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Introduction

Last year I didn't have any energy left after I had published the natal chart profile to write down a prognoses of that coming year. This year I have been able to write that down for you. Like natal chart profiles, astrological prognoses takes hours of study as there are a variety of techniques to apply. It's near impossible to use no astrological terminology, but I have included footnotes and explanatory pieces where ever this is necessary as usual. It is advised to read my view on astrological prognoses before continuing.

I hope you enjoy this report and feel free to pass it on to other fans. You may submit requests for further reports and questions at the bottom mailing address. Please do understand I can't fulfil them all as I write my reports with the utmost care and prefer quality.

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The obligated word of warning: if you don't wish to be influenced by what this report says, stop reading.

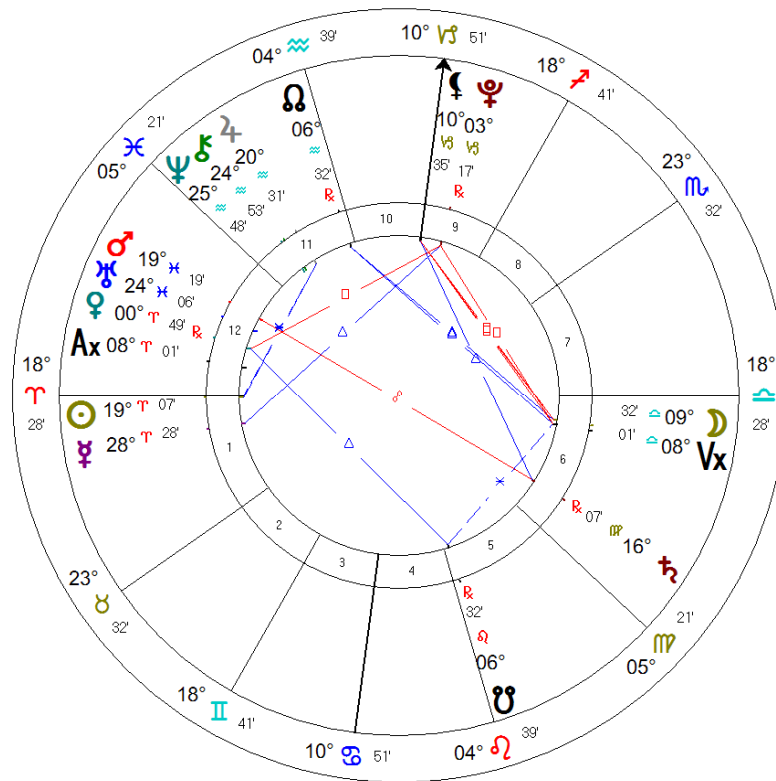
The author's view on astrological prognoses

Beware that prognoses in astrology can never tell you exactly what is going to happen and what is not. I will try to illustrate this with a metaphor because it's extremely difficult to explain its possibilities and limitations otherwise. What astrological prognoses can do is reveal the melody of certain periods of life. Are you listening to the heavy/ fear striking sounds or light and playful music? Often times when astrologers are being consulted about a client's future, there really is no clarity about what the astrologer's examples are to demonstrate and elaborate about *the melody* that will be playing versus *the tones* that are coming from a chart. It is the astrologer's challenge to find a good balance between these two and create the melody. Experience with predictive astrology has made me believe in its ability to 'foresee' the future, for the simple fact that it is possible (though extremely difficult and time consuming) to see when a (set of) tone(s) has hit it's loudest. Without doubt, peaks and valleys are something that can be recognized through the usage of astrology. In addition, I believe we create our own melodies from these sounds – the astrologer is merely able of composing one for you, one that in their opinion might even be likely, but it will not and should not define your life. It is only with this attitude that you will come to appreciate astrological prognoses, allowing it to be a tool of understanding instead of a tool of determination.



General outline: solar return chart

Tomohisa Yamashita
Solar Return (2)
9 Apr 2009, do (±0 secs)
05:19:15 JST-9:00
Tokyo, Tokyo
35°N42' 139°E46'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



Introduction to the solar return

The solar return chart shows the planetary positions of the moment the sun returns to its natal position. The interpretation of the chart provides a general outlook of the things that are going to happen that year. An example: my own natal Sun resides at 8.08 Virgo, since I am born on the 31st of august. If I'd like to know what my new solar year will bring a chart is calculated for when the sun returns to 8.08 degrees Virgo in the desired year. This particular solar return chart is thus "generally valid¹" from the 31st of august this year until 31st of august next year. The solar return chart is always interpreted side by side with the natal chart. Please note that the location of this chart is important. If you happen to be halfway across the world on your birthday,

¹ The actual solar return date and time can fall a few days before or after your birthday.



it's highly likely your solar return chart is different! As you can see I've used Tokyo as the location, which is likely to come close.

General outline of this year

This year Yamapi will go about his own way, since the chart indicates that there's little desire to adjust to the intent and wishes of other persons. A lot of activity is indicated, but he may make changes that might be too impulsive. Self motivation, self-direction and self-reliance are the focal points, though ignoring the effect of this on others may create conflict. This is also indicated for the larger whole, society. The challenge is to find a balance between the own desires and contributing to society as a whole. Those who not achieve this may become seen as agitators.

4th quadrant emphasis

Eastern hemisphere emphasis

Cardinal emphasis & lack of fixed

✚ Are you pondering what I'm pondering?

2009 shows an increased ability to distinguish and value inner qualities from external situations. What this means is that every area in his life is reassessed from within rather than assessing them by looking at other people's values. In particular relationships and finances will be prioritized more towards the inner value than to the outer.

As a consequence love is an area of frustration. Others may criticize choices made. Some social relationships are too difficult and unrewarding to maintain. This can result in making the choice to spend time alone. It is a time when circumstances will force a person to reflect in solitude and think more about their own life. Their life philosophy alters drastically in this period.

Venus Retrograde

✚ Increased dreaminess

This year he will experience of elevated liveliness of dreams in sleep and an increase in daydreaming. To have predicting dreams during this time is not uncommon. Some of the side effects include difficulties concentrating and the ability to orientate in traffic may decline. He might feel a little alienated from him self. He may suddenly gain insight into something that has been under the surface for a long time. Finding joy in creative methods of expression like music and art is highlighted more than usual.

Cluster of planets in 12, Solar 3 in 12, Pluto in 9 square Venus

✚ Secrets of love

It was actually one of the first things I laid my eyes on since it dominates the solar return². Since both

² If you track the movement of the planets in 12, you will come to the conclusion Venus is going backwards towards Uranus and Mars is going forward to Uranus.



of the planets that signify the male and female principle are in the house of solitude, secrets, hidden enemies, escapism, fears and inhibitions I'm expecting this to be a topic of great importance for Yamashita this year. He surely is thinking about love and when it feels 'right'. It's a re-evaluation of what the ideal love relationship is and obtaining a new grip on the topic. Unfortunately, the twelfth house rarely provides that grip. It's no wonder Mars in the 12th is often described as "the silent battle". A retrograde³ Venus means that the ability to give and receive love is hindered but with an increase of sexual desire. Some times this may indicate meeting ones soul mate or engaging in secret love affairs. Traditional astrology provides a few examples for this chart 'tone', which may be rather shocking for the average reader: especially in the horoscopes of men it points to secret love affairs, if leaked, will create a very difficult situation for their social position. If there are afflictions, difficulty with sexuality and hostility of one or more women. Chance of scandal.

Precaution compels me to say, that manner in which these positions are lived out are of judgement of the astrologer, it *can not* be read back from the chart. The only statements I'd openly make are that further predictive techniques don't show *the usual* positions that contribute to such things and that I believe Saturn in his natal 5th house should temper and moderate. A retrograde Venus would also not be befitting for this situation.

Venus (Retrograde), Mars & Uranus in 12, Solar 5 in 2, Solar 8 in 5, Solar 11 in 8, Solar Venus = Natal Mars/Jupiter, Solar Venus = Natal Mercury/MC, Solar Mercury = Natal Venus/Mars, Solar Mars = Solar Uranus/Saturn, Solar Uranus = Solar Venus/Saturn, Solar Venus = Solar Uranus/Moon, Solar Venus trine Natal Saturn/Vertex, Solar Venus square Natal Neptune, Solar Mars conjunct Natal MC, Solar Mars square Natal Uranus, Solar Uranus trine Natal Saturn. Arabic Parts: Discord conjunct Mars, Love conjunct Venus, Passion conjunct Mars, Catastrophe conjunct Uranus.

✚ Work matters

With the sun in the 1st house personal success this year is guaranteed. This year's focus is definitely on work and work matters. Reading, writing, learning and communication. A foreign topic is highlighted: to idealize foreign countries, foreign study and to be abroad more often are some of the possibilities. Whatever the case may be, ventures will not come easy. I know Yamashita is working hard to learn English right now so it's not surprising that the topic showed up significantly. The reason for studying English according to him: 'to star in a Hollywood movie'. I wouldn't count on very large steps towards that goal this year and if they are taken, trouble will follow. I have looked at next year's solar return regarding this subject, and at least it looks more promising than this year's. I'm expecting foreign topics to become of more significance late this year when Jupiter finally enters his 9th house for good (travel, foreign land).

Solar Mars is conjuncting the Natal Midheaven this year. While it gives great willpower and the ability to be headstrong, a warning is in place: it gives the liability to act on impulse, without regard for the forces at hand and this is definitely not a sensible thing to do. Saturn opposite Mars in the solar return calls for adequate planning and realistic expectations. If they are not, time delays are

³ Retrograde = A planet that is seemingly going backwards from the viewpoint of the Earth.



common in these situations and sometimes a person may be obstructing plans as a result. He may wish to escape and dream and as a consequence finds work a limiting experience. Sometimes this feels like life is on hold. He's apt to be more emotionally involved with work than usual.

Pluto Retrograde in 9, Saturn Retrograde in 6, Moon square Pluto, Venus square Pluto, Solar 6 in 1, Solar 12 in 9, Solar Pluto = Solar Saturn/Ascendant, Solar Pluto = Solar Sun/Saturn.

✚ General health

It would be really difficult to say this year what his general health is like. There are conflicts throughout the chart which make it difficult to allocate. The sun in the first house is generally exceptionally good when it comes to health and energy level. The moon and a retrograde Saturn in the 6th house aren't, and neither is a 12th house Mars in Pisces! I'm at loss, since one seems to cancel the other out. With Saturn in the house of health, any chronic illness or problem is likely to come forward this year as are the results of bad eating habits (malnutrition).

Sun in 1, Solar 6 in 1, Moon in 6, Saturn in 6, Mars in 12

✚ Friends, home and the community

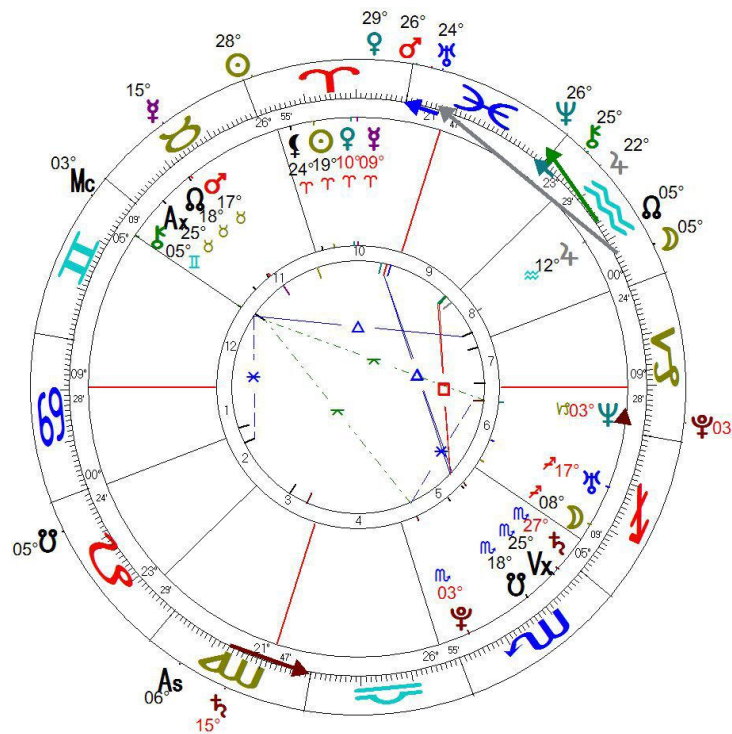
This year contact with friends provide emotional security. Popularity, confidence, good fortune. Big plans, luck & success, rich emotionalism, to give or receive help from friends. He just needs to be careful not to confuse others about his own stand, as a result may leave him feeling de-valued. Circumstances at home force actions towards the outside world. Some people redecorate their home in this time, take another person in, or see an increase in visitors to their home throughout the year.

Solar 5 in 2, Solar 8 in 5, Solar 10 in 7, Solar 11 in 8, Solar 4 in 1, Solar 7 in 4, Mercury in 1, Solar Neptune = Solar Saturn/Node, Solar Neptune = Solar Moon/MC, Jupiter in 11, Neptune in 11, Chiron in 11, Solar 2 in 11, Solar MC = Moon/Jupiter.



Timing and events through main predictive techniques

Inner Wheel
Tomohisa Yamashita
Male Chart (1)
9 Apr 1985, di
10:01 JST -9:00
Funabashi, Chiba
35°N42' 139°E59'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



Outer Wheel
Transits 18 Apr 2009
Event Chart (2)
18 Apr 2009, za
14:02 JST -9:00
Tokyo, Tokyo
35°N42' 139°E46'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node

Introduction to astrology's main predictive techniques

Without going in too much detail, there are dozens of techniques you can apply. The sum of these in relation to the natal chart indicate timing and in what area of life different types of events might take place. Additional or supporting evidence should be found in the solar return chart and vice versa. What the astrologer looks for are clusters as illustrated in Attachment A at the end of this document. Therefore this chapter divides itself in time clusters. While the solar return is valid from this year's birthday until next year's birthday the other predictive techniques do not adhere to the same rules. The first cluster is likely to be part of a longer running cluster, the last cluster's influence is not likely to end exactly in april 2010.

The influence of outer planets in the astrological houses are taken separately because their time spans and meanings are different from the before mentioned clusters. Outer planets going through natal houses indicate areas of life highlighted during a period of time, the clusters a general summary of what's going on surrounding these themes.



The outer planets in houses

- ✚ Jupiter in houses 8 and 9 (may until aug and from dec on)
8 Advantages through the means of others. Psychological insight enlarged. Initiates healing process.
9 Widening the world view. Studious. Robert Hand: 9th house rules writing and mass communication. Foreign topics highlighted.

- ✚ Saturn in houses 3 and 4
Up until late August the focus is on the self. It is a time for gaining insight in verbal expression and listening to others. When learning how the mind works, this may become a depressing ordeal. It is advised to work with what is and not what should be. When Saturn enters house 4, feelings of frustration may be lifted.
Starting from September when Saturn enters house 4, attention is now needed to the home/ personal life. Whatever problems there were in this area, now culminate and will affect career. Feelings of shortcomings/ being unskilled. Feeling alone and unsupported. There is an unbalance between home and career.
(Saturn had reached the 4th house briefly end of 2008).

- ✚ Uranus in 10
You, your position, your profession or reputation can be in the line of fire. If there is boredom, now change will happen. Unprecedented possibilities and chances in career. Problems with authority. Sometimes total wipeout of social status through own actions.
(Uranus will take several years to complete house 10)

- ✚ Neptune in 9
Difficulties adopting ideas and getting insight.

Pluto is excluded because this planet has been transiting the 6th house for a very long time⁴.

⁴ In about a year or two Pluto will have moved up to the cusp of the 7th house. At around that time, Yamashita and I can be obsessed together. As said in the natal profile, I have the reverse signs on this axis at around the same degree.



Cluster 1: Until March 2009

Early in 2009 should be a generally good time. On the downside it may feel like a period of waiting and low energy. Slowly working towards goals. A good time to make plans, though they should not become an obsession. Some people might feel threatened by your success. Lots of free time and relaxation. Friends may point out chances or prove useful in career matters.

Tr. Jupiter square Pluto, Tr. Jupiter trine Chiron, Tr. Jupiter sextile Moon, Tr. Jupiter sextile Mercury, Tr. Jupiter sextile Venus, Tr. Jupiter conjunct Jupiter

Cluster 2: March 2008 until November 2009

- Tr. Saturn opposite MC: is a repeated theme from last year. This aspect often is preceded by a breach in personal relationships. It is advised to not ignore the home and personal life when Saturn transits through the 4th house just to get ahead in career. In the early stages of this transit you may feel alone and unsupported.
- Tr. Jupiter sextile Uranus and Tr. Saturn square Uranus: Restrictions that exist in life will be more difficult to bear. While Jupiter ensures measures taken will not be radical, it can feel like a period where people obstruct the path you're on.
- Tr. Jupiter sextile Sun: Everything comes easy, even some dreams and ideals might seem to work out during this period. Excellent understanding with those in authority. He's less annoyed by the usual small irritations.
- Tr. Saturn trine Mars: A period of general contentness and concentrated work.
- Tr. Jupiter square Mars is a repeated theme from last year. Be careful for 'too much', taking risks, being impulsive, acting rash, picking fights... etc.
- Tr. Chiron square Mars: is a repeated theme from last year. If correct action has not been taken, now these loose ends will come and haunt you. People have trouble with timing during this transit. Either they take action too early or too late. Too aggressively or too softly.

Cluster 3: November 2009 until April 2010

- Tr. Chiron square Saturn: Either desperately trying to control something or being in disarray and disorganized.
- Tr. Jupiter square Chiron: May charge own opinions. Having all the answers while not facing up to inner problems.
- Tr. Neptune square Saturn: A period of feeling anxious and insecure. The need to retreat.
- Tr. Jupiter sextile Neptune: A very idealistic time, care is needed to keep these ideals in check. Goals need to be assessed realistically.



- Tr. Jupiter trine Pluto: Trying to find a balance between own ambitions and in how far they meet with those of others. Opportunities will arise.
- Tr. Saturn square Neptune: A period of confusion, you can't seem to live according to your ideals. Disappointment.
- Tr. Jupiter square Saturn: To make great changes in your life, and undo things that weren't doing you any good.
- Tr. Jupiter square Moon: The chance to remember painful memories from the past. Getting more worked up about social and individual injustice. The tendency to be more sentimental about small things.
- Tr. Jupiter trine Asc: To be confident and well-liked.

Perhaps the North node lunar eclipse⁵ of 31-12-2009 may prove useful for getting that breakthrough in his ponderings. It falls opposite the Solar MC (thus conjunct the IC) and the Natal ASC/DESC axis.

Conclusion

While I was writing this report to me it became more and more evident that the things that are in this report are already slowly developing. I saw more and more of it coming back week after week. Is he going to have that magic (mental) breakthrough? What will the conclusion of his reassessment be? Has he learned from end of last year (see Saturn opposite MC, Jupiter square Mars)? These are all questions astrology can't answer, but where you will learn its value regarding focus and verbalization.



It is perhaps not the most interesting year to do a study for the public, because 2009 seems to be very internalized and hidden (of which the 12th house is a perfect example) but it will shape who he is more than previous years because that's where the focus is. It's a rather crucial time 'to keep ya head straight'. I hope he does meet the right people or reads the right book that could lend a hand here.

⁵ Saros 115 @ 10.15 CANCER

