your body and its needs, and to get good value for money as your sense of these things should be more present than usual. You may find yourself involved with people who have the qualities of Taurus the Bull in their make-up, like having the Sun or Moon in this Sign. You may or may not find these qualities attractive, or possess them yourself, but they are what presently constitute the 'mood of the moment', so embrace them as much as you can for they comprise the natural way of things. Practical and productive activities and pastimes are what benefit you now. Any stubbornness or reluctance to change would, if in yourself, be signs that you were overdoing the need for stability, or, if present in somebody else, would be saying that you were not appreciating that need for stability enough.

Life-Stream {Banks}

Transformation or Bust

Moon Progressing through your Eighth House

~ now my Life-Stream encounters opportunities to be more deeply involved with the Life-Stream itself ~ it is as if the banks draw in closer ~ making a deeper furrow in the river-bed ~ drawing me down and in ~ there may loom fears of being sucked down by the current and the reeds ~ yet these depths are only a reflection of my own deeper fears and desires ~ and so I sense the inevitability of it all in the knowledge that deep changes need to take place ~ and so I fear not ~ I take a deep breath and a deep plunge in the faith that my depths are where my Inner Dwelling Being resides ~ and my Inner Dwelling Being is where my power lies ~

What more than tends to preoccupy you now are matters of intimacy and anyone you have intense feelings about, or anything in which you are heavily invested. This can be a stretch when you connect with the deeper, more soulful, you - and how it merges (or not) with someone else. And you may need to be aware of the difference between what belongs to you and what belongs to someone else. Closely sharing things, be it a bank account or body fluids, can exercise a strong pull at any time because they give us a feeling of being part of a meaningful union rather than something lighter or superficial. If you think you can take such things lightly or for granted, then the place or places in which you presently find yourself will prove you seriously wrong. Circumstances conspire to ensure that you are either firmly 'in' or 'out', whether it is a personal relationship or a business one. This is not a place for half-measures or shilly-shallying. Consequently, there can be a 'crisis in the making' while you travel between these Banks because push comes to shove where any commitment - or the want of it - is concerned. All this poses that you or the other party - or more likely both of you - have to radically change in some way in order for a real merging to take place. The Eighth House is also the house of death, which does not mean to say that this will literally happen to anyone - but in certain cases it could - but rather that there has to be the 'death' of an old way of being and behaving for that close union or agreement to occur. The Eighth is a 'heavy' House because it demands some kind of transformation, some kind of ending for a new beginning. On another level circumstances could find you being drawn into another kind of depth and commitment which is the occult or hidden side of life. So involvement with subjects such as shamanism, the astral plane or magic is a possibility.

Life-Stream {Banks} changes come December

Expanding Horizons

Moon Progressing through your Ninth House

- the crisis of merging now recedes behind me and the Stream is freed on to the open plain where it runs wide and majestic - upon both banks may be seen sweeping vistas of opportunity and adventure which I am called to take up and explore - and so as my Life-Stream proceeds it gathers many experiences that allow me to learn and teach - teach and learn -

Released from what may well have been critical and pressuresome events and relationships that were sometimes the lot of previously progressing though your Eighth House, you are now inclined to lust after whatever has a sense of freedom and exploration about it, to invest in subjects and experiences that further your mind or take you outside of your usual environment. Learning a new subject or going on some significant journey would fit the bill here, as would encountering other cultures. Alternatively, you could find your mind turning inward to philosophical or religious matters. Generally this a positive time as you tend to see life for the adventure that it is - or at least, you are advised to! However, because you are more inclined to take risks now as the River of Life calls you on to far-flung horizons, there is a danger of disappointment as what you find turns out to be less than you expected, and doubt and cynicism can descend (again). The answer to this is to bear in mind that what you are after is around the next bend, and that if you are seeking then this has to be recognized as an endless quest, with the journey always being better than any arrival - or rather every moment is an arrival at what you were seeking all along.

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.

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Current Event {Surge} occurring around March

Destiny Calling

Progressed Moon Flowing With & Against your Dragon's Head

Here you now have something pushing or pulling you in the right direction - the direction of your destiny, no less. How much you go with or against this is entirely down to you, depending on how aware you are of your true path in life, as against labouring under some kind of illusion as to why you are living on this mysterious planet. So this time could be exhilarating or turbulent, a time of progress as you let the current take you, or of time wasted going against the current of your Life River. Being alive to the right and wrong signs is critical now - something which is simply according to the Zodiacal Signs of your Dragon's Head (where you are going and the Sign through which your Moon is now progressing) and Dragon's Tail (where you came from and the opposite Sign through which your Moon is now progressing) - so check this out. Emphasize and go with the former, resist and steer away from the latter, tempting though it is to plump for that soft option, the devil you know. However, there may be the necessity of a detour as you need to 'go back for something' and navigate retrogressively, but be careful not to be caught in an 'eddy'.

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around May

Flowing Powerfully On

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Pluto

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

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

Current Event {Rough} occurring around July

Foggy River

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Neptune

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

could suck you down.

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

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.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around November

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.

Flowing Forever On ~

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

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

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

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The River of Your Life *for year commencing 1 Jan 2016*

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

Déjà Vu?

Progressed Mercury Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Tail

You may find that you hook up with someone or something that you have been involved with before - or that is how it feels, pointing to the possibility of it originating from a past life. Déjà vu at least! What you have to watch out for however is getting stuck in something that feels familiar but is really just going over old ground. This might prove interesting, but there is an element of backward-looking in the air which could confuse or delay your forward intentions.

Life-Stream {River}

Feeling or Needing Stability

Moon Progressing through Taurus

~ now I feel slower and heavier within myself ~ enjoying the steadiness and stability that this brings and engenders ~ drawing towards me the natural and wholesome, the traditional and earthy ~ I take my time as I feel the organic rightness of an unhurried pace ~ I feel that all things good will manifest in due course ~ I savour each moment for its stillness, its docility, its peacefulness born of feeling in tune with the way of Nature ~ I sense my innate creativity and craft, my pure sensuality and true worth, as the earth and water singing in my body and soul ~

Along this stretch of the River of Your Life you are drawn to your more down-to-earth nature. You cherish things and people that are practical and have sound value and values. You are likely to attract such types, which you may, according to your own basic temperament, find either too slow and limited in their outlook and behaviour, or reassuring and comforting as they provide what you need at a basic physical and material level. Creature comforts and pleasures of the flesh are things that you may well attract and be attracted to during this period. This is a time to feel at one with your body and its needs, and to get good value for money as your sense of these things should be more present than usual. You may find yourself involved with people who have the qualities of Taurus the Bull in their make-up, like having the Sun or Moon in this Sign. You may or may not find these qualities attractive, or possess them yourself, but they are what presently constitute the 'mood of the moment', so embrace them as much as you can for they comprise the natural way of things. Practical and productive activities and pastimes are what benefit you now. Any stubbornness or reluctance to change would, if in yourself, be signs that you were overdoing the need for stability, or, if present in somebody else, would be saying that you were not appreciating that need for stability enough.

Life-Stream {River} changes come April

Feeling Connected

Moon Progressing through Gemini

- the Stream now divides and criss-crosses with other streams - and as it does so I bubble and froth with the diversity of Life and the amusement and knowledge that it brings - and when the flow is strong I tirelessly make more and more connections - informing and delighting myself and others - and if the flow is weak I allow myself to slow down a little so I might appreciate my multi-faceted expression of

the Life-Stream's possibilities -

Life now picks up the pace and you experience a lightness to the way you think and feel. There seems to be more that catches your interest, tickles your curiosity and flirts with whatever it is inside of you that promises to add a sparkle to your life. You are more aware of the duality of life at present, as you see readily notice that for every up there's a down, that there is no true play without work, that it always takes two to tango, that there is always one thing and another, etc, etc. The need to reach out and communicate is strong now, and if it is not then you need to make the effort to do so, otherwise you could feel restless and isolated. This really is a time to make friends with the world. Above all it is a time when you best appreciate the saying 'Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone'. If in doubt, then deliberately break into a laugh for you will be surprised and the difference it makes. This is also a good time to keep a journal of your thoughts and feelings. This will help you catch the humour of life, and make connections within yourself that could turn into to something really quite creative.

Life-Stream {Banks}

Expanding Horizons

Moon Progressing through your Ninth House

~ the crisis of merging now recedes behind me and the Stream is freed on to the open plain where it runs wide and majestic ~ upon both banks may be seen sweeping vistas of opportunity and adventure which I am called to take up and explore ~ and so as my Life-Stream proceeds it gathers many experiences that allow me to learn and teach ~ teach and learn ~

Released from what may well have been critical and pressuresome events and relationships that were sometimes the lot of previously progressing though your Eighth House, you are now inclined to lust after whatever has a sense of freedom and exploration about it, to invest in subjects and experiences that further your mind or take you outside of your usual environment. Learning a new subject or going on some significant journey would fit the bill here, as would encountering other cultures. Alternatively, you could find your mind turning inward to philosophical or religious matters. Generally this a positive time as you tend to see life for the adventure that it is - or at least, you are advised to! However, because you are more inclined to take risks now as the River of Life calls you on to far-flung horizons, there is a danger of disappointment as what you find turns out to be less than you expected, and doubt and cynicism can descend (again). The answer to this is to bear in mind that what you are after is around the next bend, and that if you are seeking then this has to be recognized as an endless quest, with the journey always being better than any arrival - or rather every moment is an arrival at what you were seeking all along.

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.

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Lunar Phase changes to Full come September

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.

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Current Event {Rough} occurring around January

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Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Mars

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Current Event {Smooth} occurring around May

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 May

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 October

Emotionally Attuned

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Moon

This a marvellous time for being or getting in touch with your whole lunar nature, with the River of Your Life and where it's coming from, where it is, and where it's going to. Your feelings are in tune with themselves. During this period it is a good practice to just pause every so often to savour and observe just what it is that is giving you this feeling of emotional attunement, of feeling alright with the world. The degree to which this is the case is of course relative to how in or out of touch you

usually are with your feelings, but in any event by doing this savouring and observing you can greatly improve the quality of your emotional life. Such would include any emotional relationship, family, domestic matters, your past and any significant females in your life, very possibly including your mother, or yourself as a mother. In fact, whether you are male or female, the feminine qualities of life - such as feeling values, empathy, care, intuition and receptivity - are now to the fore. For the same reason, you can trust your gut feelings and hunches more than usual - especially regarding what is the safest or most comfortable route or stance to currently adopt. All in all, this stretch of the River of Your Life should be a good one, or at the very least it will ameliorate any harsher influences or incidents as you are able to navigate the optimum course through or around them.

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around November

Pleasant Feelings, Good Vibes

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Venus

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

Flowing Forever On ~

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

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

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

Blessed Be

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The River of Your Life *for year commencing 1 Jan 2017*

Supra-Lunar Current Event {Surge}

Déjà Vu?

Progressed Mercury Flowing With & Against your Natal Dragon's Tail

You may find that you hook up with someone or something that you have been involved with before - or that is how it feels, pointing to the possibility of it originating from a past life. Déjà vu at least! What you have to watch out for however is getting stuck in something that feels familiar but is really just going over old ground. This might prove interesting, but there is an element of backward-looking in the air which could confuse or delay your forward intentions.

Life-Stream {River}

Feeling Connected

Moon Progressing through Gemini

~ the Stream now divides and criss-crosses with other streams ~ and as it does so I bubble and froth with the diversity of Life and the amusement and knowledge that it brings ~ and when the flow is strong I tirelessly make more and more connections ~ informing and delighting myself and others ~ and if the flow is weak I allow myself to slow down a little so I might appreciate my multi-faceted expression of the Life-Stream's possibilities ~

Life now picks up the pace and you experience a lightness to the way you think and feel. There seems to be more that catches your interest, tickles your curiosity and flirts with whatever it is inside of you that promises to add a sparkle to your life. You are more aware of the duality of life at present, as you see readily notice that for every up there's a down, that there is no true play without work, that it always takes two to tango, that there is always one thing and another, etc, etc. The need to reach out and communicate is strong now, and if it is not then you need to make the effort to do so, otherwise you could feel restless and isolated. This really is a time to make friends with the world. Above all it is a time when you best appreciate the saying 'Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone'. If in doubt, then deliberately break into a laugh for you will be surprised and the difference it makes. This is also a good time to keep a journal of your thoughts and feelings. This will help you catch the humour of life, and make connections within yourself that could turn into to something really quite creative.

Life-Stream {Banks}

Expanding Horizons

Moon Progressing through your Ninth House

~ the crisis of merging now recedes behind me and the Stream is freed on to the open plain where it runs wide and majestic ~ upon both banks may be seen sweeping vistas of opportunity and adventure which I am called to take up and explore ~ and so as my Life-Stream proceeds it gathers many experiences that allow me to learn and teach ~ teach and learn ~

Released from what may well have been critical and pressuresome events and relationships that were sometimes the lot of previously progressing though your Eighth House, you are now inclined to lust

after whatever has a sense of freedom and exploration about it, to invest in subjects and experiences that further your mind or take you outside of your usual environment. Learning a new subject or going on some significant journey would fit the bill here, as would encountering other cultures. Alternatively, you could find your mind turning inward to philosophical or religious matters. Generally this a positive time as you tend to see life for the adventure that it is - or at least, you are advised to! However, because you are more inclined to take risks now as the River of Life calls you on to far-flung horizons, there is a danger of disappointment as what you find turns out to be less than you expected, and doubt and cynicism can descend (again). The answer to this is to bear in mind that what you are after is around the next bend, and that if you are seeking then this has to be recognized as an endless quest, with the journey always being better than any arrival - or rather every moment is an arrival at what you were seeking all along.

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.

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Current Event {Smooth} occurring around June 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 {Rough} occurring around September

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 {Rough} occurring around November

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".

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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".

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The River of Your Life *for year commencing 1 Jan 2018*

Current Event {Smooth}

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Now your conscious intentions and efforts coincide and harmonize with your feelings and whatever environment or area of endeavour you are involved in. This is basically fortunate for it means that in terms of where and how you presently are along the River of Your Life, you are swimming in time and in tune with the current itself. You are 'in the swim' of things, and consequently you are inclined to meet with success in both personal and professional realms. Your health is also set to improve as you are inclined to synchronize your mind with your body and feelings, something which is fundamentally what wellbeing is all about.

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Supra-Lunar Current Event {Smooth}

The Art of Living

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Venus

This stretch of your Life River is full of opportunities to improve your love and social life. At the same time you are more easily able to lay your hand on anything that appeals to you, and to find the wherewithal to pay for such things. In effect, you are now particularly in tune what pleases you and also pleases others. Your sense of social harmony is good and artistic ability is well-starred. Depending on your usual capabilities in these areas of life, you can charm the birds out of the trees or at least build bridges where hitherto there were divisions. This is great time to enjoy or improve the art of living.

Life-Stream {River}

Feeling Connected

Moon Progressing through Gemini

~ the Stream now divides and criss-crosses with other streams ~ and as it does so I bubble and froth with the diversity of Life and the amusement and knowledge that it brings ~ and when the flow is strong I tirelessly make more and more connections ~ informing and delighting myself and others ~ and if the flow is weak I allow myself to slow down a little so I might appreciate my multi-faceted expression of the Life-Stream's possibilities ~

Life now picks up the pace and you experience a lightness to the way you think and feel. There seems to be more that catches your interest, tickles your curiosity and flirts with whatever it is inside of you that promises to add a sparkle to your life. You are more aware of the duality of life at present, as you see readily notice that for every up there's a down, that there is no true play without work, that it always takes two to tango, that there is always one thing and another, etc, etc. The need to

reach out and communicate is strong now, and if it is not then you need to make the effort to do so, otherwise you could feel restless and isolated. This really is a time to make friends with the world. Above all it is a time when you best appreciate the saying 'Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone'. If in doubt, then deliberately break into a laugh for you will be surprised and the difference it makes. This is also a good time to keep a journal of your thoughts and feelings. This will help you catch the humour of life, and make connections within yourself that could turn into to something really quite creative.

Life-Stream {River} changes come July

Nurturing Waters

Moon Progressing through Cancer

- now my Life-Stream returns me to feeling the very essence of being the River that it is and that I am - and so I am drawn to those people and things that I genuinely care about - and I include myself in this caring - I cherish and nurture all feelings that give me a sense of belonging and continuity - I gather my family about me, be they my blood or my closest friends - I accommodate and protect all of these dear people - I relish the sentiments that they and the memories of them evoke - but I never allow myself to be sucked in or down by such sentiments - I wear them lightly like floating down the River - in this way I avoid blindly reacting to anything or anyone that disturbs my natural course and rhythm, my moods and broodings - my River is my Home - my River is my Home and I welcome into it only those people and feelings that do credit to me as an emotional being -

Along this stretch of the River of Your Life you are drawn to anything or anyone, possibly Cancerian in nature, that gives you a strong sense of where and to what you belong, what you feel at home with, what gives you a familial bond. Of necessity this may bring up feelings from the past which are not pleasant feelings. But all the same, they are your history and roots - the very things that give you that sense of belonging. Emotional security is a strange animal in that we often experience much pain and discomfort in the name of seeking and maintaining it. The important thing to remember is that by staying with the feelings, good and bad, your River takes you where you are bound - and you are bound for 'home' when all is said and done. But blood is thicker than water, so be sure not to be drowned by it! In other words, a limit has to be set on how much you tolerate in the name of familiarity and security. For example, there is only one letter's difference between 'mother' and 'smother'. So as you progress down this particularly emotional reach of your River, be sure to keep your head above water and not let anyone, including yourself, sink you through emotional blackmail or laying any guilt trips on you. Remember you are being taken Home by your River, in the best sense of that word, and it is a certainty that eventually you will get there.

Life-Stream {Banks}

Expanding Horizons

Moon Progressing through your Ninth House

~ the crisis of merging now recedes behind me and the Stream is freed on to the open plain where it runs wide and majestic ~ upon both banks may be seen sweeping vistas of opportunity and adventure which I am called to take up and explore ~ and so as my Life-Stream proceeds it gathers many experiences that allow me to learn and teach ~ teach and learn ~

Released from what may well have been critical and pressuresome events and relationships that were sometimes the lot of previously progressing though your Eighth House, you are now inclined to lust after whatever has a sense of freedom and exploration about it, to invest in subjects and experiences that further your mind or take you outside of your usual environment. Learning a new subject or going on some significant journey would fit the bill here, as would encountering other cultures.

Alternatively, you could find your mind turning inward to philosophical or religious matters. Generally this a positive time as you tend to see life for the adventure that it is - or at least, you are advised to! However, because you are more inclined to take risks now as the River of Life calls you on to far-flung horizons, there is a danger of disappointment as what you find turns out to be less than you expected, and doubt and cynicism can descend (again). The answer to this is to bear in mind that what you are after is around the next bend, and that if you are seeking then this has to be recognized as an endless quest, with the journey always being better than any arrival - or rather every moment is an arrival at what you were seeking all along.

Life-Stream {Banks} changes come September

Success & Recognition

Moon Progressing through your Tenth House

- my Life-Stream having recently become full now meets or finds itself in circumstances which make me feel the need to be more recognized and appreciated by the world at large, to be more myself in the sphere of career and public status - any feelings of not being genuinely myself grate uncomfortably and make me feel off-course with my Life-Stream - at the same time feelings and insecurities I have within myself are made more obvious than usual by the effect the outside material world has upon me - as if hemmed in by the steep cliffs of earthly conditions - so as I flow along I sense that how I feel about myself has everything to do with how successful I am in my professional or public life - my strong points attract success - my weak ones attract failure - I realize that being successful at being me is what brings success in the world -

Now your feelings are more to the fore than usual in the area of professional or public involvement. This can be useful and effective as long as you employ your emotions in a constructive and controlled fashion, making you the one who others look to for sensibility where it is often lacking, giving rise to group focus and the common touch. On the other hand, an emotional outburst that airs dirty laundry in public could be what this influence amounts to. Either way, this progression may well show you how comfortable or not you are with your position in life. Then again, it may be necessary to be more hard-headed in order to further your career, with the more private and family relationships in your life having to play second fiddle to your professional interests. If this is allowed to compromise you than you would just have to accept that you can't have your cake and eat it. But it would be a good idea to tell those in your personal sphere that spending more time on your career will only help and support them in the long run - providing of course that this is true! On other hand you need to guard against the danger of burning your personal boats for the sake of material success. All in all though, it is a time to be more worldly than sentimental if you genuinely wish to get on in life. Opportunities for this very thing are, after all, what should arise now - but again in proportion to how much you are emotionally receptive to them. In this respect you will notice that your career is more prone to ups and downs as they reflect your own emotional take on being out there in the material world. It is also likely that you will have your finger on the pulse of public opinion and taste more than you usually do, giving rise to popular choices and products.

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 {Rough} occurring around February

Reality versus Feelings

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Saturn

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Current Event {Smooth} occurring around May

Feeling Capable

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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.

Current Event {Surge} occurring around September

If the Cap Fits

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

This is an important time for you as it discloses or exposes how well or not you as an emotional being have found a niche in the outer world of career and in the eyes of whatever is seen as the 'authority' in your chosen field of endeavour. If you have not got a 'chosen field' yet, then this time could give you the heads-up on what that niche for you actually is or could be. In any event, it's a time of seeing if the cap fits, or what cap fits. At the same time the sensitive and childlike side of your nature could feel a bit intimidated by the big bad world out there; somewhat helpless in the face of it. But this would be because what you are as a person is at odds with the way of the world - so changes and adjustments would have to be made if you want a successful and suitable career. However, this can equally be a time, that 'Aha!' moment, when you get a strong sense of what is right for you careerwise and go for it or consolidate it. Emotional impulses or gut feelings can be really on target now in this respect, or seem quite the opposite! This is because something inside of you is detecting your true direction. In the first case it would be because your soul and your ego are aligned - you are in-flow and on-track. In the second, it would be a case of you finding out that your present career path was just not for you and so you do or say something that reveals this fact. The middle way is that of not listening to your feelings at all - either because you don't want to or because you are out of touch

with them - and so this Surge in the River of Your Life is not benefited from one way or the other.

Current Event {Rough} occurring around September

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.

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Current Event {Smooth} occurring around November

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Progressed Moon Flowing With your Natal Mercury

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

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The Art of Living

Progressed Sun Flowing With your Natal Venus

This stretch of your Life River is full of opportunities to improve your love and social life. At the same time you are more easily able to lay your hand on anything that appeals to you, and to find the wherewithal to pay for such things. In effect, you are now particularly in tune what pleases you and also pleases others. Your sense of social harmony is good and artistic ability is well-starred. Depending on your usual capabilities in these areas of life, you can charm the birds out of the trees or at least build bridges where hitherto there were divisions. This is great time to enjoy or improve the art of living.

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.

Life-Stream {River}

Nurturing Waters

Moon Progressing through Cancer

~ now my Life-Stream returns me to feeling the very essence of being the River that it is and that I am ~ and so I am drawn to those people and things that I genuinely care about ~ and I include myself in this caring ~ I cherish and nurture all feelings that give me a sense of belonging and continuity ~ I gather my family about me, be they my blood or my closest friends ~ I accommodate and protect all of these dear people ~ I relish the sentiments that they and the memories of them evoke ~ but I never allow myself to be sucked in or down by such sentiments ~ I wear them lightly like floating down the River ~ in this way I avoid blindly reacting to anything or anyone that disturbs my natural course and rhythm, my moods and broodings ~ my River is my Home ~ my River is my Home and I welcome into it only those people and feelings that do credit to me as an emotional being ~

Along this stretch of the River of Your Life you are drawn to anything or anyone, possibly Cancerian in nature, that gives you a strong sense of where and to what you belong, what you feel at home with, what gives you a familial bond. Of necessity this may bring up feelings from the past which are not pleasant feelings. But all the same, they are your history and roots - the very things that give you that sense of belonging. Emotional security is a strange animal in that we often experience much pain and discomfort in the name of seeking and maintaining it. The important thing to remember is that by staying with the feelings, good and bad, your River takes you where you are bound - and you are bound for 'home' when all is said and done. But blood is thicker than water, so be sure not to be drowned by it! In other words, a limit has to be set on how much you tolerate in the name of familiarity and security. For example, there is only one letter's difference between 'mother' and 'smother'. So as you progress down this particularly emotional reach of your River, be sure to keep your head above water and not let anyone, including yourself, sink you through emotional blackmail or laying any guilt trips on you. Remember you are being taken Home by your River, in the best sense of that word, and it is a certainty that eventually you will get there.

Life-Stream {Banks}

Success & Recognition

Moon Progressing through your Tenth House

~ my Life-Stream having recently become full now meets or finds itself in circumstances which make me feel the need to be more recognized and appreciated by the world at large, to be more myself in the sphere of career and public status ~ any feelings of not being genuinely myself grate uncomfortably and make me feel off-course with my Life-Stream ~ at the same time feelings and insecurities I have within myself are made more obvious than usual by the effect the outside material world has upon me ~ as if hemmed in by the steep cliffs of earthly conditions ~ so as I flow along I sense that how I feel about myself has everything to do with how successful I am in my professional or public life ~ my strong points attract success ~ my weak ones attract failure ~ I realize that being successful at being me is what brings success in the world ~

Now your feelings are more to the fore than usual in the area of professional or public involvement. This can be useful and effective as long as you employ your emotions in a constructive and controlled fashion, making you the one who others look to for sensibility where it is often lacking, giving rise to group focus and the common touch. On the other hand, an emotional outburst that airs dirty laundry in public could be what this influence amounts to. Either way, this progression may well show you how comfortable or not you are with your position in life. Then again, it may be necessary to be more hard-headed in order to further your career, with the more private and family relationships in your life having to play second fiddle to your professional interests. If this is allowed to compromise you than you would just have to accept that you can't have your cake and eat it. But it would be a good idea to tell those in your personal sphere that spending more time on your career

will only help and support them in the long run - providing of course that this is true! On other hand you need to guard against the danger of burning your personal boats for the sake of material success. All in all though, it is a time to be more worldly than sentimental if you genuinely wish to get on in life. Opportunities for this very thing are, after all, what should arise now - but again in proportion to how much you are emotionally receptive to them. In this respect you will notice that your career is more prone to ups and downs as they reflect your own emotional take on being out there in the material world. It is also likely that you will have your finger on the pulse of public opinion and taste more than you usually do, giving rise to popular choices and products.

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 {Rough} occurring around February

Need versus Taste

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Venus

This is not a particularly 'rough' Current Event unless you miss the point of the influence itself which is

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

Current Event {Rough} occurring around September

Misalignment

Progressed Moon Flowing Against your Natal Sun

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around October

In It and With It

Progressed Moon Flowing With your Dragon's Head

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

Current Event {Smooth} occurring around December

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.

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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