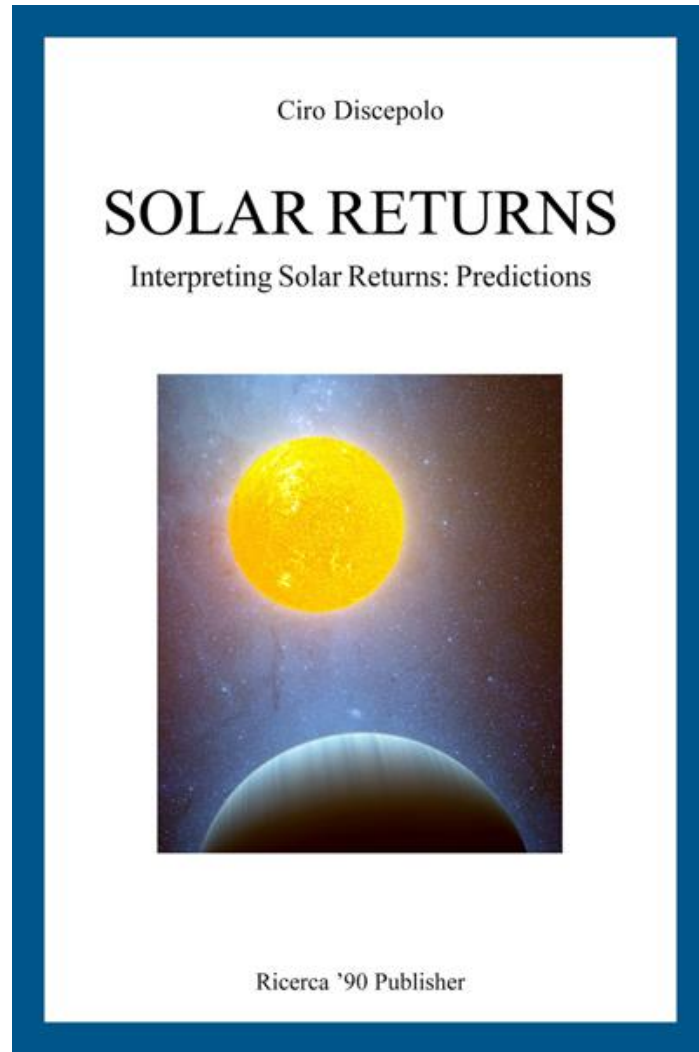


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*This method (Solar Returns), besides being the easiest to manipulate and the richest source of deductions, is also the one that conforms best to the demands of the scientific mind.*

*Alexandre Volguine*

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## Preface

Modesty is not always a virtue. Often, when it becomes an excessive habit and it is manifestly contrary to the truth, modesty may turn into foolishness. This is perhaps my case. In the past years I have shied away for long from both my readers and colleagues: in response to their compliments I would say, "Thank you", and would smile and add: "You're too good..." I went on for nearly a quarter of a century this way, studying astrology day and night (for example, I am writing these lines at three o'clock in the morning), with love, passion, enthusiasm and the greed of the researcher. I published works that I consider quite important, such as manuals, ephemerides, research works. Yet, I have never got a swollen head.

Every time I was addressed a good word, I simply replied that after all, I had not done anything extraordinary. Then, slowly over time, it was my good colleagues – those whom I esteemed the most – who began to provoke me, literally shouting at me: "Come on, Ciro – haven't you got the [...censored] to assert yourself?" Eventually, that is exactly what I have done.

At some point I realized that I had produced more than twenty books (about fifty at the time of writing the preface to the Italian edition of this volume). Some of them may be defined successful; others can surely be of great value to every student. Consider my Guida all'Astrologia, for example: it has been reprinted more than a dozen times in four editions; it sold over 50,000 copies since 1979 – a real best-seller. So, after speaking personally – or getting in touch through letters or phone calls – with thousands of indirect pupils of mine, one day I realized that I had taken a way on my own, different

from any other stream of thought, despite my full respect for the astrological tradition. Thus I realized that I had become the founder of a school of thought.

One day, the historians of astrology will state whether I have been a good teacher or a bad one. In any case, I have founded Active Astrology (Astrologia Attiva in Italian, which is also the title of a volume published in Italy by Edizioni Mediterranee). That is to say, an approach to astrology that refuses the notion of a human being overwhelmed by a fate engraved in his/her DNA, bones and birth chart. On the contrary, the approach of Active Astrology is to give you certain tools (which I have been improving little by little) with the aim of spurring you to act according to the motto, God helps those who help themselves.

The two tools that I have first elaborated, and then improved, are the exorcism of symbols and the Aimed Solar Return. I am aware of the criticism the former would attract: "This is no invention! Many others before you..." Yes, yes, of course, I am conscious of it. But to my best knowledge, those who deal with the exorcism of symbols were not astrologers; and anyhow, the way I put this technique into practice is absolutely original.

On the other hand, I think that I can really claim an absolute right of primogeniture over the latter (the Aimed Solar Returns), especially if you consider the application of the technique of relocating Solar Returns on such a large scale and in such huge numbers as I have been doing for years. In fact, to my best knowledge no others before me have done the same; and even if so, nobody can prove it with such a large number of publications as I can. In the seventies, here in Italy there was a magazine published by Armenia called Gli arcani. There you can find many of my articles on Solar Returns. Many of my counselees and students – who later have become very good colleagues – accepted and followed my theories and put in to practice my technique of the aimed birthday. One might ask, though: "How come you were the first, when this technique was already known to your colleagues?"

The reason is very simple. In 1970 – the very same year in which I started studying astrology – I happened to read a few lines of André Barbault's Practical treatise of astrology, published in Italy under the title of Trattato pratico di astrologia. There he explained the Solar Returns, clearly stating that you have to cast it (i.e. 'domificate' it) considering the place in which you physically are at the very moment of your birthday – not the place of your birth. Reading these lines was like a bolt out of the blue for me. At that time, I was barely able to grasp the predictive implications of this reality. I simply read – which immediately convinced me – that you have to domificate the Solar Return for the place where the subject is at the time of his/her birthday.

Being fairly good with math, I resolved to plunge into this 'unknown sea'. But this would not be enough. Despite my skill in math, if I had wanted to study the charts of a single birthday over twenty different towns of the world, I would have had to spend many hours computing and drawing charts manually; and this would have taken plenty of time, considering that I was and that I still am a perfectionist in this field.

By those times I directed the laboratory of electronic devices at the Institution of Motors in Naples, belonging to the CNR (Italian National Research Council). Thus, I deployed my knowledge of electronics developing, with the help of professional programmers – much before the era of personal computers – original routines of software that allowed me, by simply pressing a few keys, to cast a chart of Solar Return in few minutes for any town anywhere in the world. I have written evidence, published in major newspapers of the sector (the magazine BIT, for example), that since the dawn of the era of personal computers and even earlier, I used to publish articles concerning my own software routines, describing how they were programmed, what flow-chart they followed, what you could get out from them, and so on.

I must say that the majority of my astrologer colleagues were not very familiar with computing; they were not even aware of the existence of those machines. Some of them did know about them, but they refused the very idea of machine computing of an astrological chart. For this reason, I can say that – studying for many years plain Solar Returns and 'targeted' or 'aimed' Solar Returns – I have been gathering an experience of thousands of cases. This is especially true in the last three or four years, in which further works of mine have been published that have spurred many counselees and pupils to ask me for consultation. To make a long story short, you may judge me modest or arrogant, but I must admit even to myself that I have shown a way and that along the decades I have become the leader of an astrological movement.

That is why I resolved to title this book A Practical Treatise of Solar Returns, not A Guide to Solar Returns. In fact, what you are about to read is the gist of my experience gained in this field over many decades. I am confident that you will see clearly the several points analysed here, which give me the right to call this volume a Treatise.

I do not know exactly why I have written this book now and not in another year. Maybe it is because I had previously proposed it to three or four different publishers who had rejected it. One considered that this volume is far removed from their policy, another thought that the scope of this volume was of no interest for the reader. I think otherwise. This is why I have wanted to take this risk, and have built this volume entirely with 'my hands' editing it by myself (this refers to the first Italian edition of 1993).

Back to the Solar Returns, now. I must add that to me, they have opened one of the windows on the Truth, and that the 'aimed' Solar Returns (please note that the term Aimed Solar Return has been created by me) have opened an even wider window on it. Those who keep on denying the value of

these predictive tools are missing a moving train.

In fact, both new and old students and colleagues who have read my books or those of Alexandre Volguine, with tens, sometimes hundreds of examples (also included in my astrological quarterly *Ricerca* '90) have immediately become convinced of the exceptional potentiality of this method of astrological analysis. Since I am personally convinced that 'an example is worth a thousand words', you'll also find several practical examples in this volume. Today, I cannot read properly a case about which I am asked to give my astrological opinion unless I have three charts in front of me: the subject's birth chart, his/her current Solar Return and his/her following Solar Return. For me, a birth chart is 'blind' without its relevant Solar Return alongside. On the other hand, it is my opinion that any other position deserves to be respected.

I started studying the book of Alexandre Volguine on Solar Returns in French, translating it in a botched way. Of course I recognize in him my first teacher on this subject. This is why I asked the publisher Armenia to publish an Italian version of his volume, to which they eventually agreed.

On the other hand, with all due respect, I must say that my experience on the Aimered Solar Returns is many miles away from Volguine's, for the simple fact that in his time, travelling was the preserve of a few classes. By those times very few people could afford a journey, especially over long distances. In addition to living in the age of computers, I have been lucky enough to work during the decades when the transcontinental voyages have become commonplace. One example? Between winter and spring of 1993 you could purchase a return ticket to the United States from Rome, with little more than seven hundred thousand Italian Liras. Today, travelling has become a mass sport. Therefore, no one opens his eyes wide if I propose that he goes to spend his birthday in Australia. Some of my counselees relocated their SR so far away that they reached the very edge of the maps that can be commonly found in the marketplace, boldly going where no Westerner had gone before.

I must also add that I haven't found it useful to consider the position of the MC of the Solar Return in the radical Houses. Also, I disagree with Volguine on the dating of events within the year covered by the Solar Return, which he obtained by mixing (in an inappropriate way, I believe) judicial astrology with exoteric astrology.

There is another important point that I wish to mention in this preface – it is yet another recommendation to my readers. Do not scare people and always give them a chance, an alternative to the relocation of the Solar Return (using the exorcism of symbols, for example).

Before concluding I would like to bring to your attention a few points that I have been 'shouting' for years. A lot of my students have been giving their favourable feedback on them, checking and trying them out in practice. I refer to the fatality of the Twelfth, First and Sixth Houses (a real guillotine if one of them is involved in a Solar Return); to the never enough emphasized goodness of the Tenth House; to the very strong connection between the Eleventh house and grief or death; and to the close link between the sense of sight and the axis of the Sixth and the Twelfth House.

There is yet another point that I tell you after many years of study and silence, because now it seems to me that it is an evident piece of truth. I refer to Taurus being the sign that, immediately after Pisces, has the most fragile nerves. Meditate on this judgement and review your personal collections of birth data: I am sure that you'll give me a positive feedback on this point too.

Finally, I would say that I have included small charts in this volume. I had two reasons for doing so. The first reason is that I wanted to devote more space to the written text, which could not be sacrificed.

The second reason is that these charts have been produced by my software ASTRAL and printed out with a plotter: thus they are razor sharp, also considering that they have been drawn – as André Barbault would say – in the only possible correct way: with the celestial bodies outside the circle of the Zodiac, not inside.

Naples, Summer 1993

## Preface to the new Text

Apparently, this volume is the third edition of my Practical Treatise of Solar Returns, published by *Ricerca* '90 and Blue Diamond Publisher. Actually, it is much more. In fact, after about ten years since I wrote it, I thought it useful to start working again on it with a deep revision of the original text, which has partly been re-written, and with the addition of new sections. Something has been deleted, too. Above all, this volume has been updated with the results of my most recent research in such a difficult and critical area as that of the Aimered Solar Returns. Let me also add that this volume has profited from the valuable work of my friend Lorenzo Vancheri's editing. For a long time now, Lorenzo has become the only and irreplaceable supervisor of my works.

In short, this is a completely new book; this is also why I changed its title.

Here, you will find the summary of a series of 'patches' – as they say today in the computer world – that are intended to fill gaps or to correct positions that over time, eventually proved to be partially incorrect. Only a practice of thousands and thousands of ASR's can offer the guarantee of abundant material to such an extent that it allows us to write down rules, which of course are susceptible to be updated, yet they still are rules.

In my case, I have collected around sixteen thousand 'aimed' birthdays, which I have personally followed with the persons involved; and at about one year after the relocation of their Solar Returns, I have also discussed personally with each of them the astrological implications of each relocation. Consider that the average of those who actually aim their SR is one fourth of the people to whom the astrologer suggests relocation. Also consider that for about 33 years I have worked on a sample of approximately 64,000 SR's, of which 16,000 have been aimed – i.e. relocated – and the rest have not been relocated at all. Thus, you can see that I have been able to elaborate statistics that have helped me to correct my direction along a path that – please let me underline this once again – had no literature of reference except the one that I had written myself. Let us elaborate this point. Before my several volumes on this subject, the only volume on Solar Returns (and entirely devoted to Solar Returns) was Alexandre Volguine's. Despite mentioning the possibility of relocating a Solar Return, the Author stated clearly that he had never relocated any Solar Return, nor had he suggested relocation to anybody. The simple reason is that, at those times, travelling, for example, to the United States from Europe was so expensive that you would had to sell your house to afford it...

I would never stop repeating that the chart of SR shall not be read the same way as a birth chart. This is exactly the reason why I had to 'break many bones' before realizing that the Ascendant of SR falling in the 1st natal House is exactly as detrimental as the Ascendant of SR falling in the 12th or in the 6th House of the birth chart. Has anyone read it somewhere else, in any book? Do you still have doubts about this reality?

So, today this work of mine – enriched by the prestigious edition of the publisher Armenia – may be considered the culmination of my latest researches on this specific segment of astrological knowledge. I think therefore, that you can all benefit from it. In fact, unlike some of my colleagues, I believe that astrology should not be esoteric. What I mean is that those who presume to know some fragments of it should – as it is the case with this volume – facilitate its utmost diffusion, so that everybody can benefit from their knowledge.

Naples, on the 21st May 2002, at 6:31 pm

## 1.

### What Solar Returns are and how they work

In a book of this kind I feel I am required to try to explain, before anything else, what Solar Returns are and how they work. Let us start with the horoscope (i.e. the natal sky, also called birth chart or radix). Astrology theorizes that each of us, coming into the world, takes the distinctive features of the place and of the moment in which he/she was born – just like a good vintage wine. For everybody knows that Chianti bottled in 1969 is completely different from Pinot bottled in 1975.

We astrologers claim that the very same thing happens with human beings in their relationship with the 'stars'. Those who do not believe so do not believe in astrology either; and the matter can be considered closed for them. But for those who believe in this reality, it will not be hard to believe also in Solar Returns.

Let me also stress that the theory of the Solar Returns is extremely ancient: we can already find traces of it in texts dating back to several centuries ago. However, the author who first revived them in modern times is the French astrologer Alexander Volguine, more or less in the middle of the last century. My personal research took inspiration mainly from him. Nonetheless, it soon took a different path, since personally and almost immediately (in 1970) I started to deal not only with plain Solar Returns, but also with what I call the Aimed Solar Returns.

Coming back to our initial conversation, let me remind readers that we the astrologers might swear on our own sons about the reality of astrology, but we would never be able to say how astrology works. The reader would find the discussion of the latter issue, especially from an epistemological/scientific point of view, in my book *Astrologia: sì e no*, written together with Enzo Barillà and published in Italy by Blue Diamond Publisher. It can be freely accessed at <http://www.cirodiscepolo.it/Osservazioni.htm>.

The most basic and classic 'explanation' that can be given in relation to this, is that, being born and breathing for the first time with our lungs, we 'fix' that astral imprinting featuring exactly a precise cosmic moment in a determined place. We also claim that that astral imprinting, that is to say: that horoscope or that natal chart (birth chart or radix) is nothing but a detailed map of our whole

personality, of our medical history, of our destiny in general and in particular this means in connection with our love affairs, our feelings, our professional life, our money, and so on.

Needless to say that if we believe in this, we should also believe that once we came to the world, not only the astral imprinting that we received with our first whimper would 'influence' our life, but also many other occasions of imprinting, relentlessly.

Now it seems to me that both for the astrologer and for the layman it should be extremely clear that if we believe in other occasions of astral imprinting, we must not think about such occurrences of imprinting as a sequel of random events (i.e. fortuitous, occurring without a fixed timeline), but as a wave of events that cyclically repeat themselves according to a precise law. Now what are the cycles that govern the universe, or at least, life on Earth? I would certainly say: those that also regulate the movements of celestial bodies in our solar system.

Roughly fifty years ago a new discipline was established called chronobiology: the science that deals with biological rhythms or biorhythms. Before that time, doctors prescribed drug delivery either in the morning or in the evening indifferently. But when the scientists realized the importance of biorhythms in humans, they also understood that a molecule ends up being better activated or weakened down, simply depending on the time of day in which it is administered to the patient.

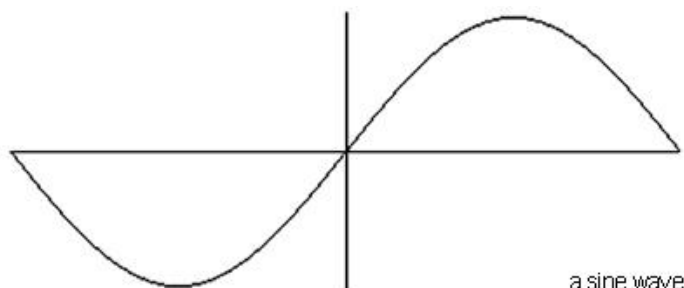
It is obvious to everyone, or at least I think so, that the cycles are related to the movements of celestial bodies in our solar system. Let us consider only three examples of this. The beautiful book of Lyall Watson *Supernature*, published in Italy by Rizzoli, Milan in 1974 informs that it has been determined that, in primis, a circadian rhythm exists in humans – i.e. a rhythm that lasts about a day, just like the Earth's rotation around its own axis. There is plenty of evidence of this fact. Consider, for example, the curve showing how the function of urination or how the blood pressure varies within the twenty-four hours of a mean day. Or you can also consider the fact that every day in the animal 'man' there is a peak in the production of melatonin half-hour after sunset (melatonin is a naturally occurring compound found in animals which favours sleep; it is in fact a fully natural, light antidepressant). Some specific laboratory test, such as the Takata test, shows that certain chemical values in our blood are quite different at sunrise and sunset; and to make a long story short we have better not to go on and on.

The second example is the sight before everybody's eyes. It is relevant to the twenty-nine days during which our natural satellite, the Moon, takes a complete lap around the Earth: just think of the female menstrual cycle, if you have doubts about it. Of course the most important cycle of all is certainly the annual, 365-day long cycle, ticked by the revolution of Earth around the Sun. Evidence of this rhythm or cycle is numerous and very evident in nature: animals hibernate every year in the same period and do the same for migration and for the season of love. Even the trees bear fruit in the same period of the year. For example, around the 15th of May, be the weather good or bad, at our latitudes cherry trees give us cherries: this is a kind of birthday for the plant.

And the same happens for man: starting from the moment of birth begins a cycle of approximately 365 days, which is repeated n number of times until the death of the individual. The day of the (true) birthday, that is when the Sun, seen from Earth, returns exactly in degrees, minutes and seconds to the same point of the ecliptic that it occupied at the moment of an individual's birth, a cycle of 365 days ends and another one begins, just like in a sine wave (as shown in figure at the end of this chapter). This is a point of extreme importance for us: the imprinting that we receive at this very moment is essential and it should not be confused with other occasions of random imprinting. In other words, the horoscope that we can draw upon our yearly solar return, which is beaten exactly by the time and is relevant to the exact place where we are in that moment, that horoscope would 'condition' us strongly for the following 365 days.

Now, if you believe in what I have just explained, you will also understand that if we study, for example on a computer monitor, how the sky of our next birthday looks like in different places on Earth (we have – theoretically – 360 different possibilities of seeing the sky from the Earth), we can also determine in which town of the planet we may receive the best imprinting of all, according to the laws of astrology. So, if the day of your birthday you are under the sky of your home place, say in Milan or Paris or New York, the astral imprinting is of a certain type; while if you choose a different sky, for example a very harmonic sky with certain features that you wish to 'activate', it would obviously be something quite different. However, it should be noted immediately that a sky of Solar Return, contrary to what many people believe, cannot and should not be read by the same rules of a birth or natal chart.

The above described is the starting point for the study of Solar Returns and of Aimed Solar Returns. Let me add that we define a Base Solar Return (BSR) as the sky of the birthday that we 'take' if we stay at home on the day of our astrological birthday.



## 2.

### With what force do they work?

It is natural to wonder by means of what forces a human being can think to curb, defeat, or even reverse the huge powers involved in astrology, since these forces seem to belong directly to the stars. As I wrote earlier, we astrologers do not know how astrology really works, although we could swear that it does work. Therefore, we can only speculate. In the case of Aimed Solar Returns, however, the matter is much easier. Let me make it clear through the following example.

As a child I once took a lesson in martial art, and if I remember it well, it was the only one of my life. I do not even remember if it was judo, karate or something else. In that simple lesson I learned a very impressive move that I still can repeat up to this day. This is a move to release your wrists that an opponent holds tight with his strong hands, so strong that you feel that your hands are tightened between two steel tongs. However tall and strong or corpulent your opponent may be, even if he is five or six times stronger and taller than you, you can release yourself quickly and efficiently.

I was a child of ten or maybe eleven years, and I tested that move over tall and strong men, always managing to break free. How could I do it in practice? Simply exploiting not my own strength, but that of my opponent.

So follow me for a moment and I will explain the technique, which is quite simple. The opponent, as I said, tightens your small wrists with his gigantic hands. With a rapid and sudden movement, you flop down (as if you were wishing to sit down on the floor). In a wave of instinctive reaction, your opponent would pull you up with all the strength of his hands and arms. At that precise moment, leveraging his strength and not your own, you bend your wrists on the inside. This will free you at once. This, of course, succeeds well if you are fast enough, also exploiting the element of surprise on your opponent. The analogy with the relocation of the Solar Returns is the fact that if you wish to gain a better year, you do not rely on your own strength contrasted with that of the stars, for you actually exploit the power of the stars. In fact, man cannot even imagine being able to move the stars in the sky! On the contrary, you will simply place yourself under the best possible sky that can be seen from the Earth at the moment of your astrological birthday – that is to say, the moment when the Sun returns onto the exact position it occupied at the moment of your birth. In short, rather than abandoning yourself to receive the evil ‘influence’ of, for example, Mars just placed over your head, you would go to the Caribbean or Moscow or Lyon to let yourself be ‘beamed’ beneficially by Jupiter.

Another important thing to emphasize in this regard is that – as thousands of cases in my collection could demonstrate – the power of the Solar Return is certainly greater than that of transits; this is why ‘aiming’ your birthday becomes a very productive process.

Consider the following case, taken from the issue #50 of my quarterly journal *Ricerca* '90. It is only one among hundreds examples that I could bring to you.

Below here is the report that a counselee – a man from the Italian region Marche, working for an insurance company – sent me almost at the end of the twelve months covered by his previous SR. Please read it so that we can discuss it briefly together.

Dear Ciro Discepolo;

The time has come for our yearly appointment, and so I am going to report to you about what has happened to me. Last year I followed your advice and I spent my birthday in Helsinki (so that I could take advantage of Jupiter of SR in the 10th House, as well as the strong 5th House of SR). Let the deeds take the floor. In March 2001 I had an increase of salary (my first one since 1992). In April 2001 a poll was held to fill a vacancy in the board of an important society: I was given the charge with a lot of preferential votes. I did not expect any of this. January to October: the work went well.

I make this assessment not only based on my personal sales – which were positive indeed – but also because there was a pleasant atmosphere all around me at work. I work in contact with many people, but never before I had picked up so many statements of appreciation from the people with whom I happen to get in touch with... Not to mention also that of all the coming events – no matter how

situations had started or how they had looked like at the beginning – I experienced their positive evolution.

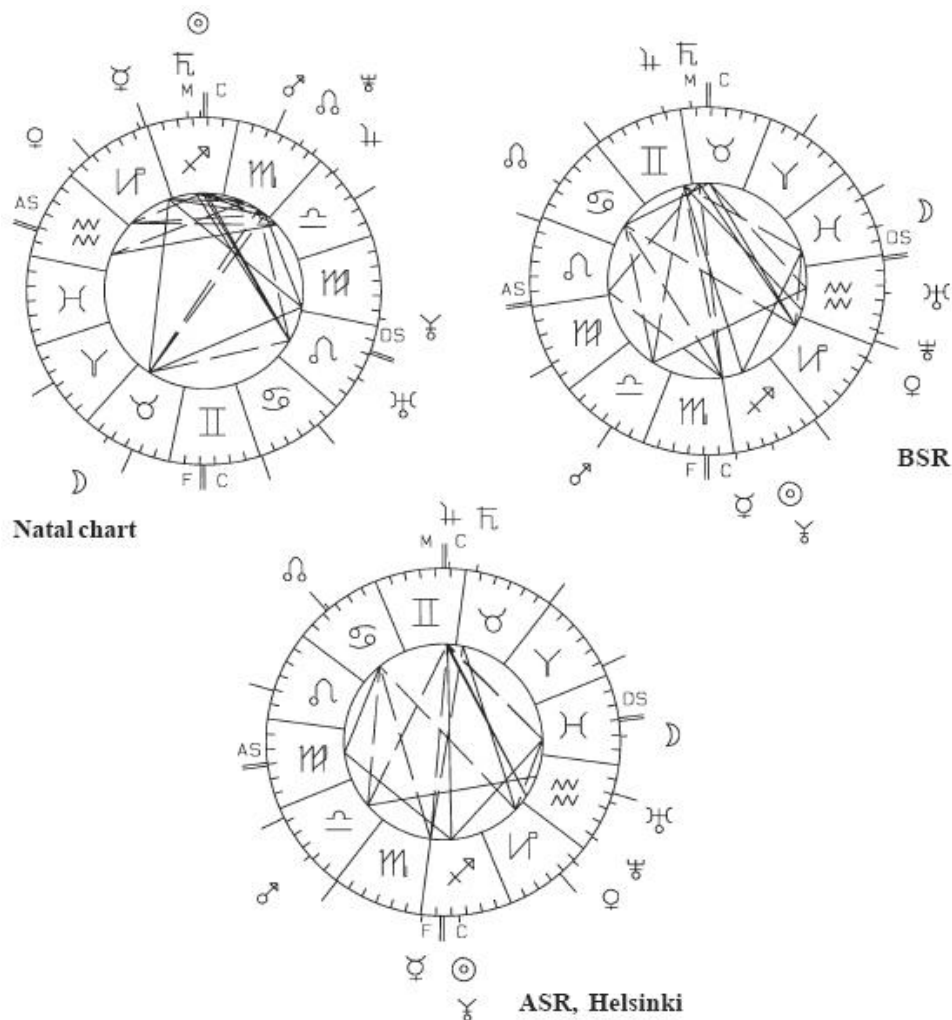
5th House: in this case also, the stars have complied with the terms. In May 2001, with a little good luck, I achieved the rank of brown belt in karate (my other passion besides astrology). I had been unable to progress since my previous advancement a couple of years before. June/July: I attended two weddings with my wife; we had two wonderful evenings there (we had the chance of meeting people again whom we had lost sight of for some time). January to October: I had to organize twelve events at my workplace. They also involved long-lasting breaks of conviviality, implying a good amount of gratification for me.

Ascendant of SR in the VII House: some tension with colleagues because of competitiveness within the company.

Problems in 2000/2001: my mother was diagnosed with phlebitis caused by trauma (I did not know it yet, but my biggest problem in 2001 would be her health). May 2001: my mother had a bad hypertensive crisis – I realized that the doctor did not care correctly for it, so that we resolved to trust a university medical centre not far from us. This led to some more displacement. The doctors at the centre found out the cause of her problem (basic arrhythmia) and eventually prescribed the proper treatment. Since then she is fine. Sun/Pluto in the 4th: at home, for eight months the main subject of conversation is my brother-in-law's new home. This means problems for my mother-in-law, who funded the purchase despite being financially engaged with repairs to her own home. My mother-in-law has health problems, and my wife is very sad for that...

Actually, it would not be worth making any comment. The facts speak for themselves. I know that many people are sceptics about relocating the Solar Returns; it's them who should explain this story to us... However, I would note one thing. I have repeated many times, ad nauseam, that the SR has a much more significant influence than the transits. I think that the subject's yearly report above is an overwhelming evidence of it. In fact, in the same span of time he had the transit of Saturn opposite the Sun and Midheaven. Thus he should have reported several unpleasant facts at work, in relation to his own prestige and his social development/growth, etc... Instead, with that beautiful Jupiter that I had placed over the Midheaven of his SR, he was able to enjoy things that turned to be exactly the opposite of those one could have feared from the transits. It is yet another demonstration of what I have been claiming for decades. Nevertheless, even in these days, from time to time I realize that there are colleagues of mine who declare to be absolutely sceptical about the possibility of neutralizing such detrimental transit, while they also claim to be aligned with my school.

But I will not shout myself hoarse for them. A word to the wise.



### 3.

## The Twelve Houses that you can adjust in Solar Returns

Since I began studying Solar Returns, I realized that their traditional reading – which I define a ‘scholastic’ system of analysis – is not good. From a book on SRs, most readers expect to be guided along routes like this: “The Ascendant of Solar Return falls in the Ninth natal House, in the sign of Aries, while the MC of Solar Return falls in the Sixth natal House, in the sign of Capricorn, and Mars is in the First House of Solar Return, in Taurus...” Personally I think that such an attempt is real nonsense, because the author of such text should list dozens of thousands of combinations. Focus only on the three main elements of a chart (the Sun sign, the Moon sign and the Rising sign): they give rise to  $12 \times 12 \times 12 = 1,728$  combinations. So, in my opinion, on the one hand certain readers may have the need of a protective womb to guide them by the hand, step by step, through the pages of a manual containing all the possible variables that one might meet when reading a chart of Solar Return.

And on the other hand, certain authors may have fancies of power that lead them to believe that they can really measure up to writing the ultimate manual. This reminds me of someone who went out of his way reckoning the number of variables that come into play when reading a birth chart – which also applies to the reading of a chart of Solar Return. He claimed to have detected “a figure with thirty zeros”. Now, if you think that nine zeros is a billion, you can understand very well that pretending to have control over thirty zeros implies the need to hospitalize in a lunatic asylum both the reader and possibly also the author who, in this case, is probably cherishing the idea of being God himself.

This also reminds me of an incident that happened several years ago, when I was at the beginning of my study of astrology... It was in the early seventies. Very proudly, I was one of the first ones accustomed to use a pseudo-pocket calculator. It was in deed a real computer: of course it had very

limited memory capacity, but theoretically it could work with what later would be called 'chains' – i.e. sort of tiny strips of magnetic material very similar to what today may correspond to the PMCIA interface: the new standard of a peripheral interface designed for palmtop computers since 1993. My little jewel, which I will never forget, was a Hewlett-Packard programmable handheld calculator. If I remember it correctly, it was called 'Model 21'. A little later I would purchase another one, little more powerful calculator with printer, called HP97 – I still own it: for certain functions it is still unbeatable. With these machines I had made a tiny program to calculate the longitude of the Sun and the Solar Returns. Then I made an attempt to cast the primary directions also. My effort would succeed at 99%, but this is another story.

I mention it because my interest on primary directions led me to go and visit Angelo Brunini, whose book I was reading and carefully studying. He lived in Rome, so I had to organize a small expedition from Naples to the Capital. Three of my friends, who were inseparable by those times, joined the party, which we christened The Campania Group of Astrology. Eventually my dear friend Pantaleo Cappelluti from Castellammare di Stabia, Franco Futia from San Giorgio a Cremano, and Ermanno Ricciardi from Benevento travelled with me to meet Angelo Brunini.

I remember that our expedition started from my home on a cold winter's morning before dawn. We easily arrived at Mr. Brunini's home, whom my friend Ricciardi already knew quite well. As for me, I was disappointed. In fact, I asked Mr. Brunini certain technical questions concerning the calculation of primary directions, which I was longing to solve since months. Unluckily, he skirted my questions. But you see: experience – any kind of experience, as I would realize many years later – is never useless. In fact on that occasion, I had the chance of watching Brunini work.

He did not consider our meeting as the visit of scholars but as a regular, professional service of astrological counselling. He calculated his rate based on the time we spent together, and we regularly paid the due amount to him. Please do not think that I am criticizing his attitude; on the contrary!

I consider it perfectly acceptable, also taking into consideration that by that time Brunini was already an elder man living on a modest income, who was mainly concerned in not wasting his precious time. So instead of answering my questions, he preferred to make a sort of astrological consultation for my friend Ricciardi making use of primary directions. This is when I saw certain things that hit my attention. Brunini used a large amount of charts, which I obtained by ripping irregularly a large sheet of paper that storekeepers used to wrap loose pasta with. He 'drew' the charts by simply pressing a well-linked stamp on to those pieces of torn paper; then he swiftly added the details, using various shades of colours. He drew your birth chart, the chart of your conception, the chart of the new moon before your birth, different charts of Solar and Lunar Returns, and so on. At this point, with that huge mass of almost illegible charts, he began the counselling. He attempted to have the different charts mutually penetrate each other, and then he produced – almost as a juggler at the circus – a sequel of prophecies concerning my friend Ricciardi.

On the other hand, my friend swore that on other occasions, Brunini had made forecast for him that had become true. We looked at each other, and listened to everything with our mouths half opened. "As you can see, the Moon of the second full moon after your birth is sextile to the Placidus cusp of the Fourth House of the first Lunar Return..." If the whole thing had been filmed by Federico Fellini over the wonderful melodies of Nino Rota, we would have got a magic show, halfway between his *Amarcord* and a *NeverEnding Story*.

Let it be clear that I tell you this episode in full respect for the memory of Brunini, whose book was instrumental in forming me as an astrologer. However, be it also clear that if I open my heart to a live episode of my astrological 'old days', I did not absolutely intend to denigrate Mr. Brunini: I simply wanted to show you a possible way to 'make astrology' – a way which I personally consider absurd.

Later, in the years and the decades that followed that incident, I came across other 'weird' colleagues who made predictions about you mingling esoteric, karmic and judicial astrology; using pendulums; reading your hands resting on their hands; trying also to sell you their home-made shampoo; and so on – with no intention of criticizing anybody. I am sure that you have already understood that I stand for a clear, technical astrology, without no need of the astrologer wearing dark glasses at the beginning of the session. Those who attend or have attended my studio, find lots of white and a lot of bright light, even in winter.

This reminds me of the day in which I had a consultation with a dear lady from the province of Naples. She was very emotionally distressed, and as I was desperately trying to give her the right suggestions for her life, there was a black-out in our district. This lasted several hours, so I had to light up a candle and that feeble flame on my desktop was probably the message of my unconscious throwing light on the truth: that day, I was simply unable to shine a light on that case.

Enough of digressions for the time being: let us revert back to astrology, which in my opinion requires a nimble structure, easy to operate. What an astrologer does not understand in a chart will not be made clearer by the introduction of some forty asteroids, a pair of black moons and a dozen Arab parts of Fortune and Death, in addition to all the fixed stars. In my opinion, in both the birth chart and the chart of Solar Return, you have to consider a few elements only, but such elements on which you can rely fully. I have always been using this method for almost thirty years of practice and over thousands of charts of birth and of SR, and I have always been comfortable with it.

I am personally convinced that the direction of the session of counselling is up to the astrologer, not to

the counselee. It cannot be otherwise. Those counselees who thought otherwise, did not return to me a second time. In fact, sometimes a counselee arrives who insist on asking me about his grandchildren or about purchasing lottery tickets, while I rather dwell for almost an hour on the Sixth House of his Solar Return. He may not like this, but I do so because I believe that every case has its unique specificity and the number of minutes that should be devoted to a specific area within the overall reading of a chart of SR must necessarily be an exclusive decision of the astrologer, who must also be the director, the 'artist' or the 'technician' (as you prefer) of each counselling.

In my early years as an astrologer, my sessions of counselling could last up to four hours in a row. I accepted to chat about everything, even about Popper, Feyerabend and the philosophical question of free will. While respecting those who still think that this is a good way of making counselling, I have changed my method for quite a while now, despite the fact that it may often give way to a real wave of aggression from the counselee. I always have in front of me, on the computer monitor, three charts: the natal chart, the current Solar Return and the immediate Solar Return to come. While chatting with the counselee, I continuously change the chart of the future SR, evaluating several possible relocations also depending on our conversation. I never hold more than three sessions per day, be they for relatives, friends, acquaintances or consultants.

They cannot be either too long or too short. But if you consider that I give a lot of advice to my students by phone or e-mail, I end up examining 15 to 20 cases every day. I typically record each session on a 60-minute-cassette of magnetic tape. Sometimes it is little more, sometimes it is much less: especially when I address practical people who have the 'right' (at least in my opinion) approach to the question, i.e. leaving the steering of the session in the astrologer's hands. As I have said many times, to be a true professional an astrologer should have himself had a long psychoanalytic training, to avoid projecting his own problems on others. An example of this theory follows. At the time of writing these lines I am literally frightened at the possibility of being infected with HIV at the barber or at the dentist. Nevertheless, in the last ten years or so I have mentioned this risk to a maximum of two counselees, who in my opinion were seriously running the risk of infection.

The goodness of a method can be seen from a set of circumstances. For this reason, speaking of professional astrologers, if I were to ask a colleague for advice for myself, I would surely ask Peter Van Wood, whose technical method is very close to mine and with whom I think I can share almost the same number of sessions of counselling even if he started much earlier than I. (A note from the Author: This was my opinion as of 1993. Several valuable colleagues have been 'growing' since then.) So, in the early seventies my consultants already knew my passion for the study of Solar Returns; and when they asked me what are the factors that are necessary to be examined in a chart of SR, this is what I replied.

- 1) In which House of the natal chart lies the Ascendant of the SR;
- 2) In which House of the Solar Return chart exists a stellium (if any) of the SR;
- 3) In which House of the Solar Return chart is the Sun of the SR located;
- 4) In which House of the Solar Return chart is Mars of the SR located;
- 5) Everything else, but far less.

Today, after more than three decades since then, I still answer exactly the same way, because I have verified in practice that this is the right choice. Those who want to consider ten, one hundred or even more elements of a Solar Return perhaps are not able to read it, and they try to compensate the quality of responses with quantity.

I continue to follow the teachings of my great master, André Barbault, even in this point. In fact, Barbault's charts are apparently bare, but they say it all. Draw the celestials outside the circle; highlight the dominants and the strongest aspects. You do not need anything else. All must be played on what André calls 'the keyboard of the symbols'. Our individual and collective unconscious speaks to us with simple symbols. Taking part in different congresses of medicine in the thirties, Carl Gustav Jung, in alarm, forecasted the huge holocaust that would soon destroy Germany. In fact, many of his German patients who went to Zurich to be analysed by him, reported of dreams that tracked continuously the mythologem of Germany – the knight who slays the Dragon with his lance, with great bloodshed. Do you really think that the vertical drop of Giulio Andreotti and other politicians involved in the judicial investigation known as Tangentopoli - Mani Pulite was so disguised in their Solar Returns to be hardly recognizable? Personally, in 1989 I made very dark forecasts on Queen Elizabeth, which were published in my book titled *Il sale dell'astrologia*, published by Capone Editore in 1990 [TN: The Salt of Astrology, not available in English].

Well, do you really think that to be able to 'read' those events I had needed to cast horoscopes of conception, analysis thousands of fixed stars, Arab Parts of Fortune and Death, transits, progressions and primary directions? No, not at all. Remember; always work with three charts in front of your eyes: the chart of the subject's birth, his current Solar Return and – on the computer screen – the dynamic chart of his future Solar return. For example, you can process it with the program of Discepolo-Miele called Molriv, which allows you to see very quickly what would change if the counselee relocated the chart of his next Solar Return.

In another section part of this book you will read of the forecast concerning Corrado Ferlaino, the President of Naples football club Napoli. I must admit that on that occasion I was quite lucky, because

I assumed that also considering the timetable of the football matches, Mr. Ferlino would surely spend his birthday in Naples, and if not, he would have been elsewhere in Italy. In that case I made a forecast followed by ten exclamation points, or as Francesco Cossiga would have said: “a stroke of axe”. Out of metaphor, I was so sure of the outcome of the forecast, that any good student of my school could have done the same.

In the following pages we examine the twelve Houses: they are all very much in astrology, and they are quite everything in Solar Returns. Remember that the relocation of the Solar Return can easily change the position of the Houses [NT: also referred to as domification by the Author] from ‘under the feet of the counselee’, while that of the celestials in the signs or the aspects in which the celestials of the SR are mutually involved cannot be changed in any way.

Each of the following paragraphs concerning a House may refer to four different combinations: the Sun of the SR falling in that House of SR; the Mars of SR falling in that House of SR; a stellium of SR falling in that House of SR; and the AS of the SR falling in that House of the natal chart. It is not so important to establish which of these four items is more important. As for the order of importance, stick to the 5-point-list given a few lines above. Do not stick obstinately to details, but try to capture the soul of the symbol. Also remember that the most important vibrations are those that should guide you in the reading of the chart of SR.

Remember also that God or the Great Architect who designed this amazing system of knowledge, offers it to us as an interactive and redundant game of logic, with such clear and striking indications that seems made for people of ‘simple mind’. For example, if the transits of a period inform you of an upcoming important ‘financial bleeding’ for the subject, the in 90% of cases you will also find that the Ascendant of his Solar Return of that year falls in his natal Fourth House, both elements pointing to a lot of money spent on the purchase or renovation of a house.

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the First natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the First House of SR; Sun of SR in the 1st House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 1st House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

In order of negative importance, this combination of a SR ranks in the second place, immediately after the Ascendant of SR falling in the natal 12th House. Still, second place in this case means that, if the first place scores 100 point, the second place scores 99 points, not 20! This is a very dangerous combination, which I advise to avoid forever. Taking into consideration the age of the subject as well as the general circumstances of his/her life at the time of this SR, you will certainly be able to understand the scope of troubles that this combination usually implies. In many cases, you would be allowed to reassure your counselee on the real extent of these problems. In fact, if this is the SR of a child, it is not so risky. You shall therefore distinguish three age groups, namely: approximately zero to twenty, twenty to fifty, and over fifty. We usually say about kids: “When the fall, they prove to be made of rubber”. In fact, for them, falling off a bike or the skates, making a ski jump, banging their head somewhere while coming out of the water, and so on – they are seldom really serious events. So, the question is: “Why does the Solar Return shows such events?” The answer is, because actually it could also be an appendix or tonsils operation instead. While these are not serious things, they still are events out of the norm. Remember, however, that the reading of the First House may have both medical and aesthetic implications. Once, a SR whose Ascendant was falling in the radical First House pointed out, a posteriori (i.e. it turned out so when I met the woman after her SR) a simple weight loss, which the lady had brought forward with a ferocity close to insanity. In fact, that year she had lost about 42 kg. However, if it occurs simultaneously with the transit of Jupiter over the natal Ascendant of the subject, you can forecasts that this combination of SR gladdens the person’s heart: he or she may feel happy or fall in love; therefore he/she slows down the inhibitions and can put up ten to fifteen kilos in a few months. For men, it may point to a complete change of looks: for example, they may start frequenting a gym for body-builders, or they may simply resolve to grow a brand new beard.

As you can see, it can also invoke absolutely trivial meanings. On the other hand, it is the task of the astrologer to put this combination in relation with the contemporary transits and the overall situation of the individual. For example, if the Ascendant of SR falls in the First natal House of a man of forty, at the same time in which he also has a transit of Saturn on his natal Moon – which is one of the worst transits in my opinion – then you need to trigger the alarm bell because the overall reading of this astrological combination may even point to infarction. Still, never forget the relationship with the odds in the game. Again, if a child takes a bad fall it is seldom a drama, while a septuagenarian slipping on the stairs can retain very serious consequences from that event.

Antagonizing and potentiating – this could be my motto applied to astrology. I usually follow cases of seriously ill individuals, such as people who underwent several surgical operations to remove tumours. Of course with this I do not presume to take God’s place. My mental attitude is simply to follow the famous adage, God helps those who help themselves. Doctors also do not abandon these people; by taking care of them, they do what they can to extend their life as long as possible. In these cases,

since you know that the first five years are those of major risk (after five years, a patient has virtually the same chance of getting cancer than a healthy man), what I recommend in this case is five Aimed Solar Returns in a row, that is: to relocate five Solar Returns one after another, if necessary. Of course, this usually implies travelling across several time zones, not a few miles only. In these cases, the search for suitable relocations happens in a completely different way than what guides me when I try to enhance somebody's professional status or sentimental life. In fact, in this case I do my best to avoid – for the following five years – any role of the 1st, 6th and 12th House in the SR. Hence I do my utmost to avoid the Ascendant of SR falling in any of the three aforementioned Houses of the subject's birth chart. At the same time, I also avoid that a stellium or the Sun or the Mars of SR occupies the 1st, 6th and 12th House of the SR. I know that, at this point, some people would turn up their nose at these lines, asking: "So, what must we take into account? The Houses of the Solar Return or the Houses of the birth chart?" The answer is that the rule is not rigid, so you have to use your brain and never stop thinking. For this reason, Gustavo Miele, Luigi Miele, Ennio Dinacci, Francesco Maggiore and I have developed certain semi-automatic computer programs that can deploy a tremendous amount of work, although they will never be able to take the place of man in this field.

It is not easy to avoid the involvement of three Houses in the planning of an Aimed Solar Return. First of all, you should have a good knowledge of geography. Second, you should possibly run a good software package like ours, called Molriv, which draws a base Solar Return on your screen that you can modify, watching in real time the effect of small shifts of its relocation towards east and west from the starting location. So, let us suppose a SR taking place in Central Europe with an AS of SR falling into the natal 12th House of the subject. In order to avoid this combination, first of all I would try relocation to Lisbon, Portugal; then the Canaries or Madeira; and if this is not enough, I would consider the Azores too. There are certain cases which are extremely difficult to solve, geographically speaking. On the other hand, very few are truly unsolvable. Please also refer to my book *Esercizi sulle Rivoluzioni solari mirate*, Blue Diamond Publisher [TN: Exercises on the Aimed Solar Returns, not available in English].

Returning to our cancer patient, the second thing I try to do – when possible – is to put the Venus of SR in the Sixth House of SR, or Jupiter of SR in the Twelfth or in the Sixth House of SR. Venus in the 12th House of SR can also help one's health, but it may also imply negative consequences for the subject's sentimental life. If all this is not possible with any relocation, then I try to place Venus and/or Jupiter in the 1st house of SR. This proves to be a very good choice in 90% of cases.

Of course, a significant involvement of the 1st House in a chart of SR can be explained very well if one has to undergo a surgery, which may sometimes be necessary or simply made for aesthetic reasons. If you have gallstones and you happen to have the AS of SR falling in your natal 1st, there is no use in trying to swim against the tide and relocate the SR – you had better undergo surgery. Some will ask: "Isn't it much more dangerous to be operated in these astrological circumstances?" My answer is no, provided that you follow precise astrological rules like those that I list in my book *Astrologia applicata*, published in Italy by Armenia. (A note from the Author: In the last years I have been changing my mind on this point, because I have met certain negative cases that make me stick to the initial consideration – as I said at the beginning of this paragraph, I would never leave unchanged a SR with a significant involvement of the 1st House.)

There is much left to say on the so-called 'mental' pathologies. In fact, when you see a significant role of this House with (for example) Saturn, Uranus and/or Neptune of SR occupying the 1st House of SR, your diagnosis is facilitated: very often, in fact, they point to a period of so-called 'nervous breakdown', better defined with states of anxiety and different forms of depression, anguish, phobias of every kind. These diseases are no less serious than a broken rib; you should not underestimate them at all. For a woman of fifty, who is also in a very critical period of her life, such a position can be very tough because it may lead her into a deep existential crisis from which she could only get out through the use of psychotropic drugs.

The 1st House also refers to 'having a spine' or, conversely, 'lacking spine'. For this reason, sometimes, this combination may even be positive, especially if the subject usually has a weak will. But always remember: this is true only if the transits that take place during the SR also confirm it.

This combination may also relate to abortion, pregnancy and childbirth (which imply changes in the structure of the mother's body).

For some categories, it is something completely different. Let us consider politicians. They are men and women who are so fiercely attached to power that, in certain circumstances, their losing power can be clearly indicated by a stellium of malefic celestials of SR in the First House of SR. Andrea Rossetti wrote two fine articles on this subject concerning the cases of two Italian political leaders, Claudio Martelli and Giulio Andreotti, published in the issue #15 of my quarterly magazine *Ricerca* '90. In other words, one might say that politicians get sick much less than the average person, perhaps because they have a strong libido, which is directed toward power. But if they lose their power, the first 'warning light' of this is their weakened health. Many politicians involved in the judicial investigation Mani Pulite (also known as Tangentopoli) expressed their political troubles by losing their health too.

Finally, what if you cannot just move in order to relocate a SR containing one of these positions? Well, you can still try to exorcise the symbol following one of the pieces of good advice that I have repeatedly explained in my writings. For example, you may ask your dentist to make a significant

intervention on your teeth; or you may ask a surgeon to have your cyst removed; or you can purchase an exercise bicycle and pedal more than half an hour every day. Thus, you would be able to produce those 'changes in your body' that the involvement of the 1st House in a chart of SR typically implies. Please refer to my volume *Astrologia Attiva*, published in Italy by Edizioni Mediterranee.

Let me stress that my attitude concerning the First House of SR is sort of a root cause of problems in my school. In fact, even 'ancient' students of mine – who define themselves 'orthodox followers' of my school of Astrology – think that after all, you can relocate SR's to remove a detrimental Ascendant of SR in the natal Twelfth House so that you displace it into the natal 1st. Yes, perhaps the 12th House is 1% more detrimental than the 1st House. So, I have endeavoured in every way to make it clear to my readers that, after all, a 1% difference is virtually equal to zero, thus – in a chart of SR – the involvement of any House among the 1st, 6th or 12th is detrimental with the same intensity. There is nothing to reason about it – you simply have to avoid any of these Houses being involved in some way in the chart of SR. In the overwhelming majority of cases these three Houses imply serious physical or mental damage, which may be caused by any sort of misfortune: for example, it may be your partner leaving you; your being accused of a serious crime; surgeries; illnesses; infections; broken bones; accidents; losing your job; and so on.

Hoping to be fully understood, perhaps I should say once again that in no case should you keep such an astrological combination in a SR.

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the Second natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Second House of SR; Sun of SR in the 2nd House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 2nd House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

In almost all cases, they point to an increased, or more fluent, circulation of money. It may be incoming, but also outgoing. As with all the other Houses, in this case too you have to discriminate among several elements. The first thing to consider is the age and the general situation of the subject. The reading of this combination can be completely different depending on your counselee being a young man, an older woman or an aged man, for example. As I have written elsewhere, you can understand the real meaning of this combination of elements by considering the subject's birth chart together with his/her transits, as well as the overall reading of the chart of SR itself. Often, it is sufficient to ask direct questions to the counselee to understand it all. For example, say that Tom is going to buy a house.

His SR containing one of the aforementioned combinations clearly and exhaustively explains that he is going to suffer from 'haemorrhage of money' because of this fact. Other times it is less simple to guess what this combination really points to. If you detect it in the SR of young persons, it may indicate that they are about to get a job and start working; thus, the involvement of the 2nd House in this case surely refers to their first salaries. Of course, it is much harder to decipher it if the SR belongs to young or very young people. But you should always start from the assumption that it is the stars that must make things clear – not the astrologer. Astrology is something that really works: therefore there is always a logical explanation to everything.

Also, do not forget that the Solar Return is a sort of your daily newspaper, whose headlines show the main events of your life during the twelve months covered by that specific chart of SR. Usually, the position of the Ascendant of SR in the natal Houses tells you what is the nine-column headline on the first page. So, in this case the main headline cries: "Money!" and you know that the SR does not lie. It never lies. Thus, it is up to you to understand it and understand it well. It is up to your brilliant mind, to your grounding and to your qualification as an astrologer. Money can flow as an income for several reasons: settlements that you had been waiting for long; allowances in your salary; supplementing your salary by giving tuition; renting out a room of your flat, and so on.

However, this combination typically points to significant income or expenditure of money – at least, significant for the finances of an average worker. Often, during such a SR, money flows in both directions. It may be the case of a professional who starts earning a decent monthly incoming 'under the table' that allows him or her to purchase a number of more or less important things required for his/her main profession.

The role of the Second House in the chart of SR is not dangerous, if compared to the others. Sometimes I use it in relocations, to 'park' a huge stellium in it. Not long ago I found myself studying the case of a politician – not a prominent one – who was involved in judicial, economic, political and even health troubles. In fact, his health had literally blown up because of his fears of losing power. On the day of his birthday, this gentleman would have had an exceptional stellium, concentrated in about 45 degrees of the Zodiac. In cases like this I would not even dream of placing the Ascendant of SR in the natal 10th House! In fact, together with detrimental transits, this would imply a complete reversal of the subject's social situation.

Certain cases are very difficult to treat with relocation. This was one of those, perhaps the most dramatic one, because it was virtually impossible to be solved in any way. If I had placed his stellium

anywhere else, the AS of SR would have fallen into one of the Houses of the birth chart that I consider detrimental. How did I resolve the situation then? Of course, my first impulse was to wash my hands and give up. But it is not my style.

So, I took my responsibility and I warned his wife (for she was the one who asked for my advice, not him) to have her husband spend his next birthday in New York City, where the whole stellium would have occupied the Second House of SR. As I am writing these lines, the subject is still having his SR, so I do not know yet how it would end up – but I can imagine that he is going to face a total financial failure. Still, at least I believe that in this way I have helped him to save his skin and not end up in jail. Money is important, very important; but they are not the most important thing of all. Do you remember that film with Alberto Sordi, whose protagonist was a poor guy who resolved to sell one of his eyes?

In my long practice of counselling, I have known people who ended up literally on the street, totally ruined, and even more than once. But then they had the power to 'rise again' with the support of a real friend and a good, favourable transit. Keep in mind this House, and do not fear to use it in extreme situations.

Sometimes, it can work very well. For example, say that Tom has a well-placed Saturn in his natal Second House. He has been in debt all of his life, yet never dramatically. But Saturn is Chronos, the Time: it promises a good financial situation, over the years. So, in the year when Tom receives a nice Jupiter trine to his natal Sun and he also has a reasonably good economic project, you can suggest to him to relocate his SR so that the AS is positioned in his natal 2nd House. By doing so, it may be that in that year – not in another – that he stops accumulating debts and his financial situation starts getting more and more stable.

However, here in Italy, the 2nd House usually implies big problems. In America, banks lend money to almost everyone, with an interest of 3%. (A note from the Author: I wrote these lines in 1993.) That is the land of plenty, where even the poor can find the funding to become a millionaire in no time. Here in Italy, banks lend money with interests that may even reach 20-25%. If you turn to moneylenders of the Camorra, their interest (but – is it still correct to call it interest?) may reach 500% per year.

Now you can understand why I had one of my more dramatic sessions of counselling with a contractor who had gotten bogged down in debt with the Camorra and he could not afford repaying it. For this reason, he was hunted by killers who wanted to eliminate him. I advised him to escape abroad. I haven't heard from him since then. The positions listed in the header of this paragraph do not necessarily point to money. They may also refer to one's physical appearance. I met several men who, like me, enjoy wearing blue-jeans and sweaters. (A note from the Author: Remember, I wrote these lines in 1993.) With a strong stellium of SR in the Second House of SR, some of them completely changed their looks.

One of them got a new job that involved attention to the client, spurring him to change his habits radically and start wearing suit and tie. He is wearing very elegant clothes since then. Once I met a handsome, super-sized young man with romantic eyes who used to drive several girls crazy. Asking aimed questions, I rebuilt his past life. After many "I do not remember" and "I do not think so", I got to know that as a baby his pretty face was used for advertisements which appeared on billboards all over South Africa. This happened exactly in a year in which the Ascendant of his SR had fallen in his natal 2nd House. When the natal Second House is occupied by the cusp of the Ascendant of SR, or when the 2nd House of SR, and this also implies significant elements of Pisces and/or Taurus, very often this can lead to periods of incredible thinness or overweight, usually due to problems of anorexia or bulimia. So, in a year in which the 2nd House plays a primary role (I say 'year', but you know that I always refer to the chart of Solar Return), you may have cases of people heroically losing (or putting on!) 20 kg or more of weight.

Returning to money, remember that in the year when the 2nd House is in the foreground, you can have cases of individuals showing polar attitudes concerning money. During such a SR, some of them may become greedy even if they are spendthrift; others may become spendthrift even if they are greedy. Do not forget, however, that no lamp can be switched on or off if the electrical system is not already there, with its indications, in the natal chart!

Even the Second House can be used strategically in the relocation of SR's. If you see in advance that your chart of SR is bad, you can relocate it so that the AS of SR falls into the natal 2nd and invest in real estate during that year, for example in a timeshare property. In this way, you would give something to the astrological 'gods' that requires great sacrifices, but at least, you would hardly waste your money for nothing. I think I have summarized in short – but clearly enough – the question of the exorcism of the symbol in my book *Il sale dell'astrologia* that publisher Capone Editore in Turin accepted to print with reluctance and whose success eventually surprised him very much.

Finally, I would like to clarify one more point. I have said many times that sight – especially visual impairment – is related to the axis Virgo/Pisces and to the axis Sixth/Twelfth House. On the other hand I also insist that looks, image, photography, cinema and theatre... are almost exclusively in the realm of the Second House. So people ask me, "Was Lisa Morpurgo right about the 2nd House, or are you right?" In my opinion both of us are right, but they are two different things.

There is no doubt that when it comes to potential directors, actors, set designers, photographers and extraordinarily photogenic people, Lisa was right. In fact, in my opinion the connection between these aspects of life and the 2nd House is one of Lisa's greatest discoveries. But when it comes to eye

pathologies, then I could prove beyond any doubt that the Houses and signs involved are those that have I mentioned before. In short, I repeat, sight and looks are two different things.

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the Third natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Third House of SR; Sun of SR in the 3rd House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 3rd House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

The Third House requires a complex reasoning, because it hides major traps, sometimes. First, you need to situate the correct status of the subject. For example, your counselee may be an intellectual who likes riding the motorcycle, with also a natural predisposition to be involved in traffic accidents. In this case, your field of reading of this House is greatly restricted. In fact, for such an individual, the AS of SR falling in his natal 3rd could probably point to him writing a new book. The bottom line is that the chart of SR always 'shouts' the headlines of an imaginative newspaper containing the events of the following twelve months.

So, since this individual is accustomed to riding a motorbike and to be involved in more or less serious accidents, surely the 3rd House of SR does not point to anything like this. To make a completely opposite example, the 3rd House in the SR of a successful writer – who may publish at least one important book every year – would not probably point to yet another book, but to something of much more significance. On the other hand, this astrological combination would be significant if it's the case of a writer of, say, science-fiction, who writes a detective story during this SR – i.e. something quite unusual for him.

I haven't checked Umberto Eco's SR's, but I find it plausible that he might have had a SR with a significant involvement of the 3rd House when he wrote *The Name of the Rose*, given that his most famous work at the time was a *A Theory of Semiotics*. However, this may not be the most appropriate interpretation, considering that here in Italy virtually everybody – sooner or later – writes a book... Conversely I would be ready to bet that, for the average Italian male between thirty and fifty years, a SR whose Ascendant falls in his natal 3rd House points to his car being stolen or exchanged for a newer model. In some Italian towns, this is even truer: in Naples, for example, it would be an absolute certainty.

A friend of mine is a member of Parliament. Please, do not speculate about it, because I have many friends who are deputies, although not all are as fond of me as I am fond of them... To make a long story short, a few years ago I suggested him to relocate his SR in Thailand, adding the following clue: "You'll have to buy a new car when you come back!" In fact, two months later his car was stolen. Of course, the 3rd House may also refer to two-wheeled vehicles or to pedestrian crossings. Consider for example the following case. A lady was studying astrology based on our sessions of counselling. Once she tried to get prepared in advance for a SR with a significant role of the 3rd House.

For a variety of reasons (not only based on astrological fact) she thought she would soon be involved in some accident, and I agreed. So, she did her best to exorcise or discharge the symbol. She sold her car and avoided getting in the car of her acquaintances either, especially those known for being reckless drivers. She resolved to travel only on half empty buses, to avoid the risk of being thrown down by the crowd when entering or leaving the vehicle. Everything seemed to be under control – but was it? Not at all! Despite travelling on an empty vehicle, a sudden and hard braking slammed her against a metal rod on the bus: this left her with a broken arm and a fractured rib. Some of you might wish to indulge in philosophic considerations about this event; I don't, for the reasons I have explained in many writings of mine.

In 90% of cases, when this SR refers to a boy or a girl, it typically points to unexpected results at school – both positive and negative. For example, it may be an exam that would be passed unexpectedly; or on the other hand it may also be the contrary – a failure which the subject did not really expect. In any case, as a father I would not even dream of suggesting an aimed birthday to my daughter simply to avoid a failure at school.

The disproportion between the two events would lead me to a psychiatric clinic. In other parts of this volume, as well as in other texts of mine, you can read that – except in very rare cases – I do not agree with relocating the Solar Returns for kids. The main reason is that in the vast majority of cases, even the worst events of a kid's life are usually resolved with relatively light penalties. Breaking a femur is much different if it happens to a teenager or to an octogenarian – for the latter, the event might even be fatal. Whoever reads this book will find in various sections of it certain judgments that might appear to be 'moral'. Beware though: they are much more complex. Therefore, I do not invite you to do exactly what I do. I simply provide you with a great practice, dating back for ages. Eventually, everyone will find his or her own salt of Astrology.

Let us proceed. In a critical age, say between twenty and thirty years, a SR with a strong role of the Third House can determine a date with destiny. For example, it may point to a permanent discontinuation of studies, especially if such SR takes places at the same time as one of the ugliest transits, the one I fear the most: Saturn dissonant to the Moon. On this subject, you can also refer to

the magnificent essay published by Mario Zoli in *Ricerca* '90, issue #16, October 1993. But, as everybody knows, the Third House is also the House of brothers, sisters and brothers in law. Here is an example of sheer luck. A woman, kissed by fortune since birth, has the transit of Saturn on her natal Sun, which is in the 3rd House. She complains to her friends about the only negative consequence of this transit, saying: "You know? One of my brothers is pretty bad." The same may happen, or something very similar to this, with a Third-House-SR.

Everybody knows that on issues of interest – especially inheritance – even the best families become wolves to themselves. So it may happen that Tom has just had a SR with the Ascendant falling in his natal 3rd House, and he suddenly becomes the target of huge family disputes, for example because of a brother or a sister-in-law. Do not forget, in fact, that the in-laws may also play a significant role in our daily life.

Back to cars and means of transport – another area of readings of the 3rd House – remember that here in Italy the leading cause of death, excluding heart attacks, are road accidents. More people die in a car accident on our roads than the victims of our wars of the Risorgimento. You may know that there is a dispute between Freudian and Jungian analysts on the symbolic meaning of the car. Freudians consider car as an extension of the penis, while the followers of Carl Gustav Jung, car is the projection of the anima. In fact, men tend to caress their car for hours, and most of them give female names to their car. In any case cars, motorcycles and bicycles end up virtually saturating the daily life of those people whose SR has – for example, in a given year – a significant stellium in its Third House. In many cases, a SR with an involvement of the 3rd House may indicate a period of hard commuting, with the subject covering a distance of fifty or more miles to go to work at morning and back home at night. Or it may point to your reading a book that will be critical to your future development.

It may also indicate significant changes in the relationships with others. They may be either positive or negative. For example, it may be the case of a clerk who, under a SR of this kind, is displaced from an exclusive back-office to the front-office of the department of customer complaints. In a case like this, I might say that the Third House of SR is as bad as the Sixth.

Nowadays, (thankfully!) informatics occupies a large space in our lives. So you can – and you must – find sensible correlations between the meanings of the 3rd House and the peripheral devices of our computer machines. In fact, after a life spent in the midst of computers of all kinds, I have noticed a clear connection between the Third House and printers. During years in which my SR had a significant involvement of the 3rd House, I purchased beautiful laser printers; but I have also experienced that under similar SR's some of my best printers broke suddenly, causing me significant trouble in my activity.

Finally, a Third-House SR may give information on your correspondence (i.e. exchange of letters, E-mails, phone messages and so on) of that year; on your relationships with the mobile phone and the Internet; on the amount of books you read; on possible writings that you can produce; on possible courses, competitions and workshops you attend during the following twelve months.

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In virtually all cases, a Fourth-House SR implies that the most important events of the year are in connection with immovable property, i.e. real estate. Of course, depending on the richness of the subject as well as his or her temporary financial resources, possible issues of inheritance, sale, rent, eviction, and so on, you'll be able to understand perfectly what this SR points to in each case. Remember that the chart or SR is the 'yearly newspaper' covering the main events of your life between two consecutive birthdays. When the SR has a significant involvement of the 4th House, the headline is: Sale and/or purchase of immovable property. It can be your first house, or a second house at the seaside, a timeshare property, a plot of land, but it can also point to moving to another place, renting a small apartment or maybe works of renovation at your home or workplace. In short, it can be anything concerning real estate.

Of course, whatever it is, it must be one of the main news, especially considering the fact that there is a housing crisis out there, and it is virtually impossible to move frequently – at least here in Italy. Since the Solar Return expresses the events of the year with the utmost logic – and usually, also in a redundant way – you will surely find further explanation in your transits and/or in other parts of the same chart of SR, that help your understand better whether the flow of money concerning real estate would produce earnings or expenditures; whether the overall year covered by that SR is positive or negative; and whether those twelve months would bring troubles or satisfaction. It is usually very easy to read correctly a Fourth-House SR, because people typically plan years in advance to purchase real estate. On the other hand, a tenant in arrears may resist an eviction for months or even years, sometimes. So, this is one of those cases in which it is the counselee who can inform of anything concerning the 4th House – if not anything, at least the main aspects of the matter. However, this does

not eliminate the need for good astrological advice. Say that for two years, Uranus transits close to your Imum Coeli. This clearly implies that in a span of 24 months there will be around a big change in your housing/ and/or real estate. The legitimate question is, "The transit lasts 2 years.

In which year will the change happen?" The answer is, "In the year in which the Ascendant of the SR falls in your natal 4th House, or in which your SR shows any other significant involvement of the 4th House." However, for the vast majority of citizens – who are also the vast majority of consumers of astrology – a 4th-House SR simply points to rehabilitation works such as painting doors and walls, renovation of the bathroom, changing the furnishings of one or more rooms, and anything similar. In my astrological practice I have found that this House is very useful if you wish to 'discharge' transits and Solar Returns. When in a given year, you have a SR with a significant 4th House and if you cannot or do not want to relocate, then you can simply activate it by timing the major works in winter. Could you think of anything more heinous than having to keep windows open because of the smell of paint, and a polar temperature outside? Thus you would 'give the stars' what they ask, and the more you give the more they will be 'satisfied' with it, so that you could only expect small-medium scale disasters during the year.

However, you have to be careful when you wish to 'discharge' or 'exorcise' an astrological symbol. Use these solutions only if you do not cause other – perhaps even far more threatening than the ones you pretend to avoid. The Fourth House not only refers to the place where you live, but also to a place of temporary stay – for example, a hospital.

Perhaps it may also refer to prison, although the jail has much more to do with the 8th and the 12th House. So before such a SR the question is, "Why would I run the risk of ending up in hospital?" If you need to undergo a fairly important surgery, then it is clear why – and if there is a stellium in the 4th House of your SR, you have no need to relocate. But if you are healthy as a fish, and though there are elements of danger, then you should consider relocation. In any case, even in cases of short hospital stays, I suggest to do some important works at home, even better if they are a little expensive: thus you would do your best to absorb any possible virulence of this celestial position. So you may deliberately call workers to come and paint your kitchen; and if you find their tub of concrete resting on your most comfortable and luxury couch, well... take it as a toll that you have to pay to stars. Another way to 'live' the Fourth House of a SR is to go and live – for longer or shorter periods – with relatives or friends in order to 'activate' all the possible meanings of the House.

Let me make a digression now, I often hear criticism concerning my way of reading symbols in a Jungian way, albeit within the frame of my personal view of things that I have been building for decades. My answer to these critics is very simple: A huge factual practice proves me that I am proceeding in the right direction; everything else is theory, wool over your eyes, refusals that are not supported by sufficient practice. It is as if you criticised a farmer, claiming that it is not true that his wine goes bad if it is decanted with the moon in a certain phase. He would laugh at you, saying, "Do whatever you want, but let me take care of my wine – me and the moon." You see, for years I have been claiming to be a 'farmer of astrology'. And I also claim to be like a radio technician: I see that if I change the valve, the radio set works again; all the rest is mental masturbation that has nothing to do with the practical side of life. End of the digression.

You shall not forget that the Fourth House also refers to parents. This would lead me to where I just said I want to stay away from – the realm of philosophical, theological, ethical, moral and deontological issues, some of them concerning a dozen of disciplines and/or moral or moralistic attitudes that certain people would like me to swallow with a funnel. The fascists used to write on their helmets: "I do not care". I don't subscribe to their point of view, nevertheless on this specific point I must say that I don't care either, and I have to make yet another digression. In the summer of 1992 I relocated my Solar Return in Miami, Florida, for a variety of reasons that I do not wish to explain. I knew that I would have an important Fourth House there, so I told one of my sisters that I was a little bit concerned about my father, but also about her – I am her father, after all.

So I left for Miami and as soon as I went back, I had several repair works made at home. Feeling that this may not be enough, I also dealt with the restructuring of the whole building where I live, which cost me a shocking amount and a good number of collateral problems of long duration. Unfortunately what I had feared happened in deed: my father fell ill and was hospitalized for two different forms of heart attack. Now, could anybody claim that by relocating my SR I had been the cause of my father's disease? I defy any reasonable person to say so. By simply relocating a Solar Return you do not become a killer. Believe me: I have been studying this astrological reality day and night for over thirty years – if my father had wanted to avoid a heart attack, he should have relocated his Solar Return. Unluckily, my father is (A note from the author: I should say 'my father was' now, since he died after I wrote these lines) one of the more closed-minded persons I have ever known, so I know that he would have never accepted my theories about aiming one's birthday. On the other hand, things are not very clear to me on this point.

Against hundreds of cases that I could propose, I wonder what might be the explanation one of those who claim to be pseudo-enlightened from God of those who claim to know everything about the mysteries of our Lord and about reincarnation; those who talk with utmost conceit; those who pretend to know the most hidden secrets of existence. For these reasons, I prefer to stick to... radio engineering and agriculture. I do not pretend to know anything else than 'very little', but the 'very little'

that I know proves to work well, which gives me the motivation to keep going.

At the end of this paragraph, I would like to conclude with two exhortations: in the years when you get such a SR, try to convince your parents to relocate their own SR, and prepare to take better care of them during the following months.

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Jumping from the 4th House to the 5th House is like jumping from the frying pan into the fire: from parents to children. Each of the seemingly simple little paragraphs that I am proposing to you is basically the result of long period of inner turmoil from which I have been digressing occasionally, almost exclusively to mention radio valves and good wines. I know that by opening my mind and my heart to you, I am exposing myself to very harsh criticism and attacks – but my solar dominant, overwhelming over my Ascendant, does not allow me to cheat or to use demagoguery with my readers. This is why I always call a spade a spade (I'll end up playing cards one of these days...). So, let us begin this paragraph by saying that, except for rare cases of serious illness or a few other cases, I would never suggest my counselees to have their kids relocate their Solar Returns before they become teenagers. Of course, if my counselee is a very rich person, and also with plenty of time available for travelling, so that for him/her travelling is a sort of sporting activity, then relocating is a totally different kettle of fish. For children and young people in general, I do not recommend the practice of relocating the SR's. Do you want to know why? Well, in order to explain you the reason why I do not recommend having your kids relocate, I must refer to something written in the previous pages.

Statistics in hand, borrow the logic of the insurers, until proven otherwise I am convinced that – in the vast majority of cases and deliberately ignoring that there can be such unfortunate cases of one in five million babies who gets poliomyelitis because of a vaccine – our kids run thousands of potential dangers every day. Yet they usually remain safe, year after year, surviving even the worst tragedies. In fact, in such an industrialized country as Italy, child mortality is rare, although it is still far beyond any acceptable rate. Consider for example my daughter Luna.

She has fallen face down at least a hundred times; she got her hand trapped in a door twice, also losing one nail because of it. But apart from a little bit of constipation, she enjoys very good health and has survived the most frightening Solar Returns. However, let us not misunderstand me.

Relocating a SR should be done according to a fundamental law of marketing: obtaining the maximum results with the least possible effort. So, if you wanted to have your kid relocate every year, every single SR from the very first one, he or she could certainly live a little better, but you would probably waste a huge amount of money, energy and other resources, much beyond the factual results that you may obtain from this practice. An example will make it clearer. What chance has a child of five years of getting cancer? I do not know, but I say a random number: perhaps one in three thousand. So, let us imagine that you place a single cartridge in a revolver whose revolving cylinder may hold up to three thousand cartridges. Then you play Russian roulette shooting at your son.

Do you really believe that you run a serious risk of killing him with such a revolver? I think you don't. That is why I am convinced that there is no risk in non-relocating your kids' Solar Returns. Certainly, during a bad SR your child could be rejected at school, or he/she could break a leg falling off the scooter. But (also considering the above said on marketing, statistics, and insurers) I believe that wanting to protect your kids constantly against everything by placing them under a sort of abysmal shielding womb is an absurd law of the market – of any kind of marketplace, from the market of tomatoes to the market of souls. Many of my friends are experts in economics, so I hope to have the chance of exchanging our views with one of them on this specific point.

You may be surprised to read that not only do I theorize that it is poorly productive (in the pure sense of the word) to have your kids travel around the world every year. Long years of practice in Aimer Solar Returns make me also believe that it is often a good idea to relocate your own Solar Return – not that of your children – in such a way that potential dangerous elements are placed into the 5th House. This has never provoked any misfortune, except one modest accident that I'll describe perhaps elsewhere in my writings. Certain parents are about to have a SR with elements in the 6th House. Perhaps they are very ill, so that I suggest them to relocate in order to displace those elements into the 5th House.

They typically refuse, fearing that this might harm their children. After all, here in Naples there is a saying, "Children are pieces of your heart, so leave them in peace!" So every parent chooses the SR with the 6th House – but what if he or she dies during such a detrimental SR? Would you say that he has done well, for the sake of his children? Personally I think that he or she has done wrong. Probably the most cherished treasure of children are their father and mother, so do not throw this treasure away in the mistaken belief that you have to protect your kids by avoiding any involvement of the 5th House

in the sky of your own SR. In the Neapolitan melodrama the feelings come with glowing colours and coarse-grained characters. In real life we try to reason impartially.

So, let us consider a quite plausible hypothesis, very close to several real cases that I have been encountering in my activity of counselling. Imagine a father who is willing to get a 6th-House-SR because he wants to 'protect' his children avoiding a relocation in favour of a 5th-House-SR. Say that during the detrimental 6th-House-SR he runs the serious risk of getting a stroke. Say that he could avoid the stroke by relocating. Say that the 5th-House-SR may imply fairly serious troubles for his son, and in fact the father relocates and during the 5th-House-SR of the father, the son has a bad failure at school. Do you really think that having accepted the SR with an involvement of the 5th House was an act of selfishness of the parent? I do not think so.

Of course, I am not in a position to give moral lessons to anyone. I simply try, as far as I can, to make a practical reasoning. I would never start those idle threads (or attacks) in which you may become involved while sharing your seat in a wagon of a train travelling from Rome to Florence, with fellow travellers who haven't got the faintest idea what you are talking about. And mind you – I insist to talk of technique, not science, for if I would, I'd have to bear the epistemological ravings of those who mix up Esoteric, Faith, the Depths of the Soul, and of course, the same old story of Reincarnation explained as if it were a game of bridge. I wrote in my books and I would never stop repeating that I just want to be a good radio engineer with an essentially positive feedback from my clients. The notion of feedback, especially in electronics, is part of the process through which part of the input signal is used for correcting the output signal. To make the comparison easier, a tenor can control the feedback of his own voice, and if he hears distortions in it, he can correct his way of singing in an ouroboros-like process. To put it yet differently, I would argue without emphasis that the hundreds of people who systematically come to me every year can provide a reasonable assurance that my way of reading and relocating a SR really works, and that they are willing to repeat the relocation year after year.

I am sure that if you asked the opinion of a member of CICAP, the Italian council of sceptical organizations, he or she would simply laugh at it. On the other hand, I suspect that their attitude is a toll that they have to pay, if they want to cover important posts in society. And I am also aware that those people have no interest in dealing with the bizarre theories of an astrologer, who in addition is fought by several of his fellow astrologers.

However, needless to say that if the above set considerations may change significantly if the SR refers directly or indirectly to a more or less seriously sick person, perhaps born with a serious problems of health. There is still one consideration left. Much water has passed under the bridge since the first Italian edition of this volume – more than ten years ago. I would like to tell you the experience of my daughter Luna concerning her fifteenth birthday. That year she had a thrilling Solar Return; such a SR that could have been fatal for an adult. Consistently with what I have said before, I resolved to have her spend her birthday at home, where she celebrated her green fifteen years. In a few months, I regretted my choice very much. Despite being reluctant to spend hours on the books, Luna (who is my second daughter) has always been given very high ratings at school.

On a scale of 0 to 10, that year too her report card was full of shimmering 8's and 9's like always. Then, suddenly, her math teacher took a dislike for her, tearing to pieces her written assignment because she thought that she had cheated. As a result of this sad event, Luna received a sort of 'penalty' despite her overall good report card. After only ten days, she somatised that emotional shock, and on her face appeared tiny white spots of vitiligo that would accompany her for the rest of her life. A few days later, Luna also had a dangerous encounter down the street, just before the main entrance of our block of flats, with three 'bad girls' who harassed and assaulted her. Unluckily, that would not be a single episode: from that day and for long months, every morning the three girls waited for my daughter at the entrance of the house to beat her. The result was a year in hell and back for all of us. My wife had to get up early every morning to take Luna to school. I often had to go and take her at the exit of the school.

On her side, Luna lived like being under house arrest throughout the whole year, in the constant fear of meeting those little terrorists in the street. At this point I asked myself: "Why have I been so clumsy to cause so much suffering to my own daughter? Would it not have been much better if I had travelled with her off on a journey of relocating her SR?" This is exactly what I have been doing every year since then. Several troubles of Luna have been gradually solving, and our joy of being happy parents has also been growing consequently.

So? So, I think that each instance should be treated as a separate case, and with common sense. You simply cannot advise a modest clerk, relying solely on his own income, to travel every year on relocating each of their five children's birthday. On the other hand, if you only can do it and if you are faced with very threatening Solar Returns, you can also consider the possibility of extending the benefits of relocation to your children.

This was a very extended, yet necessary digression. In brief, the Fifth House is mainly about children, but it can also point to love as well as marital life. Many scholars of astrology believe that marital love is the realm of the Seventh House, but it is not possible to make a sharp separation. So, a SR whose Ascendant falls in someone's natal 5th House may point to the blossoming of a renewed love between spouses, but also to the possible betrayal of one of the two. Moreover, in the SR's of elderly subjects, it may also imply operations to the reproductive organs. For many couples, when the SR of one of the

spouses has an involvement of the 5th House, it may point to an attempt of having a child – perhaps repeated attempts throughout the twelve months covered by the SR. I have also met this astrological combination in people who suddenly became gamblers, or speculators on the stock exchange. For teenagers, such a SR can mean the arrival of menarche, or their first sexual sighs. Needless to say, the Fifth House of SR can even herald the risk of HIV infection for those who are particularly susceptible to run this risk. In the worst cases, it may also point to a separation or the risk of death of the subject's spouse. It is not uncommon that when both spouses have a SR with the Sun in the 5th House of SR or the Ascendant of SR falling in their natal 5th House, they give life to a baby and one of them falls in love with someone else; or they have a baby and one of them suffers for the betrayal of the other.

The Fifth House may also refer to a very creative year; perhaps a year of living with much satisfaction, play, and recreation. Typically, you develop a brand new hobby during a year of Fifth House. You also tend to spend many evenings away from home; to engage yourself in short or long trips; to dine out many times; to enjoy more free weekends. There can also be much more sex; or conversely, an interruption in your sexual relations.

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the Sixth natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Sixth House of SR; Sun of SR in the 6th House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 6th House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

First of all, you have to distinguish between weak and easily sick subjects and healthy robust individuals who almost constantly enjoy good health. When my counselees belonged to this second group, I have often suggested them to take the risk and accept a 6th-House-SR, without necessarily travelling to relocate. As you know, I always ask my counselees to present the budget of their situation for one year after each Solar Return. This should always be done by recording on a tape cassette what the counselee reports, for the benefit of both the counselee and the astrologer. Usually, after a 6th-House-SR, robust and healthy individuals report twelve months literally scattered with minor ailments of all kinds.

They typically report many allergies, rheumatic episodes, discomfort, cold, flue, asthma at an early stage, and so on. For the sake of complete information, I must stress that these subjects show a diametrically opposite attitude before and after the SR. Before the SR with the involvement of the 6th House, I always question the subject: "Do you fear from health hazards?" In nearly the majority of cases, they claim to be serene and ready to challenge even the worst storms. In contrast, twelve months later almost all of them show evident signs of the riskiness of this House, which I consider to be exactly as negative as the other two, when they are involved in a chart of SR. Remember, they are 12th, the 1st, and the 6th. I often opened the door of my consulting room to people who – after a SR of this kind – were limping noticeably, or to other ones who were constantly snaffling and coughing, etcetera, etcetera. Of course, I have never persecuted anybody with a sadistic "I told you!" In fact, I do believe that everybody can learn from their mistakes; not to mention that, since we are talking of healthy and robust people, an year of 6th House can be considered even useful, because it helps highlight their hidden pathologies, which they will be able to overcome very easily, and which they will learn to prevent from now on.

This situation happens – like I have just described or very similarly – usually at an age between 30 and 50. In older individuals, there can be already full-blown diseases. But there can also be the rare case of over-fifties who are virtually exempt from health problems. If so, you can really believe that they are as solid as a rock. Conversely, those who are weak and often sick should seriously think about relocating their SR's whenever it implies a significant role of the 6th House, because this can be a very heavy – in the pathological sense of the term – astrological combination. Under such a SR you cannot exclude even surgery. In some cases, this SR can point to occasional diseases becoming chronic pathologies. If the subject is not a strong person, a SR with its AS in the natal Sixth House can really beat him/her down. The individual history of the counselee will help you to determine, in advance, what kind of risks he or she can run.

On the other hand, I must admit that after fifteen years of practical experience, today I have reviewed these considerations and I have become convinced that under no circumstances is it legitimate or wise to accept a SR with a significant role of the Sixth House.

Remember also that when we talk about health, you must think about both physical and mental health. Thus, for example, the presence of Mars of SR in the 6th of SR may not only simply indicate surgery, but it may also imply many suffering due to any cause – for example, because the beloved one has gone away or because you receive a notification of your being under investigation.

The 6th House also refers to work. Also in this case, unfortunately I have noticed that such a SR does not grant allowance to anyone. In most cases, a 6th-House-SR implies health problems as well as troubles at work. Often, in fact, these two things are obviously linked. For example, an employee may suffer the arrival of a new, pestilent workmate and may develop a neurological disorder because of the

stress accumulated at work. As always, positive and negative transits taking place during this SR help you to make a very precise forecast. For example, the transit of Jupiter in a favourable angle with the subject's natal Sun can point to a very valuable colleague who starts working in the same company, who could become very useful for the subject in the future. Conversely, for example, Mars 'beating' like a hammer on the same sensible points of your birth chart during six or seven months – because it first touches them in direct motion, then once again in retrograde motion, then one more time in direct motion – can even lead you to be subject to legal action by your employees, colleagues, collaborators, or employers. In less serious cases, such a SR may simply point to a possible dismissal of a maid, a nanny, a driver... Many people do not have the courage of travelling for relocating and avoiding a bad SR.

Others do not relocate because they are not convinced that Active Astrology really works. Most of them change their mind as soon as they have a 12th-House-SR. But if you decide not to relocate despite you foreseeing a SR of this kind, then you do need to activate all your defensive strategies, particularly avoiding any sort of imprudence during the following twelve months. For example, until this SR is over you had better avoid going skiing and embarking on long journeys. If you cannot avoid driving your car, at least do your utmost to drive as little as possible, and to be extremely careful while sitting at the steering wheel. In short, apply all those rules of good 'hygiene' that can ward off any danger.

One cannot make an exhaustive list of all occasions of danger; perhaps it can be enough if I say that they may range from sexual dangers (including abortion) to excess with food; from drinking too much alcohol to taking an excessive quantity of tobacco, coffee, etc... Those who are sick in the stomach shall avoid taking – for any reason – medication by mouth, and in particular aspirin. They should also protect themselves with ranitidine or similar products that their doctor would suggest to them. They should also avoid getting exposed to extreme changes in temperature, and so on.

Back to possible trouble at work, during a year of a 6th-House-SR you should be in complete compliance with labour standards, and avoid situations of direct friction with superiors, colleagues and associates. In the year of a SR whose AS falls in a journalist's natal 6th, it may happen that the journalist, perhaps usually engaged in office tasks, receives an 'advancement' and becomes a foreign correspondent. Unluckily this means only troubles to him/her, because it forces him/her to sleep with a pre-prepared suitcase, always ready to travel even to the desert, if it is required by his/her new role. In a word, this is a really ugly House in a SR, which I would not wish even to my worst enemies.

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the Seventh natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Seventh House of SR; Sun of SR in the 7th House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 7th House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

This is a very insidious House, perhaps the worst one among those houses that I do not really consider to be potentially dangerous. Pay close attention to such a SR, because it may hide very fearful traps. When this House is in evidence in the chart of SR, you should always think of 'stamped paper', i.e. legal stuff, trouble with bureaucracy, possible trouble with the law, bad arguments, litigations, small and big 'wars', possible acts of aggression, and/or any sort of hostility. Once a man in his forties came to my consulting room. He was dressed in a whimsical way, with a tuxedo, a bow tie and makeup on this face. He had maleficent celestials in the 2nd and the 5th House of his birth chart. I asked him if he had had some disappointments from the entertainment world. Almost with indignation, he replied that he was a comedian actor. Continuing the discussion, I realized that he was a poor man, a loser who, however, still assumed to be someone. He was in bad conditions. A SR had just begun for him with Mars of SR in the 7th House of SR and the AS of SR in his natal 7th, which was added to a birth chart with an already detrimental 7th House. I warned him to be careful with the law. A few months later I read in a newspaper that he had been killed by criminals.

During a SR with the Sun in the 7th House of SR, most of my counselees have been visited by officers of the customs, excise and tax – and the meeting was not good for them.

So when in a SR I see any of these positions, for example Mars of SR in the 7th House of SR, I suggest declaring war on the... entire world. In other words, you have to engage yourself in a sequel of little wars. For example, you may sue your neighbour for misusing a shared terrace; you may file a minor lawsuit against somebody at work; you may bring charges on relatives because of disputed inheritance. The ideal way to discharging this symbol would be to take part – at least have three or four times during the year – in television debates where people can give free rein to their aggressiveness, being involved in bad flames that provoke the worst passions of a human being. There may also be a serious risk of separation and divorce during a 7th-House-SR. So you had better try to have your partner also involved in litigations – with others, of course. Until your spouse is engaged in quarrelling with someone else, there would be minor risk of quarrels between the two of you.

During the 12 months of such SR you can also have several mishaps. Remember that the forty days

around your birthday – approximately twenty days before and twenty days after it – are among the most eventful days of the year. This may imply both positive and negative events. For example, Italian prosecuting magistrate Giovanni Falcone was killed by terrorists a few days after his birthday. Occasionally you may happen to read of a famous football player, who scores two goals on the very day of his birthday. Also, in his memoirs, Giacomo Casanova wrote that as far as he could remember, at least seven or maybe ten of his birthdays were among the most exceptional days of his life: once he became a millionaire on the very day of his birthday; another time, on his birthday he escaped from one of the several prisons in which he spent a good part of his life.

So, let me tell you something personal that I consider being of particular significance in this context. One year I had not been able to avoid a SR with Mars in the 7th House. During the following twelve months I was particularly nervous, and resolved to try and ‘discharge’ this symbol by taking part in some personal controversy, even if I could have avoided it. I also encouraged my wife – a lawyer – to deal with as bellicose cases as possible. But I did not feel entirely safe against Mars of SR in the 7th of SR until that year was over. And it turned out to be a cursed year in fact, from this point of view; but in many other respects, it was also a positive one.

Now, the most important event of that SR occurred just the day before my next birthday, when I was already on my way to travel for relocating my following SR. Early that morning I went to the bank to change money. They handed over to me 10 notes of 100,000 Liras each. Then I took the Intercity to Rome and arrived to Fiumicino Airport. I was about to embark when I said to my wife, “Let’s have a coffee at the bar here inside the airport!” So I went to the cashier and paid two coffees with a bill of 100,000 Liras. (Translator’s Note: The cost of a coffee could have been perhaps 1,000 Liras each at that time, while 100,000 Liras was the highest-denomination bill. Obviously, this aroused suspicion in the cashier.) The cashier picked up the note, lifted it over his head and looked at it from below, then he examined it against the light, rubbed it between his fingers and he eventually told me that it did not seem a real note. “That’s strange – I told him trying to cool down the atmosphere, which was heating up – I’ve printed them this very night!” At that point, the cashier called another cashier and handed it over the note to him, who checked it with a much more professional expression and returned it to his colleagues, exclaiming: “How can it be that you have a white beard and you aren’t still able to recognize the notes?” And to me: “Sir, I’d be glad to accept scores of these notes from you!” The first cashier seemed to have accepted his colleague’s reproach.

He took the note and gave me back the change without blinking, but with an evident shade of hatred on his face. At this point, my wife and I drank the coffee and we left the bar to go and buy some newspaper at the kiosk of the airport. Soon after, we were just about to embark when the first cashier ran after us with a 100,000 Liras note in his hand, shouting at us: “You did give to me 100,000 false Liras! Now you must take it back and give me a good one!” I replied, “You must be crazy. This happened a quarter of an hour ago – now who assures me that this bill is the same that I gave to you?” “So – said the teller – you are accusing me to be a thief...” Meanwhile a small crowd had gathered around us, and we also risked losing the flight. So I convinced the wild man to come with me to the police station, where I told my version of the facts to a kind officer, adding: “Here in my wallet, I still have the other nine bills that I have been given from the bank this morning. Would you please test them?” So he did, stating that they were not false. Then he took the cashier – who hadn’t stopped cursing me – into another room. After a while, the policeman came out from that room, telling us that everything was OK.

He said that the Police would make a statement, and the insurance – not even the waiter! – would refund the damage. He begged our pardon in the name of the authorities of the airport, and allowed us to take our flight without even asking for our documents to identify us.

All this happened during the previous SR. It was an evident display of one of the most significant elements of that specific Solar Revolution, and it took place on one of the days around my next birthday (but it could have also happen immediately after the previous birthday). This convinced me once again of the exceptional way in which the symbols of the Solar Revolution express themselves.

A SR with a strong involvement of the 7th House may also herald separation from you partner; the beginning of an irregular affair; the beginning or an abrupt end of your job or of a business corporation in which you may be involved; the beginning of a situation that would lead you to a steady relationship, to settle down; or the beginning of a state of hostility with one of your neighbours, and so on.

So, unless you need to get married or divorced exactly during that year, I suggest you to try and ‘discharge’ these symbols also embarking on fake fights. I am confident that you will surely find plenty of people who would want to argue with you.

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the Eighth natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Eighth House of SR; Sun of SR in the 8th House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 8th House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

The beginning of my study of astrology virtually coincided also with my first studies on Solar Returns, of which I had read in André Barbault's Practical treatise of astrology, published in Italy under the title of *Trattato pratico di astrologia*. I considered that book as a sort of my personal Bible. In virtually every treatise of astrology, I happened to read quite fearful sentences about the 8th House being in close relation with death. I cannot draw up a comprehensive ranking, but it is certain that most of those who had preceded or assisted me in the study of the stars, had theorized that the 8th House is the worst of all, possibly the most evil and dangerous House of a chart – be it natal or Solar.

Fortunately, while acknowledging a pre-defined path and a leading teacher, in my study I always managed to remain independent enough in my convictions about the real extent of each claim. For this reason, over the years I have gradually become convinced that the Eighth House is not the hell that certain authors want us to believe. In any case, I would never consider it as one of the three more potentially 'evil' Houses of a Solar Return. Mind you, I do not deny that this House often actually refers to what seems to be its 'peculiarity': death and mourning. But in my opinion, this is only limited to a low percentage of events, while for most of its domain, this House has rather to do with money matters. Unluckily, in this context, an involvement of this House in the chart of SR often governs bankruptcy, debt, capital losses, etc. So, I must admit that I do not like it either, for exactly these reasons. But I insist: generally speaking, I would not put it among the top three evil Houses of the SR.

When the AS of the SR falls in the subject's natal Eighth House, there will certainly be concern or loss of capital. To give you a very clear example of what this might mean, I tell the story of a young man belonging to a formerly wealthy and aristocratic family. He tends to follow his idealistic vocations, but also quite disproportionately to his means. In short, he tends to live beyond his income.

This is a young man, but we can say that he was a grown adult who was supposed to be mature at that time. In a year of an 8th-House-SR, with some favourable transits on his side, he took advantage of a special law that I do not remember in detail, and applied for a state financing of several billions to start over a brand new industry. I remember also that at that time, several well-equipped professional agencies arose in our country with the aim of putting together organic, convincing, professional and documented projects to be submitted to the governmental offices so that the dreams of people like my young friend could become true. To make a long story short, the young man obtained a significant loan from a bank with which he paid one of these agencies.

The agency prepared a real 'masterpiece', but their project did not thrill anyone at all in high places. Since this young man could not rely on any significant backing, except that of certain third-rate politicians, his project was literally thrown in the trash. Since then and for at least twenty to thirty years, the fabulous young man has to give the bank, each month, at least one-fifth of his meagre salary to refund the loan.

Certain people are very, very, lucky: for example, those who were born with Jupiter in the 8th trine to the Sun. In years of very promising transits and stellium of SR in the 8th House of SR, they had better buy several tickets of bingo and lotteries and take part in any other competition, because they stand fair chances to hit the jackpot.

In most cases, an 8th-House-SR simply points to getting lending of rather high amounts of money – at least compared to the subject's normal finances. Whether the loan would really imply an advantage for the applicant or not depends on the overall reading of his/her horoscope, as well as on the transits and SR's of the following years. Of course, even in cases of death, the 8th House has much to do with money. Whether you have to pay for a funeral, or you receive inheritance, or you receive negative inheritance, an event of this type always implies a flow of money in one direction or another. Those who believe that the occupation of the 8th House of SR can throw light on to the timing of mourning and death in their family tree, are surely wrong. Death is a weird mystery, astrologically speaking: only a few times, you can foresee the death of a person, and only if you can have a look at the astrological situation of as many members of his/her family as possible.

The Sun of SR in the 8th House of SR may also refer to studies of occultism or esotericism; during such a SR certain people take part in competitive entrance examinations for prestigious careers; others may gain extra money, proceeding from any possible source: from a personal loan that is finally repaid, to a possible jackpot at the lottery. Sometimes, it indicates a change in sexual activity. In this case, it may also be an indirect signal of a new affair for the subject. But it should be read in two ways: In fact, it may indicate both reduction (perhaps cessation) of sexual activity, or the beginning (or increase) of sexual activity.

Of course, when suggesting a possible Aimered Solar Return, I never even dream of suggesting anybody to getting a RS with an involvement of the 8th House, whatever the motivation. In fact it is true that I have written that I do not consider the Eighth House of SR to be a very bad House – but I do not consider it palatable either. In some cases, it may also indicate a detention, the end of a relationship, the end of a job, the end of an important situation. Speaking in terms of percentage, the greater risk you run with a SR of this kind is suffering from heavy 'bleeding' of money throughout the year.

### **Ascendant of Solar Return in the Ninth natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Ninth House**

**of SR; Sun of SR in the 9th House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 9th House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

Personally, I use this House very often (together with the Third) when relocating a SR, since it is the ideal House where the malefic elements of the SR can be 'parked' so that they are not too hostile during the year. Be it clear that it is not my intention to theorize that the Ninth House is always the best one where to stock the malefic celestials whenever needed. Expectations, fears, desires and phobias vary from individual to individual, and they may even change up to several times during the same year. This is why I advise the consultants to come study with me their next SR and evaluate possible relocation not earlier than one or two months before their birthday. As far as my SR's are concerned, the situation is quite simple. I have quit riding motorcycles since I was a young man, because when I realized that in my birth chart there is a square between Uranus and Mars – the latter in my 3rd House – I had already had a good number of falls and accidents on motorcycles. Soon after, I also quit driving cars. I hate travelling. I spend most of my time reading and writing in my study at home.

Whenever I have to travel, the stress provokes terrible headaches in me. (A note from the Author: Luckily, this is not true any longer – I do not suffer from headache since ages.) Thus, whenever I can I place the worst celestials of my SR in the 9th. Of course, I cannot suggest an ever-travelling Sagittarius to do the same, unless there are very valid reasons to justify this choice. However – without any intention of trying to convince anyone – I would add a few considerations about this.

When considering possible relocation of your SR, the astrologer may ask you, "Madam, where would you like to discharge your burdens during the next months? In the 5th House, the House of children?" She would typically answer, "No, for Heaven's sake!" Then the astrologer would list other possible Houses: "Maybe in the 7th, the House of your husband? Or in the 4th, the one of your parents? Or in the House of the troubles spanning over 360 degrees? Or perhaps in the House of the diseases and death?" To make a long story short, there is no objective choice that can be valid for everyone.

And then, also considering the compulsory indecision that seizes most of those who visit me every year, I remain convinced that – at worst – you have to take in serious consideration the Ninth House of SR for possible relocation. After all, if you are going through a very hard time, would it be so fatal for your travelling for relocation instead of your planned summer holiday in Ibiza? I honestly do not think so. Once again, I repeat that this does not refer to those Sagittarians who travel constantly, taking almost a flight a day as if it were a cup of coffee. On the other hand, I would not dream of advising a relocated SR with the Ascendant in the natal 9th to a travelling salesman who spends every day on the highway; especially if that year his transit Saturn also enters his natal 3rd House.

In short, facts are facts. If Napoleon, with his Saturn in the 9th, had not embarked himself in the Russian campaign, and if he had it not been in Waterloo, and if... There is a saying: if my grandfather had had a trolley car, he would have been a tram...

Every time you consider relocating a SR, you find yourself facing a hard – damn hard – situation. There are people who – having experienced the miraculous results of their first relocation – go into debt to pay their next aimed birthday. There are sick people who seek help. There are entrepreneurs who risk bankruptcy, and there are... And there are many of them! And how could I sleep soundly at night if I had not the consciousness of being working well, trying to do my utmost to stick to a precise technical method, avoiding considering any tremors in my abdomen that others might judge to be 'divine signs'? Thus, to beginners I say: just start from the easiest cases, where you can suggest your counselees such relocation that only implies a pleasant holiday for them – for example a relaxing week in London or Paris. Also do not forget rule number one: you shall not harm.

In other words: "When in doubt, abstain" Let us go back to the Ninth House. Whenever possible, I suggest relocating so that you realize a 9th-House-SR. On the other hand, who said that Hawaii is better or more beautiful than Capri or La Maddalena in Sardinia? You can make short trips for a lifetime and never visit all of Italy that, despite everything, is one of the most wonderful countries of the world. A stellium or the Sun of SR in the 9th of SR may be indicative of a period to be spent outdoors, far from home. What is the boundary between near and far? I would say that the difference is tongue. Where they speak a different dialect or language, there begins the realm of the 9th House.

Thus, for those in Bologna, Milan is already 9th; for those of Venice, Genoa is already 9th. (Translator's Note: This is because here in Italy there is a deep fragmentation of language: virtually every town has its own dialect. In other countries it may be different.) We have listed certain cases where you do need to put the AS of SR in the 9th in order to ward off stronger blows from the stars, but there are many other possibilities. You can relocate and place the AS of SR in the 9th to increase your chances of gaining an internship in New York, of signing a contract with German businessmen, or of meeting again your beloved California girl whom you had met on holiday last year. The 9th refers to what is 'far away' both in the geographical and territorial, as well as in the metaphysical and transcendent meaning of the word. I have seen people travel by air for the first time in forty years, or go to university, or have a beautiful religious experience, exactly during a SR with a significant role of the 9th House.

The discovery of astrology can also be in the realm of the Ninth House. You should seek to put the AS of SR in the natal Ninth House if you also want to leave for a long stay far from your usual place; if you

wish to enrol in a course abroad; or if you resolve to do your utmost to learn a foreign language. Returning for a moment to the beginning of this argument made on wanting to put the “evil” in the Ninth House, you must do some reflection. In almost all cases, the Solar Return ‘triggers’ the events immediately. In other words, its meanings tend to come into force as soon as the Return has taken place. There are many examples of this: a man commits suicide on the very day of his birthday; a player scores two goals on the very day of his birthday; a girl gets married on the day of her birthday, and so on.

Therefore, I have to give a special advice to those who decide to relocate so that the ‘malefic celestials’ of the SR are placed into the Ninth House of SR: Remember that, from the very instant of the Return, you are in enemy territory. It occurred to me several times, because – as I said – I choose this house as the SR ‘recycle bin’. So, to all those who relocate this way, I recommend to arrive at the place of the Aimed Solar Return a few days before their birthday, and to travel back home immediately after. This will limit any possible damage. I can mention two colourful episodes in this regard. The first one refers to a counselee of mine who was relocating his SR in San Miguel, the largest island of the Azores. He was looking for a taxi to be taken to the airport of Ponta Delgada, and two drivers disputed violently on who should take him to the airport. The second one refers to a female friend of mine who was celebrating her birthday in New York City. As she returned to the hotel (a high category one!) she found mice on the bed. To those people who choose the ‘9th-House solution’ I always recommend to stipulate insurance with Europe Assistance – despite its name, it covers your risks throughout the world. Needless to say, those who also face bad transits should not be suggested to aim their birthday to remote locations such as the Solomon Islands, which you can find about ten centimetres beyond the right edge of every map. These are islands whose natives eat crocodile meat and where mosquitoes are as big as sparrows...

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the Tenth natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Tenth House of SR; Sun of SR in the 10th House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 10th House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

With regard to the four combinations listed in the header of each of this section, let me reiterate that it is important to understand that their ‘power’ – or importance in the overall reading of the chart of SR – is almost absolutely equivalent.

The Tenth House, well... It is a wonderful House. In most situations, relocating the SR so that its AS falls in the subject’s natal 10th House means an extraordinary experience for the subject as well as for the astrologer who has suggested relocation. It is like ‘putting a tiger in the motor’ or having a pin-up girl show her beautiful legs. It is like getting rid of one’s own gravity and fly on Superman’s shoulders. It is like winning the lottery and spraying your immediate superior’s head with a bottle of Champagne... It means getting any sort of satisfaction. These are only few examples – but the whole list could cover hundreds of pages. No one could describe all the good of this position. I had written it many years ago in my Guida ai transiti; then I had very strongly emphasized it in Il sale dell’astrologia. The result was that scores of astrologers have sent their customers around the world in search of a SR with the AS falling in the native’s X House, with mostly disastrous results.

In fact, even Aspirin can be great, but it can even kill if misused. For the sake of caution, in the second of the books cited above I had included the example of Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, who had been at the head of the British government for twelve years in a row, and who lost her power when transit Saturn become square to her natal Sun, at the same time when her SR had the Ascendant in her natal 10th. I might list dozens of examples of this kind, but the bottom line is: when suggesting an Aimed Solar Return, beware of not sending friends or counselees ‘to slaughter’. In fact, relocation is a wonderful field of astrology, but it is not a toy that can be left in the hands of ‘children’. Only a long practice will teach you everything that you need to know in this field. Therefore I renew my advice to take it easy, because an inopportune choice could act as a double-edged sword: that is, you might inject very strong positive expectations in the subject, who may run the risk of meeting serious troubles instead.

Speaking of expectations, I would tell you a short episode that should teach us all how one should talk to a counselee: i.e. without making the bad side tragic, but also without putting too much emphasis on the positive side of an Aimed Solar Return. It is the story of a well-educated man, a nice and smart intellectual to whom the year before I had forecast great things for the following twelve months, suggesting him a 10th-House SR.

Almost 10 or 11 months later, this man came to me and I saw him to be nervous, apparently rather upset. Allegedly, he was disappointed precisely because the events of his recent life had remained much below his expectations. I asked him to elaborate and I started listening attentively, for at least two reasons: first, because I think there is always something to learn; and second, because I believe more in the stars than in human beings... Thus he began reporting the most important events of the previous astrological year. Among other things, he told me that a newspaper of national circulation had published a flattering criticism about him with a banner headline. He also told me that he had signed a

contract concerning a book with an important publisher important and... *dulcis in fundo* – that he also got married. At that point I could not avoid asking with some vehemence, “My dear Professor! When you got married, were not the bells ringing? Didn’t I promise you a wonderful year with ‘ringing bells’? Now you see, was that mere rhetoric or was it the constellation of an event that really did make the bells ring in your heart?” To make a long story short, it turned out that he was disappointed because since I had forecast for him a lucky year, he spent the following month in the expectation of a lot of money.

There had been a significant flow of money in fact, but not towards his pockets. In fact, he had spent a good amount of money on his marriage. On the other hand, I had never mentioned money. The misunderstanding was created by the fact that his idea of ‘a good year’ was: ‘a year where you earn a lot of money’. Back to the Tenth House, now. A 10th-House SR might simply indicate a moment of prestige, whatever the reason. For example, it may be because you are recruited for a job; because you are accepted into an exclusive club like Rotary International; or because a newspaper or a magazine publishes your photograph on the front page, and so on. Of course the meanings of the 10th house are hundreds, and they cover any possible field of your existence.

If we wished to group them all under a common denominator, then we should say: Emancipation. Emancipation, in every sense of the term. I have seen people who – during a 10th-House SR – learnt to swim at the age of forty; took their first flight; become brave enough as to swim underwater for 6-7 metres in the sea; who abandoned a limited, proprietary operating system to embrace a PC-compatible system; who eventually understood the cause of their disease after twenty years of suffering; who got married after a lifetime of disillusion; and so on. The Ascendant of SR falling in the native’s 10th can be compared to Aladdin’s lamp. If you also live every day of such a year in full consciousness of its wonderful potential – and hopefully with the support of a good transit – then you can have one of the best years of your life.

It was exactly a situation like this that allowed me to forecast the election of Oscar Luigi Scalfaro as the President of the Italian Republic, published in the issue of January 1992 of my quarterly *Ricerca* ’90, several months in advance. In his case, the AS of his SR would be in conjunction with his natal MC. Of course, the day after his election everybody here in Italy, including my greengrocer, proudly swore to have foreseen it ages before. Unfortunately, apart from my quarterly magazine, no one will ever be able to prove it.

What I mean is that I could list a thousand episodes in which a Tenth-House SR has produced miracles, but I prefer if you discover them for yourself. When your counselee faces seemingly hopeless situations, if there are also the right conditions that I have listed before, then make the decision and suggest – without delay – your counselee to aim his/her SR so that it becomes a SR with a significant involvement of the 10th House. I will not tire of repeating that transits and Solar Returns must necessarily be considered together. A birth chart without the current Solar Revolution and the next one, for me is a blind situation that does not allow me to make any serious prediction. Many are discouraged by the calculations implied in astrology. But today you can find excellent software and inexpensive computers that should not intimidate anyone, so why not buy one and start casting SR’s?

To understand better whether you can or cannot place the AS of SR in the natal 10th, I recommend studying my book *Transits and Solar Returns*, which has become a best-seller in France also. There I discuss the thirty rules for the correct ‘aiming’ of a SR. However I must add that recently I have been progressively abandoning the using of the AS of SR in the natal 10th in my practice of the Aimed Solar Returns. In fact, such an astrological combination may imply certain huge drawbacks, as I mentioned. So I prefer to place Jupiter, Venus or the Sun of SR just ‘glued’ to the MC of SR. The benefits of these three celestials at the Midheaven of SR are much smaller than those of the AS in the natal 10th, but let me say, almost in an apodictic way, that placing these celestials on the MC of SR means virtually no contraindication.

You may also consider placing Mars in the 10th. Often, this combination also points to advancement, growth, and emancipation – but it may also imply many troubles concerning the traditional meanings of the 10th House.

Ascendant of Solar Return in the Eleventh natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Eleventh House of SR; Sun of SR in the 11th House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 11th House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.

Many years have passed since I first wrote that the Eleventh House is much stronger than the 8th in relation to death and mourning. I have never read comments about this detail from my colleagues, while I have heard many confirmations from my pupils. Try and test it! Take one hundred cases of death and see how many times you find the involvement of the 11th House in the Solar Returns of relatives of the deceased.

Of course, this House may also point only to peril of life – not necessarily death. Why should the Eleventh House have anything to do with death? I have wondered many times, and I think the wisest response is that this House opposes the Fifth, that is the House of births. With a little bit of ingenuity, at this point some people claim, “I will avoid this House of SR forever.” But there is no use in doing so. You cannot avoid death merely by avoiding the occupation of the 11th of SR. Secondly – as I

explained in other parts of this book and in other texts – by relocating SR's you cannot avoid the death of anybody.

The 11th also refers to important help, support and sponsorship. So, if you need the help of a good friendly hand within the frames of legality and common sense, then relocation towards an 11th-House SR may be even more convenient than a 10th-House SR.

With this House playing an important role in the SR, you can gain – or lose – important friends. You can experience the interruption – or the beginning – of a fraternal relationship.

This is also the House of projects, so, with a strong evidence of the 11th in the chart of SR you can start or you can complete an important project.

As you will see shortly, perhaps the most important role of the Eleventh House is mainly the fact that it can be used in Aimed Solar Returns to displace to itself an AS of SR falling in the 12th natal House.

**Ascendant of Solar Return in the Twelfth natal House; stellium of Solar Return in the Twelfth House of SR; Sun of SR in the 12th House of SR; and/or Mars of SR in the 12th House of SR. The reading of each of these four combinations is quite similar and superimposable, still keeping in consideration that I have listed them in decreasing order of intensity.**

If the devil exists, this is his home. Never any expression, proffered by me or others, will be able to contain in a nutshell all the negativity of this horrible House. It is not by chance that it is referred to as the 'Houses of troubles'. Those who have a strong Twelfth in their birth chart are already accustomed to defend and attack unceasingly. They always have to sweat blood over conquering what others get with very little effort. And once having got something, they have to fight for it not be taken away. But it is in the chart of Solar Return where you can really see the evidence of the absolute negativity of this House. When I have a counselee who is about to have a 12th-House SR and who knows nothing about relocating SR's, I do face a difficult situation. In fact, I have to try and convince him that for his own good, he had better take a flight and run away.

On the other hand, I must not exaggerate in emphasizing the negativity of this House: because if the counselee does not want to relocate or cannot leave, I would come to be the main cause of his having a 'cursed' year – a year that would be very tough for him anyway, considering the possible scenarios that such SR may imply. Some might say, "Who tells you that Tom, whom you have sent to Los Angeles for relocation, would have faced all those troubles if he had remained at home, accepting his 12th-House SR?" Oh, it is not me who say so – it's my counselees themselves, and in such an absolute way, using similar expressions although they have never met each other: "I don't know whether it is my fault or if it is my adverse fate, but this year I didn't want to accept your suggestion so that I had a SR with the AS falling in my natal 12th. Now, please notify me when this will happen next time, because – on that day – I will fly to wherever you suggest, even if I have to sit on the landing gear of the aircraft!" I received hundreds of these testimonies, collected over decades. This is what a lawyer reports on a year with a 12th-House SR (he has also authorized me to publish his name but I prefer not to mention it): "I have experienced many obstacles and problems at work; I have had two cars stolen; the man with whom I lived for fifteen years has left me; both my parents were hospitalized for angina on the very the same day; I was found to have a health problem that can only be solved surgically..." And mind you: the AS of SR falling in the natal 12th House can make a horrible year also to those born with Jupiter conjunct the Sun! In fact, I remember that once a farmer who visited me, literally said: "Look, you must explain to me why all the papers say that this is the year of Lion, while I have lost three harvests for different reasons, I have separated from my wife, and I feel not so good..." The reason was that he was having a SR with the AS falling in his natal Twelfth House. Personally, in past years I have also had very bad experiences of relatives who were unwilling to listen to my suggestion of relocating to avoid a 12th-House SR.

More than fifteen years ago, when I used to attend conferences or when I held lectures in some towns of northern Italy, many of my colleagues challenged my vision of the 'ugly Twelfth House', claiming that, after all, it is the House occupied by the Sun above the horizon immediately after dawn. It makes people 'grow', it is spiritual and so on, they claimed. To me this is of no consequence at all, because today, hundreds of my students have learned much about the Houses of Revolution, based on its description in my books.

You can draw a nice vertical line on a blackboard and write on the one side the names of those who have followed me and are still following me in this regard, and on the other side the names of the sceptics. History will decide who is right or not, but at least we'll avoid Pharisees attitudes. So, when I detect a SR whose AS falls in the subject's natal 12th, I advise the poor individual to take a change of air, and relocate. In this case – more or less – you have little choice. In fact, if the 'bad' SR takes place here in Italy, you can try and relocate westward to have the AS fall into the natal 11th House (for if you move eastward, it would fall into the 1st House, which is also to be carefully avoided).

This can be solved with a trip to London or Paris or Lisbon, or at worst (depending whether the AS is a sign of short or of large ascension) perhaps you may have to reach the Azores. At this point, I try to make my counselee think and say, "If you have to take a trip to the Azores just to remove the AS of SR

from the Twelfth House, don't you think that it can be much more useful to prolong your journey up to the United States, where you can have the AS of SR falling in your natal 10th?" In other words, making a longer but probably less expensive journey, why not try to reverse an astral situation from bad to good? Do you wonder whether the thing really works? Just try it and you will see.

Certain people tell me that it is virtually impossible for them to travel. This is almost always teachers and never politicians, businesspersons, actors, etc. To them I suggest to 'give' something to the stars, possibly immediately after their birthday – this is because the hostilities, in most cases, begin immediately after the moment of the Return. 'Giving something' in this case may imply undergoing surgery, withdrawing for a period of so strict an isolation that it could be compared to imprisonment, embarking on a very strict diet, and so on. More details on this type of 'discharge' or 'exorcism' of bad planetary positions can be found in my book on Active Astrology.

## 4. The Celestials in the Houses

Before listing the readings of the celestials of Solar Return in each of the twelve Houses of Solar Return, let me repeat once again an important warning. I am personally convinced that the chart of SR gives valuable information concerning the period ranging from one birthday to the following birthday, provided that you also take into due consideration the major transits of those twelve months, along with a few key elements of the SR itself – without pretending to study the chart of SR in all its details and possible combinations. In fact, if you dig yourself into details – far from understanding anything more of the subject's situation that the transits and the main elements of the SR haven't already clarified – you run the risk of generating confusion in your counselee, and you know: confusion unnecessarily complicates things by adding redundant information and making clear things so obscure as to prevent any serious forecast. For this reason, I think that – first of all – you have to consider in which of the twelve natal Houses the Ascendant of SR falls. Secondly, you consider in which Houses of the SR possible clusters of celestials are (if there are any) in the chart of SR.

Thirdly, you consider in which Houses of the SR the Sun of SR is. Fourthly, you consider in which Houses of the SR Mars of SR is. Only then should you study the position of the remaining celestials of SR in the Houses of SR, not forgetting that their importance is much smaller than the first four parameters, whose reading has been detailed in the previous chapter. And I also advise you to stop here: because you would already have little indications, perhaps very few in number, but also extremely clear and verifiable as well as reliable. At most, you can also take a look over all the celestials, to determine whether they can help better illuminate the counselee's situation or make it less clear, in a specific context.

I do warn you against trying to dig yourselves into jigsaw-like games such as "the ruler of the Second House is trine to the governor of the Tenth, thus we can deduce that even if the AS of the SR falls in to your natal 12th House, this will have little weight in the overall context of the following months..." In my opinion, if you proceed with such a reading, you would get hold of the wrong end of the stick; you would miss the 'total amount', the label of the Solar Return, which is made clear by the first four combinations listed above – so clear that it can be compared to the nine-column-headlines of a newspaper.

In any case, the following positions may also be of some interest.

### **Moon of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – It may indicate continuous alternation of moods, not knowing exactly what you want, an undefined desire of something elusive. Remember that, contrary to what some authors claim, the position of the Moon in the chart of SR has very little importance compared to the overall reading. The Moon of SR, in fact, does not tell you what the subject does throughout the year, but only what he/she would like to do.

In the Second – Ups and downs in the subject's personal finance. The subject's economic choices are influenced by loved ones. It also points to the desire of taking photographs or films or videotapes for hobby, and/or changing one's look.

In the Third – Fluctuating relationships with brothers, sisters and brothers-in-law or sisters-in-law. High expectations concerning a family member. Fluctuating performance in education (school, university, studies in general).

In the Fourth – A desire of changing accommodation, perhaps moving away... But it is likely to remain a desire, not a reality. It may also point to the desire of spending many hours at home. Unstable relationships with one's parents.

In the Fifth – Inclination to falling in love. Desire for social life, plays, games, sports, and flirts. It may also imply the resolution of having a child. Unstable relationships with one's children. Fluctuating performance of the subject's children at school, or more generally, in their study.

In the Sixth – For men, it may indicate a tendency for mercenary love, or love with women of lower social status. For women, it almost always points to a desire for greater care of one's physical appearance and one's health.

In the Seventh – A desire to marry, to get engaged, or to break a tie. A desire of creating new associations in one's workplace. Uncertainty in the personal financial situation, or in the health, of the subject's spouse.

In the Eighth – Increased sexual appetite. A desire for making money. Expectations concerning an inheritance. Possible risk of robberies; be also careful not to lend money with this celestial position.

In the Ninth – A desire for travelling, meeting foreigners, learning a new language. The intellectual desire of digging yourself into the mysteries of life. Unstable performance in higher education (college, university...).

In the Tenth – A desire for settling down, getting married, gaining emotional stability. An aspiration towards looking for a new job. The subject is spurred to improve his or her social condition.

In the Eleventh – Aspiration towards meeting other people, and increasing the number of one's friends. A need to knock on acquaintances' doors asking for support.

In the Twelfth – A desire for isolation. Fears and phobias. Mental instability.

### **Mercury of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – Utmost physical or intellectual mobility. A flowering of ideas. With this combination, the subject shows greater extroversion.

In the Second – Be careful not to suffer financial and/or business deception. Attempt to increase one's revenue or assets with typically mercurial activities.

In the Third – Trade in vehicles. Energy expended in reading and writing. Increase in one's volume of correspondence and in one's annual mileage by car or other private means of transportation. Commuting.

In the Fourth – The subject is likely to move to a new home. Possible moving one of his or her parents. It is a favourable time for commercial transactions.

In the Fifth – Playful relationship with one's children or with children in general. One of the subject's children may leave, or have an increased intellectual activity during these twelve months. It may also point to the subject travelling for leisure.

In the Sixth – Possible forms of allergies or colds. The subject may be in the need of travelling to undergo treatment. It may also point to the acquisition of a new, young collaborator.

In the Seventh – Journeys with one's spouse. The subject's spouse may undertake a commercial activity. Frequent displacements of the subject's partner. It is favourable for doing business with third parties.

In the Eighth – Possible small wins at the pools or from other games, such as lotteries, quiz shows, etc. Only if many other factors confirm so, it may point to the death of a friend or of a young member of the subject's family. Increased circulation of money. The subject may become a victim of possible fraud, or he/she might also commit fraud on others.

In the Ninth – A great desire for travelling. Possible temporary relocation. It is very favourable for learning a language. It may also point to a liaison with a young 'foreign' person.

In the Tenth – Personal affirmation by means of bright ideas. The subject might win a dance competition. Elevation of the subject through writing and reading.

In the Eleventh – Contacts with young people. New young friends. Travel plans. Facilitations obtained thanks to the support of young people.

In the Twelfth – Troubles in connections with one's little children or very young relatives. Beware of scams and theft. Possible accident with one's own means of transport (car, motorcycle, yacht...). A secret exchange of letters may come to light. Possible sentimental scandal.

### **Venus of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – Increased personal sensitivity to the problems of others. Narcissistic tendencies. Expenditure on clothing or for possible aesthetic operations. This combination implies a relatively fair protection for health, especially for people who have to recover from the damage of a serious illness.

In the Second – Increased circulation of money. Tendency to spend more on personal ornaments and for aesthetics. Expenditure for a woman, a young daughter, or a granddaughter. Enhanced chances of earnings and solving difficult situations from the financial point of view. This is certainly the most protective position possible concerning money and any possible economic deficit that the subject may have inherited from the past.

In the Third – A period of great harmony with a sister or a brother. It favours studies, readings and writings. Exchange of love letters or messages. A brother or a sister of the subject may fall in love.

In the Fourth – Under this celestial combination one of the subject's dreams may become true concerning real estate. It may also simply be satisfaction concerning a better accommodation in a house. For example, the subject may get a better room at home or he/she may rent a bachelor pad. This position may also point to love with a person who frequents the subject's home. Better relationships with ones' parents and in-laws; perhaps the subject's parents and in-laws may enjoy better health during these months.

In the Fifth – It is the almost certain indication of a love affair that breaks the monotony of the year. Increased social life. More opportunities to go out, to the theatre, the cinema or out to dinner. Some nice weekends throughout the year. It almost always points to a pleasant year for love and sex. This is the best combination of SR (along with Venus in the Seventh) to recover from a sentimentally troubled year.

In the Sixth – The subject may have a love affair with a person of his/her work environment. A period of peaceful and friendly relations with the people with whom the subject works. This is the most protective position of all for one's health.

In the Seventh – A beautiful love story. Nice start of a perspective relationship. If the subject is in bad terms with his/her mate, this position may point to a renewal of their satisfactory relationship. Otherwise it may announce an adulterous affair. If the subject is involved in a trial, this position may announce its positive evolution. Improvement of all current disputes and legal situations, even if they began in previous years. Good opportunities to found societies and join in commercial enterprises.

In the Eighth – Satisfying sex life. Resumption of sexual activity after a pause or a bad period. Increased circulation of money. Possible inheritance or winning. The life of a young female friend or relative of the subject may be endangered.

In the Ninth – Love story with a foreigner or when travelling. Remember that in astrology 'foreigner' is anybody coming from another town or area than the one of the subject. Beautiful days spent in travel. Fun, entertainment with 'foreign' persons.

In the Tenth – Social elevation thanks to one's physical appearance. Social advancement. Possible engagement or marriage. Professional improvement. The subject's wife, mother, daughter or sister may 'grow' during the year.

In the Eleventh – Love story with a friend. A sentimental affair turns into friendship or vice-versa. Important support from an influential person. Marriage plans. A wind of sympathy and friendship coming from virtually anyone is one of the most positive features of this year.

In the Twelfth – Possible sentimental scandals. The subject is forced to provide help, possibly nursing assistance, to a loved one. A secret love affair. Gossip spreading about the subject's moral conduct. Possible suffering from love. With this position, the subject may betray, although it is more likely to suffer betrayals. Possible end of a relationship. Loss of money. Possible hospitalization (the can be more than one). Possible abortion. In a limited extent, this is a protective combination for the subject's health, although it can have many drawbacks, including those described above.

### **Mars of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – See the chapter on the twelve Houses of SR.

In the Second – The subject spends much energy to produce money or to take care of his/her own image in a broad sense, although it is typically limited aesthetic. The subject tends to indulge in excessive expenses. Almost certainly, this position reflects drain of money; it could also point to investment (e.g. in real estate), therefore building transactions.

In the Third – It almost always implies minor troubles from one's car or motorbike, or caused by displacements in general: crossing the street as a pedestrian, running down the stairs, moving to another house, etc. It is recommended to use extreme caution even as pedestrians, in a year with Mars in the 2nd. This position may also points to the subject's commitment to pass an important exam at the university, or to read an important book, perhaps to write something important. Courses, competitions, internships. Increased interest in communications and telecommunications. Expenditures on the Internet, computers, printers, fax machines, smart phones, etc... Possible disagreements with brothers and sisters; perhaps sorrow and concern for siblings, brothers or sisters-in-law, cousins, uncles, nephews...

In the Fourth – Possible disagreement with one's parents. There can be fires in the subject's home. The subject tends to deploy energy in real estate transactions. Possible moving to another place. Concern for the health of one's parents. The subject's parents may be the cause of his/her troubles, or the subject's troubles may be in some way connected with his/her parents. Disputes with neighbours, possibly concerning shared property or joint ownership. Unforeseen expenditure at home, perhaps for unpaid taxes. Atmosphere of great tension in the subject's family.

In the Fifth – This combination points to a son or a daughter giving a lot of concern to the subject. Perhaps he/she may be rejected at school, suffer some personal injury or undergo minor surgery. The subject embarks on significant activity to conceive a child. Possible gynaecological problems. Frequently, this position accompanies separation and divorce. In extreme cases, it may also point to serious health problems for the subject's spouse.

In the Sixth – see the chapter concerning the Twelve Houses of SR.

In the Seventh – Break with the partner. Quarrel with one's husband or wife. 'Stamped paper', i.e. legal stuff, trouble with bureaucracy, possible trouble with the law, bad arguments, litigations, small and big 'wars', possible acts of aggression, and/or any sort of hostility. Profusion of energy for a cause. Beware of possible violence: if there are premises, and if transit celestials also create bad aspects during this SR, this position may indicate that the subject becomes a victim of a serious attack. It may also point to injury to or surgery upon the subject's partner. Surely, during this year there is an increased circulation of 'stamped paper', within or without quotes. It is a year of disputes and tensions of every kind. Possible problems with the law. It may be the simple withdrawal of the driving license, but it may also be an inspection by Customs and Excise officers. This celestial position seems to attract the entire world's hostility upon the subject.

In the Eighth – Increased sexual activity. Stamped paper concerning inheritance, settlements, severance pay, litigations because of money that the subject does not receive even if it is due. Heavy losses of money. Possible theft, robberies. The life of one of the subject's relative may be in danger.

In the Ninth – Be extremely careful not to become involved in road accidents while driving your car or riding your motorcycle, or travelling on any other vehicle or as a pedestrian. Also movements at home may cause accidents during such a SR. Possible diseases contracted during holidays. 'Foreign people' may attack you. Increased activity and commitment concerning higher education, e.g. going to a university. This is a very favourable year for learning a language. This may also refer to programming languages.

In the Tenth – Struggle for emancipation. Acts of rebellion against authority: parents, husband, wife, your boss at work, etc. With this position, the subject makes great efforts to get a 'place in the sun' or at least to improve his/her situation, to become emancipated. This position may also point to the subject starting a martial professional activity. Almost certainly, it also heralds problems caused by the subject's mother or mother-in-law.

In the Eleventh – An important break with a friend. The subject may spend a lot of energy in friendship. A lot of projects. This is a very favourable position for learning how to play a musical instrument. The life of a friend or of a relative of the subject may be in danger. You can consider that this combination

is similar to Mars of SR in the Seventh of SR, but at one octave below, for it draws on the subject a strong current of hostility from others.

In the Twelfth – See the chapter on the twelve Houses of SR.

### **Jupiter of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – It 'gladdens' the subject's heart. The subject tends to lower his/her guard in terms of distrust, i.e. he or she tends to be more optimistic. This combination is very favourable for recovering from periods of depression or illness, although it greatly decreases the critical sense of the subject towards others and the immediate environment. You can gain weight significantly during a year with Jupiter in the 1st of the SR. You can also receive a 'helping hand' from good luck itself.

In the Second – Increased circulation of money: it may be incoming, but also outgoing. This position favours earnings in general, but it may also induce the subject to be victim of swindlers. However, in the majority of cases this position points to incomes rather than expenditures. With this position, you stand fair chances to see your own face in the newspapers or on television. It also enhances the image you project.

In the Third – With this position, many people purchase a new car. In other cases, their car might be stolen. This position is particularly favourable for studying, reading, writing, competitions, examinations, and so on. There can be a moment of glory for a brother or sister of the subject.

In the Fourth – This combination helps you to fulfil your dream by purchasing of a house or by taking possession of a house that you may have received as a donation. It is an excellent time for buying and selling real estate. It may also imply renovations at home or moving to another place. In any case, this position points to positive changes in your habitat. Astrologically speaking, 'habitat' may refer either to your 'home' or to your 'working place' (studio, office, workshop...). It may also point to a moment of glory for one of your parents; perhaps his or her health may improve. This may also apply to your in-laws.

In the Fifth – It may herald great happiness proceeding from the conception or the birth of a child. It may also be a moment of glory for one of your children. Perhaps it may imply the beginning of a love affair, possibly an illegal one. It surely points to many leisure activities, increased social life, frequentation of shows, more sex... In short, it implies a year of games and recreation; and possibly, the pursuit of an amusing hobby.

In the Sixth – It is the good time to hire or dismiss a collaborator. You can have satisfaction from your own work and/or from your collaborators. This combination helps to solve health problems.

In the Seventh – It is an excellent time to marry or to get engaged. It usually implies also 'stamped paper'. Positive agreement with business partners and entrepreneurs. A moment of glory for the subject's partner. You have to study this position very carefully with reference to what I have termed the 'bistable relay effect of Jupiter', which I have explained exhaustively in my volume *Transits and Solar Returns*, published in the Italian edition by Armenia.

In the Eighth – If other elements (transits or other elements of the chart of SR) confirm so, with this position one can win prizes in national lotteries, or receive money from inheritance. It may also point to a possible return of borrowed money. It is the right year to apply for a loan in a bank. Possibly there is much expenditure in the year, indeed in the overwhelming majority of the cases this position points to a real 'bleeding' of money. In this case too, Jupiter of SR tends to behave like a 'bistable relay'.

In the Ninth – A positive year for long trips abroad and/or staying in other towns. Benefits obtained through foreigners. All that comes from 'far away' is favourable this year. This not only means 'geographically far from your own land or country', but also metaphysically, transcendently 'far away', i.e. unusual, uncommon, not belonging to your life of everyday. It is also a very good year to deal with alternative medicine, Orientalism, astrology, esotericism, and so on.

In the Tenth – Many people, both men and women, get married or begin a partnership with this position of SR. It implies an overall growth, a general upgrade of one's position; improvements in both social and professional life; a period of success, glory, prestige. It is a year of 'emancipation', but you have to consider this term in its broadest sense. For certain people this may imply an eye operation to have their short-sightedness removed. For some, it may be learning English well or starting to use a computer. Certain people find an effective medical treatment during such a SR; others may experience a change in their own character. More details on this can be found in the section of my book on *Active Astrology*, published in its Italian edition by edizioni Mediterranee, concerning The problem of

expectations. With this astrological position, newspapers may start dealing with you for the good and for the bad – at worst, because you get arrested. In other words, this position may even point to possible reversals of status.

In the Eleventh – This is a very good year for 'knocking on doors', asking help from friends in high places. It may also imply a sequel of more immediate and modest, yet useful, supporting hands. For example, it may help you to find the right doctor and the reliable mechanic, perhaps a good astrologer who eventually helps you solve a problem. It is a fortunate position indeed, in general.

In the Twelfth – This is a position that I use a lot when relocating SR's. When a person is in trouble and you cannot place the AS of RS in his/her natal 10th, then – almost always – I put Jupiter in the 12th House of the Aimed Solar Return. In fact, in this position Jupiter helps the subject to get out of trouble he or she may be facing. It is just like hiring a temporary 'guardian angel'.

### **Saturn of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – Virtually always, it implies an element of trouble, of growth through a small or great misfortune. It usually indicates depression and discouragement, typically determined by objectively penalizing events. It also points to a tendency towards isolation; Sometimes a period of acute aging. Possible problems with the bones and teeth. A general state of physical and mental weakness.

In the Second – Serious financial concerns. Trouble in relation to money that you should give or receive. This is an economically difficult time. It usually implies a change in your relationship with money, for example you may become greedy. You may also abandon jerseys to start wearing jackets and ties, i.e. your look becomes more serious. Perhaps you may quit a hobby taking photographs, videotaping or films. Substantial investments of money to purchase a 'home theatre' wide-screen TV set. Possible worsening of your look, perhaps your face may show that you are aging.

In the Third – Delay or abandonment of studies. A misfortune may happen to a brother or a sister or brothers and sisters-in-law, uncles, cousins and nephews. Your car may be stolen or damaged. For any reason, you may be forced to purchase a car or a motorcycle during this year. This position may also point to painful commuting to reach your workplace or for any other burdensome reason.

In the Fourth – Possible loss or grief in connection with both parents of one of them. Troubles concerning your home or workplace, perhaps you may even receive a notice of eviction. Certain people lose their house; others purchase a house with this position of SR. This position may simply point to a lot of repair work to be done in your properties. There can be a negative change of home or a huge financial commitment concerning real estate. Possible hospitalization for an intervention of some importance.

In the Fifth – Loss of love, or loss of a child during pregnancy. Heavy period in general: little fun, much time spent in isolation, little love, little sex. One of your children may cause troubles or concern to you. You may spend much energy for paternity or maternity. Engagement with a 'tiring' or serious, detached, rigorous person. Your partners or one of your sons or daughter may become busy, burdened by heavy commitments during the year. You had better devote your energies to work with such a position of SR.

In the Sixth – It is a bad period for health. Old ailments may evolve into chronic diseases during this year. Some serious health problem may progress. Trouble with teeth and bones. The work environment may become hostile or dull. This position may herald a possible loss of employment, or your working conditions may become more onerous. This is a bad time to hire collaborators. One of your employees may resign or you may be forced to dismiss him/her. Trouble with employees or caused by employees

In the Seventh – Your spouse becomes more demanding; his/her presumption grows. His/her role in society may become more important, which involves an increased or unusual detachment in your relationship. You may experience difficulties or troubles in connection with your husband or wife. Possible 'stamped paper'. Your relationship with others may change: for example, it may become more responsible; you may become more heavily involved or committed with your neighbour. Possible separation, divorce or the beginning of a romantic, yet 'heavy' relationship.

In the Eighth – It almost always accompanies hard times for the subject's personal finance. Perhaps this year you must return a loan that you had taken years ago. Or you agree to pay a large tranche for a property or capital goods. This position may also point to a drastic lowering of one's sexual experience. Possible death of a family member. Legal issues relating to inheritance or simply disputes between relatives, for this reason.

In the Ninth – During the year in which Saturn of SR is in the 9th, you had better travel less, or avoid travelling at all. Painful news may arrive from afar. This position may also point to religious or moral crisis; studies of the esoteric, passion for the transcendent; interruption or delay in your higher education. You may be hurt by people who live far away from your place. Possible problems on the road, while driving your car, riding your bike – risk of road accidents in general.

In the Tenth – Possible loss of prestige. It may cause significant downgrading in your professional or social status. You may develop the desire of quitting your current job or profession. For example, you may consider pre-retirement. This is a period of great professional fatigue. You may even lose a previously gained emancipation. Danger of losing your job. Possible troubles concerning your mother or caused by your mother.

In the Eleventh – Possible death in the family, or life-threatening to a family member. Death of an individual who used to protect or support you. Loss of a dear friend. A project being aborted. A lot of energy expended in learning of music.

In the Twelfth – This is very detrimental position. It may imply troubles of all kinds. Hidden enemies may hit you. You may lose something that you had previously conquered. Your health may become weaker, or one of your relatives may become sick. In the worst cases, this position may point to surgery, hospitalization, or incarceration. A year of troubles and trials of all kind. Despite being a very harmful position, it is much less dangerous than that of Mars of SR in the Twelfth House of SR: I would not wish Mars of SR in the 12th even to my worst enemy.

### **Uranus of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – Important changes may occur in your physical appearance. For example it may be a special diet that makes you lose or gain several pounds of weight. Strong centrifugal impulses spur you to promote changes in virtually every sphere of your life and in your immediate environment. You may develop extreme and radical tendencies; perhaps even a revolutionary spirit. There can be sudden and marked changes also in your character or behaviour.

In the Second – Possible sudden loss of money. Big changes in the economic situation of the subject. Strong unforeseen expenses or unexpected arrival of money. Unexpected and radical change in your looks.

In the Third – Sudden change in one's studies. Situations involving a brother, a sister or a brother or sister-in-law (or also cousins, uncles, nieces) may take a totally unexpected direction. Be careful while driving cars, riding motorcycles, crossing the street as a pedestrian... You may suddenly resolve to write a book. Innovative solutions may come about concerning your use of personal tools of telecommunications.

In the Fourth – Almost instantaneous change of residence. Unexpected real estate transactions. Sudden decision to deploy works of restyling or refurnishing at home. Be careful of electricity at home. Possible accidents, illnesses or deaths relating to your parents or your in-laws.

In the Fifth – Love at first sight. A coup de théâtre in your sentimental life. A totally unexpected pregnancy. One of your children may start behaving in a completely unexpected way. You may break suddenly with your partner. Possible twist or twists in your sentimental life. You may start over a new technological hobby.

In the Sixth – You may undergo possible unexpected treatments with rays or electricity. Sudden change of work. Unexpected change in your work location. Hiring or sudden dismissal/resigning of an employee. A pathology may suddenly come (or come back) to the surface.

In the Seventh – Sudden unexpected marriage or separation. Love at first sight. You may suddenly found or join a society with someone. Or you may suddenly leave or break an association. Twists in the life of your partner. Possible disgrace concerning your spouse.

In the Eighth – Sudden winning of a contest or quiz show. Unexpected arrival of money from inheritance, settlement, or any unforeseen source. Sudden death of a relative. Enrichment of your personal vision of sexual intercourse.

In the Ninth – Pay close attention to travels and transport, especially the personal means such as cars, motorbikes, small yachts... Sudden journey or transfer. Unexpected interest in religion or esoteric subjects. Something unforeseen may happen in connection with what is 'far away'.

In the Tenth – Abrupt change of social status. Possible divorce or marriage. Instantaneous change of job. You may suddenly quit or resume a job. Possible accident or illness of your mother.

In the Eleventh – New and 'weird' encounters. A turnover in your entourage: new friends arrive, old friends leave. There can be a sudden change involving a friend who helps you. Sudden loss of a friend.

In the Twelfth – Troubles concerning technical innovations, such as an expensive computer that freezes or loses data, causing damage to your activity. Unforeseen troubles of any nature. Possible unexpected surgery and accidents.

### **Neptune of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – Hazards from toxic substances such as coffee, alcohol or tobacco; drug and medicine addiction. Mental confusion. This is definitely a bad period from a psychological point of view.

In the Second – Money earned in a mysterious way. Expenditures on medicines, drugs or other toxins. This position may point to the subject spending on a beach house or for property at the seaside. Fear of not having enough money.

In the Third – Possible accidents by car and motorbike. You are confused in connection with your studies, writings and examinations. You may develop phobias because of competitions, or concerns about your relatives. You may fear of not being able to pass certain examinations. Brothers, sisters, brothers or sisters-in-law, uncles, nieces or cousins may be on the edge of neurosis or psychosis.

In the Fourth – Hydraulic problems for most part of the year. Neurosis of a parent. Fear of losing your home. Purchase of a house by the sea.

In the Fifth – Fear of pregnancy. Neuroses and fears associated with love, such as – for example – fear of being HIV positive. Love affair with an addict or with a very inspired artist. Course of underwater fishing. Anxieties for your children or for your spouse's children.

In the Sixth – Many anxieties and neuroses of many kinds. Your ill-health must be treated with psychotropic drugs. Confusion and double-crossing in your workplace. Anxieties arising from fears in the workplace. One of your employees, superiors or colleagues at work may develop problems of depression.

In the Seventh – Fear of getting married. Anxiety concerning the beginning of a new partnership or cohabitation. Fear of the partner; your spouse may become neurotic. State of confusion within your marital ménage. You may become a victim of possible marital infidelities, or you may be untruthful yourself.

In the Eighth – Fear of dying by drowning. At worst, possible suicidal thoughts. Sex and pornography. Frightening dreams involving death. Tangled situations concerning inheritance. Anxieties for money or in connection with sea.

In the Ninth – Beware of possible shipwrecks. If you can, avoid travelling by sea in this period. On the contrary, this position may indeed imply long journeys by sea. You may meet foreign artists who take drugs or psychotropic drugs. This position is very favourable to those engaged in spiritual issues.

In the Tenth – Confusion in business decisions. For artists, it may point to strong inspiration for work. For those who frequent the world of drug addicts: be careful not to be caught with drugs on you. This position favours the opening of business in the field of wines and perfumes. Anxieties for your mother or mother-in-law; one of them may develop neurosis.

In the Eleventh – You may meet a number of 'weird', 'strange', 'inspired', 'Neptunian' friends. Confusion between friendship and love. You may meet people with spiritualist or esoteric and/or religious interests.

In the Twelfth – Trouble in connection with medicines, alcohol, tobacco, coffee and drugs. Possible danger related with the sea. Possible hospitalization in a psychiatric clinic. Car accident due to a state of mental confusion. Hazards from anaesthesia during surgery. With this SR you should stay away from pseudo-magicians, false healers and visionaries.

### **Pluto of SR in the Houses of the Solar Return**

In the First – Megalomania, hyperbolic actions, exaggerations of all kinds. Extreme arrogance – if the rest of the astrological situation confirms so. Repetitive obsessions and different kinds of anxiety. Strong erotic and destructive impulses.

In the Second – This position of Pluto in the chart of SR leads you to consider only grandiose business, ignoring all the small ones, even if they could be much more profitable than the 'big one'. It may also imply a significant gain or a significant loss of money.

In the Third – A sibling or a brother or sister-in-law may embark in a considerably successful enterprise. This position may imply the purchase of a very prestigious or expensive car, or a possible serious traffic accident.

In the Fourth – You may purchase or rent a very beautiful or important, luxury house. Major renovations at home. One of your parents may become important or well-known, in a positive or negative way.

In the Fifth – One of your children may stand out for a big initiative. An important love affair. Love with a Scorpio or a 'Plutonian' subject. Tormented love.

In the Sixth – Possible serious illness. Troubled relationship in your work environment. A prestigious chief may arrive and direct your job. This position may point to a dishonest or illegal employee.

In the Seventh – It may point to your spouse standing out in a positive or negative manner. You may fall in love with a Plutonian individual. You may also plan a grandiose wedding with this position of Pluto of SR. Tormented love.

In the Eighth – Possible significant inheritance or great economic loss. You may become obsessed with gambling. Risk of death of a close relative. Horrible death of a family member. Big win at the game or heavy indebtedness with third parties.

In the Ninth – Long journey, long stay abroad. Sudden deep passion for a religion or for an esoteric discipline. You may meet a foreign 'Plutonian' individual who will affect your life very much.

In the Tenth – You may embark on an important activity involving remarkable results, especially for your prestige. Health problems for your mother. Grandiose working projects.

In the Eleventh – You may meet very influential and powerful people. Your relationship with a friend may degenerate. Possible nasty death of a friend.

In the Twelfth – You may have to overcome big challenges during the year. Torments for an altered mental status. Threats proceeding from important diseases and deep anxieties.

## 5.

### Which place should you consider to calculate a Solar Return?

Which place should you consider when casting a chart of Solar Return? The place of birth or the place where the subject physically is at the very moment of the Solar Return? In my opinion this is a pointless and rhetorical question, but since someone did raise the issue, I try to give a detailed answer, supported by astrological evidence.

Since the time astrology has been practised, it has always been associated with the place and the time in which something is being born. There is an ancient saying: everything that is born can be born under a lucky or unlucky star. The horoscope, that is to say the birth chart, is a photograph of the sky at the moment of someone's or somebody's birth, and this photograph is always taken in the place of the happy event. Some might argue that the photograph should be taken in the place of conception. This is a mistake, because the astrology we all are practicing has been built on the relationship between birth and sky. This does not mean that – starting from today – we could begin to study a new astrology that deals with the terrestrial and celestial links with the moment of conception, provided that this can be determined accurately. So let us stick to the several-thousand-year-old astrology that we have been using for a lifetime. Our astrology theorizes that the celestial imprinting that you receive at the moment of your birth fixes on your person – exactly like silver crystals get fixed on a photographic plate – and that it will be 'responsible' for (or in 'relationship' with) your entire life. Those who do not believe in this, do not believe in astrology either.

Now, we all know that cycles are extremely important in astrology. Great masters have made massive usage of cycles, such as André Barbault (who applies them especially in World Astrology), Reinhold Ebertin, John Addey, and several other authors. Your birthday is the beginning of a new cycle of life that lasts during a year until your next birthday. This is perhaps the most important cycle of your life, so there is no reason why it should be calculated considering the place where you were born decades ago, neglecting the place where you are today. Some ask, "Do not you cast the yearly chart when the Sun goes back exactly on its natal position? If so, the natal Sun was in the sky, not on Earth. Therefore, if the chart of SR is intended to recreate the same terrestrial-celestial situation of one's birth, you should just cast the chart of SR every year considering only the place of birth. And by doing so, all the Solar charts would be the same!"

No, dear readers, you 'domificate' (Translator's Note: i.e. you draw the Houses of) your chart taking into account the place where you are at the moment of your birthday – not that of your birth. To lead you to a thoughtful reflection that will confirm this fact, I will list the opinions of great astrologers after having expressed my own; then I will expose three practical and very enlightening cases. To those who still have doubts after reading the following pages, I suggest to go and read the example on Mata Hari's Solar Return, first published in my volume *I transiti*, Armenia Editore. Mata Hari's Solar Return chart of 1898-1899 is an example of exceptional clarity, which should not leave even the slightest doubt in the reader's mind. It clearly shows that a SR only works if it is 'domificated' (TN: i.e. cast, subdivided into the 12 Houses) considering the place where the subject physically is in that very moment. I accept any challenge on this point. If you can give me evidence of the opposite of what I write here, I am willing to change my mind about Solar Returns. But then, someone else should explain me why the Aimered Solar Returns that I have studied, cast and suggested to my counselees have always worked, in thousands of cases.

What great astrologers say about this topic:

In his book *Astrologia Mondiale*, Tommaso Palamidessi does not comment specifically about the place that you have to take into consideration when casting the chart of SR. However, he inserts two practical examples of SR in his volume – one of Benito Mussolini and one of Aldo Moro – and both charts are domificated on the place where the two had spent their birthday of that year.

This is what Henri J. Gouchon – a great astrologer of the 19th century – wrote in his *Dictionnaire Astrologique*, ed. Dervy-Livres, at page 535: "... Nevertheless, it must be noticed (for the sake of novices) that the position of the planets is always the same, in whatever area of the world the subject may be: only domification can change. Often, certain natives move away on the day of their anniversary with the aim of achieving a better position of the Houses."

In his Practical treatise of astrology, Ed. Morin 1967, André Barbault takes a clear position. "What is a Solar Return? It is simply the classical chart of the sky, cast for a given year and for the place where the individual is at the moment of his/her astronomical anniversary, that is to say: when the Sun returns to its natal position."

Once again, this is what Barbault wrote in his volume on Astrology and the forecast of future, published in Italy by Armenia editore: "Tradition is not formal with reference to the place for which the chart itself must be drawn: the place of birth or that of the anniversary, but moderns have unanimously adopted the second version."

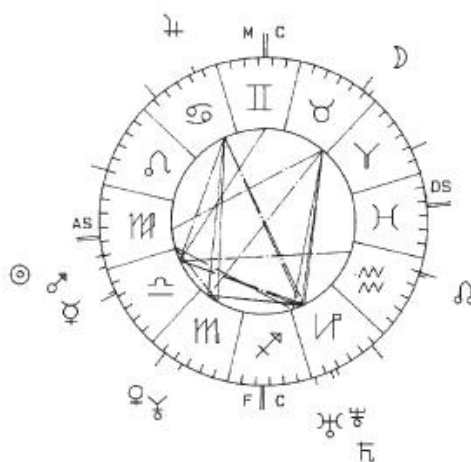
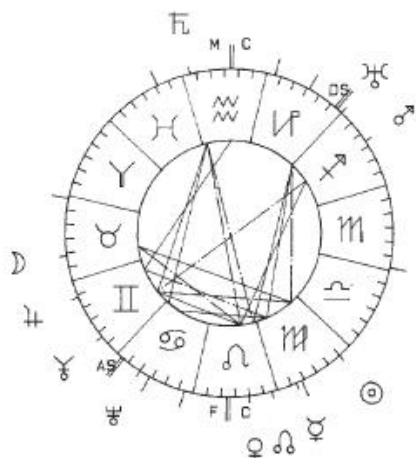
And above all Alexandre Volguine, the 'father' of Solar Returns, in his *La Technique des Révolutions Solaires*, Dervy-Livres, re-edition of June 1972, page 22, wrote: "Before starting the exposition of the technique of interpretation of Solar Returns, i.e. the subject of the following chapter, we must call the astrologers' attention to the necessity of casting the yearly charts not for the place of birth, but for the place in which the native is at the moment of his/her anniversary." (I would like to specify that the above sentence is printed in bold letters in the original.)

Let us now examine three practical cases that show – to those who do not want to be in bad faith – that the chart of SR should be drawn for the location of one's birthday, not that of his or her birth.

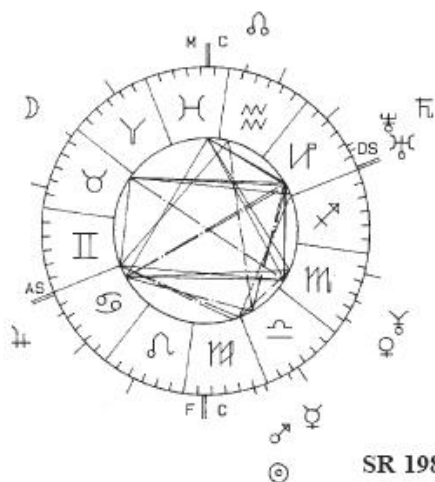
Case #1 – This is the case of Greta Garbo, the great Swedish actress who died on the 15th of April 1990 in an apartment of New York City, where she had retired ages before. Her natal chart is shown below. You can also see the two Solar Returns of her last birthday (1989): one has been drawn considering her birth place (Stockholm, Sweden), and the other one has been drawn considering where she had spent her last birthday (New York City, USA). As you can see, despite having an unfavourable conjunction in the first House, the SR of 1989 of Stockholm has its Ascendant falling in the actress's natal 5th House, which could hardly be interpreted to be in connection with a case of demise. I would like to remind my readers what I have repeated in several parts of this volume: the position of the AS of SR in the natal Houses is by far the most important information that we can deduce from a chart of SR. This alone can be enough to write the 'nine-column-headline' of the 'yearly newspaper' of the subject. By contrast, Greta Garbo's SR of 1989, drawn in New York, has its AS

falling in her natal 12th House, which is another key element of my way of interpreting the SR. Remember that the Ascendant of RS falling in the natal Twelfth House is the worst thing that can happen to a person.

### Natal chart

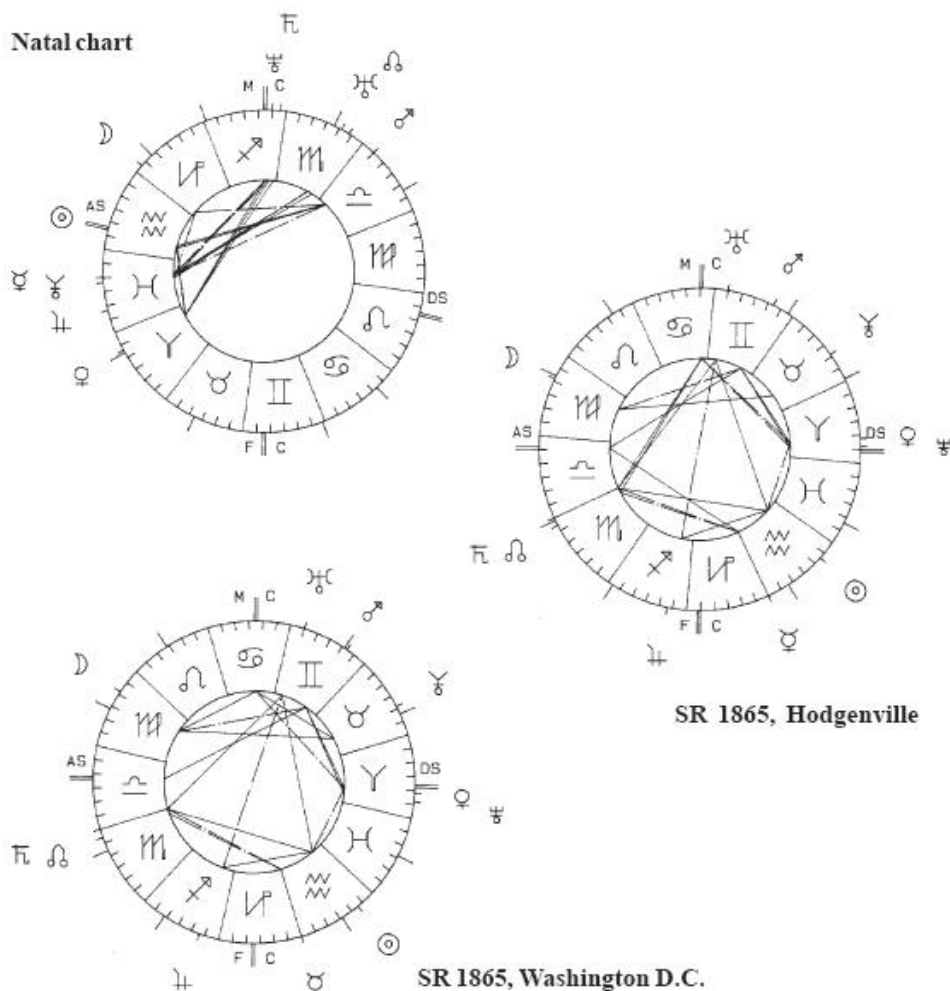


SR 1989, Stockholm



SR 1989, New York

Case #2 – Abraham Lincoln, the 16th U.S. President was born in Hodgenville (longitude 85°43'W, latitude 37°33'N). He was shot on the 14th of April 1865. We can take virtually for granted that he had spent his previous birthday at the White House in Washington D.C., since at that time man travelled very little and, usually, for small distances. Below you see his birth chart (he was born on the 12th of February 1809 at 6:54 am) and the two charts of SR of 1865. The one drawn for his birthplace has the AS of SR in Lincoln's natal 7th House, while the chart of SR drawn for Washington has the AS of RS in his natal 8th. Consider that with Venus conjunct the Descendant, the combination of AS of SR in the natal 7th cannot simply imply any deadly attack. I find any further remark superfluous.



Case #3 – This is an unpublished and – in my view – a truly spectacular case. This is the case of my daughter Laura's birthday of 2001, compared with that of her astral twin. We have been told that her astral twin – who is the daughter of a good friend of mine – was born in the same city, only twenty minutes after my daughter. Nevertheless, from reconstructions that I have made in retrospect, over the years, I think that the difference between the two births is of ten minutes only.

Laura was born in Naples, Italy, on the 27th of May 1975 at 11:25 pm. Had they spent their birthday in Naples that year, both charts of SR would have indicated horrible consequences, perhaps the worst that you can imagine. Their Sun conjunct Saturn would have been in the Twelfth House of SR; four celestials would have occupied the 12th altogether, and Mars would have been in the 6th. Both were warned and both were supposed to relocate their SR to Australia. In fact, my daughter went to a very special place called Monkey Mia. Despite the 'simian' name, this is a magical place with bungalows on the sea, where you can pet the dolphins coming ashore and 'making friends' with tourists. So, Laura spent her birthday there and two months after, she married. Then she settled down near my home; in April she underwent eye surgery to have her fairly serious myopia removed; then she started to get going into different directions to find a real job.

Let us give a conventional name to her astral twin, let us call her Ilena. Well, she could not leave for relocation and this is, in short, the story that Ilena herself reported of her annus horribilis. The day after her birthday, Ilena's brother was hospitalized for an emergency caused by a severe acute disease. He remained one month there in a state between life and death. Ilena spent much time at her brother's bedside. Three days after her birthday, she was having a meal when one of her molars simply broke. She had to take antibiotics for a month because the infection caused by this event was not treated properly. Despite having been working for ages, she lost her job and was left unemployed throughout the year. After a seven year love story, her boyfriend broke with her and she fell into a period of depression.

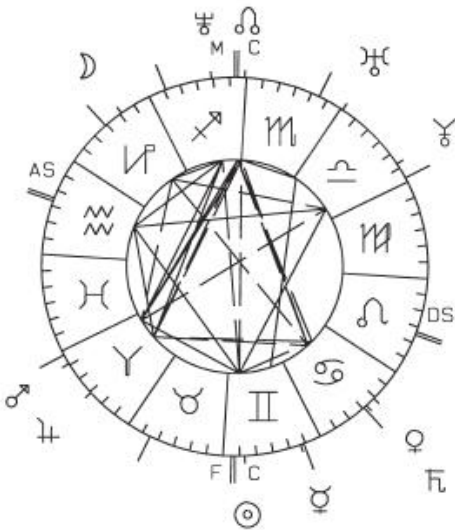
Those who claim that it is necessary to cast the chart of SR considering the place of birth or that of the habitual residence of the subject, regardless of his/her actual location in the moment of the SR itself, are kindly required to step forward and explain this case, if they can.

Of course my friend authorized me, if needed, to provide Ilena's full and true personal details in case that someone suggested that everything is invented and not having proper scientific arguments.

Please note that the charts shown here were calculated considering Ilena's officially recorded time of birth. However – as I have explained – I think that she was actually born at least ten minutes earlier. If so, her birth chart (and consequently, her chart of SR) is much closer to that of my daughter.



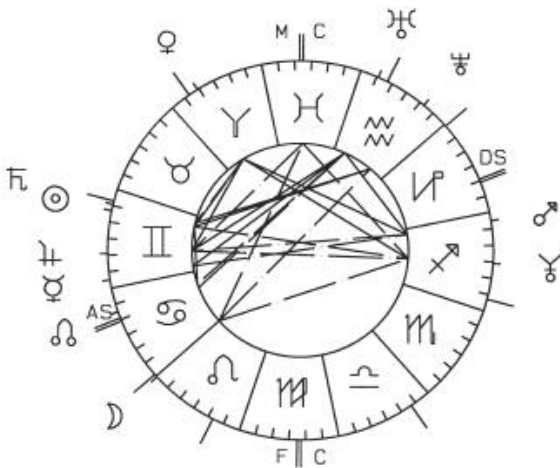
Laura's Natal chart



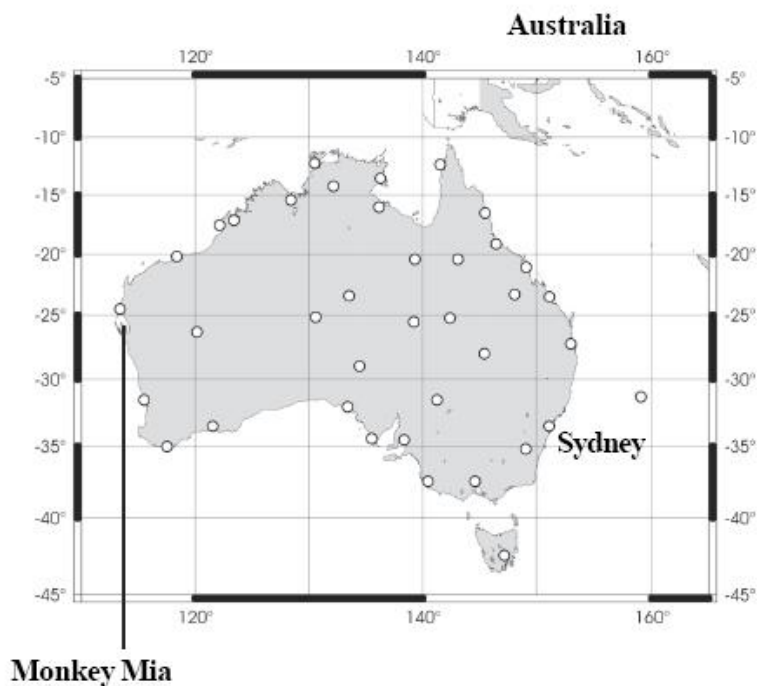
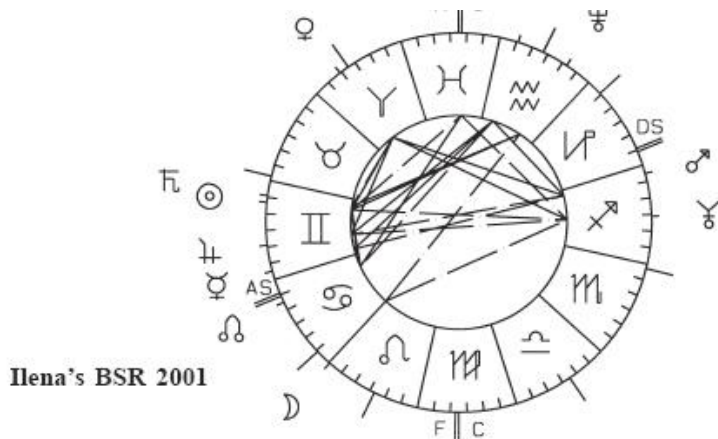
Ilana's Natal chart



Laura's RS 2001, Monkey Mia



Laura's BSR (Basic Solar Return) 2001



## 6. How to 'target' a location

There are different ways to proceed when you wish to determine the right place in the world that you have to choose for an aimed birthday. Here are some of them.

1) You may make your calculations by hand and sketch different approximated charts. This is certainly a prehistoric system that only makes you waste time unnecessarily. Although I must admit that it is not always the case. If you are quite familiar with math and if you are able to make fast calculations – even if they are not very accurate – you can work manually. An architect friend of mine is very fast in his calculations by hand. Then he consult tables containing all the time zones, the longitudes and latitudes of virtually every town in the world, specifically the tables contained in the fourth Italian edition of my Nuova guida all'Astrologia, published by Armenia editore.

This allows him to draft approximate charts of SR: perhaps they are a little bit irregular and scribbled and bungled, yet they are surely pretty good for his purposes. Of course, he is the only one who understands anything in those charts. Nevertheless, if you have much free time, you too can amuse yourself drawing several charts by hand, perhaps very well designed.

2) The second system requires a rather robust investment because you need to purchase a plotter. (A Note from the Author: This is no longer true today, because modern computer programs allow you to print on very economical printing devices – such as inkjet printers – with the very same quality of a

plotter.) You can use Astroplanisfero, a module of my software package Astral. Jim Lewis invented this system, and several years ago – in the late seventies – I wanted to purchase the licence directly from him, but he asked me the hefty sum of 40 million Italian Liras. So I resolved to work hard with the help of Luigi Miele, with whom I have implemented myself the software module.

It is a quite complex program – not all programmers are able to implement it. However, now this piece of software exists: you can purchase it for an amount eighty times lower than that sought by the American developer. On the theory and practice of this useful tool, I invite my readers to read the volume *Astro&Geografia*, written by Andrea Rossetti and me, published in Italy by Blue Diamond Publisher, Milan, in 1996. To make a long story short, the output of the plotter (or of the printer) is the map of the world that you can see in the previous page. It refers to Robert Redford's Solar Return of 1994. He was born in Santa Monica, California, on the 18th of August 1936, at 8:02 pm (summer time was not in force on that date). All you have to do is to calculate the Greenwich Mean Time of his birth, and inputting it into the program Astroplanisfero.

And all the program does (which is not a small achievement...) is calculating – for every square meter of our planet – where on Earth Jupiter is placed over the Ascendant of the SR, Venus on the Descendant of the SR, Uranus on the Midheaven of SR, Neptune on the Imum Coeli of the SR, and so on... In short, with a single glance you can determine the whole celestial situation at the four corners of the chart of SR, and decide consequently with much more ease.

In the specific case of Robert Redford, you can see (consistently with the calculations that you can check by yourself, if you wish) a black line telling us that at the moment of the Solar Return, Pluto was on the Descendant both in Miami, Florida and in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Sun was conjunct the AS of SR in Milan, Italy. Mercury was in the same position in Oslo, Norway. In Algiers, Algeria, Jupiter was conjunct the IC of SR, and so on for all the celestials of the chart, for all the places of the world, and for all the four corners of the chart. The map shown in this volume perhaps is not very readable: the only reason for this is that it has been greatly reduced, and it has been printed in black and white instead of colours.

3) The most common alternative – not the best one, though – is to use a good software package to do your astrological calculations and drawings. Why do I say that this is not the best solution? Because these programs typically work as follows. Input the data of birth of a subject and ask the program to cast his or her SR for a given year and for a given place. If this chart of SR does not satisfy you, you have to repeat the input of all the data of birth and have the SR cast for another place. So, if you wish to study a hundred different places in search for the best relocation of your SR, you have to repeat the whole process a hundred times. Of course this is better than doing it by hand, still it is annoying.

4) The best way of all is using Molriv, a specific software routine which is also part of my program Astral. It is a real gem. How does it work? It is very simple; this is how I use it. I sit at the desk in front of my counselee. Between us, on the left side, there is a monitor so that both of us can watch the Molriv session. In front of me I always have the two charts on which I work, namely the subject's birth chart and his or her current Solar Return. I record the subject's birth data and ask it to produce his/her next SR for the place where he/she normally resides.

In a moment we both can see the chart, and I can begin making my astrological considerations about possible relocation. For example, if you wish to hold back the AS, all you have to do is input an asterisk and the name of the other location where you wish to cast the new chart. If the second location does not fit either, you can visualize dozens of places by simply typing each name. Of course, if you wish, at any time you can review any place that you have already examined. In short, this is a real-time search, with no need to input the data of birth every time you change location of SR. Sincerely, I think that this program could hardly be surpassed by any other software based on a different management of the few operations to be performed.

5) A very precise, complete and totally free way is to visit my pages at [www.cirodiscepolo.it](http://www.cirodiscepolo.it). There you can click on my 'Online Services'. You can input your data and perform calculations and see the results of any birth chart or chart of Solar Return. Our database contains the geographical coordinates of over three billions locations.

6) You can also purchase the 2003 version of my program ASTRAL. In addition to using the aforementioned module Molriv, with this new version, called RSMA-Aladino, you can have the computer perform a fully automatic or a semiautomatic search of the best locations for an Aimered Solar Return. For explanations and recommendations on using this powerful tool of relocation, please read this page: [www.cirodiscepolo.it/astral.htm](http://www.cirodiscepolo.it/astral.htm).

## A little geography for the Aimed SR's

We have all studied geography at school. Was that enough to allow you to claim that you know geography well? I do not think so, because at school they do not target its study for a specific purpose. On the contrary, those who – just like the astrologers who work with the Aimed Solar Returns – study carefully the maps several times a day for decades, they eventually find that geography is very interesting. Although of course, all those who do not like travelling would heartily disagree with this notion. Just think of how ironic is my own astral chart: Personally, I hate travelling, but with my Moon in Sagittarius, I ended up by making thousands of people travel. On the other hand, when I study a possible relocation for Tom's or Peter's Solar Return, it is as if I travelled with them, and I always ask them to send me a postcard from their yearly destination.

Back to geography now. First of all, I invite you to do something that few do: when you consider longitudes, express them in terms of time (hours and minutes) instead of space (degrees and minutes). For there is little use in knowing that New York City is 74°01' West, but if I say that the Big Apple is 5 hours and 56 minutes west of Italy, it is surely much more understandable. In fact, when you are in search for possible relocation of a SR, you constantly have to add or subtract a certain number of times zones – or fractions of time zones – to detect the most suitable location. Let me specify the first important rule then: if you want to move the Ascendant of SR upwards – that is, for example, from 25° Gemini to 5° Gemini – then you need to relocate westward; vice-versa, you have to relocate eastward if you want to move the cusp downwards.

I often make it clearer through the practical example of Marilyn Monroe's SR immediately preceding her death. She was born on the 1st June 1926 at 9:30 am in Los Angeles. By the way, let me stress that in her chart Mars was on the Ascendant and opposite Neptune, which may indicate barbiturates. This combination clearly points to being a victim of violence. For this reason, I am among those who believe that she did not commit suicide, but that she was murdered instead.

Let us suppose that she had consulted an astrologer before her last birthday, and that the astrologer had suggested her to relocate so that the AS of SR would be displaced from its original position. First of all, the astrologer would have had to choose whether to relocate eastward or westward. Browse a good atlas or accurate maps now to understand the following explanations better. West to LA there is the Pacific Ocean: it is the most difficult area of the globe to reach, especially for us Europeans. In fact, apart from Hawaii that is about half way between California and Japan (although a little closer to America), you only find countless pocket-handkerchief sized plots of land, in Polynesia or Micronesia or in the archipelago of Vanuatu, as well as other exotic places which are usually very hard and expensive to reach.

The American astrologer would have thought – more or less – like this: "If I suggest her relocating to Hawaii, the Ascendant of SR would be somewhere in between Aries and Pisces, which is like stepping from the frying pan into the fire. In fact, the AS of SR would also be falling in her natal 8th House, which is not convenient at all. Let us interrogate Molriv and type the name of the city: Honolulu. Let us check the resulting chart on the screen: you can see that, luckily, the AS of SR is out of the natal 8th House by a couple of degrees. How could have the hypothetical astrologer reckoned in advance and mentally that the AS of SR in Hawaii would have fallen exactly there? It is quite simple: because Aries and Pisces are signs of short ascension. He would have also considered that the desired location for Marilyn Monroe's fictional Aimed SR is set at 10 hours and 31 minutes west of London, with a time gap of about two and a half hours from Los Angeles.

Of course, do not forget that in these examples, it is not the reading of the charts that is important (i.e. the interpretation), but the technique to be adopted. Let us suppose, now, that the astrologer would have advised Marilyn to relocate eastward. He could have considered a flight to New York, but in this case, he should have considered that at least two signs of long ascension would have been gone through more or less completely by the AS of SR. Let us type New York in Molriv. In fact, the result is a chart of SR whose AS is about 24° Gemini, falling in the actress' natal Eleventh House. The same procedure applies while considering other possible locations of SR.

Let us now have an overview, albeit a brief and undetailed one, of the entire world map that you can 'astrologically' reach, starting from Europe and specifically, from Italy. If one of your Italian counselees resides in Italy and you have to relocate his or her SR with a short displacement, remember that the two extremes of Italy, west to east – that is, roughly speaking between Imperia and Lecce – implies a difference of almost 40 minutes. In other words, it is more than half an hour of longitude, which in a few lucky cases, may be enough to change the chart of BSR (Basic Solar return) without the need of embarking on a long journey. I remind you that significant changes are mainly those attained by changing the longitude rather than the latitude of the location of SR. This means that you must usually relocate eastward or westward, rather than north or southwards. In fact, relocating along the direction north-south at our latitudes, there is little difference in the resulting chart of relocation even if you travel for about two or three thousand miles. In another part of this book, you will see how large distances along the geographical latitude affect significantly the aiming of a SR.

Let us return now to our overall view on the world map. Remember that with signs of long ascension, if you move to Paris or London – two cities that are nearly on the same vertical – you might achieve a

result implying only two or three degrees of difference between the relocated (ASR) and the starting chart of SR (BSR). Conversely, if the AS of SR is in a sign of short ascension, and – for example – it is in the 12th natal House, you can displace it into the natal 10th by landing in Lisbon or in Tenerife: it is worth considering these two possibilities also within the strategy of relocating a SR. Then the entire Atlantic Ocean follows, up to the East Coast of the United States of America. Here, sometimes problems arise because in between you have only a few pocket-handkerchief sized plots of ground where you can put your feet, if required: basically, it's the Azores and Bermuda.

The Azores are at about one time zone west of Portugal. In many cases, by relocating there you can solve a situation of detrimental SR based in Italy. Remember that San Miguel is the largest island (better known as Ponta Delgada), but if you need to earn a few more degrees, you can spend your astrological birthday (one day is enough) in Horta or in Flores. You can reach there taking off from San Miguel on small local aircrafts. Then again you have a big void of oceanic water and, fortunately, another landing point can be found about one time zone before New York: Bermuda and more specifically Hamilton, its capital.

But if the ideal location for relocating your SR is somewhere in between the Azores and Bermuda, you cannot virtually travel there. Sometimes, though, there may be 'miracle' solutions. Once again, it depends on whether the AS of SR falls in signs of short or long ascension. Several times, my friend Emanuele Vinciguerra have laid out on the floor, maps as large as sheets, discovering an opportunity to bridge the oceanic abyss in Fernando de Noronha, an island accessible by airplane located offshore north-east of Recife (Brazil).

If you have to relocate a detrimental SR moving eastward from Italy, unluckily all the continental block of the former 'communist' countries (Bulgaria, Romania, etc.) are seldom useful, because they are very little east of Otranto. If you need to travel over one time zone or so, you can try Ankara or Istanbul or Cyprus. Remember that the database of Molriv stores the coordinates of hundreds of locations all over the world. If you need to relocate displacing over two entire time zones eastward, you may consider Moscow, Cairo, or Jerusalem. In some cases you can solve a problem by relocating to Amman in Jordan, which is the only Arab country that can be visited by tourists. In fact, all other Arab countries, including the United Arab Emirates, do not grant entry visa to 'infidels'. You can bypass this hindrance by landing in Nairobi in Kenya, or the Seychelles.

If you need to relocate further eastward (which means moving the AS of SR counter clockwise), you may consider the Maldives, Colombo in Sri Lanka, Rangoon in Burma, or Bangkok in Thailand. But if you plan to go up to there, you may be willing to consider Phuket or Ko Samui approximately one thousand miles south of Bangkok: these are wonderful locations quite similar to Seychelles or Maldives, but very inexpensive. Farther eastward, you can go to Manila, Tokyo, Sydney, or the Solomon Islands. These islands are a few inches to the right end of your map.

I write more on these islands in another section of this volume. Going further eastwards, you come to Hawaii and the trip around the world is over. When you have a little bit of practice, you will be able to detect the most suitable location of the desired Aimed Solar Return at your second or third attempt.

What you have read so far reflects the situation of 1993. In the following ten years, along with talented colleagues, I have found out another reality that I had excluded before, due to lack of runways. With the help of the wonderful Microsoft Atlas as well as the search engines of the Internet (my favourite is Google, as of May 2002), I have been able to add many more flags to our ideal world map of SR's.

My friend Emanuele Vinciguerra, is still rolling on the floor laughing along with all the tour operators in Rome, since I expressed to him my intention to suggest to my counselees to relocate their SR by reaching 'five new tiny islands' which are not seen in any map. But when Emanuele and his companions began to restrain their laughter, I started laughing. Luigi Galli – with whom I write a regular column on my website and on my quarterly magazine, and with whom I have published two books of geography and technique of the Aimed Solar Returns – helped me to convince a number of people to land on the small island called Ascension, offshore Central Africa, not far from Saint Helena – do you remember Napoleon? In more recent times, we have been able to 'explore' a lot of new sites that were not previously accessible.

Making occasional use of procedural tricks, our counselees could spend their birthdays in the island of Midway (north-west of Hawaii), in almost all the Arab countries, virtually in the entire Siberia (even in winter, at 50°C below zero), in the entire Alaska, and even very close to the North Pole. Plenty of news in this regard can be found in the two texts written by Luigi Galli and I, which you can find in the bibliography to this volume. You can also find detailed and important information in the section *Supporto tecnico alla pratica delle RSM* that used to be published regularly in every issue of my quarterly magazine *Ricerca '90*, and which is still available on my website at [www.cirodiscepolo.it/supporto.asp](http://www.cirodiscepolo.it/supporto.asp).

I can say that today there are really very few places on Earth where people cannot spend their birthday, after having reached them on regular scheduled flights. These places are mostly military sites of strategic importance, such as the Attu Island, belonging to the Aleutians (Alaska).

## 8.

**Signs of Short and Long Ascension**

Many astrologers do not know what 'signs of short and long ascension' mean, which is a quite serious shortcoming. That is why I asked my friend Francesco Maggiore (who is an amateur astronomer, as well as a talented astrologer) to write an article for *Ricerca '90*, to explain this topic – without limits of space, which should be clear to everyone, especially to those who deal with Aimered Solar Returns.

Those who are interested in this subject should refer to that article. Here, in this volume, I will only outline in brief what the signs of short and long ascension imply.

The signs of short ascension are those signs that rise from the eastern horizon much faster than the sign of long ascension. Here is an example. Using a Table of Houses, let us consider how long the twelve signs take to ascend over Rome, Italy.

Aries: 1h 10m  
 Taurus: 1h 20m  
 Gemini: 1h 51m  
 Cancer: 2h 22m  
 Leo: 2h 30m  
 Virgo: 2h 34m  
 Libra: 2h 37m  
 Scorpio: 2h 29m  
 Sagittarius: 2h 21m  
 Capricorn: 1h 50m  
 Aquarius: 1h 24m  
 Pisces: 1h 10m

What you see here is that there are certain signs – like Aries and Taurus – which have a short period of ascension, while other signs – like Virgo and Libra – have a long ascension time. Of course, depending on the latitude of the place you consider as your default location, there can be certain fluctuations in the ascension times, but in the Northern Hemisphere the above given list does not change much.

At this point, I think you would probably like to ask two questions:

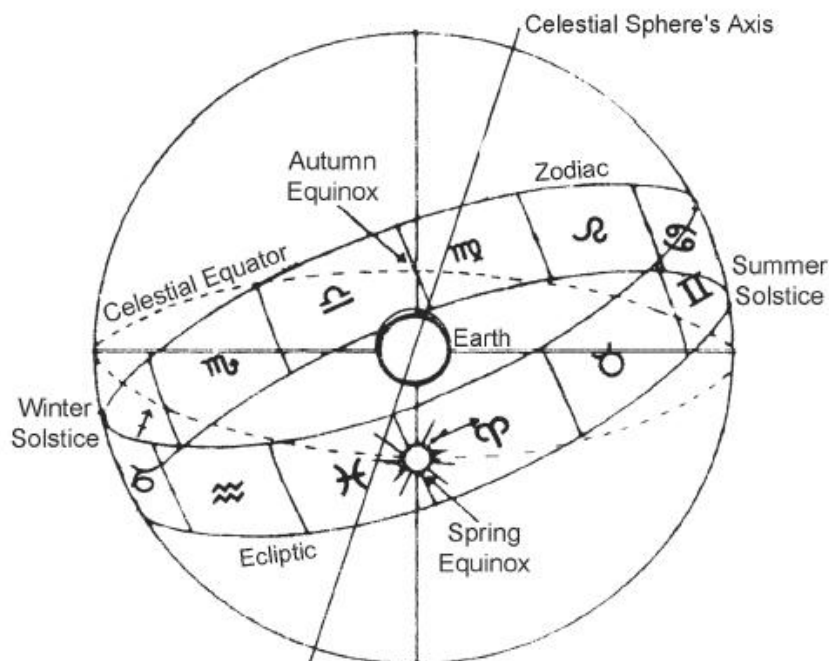
- 1) Why does this happen, since all signs have the same length of 30 degrees? and
- 2) Why should we care about all this?

The answer to the first question is, consider the following illustration. The trigonometric formula that we use to calculate the Ascendant is affected by the obliquity of the Zodiac, implying that the signs may have a different declination – starting from zero degree for the sign Aries, up to 23°27' for the sign Cancer during summer solstice.

Since their declination increases and decreases, the signs 'move' on the celestial vault at different speeds. This happens in the Southern Hemisphere also, but in this case the signs of short and long ascension are reversed.

The answer to the second question needs further elaboration. Becoming familiar with the different times of ascension of each sign is very useful when you study possible relocation of SR's, which I prefer calling: 'aiming' a SR. Hopefully, the following example makes it clearer. Say that my next SR, here in Italy, has its AS – in Aries – falling in my natal 12th House. Wishing to avoid this combination and in order to have the AS of SR fall in another House, probably it would be enough for me if I spent my next birthday in Lisbon, Portugal, which is two time zones away from here. Conversely, if my 12th House fell in Libra, there would be problems. In fact, wishing to remove the AS of SR from the 12th – especially if I wished to place the cusp in my natal 10th – the travel that this relocation would require will be much longer. Almost certainly, I would have to land somewhere in North America.

We will go back over this subject in the section containing sixty practical examples on how geography and astrology can be used to create positive synergies.



Formula for casting the Ascendant

$$1^{\circ} \text{ Tg } \varphi = \frac{\text{Tg LG}}{\cos (\text{AR. MC} + 90)}$$

$$2^{\circ} \text{ Ctg. L. AS} = \frac{\text{ctg} (\text{AR MC} + 90^{\circ}) \cos (23^{\circ} 27' + \varphi)}{\cos \varphi}$$

Note:

LG = Geographical Latitude

## 9. The Effect of Latitude in Aimed SR's

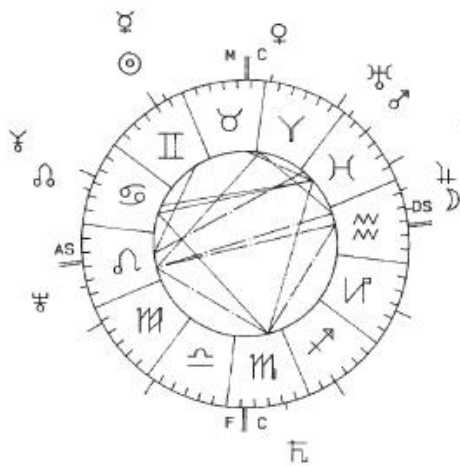
In another part of this volume, I have mentioned that there is very little effect of the latitude of a location on the domification of a SR. However, I have also added that this is true for relatively short or medium distances: the difference in longitude of the cusp of the AS of SR relocated over oceanic distances can be quite significant.

This fact favours our aiming the charts of SR. Once you have established the most appropriate meridian for relocation, climbing or descending in latitude, you can detect the most suitable place, for example between France and North Africa. In other words, when the AS of SR is not appropriate at a place of high northern latitude, you can consider another location on the same meridian, but much, much further southward, where you may hopefully find the ideal chart of SR that you are looking for.

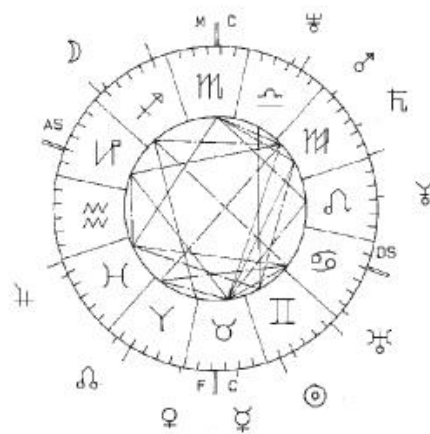
There is a saying, "An example is worth a thousand words". So I give you two examples, both based on the same birth chart that we have taken as a reference in a previous section of this volume, namely that of Marilyn Monroe. Let us imagine that in 1950 she could have had the chance of choosing whether to spend her following birthday in Tokyo (Japan) or perhaps Adelaide (Australia) – having virtually the same longitude – or in Bangkok or perhaps Phuket (Thailand).

Phuket has the same longitude as Bangkok, but it is approximately one thousand miles south of the capital. As you can see from the following charts, there is a noticeable difference of about 26° between Tokyo and Adelaide concerning the position of the AS, while between Bangkok and Phuket the difference is less than one degree.

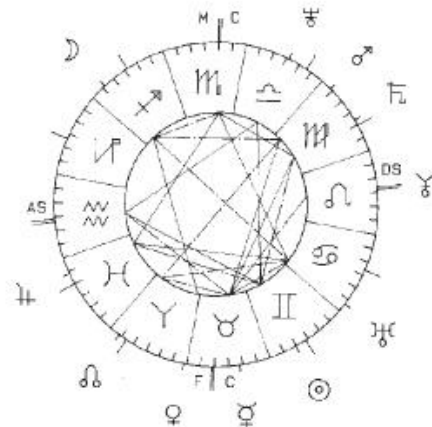
Do not forget, however, that this also depends on whether the sign in focus has a long or short ascension. This is a further demonstration of its importance in the Aimed SR's.



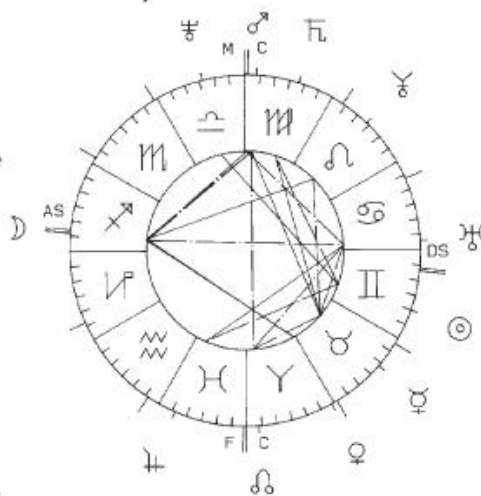
Natal chart



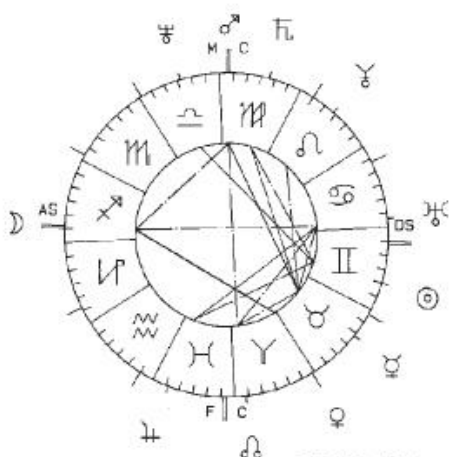
SR, Tokyo



SR, Adelaide



SR, Bangkok



SR, Phuket

## 10. How you can make Calculations by Hand

First of all, let me clear the air of possible misunderstanding. In fact, we often hear conversations like this: "When he casts the Houses, Mr. Discepolo does not subtract the time zone, while Mr. Smith does." An inexperienced reader might think that there are two different mathematical calculations implying different results. Of course, it is not so. It is simply a case of two individuals blowing their noses in different ways.

One raises the handkerchief directly to his nose, while the other passes the kerchief below his knee before raising it to the nose. The first method is simpler; the other is a little more cumbersome. Therefore, please accept a golden advice. When you want to follow an author, follow him from the very beginning, i.e. from how to calculate an Ascendant; then let him lead you to the more complex calculations.

I personally believe that, today, wasting time to calculate and draw natal charts and charts of Solar Returns by hand is absolutely anachronistic, since there are affordable computer programs that can do it for you in seconds. Also, if you visit my main web page, [www.cirodiscepolo.it](http://www.cirodiscepolo.it), you can use my computing engines for free, that allow you to calculate and draw – in a very precise way – any birth chart and any chart of Solar Return you wish for each point on the Earth: even small villages with a few hundred inhabitants.

Remember that my web pages are supported by a huge database of locations across the world, that accounts for their relevant time zone – both current and historical. For example, the database 'knows' in which years there have been summer time in force in different countries; starting from which year has Ireland applied the Zero time zone; the years and countries where 'War-Time' was followed, and so on.

On the other hand, it seems reasonable that an astrologer should first learn to do the required calculations by hand, and only after becoming familiar with it, should break free of this tedious exercise.

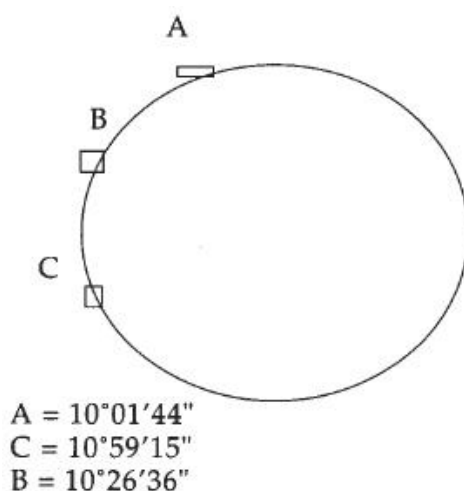
Given below are some practical examples. I recommend you to meticulously follow every step without taking any liberties that may affect your complete understanding of the process involved.

Let us start with a celebrity whom we have already met in this book. I refer to Marilyn Monroe's birth chart, as well as to her Solar Return preceding her death, which took place under unclear circumstances on the 5th of August 1962, at her Los Angeles mansion. She was also born in Los Angeles on the 1st of June 1926, at 9:30 am Pacific Standard Time – corresponding to 8 hours west of Greenwich, London.

To begin the exercise of casting a Solar Return chart, we have to determine the corresponding Greenwich Time when the Sun returned – in June 1962 – exactly on the longitude of the Sun in Marilyn's Natal horoscope, which is  $10^{\circ} 26' 36''$  in Gemini. Then we proceed to browse the page of June 1962 in my professional Ephemerides 1920-2000 (published in Italy by Armenia). There we identify the two longitudes (and their corresponding dates) within which Marilyn's birth Sun's longitude falls. They are respectively,  $10^{\circ} 59' 15''$  on the 2nd June and  $10^{\circ} 01' 44''$  on the 1st June 1962, at 0:00 GMT. Subtracting the smaller longitude from the larger we get to know the apparent speed of the Sun for the 24 hour period:

$$10^{\circ} 59' 15'' - 10^{\circ} 01' 44'' = 0^{\circ} 57' 31''.$$

Now, consider the following figure. It has been intentionally schematized without proportions, but it may help making the concept clearer.



As a next step, we subtract the smaller longitude (i.e. A) from the birth longitude of the Sun (B). The result is as follows:

$$(B)10^{\circ} 26' 36'' - (A)10^{\circ} 01' 44'' = 0^{\circ} 24' 52''$$

This is the angular distance (B – A), which is a measure of how much the Sun moved from the beginning of the previous day to the point that corresponds to the position of the Natal Sun. The interpolation is not perfectly linear, but the deviation from the true value is negligible. This is the value that you have to look for in the tables of the 'Daily pace of the Sun' enclosed in my volume *I transiti*, published by Armenia editore.

In particular, you have to open the page containing the daily pace of 0°57'31", i.e. the closest one to the pace that we have just calculated: 57'30" above. In the relevant column, you have to look for the value nearest to 24'52" and note the corresponding value in time: 10h 25m (This value is the time equivalent of 24'57", which is closest value to the one we have just calculated.) If we had let a computer do the calculations, the result would have been: 10 hours and 22 minutes.

What does this result mean? It represents the exact time of the Solar Return of Marilyn Monroe, on the day 1st of June 1964, in Greenwich.

We have now laid the cornerstone for casting Marilyn's chart of Solar Return. In order to 'domificate' – i.e. to cast the Ascendant of SR and subdivide the whole chart into the twelve Houses – we have to know where Marilyn was physically at that moment.

It appears likely that she was in Los Angeles or nearby. Therefore, you have to subtract 8 hours (corresponding to the time difference between London and Los Angeles) from the time that we have just calculated, which gives you a result of 2:25.

Now all that we have to do is to cast a fictional birth chart as if a baby was born on 1st June 1962, at 2:25 in Los Angeles. The resulting chart is also the horoscope of Marilyn Monroe's Solar Return of that year. It has the Ascendant at 26°17' Aries, and the Midheaven at 16°04' Capricorn. If we had had a computer do the calculations, we would have obtained slight differences:

AS = 25°12' Aries

MC = 15°22' Capricorn

Now let us imagine that the beautiful actress spent the SR in Rome. How would we have cast the Solar Return? It is quite easy. We would have added the time that separates Italy from Greenwich (Rome is east of London). In other words, we would have cast the fictional birth chart of a baby born in Rome at 11:25, with these results:

AS = 5°06' Virgo

MC = 0°20' Gemini

Let us look at one more example. Assume that Marilyn spent her birthday of 1962 in Sydney, Australia. So, always starting from 10:25 London time, you add (because Australia is also east of Greenwich) 10 hours, corresponding to the time zone of Sydney as compared to that of Greenwich. We now cast the fictional birth chart of a baby born on the 1st June 1962 at 20:25 in Sydney – not forgetting that Sydney is located in the Southern Hemisphere. The new chart has:

AS = 29°11' Capricorn

MC = 18°21' Libra

In all these three locations, the Sun will have the same longitude, i.e. 10°26'36".

As you can see, there is absolutely no need to take into consideration the summer time that could have been in force in a given place.

You have also seen that it is very easy to perform these calculations. On the other hand, why bother when there are computers that can do the job for us?

There is also a third way to do these calculations, a semi-automatic method. Visit my web page <http://www.cirodiscepolo.it/calcola.asp> where a powerful calculation engine developed by my incomparable friend Luigi Miele allows you to perform the same calculations described above, avoiding the usage of an interpolation table, thanks to a special sexagesimal calculator that you can find on that very page. Just follow the instructions given below.

Have fun.

This interactive page allows you to perform calculations in sexagesimal. You can add, subtract, multiply or divide values expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds or in hours, minutes and seconds. What is it for? Hopefully, the following example makes it clearer. Suppose we want to know the hourly pace of the Sun for a given date, say the 15th of April 2009. Open a volume of ephemerides. There you can find that on that day at 0:00, the Sun is 25°09'42" Aries, and that the following day at the same time, it is 26°08'25" Aries. The first step is subtracting the two values, which allows you to know how much the Sun has moved in those 24 hours:

26°08'25" – 25°09'42" that, with the help of this page, turns out to be 0°58'43"00 (The double zero stands for hundredths of a second.).

Now, to know the hourly pace of the Sun, you must divide this value for 24:

0°58'43" / 24

Once again, the conversion algorithm of this page gives you the correct result: 0°02'26"79 (79 stands for 79 hundredths of a second.).

What is the use in knowing the hourly pace of the Sun? For example, in casting a chart of Solar Return, suppose you are considering a birth in Treviso, Italy, on the 16th of April 1955, at 12:25 pm, and you want to calculate at what time (GMT) the Sun comes back to its natal position in 2009.

You know that the longitude of the natal Sun in the subject's birth chart is 25°42'05", therefore, in

2009, his or her astrological/astronomical birthday is on the 15th – not on the 16th of April. And – at what time?

On the 15th of April 2009 at 0:00, the Sun is located at 25°09'42" of Aries. To reach 25°42'5", it has to move by 32'23".

Hence we can set the following proportion:

if the Sun moves by 0°02'26"79 every hour, how many hours does it take to move by 32'23"?

$$0^{\circ}02'26''79 / 1 = 32'23'' / x$$

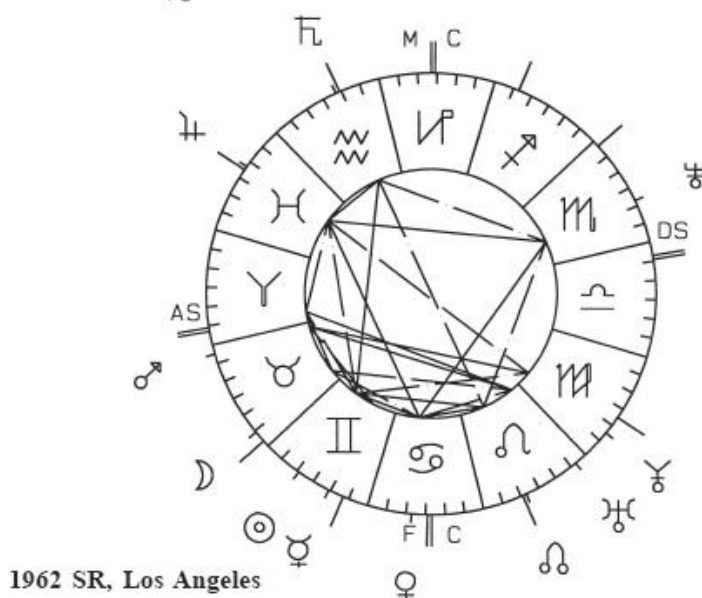
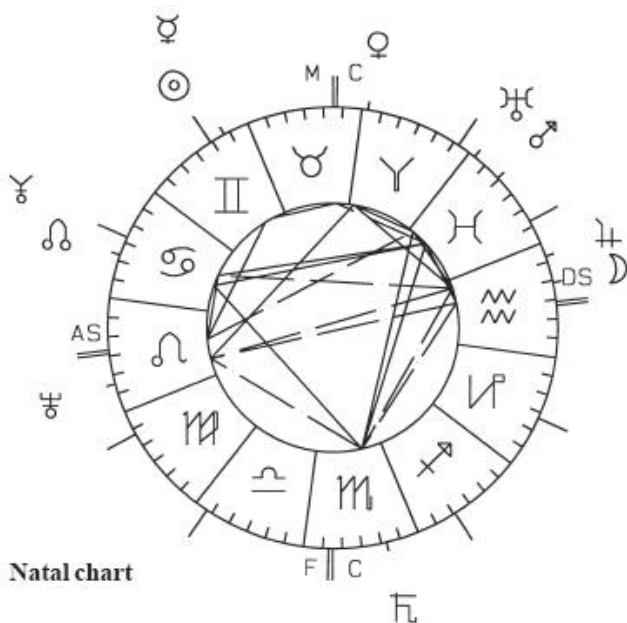
$$\text{where } x = (32'23'' \times 1) / 0^{\circ}02'26''79$$

Now you have the following possibilities:

- 1) You use a precise software programme of astrology that does everything for you; or
- 2) You use the tables of interpolation given in my volume I transiti, published by Armenia editore; or
- 3) You use this webpage and its interactive algorithm.

In any case, the result is 13 hours 14 minutes 11 seconds 75 hundredths of a second, which means that the subject's birthday takes place at 13:14 London time.

The same procedure also allows you to calculate easily Natal charts, Lunar Returns, primary directions and everything you need and has to do with degrees, minutes and seconds or with hours, minutes and seconds.



## 11. Dating the Events

This volume often refers to Alexandre Volguine's volume on Solar Returns and there is nothing I can do about it. However, while praising his work, I must say that there are two things on which I absolutely disagree with what Volguine has to say – although I could list many other less important points. Of the two main disagreements, the first one is the dating of events during the Solar Return, and the other is his consideration of the position of the MC of SR in the Natal Houses.

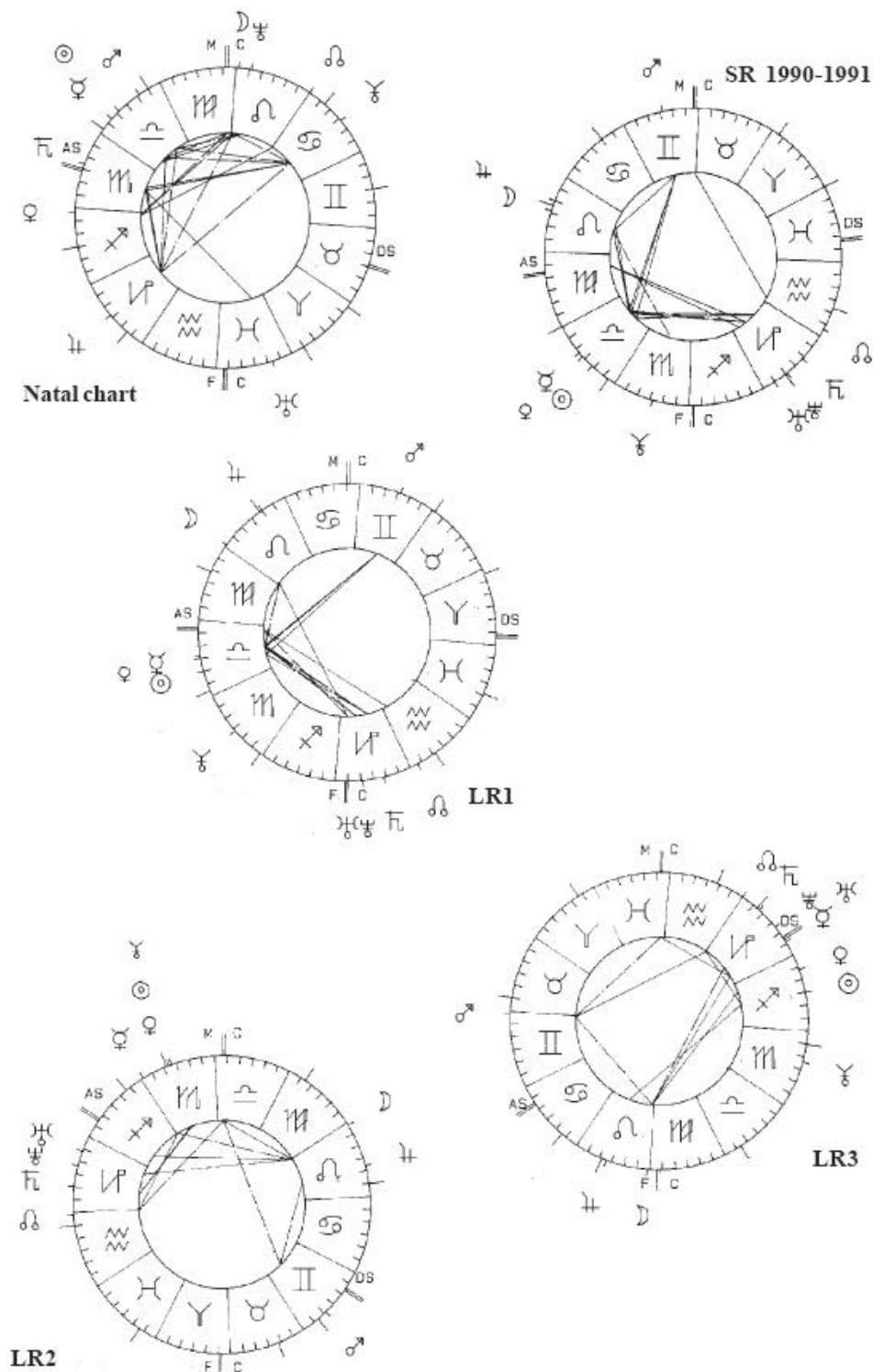
In this chapter I elaborate the first of these two points.

Alexandre Volguine mentions more than one system to show when the events announced by the chart of SR may take place, within the twelve months covered by the SR itself. Volguine is a great author, however, in his volume on SR's he concocts a strange mixture of judicial astrology and esoteric astrology. At the time when I began to study his volume – with great fervour – I had not yet taken a definite position on esoteric astrology, and above all I had not tested what Volguine claimed on several factual cases concerning real people. For a couple of years I kept following his guidelines, but then – frustrated by the lack of positive results on dozens of practical subjects – I resolved to abandon his method of dating events. Since then I make use of transits and Lunar Returns, which provide precise results and much greater satisfaction. After all, this would have been the most logical thing to do from the very beginning. Volguine himself had taught us the utmost importance of the Solar Returns in forecasting the events over a specific year. So, why not use Lunar Returns to make accurate predictions over a specific month? Since then – if I only need to do a rigorous study aiming to guess the exact day when an event heralded by a chart of SR may take place – I use transits and Lunar Returns. The latter topic has also been covered extensively in one of my volumes.

Here are some examples explaining how I apply this method.

Let us start with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who was compelled to resign on the 22nd of November 1990. She was born in Grantham, Lincolnshire, UK, on the 13th of October 1925, at 9:00 am. I could have listed below all of her transits and Lunar Returns of that year – month by month, before and after her resignation – but I have restricted myself only to those that are essential to our reasoning. What I mean is that I do not wish to be 'ballasting' in vain the pages of this text with several charts of LR that did not contain any sign of a possible resignation within their specific 28 days.

Let us start by examining her birth chart and her Solar Return covering the period 1990-1991 in which she lost power.



As you can see, the Solar Return of this particular year was a very threatening one, because it contains an almost perfect square of Saturn to the natal Sun, and the AS of SR falls in the natal 10th House. As I wrote in another part of this book, the AS of SR in the natal 10th is a wonderful combination of astral elements, provided that simultaneously there are no important dissonant aspects. In this case, there is Saturn square to the Sun; moreover, it is an almost perfect angle, so it seems to me that this is a particularly detrimental aspect. Those astrologers who had wanted to make forecasts on Mrs. Thatcher's life for that year should have observed and taken due note of the contemporary presence of these two elements: the AS of SR in the natal 10th and the detrimental square between transit Saturn and the natal Sun. Assuming that Mrs. Margaret was in political danger that year, what would have been the most detrimental period within the twelve months covered by that SR?

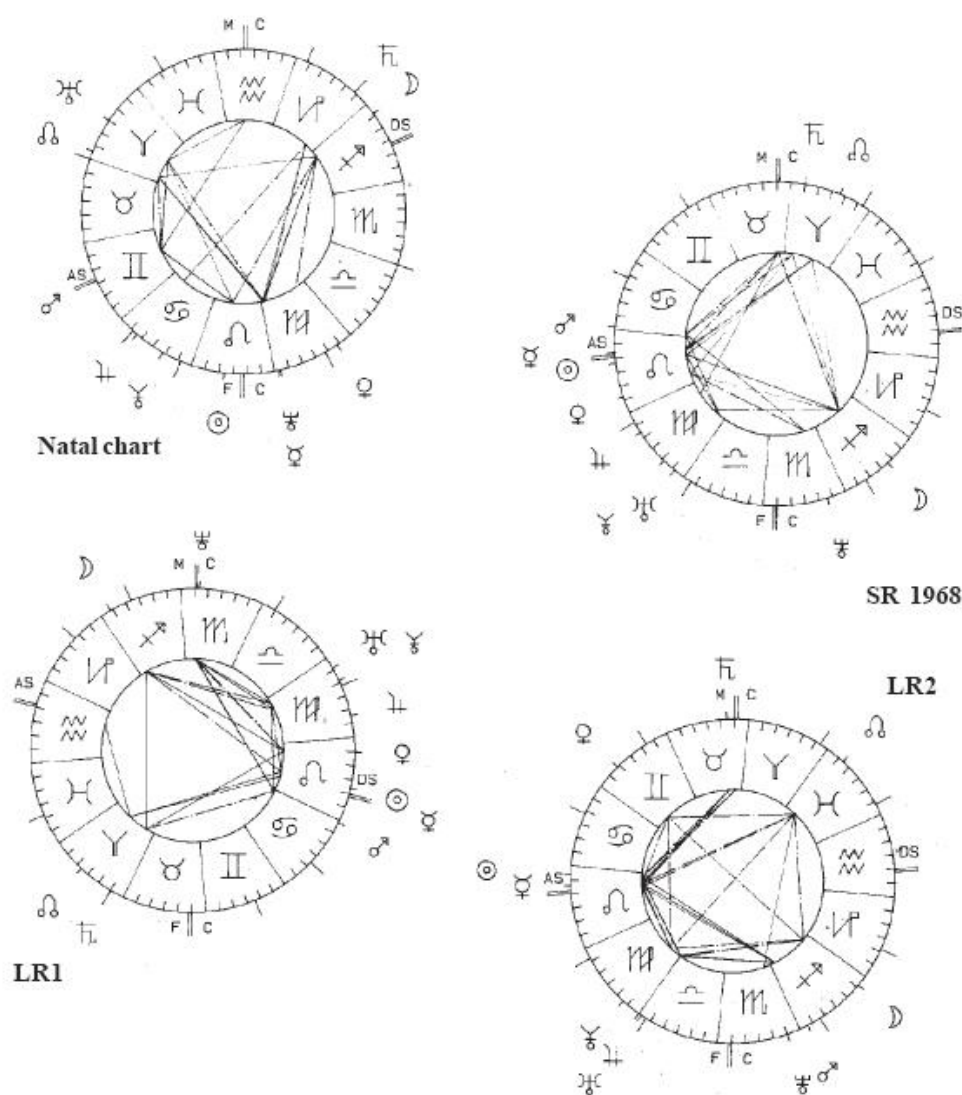
Since her birthday in 1990 until her losing power, we have three Lunar Returns that – in my opinion – enlighten us exhaustively on the possible answer to this question. In the first Lunar Return (LR1), we see that the AS is in the natal 10th, with the contemporary presence of a beneficial Jupiter in the 10th House of LR. In the second LR (LR2) you see that the AS of LR is in the 2nd natal House.

Perhaps this tells us absolutely nothing on her relationship with political power, but there is a very well-placed Sun of LR in the 10th House of LR. The third Lunar Return (LR3) corresponds to her resignation. The AS of LR is in her natal 8th House – please note that besides being the House of death, the 8th House also refers to situations coming to an end. But what really explains her fall of the 22nd of November 1990 is that in the third LR there are three 'malefics' in the 7th House of LR. This clearly points to her enemies, but also to friends within the party who did not support her any longer.

We will now examine the case of Neil Armstrong, the first man who set foot on the Moon. He was born in St. Marys, Wapakoneta, Ohio, on the 5th of August 1930, at 00:10 am. Below you find his natal chart, together with his Solar Return of that year.

As you can see, the AS of SR falls exactly on his natal Sun. Also, Saturn is in a dominant position, i.e. in conjunction with the Midheaven of SR, on the side of the 9th House, which implies great, if not huge efforts to travel very far. One again, I do not give you all the twelve LR's of that year.

This would take up valuable space of this volume. I only suggest that you look at the two most significant (at least to me) LR's of that year, namely the first (LR1) and that one immediately preceding the famous event (LR2). If you wish, you can study on your own the remaining LR's of that year, making sure that those not listed here had unconvincing positions of their AS in the natal Houses, or contained many dissonant elements that were absolutely not consistent with that event.



The first LR also covers part of Armstrong's SR of 1968 – remember that they landed on the Moon on the 20th July 1969. Despite its AS falling in the natal 9th, it is not a significant LR because the Sun of LR does not occupy any key position within the chart of LR. Moreover, the dominant of that chart is Neptune, which is more consistent with an exploration of an oceanic abyss rather than that of our satellite. The 'right' chart of LR – the one covering the day of the landing of the Eagle – seems to be a Xeroxed copy of the chart of SR, insofar that its AS lies exactly on his natal Sun, and there is the same dominant Saturn at Midheaven. I would like to stress once again what I have written several times in

my works: namely, that it is my belief that – for better or for worse – the 20 days before and the 20 days after one's birthday usually herald the most important events of the year. Let us consider one other case – that of Corrado Ferlaino, the chairman of Naples football club Napoli. On the 2nd of January 1993, the Naples daily paper *Il Mattino* published my extremely precise forecasts on him. In fact, I hit the nail on the head so blatantly that the newspaper devoted almost half a page on my forecast, on the 28th of May of the same year.

In my article of the 2nd of January, I had been very candid about this unlucky man and had written: "The period from the 18th May 1993 to the 18th May 1994 is going to be the worst of his last ten years and probably the worst of several years to come.

Most likely, he will quit the presidency of Napoli, being a victim of a rather unpopular climate around him. He might even have big troubles..." In fact, on the 23rd May 1993 – only 5 days after my prediction – he received a notification of being under investigation, and a few days later he also resigned from his chairmanship of the football team, which would soon be sold to the highest bidder. He was born in Naples on the 18th May 1931, at 6:00 am. Have a look at his Solar Return covering that span of time. You can see that the AS of SR lies in his natal 12th House, and the chart of SR also contains a very malignant Saturn in the 10th of SR square to the Sun in the 12th. Could a chart of SR have been clearer?

The Lunar Return of May is pretty bad as well, because its AS falls in the natal 6th, and there is the conjunction of Sun and Moon in the 6th House of LR. This points to the subject's health, badly affected as a consequence of his troubles. Jupiter in the 10th of LR is what justifies his photograph being published on the front pages of all the newspapers. All clear, then? Not at all! I think that by a careful study of the transits and the Lunar Returns within the twelve months covered by a specific SR you can try to date the events, but the results are not always precise. On one hand I wonder whether we are asking too much from astrology... on the other, as I have already said, the systems of dating events proposed by Alexandre Volguine cannot possibly satisfy a careful researcher.

## 12.

### How much does the Sidereal Time progress

How much does the ST progress each year? The answer is, 5 hours 48 minutes, as you can see from the table below, based on André Barbault's volume *Astrology and the prediction of the future*, published in Italy by Armenia editore with the title *L'astrologia e la previsione dell'avvenire*. This table helps you to do the calculations; however, the results may not be very accurate. To get an idea of the results that you could achieve by using this method, you can compare Table 1 with Table 2, the latter covering 50 years in which you can see the progression of the cusp of the AS of a SR every year, starting from an initial position of 24°31' Sagittarius.

This explains, for example, that if in a given year you have the AS of SR falling, say, on 15° Libra in your natal 5th House, for several years to come, every fourth year, the AS will be falling – more or less – in the very same point of the Zodiac. On the other hand, if the AS falls in a sign of short ascension this may be quite different.

Years	Hrs	Min	Years	Hrs	Min	Years	Hrs	Min	Years	Hrs	Min				
1	-	5	48	26	-	7	08	51	-	8	28	76	-	9	48
2	-	11	37	27	-	12	57	52	-	14	17	77	-	15	37
3	-	17	26	28	-	18	46	53	-	20	06	78	-	21	26
4	-	23	15	29	-	0	35	54	-	1	55	79	-	3	15
5	-	5	04	30	-	6	24	55	-	7	44	80	-	9	04
6	-	10	52	31	-	12	12	56	-	13	32	81	-	14	52
7	-	16	41	32	-	18	01	57	-	19	21	82	-	20	41
8	-	22	30	33	-	23	50	58	-	1	10	83	-	2	30
9	-	4	19	34	-	5	39	59	-	6	59	84	-	8	19
10	-	10	08	35	-	11	28	60	-	12	48	85	-	14	08
11	-	15	56	36	-	17	16	61	-	18	36	86	-	19	56
12	-	21	45	37	-	23	05	62	-	0	25	87	-	1	45
13	-	3	34	38	-	4	54	63	-	6	14	88	-	7	34
14	-	9	23	39	-	10	43	64	-	12	03	89	-	13	23
15	-	15	12	40	-	16	32	65	-	17	52	90	-	19	12
16	-	21	00	41	-	22	20	66	-	23	40	91	-	1	00
17	-	2	49	42	-	4	09	67	-	5	29	92	-	6	49
18	-	8	38	43	-	9	58	68	-	11	18	93	-	12	38
19	-	14	27	44	-	15	47	69	-	17	07	94	-	18	27
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21	-	2	04	46	-	3	24	71	-	4	44	96	-	6	04
22	-	7	53	47	-	9	13	72	-	10	33	97	-	11	53
23	-	13	42	48	-	15	02	73	-	16	22	98	-	17	42
24	-	19	31	49	-	20	51	74	-	22	11	99	-	23	31
25	-	1	20	50	-	2	40	75	-	4	00	100	-	5	20

YEAR	AS	MC
1952	24E31 SAG	18E14 LIB
1953	24E31 ARI	12E57 CAP
1954	28E31 CAN	12E02 ARI
1955	6E08 LEO	7E10 CAN
1956	15E45 SAG	7E09 LIB
1957	4E34 ARI	2E21 CAP
1958	19E42 CAN	0E04 ARI
1959	29E16 VIR	29E09 GEM
1960	6E46 SAG	25E10 VIR
1961	20E21 PIS	25E01 SAG
1962	14E22 CAN	23E00 PIS
1963	22E37 VIR	21E20 GEM
1964	1E48 SAG	18E24 VIR
1965	4E53 PIS	16E43 SAG
1966	4E56 CAN	11E07 PIS
1967	15E22 VIR	12E47 GEM
1968	21E48 SCO	4E43 VIR
1969	15E30 AQU	5E01 SAG
1970	23E23 GEM	27E54 AQU
1971	3E17 SCO	28E05 TAU
1972	12E07 SCO	21E42 LEO
1973	25E11 AQU	22E57 SCO

1973	0E11 AQU	23E37 SCO
1974	12E07 GEM	16E37 AQU
1975	27E28 LEO	20E46 TAU
1976	4E35 SCO	11E52 LEO
1977	18E36 CAP	14E02 SCO
1978	1E50 GEM	7E40 AQU
1979	19E09 LEO	9E59 TAU
1980	20E00 LIB	3E32 LEO
1981	9E44 CAP	5E23 SCO
1982	18E35 TAU	27E45 CAP
1983	12E12 LEO	0E43 TAU
1984	20E02 LIB	23E43 CAN
1985	0E10 CAP	24E55 LIB
1986	6E11 TAU	19E43 CAP
1987	4E02 LEO	19E36 ARI
1988	11E26 LIB	13E26 CAN
1989	19E34 SAG	12E03 LIB
1990	13E53 ARI	07E12 CAP
1991	24E22 CAN	6E21 ARI
1992	1E50 LIB	2E09 CAN
1993	9E00 SAG	28E11 VIR
1994	23E01 PIS	26E24 SAG
1995	14E35 CAN	23E17 PIS
1996	23E36 VIR	22E30 GEM
1997	3E00 SAG	20E02 VIR
1998	11E15 PIS	20E12 SAG
1999	9E31 CAN	16E48 PIS
2000	18E19 VIR	16E17 GEM
2001	25E55 SCO	10E20 VIR

### 13.

#### When exactly does a SR start working?

This may look like a rhetorical question, perhaps even a little bit stupid. Unintentionally, I myself may have induced lack of clarity on this matter in many readers. Several years ago, I wrote that the twenty days before and the twenty days after a birthday are usually charged with events, either positive or negative.

Actually, the most important events of one's year tend to 'cluster' in this span of time. I repeat this, and I reaffirm it with increasing conviction. But I have to point out that these events – always – relate to the period starting from the previous birthday until the day of the following birthday – neither one day before nor after it. In other words, this rule does not imply that the SR may begin to work three weeks before the following birthday, nor that it may continue to work even in the days following the new birthday.

For if it were so, the SR would have no value as a forecasting system, while it is indeed exceptional in

both the spectacular nature of its responses and in the dating of the events. If you read once again the over a thousand examples scattered in my books and articles, you will find many cases that demonstrate the accuracy of forecasting events using Solar Returns.

If anything makes you believe that a SR starts working 'in advance', have a better look at the chart of SR: you will surely find that the information about what happens in a certain span of time is always contained in the relevant chart of SR – neither in the previous, nor in the following one.

## 14.

### It is not Necessary to know the exact Time of Birth

Contrary to what many people think, the exact time of birth is not a vital piece of information necessary to make correct forecast with Solar Returns. In fact, unlike primary directions, you can work well on Solar Returns even with an approximation of half an hour between the declared time of birth and the real one. However, it is logical to insist on the full commitment of your counselees, spurring them to get the most reliable source of their birth time – for example, obtaining documents containing their officially recorded time of birth from the appropriate registers.

Why is the exact time of birth of a subject not essential when you analyse his or her chart of Solar Return? This is the answer. Say that the subject has given you a mistaken time of birth, advanced by half an hour compared with his/her real time of birth. This will result in not only the longitude of the natal Sun being advanced compared with its real natal position, but also the longitude of the Sun of SR being displaced so.

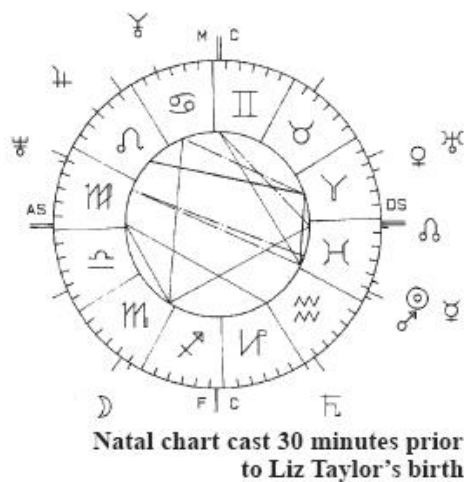
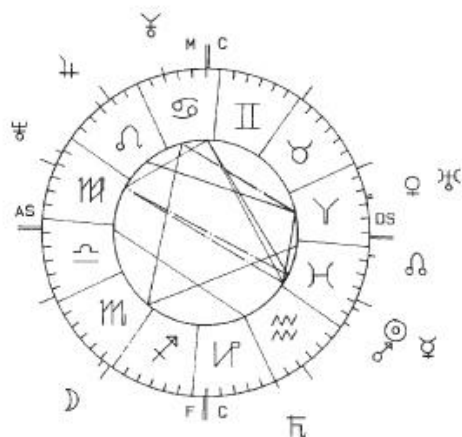
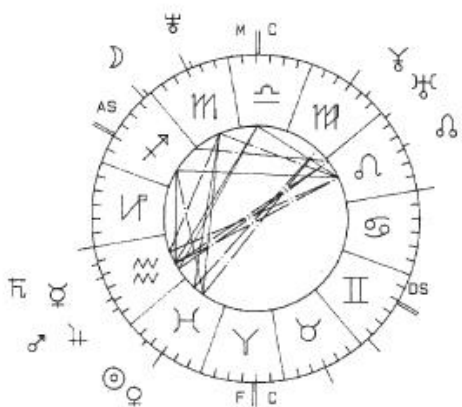
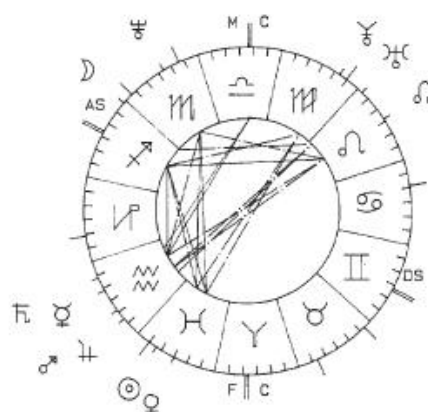
Once again, two factual examples may help you to visualize this notion in practice. They refer to two famous actresses. Nevertheless remember that it is always a good thing to have your counselee sitting in front of you as you try to determine his or her real time of birth, as accurately as possible. This is not an easy task and this is where the value of an astrologer is really seen.

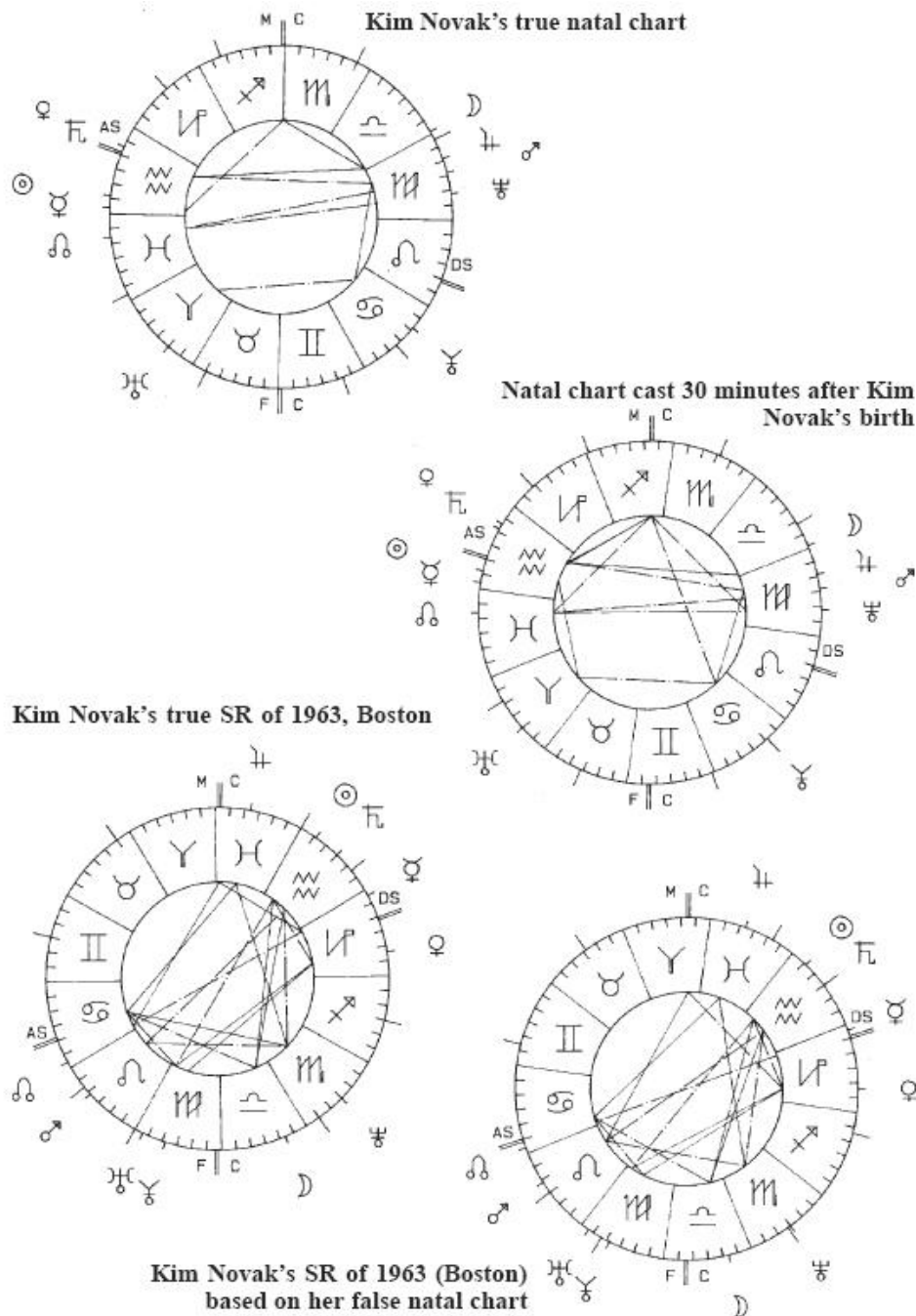
It is also true that in some cases, the precision in one's time of birth could be a critical element of the astrological analysis.

Liz Taylor was born in London on the 27th February 1932, at 7:56 pm.

Kim Novak was born in Chicago on the 13th February 1933, at 6:13 am.

For both of them, you can see an actual natal chart and a fictional one, the latter cast on the assumption they were born 30 minutes earlier or later. Then you can see the two relevant charts of SR for a given year – one based on the actress' true time of birth, the other based on her false time. As you can see, the differences are not so many and they are not so critical. The AS of both the real and the false chart of SR fall in the same natal House in both cases. It happens so mostly. And as you should already know from my writings, the natal House in which the AS of SR falls is by far the most important thing you need to detect when reading the chart of SR. Often, this element alone gives you all the critical information contained in the SR.

**Liz Taylors' true natal chart****Natal chart cast 30 minutes prior to Liz Taylor's birth****Liz Taylor's true SR of 1962, Paris, France****Liz Taylor's SR of 1962 (Paris, France) based on her false natal chart**



## 15.

### How Long should you Remain at the 'aimed' Location?

How long should you stay at the place of your aimed birthday? Volguine also raised the same question. His reply is that in his opinion, just a minute may be enough, but he also adds that it would be better to remain there at least for twenty four hours.

This makes no sense, because it would be like saying that the subject should remain in a place to 'become impregnated' with the local sky for a whole day. The inconsistency of this position can be deduced by the following example. Say that two Italian parents are in Lisbon when their child is born. Immediately after, say two hours after its birth, the family travels back to Italy, in Brescia, where they live the rest of their life.

In your opinion, what is the correct birth horoscope for this child? The one cast for Lisbon, or the one cast for Brescia? Now you can see the nonsense of remaining a whole day at the place of relocation. And even if we were to accept the notion that one need to spend twenty-four hours and not a single moment on the place of relocation, which sky map should the subject 'get impregnated' with? Say that the SR takes place at 9:05, which would be the 'impregnating' sky? The one at 9:05, the one at 9:10,

or the ones at 9:15, 9:20 perhaps? Then why not the one at, say, 05:40, 05:45 and so on?

As you can well understand, logic tells you that you need to spend only a moment in the place of your ASR. On the other hand, for the sake of cautiousness, if you do not know the time of your birth with absolute precision, you can just stay there for an hour or so.

## 16.

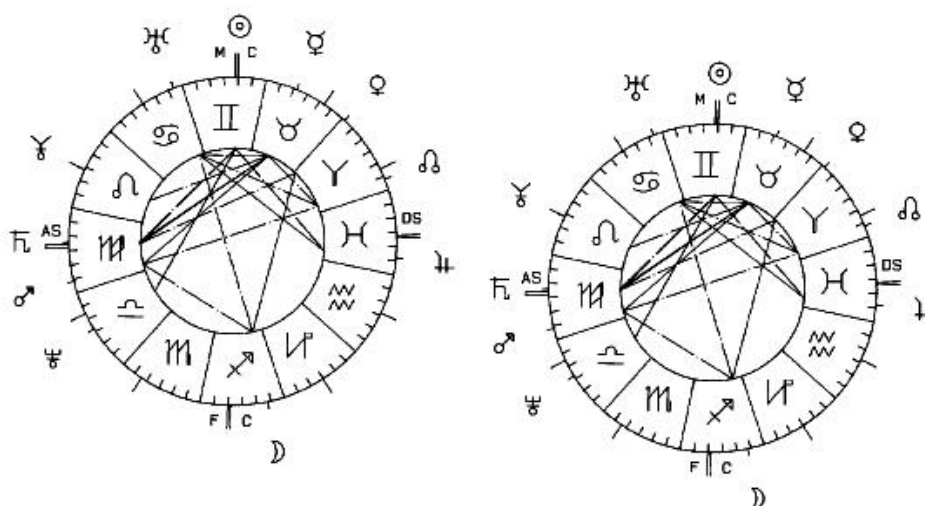
### What happens if the Time Zone has changed?

Some of my students had advised someone to relocate their chart of SR, indicating to them a precise location on the map. Then they panicked because their counselee had reached the suggested place, but once there, realized that the time zone was not that one they had considered before leaving Italy. In other words, because of this, my students had thought that they had 'sent' their counselee to the wrong place.

Actually, this should not have been a problem. Let us take an example, considering an area of Europe. In 1992 or so (if I remember it well), for reasons concerning their relationship with the European Community, Portugal changed their time zone from Zero (GMT) to CET (GMT +1). CET is the time zone of Central Europe, whose meridian passes exactly through Catania in Sicily. Due to this change, among other things, now in Portugal, at 10:30 pm of a day in July, the Sun is still fairly high in the sky.

Let us go ahead and consider how curious the situation that has arisen from this change is. England is still in time zone Zero, while France (Paris is only 9' east of London) has also taken the time zone +1. However, the astrologer cannot err in this 'song and dance' of time zones. In fact, in doing the calculations (manually, for example with my method of the three lines, or with a computer), you find that drawing up the chart of two different SR's in the same place, one considering the former time zone and one considering the current time zone – gives absolutely the same result, without the slightest difference in the cusp of the AS.

Once again, an example will make things clearer. Let us consider the example horoscope of Marilyn Monroe (at this point many readers have realized that I like her very much). Let us cast two charts for a hypothetical SR of 1950: one for the time zone Zero and the other one for the time zone +1. The two charts are identical, both having the AS of SR at 13° 23' Virgo.



## 17.

### At the Age of Thirty-three, is the Ascendant of SR the same as the one in the Natal chart?

As I said, I had my first experience on Solar Returns reading the text of Alexandre Volguine, but then our paths have deviated. Do you wish to have a concrete example of this? Well, read what he wrote in his book (page 191, 1972 edition): "The real [...] is that at the end of the 33-year cycle, the Sun occupies the same degree and the same minute of longitude.

Thus, if the subject is in his or her place of birth, the Solar Return has the same orientation (A note from the Author: This means, the same domification) as his/her birth chart." Things are not this way, as you can see from the table below. The table contains both the AS of the natal chart and that of the 33rd chart of SR of a subject born in Naples, Italy, at noon, in different months and years.

Also the SR has been cast considering Naples as its location.

As you can see, there never is a precise overlap of the two cusps. In some cases, the difference is remarkable indeed.

Date of birth	AS of the birth chart	As of the 33rd RS
GEN 1 1950	16°52' ARI	25°12' ARI
FEB 1 1951	00°58' GEM	3°03' GEM
MAR 1 1952	00°26' CAN	2°29' CAN
APR 1 1953	26°05' CAN	25°41' CAN
MAY 1 1954	19°09' LEO	13°05' LEO
JUN 1 1955	12°55' VIR	70°47' VER
JUL 1 1956	6°55' LIB	29°46' VER
AUG 1 1957	0°47' SCO	20°58' LIB
SEP 1 1958	24°29' SCO	18°24' SCO
OCT 1 1959	18°15' SAG	13°00' SAG
NOV 1 1960	17°45' CAP	13°17' CAP
DEC 1 1961	25°30' AQU	24°23' AQU

## 18.

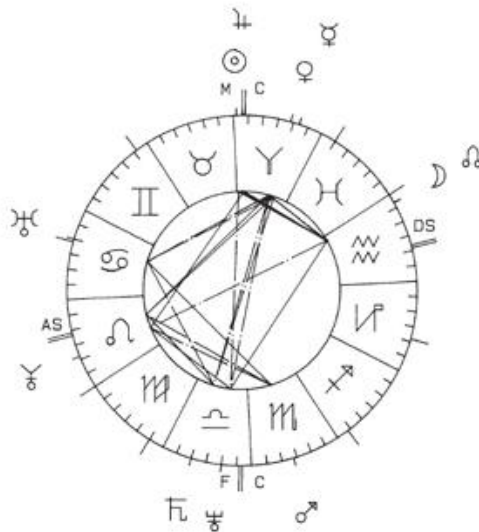
### What is a 'Bomb-like' SR?

I have said it many times and hope that my readers pardon me if I repeat it here again. To get the most out of an aimed SR, placing for example the AS of SR in the natal 10th House may not be enough – you also need the support of certain favourable transits. We can also claim that the positive results that you can achieve from a good ASR are directly proportional to the importance of the supporting transit. Transit Jupiter sextile to the natal Sun, on the day of the subject's birthday, is a modest configuration, while transit Jupiter trine to the natal Sun is very important; thus, it also enhances the effect of the SR by many times, if the subject had aimed it so that the AS of SR falls in the natal 10th House.

There are two exceptional situations in which this enhancement is very strong: when the relocation is accompanied by the transit of Jupiter conjunct the Sun, or by the transit of Jupiter in the natal Tenth House. In each of the two cases, this combination takes place every 12 years or so. Then you can have a 'bomb-like' SR. I like calling it so because, like an explosive, it is capable of bringing very large benefits to those who expect them.

There can be more or less powerful bombs. The example shown below is the best you can get from this type of operation. In 1999, our DJ and talent-scout Claudio Cecchetto had a close triple conjunction of Sun, Jupiter and Midheaven. This means that in 1999, when Jupiter passed on that great conjunction, if he had aimed the SR by placing the AS of SR falling in to his natal 10th House, or Jupiter of SR conjunct the Midheaven of SR, then... a bomb of such power would have exploded that he could have gotten almost everything he had asked the stars for.

Therefore, I recommend that you always insist with those who are about to face these lucky celestial conditions to relocate their SR of that year. If they happen to do so, they will surely show you their gratefulness for a lifetime.



**Claudio Cecchetto was born in the province of Venice, Italy,  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1952, at noon.**

## 19. Four ‘Pearls’ that I must tell you about

In my many years of practical work, several funny things have occurred to me. In a certain sense, they could be termed good omen. Among them, I would like to tell you about these four little ‘pearls’, stressing that all of them have to do with Lisbon. In fact, I must say that I have a special relationship with the capital city of Portugal – a place where I have successfully relocated several difficult cases of Solar Returns, with a little help from... the heavens. Here are the four ‘pearls’.

**A woman is praying** in the cathedral of Lisbon while, without doing it on purpose, she happens to listen to a man, not far from her, speaking Italian with a young man who seems to be his son. So she asks, “You are Italians, aren’t you?” And the very distinguished gentleman says, “Yes, we are! Are you Italian, too? We are from Naples.” “Me too! – The lady answers with enthusiasm – And, why are you here?” “To celebrate a birthday.” “Oh! me too. Perhaps are you here under Mr. Discepolo’s suggestion?” “Yes, exactly so!”

**Two other people** on their... astrological ‘pilgrimage’ to Lisbon meet on the plane, disclose the nature of their journey and become friends.

**A friend of mine** goes and spends his birthday not far from Lisbon. He arrives at the hotel, checks in, and goes into the room. After a quarter of an hour a knock on the door is heard. My friend opens the door, and a waiter comes in carrying a huge tray with a large cake with a candle in the middle, a bottle of champagne and the following note: “With the best wishes of the management.” On my friend’s identity card, the personnel at the reception desk had known that it was his birthday.

**The following one** is the most beautiful episode, which may deserve a director making a film on it. A very smart lady, who seems quite intelligent and also appears to possess a steady hand, comes to me for consultation. I am somewhat embarrassed because within a few hours, she is going to have a very detrimental Solar Return, with the AS falling in her natal Twelfth House, and other ugly elements in the Sixth House of SR.

The lady had never been to an astrologer before. She knew nothing about astrology; she had only heard good things about me so that she trusted me very much. She thought that the SR takes place on the same day as one’s civil birthday, thus she was quite surprised to know that her next SR was just hours away – not on the day after tomorrow, as she supposed.

I thought I should have tried anyway to convince her to relocate her SR. I told myself that at worst, I would do my best to cheer up the lady, telling her everything she could do if she would not relocate. [Translator’s Note: The Author refers to the techniques concerning the exorcism of symbols]. More or less, this is what I told her: “Madam, your birthday takes places tonight – and it is pretty ugly. If you

stay here in Naples, you will get a year full of hassle and annoyance.

There is only one way to prevent all this. I advise you not to miss a minute. Take your car and drive to Fiumicino Airport, where shortly after 3 pm there is a TAP flight leaving for Lisbon. (TAP are the Portuguese airline. I knew the schedule because I myself had spent my birthday in Lisbon a few days before). Take that flight and spend the night in Lisbon. Tomorrow you will return home 'safe and sound'." The lady did not show the least sign of emotion or reaction. She simply asked a couple of technical questions, and left. A few days later, she told me how things had gone. After leaving my room, she hadn't even gone home.

She had only made one phone call to say that she would stay out for the night. She had no documents with her; she had only a little money and a check book in her handbag. She drove to the airport, where she could purchase the return ticket, paying for it by check. Of course, the Border Police stopped her at the customs, saying that she could not leave Italy without an identity card or passport. At this point, the lady surpassed herself. She fell to the ground and began to cry saying that her father was dying in Lisbon, and that he had called her to say that he wanted to hug her before he died. We do not know how and we do not know why, but the Italian Police let her embark after making her sign a statement.

On the other hand, they warned her that their Portuguese colleagues would not let her out of the airport. She landed in Lisbon and as expected, the local policemen did not allow her out of the airport. But she did not care: she slept on a chair within the airport, and early the next morning she phoned me asking whether she could travel back. I told her, "Yes." and she returned home satisfied.

Before concluding this small collection of funny events, I would like to narrate another incident that happened personally to me. Years ago I went to spend my birthday in Miami with my wife, Mena. When we arrived at the hotel we found a huge basket of fruits and flowers with a note from an Italian-American man who lived thousands of miles from there.

He had left a message for me saying that he was a close friend of a friend of mine from Naples, who had 'ordered' him to assist me and to always make sure I had everything I needed. And if there was a need he was ready to come personally to Miami to solve any problem. He also wished me a good holiday, mentioning the phone numbers where I could have got in touch with him.

The next day – the day of my astrological-astronomical birthday – we dined at one of the restaurants of the hotel. As we were eating, we heard a noise coming from the other side of the room, so I commented: "They are probably celebrating a birthday...." My wife said, "Yes, and it is yours." I turned my head and saw the whole staff of the restaurant – including the cashier – approach in perfect single file, bringing a huge cake with candles and singing Happy birthday to you... My Neapolitan friend had been exceptional! Of course, also the restaurant bills had been fully paid.

By reporting this episode I would like to say that people who travel for an Aimed Solar Return usually come back 'psyched up' in some way. They are aware that they have lent a big helping hand to themselves.

They adopt a positive psychological attitude for the rest of the year. Some might say that it is only placebo effect, but if a placebo effect means receiving an important upgrade or meeting the right partner and getting married, then... long live the 'placebo effect'!

## 20. Four little 'Miracles'

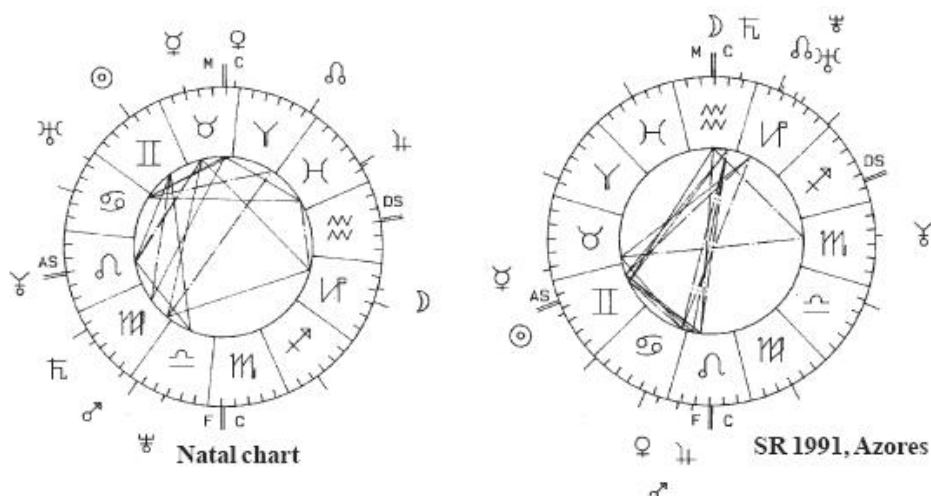
These four cases are 'special ones' in some respects, because they happened to people who – despite my insistence (all of them are good friends of mine) – had never had the chance of relocating a SR, despite their huge personal problems, which ASR's might have helped them to solve. On the other hand, the first time that they were willing to try it, something happened that has solved most of their big problems of life.

This is why I have called them 'four little miracles': all of their situations seemed hopeless, and all of them got solved by placing the AS of SR in the natal 10th House. How these 'four little miracles' have taken place – outside of the technique of the Aimed Solar returns – I could not tell you. Please refer to other parts of this volume concerning this specific astrological combination.

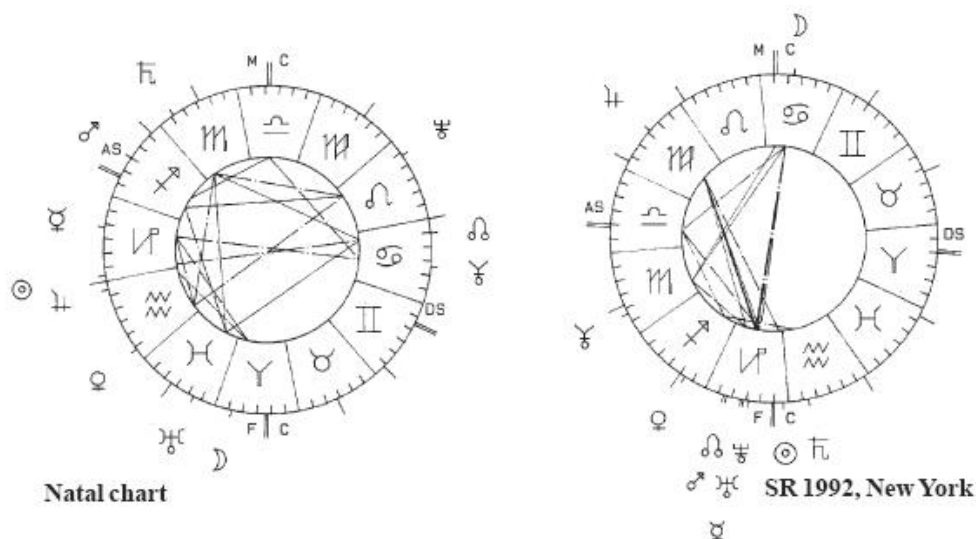
**Let us begin with the first case.** It is the case of a lady who is not exactly old, but she is already a grandmother. For years she has been devoting her entire existence to her husband, who relies totally on her. He cannot wash, move, and eat alone. In fact, it is one of those cases of almost complete paralysis that sometimes strike – fiercely and with no escape – human beings, who cannot hope for any better future for themselves or for their loving caregivers, who cannot even enjoy a pizza in the evening, together with friends. Below you can see this lady's chart (by the way, she is also a good astrologer), together with the Aimed SR that I suggested to her in 1992 – relocation to New York.

As you can see, even if only 'by a whisker', the AS of SR fell in her natal 10th in New York.

As I have explained in another part of this volume, usually this combination heralds great results. Jupiter stands up in the 11th House: this could reflect the support that I, with my advice, had given to her, as well as the support of her friends, who had backed her in embarking on such a long journey. This woman's husband died a few months after his wife's birthday.



**The second case** had an almost identical problem. It is a lady whose mother had been totally reliant on her for many years, then she died a few months after her daughter had gone – following my advice – to relocate her SR on the Azores, in 1991. Also in this case, as you can see, the AS of SR had fallen in the subject's natal 10th. I leave to you the scrutiny of the transits and of the other positions of the chart of SR, because I consider it crucial – at least 90% – to have suggested this relocation.

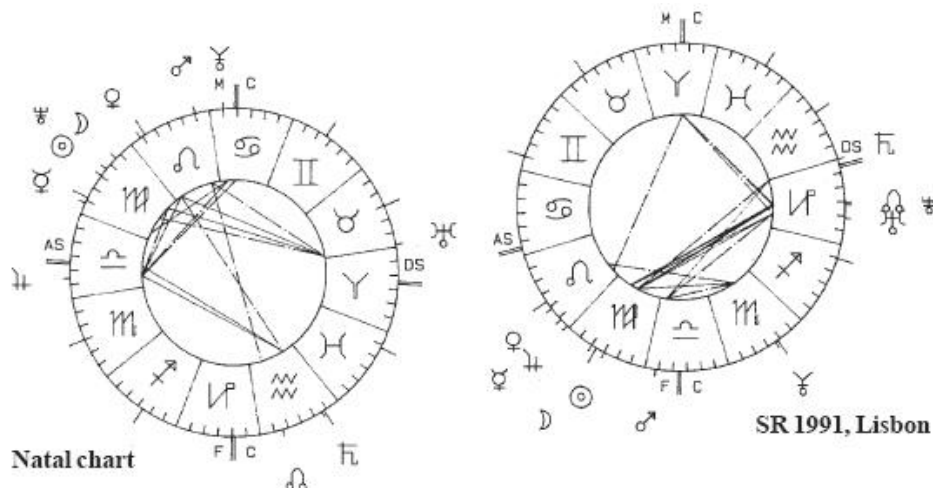


**Now I propose you the case** of a dear old friend of mine, whose life was constantly saddened because he had separated at least fifteen years before from his wife and, not having sought other sources of affection, he used to miss his two children (one son and one daughter) very much. In fact, his kids used to treat him with hostility; they did not even want to talk to him on the phone. For several years I had tried to convince him to aim his SR's, but he had never considered this opportunity. At last he agreed and relocated his SR of 1991 in Lisbon. He travelled to there and back, several months passed and nothing changed in his life.

One day he phoned me, rather in concern. He told me that he had gone to the hospital for examinations and there, after an X-ray, they had found a foreign body in his intestine, of the size of a new-born baby. The thing seemed impossible to me, especially considering that I had never had a similar 'accident' with these types of astrological-geographical procedures, except once, many years ago: the case of a woman from Milan to whom once I had suggested relocation in Turkey to avoid the bad astral positions of her SR. During the following months, she had a slight collision with a van and had an ankle fractured due to this. On the other hand, let me stress that such an accident was surely less significant than the possible accidents that – in my experience – that lady would have suffered if she had spent her birthday at home, in Milan.

So, let us go back to my friend. I told him not to panic, because the meanings of a Solar Return could not be reversed. So, one day it happened that his family doctor went to visit his children, and told them that their father would undergo a major surgical operation that would also have cost him his life. As a medical doctor, he advised them to go and hug their father – it could have been their last chance to meet him alive, after all. They did so. His two children went and hugged him, for the first time after fifteen years, in tears. Well, this is a piece of good news indeed! But – what about the surgery? It turned out to nothing.

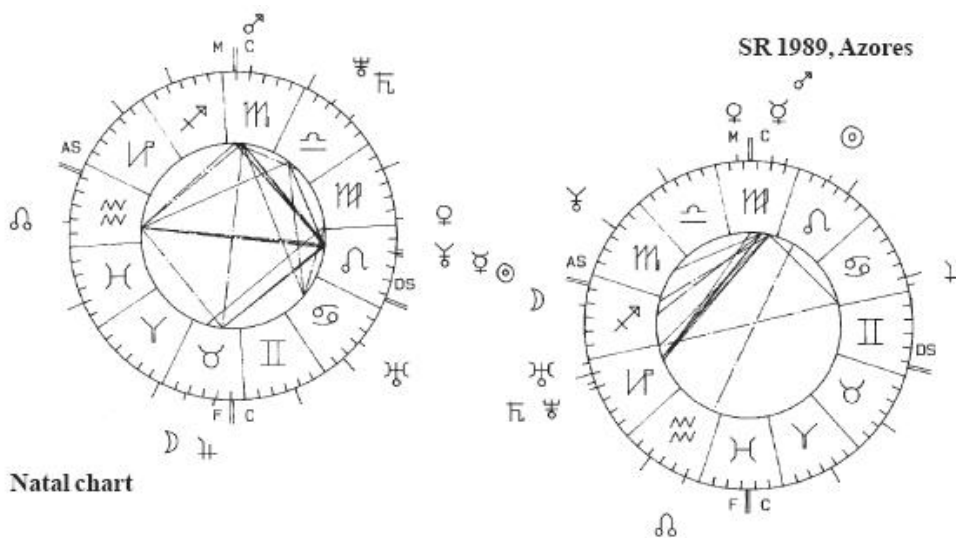
The 'foreign body' was simply a bladder full of water. Doctors emptied it completely with a pinprick. On the other hand, what had been re-established between this father and his children would never be emptied again.



**This is the fourth case** of a 'little miracle'. One of my dear female friends, born under the sign of Leo, had had a very unfortunate past, quite complex on its romantic side. She was longing to get a husband, a family, a home. In short, she desired the most obvious but practical things that a woman may desire when she is approaching the age of forty.

After yet another encouragement from my side, she went to spend her birthday in 1989 in San Miguel, the largest of the Azores islands, where I placed the AS of SR in her natal 10th. A few months later, back in Italy, she met a man. In another few months they got married, and then she became pregnant with a beautiful child born in the year that followed.

Apart from all the other considerations which I ask you to read in previous chapters of this book, I would like to stress that in all of these four cases, the AS of SR falling in the subject's natal 10th House resulted in what I consider to be its 'keyword': i.e. emancipation. Of course, I had not absolutely wished the death of those two good people, whom the subjects of the first two examples were assisting so lovingly. I had simply 'defied' the stars to show me how they would – significantly – emancipate the four persons who had aimed their SR.



## 21. A moving story

This is an awesome case. No one could imagine that, within less than twenty years, many misfortunes may happen altogether to a single human being. Sometimes we cannot explain the malevolent fury of evil fate against a single individual. The facts that you are about to read have been told openly and personally by the victim, who also declared his availability to disclose his real identity, if needed. I find those events really shocking.

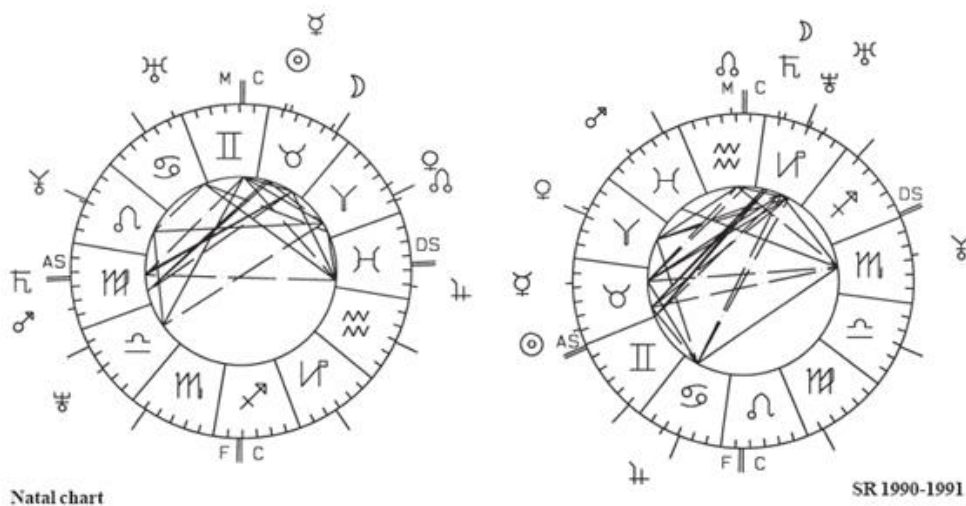
Let me underline – just in case any of you had silly thoughts – that the protagonist of these events is not crazy; he occupies a position of responsibility in society. You can see his natal chart below. I would correct it compared with the declared time of birth by rectifying it just a little bit, so that it became more consistent with the events that he reported to me.

In fact, in my opinion, his natal Moon is in the 8th House, and the Ascendant is positioned exactly between Saturn and Mars, consequently Saturn would be the dominant of his chart.

But let us stick to the facts, which are lean but extraordinarily dramatic. At the age of 18, this subject suddenly lost his father. Shortly after, his sister became seriously ill with kidney problems, and she remained unwell for the following ten years, undergoing dialysis every other day, lovingly assisted by him. Unluckily, she eventually died because of her disease. Meanwhile his mother also had fallen ill with cancer. She died soon after, leaving him alone in the world (all his other relatives had already died earlier). Still a young man, but emotionally exhausted and with severe manifestations of psychosomatic illness, the subject met a rich and pretty girl.

They decided to be engaged, but a few months later she was diagnosed to be suffering from cancer and died within a few months. One year later, the most unimaginable fate struck him. He fell in love with a girl whom he described as “beautiful, sensitive and intelligent”, who also adored him. Unluckily, she suffered from mental disorders, but their relationship was wonderful. In his words, he felt “as if I could never have had any other relationship like this in my entire life.” On the 23rd of April 1991, his beloved girl committed suicide, dying in his arms. End of the story. When I asked him what had been the most dramatic event of his young life in his opinion, he mentioned the suicide of the girl whom he loved so much, without a doubt. His Solar Return chart of 1990-1991 is shown below, whose main features are as follows: The Sun is in the 12th House; and Uranus, Neptune and Mars in the Houses concerning ‘death’.

The Moon is closely saturnized at the time of the SR. I am convinced that the transits of Saturn in bad angles to one's natal Moon are among the most ferocious and bad transits of all.



## 22. The Fraioli case

Mr Fernando Fraioli is a good gentleman from Frosinone who inspires immediate sympathy. Fortunately, he also has an intelligent and caring wife who assists him when he experiences moments of despair. I personally know them; they authorized me to make this interesting case public.

Now let the facts speak. Mr Fernando's wife, Mrs Maria Pia Abbate came to consult me at the end of 1990. We had already met before; it was not her first session of counselling with me. She was particularly concerned about a bad transit of Saturn, which would enter Aquarius in 1991 and would become square to her husband's natal Mars between the end of 1991 and the beginning of 1992.

Having studied astrology with me, the lady was 'in the know' – but what was the cause of her unease? Look at her husband's chart and see that he has a bad natal conjunction of Mars and Uranus. He commutes by car every day, grinding many miles of road at the steering wheel. In fact, he has had a number of road accidents both as a driver and as a pedestrian, involving some serious fractures. Once an astrologer whom they met in their place of residence had declared that unfortunately there was nothing to do – her husband would have had an accident again during the detrimental transit to come. On the contrary, I reassured her.

They were already relocating their Solar Returns every year and since then, things were going pretty well, except for their chronic financial problems – Mr Fraioli is a passionate documentary maker, he spends a lot for the required equipment.

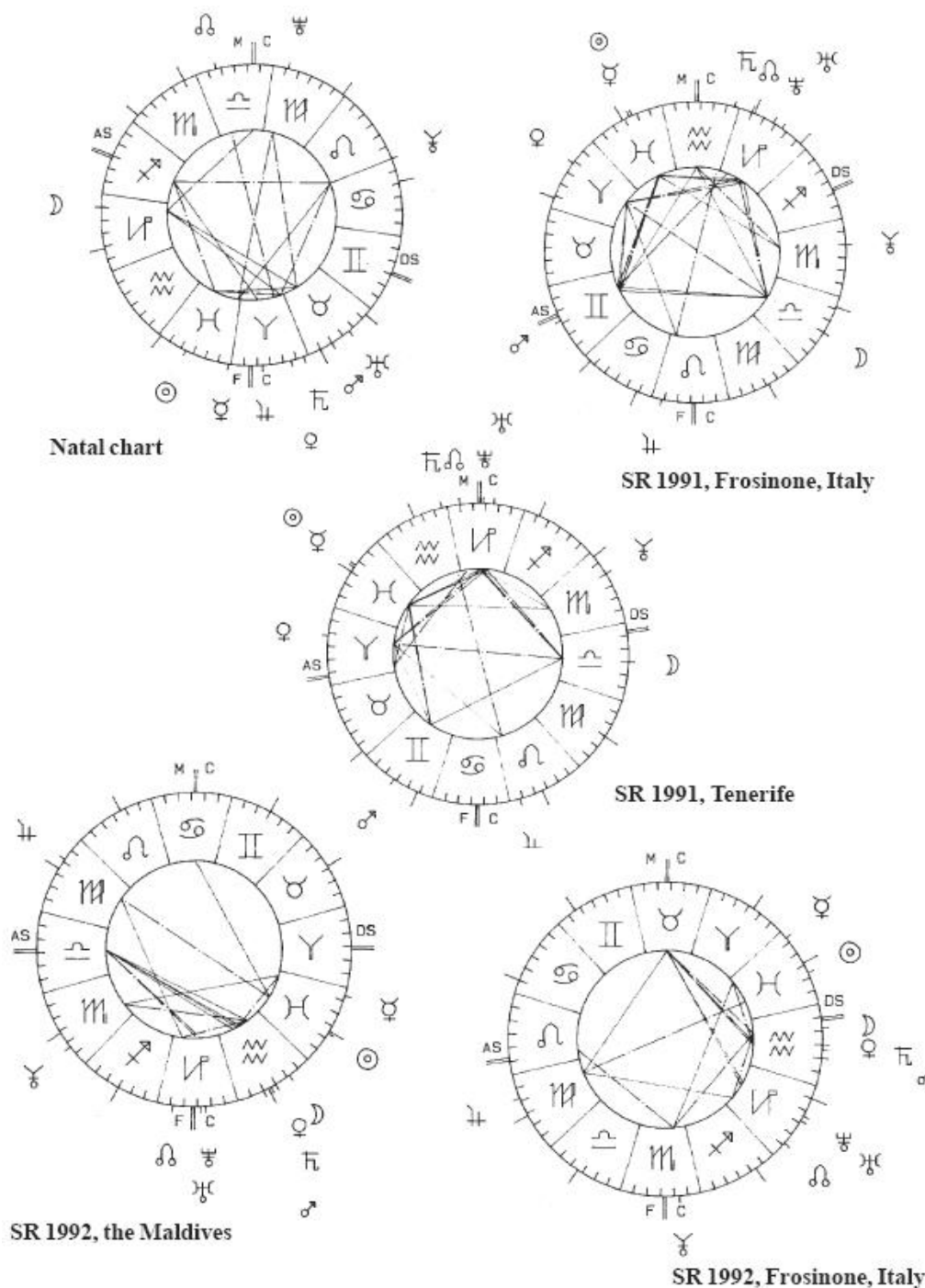
We also chatted a while about certain general issues and resolved to meet again with her husband about one month before his following birthday. In the meanwhile, I carefully studied the case, so that when we met I could reassure them again. The lady then told me that she had had a conversation with the other astrologer in their town, who had said that Solar Returns cannot help – unfortunately Mr Fraioli would have an accident anyway. So we made a bet. I invited them to target two Solar Returns in a row: that of 1991 and that of 1992.

Had he remained in Frosinone in 1991, he would have a quite tricky SR, which was precisely heralding an automobile accident because of the detrimental combination of the aforementioned transit and the close conjunction of Mars with the AS of SR. Mars of SR would be in the 6th of SR, and the AS of SR would fall in to his natal 6th.

That would have been too much! So, also taking account their financial situation, I suggested that they relocate that SR to Tenerife, where the AS would fall in the natal 4th. Somebody might ask, "Was that all?" Yes, that was all. In fact, as I have explained on other occasions, the position of the Ascendant of SR in the natal Houses is the 'headlines on nine columns' of the chart of SR, and an AS falling in the 4th does not announce any road accident at all.

His SR of 1992, had he spent it in Frosinone, would have also been detrimental. In fact, the AS of SR would have fallen in to his natal 8th; there would have also been a very bad conjunction of Mars and Saturn in the 6th of SR. This time I suggested them to travel to the Maldives, where the AS of SR would occupy his natal 10th, and the malefic celestials would be in the 4th of SR. I am writing these lines in the second half of 1993.

Up to this date nothing happened to the Fraiolis, except a little expenditure on their house (they haven't any children). Their pessimist astrologer has not been able to explain why Mr Fraioli hasn't had that ineluctable accident. Actually, all those who do not believe in the high value of the Solar Returns and of the Aimed Solar Returns, are unable to explain that.



## 23.

### Results of the More Recent Researches

As I have already written, my laboratory is society and my research is perpetually in progress. The temporary file that collects the indications obtained by my experiences day after day, must be unceasingly updated. If I go back in time and I consider the enormous progresses carried out in over thirty years of studies and researches – and of practical experience above all – I think I can say that the rules of fundamental importance have been discovered and established in this laboratory. At worst, these rules allow you not to repeat the serious errors that everybody could have made at the dawn of this wonderful adventure, when there was virtually no scientific literature of reference that could guide the student along the path of Aimed Solar Returns. Of course I have left some wounded on the field. It was inevitable in such an experimental job, in such a heavily experimental process. This is why I tend to be intolerant, sometimes harsh and intransigent towards those who claim to be able to correct the rules that are now outlining my path, pretending that they have found out better rules on the basis of two or three Aimed Solar Returns that they have studied.

Believe me, this is not the correct way to proceed. In a sector in which you deal with the life of people, there isn't room for that drawing-room astrology in which everybody can express the most incredible nonsense about the history of astrology, such as Capricorn is very good in producing handicrafts; Cancer is conceited; Virgo is a bully...

Doing so in this field is like giving a gun to a child – you can well imagine the repercussions.

I don't claim that my rules are the Tablets of Stone of astrology – but at this stage, I have surely outlined a very reliable starting point on which I myself would go on working and making researches, together with my students and my clever colleagues of the same school of thought. Just fancy if we had to start again from scratch. If, for example, we had to understand that the Ascendant of SR lying in the natal 1st House is as dangerous as the Ascendant of SR lying in the natal 12th House.

After many books and hundreds of articles that I have written and published, I hope to have convinced the reader of one single, fundamental point at least: the chart of Solar Return cannot be read in the same manner as a birth chart. If you don't understand it, you had better deal with something else. Sometimes I hear some of my followers asking, after many years of reading my works: "The Ascendant of Solar Return lying in the natal 6th House may also signify a change of profession, may it not?" – I then feel disheartened.

It is my opinion that the most dangerous situations happen when my readers have read something here and there without following systematically all of my works; nonetheless they feel they are ready to choose their own destination for an Aimed Solar Return, or they suggest the most suitable places for an aimed birthday to other people, on the basis of meagre notions on the subject, without the needed updates.

On the other hand, it is true that it is not easy to follow me through the evolution of my researches. I used to publish those results mainly on my own magazine *Ricerca '90* – to which not all of my alleged faithful followers were subscribed – or announced those amendments directly to the audience of my lectures, or sent them through the Internet in E-mail messages directed to a mailing list of astrologers. Hence the value of such a book like this, where after years of work I can collect in a summarizing section, the main observations and recommendations addressed to those who follow me in this amazing but also risky path.

What I would like to recommend and underline is the following.

- 1) The Solar Return gives precious, usually blatant indications on the period in between two consequent birthdays. To believe that it may work months or weeks after or before this specific span of time is absolute nonsense.
- 2) From the point of view of the damages that they may cause, there is no difference between the 12th, the 6th, and the 1st House of Solar Return.
- 3) A stellium spanning the 12th and the 1st House of SR is completely equivalent to a stellium in the 12th House of SR. This is true also if – for example – Jupiter is in the 12th House of SR, and Venus and Mercury are in the 1st House of SR.
- 4) The angular aspects of the celestials of Solar Return are virtually insignificant compared to their position in the Houses of SR. So, do not delude yourself: a Mars of SR lying in the 6th House of SR forming only trines and sextiles has the same practical value of a blemished Mars.
- 5) The sky of Solar Return is much more influential than the birth chart with all its transits. Thus, a transit Jupiter conjunct to your natal Sun would not protect you against a Sun in the 1st House of SR. Similarly, do not worry if Uranus is transiting over your natal Mars in your natal 12th House if you have relocated for a good Aimed Solar Return. The rule works in both ways, it is not the delivery of a paranoiac attitude, and it is exactly the contrary: would a pessimist 'send' more than a thousand people every year to relocate their Solar Return, if he weren't convinced that this would significantly improve their life?
- 6) Be careful when making use of the 10th of SR, unless you are really experienced. If you cannot rely on a solid experience, it's much better to place Jupiter, secondarily Venus or the Sun, in conjunction with the Medium Coeli, rather than the Ascendant of SR falling in the natal 10th House – for the latter combination may provoke serious damages to the native.
- 7) To make sure you do not have unwanted surprises, do position the Ascendant of SR at least two and a half degrees away from a potentially dangerous cusp of the natal chart; also recast the chart of SR as if the subject had been born 30 to 45 minutes earlier than the declared time of birth, to be sure that even so, the cusp of the AS of SR maintains at least this distance from the natal cusp.
- 8) Never place a potentially dangerous celestial close to the cusp of a 'maleficent' House. The Sun is not dangerous in itself. Nonetheless, remember that the map of Solar Return must be read in a much different way than a birth chart. So, if the Sun lies, say, 5 degrees above the 12th House of SR, this

may become extremely dangerous if the subject (which is true of almost the totality of cases) was born before the officially recorded time. The same may refer, for example, to Mars in the 5th House of SR. Perhaps it may appear much distant from the cusp of the 6th House, but you haven't kept in due account that it is in a sign of short ascension, so that 30 minutes of 'reverse motion' may cause serious damages.

9) The Sun in the 8th House of SR or the Ascendant of the SR in the natal 8th House may be acceptable, if no other solution is available. But you can never place for any reason a stellium of SR in the 8th House of SR because with such a celestial configuration, the 8th House would become as dangerous as the other three that you already know.

10) If you aren't able to leave for your journey of relocation, try to make use of the rules of exorcism of the symbol – for example, a targeted surgical operation – but try to avoid undergoing significant medical examinations or operations during the 20 days before and the 20 days after your birthday. Also avoid the 20 days before and the 20 days after the birthday of your closest relatives.

11) Go over the thirty rules listed in my book on Transits and Solar Returns, and update them with the rules of this section. So you would understand why, for example, if Jeff is in financial trouble, you had better avoid placing Jupiter in his 2nd or 8th House of SR.

12) Embrace the philosophy of the little steps, with mediocre Solar Returns that allow people to advance gradually year after year, rather than trying the 'big one' which may even spoil or ruin those who ask for your astrological help.

13) As suitable places for an Aimed Solar Return, consider only those places where there is an airport with regular flights, avoiding Indiana-Jones-like adventures such as driving a jeep 500 miles in the jungle. In the latter case, the dangers of the travel would clearly overcome the risks of spending one's birthday at home.

14) Of course everybody is welcome to make experiment and researches on this subject, provided that you haven't got the arrogance of writing new rules on the basis of a few dozens of Aimed Solar Returns that you may have directly or indirectly dealt with.

15) An important pathology may appear also in a year of a wonderful Solar Return. This depends on the fact that, for example, a carcinogenic process began seven or ten years ago, and the time is ripe for it to come out regardless of the SR. Even so, a good ASR may help people face the bad news and recover at best from the disease.

16) Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto may be placed in the 1st, 6th, or 12th House of the SR. In fact, I have often seen them there without provoking the least accident, but – obviously – if it's only possible to avoid them, you had better get rid of them from those Houses.

17) The 11th House deals with bereavement and death much more than the 8th House. This is not a good reason to avoid it though: you die once only, and in a lifetime you don't face important bereavements very often, after all. The same refers to the 3rd House and to the 9th House of SR in connection with possible road accidents, to the 5th in connection with your children, and so on.

18) Do your best to be in the suitable place of your relocated Solar Return at least three or four days before the moment of the Return itself, otherwise an air traffic strike, a the last minute fever, your kids falling ill the night before your departure, or any other such hindrance, may prevent you from being there in due time.

19) If you believe in the validity of this astrological tool, do use it every year as if it were a sort of flu vaccine: there is no use in having an aimed birthday every three or four years.

20) Do not ask and do not accept discounts on the mileage: you embark on a journey or you stay home. Flying an hour only for the sake of getting rid of a Mars in the 12th House of SR while leaving the Sun in the 1st House of SR would be one of the most useless and stupid things to do.

21) Do not torture your aged relatives to have them embark on a relocation of their birthday. I suggest you not to try to convince anybody on this subject, for it requires a high degree of conviction to be practiced in the right way.

22) Any Aimed Solar Return should have three fundamental goals: a) to protect the subject from the most unpleasant events that may happen to him or to her during the year; b) to improve his or her living conditions; and c) to try to rectify further his or her time of birth by using certain astrological

'sensors'. For example, you should always place some important celestial over the cusp between two Houses, so that you can verify where the celestial has showed its effects after the year has passed. The research of the time of birth of a subject should never end.

23) Never study a new case if the native does not give you both the time of birth declared by his or her parents and the excerpt of the birth certificate or any equivalent official paper, showing the recorded time of birth according to the rules and norms of the country where the native was born.

24) A celestial which is placed at less than two and a half degrees from a dangerous cusp, must be considered within the 'nasty' House even if the time of birth of the subject is known with the utmost reliability.

25) Remember that Saturn always prevails over Jupiter, Venus, Sun, and so on. As a consequence you cannot place, for example Saturn on the MC of a SR relying on the Sun and Jupiter in the 10th House of SR counterbalancing the detrimental effects of Saturn. For the same reason you should keep in mind the so-called Gauquelin sector and avoid placing, say, Jupiter in the 10th House in conjunction with the MC with an orb of 5 degrees together with Saturn at the same distance from the MC, in the 9th House. If you did so, the latter would prevail over the former, and from the point of view of the profession/advance/success/prestige of the subject, it would turn out be a 'saturnine' year rather than a 'jovian' one. The same if you place Saturn and Jupiter in the 7th House, 2nd House, and so on.

The summarization list above could be much longer, but I limit myself to these 25 points. I would also like to stress again that this list is based on my experience with the subject up to the present. If facts were to dictate so, there may be other rules added to this list in the future. Those who follow and use them for analysing Solar Return charts should keep in mind that it is still a temporary file – if I may use information technology parlance to describe its current status.

## 24. The Objections

There are many possible objections to the validity of the Aimed Solar Returns, coming from both colleagues and beginners. Some are technical, some show a philosophical orientation. Those concerning Karma and the supposed impossibility of changing it are the most frequent objections; others reflect ethical or socio-economic considerations, like the following one: "An Aimed Solar Return is immoral because only those belonging to the wealthiest classes can afford it..."

I would like to answer only to one of them, namely the most frequent one on Karma.

"According to the law of Karma, if I avoid a trouble in this life I'll pay it with interests in my next life."

This is the *pièce de résistance* of the opponents of Active Astrology. I reply again as I've already replied once: just like the previous one, this is a fully acceptable opinion too, which deserves our respect – just like any other. I think that I succeeded in demonstrating with my actions and declarations, and during all my life, to have fully embraced Voltaire's slogan, "I do not agree with what you say, but I will fight to the end so you can tell it." 1 There would be nothing else to say about it, if there weren't some eye-catching contradictions in those who express such an opinion. Let's see them in details.

First of all, such a position can be put in practice either in a soft way or in a 'fundamentalist' way - which is the case of Jehovah's Witnesses, who refuse blood transfusion for their children even if they would die without it. Theirs is a legitimate and criticisable position, surely a coherent one. Let us look for the same coherence in those who make the criticism quoted in bold letters a few lines before.

It's ages since I first asked them a precise question – namely: "You are walking on the street and you just raise your glance, spotting a 200-kg vase fall down from a balcony onto your head. What do you do? Do you avoid it? Or do you think that if you avoid it you'll have to pay a very expensive bill in your next life – so that you decide to remain there motionless in order to crush yourself for your belief?" The only answer came from a female colleague who wrote that, being an ecologist soul, she would clasp the vase with her hands – for she loves geranium a lot.

It would be the only case in the world of a human being who can grab with her hands a 200-kg projectile. Apart from her, nobody else has answered my question. Let me ask then: if you are really convinced of that, why don't you renounce taking antibiotics in case of pneumonia? Or to use condom when you have a risky intercourse? Or to undertake a surgical intervention in case of a serious disease? Or to vaccinate against flue? Or to fasten your security belt in the car? Or to drink bottled water when you are in Karachi? Or to insure your life? Or to maintain strict surveillance over your kids (we could go on listing for a long time)?

So, why not consider the Aimed Solar Return for what it really is? Not a pilgrimage to Lourdes, but much simpler and less emphatic, a prosthetic device or a support: such as an antibiotic, an umbrella, a shield, a condom... or just a scarf in winter.

Here [www.cirodiscepolo.it/english\\_corner/few\\_facts.pdf](http://www.cirodiscepolo.it/english_corner/few_facts.pdf) you can download – for free – my volume A few facts on aimed birthdays, Blue Diamond Publisher. There you can find a list of the most frequent objections that I have faced about ASR's and the relevant answers with which I have opposed to them.

#### Endnotes

1) I do not remember the source of this aphorism. Some say that it does not belong to Voltaire.

## 25. 60 Examples for Rehearsing the SR's

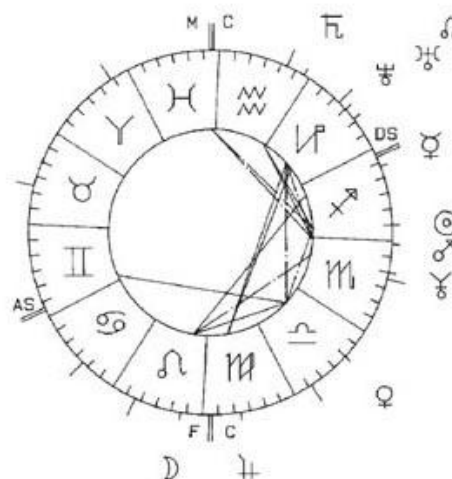
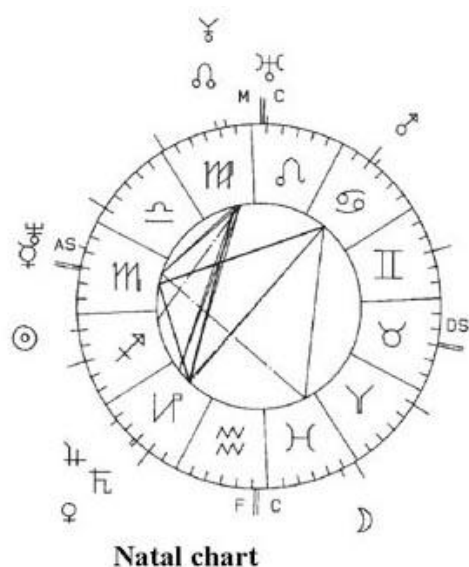
I haven't chosen the 60 examples that you are about to browse through – or study, as you prefer – because they are the most conclusive proof of the theory presented in this volume, but simply because they were collected following a very simple criterion. I have 'browsed' my archive in reverse time order, i.e. starting from my most recent counselees to the most early ones, discarding only those cases where the described events do not match their chart of SR in full. For example, I have not included those cases in which the counselee reported events unrelated with a given SR saying, "Some years ago I separated from my wife." You will also notice that there are more examples of negative events in this collection of cases than of positive ones. This is due neither to my sadistic choice nor to some pessimistic elf that, together, may have directed my 'inside' towards doing so. I think I am pessimistic in my ideas, but very optimistic in my actions. Were I not, how do you think that I would dare 'sending' about a thousand people around the world every year? The preponderance of negative events over the positive ones depends mainly on the fact that those who relocate a SR having a pleasant holiday in Hawaii, reading good books and enjoying good company, usually do not report anything to the astrologer. In fact, in connection with the ASR's you mainly consult the astrologer for the following two reasons: first, you wish to know whether after a period of misfortune the sun will shine again on your life or not; or secondly, you wish to plan strategically how to enhance your plans of recovery and/or further success for the months to come. On the contrary, you may have noticed that in other parts of this book I have presented exceptionally positive cases of SR.

Many years ago, when I used to play chess, along with the study of the theory and strategies of the game, I bought a book that the world chess champion Bobby Fisher wrote, based solely on pictorial examples. I learnt much more from that book than from all the theoretical manuals I had 'digested' before. Since then my motto is: *an example is worth a thousand words*.

I wish you success in all your endeavours.

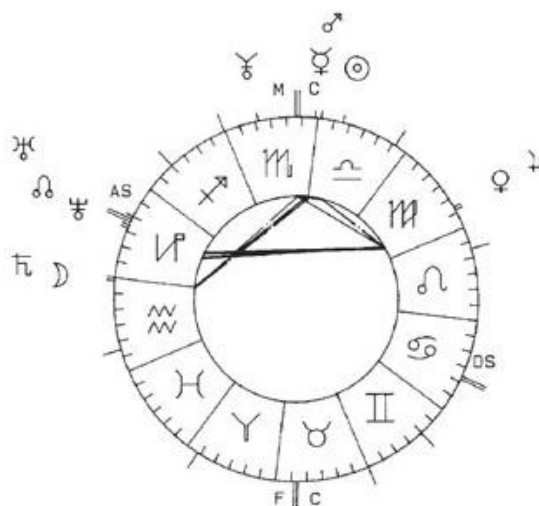
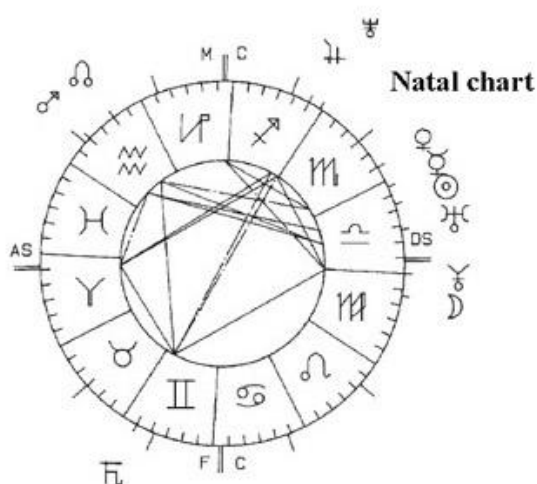
### Example #1

This is a brilliant young man, who has been lucky enough to occupy different posts of responsibility within a few years of his graduation. As a result of friction with the directors of the company where he was working, he resolved to change work during his Solar Revolution of 1991-1992. This was the third time he was doing so in a short span of time. He got a job in Northern Italy and had to migrate there from his natal town in Southern Italy. As you can see from the charts below, Jupiter of is in a wonderful position in the 4th of SR, clearly indicating his successful move. It could be argued that if his move is a relevant event of this subject's year, then why doesn't the AS of SR fall in the natal 4th? This is a legitimate question, but the fact is that, in leaving his previous job, this man was denied many millions Liras of severance pay. This is why the AS of this SR falls in his natal 8th, rather than in his 4th. On the other hand, as you know, the 8th House also points to the end of a situation: in this case, the end of his previous job. It is interesting to see that there were signs of such event already in his radix horoscope. I mainly refer to his natal opposition between Mars and Saturn over the 8th and the 2nd House – remember that Solar Returns may only allow you to forecast what is already written in one's birth chart. And I also refer to his natal Uranus at the MC, which clearly reflects his three changes of profession within a short span of time. The conjunction Mars-Sun in the 6th of SR shows the friction that spurred him to resign.



### Example #2

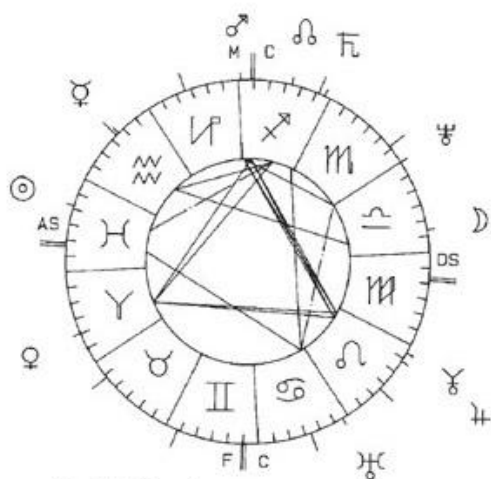
This is not an 'aimed' SR, but simply a SR whose AS falls in the subject's radical 10th. This is a young lady who reported to have had a pretty good year with the SR shown in the figure. Her daughter was born; her father left her a fairly consistent legacy, enough to 'trigger' the Eighth House of both her natal chart and that of the chart of SR. Let us pause a moment to reflect on this case. At birth, this female subject had a strong Jupiter in the Eighth. Now, a pertinent question might be, "When will this Jupiter 'trigger'?" Regardless of the transits (on whose astrological value there can be no shadow: transits *are important*), the answer is, "It has to be during a beautiful Solar Return." So, do not you agree that a SR whose AS falls in the subject's natal 10th, along with the conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in the 8th of SR, is the perfect example of a crucial SR in this context? The 1st House of this SR contains elements of concern though – this reflects the anxiety and even some pain that the lady has experienced in that year for certain problems concerning her husband. The AS of SR need not necessarily fall in the 5th, when giving birth.



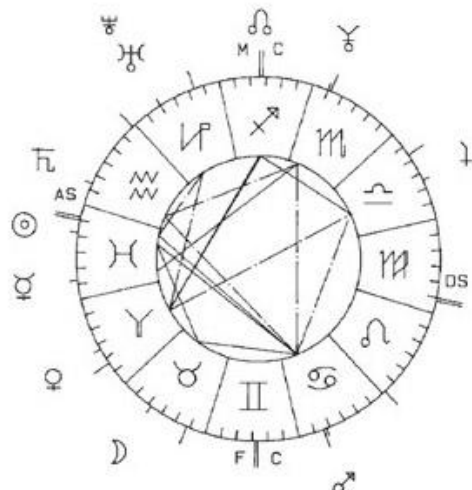
### Example #3

This is the first in a series of SR's whose AS fall in the natal 12th. I believe that I have often emphasized on the negativity of this astrological combination. In my opinion, it should be avoided whenever you can. It is a very bad, fatal condition. Unless you are masochistic, you had better relocate whenever you foresee you are going to have such a SR, barring extreme emergencies that may prevent you from travelling on the days of your birthday. Among other things, in this specific case you are dealing with signs of short, if not very short ascension: therefore, for a subject living in Italy, a modest shift westwards would have been enough to avoid this detrimental combination. I do not remember if I had warned this female subject to relocate or not. I am more inclined to think that she came to me after this Solar Return had already taken place. In fact, I remember that the evidence of 'malice' of this chart was told to me by the lady herself, who reported to have undergone surgery

suddenly and unexpectedly. This is why, when someone gets a SR whose AS falls in his or her natal 12th, I insist that he or she undergoes surgery – perhaps cosmetic surgery – or that he/she at least goes to the dentist several times during the 12 months covered by such a SR.

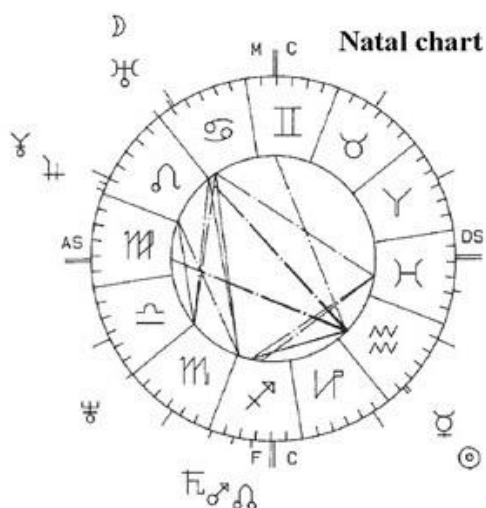


**Natal chart**



#### Example #4

This is a man whose work has to do with navigation on one of the largest lakes in Northern Italy. Like the previous case, this subject was not consulting me regularly (in fact, I hadn't seen him for a few years). He came to me after this SR, with the Ascendant falling in his radical 12th. Only a few months had passed from the time when the SR had taken place, but his troubles had already begun – he reported that he had been seriously wounded in a foot. Unlike the previous one, this case involves the sign of Virgo, a sign of long ascension. This would have entailed – if I had met him before and if he would have been willing to put my advice into practice and relocate – a considerable shift westwards to avoid such a SR. You must remember that West of Italy, between the Azores and Bermuda there is only the immensity of the Atlantic Ocean, although in some cases, considering the Southern Hemisphere, I could find a solution with a small island North-East from Recife in Brazil – one could try also in Greenland, though. However, in these cases I usually try to convince the counselee to go beyond, thus landing in the United States, where – almost always – you can change a bad SR into a good one.



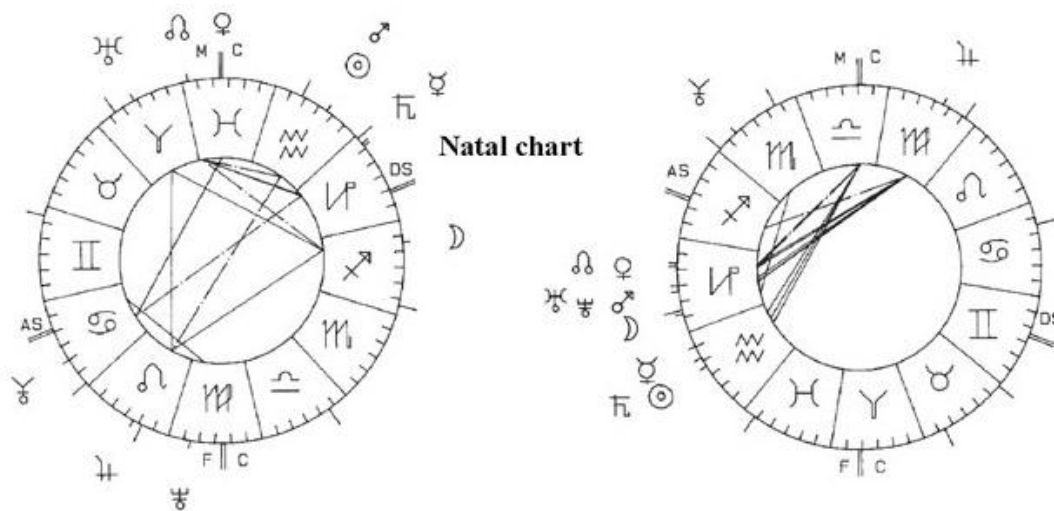
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#### Example #5

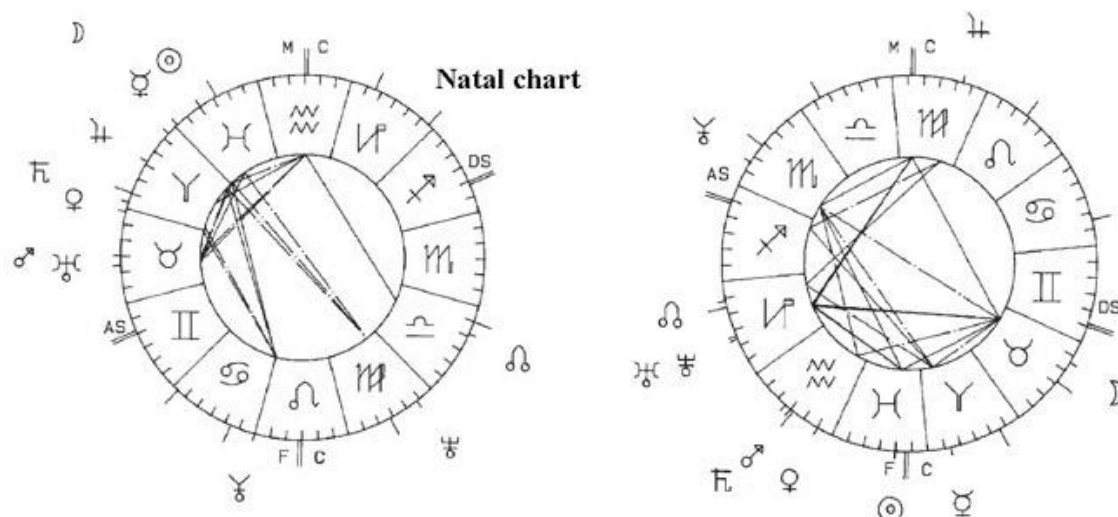
The significance of this Solar Return is amazing. If I had seen it before it had taken place, I would have done everything to convince the subject to relocate. In the meanwhile, he has gone to live on the Adriatic Coast of Italy. In other parts of this volume you can read that for me, as far as their dangerousness is concerned, the 1st and the 6th House of SR come immediately after the 12th – although in practice the difference is almost nothing. During the SR, this lady was diagnosed to have a particular form of osteoporosis. As many know, this can be a very nasty disease, causing major injuries to the bones over time. Now you see that the AS of this SR falls in her natal 6th, and there is

also a quite scary stellium in the 1st of SR formed by Mars, Uranus and Neptune. It must be noted that this stellium in the 1st House is also in Capricorn. But this SR could act only according to the indication of the birth chart: and in fact, a part of the natal 6th is in Capricorn. If you ask me whether this SR could have been avoided, I would reply with a very clear "Yes!" But if you ask me how this really works, I do not know the answer.



### Example #6

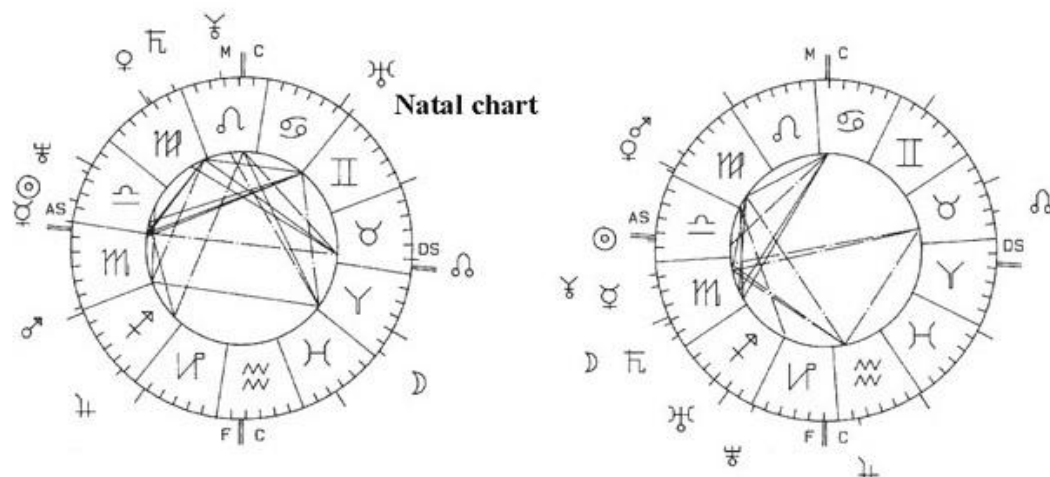
This is another unfortunate case. During her Solar Return of 1992, this lady's mother was struck by paralysis. The AS of SR falls in her radical 6th, which is one of the three 'overall evil' Houses of SR. The Moon – astrological indicator of the mother – was very badly positioned in the 6th of SR. But it is not necessary to involve the Moon to explain this case properly: it is clear that this subject was born a little before the officially recorded time of birth, thus her Sun of RS occupies the Fourth House (the parents). Already in her natal chart you can detect a very bad 12th, pointing to several trials, troubles and suffering and also a role of nursing assistance to which the subject has been forced by the events. Still in the radix chart, please note that Uranus is lord of the 10th House (this House specifically refers to the mother): and it occupies the 12th in close conjunction with Mars. This is a bad conjunction, especially in the House of troubles. I have had many occasions to verify it. In the SR there is also a bad 2nd House that stands for the economic bleeding, caused by medical expenses (doctors and medicines).



### Example #7

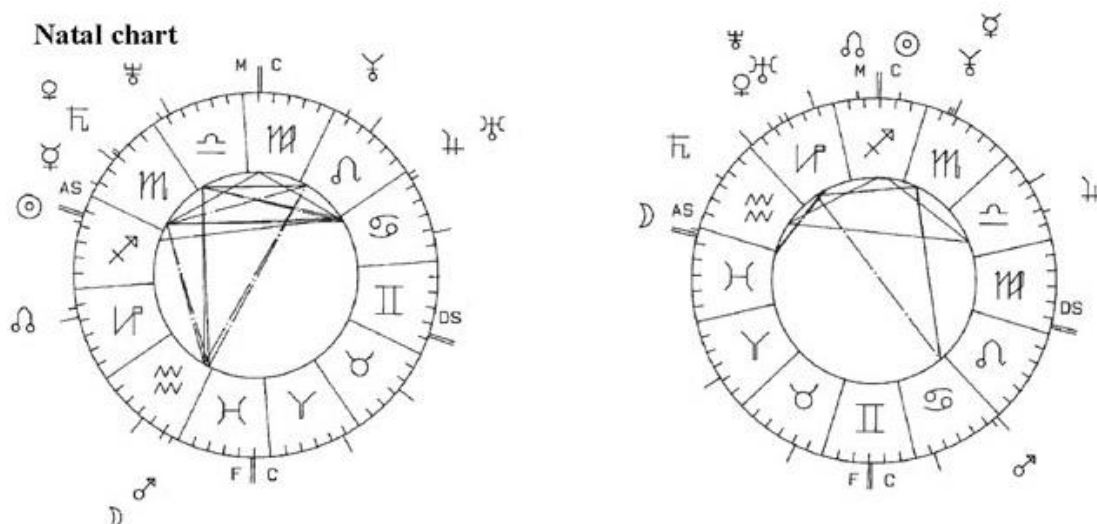
This is another example of AS of SR falling in the Twelfth House of the natal chart. It is obvious that these cases either refer to people who came to consult me too late, i.e. after having... made a rod for their own back. Other cases refer to people whom I had warned to aim their SR, but they were unable or unwilling to relocate. The male subject whose charts you see in this page underwent surgery for haemorrhoids during this SR – a quite common problem at a certain age for those individuals born in the sign of Scorpio. Also the stellium in the 1st House of the SR reinforces this negative event,

regardless of the celestials involved being malefic or benefic ones. Remember, in this respect, that the potential dangerousness of three celestial bodies scattered over the 12th and the 1st of SR is equivalent to that of the AS of SR falling in the natal 12th. This is true even if the planets involved are, say, Jupiter in the 12th and Venus and Mercury in the 1st. Notice how clear every Solar Return is to those who can read it, of course. They may not be so clear to those who have a practical experience acquired over a few dozen charts. In this SR – as already pointed out – the AS falls in the natal 12th, obviously pointing to problems that the subject has to undergo, but the question is, where will the trouble come from? The answer lies within the very same chart of SR: the stellium in the 1st, in fact, points to problems of health. Had the module *730 giorni* – included in the software package *ASTRAL* – scanned the overall astrological situation of this individual of that year (based on the mutual plot of transits and SR), it would have given the alarm.



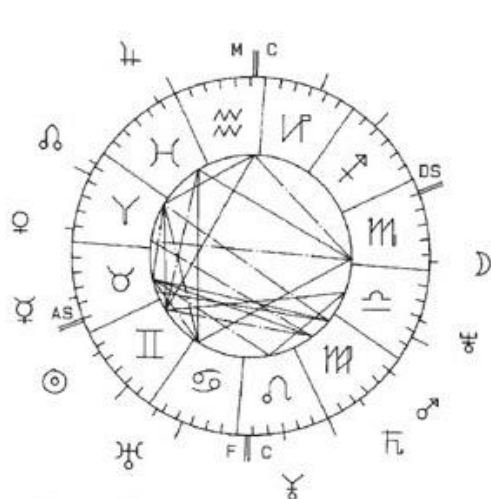
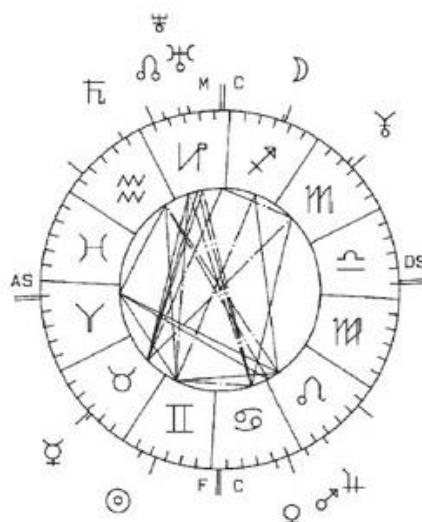
### Example #8

This case allows me to make you notice something important in connection with Solar Returns. The charts in this example represent a female subject who lives in Basilicata. She came to consult me after this SR, reporting to have spent a very bad year, concerning sentimental harmony with her husband. As you can see from the two charts, the Solar Return does point to this. In fact, Venus is badly positioned in Capricorn, weighed down by several negative aspects including the opposition of Mars from the 5th. Although it may seem strange, the relationship with one's spouse is often reflected by the 5th, not by the 7th House. I can sense your objection, "It is true that Mars of SR in the 5th is eloquent enough, but – why doesn't the AS of SR fall in the natal 5th or 7th?" The answer is easy. As repeatedly stated in this volume, the AS of SR announces the most important event of the year for the subject. In this case, the most important event for the lady had not been the bad relationship with her husband, whom she had married many years before. In fact, the most important event for her was that during that year she had resumed driving the car after a pause of several years. Hence the AS of SR falling in her natal 3rd.

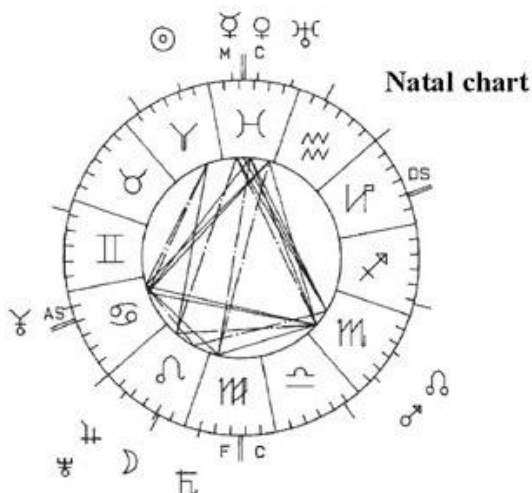
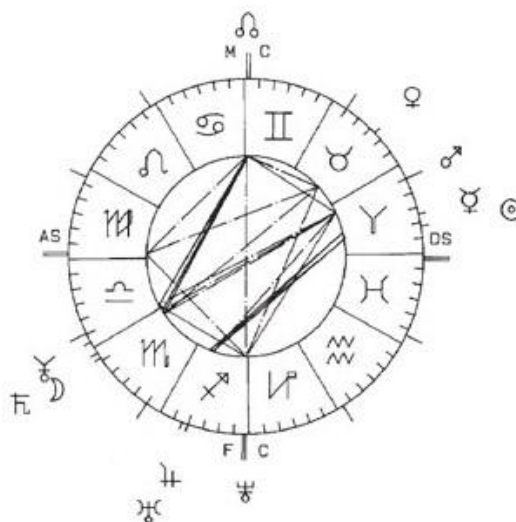


**Example #9**

This is a small business owner and sales representative who, during the Solar Return shown in figure below, fell into desperate financial conditions, up to the point that he started living in fear of being arrested. He however has quite influential and sincere friends, who pulled him out of trouble. For this reason we find the Sun of SR in the 2nd of SR, and the AS of SR in the natal 11th. In the first part of this volume, you read that there are four really important factors that you have to consider in the chart of a SR. They are the position of the cusp of the AS of SR in the natal Houses; and the position of the Sun, of Mars and of a possible cluster of celestials (if any) of SR in the Houses of SR. Therefore, in this case the AS is virtually well positioned very close to the natal Jupiter in the 11th, while the Sun of SR in the 2nd of SR is rather blemished, announcing an almost hopeless year from the point of view of the subject's personal finance. The nasty couple of celestials in the 10th of SR (Uranus and Neptune), badly blemished by a sequel of disharmonious aspects, reveal the ugly social and professional status of that year. Personally, I am convinced that an Aimed SR would have saved him very well.

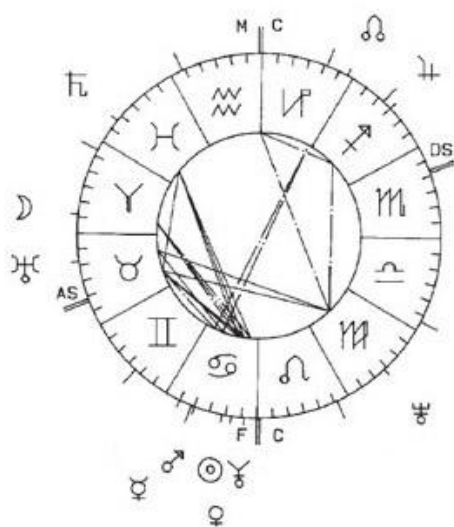
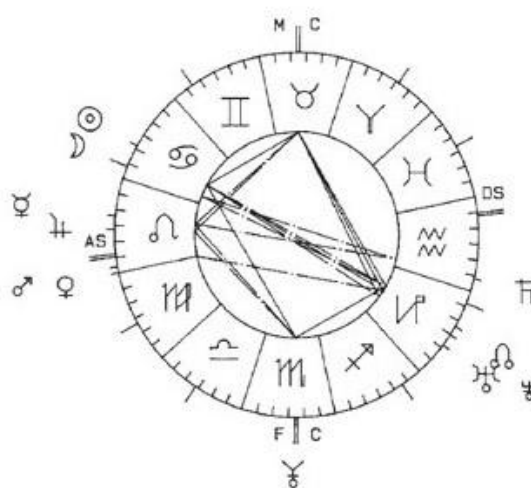
**Natal chart****Example #10**

Those who are not really experienced with Solar Returns usually expected that the charts of SR produce plain, easy responses, such as: AS of SR falling the natal 8th, death; AS in the 7th, marriage; AS in the 5th, motherhood, and so on. Instead, the SR's cannot always be read this way. Nevertheless, remember that they enlighten you about the general trend for the period, as in this case. This is an elderly lady who, during the period covered by this SR, lost her mate. They weren't living together, but he went every day to visit her at her place. He was also supporting her financially. This death can be explained in different parts of the SR, such as the Sun in the 7th (pointing to a crucial year for her partner), and Venus and Mars in the 8th House, involved in ugly aspects. On the other hand, the AS of SR in the natal 4th is explained very well by the most important fact of the year. In fact, it is true that she wept for her man for a week or a month, but it is also true that this event radically changed her life. Though she continued to live within the confines of the same house, the quality of life was suddenly different – that of living alone. However, never underestimate the power of serendipity. One can never know...

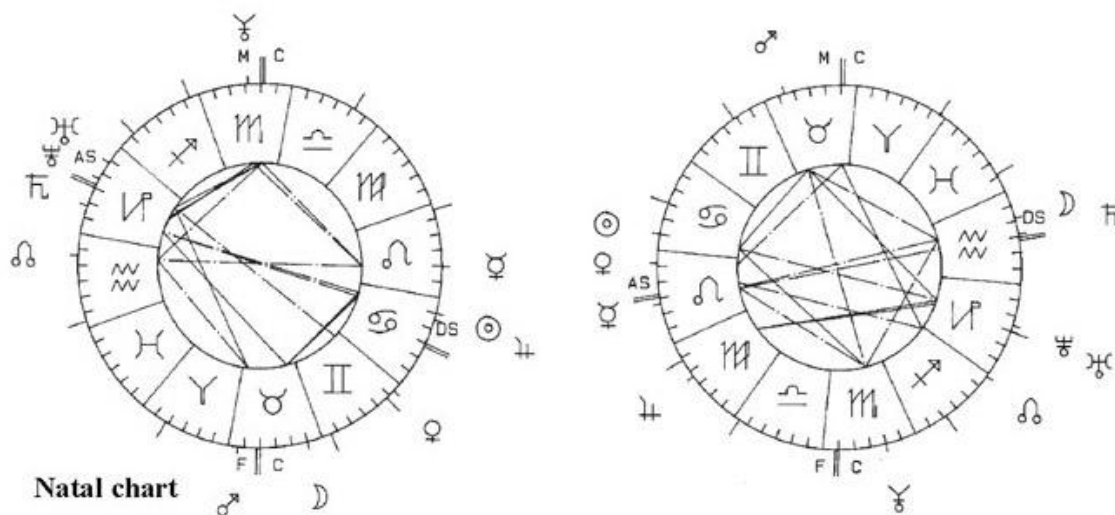
**Natal chart**

**Example #11**

There are many clues that could help you understand that the husband of this female subject, who lives in Veneto, was going to die. First, her Sun of SR in the 11th of SR (please read the relevant section in this volume). Second, the stellium of SR in the 5th (this House refers to one's spouse also, not only a lover or a boyfriend or a girlfriend!), in a year when Saturn was transiting in the natal 10th (fall, loss of social prestige). If you also consider the stellium of celestials scattered over the 12th and the 1st, you get the full picture. No matter if the stellium also consists of benefic celestials. If they receive bad aspects, the benefics can be just as bad as the malefics. It should be noted, however, that in my experience aspects count very little in the charts of SR, compared to the position of the celestials in the Houses of SR. Saturn in the 6th of SR stands for a year virtually full of toothache and visits to the dentist.

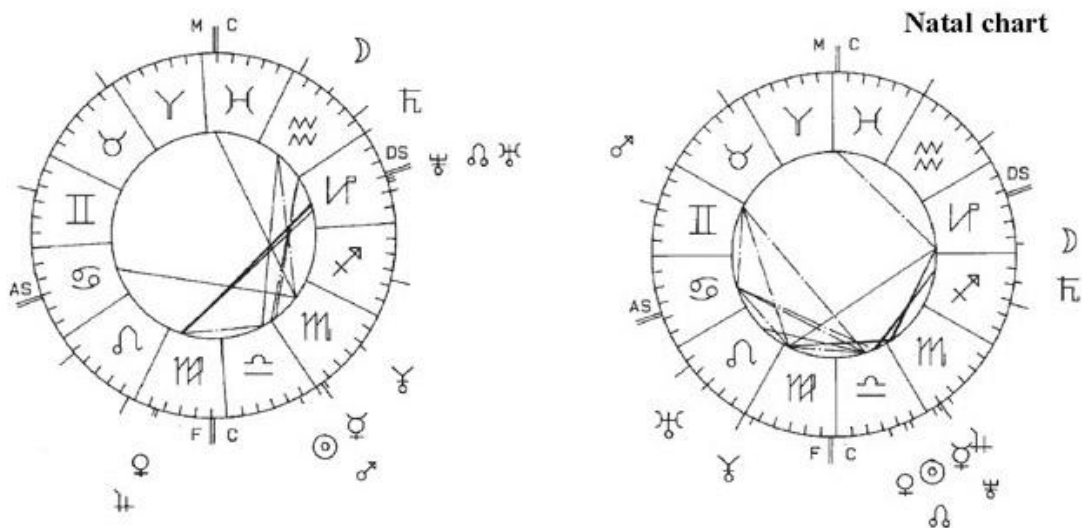
**Natal chart****Example #12**

The example of this page is an invitation to go and carefully read once again what I have written in the section concerning the 5th House, where I advise parents to relocate their SR's so as to produce a 5th-House-ASR. But I have also added that this cannot be done if they are striving against problems concerning birth, deliveries, or pregnancies, of their children. This is exactly one of those cases. The little girl whose charts are shown in this page was born with a bad bunch of planets in the Ascendant. In other words, the cusp of her natal AS is tightened by 'malefic' celestial that occupy both the 12th and the 1st House. In January 1993, I was consulted by her parents who were in deep concern, because their daughter was suffering from serious skin allergies. Her Solar Return of 1992-1993 is shown below. As you can see, there are several aspects that can really be defined 'ugly ones'. The Sun is in the 12th of SR, as well as Venus. The latter planet also receives discordant aspects from the 6th of SR, occupied by two of the three most malefic natal celestials that occupied the girl's radical 12th. Also in this case, you see that the SR contains a bad angle between Saturn and the Moon. Let me stress once again that a disharmonious angle between these two celestials mentioned is one of the worst aspects ever.



### Example #13

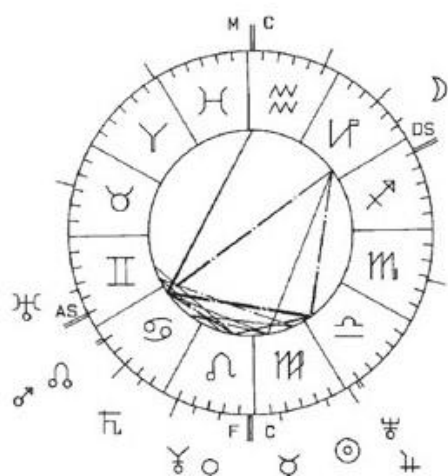
The woman whose charts are shown below works in public administration. She reported to 'have been to hell and back' during this Solar Return shown in the figure. In fact, it was exactly during that year that she discovered that the man with whom she was having a relationship started many years before, had an affair with another woman. This dimmed her mind up to the point that she began to shadow her man. The idea of committing suicide also occurred for the first time in her mind, and eventually she even considered murder. Fortunately, she did not go that far, but she surely lived awful months. So there is nothing strange in detecting that the AS of this SR falls in her natal 12th, which says it all, even if some say that after all, this astrological combination is fair, because it helps you to grow! As in other cases, this chart of SR not only enlightens you very clearly on the quality of the subject's year, but it also gives you with the details of the situation. In this case, we have Uranus and Neptune in conjunction with the cusp of the Descendant, and Saturn badly placed in the 7th of the SR. There is also a nasty Moon in the 8th of SR, which suggests the notion that the subject had seriously considered suicide. Perhaps, what saved her from committing it is the beautiful position of her natal Moon.



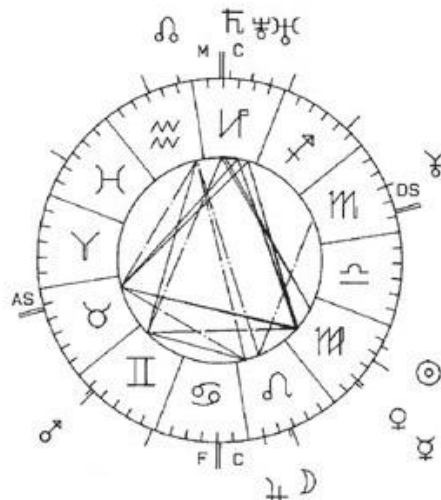
### Example #14

This is the case of a female teacher from Turin, Italy, who contacted me after everything had happened – which is also the case with virtually all of these examples, typically referring to the 'year after' and/or to people who did not want to relocate despite having been warned of the detrimental SR that would soon strike them. In her natal chart, Mars occupies the 1st House, which together with Uranus in the 12th (it does not really matter if it is 'well positioned' or blemished) is a dangerous position, usually heralding surgeries and accidents. During the SR shown on this page, she was operated with urgency for breast cancer. The Ascendant of SR falls in her natal 12th (risk of death), while Mars of SR virtually reproduces the native position because it can be found on the cusp between the 1st and the 2nd of SR. The Sun is in the 6th House. She told me that she is notorious for her calm

demeanour. In fact, one night, going to bed she palpated her breast and said to herself, "This is breast cancer." Then she laid her head down and fell asleep. Currently, as I do with other cancer patients, I am analysing the best location for her next five Aimed Solar Returns in order to maximize her defences concerning health every year for at least five years in a row. The doctors, as everybody knows, say that the real danger is in the first five years after the onset of the disease. After this initial span of time, you have the same probability of getting ill once again as any average person.

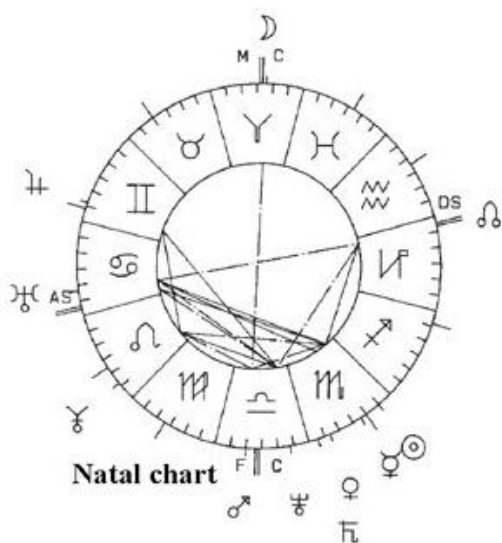


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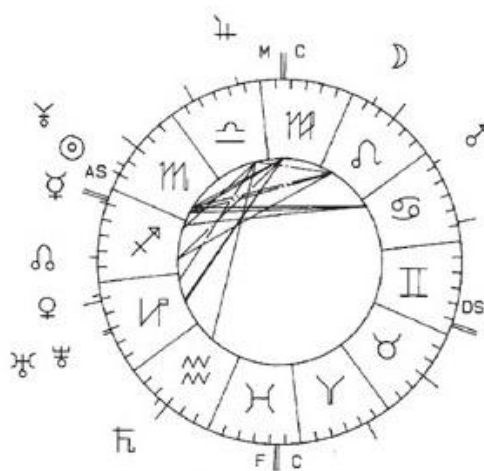


#### Example #15

This example is full of references. This is a woman, a professional from Milan, Italy, who during the SR shown below had a bad year (meaning the span of time between two consecutive birthdays). At first glance, you can detect the Sun in the Twelfth House of SR. In fact, she told me that it had been a year of many strong disbursements (Uranus, Neptune and Saturn are in the 2nd). She had several quarrels and she eventually separated from her husband. I guess that she started on a relationship with another man, but she did not tell me. The AS of SR falls in her natal 5th. As I have mentioned earlier, it would be a serious mistake to confine the reading of the 5th House only within the realm of flirting or non-institutional mating. At this point, the AS of Solar Return falling in the 5th may have 'printed out' in nine columns of the personal yearly newspaper of the subject, the headline 'Love!'. But this headline must or can be understood in two ways: it may announce love that goes away, or a new love story approaching. Of course, it may also refer to both events. That gorgeous Jupiter in the 10th of SR may refer to the arrival of a desired emancipation, which may have been embodied by the separation from her husband. Sometimes, you have to pay a high price to emancipate.



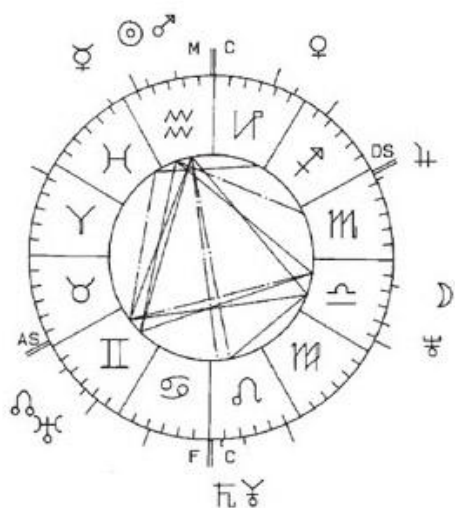
**Natal chart**



#### Example #16

This is a Swiss lady who settled down in Sicily. At the age of 6 she was admitted to a sanatorium for

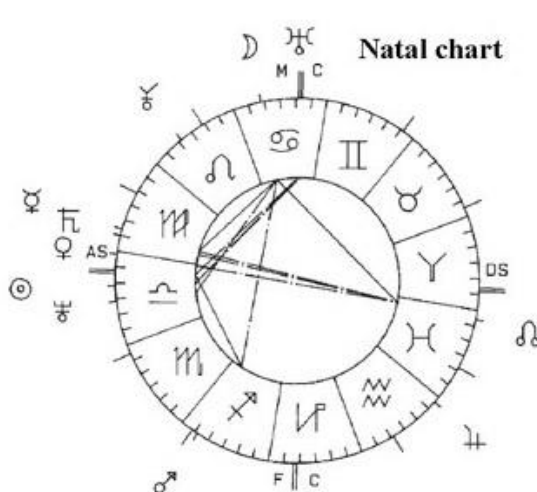
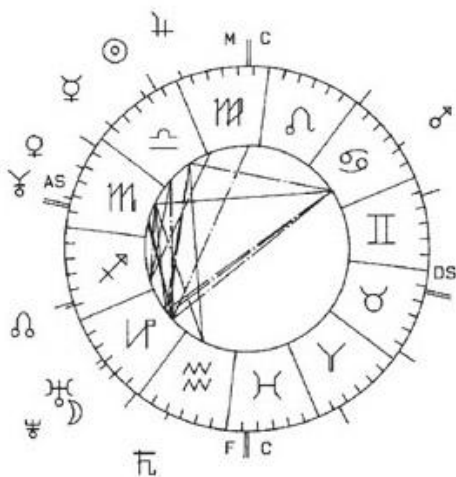
tuberculosis. Her Solar Revolution for that year is easy to read: the Ascendant of SR falling in the natal 6th, two malefic celestials in the 1st of SR, and Mars in the 6th of SR. I think it is more than enough to announce a serious illness, for a subject who is still a child. Then she recovered completely, perhaps thanks to her radical Jupiter in the 6th. Please refer to what I have written in the section concerning the 5th House in connection with the Aimed Solar Returns. I expect some criticism for what I wrote there, but I insist that all operations of aiming a SR have to be made with intelligence and experience; otherwise I would support the criticism myself. For example, knowing the weak state of health of their child, I would have never dreamt of suggesting to her parents something that I would typically counsel others in connection with the 5th House. In many years (*A note from the Author*: I wrote these lines in 1993) I have never had an accident (and let me touch wood). Therefore, I conclude that the method is good and it works. Anyway, each case is different from all the others.



**Natal chart**

#### Example #17

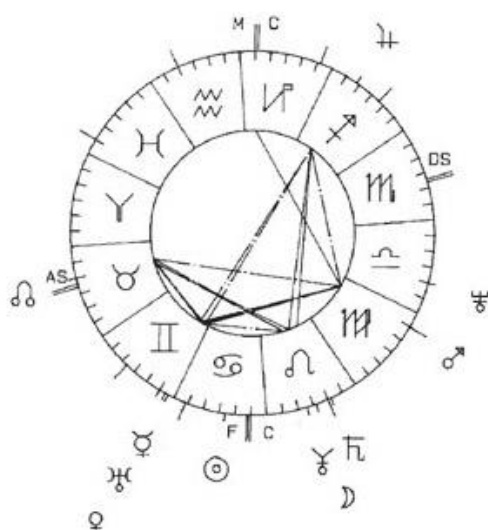
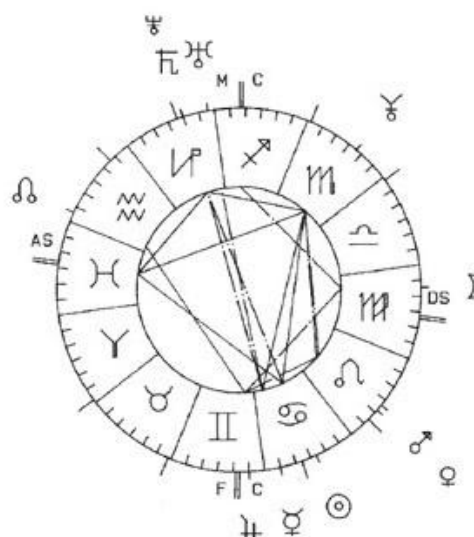
Often, an astrologer has to operate in the guise of a 'reassurer', i.e. trying to explain – with the greatest tact possible – the situations that are foreseen to be negative and always remembering the precept: *First, do no harm*. Other times, reassurance can be given without undue concerns; if so, you give it with pleasure. This is the case of an executive of a private company, who was hurt in the wrist while playing tennis. For months his trouble showed no signs of diminishing, even after he underwent the most appropriate therapies, under the supervision of very good medical doctors. For this reason his wife consulted me, and I told her that there should not be any reason for concern because the stars showed something quite different for her husband. In fact, the AS of SR was falling in his natal 2nd, and the very nasty stellium of celestials scattered over the 2nd and the 8th of SR rather pointed to strong expenditures of money. She confirmed, explaining that they were about to purchase a house. Only the simple position of Saturn in the 3rd of SR was talking of what had happened, but it did not point to a complication. The proof lies in the fact that the gentleman did not come back to me ever again, perhaps in protest...



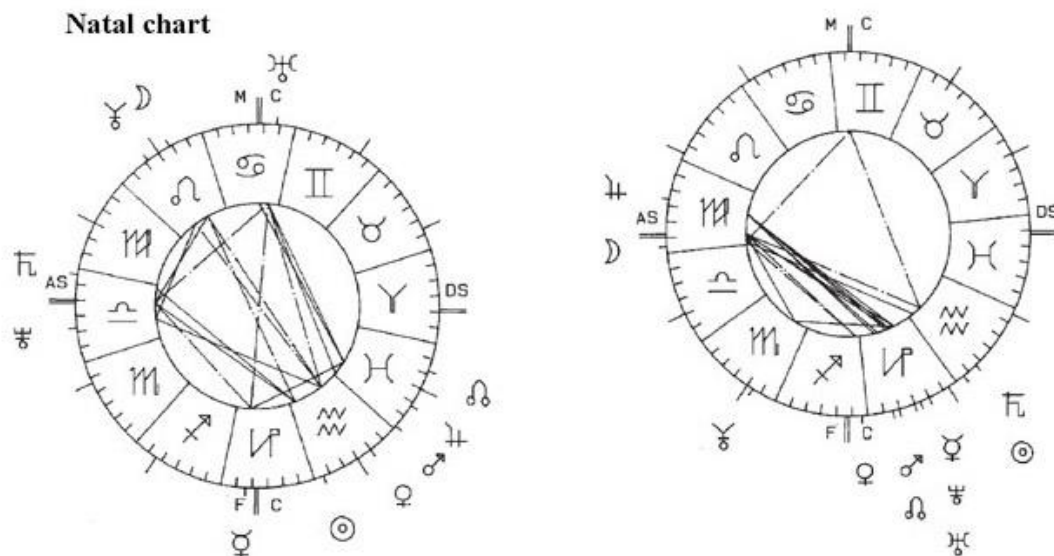
**Natal chart**

**Example #18**

This female subject is a university lecturer with serious marital problems. She had been frigid since the beginning of their marriage, and she was also showing signs of mental instability. Then a lucky event happened (lucky, but not for the husband): she resumed frequenting her old friends, and among them she met a man with whom she fell in love. Together, they spent a wonderful year of love and sex, having completely lost all inhibitions between them. The SR shown below is that of the 'magic' year'. The AS of SR falls in her natal 11th (pointing to the important role played by her friends), and immediately after in importance, the Sun of SR occupies the 5th of SR. Let me stress that in the scope of this volume we do not deal with transits, whose efficacy is not questioned by anyone, least by me. We only limit to seeing things from the perspective of Solar Returns. However, it must be noted that the subject was also having the transit of Venus, Uranus and Neptune in opposition to the radix Venus, pointing to the same kind of event. But since it lasted at least two years, the transit alone – without the aid of this SR – it would not have allowed you to detect in which of the two years this event would have occurred.

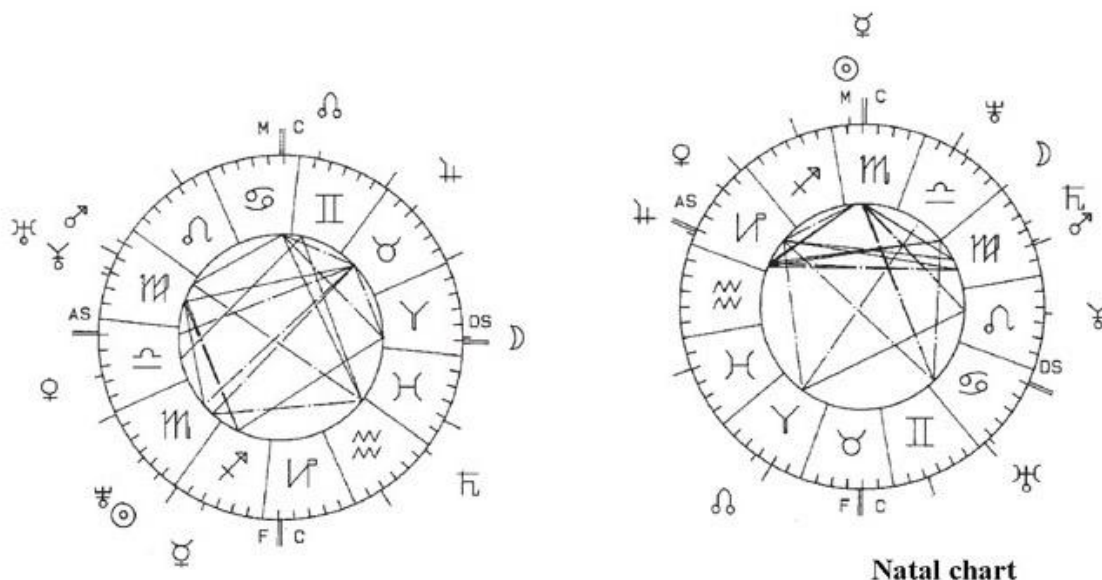
**Natal chart****Example #19**

The person referred to the chart shown below is a woman of few words. For this reason I have not been able to get many details of her life. I only know that in the year of the SR whose chart is shown on this page, she got the AS of the SR falling in her natal 12th. She said that it had been a year of multifarious troubles. Her father became involved in a number of arguments with other residents and then he got so sick that he had to be hospitalized. She had troubles especially of an emotional nature. Some people still claim that this astrological combination of elements – against which I have been warning for decades – is not so bad and in any case, it is something that makes people grow. Now I ask them whether they are willing to do two or three Aimed Solar Returns in a row, placing each year the AS of SR in their natal 12th. I think that nobody would dare to do this. As far as I am concerned, I am satisfied with having described this type of astrological situation using a good amount of exclamation points. That aside, the history of astrology will reward or disavow such a thesis. I also must derive satisfaction in hearing almost a unanimous chorus of excommunication of many of my colleagues, whom not even novices listen to now on this point. (*A note from the Author: This was true in 1993: the same colleague astrologers who then defined me 'crazy' in their books, today write the same things that I have been writing for decades. Of course, they pretend that all this is obvious and that they have always known it.*)



### Example #20

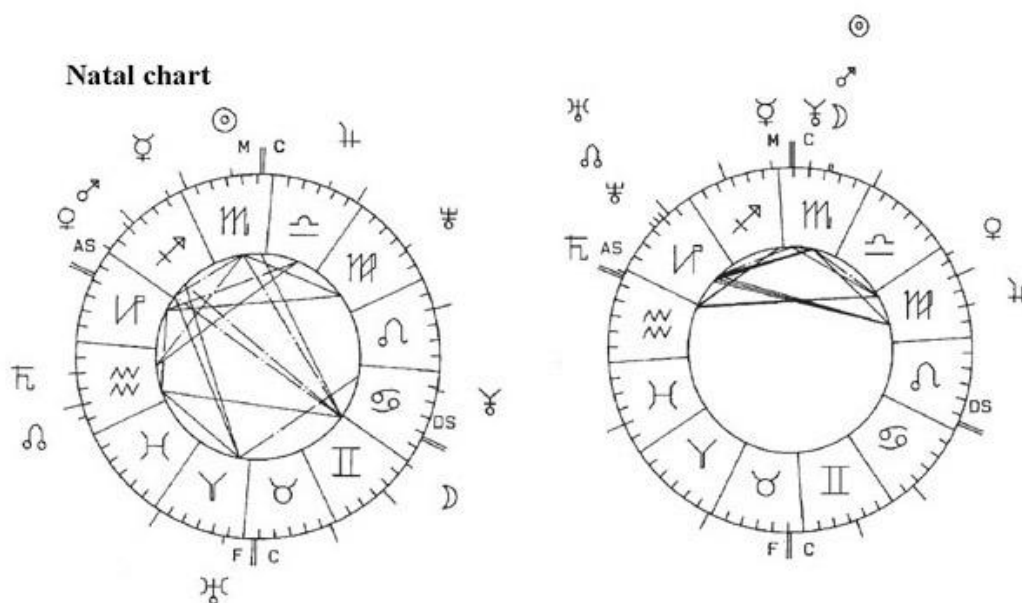
All students of astrology know that death is an event still shrouded in mystery, and there are relatively few cases in which you can date the event in advance. Sometimes, you can do it only by studying all the horoscopes of the whole family. Other times, you can foresee it quite clearly, as in this case. This is a man who lost his father at the age of 14. Of course, this event radically changed his life. You can see a very bad 8th House in his natal chart, which is like a bomb just waiting for somebody or something to light its fuse. The fuse was lit by this SR. You will immediately recognize the AS of SR falling in his natal 8th, where four celestial were harbouring at his birth, including the very nasty conjunction of Mars and Saturn. In addition, you can see an equally bad conjunction of Uranus and Pluto in the 12th of SR. In short, nothing that could be promising good things. The celestials facing each other in the 2nd and in the 8th of SR clearly indicate the financial backlash that the tragedy caused to the subject. Unluckily, that was neither the last nor the least debilitating event of his life.



### Example #21

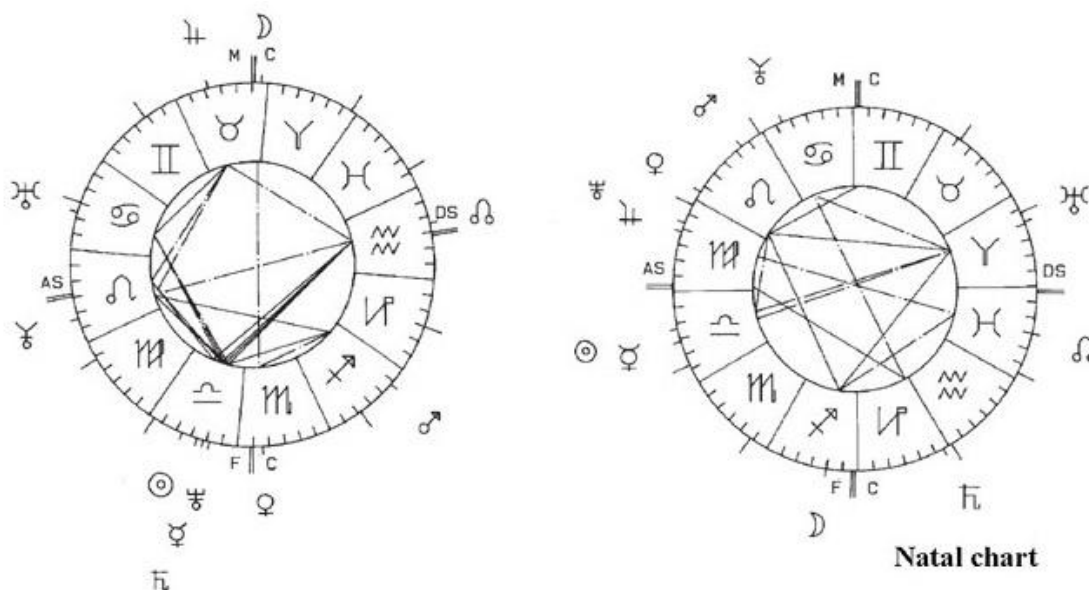
As you read in the first part of this book, I am convinced that in order of riskiness, the 1st and the 6th House of SR immediately follow the 12th with a very slight difference. Later on I realized that this rule created confusion: for all practical purposes, today we can certainly claim that these three Houses of SR have virtually the same degree of dangerousness. When the 12th and the 1st combine in the same chart of SR, unpleasant events may come out, as it happened in 1993 to leading figures of Italian politics: Giulio Andreotti, Bettino Craxi, Claudio Martelli – to name three. The lady who gives me an opportunity to say so is the subject from Veneto to whom the charts below refer. During the Solar Return in question, she underwent surgery at the ankle and suffered from major gynaecological disorders. This SR could not be more explicit, having the AS falling in the subject's natal 1st House

and a detrimental stellium in the 12th of SR. The natal AS Capricorn justifies the part of body subject to surgery. Furthermore, although she is not so aged, this lady belongs to an age group at risk for health. With these astral configurations she could have had even more serious problems than those that she reported. Therefore, if she had consulted me *before*, and not *after*, these events, I would have surely suggested her to relocate her SR.



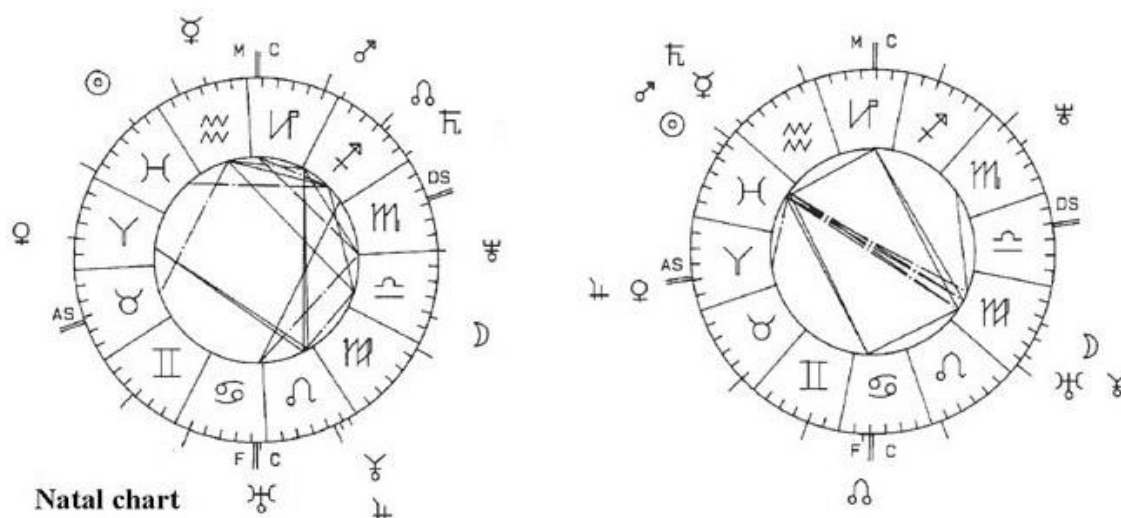
### Example #22

This is another case of death. As I said earlier, this is an event that is not usually visible – sometimes it can be partially visible, some other times it is absolutely invisible to an astrologer. And those who have not been trained at my school by way of the about fifty books published by me, the possibility to foresee the tragic event goes down further. This male subject is a Neapolitan lawyer who lost his father at the age of 20. Later on, he lost his wife during surgery and finally, he also lost their son in his twenties, who died in a car accident. Unluckily he wasn't able to give me the precise dates of the last two tragic events, so I cannot verify their astral configurations. As far as his father is concerned, the AS of SR falls in the natal 11th. Let me stress that only my pupils and I have been supporting for several years the close relationship between the 11th House and death. You can also see the Sun of SR in the 1st of SR: you already know what I think of this condition. In the birth chart, you could only see the position of Mars, lord of the 8th, placed in the 11th – again the 11th! Uranus in the 7th House (see *Nuova Guida all'Astrologia*, Armenia publisher) is almost always the author of a divorce, but also of the sudden death of a spouse.

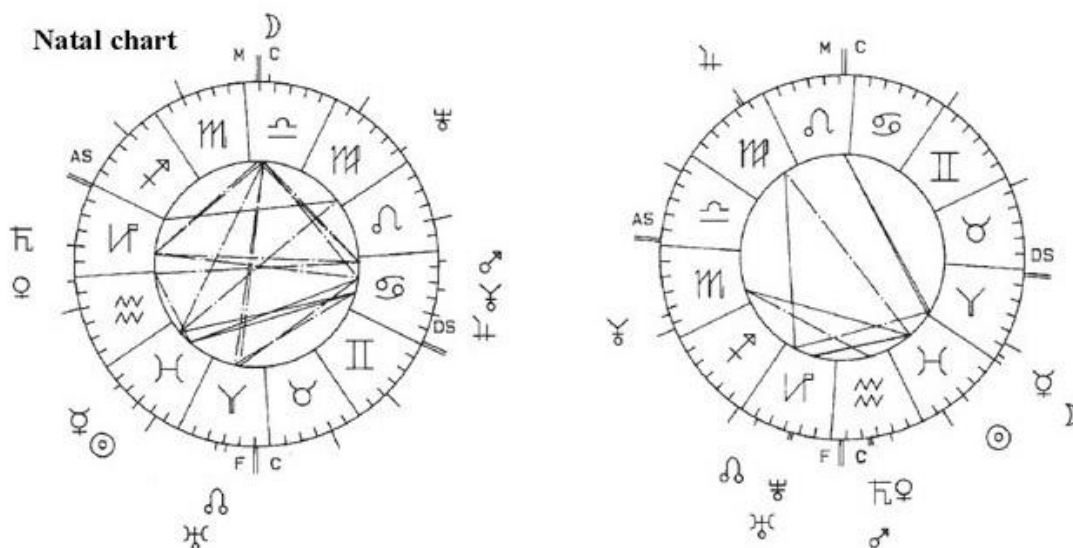


**Example #23**

This dramatic case should make us reflect, because it shows that when a SR whose AS falls in your natal 12th strikes over your head and the whole chart of SR is detrimental, you must increase your defences. In such cases, I would even suggest having a child travelling for an Aimed SR. Look closely at this chart of SR. You can see that its AS falls in the natal 12th. Furthermore, there is a bundle of oppositions over the 6th and the 12th. In the 12th of SR there is the Sun of SR. This explains why this SR tragically changed the life of this female subject, who works at a ministry in Rome. In fact, as a child, during this Solar Return, she underwent surgery to the tonsils, but during the intervention she swallowed a lot of blood. This produced an intestinal blockage that almost caused her death. Consequently, she underwent another emergency surgery and had her bladder completely removed. Following this, she had her bladder rebuilt by plastic surgery. Unluckily even this latter operation went wrong, and since then she is unable to expel all the urine (which stagnates in her body) and she is forced to take antibiotics continuously. Please meditate a lot about this case. I think I need to add nothing more.

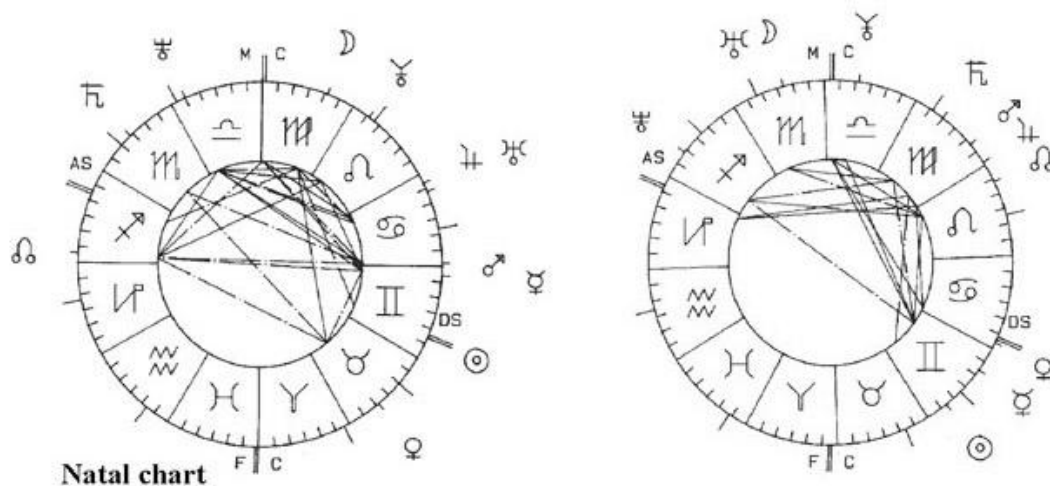
**Example #24**

The subject referred to in the chart below is a manager in a public organization in Turin, Italy. He has several on-going disputes with the institute in which he works, as you can well read from his very belligerent natal 7th House. He came to me after having had a very bad year, full of bitterness of every kind but especially at his workplace. He first reported to be experiencing troubles in his private life also, particularly of the sentimental kind. Then he added, "It is as if everything changed a few months ago. Perhaps the wheel of fortune started turning the other way, and since then all is going well: I won an important case, I am making good money through counselling, and I met a woman whom I really like very much, whom I would even like to marry." Who or what caused this benign change? The fact is that, without knowing it (he does not know anything about astrology), that year he was 'awarded' with a SR whose AS was falling in his natal 10th. Since then the... engine of his life was put back on track, giving him satisfaction in virtually every field of his existence. As you can see, there is also some dissonance in his SR, which must make us reflect on the real opportunity of occupying the 10th of SR in a case of relocation, for as I said, this may be good or bad depending on other astrological factors. There is always a little risk in this, as I wrote in other parts of this book; but with a little bit of common sense and practical experience, almost everything can be solved.



### Example #25

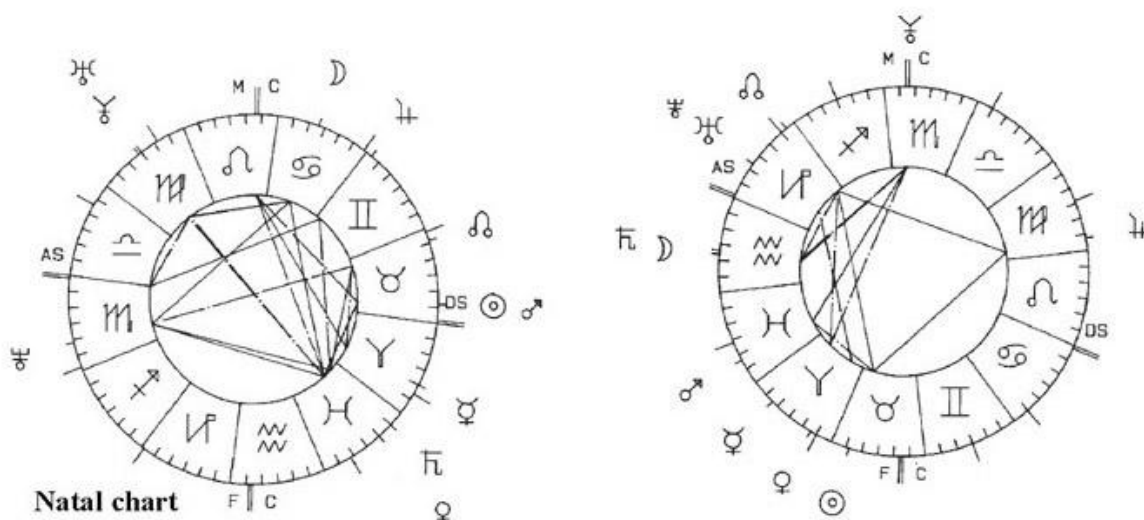
This is a woman who has experienced a complex series of events in her life. She came to me for entirely different reasons than those immediately concerning the scope of this example. Nevertheless, I find it interesting to stress that in her natal chart she has the conjunction between Jupiter and Uranus that foretold, as early as her first whimper, a sudden bereavement as well as an inheritance for which she would have to struggle with a good amount of 'stamped paper' – in fact, the conjunction is blemished by dissonant angles coming from other celestials of the natal chart. During the SR shown in the figure, she lost her father, her mother, and her mother-in-law. So, who says Solar Returns do not work? As you can see, the chart of SR has Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in the 8th. Of these celestials, the first and the second one also rule the 11th House (and this should make us reflect). The Ascendant of SR occupies the subject's natal 1st House. Regardless of transits, the union of two malefic Houses can trigger astrological 'relays' that may cause serious harm. Several times I was asked my opinion on what are the best forecasting systems in astrology among primary directions, secondary directions, progressions, lunar phases, and so on. My answer then, as well as now, is still the same: it is transits **together with** SR's.



### Example #26

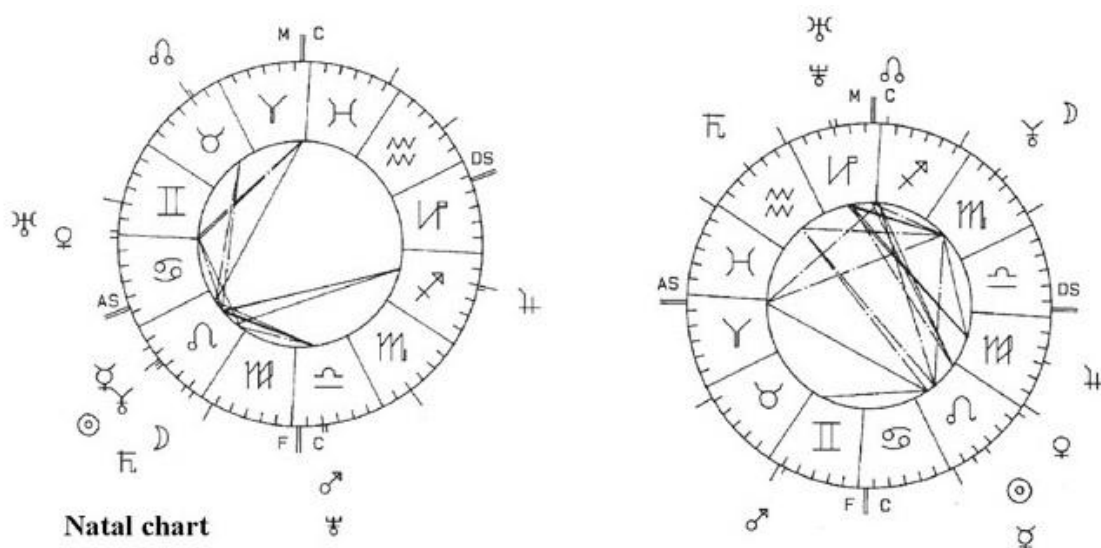
This is a young woman of modest social status, who came to consult me several months ago, announcing that she was going to marry a very rich, old landowner from Calabria. As you can see from her SR of that year, a beautiful Jupiter stands out in the 7th House. Since she had the natal Sun in Taurus also in the 7th, this promised very good events, so that this makes me think that she may have been pursuing exactly this goal for all her life, and her dream came true during this SR. Just as a matter of curiosity, let me stress a detail that does not belong to the scope of this volume. In her natal chart, the 8th House – according to the system of derived Houses – can be read as the spouse's 2nd: and it is exactly here where her natal Jupiter is, heralding marriage with a rich man. Also Venus conjunct Saturn warned, since her birth, about a possible union with an aged man. Allow me a last remark on Solar Returns. Someone is probably wondering why in this case the AS of SR does not fall

in the subject's natal 7th – it actually occupies her natal 3rd, and also the Sun of SR is in the 3rd of SR. I have already said that you need to make an intelligent reading out of the charts of SR. In fact, while 'hitting the jackpot', the lady had to suffer the violent opposition of her in-laws against the marriage.



### Example #27

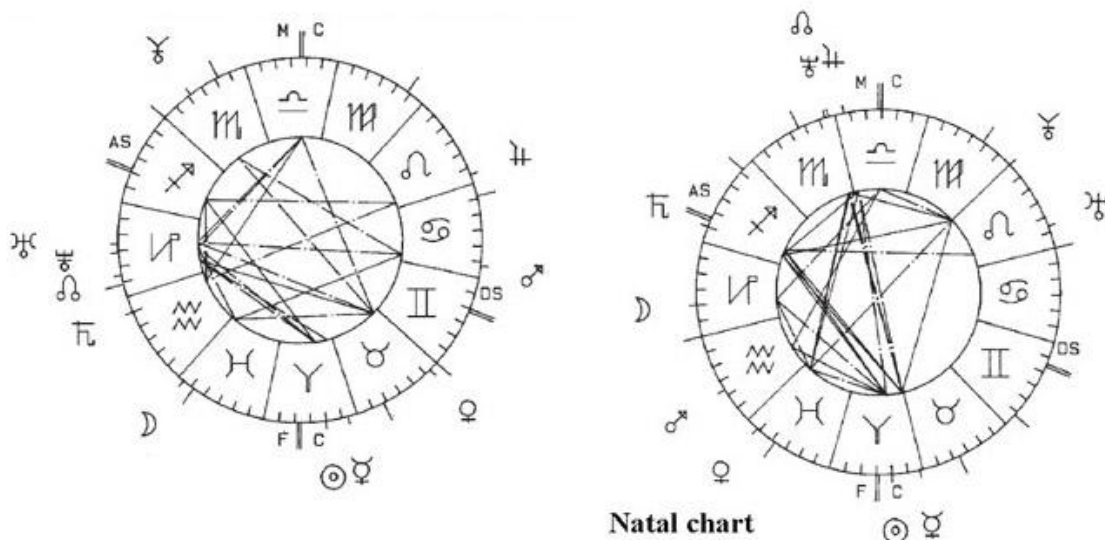
This is an aimed SR. The subject works in the theatre. He came to me in a desperate situation, when he was even considering committing suicide. An old acquaintance of mine, who had never wanted to relocate a SR, had suggested to him to consult me. Perhaps, he was willing to try me by handing this apparently lost case to me. This subject was evidently upset. When I told him the location where he should go to spend his next birthday, he became even more upset. I remember that it was a difficult case of relocation, from the geographical and astrological point of view as well. However, I just managed – by a whisker – to place the Ascendant of his SR in his natal 10th. I was aware of the risks involved in this choice, but I trusted that his beautiful natal trine between Jupiter and the Sun would guarantee the positive result. In short, I persuaded him to borrow money for the trip and he reached the selected location. He also sent me a postcard from there. A week later he phoned me, saying that nothing good had happened yet. I reassured him, reminding him that the evaluation of a SR must be made at the end of its twelve months, and then I simply forgot about him. This year he came to me with his face beaming with happiness. He brought wonderful news, and he asked me where he should go for his next aimed birthday.



### Example #28

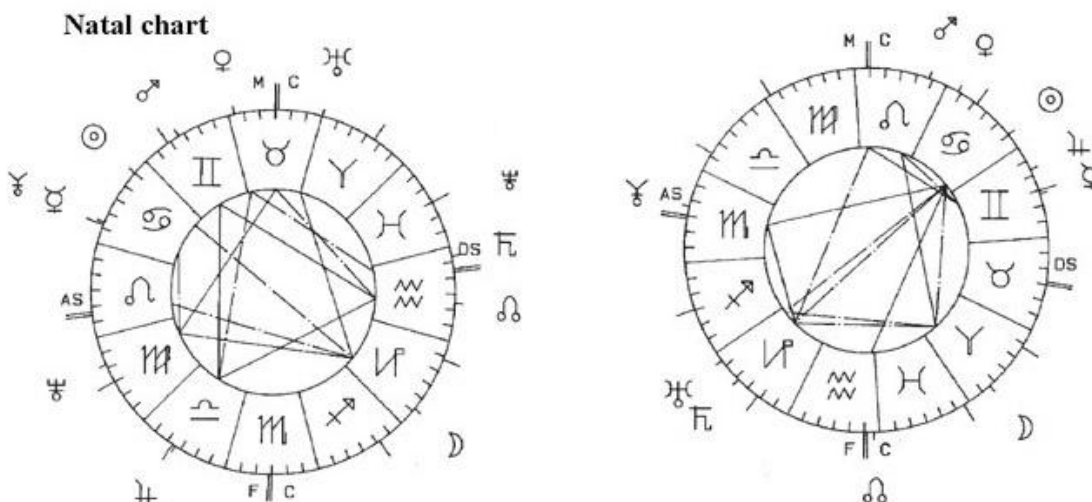
This is the case of yet another Ascendant of SR falling in the subject's natal 12th. This lady came to me because everything seemed to be going wrong in her life, from the smallest things up to the most important issues. Perhaps the most important objective event of that year was the separation from her second husband. Of course, she knew nothing about astrology and Solar Returns. I reassured her by

promising that things would have turned better after her next birthday, explaining what an aimed SR is. She said she was willing to try what she considered to be an 'experiment' (a reality, for those who have already put this method into practice), so I invited her to meet me again one month before her birthday. Why a month? Because you must have the full astrological picture before your eyes in order to take such an important decision, so that you know what the preceding SR had produced for the subject, and consequently decide where to place the 'malefics' in the chart of the coming aimed SR. I take this opportunity to remind my readers that I often use the term 'malefic' for the sake of simplification, but I do not think that such planets are *always* bad, as I have explained at length in my other volumes, especially in *The New Guide to Astrology* and in *Transits and Solar Returns*.



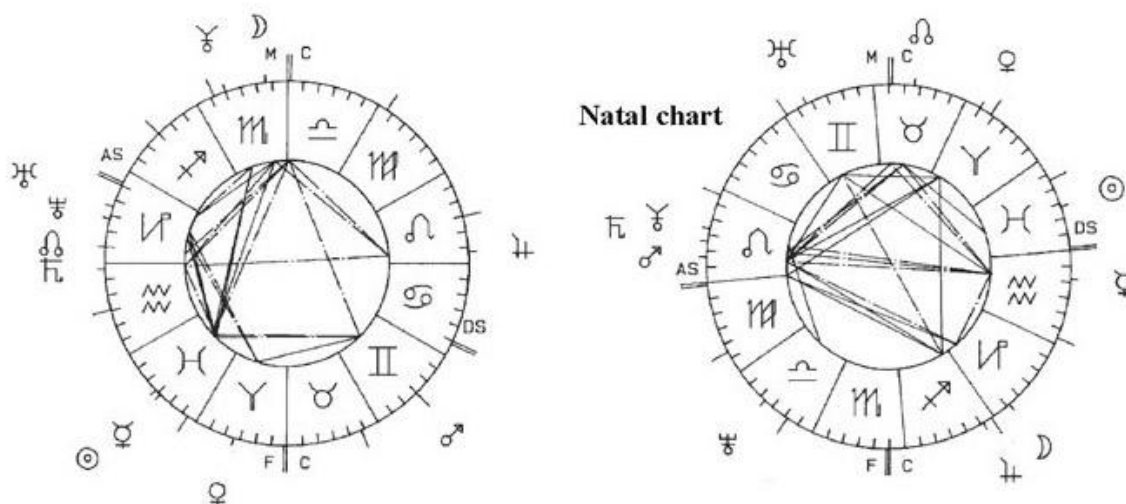
### Example #29

This example is a case of transfer of activity of a farmer in southern Lazio. As you can see, virtually everything is explained by the 2nd and the 8th House of SR, crying out the 'headline of the yearly newspaper': *Money, money, money!* Since the 2nd House contains 'malefics' (implying lack of money), money comes in through the 8th House. The Ascendant of his Solar Return of that year falls – by a whisker – in the subject's natal Fourth House. So you see once again the high value of the chart of Solar Return, which often clarifies even the details of the coming events, sometimes even stating the obvious repeatedly. On the other hand, when designing an ASR it is good practice if the astrologer never tries to consider the details at any cost. On the contrary, it is very useful to see the counselee at the end of the current SR to take a stock of the events of the past months, from which the astrologer can learn a lot. In this case, not only the SR refers to something very important from the financial point of view, but it also tells you what the reason for this extraordinary flow of money is. On the first page of the subject's personal journal of the year you can also read the headline 'Estate transaction'. In this case too, you have to get an intelligent reading out of the chart of SR. Those who have little practice might have gotten hold of the wrong end of the stick.

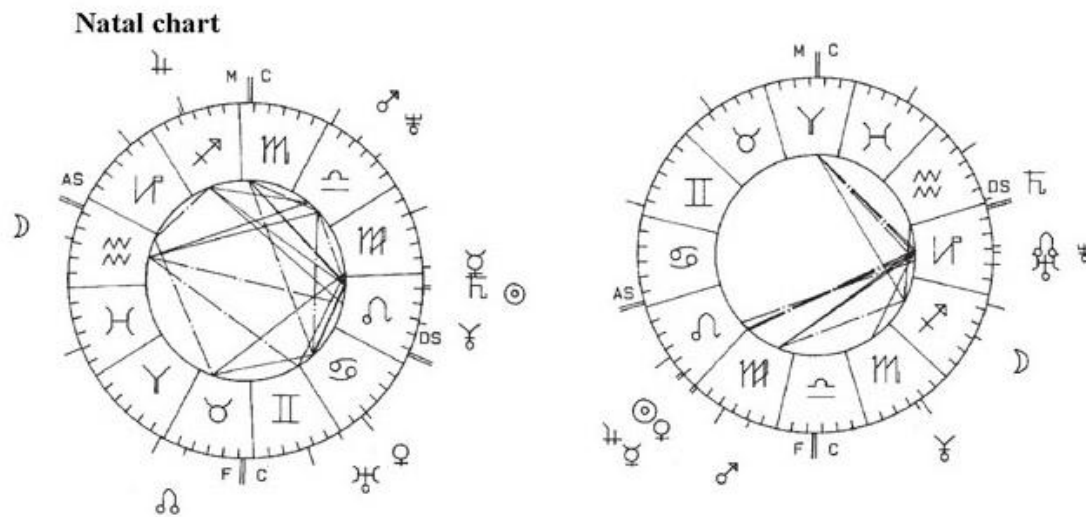


**Example #30**

This is the case of a professional from Campania who had received threats for not paying 'protection money'. Thus he had resolved that he could no longer live where he was and settled down in northern Italy with her family. Apparently, this Aimed Solar Return does not correspond to the reported events, because someone might object that the AS of the SR falls in his natal 5th, which has nothing to do with moving to another geographical area. But there it had to fall, because consequently to their settling down in northern Italy, the children caused many sorrows to this subject because they lived this event as a real trauma. And as you can see, there is a stellium of 'not good' celestials in the 1st of SR. As I explained in the first part of this volume, this usually corresponds to a very negative – if not dramatic – situation. In this case, the stellium caused panic in the subject, whose life was in danger after all. Also, the position of that ill-placed Jupiter in the 7th should not be underestimated. In fact, the 7th is also the House of declared enemies, of judicial trials, of events concerning the subject's relationship with law and/or his possible acts against the law. In fact, in another example with similar astral positions that I remember well, the subject was eventually murdered.

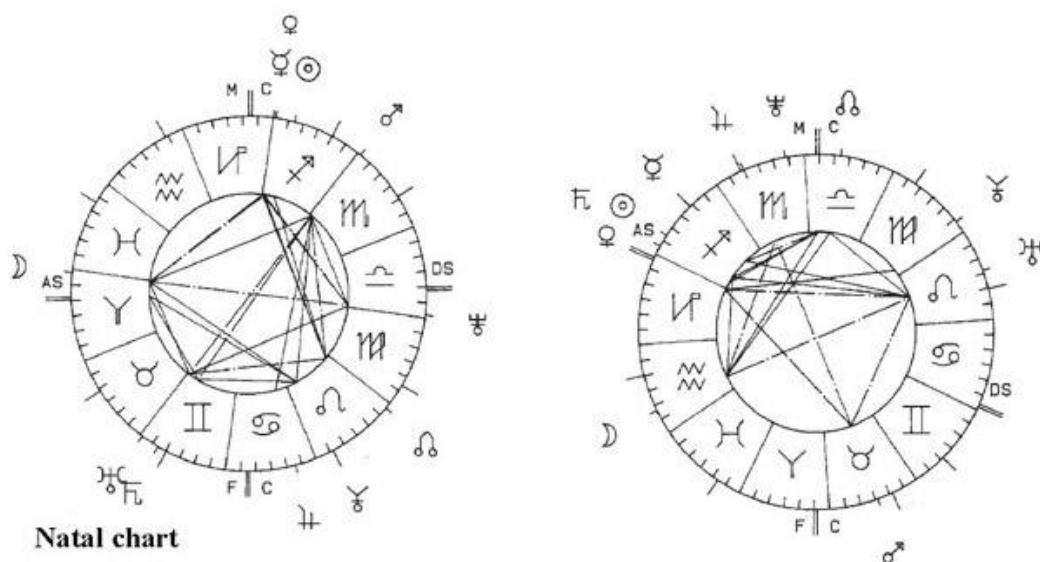
**Example #31**

The two charts below refer to a woman of a certain age who for years has been suffering from a sort of so-called 'nervous breakdown'. This implied that she stopped having sex with her husband, with whom she used to have a fairly good sexual harmony. In the period of time covered by this Solar Return, unfortunately her mental and physical health had greatly deteriorated. She was very despondent and was longing to receive a word of hope from me. This kind of 'approach' is not correct, because I always tell things as they really are, although I do my best to do so gently, often with love, and always leaving a glimmer of something that is more than a mere hope, but that should not be considered – at least I think so – as if it were a miracle or the intervention of some sort of 'magic'. This is the reason why I put into practice the **Active Astrology**, which may allow you to achieve exceptional results even with the most desperate cases, through Aimed Solar Returns and the technique of the exorcism of symbols. As you can see, in this case, the AS of the SR falls in the natal 6th, the House of illness and diseases, one of the three Houses that I always try to (and suggest to) avoid in a chart of SR. The stellium in the 2nd points to the money the subject spent for medical care. The 6th House of SR is also pretty nasty.



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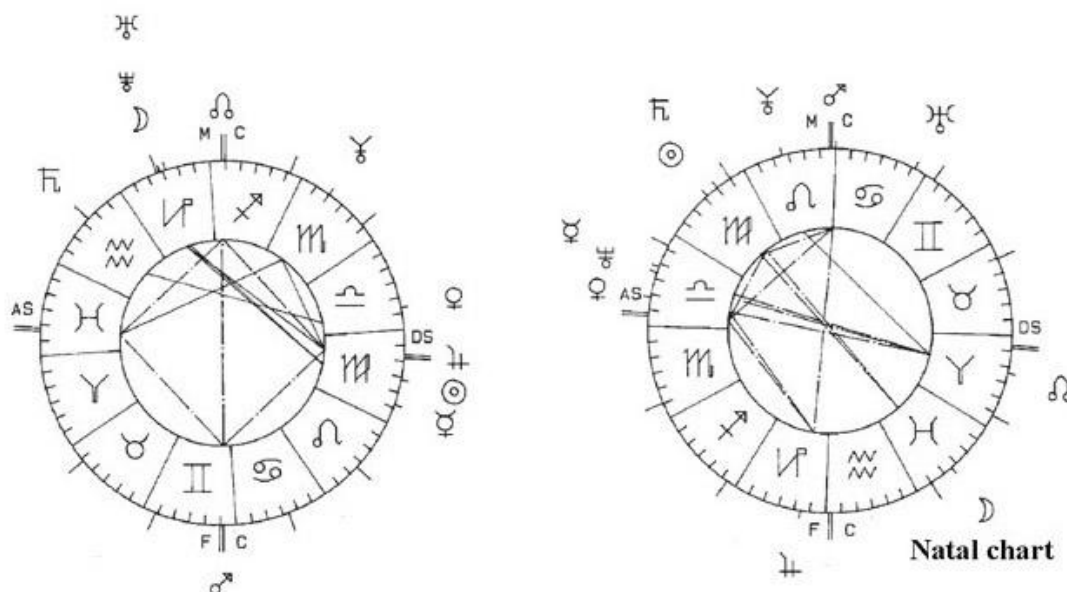
This is a woman who lost her mother at the age of about 15 years. You can see her birth sky as well as the chart of the SR covering that event. I must underline that I haven't had the occasion of digging into details with her, so I do not know what the AS of SR in the 9th might have implied for her in that period. But I know that while still a girl, she once settled down in another continent, and perhaps this event may have taken place exactly in that year. As far as her mother's death is concerned, it seems to me that there are enough ingredients in this SR to explain the mournful event. There is a stellium in the 12th of SR; Uranus in the 8th is opposite the Moon (pointing to the sudden death of a female member of the family); and Mars in the 4th is in opposition to Jupiter in the 10th. With regard to this latter opposition, I must reiterate that both the 10th and the 4th refer to parents, but with a difference. Surely the 10th belongs to the mother and the 4th to the father; but often a blemished 4th strikes the subject's mother rather than the father, as in this case. For this reason I consider that the 4th refers to both parents (and to both parents-in-law), while the 10th refers to the mother (and to the mother-in-law) only. There are symptoms of both deaths and financial ruin in the natal chart.



### Example #33

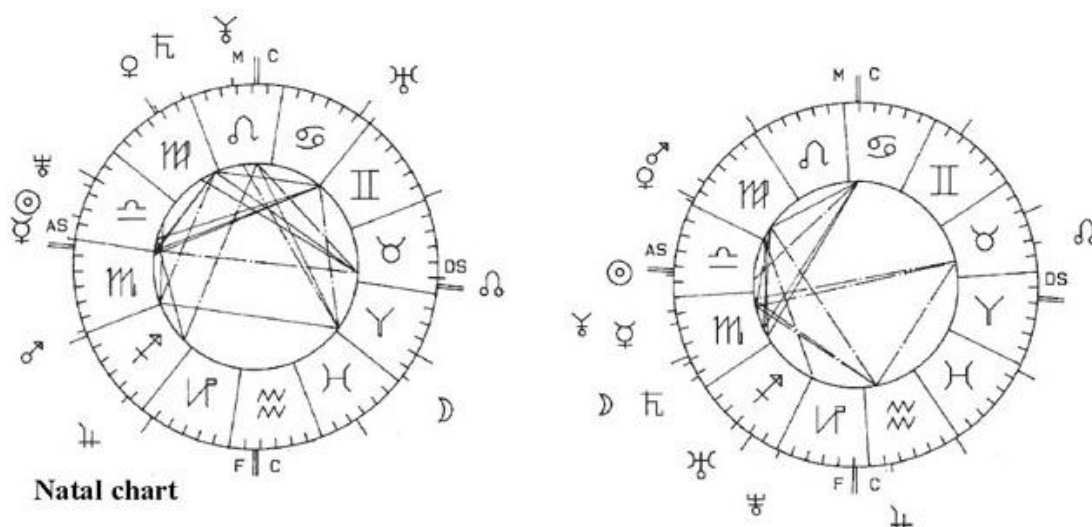
This is a female subject, a clerk in a bank. During a previous bad SR she had experienced the fear of losing her job; had a romance that went wrong; had also experienced problems with her husband (from whom she had already separated earlier) and also with her daughters. But she was about to have a positive SR that would soon change everything. I met this woman before this SR. Despite her complaints about the ugly events of the past year, I did not find it necessary to suggest an aimed SR. In fact, she spent her following birthday at home. When I saw her again several months later, she told me that she was pretty surprised, particularly because she had met another gentleman with whom she was having a satisfactory affair, at least up to that moment. She had also experienced a sort of revival in her recreational life. She was having more fun: cinema, restaurant, theatre, concerts, etcetera. In

fact, the AS of SR fell in the natal 5th, and Venus and Jupiter in the 7th heralded her new love story. On the other hand, the Sun in the 6th led to new dermatological disorders (from which she was already suffering). Mars at the IC reiterated the poor relationship and the problems of cohabitation with her husband, who lives with her despite being separated.



### Example #34

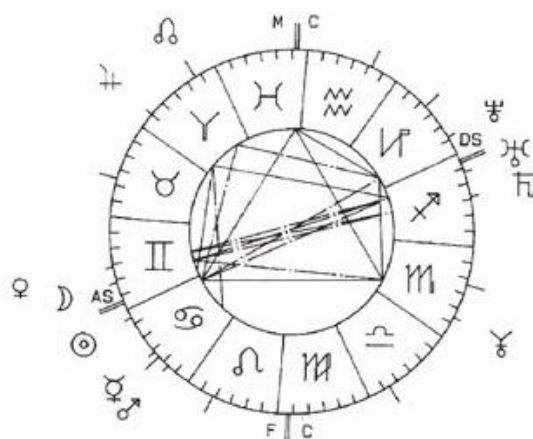
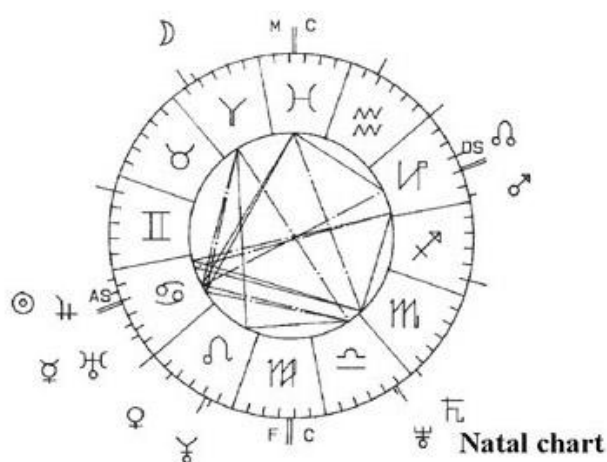
Ascendant of SR falling in the natal 12th and the Sun of SR on the cusp between the 1st and the 12th (from the frying pan into the fire) for this male subject, who was suffering from haemorrhoids for years. During this SR his problem greatly aggravated, leading him to resolve to undergo surgery. Apart from that, it was a year without praise or blame. Therefore, this example is one of many that I might publish to prove that my theory of the 'exorcism of transits' really works. In fact, to those who do not want to relocate before a very bad year (I refer to the SR) I propose to 'sacrifice a lamb'. [*Translator's Note:* i.e. to give up something depending upon the symbols involved.] Obviously, it cannot be a cheap 'lamb' purchased at the supermarket, but it has to be something important, for which you must pay a significant toll. In most cases, this can be done also with Solar Returns: I have seen that such a transaction can be enough to appease an ugly SR. Conversely, little suffering such as going to the dentist for those who fear it, or taking part in some sporting activity for lazy people, are typically insufficient for this purpose. In these cases, I suggest to bring together two or three small penalties that may be equivalent to a larger one. But, I repeat, it is always better to relocate than to rely on the exorcism of symbols.



### Example #35

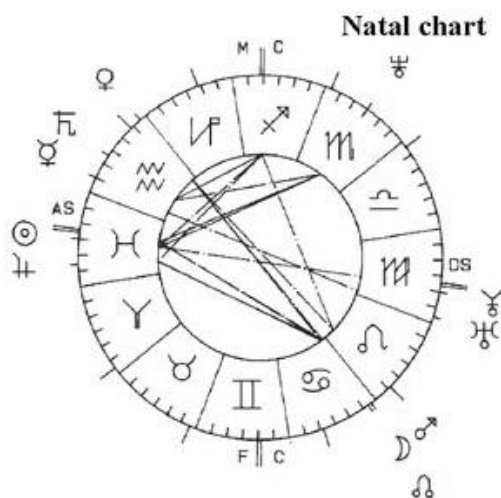
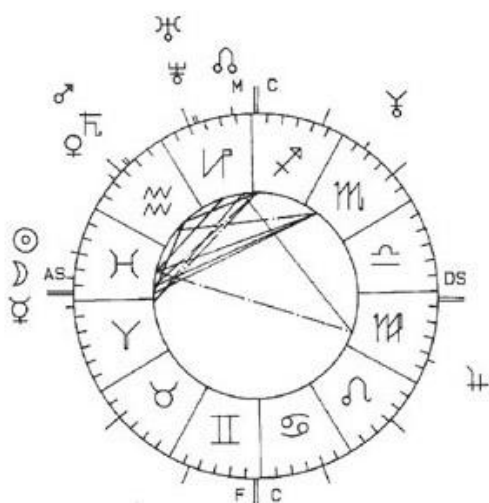
This is another AS of SR falling in the natal 12th, together with Uranus and Saturn in the 6th of SR. Under this SR, the female subject had a serious road accident in which her husband died. I believe

that whoever has been keeping a neutral opinion on my considering the 12th House so detrimental, at this point would certainly take a position. Some others would assume the falsity of these examples and my lack of real experience in this field. This is not fantasy: once a friend of mine clearly accused me of publishing fake charts. This is what I can answer. 1) I have an archive of thousands of different cases. It would have been much more uncomfortable and time-consuming for me to invent false cases, instead of browsing into the existing ones. 2) And most important, I invite the readers to cast a number of charts of SR and to have a special look over the ones whose AS falls in the subject's natal 12th. Anyone who performs this operation with a minimum of intelligence can only confirm what I have written in several books as well as in the present volume. Needless to say that my strong pride, testified with the facts on several occasions, would prevent me from putting into practice those 'ugly tricks' that only miserable people can produce.



### Example #36

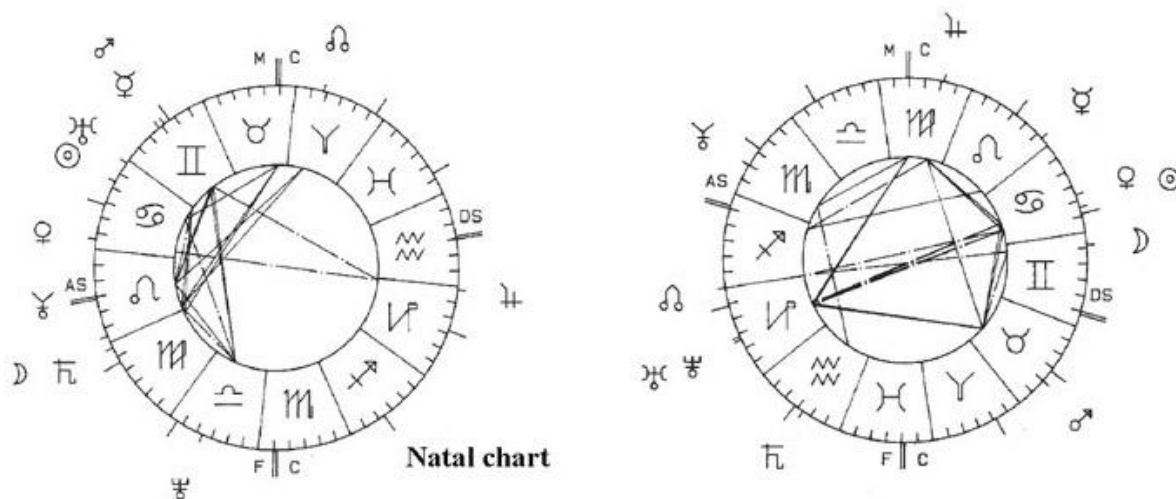
This is another clear case: this woman separated definitely from her husband during this SR. Looking at the chart you can find a real exuberance of indications pointing to this event. The AS of SR falls into the natal 1st, which in itself should make you think carefully about the dangers that the subject may face. Then, as a confirmation of the fact that the chart of SR is generous with information, you find the Sun in the 12th. All this announces trouble, but in which field of existence? Moon and Venus in the 12th help you to complete the picture. It should be noted that many times, the references of a separation are not very evident in a chart of SR. In fact, it may happen that the subject, be it male or female, has another relationship going on, and separation from his or her official steady partner is not really important in this case. For this reason, when designing an aimed SR, it is good and wise to question the counselee carefully so that you can figure out, clearly, what are the areas of the chart of SR that you can penalize.



### Example #37

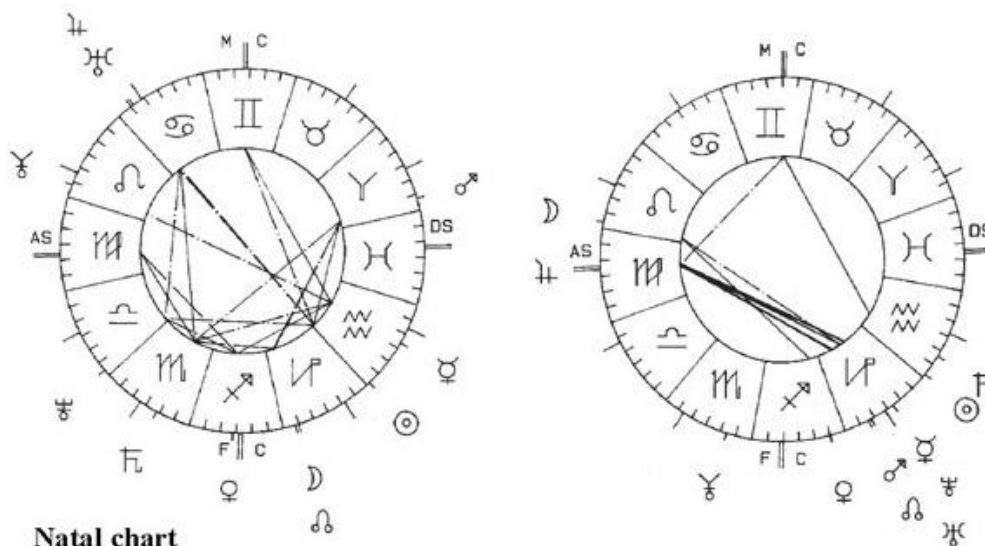
This is another case of separation. These charts belong to a female subject. I present them as a follow-up to the discussion on the topic discussed in the previous example. In fact, in this case the

separation is not underpinned by the terrible positions of the SR. Even so, you could have read it in advance, with an in-depth study of the two charts – and also considering the SR together with the transits of the same period – and also querying the counselee. In this case, alas, she came to me when everything had already happened. You can detect that the AS of SR falls in her natal 4th, which in this case may imply two things: 1) she left her husband at home, so he had to move to another place, or 2) her husband left their home, so her daily life at home had completely changed. Both cases are perfectly consistent with the meanings of the 4th House. You can also see that the Sun of SR is in the 8th, which I classify as the fourth in the ranking of the most 'evil' Houses of SR, although I almost never suggest relocation, if it's only for the sake of avoiding its occupation. (*A note from the Author:* Today, in spring 2002, this point of view has somewhat changed.) But that is not all: you must also consider the axis of opposition involving four celestials in the 8th and in the 2nd. Venus is opposite Uranus and Neptune. All four of these celestials have meant the loss of money that this lady had to face as a consequence of the separation.



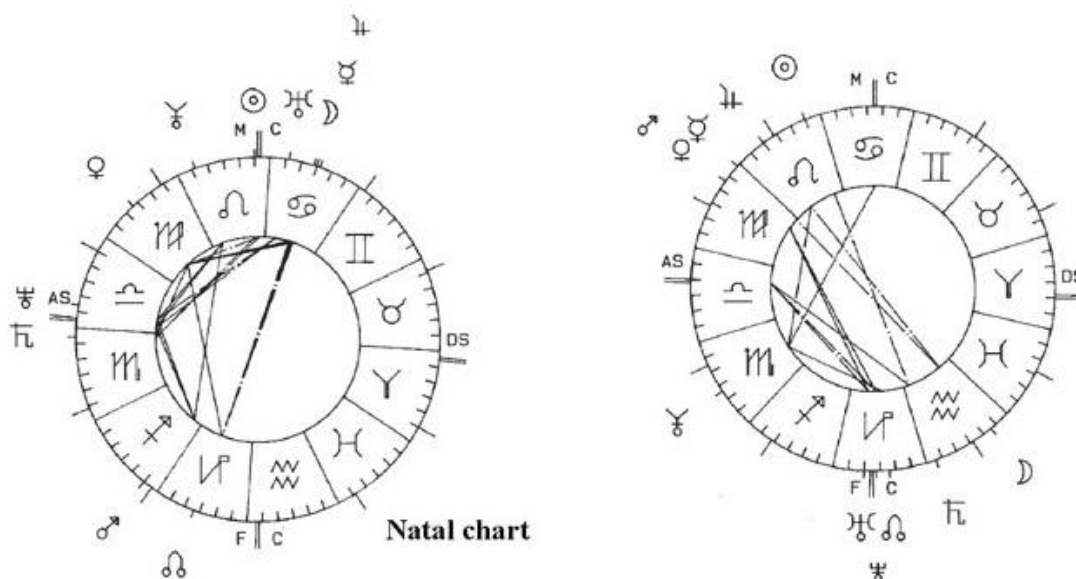
### Example #38

This is a male subject, owner of a shop in Turin, Italy. His case is unlike any other because he refused to follow my astrological advice and, in fact, he did not feel comfortable that year. I met him before the SR whose chart is shown below, and I warned him that he would have a SR with the AS falling in his natal 12th, with all the consequences that this could imply. I suggested to aim his SR and selected a foreign location where he should have spent his birthday. Then, as I always do, I also suggested an alternative to him; namely, a surgical operation to have his bladder stones removed. He came back to me after a year, virtually destroyed, and angry with himself for not having followed my advice. In fact, he had neither relocated his SR nor undergone surgery. Instead he had developed a gastritis-duodenitis; he had separated from his wife; he had become the victim of several burglaries in his shop; and in short, he reported to have suffered from 'bad luck' in virtually all the fields of his existence. In my opinion, this was not useless because I am sure that as soon as he knows that his following SR has the AS falling again in his natal 12th, he will follow my suggestions (or those of my students, if he consults any of them) and relocate without hesitation. In fact, this is what happened several times with many other people.



### Example #39

This is a bank employee in a small town in northern Italy. Some of the considerations contained in the previous example may refer to him as well. Three days after his birthday whose SR is shown below, he was 'fired' without prior notice and lost his job. A few months later his wife – a clerk in a public institution – was transferred to another town. And last but not least, they had to embark on a lawsuit with all the consequences that you can easily imagine. As I mentioned earlier, being 'awarded' with an AS of SR falling in your natal 12th can also be very useful for the future, because it might save you from even worse damage in the years to come. In fact, not every year of 12th House are equal in power. As we have seen in previous examples, relocating to avoid this kind of SR can even save your life. Once a friend of mine asked me, "So, must we always run away?" And I said, "Why not, if this makes your life better?" This is the 'gist of life' after all. Can anybody explain to me why many people embark on several important trips every year, but when I suggest to them to make the most important one, i.e. the birthday relocation, they usually resist?

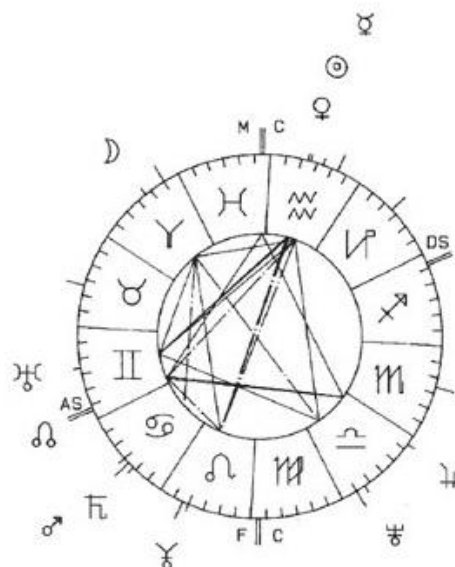
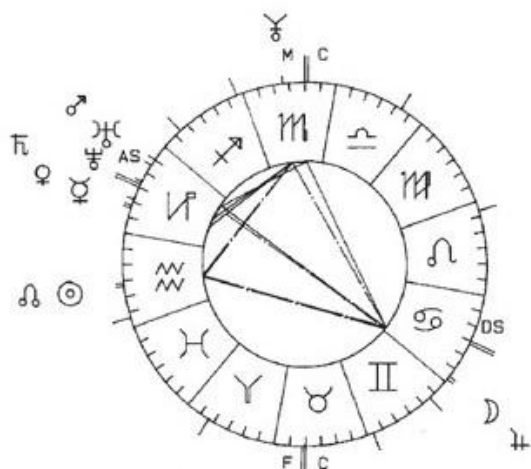


### Example #40

This female subject works as a clerk in a travel agency. During the Solar Return shown in figure, she delivered a baby with heart defects, who died a few months later. It is impressive to notice the gruesome cluster of celestials scattered over the 1st and the 12th of SR. You can hardly find anything worse in a chart of SR. The Ascendant is on the cusp of the natal 8th, perhaps in the 7th House rather than in the 8th. Hence the usual idle question, "The pregnancy of the heart-defected foetus started under the SR of the previous year. So, would it have been possible to avoid this tragedy by simply suggesting to the woman to spend her birthday somewhere else?" You have read my answer several times in this volume. My answer is, "I think there is a puppeteer who controls all the wires. I do not know how the system works, but I know – with certainty – that it does. No mother whom I sent off to

spend her birthday, perhaps with an AS of SR falling in her natal 10th, has ever given birth to an unhealthy baby." My advice is to forget about philosophy and learn to get the best out of the aimed SR's.

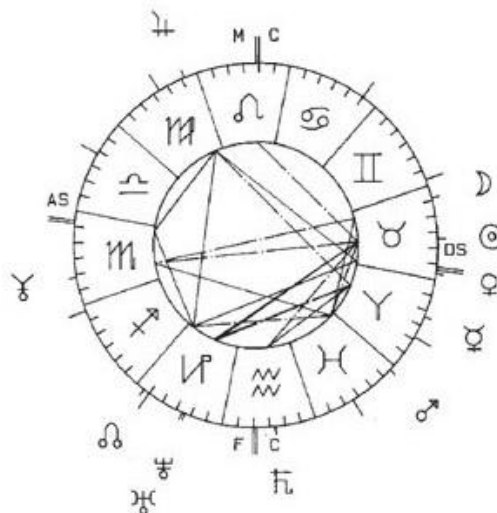
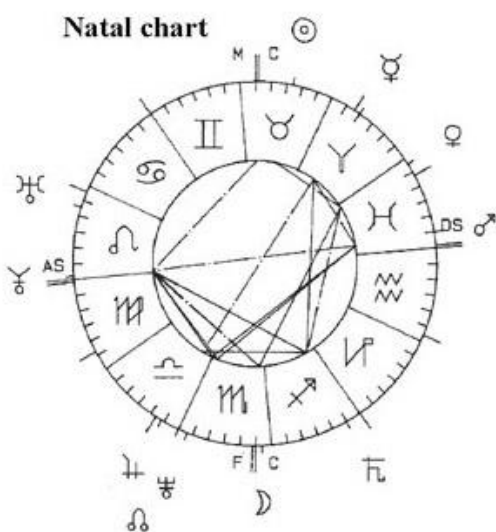
**Natal chart**



#### Example #41

This is a lady who is an employee of state administration in Turin, Italy. She professes a great passion for reading and writing. A few months before coming to me she had fallen in love with a man who also loved her very much. Thus, a beautiful love story had started whose current developments I do not know. As you can see, the AS of SR falls in the natal 3rd; and if I remember it correctly, she was writing a book – a very important enterprise for her. However, love and not the book is expressed in very clear terms in the chart of SR: Sun, Venus and Moon are in the 7th House in Taurus. Once again, this tells us that a chart of SR never lies. It is only the astrologer's simple mind that can lead him/her to mistake its interpretation. In fact, if you follow the general rules described in this volume, you would hardly make a blunder. For this reason I suggest you to avoid trying to read the chart of SR in its smallest details, such as the position of planets in signs, or the natal House in which the cusp of MC falls. About the cusp of MC of the chart of SR, I have noticed that it often confuses the astrologer; therefore I emphasize once again to limit your reading to the essential elements listed in this volume: in return you will get to know much more.

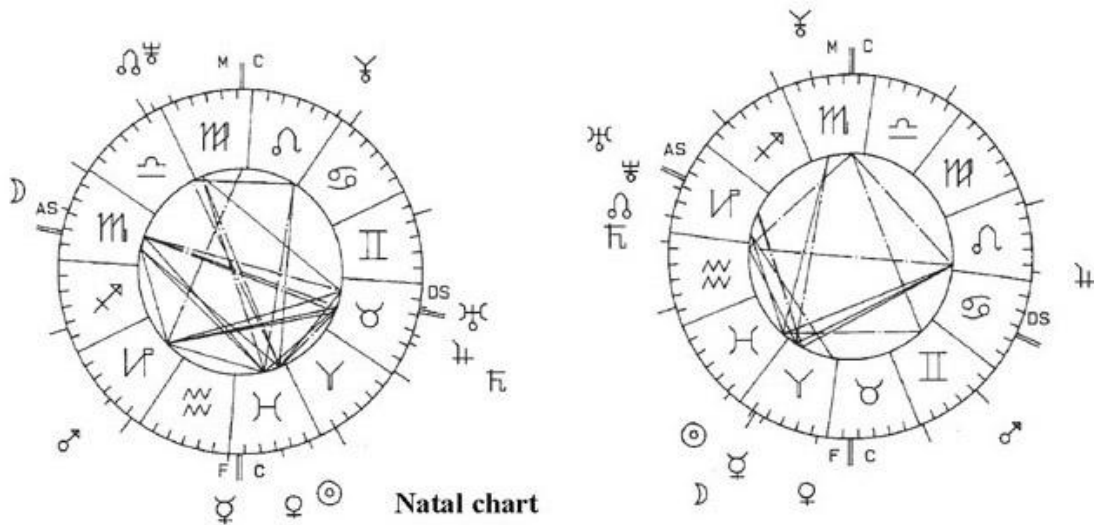
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#### Example #42

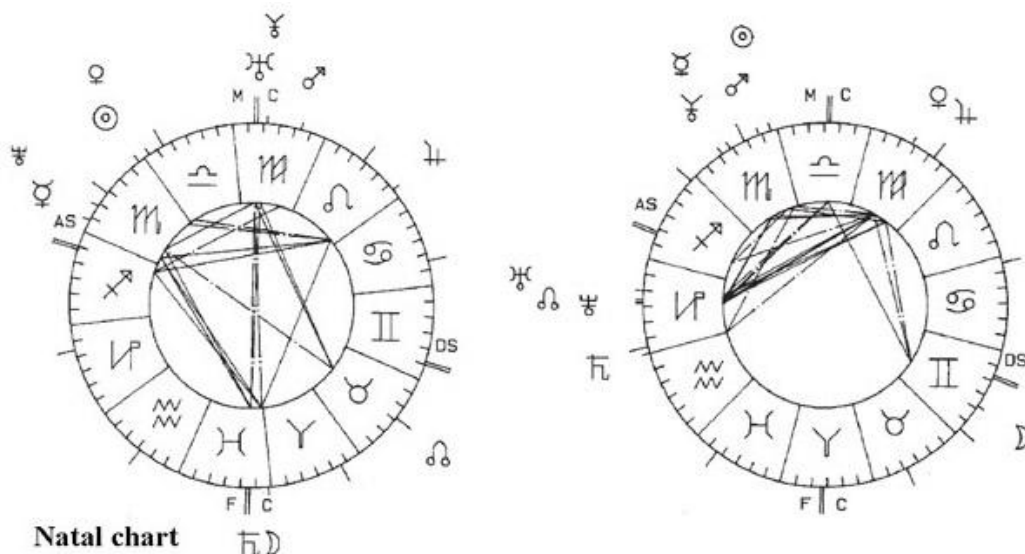
This female subject works in a public institution in Sicily. During her SR shown in the figure, her husband was shot to death, allegedly by people belonging to his working environment (I cannot be more precise, since I do not know what his job was). Motive: money. As you can, see the stellium of 'malefics' in the 1st House has nearly the same intensity of an AS of SR falling in the natal 12th. As I

have stressed many times, this too is a dangerous astrological situation. It is not strictly tied to the subject's health, but still implying health problems, it opens up wider horizons to the astrologer who reads it correctly. Here, evidently, this astrological combination pointed to days of pain and terror culminating in such a terrible event. It is a really detrimental stellium, especially since it occupies the 1st House. Thus it is necessarily bound to herald a very dramatic event that would take place in the twelve months covered by this SR. Mars on the cusp of the 6th House often indicates that the subject deals with underworld people during the year. It also frequently refers to the subject – or his/her close relatives – becoming a victim of violence.



#### Example #43

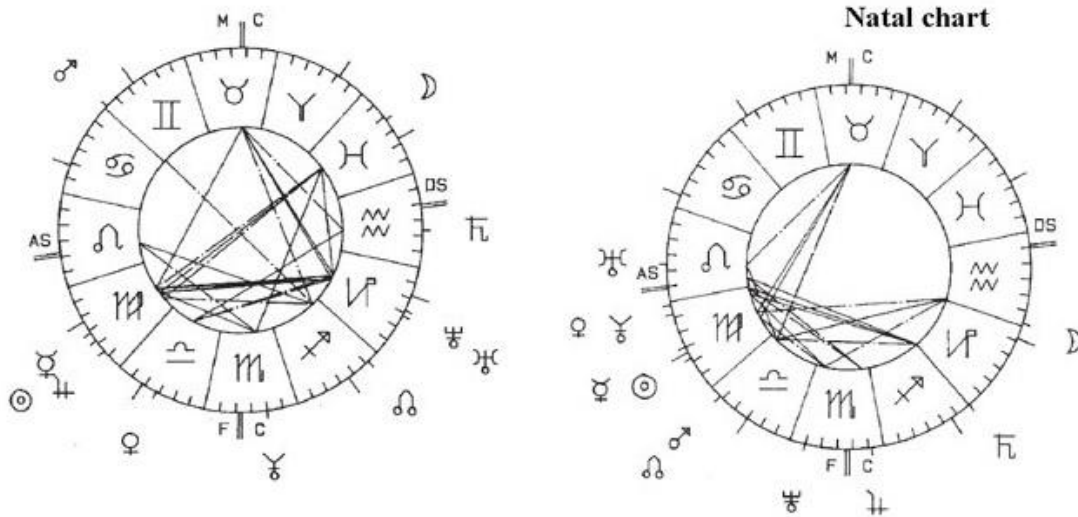
This is another example of how bad the 1st House of SR can be in the majority of cases. This is a man whose brother died during the Solar Return shown in the figure. The AS of SR falls into his natal 1st House, and Uranus and Neptune stand out in the 1st of SR. Honestly, in this case I would not have been able to indicate the type of disaster that the subject would face, but I certainly would have suggested him a change of scenery. Here I am dealing almost exclusively with Solar Returns, which are the main scope of this volume. On the other hand, as usual, it is not a bad habit to look carefully also at the subject's birth chart. There you can see Saturn at the IC, in conjunction with the Moon (a very ugly combination of astrological elements). I suspect that the birth time should be slightly rectified, just enough to have Saturn placed in the natal 3rd. In addition, Jupiter is in the natal 8th, in addition to its placement on the cusp between the 8th and the 9th of SR. This has certainly played a significant role in the event, insofar that the subject inherits part of the legacy of his brother.



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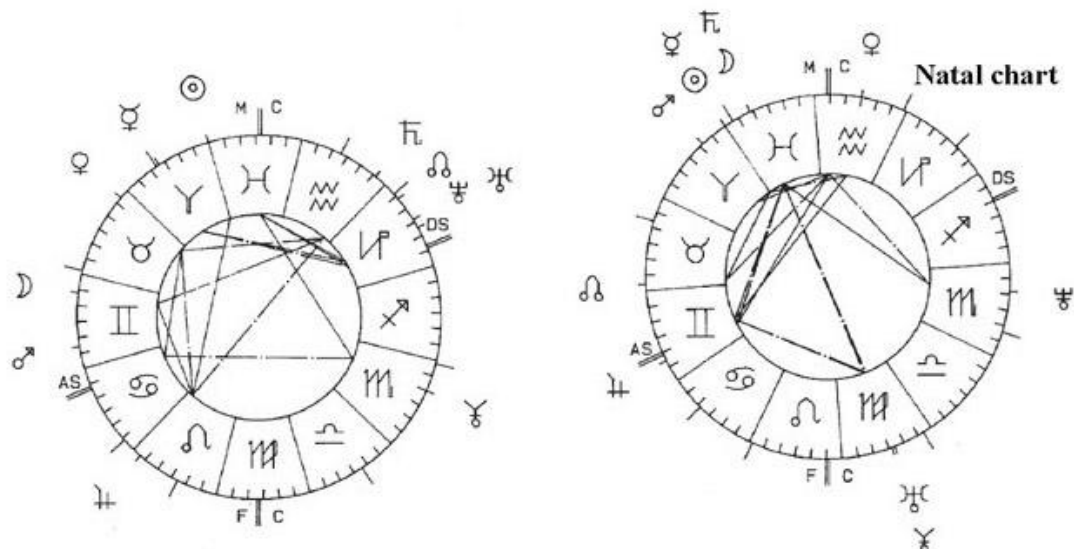
This subject works as a paramedic in a hospital in Emilia-Romagna. In the year covered by the SR shown below, he had a very bad emotional disappointment that made him ill for several months. Once

again, we meet our... old acquaintance: the AS of RS falling in the natal 12th. In addition, Venus and the Moon are badly placed in this chart of SR. It seems to me that there are no other comments to make here, so I take this opportunity to mention something that I may have forgotten in the previous paragraphs. Reading these examples, you may note that a SR is 'out of phase' by one year compared to the transit pointing to the same kind of event. In this case, I refer to Saturn transiting over the subject's natal Venus. Do not worry, it is not an oversight. It simply means that the transit of the previous year was referring to another love story that, in fact, had developed during the previous year. When the subject came to consult me, he was not interested in *that* story any more. Times have changed – men's passion for a woman or a car or a trip to China may change as quickly as the passage of the Moon.



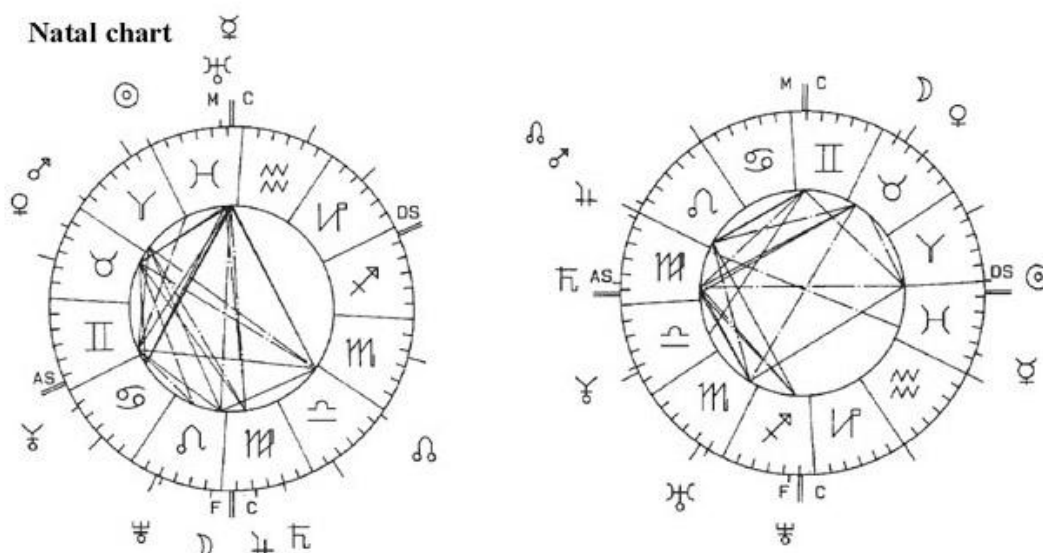
#### Example #45

This young man is a student of Economics in Rome. This case has nothing to do with what happens with virtually all the young people, who accept and leave each other even with trivial transits of Mercury or Venus – and in fact, it reflects a quite contrasting situation. Sometimes it happens that people ask me about love, "But how can it be that can't you see any big event in my horoscope for today? I am so much in love!" And I do not see it at all, because at best that wonderful love story will last one week only. Returning to this case, after eight years of engagement, this young man split from his girlfriend during the SR shown below. To all intents and purposes, this is equivalent to divorce. This is a textbook case (at least as you can read it in *my* textbooks): the AS of SR falls in the natal 1st, and Uranus and Neptune stand out in the 7th of SR, clearly pointing to divorce. Also, Venus of SR is caught between a square of Saturn and a square of Jupiter. In short, in this case too the separation could have been avoided – as I have actually avoided it for many friends and counselees with a little help from the Heavens – by suggesting a 'timed separation' and a good aimed birthday. To learn more on this topic, please refer to my volume on *Active Astrology*.

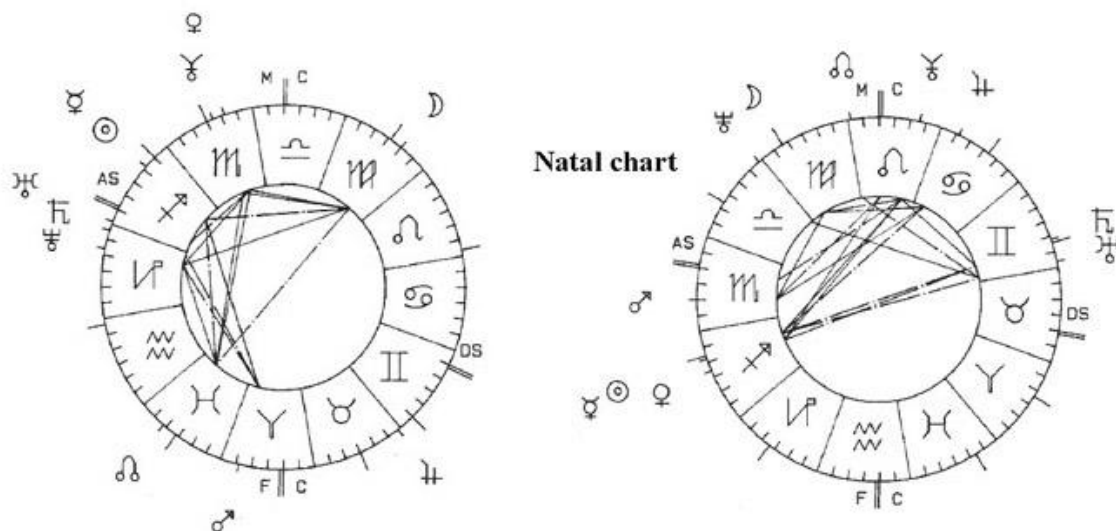


**Example #46**

In November 1980 a terrible earthquake destroyed entire towns in the border area between Campania and Basilicata, causing the deaths of thousands of people, including many elderly and children. The charts below refer to a woman from Basilicata who was stricken twice by the earthquake, experienced the worst hours of her entire life: her little daughter was buried under the debris for a few days (but she was eventually saved), and her house was completely destroyed. A SR with Saturn on the Ascendant, and very close to it, cannot predict anything good. It is not without reason that this planet is traditionally referred to as the 'great malefic'. Personally I have never placed it in such position in any aimed SR. In practice, this SR indicated a terrible year that affected the family, like many others of that area, with problems of all the kinds. The risk of death for the child can be seen by Venus in the 8th, while the AS of SR falls (of course) into the natal 4th. The child suffered from a major trauma, but she was saved, unlike the house that was completely destroyed. Are you asking me where the extreme gravity of this SR is? It is there, in those four celestial spread over the 1st and the 12th House of SR.

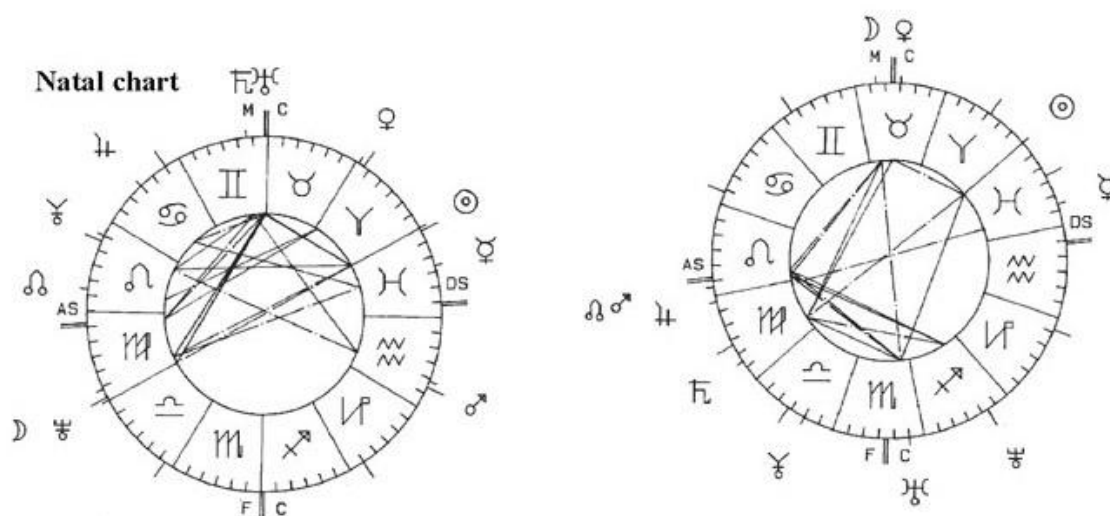
**Example #47**

During the SR below, this male subject faced two important situations: he changed jobs and underwent gall bladder surgery. As usual, the SR is bad, although this time it seems to have had even exaggerated effects: the Sun in the 12th House, and there is also a very detrimental stellium in the 1st. When you undergo surgery, 'malefic' celestials are almost always present in the 1st House of SR. I insist that, if I had met this gentleman before his birthday, I would have surely suggested him to go and relocate far, very far away. And if you choose not to leave for relocation, my suggestion is to undergo surgery soon after your birthday, but not *immediately* after it. In fact, you had better wait for the first twenty days to pass, and only then (provided that an operation is really justified from the medical point of view) can you undergo surgery. Otherwise, the operations (or the accidents) can also multiply over the twelve months covered by such SR. The AS of this SR falls in the subject's natal 2nd. It obviously points to his change of employment and salary, but I remember little about this.

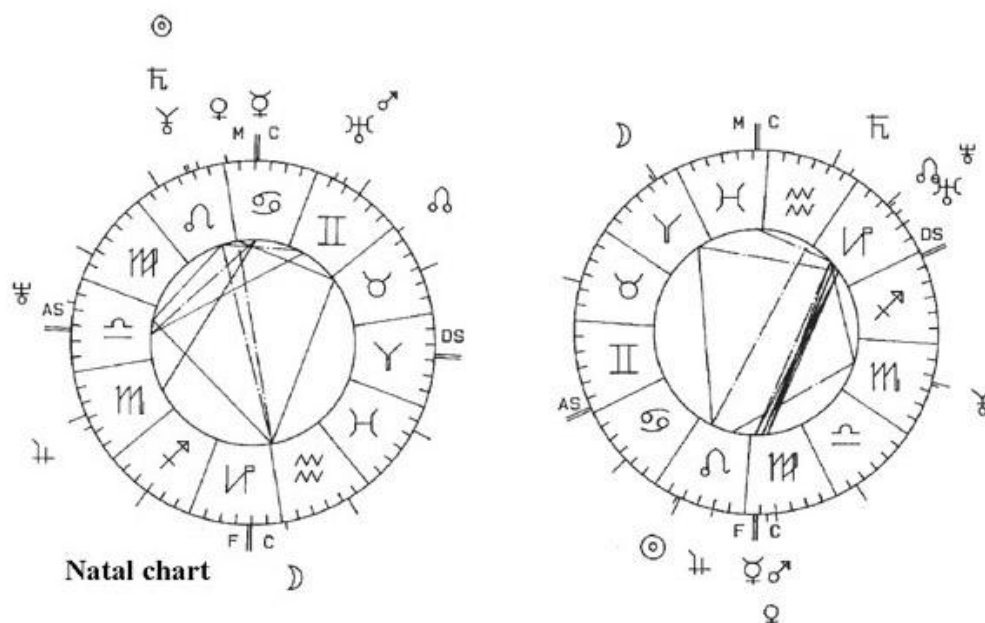


**Example #48**

This female subject is a clerk in the city hall of a town in the areas of the earthquake of 1980. She remained for several hours under the debris. Since then she has been suffering from a flattening of the vertebrae as well as bladder problems. The AS of SR falls in her natal 12th, the Sun of SR is in the 8th (risk of death), and Mars is in the 1st, very close to the Ascendant. I deem unnecessary to comment further. In all cases of collective misfortunes many people ask me, "Do you really mean that all the inhabitants of that area had a SR with the AS falling in their natal 12th that year?" Of course, I do not mean so. Many were saved completely, together with their houses. Others only suffered damage to their homes. Some others were even favoured by that event, because no one knows how or why, they had their home rebuilt soon and/or they were immediately assigned to a beautiful new home. Talking about collective tragedy, I would like to ask this question to you all: How can it be that a Boeing crashes and 400 people die, and only one little child survives? I think that this can be the subject of an exceptionally potential research. Perhaps in the coming years, those astrologers who are conversant with the use of computers may access databases containing millions of data concerning many different fields of knowledge and new horizons would open up to Astrology.

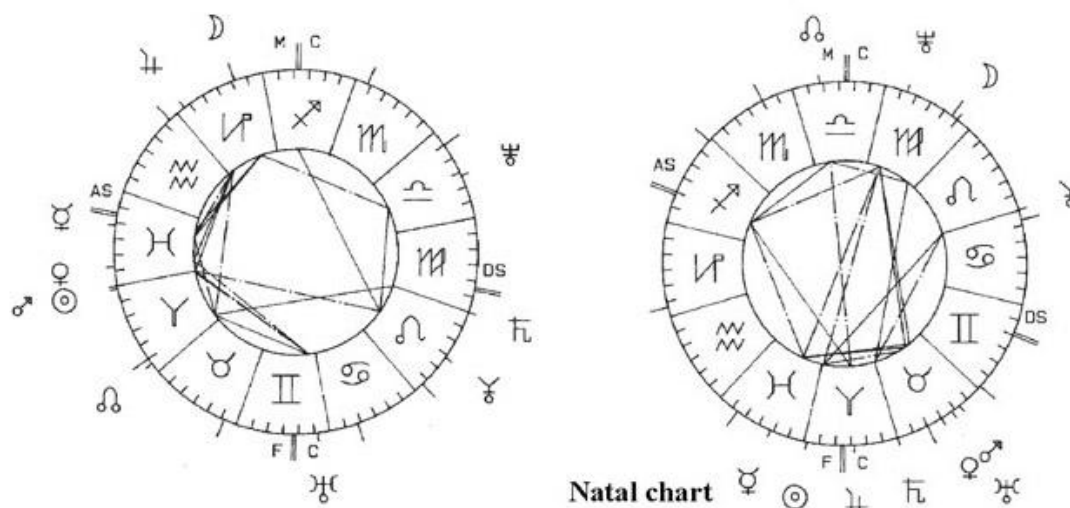
**Example #49**

This man came to consult me soon after having gone bankrupt because of a wrong investment in the North. So, no wonder if the AS of this SR falls in his natal 9th. Apart from the AS, you can also find the opposition between Sun and Saturn; one in the 2nd, the other in the 8th – What should this SR have told you more than this? In addition, the 7th House is badly occupied, which is indicative of the amount of official documents which the subject had to deal with because of his failure. Interestingly enough, Jupiter is basically well-placed in his natal 2nd, trine to the Midheaven. Well, this is a peculiar astrological position. I have seen several times, and it has always produced virtually the same results. Those born with Jupiter in the 2nd are able to gain and regain billions, but they must always be careful. But when you warn them to be so, they typically answer, "Be careful, why? About what?" In fact, Jupiter often implies a lack of critical sense, for it is related to so-called *Sagittarian candour*. The typical representatives of Sagittarius are seldom suspicious; they tend to lower their guard (in the case of this subject, he tends to lower his guard when dealing with money and business affairs), and ends up by being blown on the face. And if Jupiter is badly placed in the 2nd, this is even more amplified.



### Example #50

A stellium in the 1st and two planets in the 6th are enough to explain – with a convincing analysis of the facts – the trauma that this subject experienced when as a child, he saw his mother making love with a man who was not his father. Something similar happened also to Luigi Pirandello – a Cancerian, who – as commented by Leonardo Sciascia – was troubled throughout his life by that event. The First and Sixth House of SR explain the drama, the anguish, the sleepless nights, the fear, the disgust of this child who felt like having lost his mother in a moment. But children are children... During the same year, he received a bicycle as a gift: and the SR points to this, in fact the AS falls into his natal 3rd House. Sex and love continues to be the most popular subject that counselees want to discuss with astrologers. This is particularly true for female subjects, while men tend to concentrate on professional success. Women having a relationship outside marriage, in many cases, say they feel lonely and neglected by their respective husbands. Several years ago I wrote an essay on this subject, but I keep it in my drawer and have never resolved to publish it.

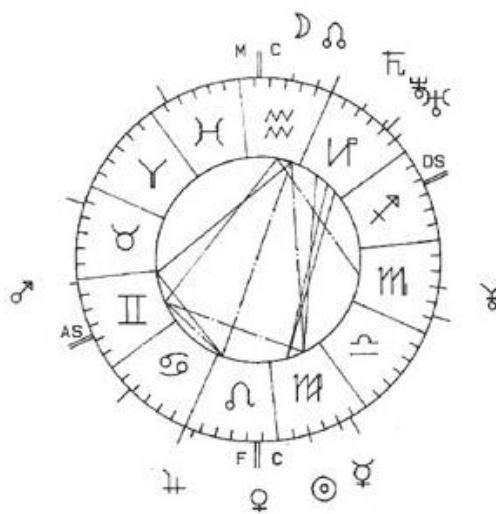
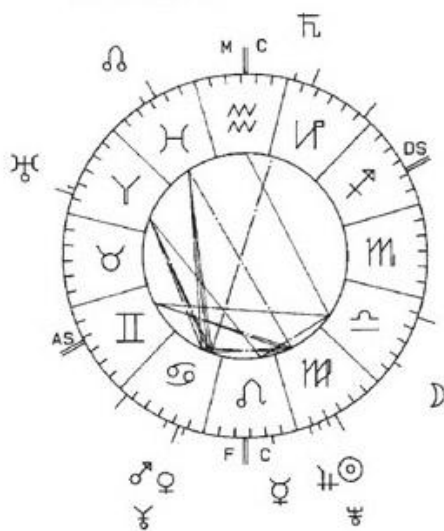


### Example #51

The Sun in the 4th together with Venus and Mercury, fully explains the events that this female subject faced during this SR. If you look at her natal chart, you can easily understand that buying a house was the dream of her life, and that to have this dream come true, she would make big financial efforts (Saturn and Neptune are in the 8th), ending up by losing sleep over worries of not being able to pay everything. The AS of SR falls in her natal 1st. It is true that this position reflects the subjective suffering of this lady, but some may wonder why despite such a usually detrimental position of the AS of SR, there were no serious damage in her life during those months. You see, it is very important to go and consult with the astrologer a month before one's birthday, rather than in any other period of the

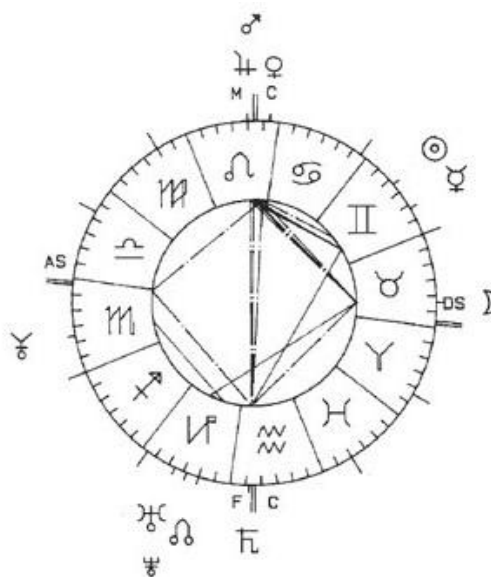
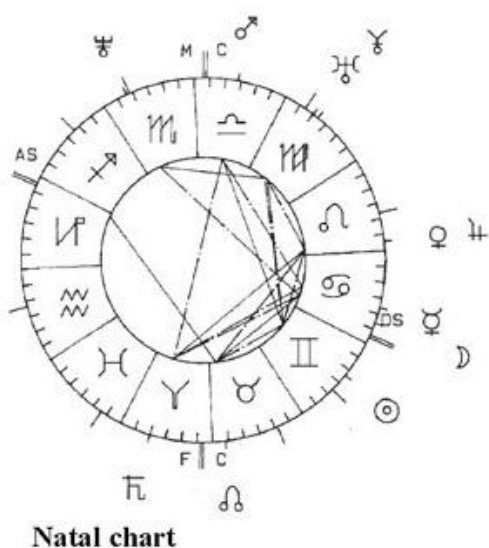
year. Had I or one of my students talked personally to the lady, heard her projects and listened to her fears, we would have immediately understood that the cause of her troubles would have been her concern for having purchased real estate. On the other hand, physical and mental pain is so subjective that it can bring some amazing paradoxes. For example, one year a man may report to have been to hell and back only because he had to go to the dentist, while a woman who had to be operated for breast cancer may report to have had a fairly good year.

**Natal chart**



### Example #52

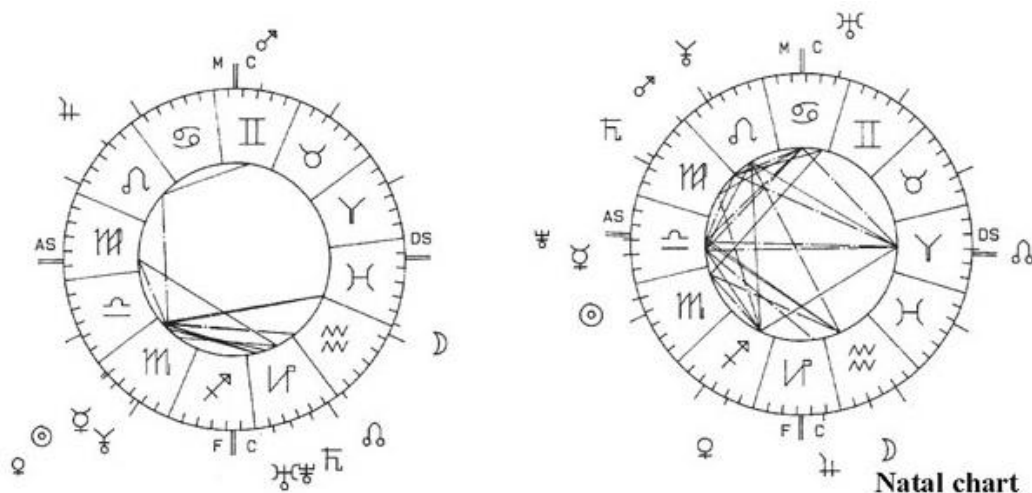
This is a young man from Friuli, a university student with a rather neurotic substrate. It was his mother who had come to consult me. She told me that earlier he seemed to feel better, but for the past few months he had gotten worse, looking for isolation, persisting in keeping silent, and above all – these are the words of his mother – “falling down from his social level and quitting university.” As you can see in these charts, the Sun is in the 8th, and the AS of SR falls in the student’s 10th, as a corollary to what I have mentioned many times in this volume. If accompanied by good aspects and transits, the 10th House of SR may be the panacea to heal all ills. Conversely, if hampered by bad positions in the Solar Return or by bad transits over the natal chart, it may cause the subject to precipitate to the very bottom. In this case you can see the ugly square between Saturn and the Moon and the equally nasty band of oppositions involving the MC and the IC. It is precisely these multiple aspects that indicates a step back in the emancipation. Finally, Uranus and Neptune in the 3rd of SR refer to studies, which the subject suddenly quit.



### Example #53

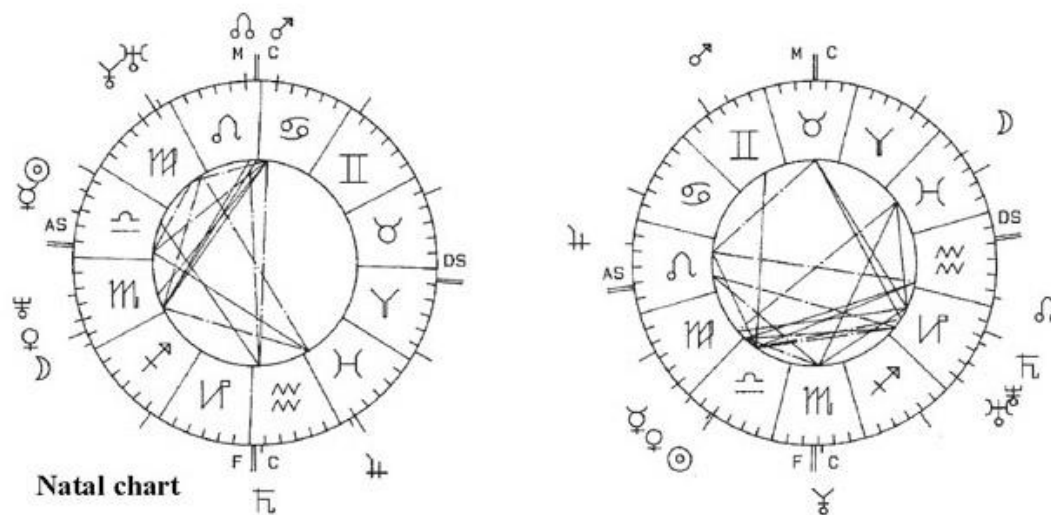
This subject left his woman several months before consulting me. The AS of the SR of that period falls

in his natal 12th, and we also have the Sun in the 2nd of SR, pointing to the fact that he would have also tried to embark on some financial speculation. Of course, I discouraged him from doing so. I suggested to him to wait until we would meet again, approximately one month before his next birthday. Certain people have great difficulties in remembering what happened to them in a given span of period. For example, in this case, this man who had had a 12th-House-SR did not remember that anything bad had happened to him in the previous months. Only after a sequel of questions, it came out that an important love story had come to an end during the period covered by this SR. On another occasion, a presumptuous and 'negative' Leo was wasting my time, taking advantages of my patience. He was so unsympathetic that he had made an appointment with me using these words: "Look, this is the first and the last time I consult an astrologer." I was about to answer him: "Look, you are not obliged – I'm sure that your doctor hasn't prescribed you a visit to the astrologer." But I gave up and said nothing... So he came and I spoke of the events that had happened to him in the light of his astrological situation, but he denied everything, staring at me with hostility. His celestials made me detect also a fairly recent car accident, but he absolutely denied it. Then, at another time of the session, when we were talking about other issues, he suddenly told me that he had remained imprisoned in the crushed car.



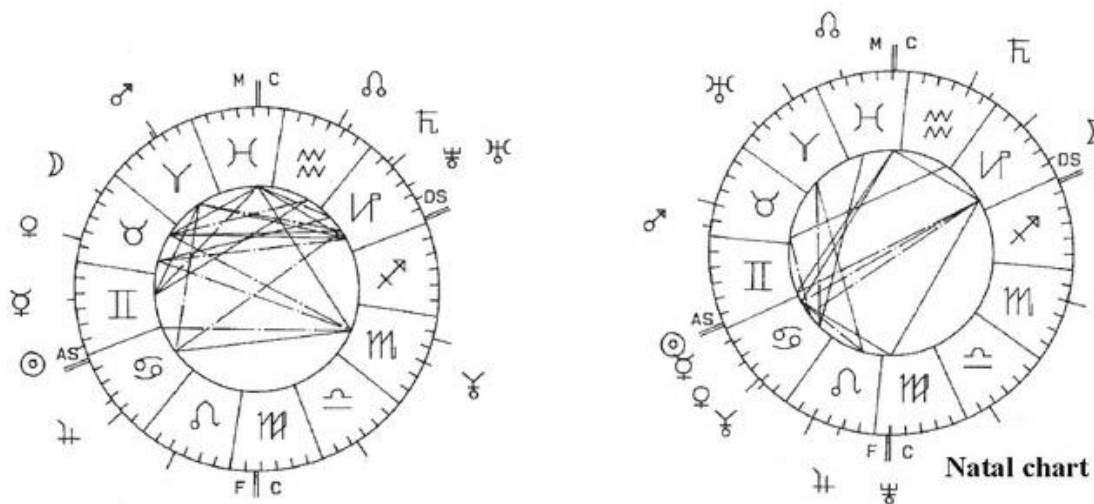
#### Example #54

It is a half positive and half negative year for this woman, who during this SR lost a love and quarrelled with her father. On the other hand, after the stormy period that had spoiled their harmony, her father helped her financially so that she was able to carry on an important project that she had been contemplating for ages. The AS of SR falls in her natal 10th, heralding emancipation. Saturn, Uranus e Neptune point to the end of her love story. Some of my colleagues would deplore my calling them 'malefics', but when these planets strike over them, they complain at that time as well! As I said, it was a fair-to-middling year, a tolerably good one. In her natal chart you see a detrimental Saturn at the IC in opposition to Mars, which tells you that the lady suffers from what the Freudians call the 'father complex'. So, we are allowed to think that this fight between father and daughter was neither the first nor the last one. And that nasty natal Saturn also implies frustration at home, at least in the first part of her life, although 'home' may not only refer to the parents' place, but also to the place where people live on their own and/or when they get married. If I remember correctly, she told me she had moved several times in her life.



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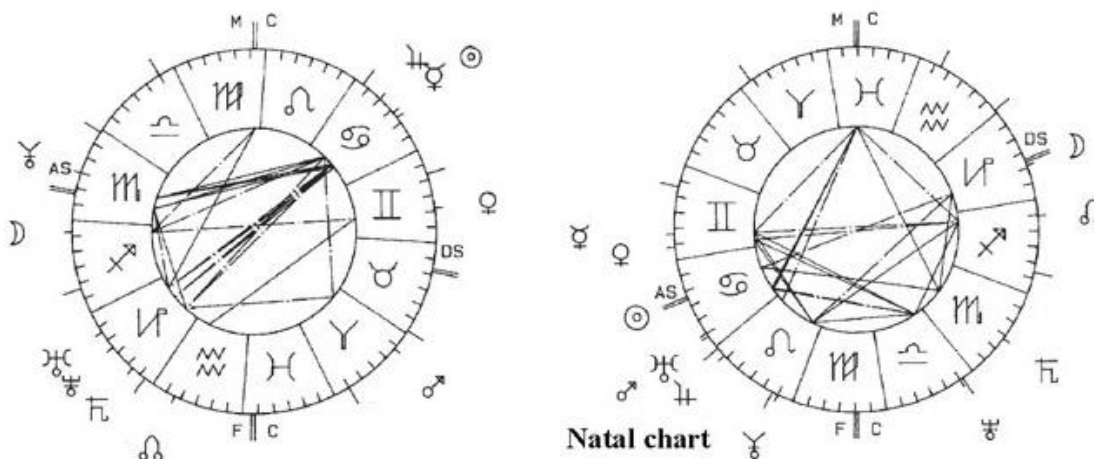
This is a professional from Tuscany, whose wife fell ill with cancer during the twelve months covered by his SR shown in figure. I know that she eventually died, although I do not know the date. Meanwhile, what do we find in this Solar Return? There is much to be gleaned from it. The Sun of SR is in the 12th, together with Venus (the spouse) and Mercury. Uranus and Neptune are in the House of marriage, and you can also see the sinister shadow of Saturn in the 8th. I do not have her birth data. It would have been interesting, for the purpose of our studies, to have a look at both natal charts together with all their charts of SR to be allowed to consider the evolution of her disease until her death. I should point out once again that in order to try and save the woman, it would have been *her* who had to relocate, not her husband. But please, do not try to involve me in impossible discussions about free will and the like. I know a colleague who for at least ten years has been writing the texts of his lectures, all dealing with astrology and free will. While he continues to study, those who think like me simply act and 'aim' their Solar Returns.



### Example #56

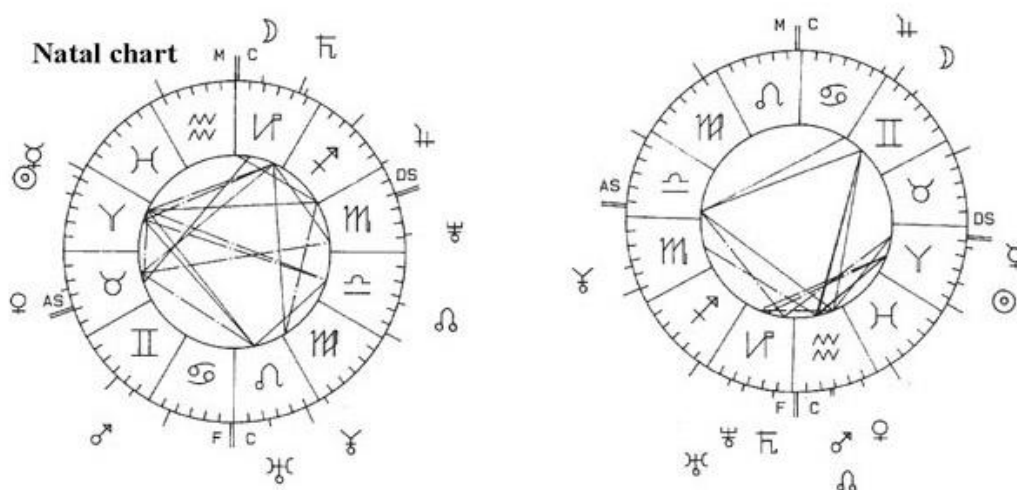
Destiny has been unjust to this woman, who has a private practice in Milan. One day, after years of marriage, she suddenly discovered that her husband stole her money and jewellery to purchase drug. Until then, she did not even remotely suspected that her husband was a drug addict. The AS of the SR covering that event falls in her natal 5th. As I mentioned in another example, this House is not just about lovers or betrothed – it can also refer to spouses. Also considering the deadly beam of oppositions between the celestials in the 2nd and those in the 8th, you can easily understand the pain of this woman, who suddenly discovered that her husband had left her not a single thread of gold. Also Venus and the Moon are poorly placed in the chart of SR. I do not know how many of you have seen Ermanno Olmi's wonderful film *Un certo giorno*. Basically, it is the story of how the sky might collapse at any moment over one's head. As astrologers, we do know that this is not correct, because not everybody's natal chart show signs of abrupt falls in their life. On the other hand, one remains

dismayed even before this natal horoscope that contains really bad elements. They could also imply worse injuries, although the one detailed in this page is no small thing.



### Example #57

Despite having outlived his youth, this male subject can be well defined a young man. He came to me complaining about various problems that had begun several months before. Above all he was complaining about sentimental troubles, but he also told me that he was experiencing some health problems that he had never had before. The AS of SR is in his natal 6th, and the Sun of SR is in the 6th of SR. Thus, this chart of SR should have twice the malevolence of a SR that has only one of the three fearful conditions to be avoided and it forecasts a very detrimental year from different points of view, but mainly in connection with health. I do not remember having discussed with him the stellium in the 3rd of SR; however, remember that a significant event (which the subject may consider either good or bad) shown by a chart of SR can also happen at the end of the twelfth month covered by that specific SR; therefore the astrologer who deals with SR's not always gets to know what it might be, given that he usually meets his counselees one to two months before their following birthday. Obviously, the more information he receives from the consulting person, the greater his predictive potential. Also heart problems are hardly detectable in this chart of SR. In fact, in this case, it turned out that they were false problems also: soon after our meeting, the two lovers were back together, renewing their relationship on a more serene ground.

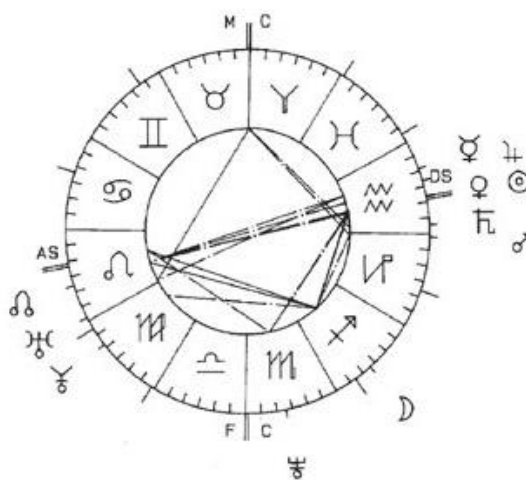
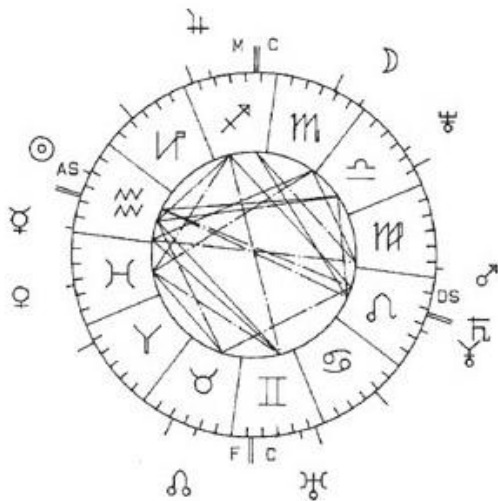


### Example #58

This is a male subject who contracted viral hepatitis during childhood. In this case too, the SR is very clear: that year, the AS of SR fell in his natal 6th, and there was a nasty cluster of celestials in mutual opposition, partly in the 1st and partly in the 6th and 7th Houses of the SR. This subject was born in 1948. In this regard, I would advise those who want to do research, to perform statistical analysis on cases of viral hepatitis contracted by natives born during the years 1936, 1948, and 1960: I am sure that it would lead to results of overwhelming clarity. Personally I cannot devote time to it simply because I have already another important study in progress: for several years I have been dealing with astral heredity, which has already led us to positive results. Nevertheless, Luigi Miele and I still have to

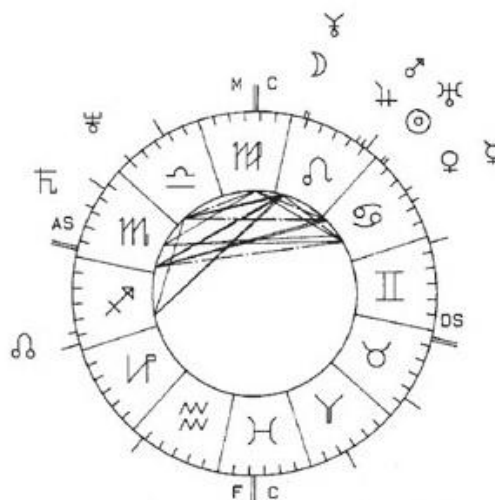
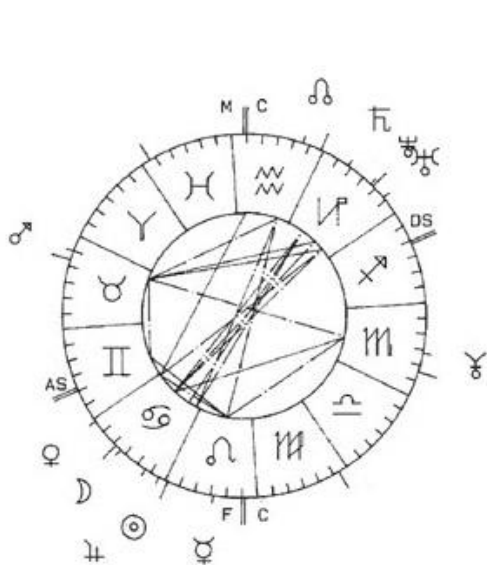
perform further checks on a sample of several dozens of thousands of subjects. Just think about it. If such a statistical research on cases of viral hepatitis would lead to overwhelming results, maybe this would convince doctors to perform a massive campaign of vaccination for children born with Jupiter in Sagittarius. Those willing to dig into this field of research, please come forward.

### Natal chart



### Example #59

This woman is a civil servant in Milan. During the SR shown in the figure below, she was abandoned by her companion, a former priest who was also the father of her baby. Needless to say that the chart of SR, compared to her natal chart, is like the front page of a newspaper crying out the headlines in nine columns: *Abandoned by the mate!* This was undoubtedly the worst event of that year for her. Uranus in the 7th of SR explains the bolt from the blue. Furthermore, you can observe a beam of oppositions involving the 2nd and the 8th House of SR. This refers to her running out of money, having lost the financial support of her man. Saturn in the 8th of SR also indicates the interruption of sexual intercourses, at least up to a possible new meeting of which the subject hasn't informed me yet. So, if I had seen this SR before the birthday of the subject, I am sure that I would have advised her *not* to relocate for her birthday, because I wouldn't have any idea of where I could place such a detrimental bundle of oppositions. (*Author's Note:* I write this note in 2002. Today I would have been able to solve this situation.) With regard to this subject, for suggestions on how to make good use of this House of SR, please read the specific paragraphs and chapters in the first part of this volume.

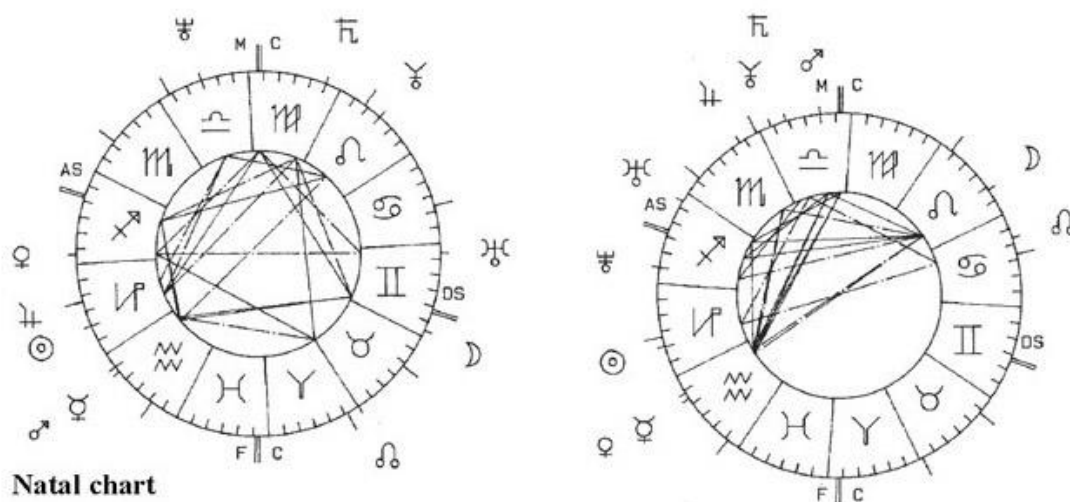


### Natal chart

### Example #60

This is a goldsmith from Liguria. During the SR shown below, he was shot during a robbery in his shop. In your opinion, what should we expect from the chart of SR? The AS of SR falling in his natal

12th, or perhaps – even more likely – in his natal 1st. In fact, the AS falls into his natal 1st. In the chart of SR you can also note two unpleasant presences. Also the 10th House is badly occupied.



**With what surmise should we conclude** this series of examples? Perhaps by claiming that everything is clear and that we know it all? Not at all! We do not know enough; there is much still to learn, especially for those who have collected and studied just a couple of dozens of ASR's. I do not mean to be argumentative. I simply say that if they want to comment over a matter like this, they should study over and over again, and only then could they organize a nice round table to discuss it starting from their different experiences. On the other hand, I am sure that a good astrologer can get more information from other forecasting techniques also, such as harmonics or primary directions. Within the frame of democracy, everyone has the right to believe whatever they want and apply the methods of investigation that they deem to be the most appropriate.

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In the book there are also sixty examples of Solar Returns in order to explain, in a very practical way, all the theory and the interpretations contained here ("The Ascendant of the SR in the Radix Houses", "Celestials in the SR Houses", etc.).

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