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Solar Returns – Interpreting Solar Returns: Predictions: key book of Active Astrology.

Ciro Discepolo, author and founder of the School of Solar Returns (ASR) explains how and why is good to travel for the birthday. One day we will all more or less independent for calculate our destinations but to do it the matter must be studied it.

I consider this book the most important text of the school of Active Astrology (AA) on the subject.

The reason? Before interpreting a graph of Solar Return is need to know that this graph is important!

So it is absolutely to be not confused with the earlier work, much more full-bodied, "Transits and Solar Returns," which contains the author's research work by the late nineties (everything you need to read the charts) and that, in my opinion, is the next step in the studies of ASR.

Unlike the previous manual this new treaty, despite being released to the press most recently, is full of information and considerations on the subject, is explained in an accessible language and as always, so as discursive: what are the ASR, why is necessary to move ourselves in the birthday, how to find the places and technical chapters through various examples and cases.

"Solar Returns" is a text "historic" because it gathers the first studies of ASR written in the author's articles in the seventies, then the chapters written in the following years in other his books (1984), so the first "Practical Treaty" (1993) and finally "New Treaty" (2002).

And above all a technical book-mathematical, contains the history of

the rules as they were experienced by the author on the basis of thousands of practical experiments, the chapters of description and interpretation of an ASR (much more developed in "Transits and Solar Returns") and contains the results and the unpublished researches (for example, because the time zone does not affect the calculation of ASR).

Those topics are not present in other texts.

It is a book for those who want to understand the Active Astrology and for those who decided to study it.

"Solar Returns" is the key book for who wants to know the method of the Active Astrology's school.

Along with "Transits and Solar Returns" gives the basics of the School of the Aimed Solar Returns.

Both books are must to have and to study.

Danila Madau Perra

**A professional's view,
By Roy Kirkland "Roy"
Aimed Solar and Lunar Returns**

I have been practicing astrology for a very long time, and generally avoid astrology books. When I discovered the work of Ciro Discepolo, and this book in particular, I was pleasantly shocked. Ciro's approach to working with clients is almost identical to my own.

What I try to do with clients is to give them suggestions as to how to "ground out" or "discharge" the "difficult" planetary combinations. I have thought of hundreds of ways to help them do so, but Ciro probably has a hundred to every one I've thought of.

Plus, he is the founder and foremost practitioner of "Aimed" return chart methodology in the world today.

The clarity with which fundamental astrological principles shine through his writing is impressive, despite the translation.

About that - if anyone has a hard time reading through the translation

- study Hindu Astrology with the vow not to read a book written or co-written by a westerner on the subject.

Anyway, I've studied, used and taught many techniques of astrology (Sidereal, Hellenistic, Tajika, and others) in the past.

I find Ciro's methods of "Aimed Birthdays" and "Symbol Exorcism" to be simple, succinct, direct and useful. Some of the suggestions may appear to be difficult, but the inconvenience is far less painful than accepting the worst possibilities of a difficult Solar or Lunar Return. This is my indisputable observation.

My experience proves that these methods work, and I have several decades of it. Some may think this is an old-fashioned view of astrology. I don't really care, because I'm into what works.

I look at the indications of the horoscope as being multifaceted; there are good and bad possibilities in everything. Generally, the undesirable possibilities have a tendency to manifest themselves more easily in our lives; that's how life is. Most professional analysts and therapists will tell you the same thing using different language.

With Active Astrology, we use the chart in such a way that we give the unwanted possibilities something else to do, so that we don't have to suffer their imposition in our affairs.

I have written elsewhere that we have the fatalists and determinists of the past two or three thousand years to thank for coming up with reliable guidelines for quickly finding difficult astrological combinations.

Mr. Discepolo's approach to "Aimed Solar and Lunar Returns" enables us to change our personal relationship to these combinations in order to moderate or antidote their worst possibilities.

As opposed to the expensive and culturally dissonant "propitiatory" methods of Hindu Astrology (not to mention the almost indecipherable methods of "Lal Kitab"), the techniques of Active Astrology are almost universally applicable and produce startling results, without requiring a change in your belief system.

And, more often than not, they are fun.

I must admit that I am rather excited about this method.

I am in the process of developing a website to give people easier access to this technique.

This project has Mr. Discepolo's "benediction", and we do correspond with one another. I am also somewhat of a minimalist as far as my artistic taste goes, and Active Astrology appeals to me in this way too, because it uses a minimum of simple astrological technology, and puts the emphasis on the experience.

You can't control the wind, but you can control the sails, and the Solar and Lunar return charts, as described in his books, are one heck of a well-seasoned crew that can help you get your ship of life where you want it to go.

Roy Kirkland

My comment on Amazon.com:

Tomorrow, on my blog, I will write this news that is a world preview: Roy Kirkland is the owner of the detached section of Active Astrology in Chicago starting today, with my "benediction".

I am certain that he will know how to spread well the verb of this school because he has already tried its rules on a lot of people and he has gotten exceptional results!

He could be the first one of a long series of owners of as many detached sections of Active Astrology in USA and in the whole world. Many wishes to the American colleague.

Ciro Discepolo

Napoli, 21th August 2011

Not for amateurs or the faint of heart

By Roy Kirkland "Roy"

This review is from: Transits And Solar Returns; A New System of Analysis for Two Ancient Methods

This is an excellent compilation of Ciro Discepolo's research. In it, he clearly describes the principles of his "Active Astrology" method.

In that I have been an astrological practitioner for many years, it's easy for me to see that his descriptions are based on sound astrological principles.

For some the translation into English might be a little difficult, but untangling some of the idiomatic expressions and metaphors he uses can be a lot of fun, in fact, I find his writing as enjoyable as his overall concept.

What makes this particular book unique is the clear explanation of the basics of the system he works with.

Starting with certain fundamental axioms about the structure of the Solar Return chart, he makes it clear that you can actively change this structure and therefore change the indications for the entire year. This is what could be called (in a mixture of modern and Elizabethan metaphors) "tweaking the accidental dignities."

Although he uses many examples to show that this is a verifiable principle, he doesn't go deeply into methods other than "aimed" Solar Returns, or traveling to the location of the best possible chart, for moderating the effects of transits.

He has written other books that cover the subject in greater depth; please see my review of Aimed Solar and Lunar Returns for more about this.

He does remind the student over and over again that the effects of a given transit are subject to the quality of the Solar Return in which they fall, and that's really important to the way this method works.

The reason I titled this review "not for amateurs" is simple. Someone who has not worked with astrological charts and predictive methods could be frightened by some of what he says, and when emotions get involved, the basic principles go out the window.

Adding more on timing transits would be helpful for beginners as well. These additions would make it easier for more excitable beginners to relax and enjoy the writing as much as I do.

One more thing - these charts are calculated in the tropical zodiac without precession.

I learned a number of years ago that this type of chart (which I refused to use for a number of years because my involvement with sidereal techniques and methods) can actually be very accurate if you base your interpretation on the planets in the houses.

The Aimed Solar Return gives an entirely new perspective as to what to do with this type of chart.

Again, others may find plenty to criticize about the book, but I found it very enjoyable reading.

I'm actually on my 3rd copy now, and still having fun with it. Aiming the Solar Return and "Exorcism of the Symbol" work. Period.

This is a great book if you're interested in learning to use astrology in a proactive and preemptive way.

Roy Kirkland

Respected Ciro,

as the time for my friend's birthday is approaching, I am debating again and need your guidance.

Date of birth: November 19th, 1970 at Ambala (5:50am),

First Return: Las Palmas De Gr, Spain (28N06,15W24). at 11:02 pm. Here Jupiter is conjunct which I like. Mars is in 2nd and not 1st. Saturn is 5 degrees away from IC.

However Pluto is in 5th conjunct 6th house (house of health and daily job activities) and Neptune is conjunct 8th house cusp.

Should I be concerned about Pluto and Neptune here? Ascendant falls in 9th.

Second Return: Lisbon, Portugal. Jupiter is 4 degrees away from MC but Asc is conjunct Mc and in 10th house. Mars in 1st (only negative that I see).

Which return do you prefer and why?

Please advise soon.

Regards, Neena.

Dear Neena,

the Las Palmas solution is very good! Well done!

Pluto in the Sixth House is not particularly dangerous and the same

Neptune in the Eight House.

The Lisboa solution is impossible: we cannot accept Mars in the first House. This is one of the fundamental rules of an Aimed Solar Return: why do you ask me it?

Best regards.

Dear Ciro,

Roy Kirkland's new Active astrology section in Chicago is awesome news. I also loved and identified with his book reviews though I probably lack his astrological experience...

all the same, as far as Active Astrology goes, how one deals with a person already suffering from an illness??

A younger cousin of mine had for many years (since 1988)intestinal problems (chronic), which was diagnosed as cancer when in surgery on Aug 1st, 2010... treatment enabled taming his illness but couple of weeks ago around his birthday (Aug. 16, 2008, Tel Aviv 12:30 noon time according to his mother and closer to 13:00 according to his father... unfortunately, we just missed his birthday... anyway, how can we employ here the principles of active astrology...

Many thanks, Mordecai

Dear Mordecai,

even if you don't have a long practice of Active Astrology you study a lot the subject and you show, with your posts, to learn more every day. Do you want to be the owner of Tel Aviv for the Active Astrology?

In relation to your young cousin I fear that we cannot do anything up to next August.

Now submitted to the physicians of your Country that are very good and then, next August 16th, we can intervene in support to the medical cares with a magnificent Aimed Solar Return for him!

Best wishes.



Ciro Discepolo is an astrologer, journalist and writer, he was born in Naples in 1948 (on the 17th of July, at 5:40 am). He worked for twenty years for the most popular daily of Naples, *Il Mattino*, writing articles on science, medicine, informatics, literature and astrology. He has always refused to cast the so-called ‘horoscopes of the solar signs’ for that newspaper, as well as for any other newspaper or magazine. He worked (at the age of 20) for five years at the *CNR* (*National Research Council*) as Research Helper

and, for two years, as Electronic Measures Laboratory’s head in the *Istituto Motori* of Naples, *CNR*. He has been dealing with astrology since 1970. He has written over 70 books, most of them best-sellers in Italy as well as abroad (France, the United States of America, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Slovenia and Russia) and he has published over 1,000 astrological lessons on *YouTube* and about 300 short *Astrology Essays* on *Google Books*. In 1990 he founded the quarterly *Ricerca ‘90*, which he has been editing and publishing since then. He has been doing statistical researches from the very beginning of his interest in astrology. During the early ‘90s, he obtained brilliant results with researches on astral heredity on a sample of over 75,000 subjects, in different years and always under the control of different experts of statistics among which also teachers of the University of Naples. The astrological rules #1 and #2, published in his *Transits and Solar Returns* but already described decades earlier in other publications of his, have been statistically demonstrated by Didier Castille – the greatest astrological statistic researcher in the world – on the entire French population, and this is probably the most convincing evidence in Astrology of the possibility to statistically demonstrate some astrological items. These rules were also demonstrated in over 40 years of studies by some researchers of Zurich University and they are the only statements of an astrologer, of every time, demonstrated by Official Science. He has been holding seminars, courses and lectures in different universities and cultural centres in Italy and abroad. He particularly deals with Predictive Astrology, Aimed Solar Returns and Aimed Lunar Returns. According to many colleagues, he may be considered the greatest living expert of this area of study. Not only has he written many texts on this specific segment of the art of Urania – he can also rely on the experience of more than 25,000 aimed birthdays (covering the years 1970 to 2012). The outcomes of these aimed birthdays have been recorded and analyzed by his consultants and himself at the end of each year after the consultant’s departure for the aimed birthday. He has developed extremely advanced software packages for the study of Predictive Astrology, also projecting an innovative algorithm which is particularly useful for the dating of events within one year, for individuals or groups of people. He is deeply interested in informatics. Astrologically speaking, he followed the school of André Barbault. He founded the school of the *Active Astrology*.