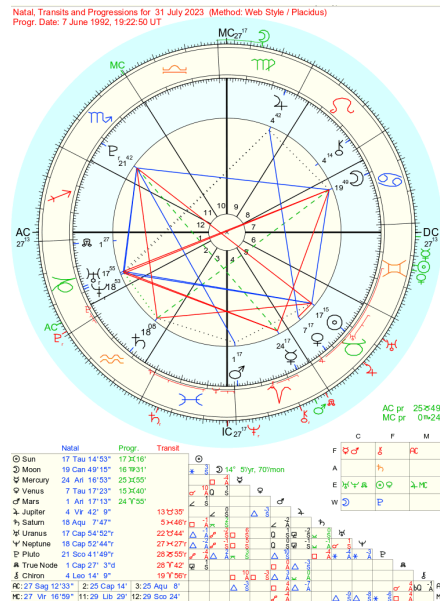


# Predictive Report: What to Expect from the Stars this Year



## How to Read Your Predictive Report

Progressions and transits to the personal planets (Sun, moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars) and the angles of the natal chart (ascendant, descendant, IC, MC) show us the themes that will be present in our lives as the powerful energies of the outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) push us to grow and adapt. It is common for people to be concerned about the changes that may come with these transits, but it's important to understand that while astrology can tell us a lot about the themes we may encounter and even some common experiences others have had during the same transit, it is really not well suited to predicting specific events on an individual basis. In general, difficult transits should not be said to *cause* good or bad things to happen, but rather to apply pressure that *reveals issues or points of weakness that already exist* in certain areas of life. Predictive astrology is most helpful when it is used to provide a meaningful context for your experiences so that you can respond constructively to the themes entering your life instead of living in fear of outcomes that will likely never materialize.

My readings reflect this approach, and where I have suggested that you may experience certain outcomes, it is to help you better understand the themes of each transit in concrete terms. They are potentialities, *not* certainties. It is quite common for people to experience major transits

without any of the "textbook" events taking place. Instead, they may notice that this period of their lives merely *feels* different or causes them to reassess certain aspects of their lives. Often it is these vague inner changes that cause the most distress because they are difficult to pinpoint, and because we do not know what they mean or how long they will last. When you are aware of your current transits and progressions, you are able to reframe your inner experiences and make subtle shifts in your thoughts and actions that will help you navigate the changes you are going through with grace and ease.

The narrative quality of astrology provides an ideal context for the ups and downs of daily life. Each planet has a story of its own: it has a mythological context, and it is connected to psychological dilemmas that are universal in tone. Each planet has dark and light aspects, raises unique questions, and is associated with common human reactions that range from what could be considered relatively unconscious to self-actualized. The dimensionality of each planet reminds us that our experiences are complex, and are never just "good" or "bad." We can feel reassured knowing that the challenges we face will not last forever, and that our fortunes and misfortunes are not isolated events, but are part of a unique story that we have the power to influence.

When a transit hits an important planet or angle in the chart, you can look at what's going on in your life and reflect: how do I relate to the themes of this transit? If I look at the questions commonly raised during this transit, how would I answer them? Can I use astrology to recontextualize my experiences and see the bigger picture? Can I make better choices because I have a deeper understanding of what I am experiencing?

## **General Themes of the Upcoming Year**

*A Year of Significant Changes at Home: Neptune Transits the Angles (AC, DC, IC, MC).*

When outer planets transit the angles, changes that have been progressing quietly in the background suddenly manifest in your life in concrete ways. The ascendant (AC), descendant (DC), imum coeli (IC), and midheaven (MC) are sensitive points in the chart that are closely related to the physical body. Together, these points form a "cross of matter" where the energy of transiting planets seems to be directed and magnified, using the body as a sort of antenna, to manifest their themes in the physical world.

When a transiting planet aspects the AC/DC axis, you experience significant shifts in identity and relationship. The ascendant is essentially the face you show the world—how are you perceived when you meet people for the first time? How do you react to new situations? Which qualities do you express naturally, and which do you hide? The descendant is the point in the chart where we relate to traits within ourselves through another person. It has a significant effect on important relationships, and transits to the DC cause a reevaluation of expectations and ingrained patterns relative to relationships.

Transits to the IC/MC axis create shifts in your relationship to your family lineage—what was given to you by those who came before (IC), and what will you leave behind for the next generation (MC)? Your relationship to your family and your sense of "home" may undergo serious shifts during this cycle. You can expect changes to your living situation, shifts in the emotional environment at home, or you could even move to a new place. You may also reach important professional milestones, decide to change your career, or generally reevaluate what you are working toward in life. The transit you are experiencing this year will aspect all four angles, but the emphasis will be on the IC, so those themes will be most important. More on this later.

*Expanding your General Direction in Life Despite Difficulty Taking Action: Jupiter and Uranus Transit the Sun, Neptune Transits Mars.*

When outer planets transit the sun, your goals, hopes, wishes, and your sense of identity are affected. Jupiter and Uranus are pushing you to expand your horizons this year, and to break away from restrictions that are no longer serving you. This is a time of new opportunities and new beginnings. Make the most of what comes your way!

Despite the growth you are experiencing, you may struggle to take action this year. It's likely that you have many fanciful ideas about what you want to accomplish, but when it comes down to it, you would rather stay in bed. Procrastination, difficulty focusing, feeling confused about how to direct your energy, and losing faith in your ability to accomplish your goals could be relevant themes. Depending on how hard you have been pushing yourself, physical burnout could also be an issue. Finding ways to protect and conserve your energy will be important this year.

*A Shift in the Way you are Perceived by Others: Progressed AC Enters the 2nd House in Capricorn.*

When the progressed ascendant enters a new house, you will experience a shift in the way you express yourself, the way you look, your health, and your general path in life. Your friendships and partnerships may also change as you begin to attract different kinds of people and themes into your relationships. When the progressed ascendant enters the second house, you begin to feel more settled and comfortable in life. Up until this point, your interactions with others have centered around affirming your sense of identity, and negotiating a balance between who you are as an independent person and who you are in your relationships with others. You are still quite the same person, but this year you will experience a marked shift in attitude as you begin to relax into the life you have built for yourself. Your focus is now on maintaining what you have worked so hard to build and enjoying it with the people around you. You want to go deeper now in your relationships and experience a more intense connection. This shift will probably be quite apparent to others.

*Focus on Work, Learning, and Habits: Progressed Sun in Gemini/6th House.*

For the last 18 years, your progressed Sun has been in the sixth house in Gemini. In general, this has and will continue to be a time when you are more focused on work, habits, learning, thinking, and improving your health than you were in the beginning of life. You want to get your life in order so you can focus on your work and be more effective, efficient, and helpful. You are naturally curious, and you like to gather knowledge that has concrete applications. You are very attuned to the important details that improve your life on a practical level, which makes you a reliable friend, student, and colleague. You seek variety, knowledge, and you enjoy making social connections that support your work and interests.

## **The Emotional Atmosphere of the Coming Year**

*Finding Comfort in your Beliefs and Habits, Feeling Driven to Focus on your Career or Public Life:  
Progressed Moon in Virgo in the 9th and 10th House.*

The progressed moon is a very important point in predictive astrology that gives us a sense of the prevailing emotional attitude at the time the chart is drawn. Do you feel a general sense of well-being during this time? In what ways do you feel socially supported or unsupported?

A little less than a year ago, your progressed moon left the eighth house and entered the ninth. The emotional intensity you experienced for a few years prior gave way to a renewed sense of faith in yourself, optimism, curiosity, and a desire to explore new horizons and ideas. Now is the time to take intellectual risks, explore new perspectives, and question your most deeply held beliefs as your moon traverses the ninth house. The questions and ideas you explore at this time will lay the foundation for action in the years to come.

Because your progressed moon is in Virgo, this is also a time when you are especially attuned to your health, habits, and work. You are probably more aware of your need for structure and routine, and it is a good time to introduce habits that will help you feel more secure and productive. For instance, finding more effective ways to study could be a theme during this transit. You are able to see the big picture without losing track of the details, which will help you find practical long-term solutions.

This time may well be a period of intellectual and spiritual awakening for you, and you might find yourself meeting people you consider to be valuable teachers in these matters. While your general emotional attitude is relatively positive, it's good to be aware of the tendency to become overly enthusiastic about your point of view during this transit. If you become too myopic in your pursuit of answers, you may catch yourself imposing your beliefs upon others. And if you get a little too adventurous, you run the risk of becoming careless and irresponsible. All things in moderation.

As the progressed moon crosses over into the tenth house next year, you may find your emotional concerns shifting in a new direction. You may become more aware of your need for accomplishment and recognition, which could cause you to feel dissatisfied if you have been leaving your ambitions on the back burner. Improving your career, your public life, and mastering your field of study will become a source of comfort for you as you become more attuned to your ambitions. You are concerned with the long term: where you are going, how you will get there, what could go wrong, and how you can build a secure future for yourself. Your time and emotional energy might be allocated more toward your public life and less toward your private life.

*Progressed Moon Sextile Natal Moon, Trine Natal Sun (August—December '23)*

Whatever additional influences may be at work this year, the emotional atmosphere of this period is one of feeling generally supported by life and the people around you. As the year progresses, you will feel an underlying current of emotional well-being, joy, and pleasure. This is a fruitful period in which you are able to feel at ease and enjoy your life. New friends, opportunities, and blessings will find you this year, perhaps because you are lucky, or perhaps because you are feeling more in tune with yourself than usual.

## **Major Transits**

*Transiting Neptune Conjunct the IC in Pisces, Square the Ascendant in Sagittarius. (September 23' and February–April '24)*

When Neptune transits the IC, you are challenged to discover and reconnect to the spiritual foundations of your relationship with family, your roots, and your life at home. Since Neptune is also forming a square aspect to the ascendant, it's possible that the changes you are going through could bring on an identity crisis of sorts, or at least cause you to question who you are on a deeper level. It could also affect the way you come across to others for the duration of the transit.

Depending on your circumstances and natural proclivities, this could be a generally positive time when you experience a deepening of the spiritual aspects of life, or you could feel overwhelmed and a bit lost. Most likely, you will experience a bit of both. It is common for this transit to bring on feelings of inner confusion as you begin to question why you are here and what deeper purpose your life on earth is serving. You could feel as though your life is incomplete in some way, which could cause you to reevaluate your deepest needs and urges. Unconscious childhood complexes could surface at this time, prompting you to process your relationship with the past and with your family of origin on a much deeper level. You may begin to wonder if clinging too tightly to the comforts of the past is preventing you from living a more meaningful life.

As these changes percolate within you, they may find expression in the events happening in your life and relationships. It is often the case with Neptune transits that we are asked to make personal sacrifices of some kind, or to let go of something in order to gain a deeper understanding of our purpose. You may need to make more adjustments and sacrifices at home during this transit, which could look like taking care of an aging parent, providing more support than usual to your partner, or welcoming a new child into your life. There could be conflict between your personal and professional life that requires concessions to be made at home. Whatever the reason, you may find yourself cast in a role that eclipses your individual personality, and requires you to extend yourself for the sake of another person, cause, or higher calling.

There is certainly no guarantee that you will have to give up anything or anyone at this time, but any losses that do occur right now could serve as an initiation into a spiritual path. This transit will reveal any aspects of your past and your family life that are not connected to your higher purpose, so your experience of this transit will vary greatly depending on your circumstances. If anyone in your family has been deceptive with you, this transit is likely to reveal that. In very extreme cases, this transit has coincided with the flooding of the home or circumstances that force people to change their living situation. Whatever is revealed by this transit, the path of least resistance is surrender. Letting go and allowing things that no longer serve you to come to an end will deepen your ability to express genuine compassion, empathy, and forgiveness. You may even find yourself turning to a higher power during or in the aftermath of this transit.

*Transiting Jupiter Conjunct the Sun in Taurus in the 5th House (March–April '24)*

If you are someone who tends to be self-critical (natal Saturn square sun), this transit will deliver a much-needed ego boost. You are less aware of your limitations than usual, and your confidence, vitality, and sense of optimism about the future is heightened. Your willingness to see yourself in a more positive light will help you notice where you have been underestimating your abilities, making this a great time to start new long-term projects, promote yourself, and expand your sense of what is possible for you.

New opportunities are likely to come your way at this time, but because your natal sun is challenged (hard aspects from Saturn and Pluto), you may struggle to take advantage of them. You may be so wary of falling prey to "blind optimism" that you do not let yourself risk a necessary leap of faith. You struggle to believe in yourself and to see yourself in a new light because you are prone to having a somewhat rigid view of what is possible for you. In order to make the most of this transit, you must be willing to let yourself dream, hope, and have faith in yourself, even if it seems somewhat unrealistic or improbable at first. You must also be willing to take action and to advocate for your own abilities in order to take advantage of the opportunities that are available to you at this time.

*Transiting Jupiter Conjunct Venus in Taurus in the 5th House (November–December '23 and January–February '24)*



As Jupiter transits your natal Venus, you will feel encouraged to share pleasant experiences with your friends and loved ones. This is the perfect time to relax, indulge your senses, and enjoy the good life together. You may find that you are more sociable at this time and that you are inclined to build your network of friends and acquaintances, or at least to experience them in a new light. You may also be feeling more romantic than usual, so be sure to set aside extra time for your relationship—a date night, a weekend getaway, or enjoying a meal at your favorite restaurant together could be a great way to embrace the energy of this transit. If you have been waiting for the right moment to splurge on nice things or pamper yourself, this is it. A little self-indulgence is favored at this time, so don't hesitate to treat yourself and have fun. Because Venus rules your sixth house, creative work is favored at this time as well. If you have any creative projects that have been on the back burner, or if your work is inherently creative, this could be an especially busy and productive time for you.

*Transiting Uranus Conjunct the Sun in Taurus in the 5th House (December '23—March '24 at 2° orb)*

When the planet of enlightenment transits the sun, be prepared to experience significant shifts in your personality and consciousness. This is a time when individuality comes to the fore, and you are less tolerant than usual of any restrictions placed upon self-expression. Uranus seems to speed up perception, prompting you to question old patterns of behavior and expand into new ways of thinking that may significantly alter your life path. It is an exciting time filled with change, stimulation, and sudden flashes of insight into yourself and your ambitions.

A pervasive sense of restlessness may force you to question how you are spending your time and energy, and to reconsider what matters most to you. Routines could seem especially confining right now, your responsibilities overwhelmingly restrictive, and you may feel beset by an inner pressure that can only be relieved by breaking free in some way. Because this transit is taking place in the fifth house, you will likely feel the urge to break with anything that blocks your creativity, prevents you from being open and having fun, and from expressing yourself in an authentic way. Because your natal sun receives challenging aspects from Saturn and Pluto, you may find yourself challenging authority figures, a dominant parent, or people who have power in your life so that you can create space for yourself to be who you truly are.

As your awareness shifts, you may experience sudden changes in your life and relationships that reflect the changes you are going through internally. You could begin or end friendships, move to a new place, change your career path, or adjust your academic direction to reflect your interests. You could connect with a new friend or community that encourages you to break with your past in some way, or with restrictive patterns or beliefs that no longer serve you. Because you are more open to seeing yourself in a new way, opportunities may find you that you would otherwise miss.

Although you are experiencing many positive changes at this time, your intolerance of restrictions could cause you to be overconfident and hasty in your decision-making. You are prone to viewing authority figures in an overly-simplistic way right now, and you may project a great deal onto others that is not based in reality. It is important to notice when you are merely reacting rather than listening to your authentic self. That said, complacency will not help you either, and you will benefit from opening yourself to the possibility that you must make changes at this time. Resistance to change will only attract undesirable circumstances, so it is best to embrace the shifts that you are experiencing as best you can.

*Progressed Mercury Conjunct the DC in Gemini (March 1, '24).*

The functionality and success of your friendships and partnerships depend largely on your ability to communicate at this time. Your relationships become an important source of information, exerting a strong influence upon the way you are thinking and what you are thinking about. This is a good time to have important conversations with friends and loved ones.

*Progressed Moon Conjunct the MC in Virgo (May '24).*

This is a significant moment in your life when you may receive support from people in positions of authority or from the public in general. If you are not accustomed to being in the spotlight, this transit might make you feel somewhat uncomfortable, but the attention and admiration you receive at this time could open doors for you. This could be as dramatic as meeting someone who can help advance your career, or you may simply attract more positive attention from authority figures and acquaintances than usual. Your reputation is likely to improve during this

cycle, and people will probably be very willing to help you make beneficial connections and to vouch for you.

In any case, you will likely become aware of how comfortable you are with your career, reputation, and being the focus of attention. The way you feel about your career could have a strong effect upon the way you are perceived by the general public, and emotional decisions made at this time could have a lasting effect upon your career and reputation.

*Transiting Neptune Conjunct Mars in Aries (April—August '24).*

When Neptune transits conjunct Mars, you will face a test of willpower. This could be a frustrating time when nothing seems straightforward, the things you try to accomplish just aren't panning out, and your energy reserves are taxed. You might question your effectiveness and feel discouraged by the confusion you are experiencing. In general, this is a time when action taken to further personal goals will fail. It's best to identify less with what you accomplish and instead to ask what higher purpose your actions are serving.

You are especially idealistic during this transit, and you may try to get the world to reflect your ideals by making it the way you think it *should* be instead of the way it truly is. Because you are so receptive to the feelings and wants of others, it is very easy for you to play a role instead of expressing your true feelings. You struggle to see past the ideal picture you have painted of yourself and the world around you, which makes it easy to escape into these roles when things do not turn out the way you expect. You tend to act before you have time to consider the consequences, and you may avoid taking personal responsibility because the consequences were unintentional.

Because you are so invested in the role you are playing right now, it may be difficult for you to decide what you really want. You are inclined to give too much of yourself, either because circumstances require you to play the role of caretaker for someone or because you feel guilty turning down the demands others make upon your time and resources. At this time it's a good idea to avoid dealing with people who ask for more than they are willing to give, make promises that seem too good to be true, or are dishonest and unscrupulous. It's also wise to avoid taking

on unrealistic projects. Ask yourself: is this actually feasible? Do I actually have the energy to do this right now? This is a time to protect your resources and direct your energy inward.

Cultivating an awareness of your innermost fantasies and ideals will help you get in touch with your true desires and find the energy to pursue your goals this year. Instead of blindly acting out your fantasies, take the time to notice them. Understanding your own desires and the part you have played in pursuing them will help you navigate the challenges around personal responsibility that will inevitably surface during this transit. Taking action on spiritual matters could be especially helpful now. Starting a meditation routine, doing yoga, or learning about a spiritual practice will be a great way to manage your energy.

### **Future Transits to Watch**

In the coming years, you will experience several transits that will have an especially powerful influence over your life. Here is a brief list in the event that you would like to keep an eye on them. I also offer half hour online astrology "chats" at a lower price point if you would like to take a more conversational approach to learning about your future transits.

*Neptune Transit Conjunct IC (again later in 2024)*

*Jupiter Transits the 6th House (2024)*

*Chiron Transits Conjunct Mercury (2025)*

*Saturn Transits Conjunct Mars (2025)*