

# Planet Waves

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Dear Friend and Client:

Thank you for your new or upgraded subscription to Planet Waves. Enclosed is your Basic Astrology Kit. I'd like to tell you a little bit of what's included in your folder, so you can make better use of it. The idea of the Astrology Kit is to help you take full ownership of your charts, as physical objects. Think of this as either a spiritual or artistic act.

First, we've included two versions of your natal chart. Please verify that your data is correct. There is a simpler version of your chart that's approximately what you would recognize had it been cast in the 1970s (and what many astrologers use today): planets out to Pluto; no asteroids, and Chiron is not included in this format.

The more complex version includes Chiron, two other centaurs (Pholus and Nessus), Ceres and three other asteroids, plus Eris, and a diversity of other points that you may look up on the legend. Most of the points shown are included in *Astrology Revealed*, which you might have as a PDF or printed copy.

Then there is your progressed chart, cast for the time when we made up your set. The progressed chart moves slowly (one day per year, called "secondary progression," using the Quotidian Q2 method, which advances the rising sign one degree per day; the Moon moves a degree per month).

We've also included your solar return for 2019, cast for the city where we delivered the charts to. You may use this as a stand-alone chart, or as a reference for the approximate positions of the outer planets this year. Some astrologers read the solar return and divine off of it; I generally don't, though it's helpful in that it will give you an idea of your transits.

Then there is the Midpoint and Arc table. This is a fancy aspectarian (guide to the aspects). You can see where the midpoints between the planets are; you can see the distances between any two planets, and also see when they make aspects. Use the legend to look up the aspects, though be careful when looking up their meaning in books because most books tend to be overly negative (see my chapter on Venus square Mars in *Astrology Revealed*). Use this table for a little while and you'll see how much information it includes.

Last, we've included some blank wheels and some blank paper. I suggest you photocopy your blank wheel so you have a little supply of them, and then do things like copy over your chart by hand. This will give you a feeling for how it's constructed.

Thank you for your business, and for trusting me as your astrologer.

With love,

