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## CANCER :: You Have Resources

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**T**HE QUEST of your life right now is experiencing the reorientation of work, family, relationships, spiritual concepts and sexuality.

Oh, that's all?

Well, there is more, but let's start there. The incoming energies and "the cycles that be" are guiding a gradual but total rearrangement of your existence. It is well underway. You are seeing some of the results, and experiencing the challenges — and potentially the opportunities they contain.

This primarily involves what you are called to do in the world, and moreover, how you respond to your callings. In the area of vocation or what some call “profession,” there are multiple revolutions happening that are serving to shake you out of the past and awaken your sense of purpose. This will, if you let it, replace your previous *sense of duty* with a *sense of mission*.

Your inner drive to serve the world in the ways that the world needs to be served is much more fun than any box or blanket of responsibility encasing your vital force. Yet to truly experience this evolutionary stage, you must look, and look honestly, at both yourself and the world around you. You must know when you are called, and where your inner compass and sense of timing align with a seemingly outer beacon.

At this time, it’s essential that you know for yourself the one thing that the world seems to have forgotten: that with power comes responsibility. And that responsibility on its own may confer no power; there are times when all you have will be the power of decision.

You may not believe it today, but the decisions you will be called upon to make will more often be obvious rather than cryptic. The most important factor is your ability to perceive the world accurately, and from a circumspect point of view. That means to see anything clearly, it will help if you are moving rather than standing still.

There are too many moving parts to predict outcomes or timing, though expect a rapid acceleration starting in early February. The momentum will increase until midyear, when it will seem to level off somewhat.

In your relationship environment, a different story is unfolding. Was William Faulkner right when he said that the past is neither over, nor past? Family configurations — that is, repeating patterns — seem to show up all around you. This is your most important

opportunity to see your early environment for what it was, to sort out *samskaras* (latent past impressions) and to step through the maze of history into the dawn of a new era.

### **Note to Self**

No aspect of your life is being left out of your potential for growth, change and progress, particularly the way that developing aspects are aligning with your solar chart (and if you are Cancer rising, your natal chart). And just for fun, this is happening all at once. You're involved in a fundamental rethinking and rebuilding of who you are inwardly, and who you are in the world. These seem to be recreations from scratch, though you have precedents for doing this; none, however, stack up to the present moment, but if you pay attention you will see you have plenty of experience.

### **Orientation, Not Destination**

There is no way to read or predict the destination of this astrology, in total. It's all about how you respond, what you want, and whether you're able to be honest about it.

You're probably experiencing this multidimensional shift with some confusion, apprehension and maybe fear, wondering where it's all going – wondering where you are going. All of your previous points of orientation are dissolving and new ones have yet to take their place.

For example, in your vocational affairs (my preferred term for career), you are naturally guided *by being who you are*. You are fortunate to have this; of all the signs you strive to connect your inner being and your outer expression, particularly when it comes to work-related matters.

But who you are is changing so fast that you cannot possibly orient on any past notion of your self-identity, or what honors, accolades or seeming failures were attached to you. During such an experience, the sensation can be one of free-fall. Yet that

feeling of collapse or weightlessness is also a factor of the world in which we live.

What is unusual about this moment is how so many factors seem to be coming from outside of you. And in a sense your adventure is mostly about the environment you live in. But adaptation to the environment is always a personal and inwardly directed thing.

There seem to be some strange overlays. For example, the need to resolve multigenerational family relationships has taken over your most intimate partnerships. The continuity between parents and partners is making itself known, as is the connection between private experience and what is happening in the world.

These connections are significant, and difficult to describe, though I will do my best. One thought to consider is how all social and intimate bonds have some rooting in your family origins; and how the drama being played out in society is rooted in the unresolved business of the past.

## **FOCUS ON YOUR 1st HOUSE - CANCER**

If you are reading this, your 1st place or house, Cancer, is probably your Sun or rising sign. For Cancerians, the Moon has a particularly strong influence so I would include that as well. This is not true for most of the signs — the other exceptions being Taurus and Pisces.

Studying your primary house gives an inventory of resources, though the 2nd counts for quite a bit. It's what you've got in your personal workshop, spiritual bank account, potentially your financial bank account, and your bag of tricks, easily available to work with. Most of them are psychic, mental or emotional resources, forms of knowledge about yourself and existence. When working with clients during career changes, I encourage them to do a personal resources inventory. This gives an overview of your skills and abilities, regardless of when you learned them or whether you mastered them.

To focus closely on any one astrological sign is like putting a drop of pond water under a microscope. You see all kinds of things you were not expecting. That includes several unusual conjunctions that are forming and represent gradual changes to your character. I've been writing about some of these for years, though not naming the points involved. You have not heard of most of these planets. Please, don't succumb to confusion. It is tempting. Listen like you're hearing the words of a song go by, then pick out what you're curious about.

First, in major planet news, Jupiter will be in your sign through June 30, when it enters Leo. Jupiter is the magnifier, and it's got plenty in its gaze, most notably the Chiron-Eris conjunction in Aries (Aries gets its own chapter, below). Jupiter has been in aspect to Chiron-Eris for many months — it is very tight currently — and this will hold through the duration of Jupiter in Cancer.

The result is a push for you to integrate seemingly outer events (in Aries, your 10th place) into a deeply personal context (in Cancer, your 1st place). *Who you are* must be one and the same with *what you do*.

Jupiter is also providing a kind of safety cushion for you, as physical Jupiter does for the Earth (attracting objects that enter the solar system and could collide with us).

The world is heavy right now, and Jupiter is giving you some buoyancy and a sense of potential.

In the second part of the year, it will move into Leo, which is likely to be financially stabilizing in a way I'm sure you will appreciate. I'll develop Jupiter in Leo later when I get to Pluto in Aquarius (the two will meet face to face later in the year). But for now: whether in your 1st place or 2nd, Jupiter will encourage you to tap into your deepest self-esteem. That means respecting who you are and what you have accomplished. There are other factors

supporting this, though Jupiter is here to call your attention to them.

You may also find yourself in a protective role over another person (financial guardian, medical surrogate, power of attorney or fairy godmother, for example).

Even if this is describing an area of life you are not experienced in, you can be a quick study as long as you are guided by the principle of knowing when you don't know. Expertise is not the issue; practical, applicable knowledge is. If you are working with a professional of some kind, this would mean being an informed client. Or you might need to take on a task yourself.

With the rest of this section, I'm planning to describe seemingly obscure astrological placements that you may be familiar with by theme, if not by name. You're experiencing the astrology and I have been describing it in many years of annual readings without specifically saying what I've been looking at. In this reading I would like to gently pull back that veil and reveal what has been happening with the names of the factors involved. Then we will spread out into the rest of your chart and look for some new metaphors that describe your current journey and that of the next four or five seasons.

### **Note to Self**

Jupiter is providing a protective influence that is also inviting you to expand into the world. However, the mighty ruler of the Solar System is encountering the chaos of society in the form of Chiron-Eris. The confusion you are experiencing is that while you are distinctly focused on discovering who you are, many people are distinctly focused on fear, attachment and conflict. This is why "politics" is so popular. Political obsession is also a distraction from running the affairs of one's own personal city. Do not fall for this game.

## The Asbolus-Chaos Conjunction in Cancer

This is an unusual, potent conjunction in early Cancer, and it counts as a personal asset. By my reading, it's about survival skills, and also about protection. The planets involved will be with you for many years, but they are at a peak in 2026, working together as one.

Slow-movers Asbolus, a centaur (77-year orbit), and Chaos, a classical Kuiper object (311-year orbit), have been near one another for a while and their conjunction will continue until 2034 when faster-moving Asbolus pulls away from slower-moving Chaos. In 2026, the conjunction is exact on June 26, a region of time with tremendous creative potential for you.

Chaos, a name casually tacked onto an ordinary Kuiper object, is named for the fertile void. From Chaos emerged Gaia, the world we live in; as well as Tartarus, the primal abyss; and Eros. So Chaos is where all creation begins. The implication of astrology is that we contain this void and that it's a source of creative power and momentum. In sum, Chaos means *prime creation*.

Asbolus has a primal quality as well. It's a centaur (long period comet-like body) whose name translates to "carbon dust." It is the thing that all life has in common. Nearly all life on earth is carbon based. And nearly all life has one property — it wants to keep living. It wants to survive. In clients with prominent Asbolus, I have seen unusual survival skills and experience of safety under strange conditions.

Asbolus works the edge, always poised on the cusp of a breakthrough. You are searching for the metes and bounds of your life, and you're also looking for limits. The quest is for boundaries you can ultimately transgress — though the sooner the better.

Together with Chaos, this is raw, unrefined potential. Imagine that its role and the idea of this aspect is to guide you along a perimeter of your own existence. It reminds us that all life has

one thing in common, which is the will to survive — though many humans present an odd exception, losing their will to live.

## **Hygeia Meets Aphrodite in Cancer**

In other news, the venerated goddess of hygiene, Hygeia, who had quite the cult following across ancient Greece, meets Aphrodite, a complex goddess of love, sex and beauty...and the shadow sides of these feminine assets.

Here is an A.I. gem: “[Aphrodite] is known for being vain, passionate, and vengeful, and her stories often involve meddling in the affairs of mortals and other gods, sometimes with devastating consequences.” For example: she cursed mortal women whom she considered more beautiful than she was.

We might take her meeting with Hygeia in its most elemental form as saying “clean up your act.” However, your act may be pretty clean (if you’re not a puppet to jealousy or envy).

In matters of sex, it seems you are seeking a sense of purity that you may not be willing to uphold. This may be about physical cleanliness, though it feels closer to an ideal of spiritual purity that you may possess. Obsession over sexual cleanliness and diseases is a form of anxiety. These issues don’t matter once you see the issue as being about fear.

The content is irrelevant, and something is clean or dirty only if you say it is; there are all kinds of “God made dirt, dirt don’t hurt” and the “five second rule” exceptions. Guilt, shame and embarrassment may also come up for healing. While all of these emotions would seem to argue for wrongness, I propose that they are a scrim for something that is right, true and good about you.

Guilt is a matter of conscience; you can clear that if you want, with honest conversation.

Shame is a matter of existence; it's a longer discussion with yourself and resolving shame involves gaining a new understanding of your early-life circumstances.

Embarrassment stands between you and what you want. It is a curtain that can be brushed aside with no consequences. All of this simmers down to how you feel in the moment of orgasm. Do you feel honest, or withholding? Reluctant, or willing? Do you struggle to get there? And how do you feel in the moments and hour afterward? Once you've felt yourself brush aside the scrim of embarrassment and emerge into the delight on the other side, your self-doubt will melt more easily the next time.

The more compelling take on this aspect is the idealism angle. This could be about monogamy, celibacy, or a moral position of some kind. It could take form as *my sex is pure whilst yours is not* (some notion that "weird is what everyone else does"). Look for any aspect of life, love or sex where you are meekly sanctimonious. Turn your ethical sense inward; it is a private matter.

## **The Meeting of Kronos and Hades in Cancer**

Two visitors to your sign have been part of a character development process that has been with you for a long time; they are now joining forces.

There exist eight of what I call 'special points' that were developed in the early 20th century by German astrologers named Witte, Sieggrün and Rudolph. These planets don't really exist, except they do, in the spiritual sense. Their orbits are perfectly circular (rather than elliptical) and extremely long. They are something of a boutique item in the astrological field. They are sometimes considered hypothetical planets and are technically called Uranian Points. Here is a [reliable inventory](#). Two of them have been in your sign for many years and are gradually joining their natures in a conjunction. You've experienced them separately for a long time, though their slow

merger is revealing various signs in public life. Ultimately, this is about the integrity of leadership. It's about you holding your spiritual and moral center.

One is Hades, which has a 360-year orbit — stalking the solar year across the centuries, and moving about one degree per year through your chart (much slower than Pluto). Hades stands for: All that is unpleasant, useless, antique, or deeply buried. The occult. It is misunderstood as a "negative" influence. Really it is a portal to the unconscious, the 12th place in all its demented and steampunk glory. The 12th is one of the 'attics of my life', in the words of Robert Hunter, and Hades gets you there.

Another is Kronos, which has a 512-year orbit (more than double that of Pluto). It represents: Superiority; the highest quality attainable; the ultimate in authority; standard of excellence; undisputed expert. It represents a governing principle.

Putting the two of these together could form the basis of a science fiction trilogy. Empires are described by it. Yet we are here to read this as personal astrology, with individual meaning.

Without usually mentioning it by name, I've described the self-esteem factor of Kronos developing for you over many years; it's a tricky thing, this matter of respecting yourself. This is not ordinary self-esteem though, the kind described by psychologists. It's about deep and abiding self-respect that is earned over many years or decades.

Hades for its part describes the depth element; knowing yourself deeply; having no illusions about the world; knowing when the deal is down and dirty. But it's also about what is instinctive, guided by ancestry, and often mysterious with its value and origins not usually recognized. Said another way, you know things you really should have no way of knowing. And you are driven to go deep in a world where superficial responses satisfy most people.

What is the fusion here? Respecting yourself despite carrying some part of the collective shadow, and your personal shadow? Perhaps, a starting point. Better: you are responsible for your integrity, no matter the state of the world or the prevailing conditions that may affect you. Many feel that because we live in a time of corruption and decadence, that excuses them from being an exemplary or honorable person. It does not.

Integrity implies *integration*, which means *wholeness*, and that would mean consciously processing all of the dark, shadowy stuff associated with Hades, in cultivation and fulfillment of your strength.

Jupiter in your sign is a blessing on its own, though with Hades and Kronos involved, there are specific assets and personal abilities that can move to the front of your psyche and enhance your efforts and movements in the world. Of all the potential variants, the capacity for dignity and for the ability to hold your depth when you need to are perhaps the greatest assets.

### **Note to Self**

Powerful people are often comfortable with their shadow side. They own it and do not project it onto others. This sometimes comes in the form of, "Yes, I admit what an evil asshole I am," but you probably do not qualify for that dubious distinction. However, for you it will arrive in the quiet confidence of knowing that as a human you contain all potential and can do anything with it that you want. Maintain your dignity in any situation, whether you are sure of yourself or not. Be aligned with who you are.

### **About Those Resources: Jupiter in Leo Meets Vulkanus**

After the 1st place is the 2nd place. You have Leo here, which is probably the best sign to have if you not only want your life to be adequately funded but also have a good supply of respect for yourself. Leo in the 2nd implies self-leadership. It is the sign of

the Sun, which is the source of all power — at least locally. So that alone describes resources.

However, Jupiter arrives on July 1, and there are several slow-moving points that its presence will highlight. On its own, Jupiter in Leo and the 2nd describes resources, which could be money, ability, talent, knowledge, and the drive to expand your financial horizons.

Let's go through some of the more important longterm assets that will be magnified by Jupiter. I think the most important is Varuna, a very slow-mover that represents integrity. When we get to the 8th house (opposite the 2nd) there will be some discussion of Pluto and its emphasis on contracts and agreements. Varuna insists that you take the lead on making sure you are keeping your promises and holding up your end of every bargain.

The best approach is a conservative one: make as few promises as possible and have as few expectations as possible. Then, do what you can and what you must to ensure that they are fulfilled — in all directions, but especially from you. You will be rewarded for your impeccability, yet really, the thing to remember is that it's a resource far more than it is a demand.

Second is Vulkanus. This is nearly infinite energy. It represents a tap into the core of the Earth or the heart of the Sun. Yes, this is symbolic and so is all of astrology. It represents the infusion of, or access to, resources that you will need for your professional or vocational developments. The most important one is vitality: your own energy, your motivation, your commitment and devotion. Yet it's difficult to miss the potential for personal financial gain. Do not worry about how stretched the world is. Use that as a resource by tailoring your business plans.

Developments in your 2nd house will proceed slowly until July, though there is an important exercise implied: access all other resources first, then work with cash. They arrive in many forms.

Stay open to receiving. And remember that the chances are if you need something, you already have it.

## **FOCUS ON LIFE MISSION: EVENTS IN ARIES**

### **The Call of Achievement is Synonymous with Personal Development**

For you, personal development and worldly achievement are the same thing. Or they are when you are living your chart. With two momentous events in Aries this year, you are being invited to step up.

This is not true of everyone here in "late-stage capitalism" or any stage of capitalism or any stage of the human story. In fact, personal development is a somewhat new concept. And if everyone aspired to it, they would collectively shut down the economy as we know it and demand the creation of something with more integrity. In other words, if people were more evolved, most of them could not do the things they do for work.

The reason so many bad things happen is because so few people are willing to focus on who they are rather than on what they do. Ethics can be suspended if the check is big enough. Who someone "really is" is another matter.

There is something essential to understand about the way your sign is configured. And that is that your growth and self-actualization are directly linked to your personal achievement, which usually is associated with profession or career. This is the 10th house.

You are fortunate to have Aries here, and Aries describes all forms of self, self-actualization, self-discovery, personal will, identity, motivation and drive. All that Mars stuff! But right in one place. And for Cancer, that place is the house of "career and

reputation.” You are fortunate that you’ve got all of this aligned. It is likely to keep you on a straight and narrow path.

You cannot really have a “work you” and a “real you.” You cannot really have a “stage persona” and a “true self.” And if you try to do these things, the result will be stressful and waste a lot of energy. It is not your key to success.

The 10th is also associated with something that occasionally people recognize as relevant to their development process, which is your full engagement with being a parent. By this I mean providing devoted leadership in your family. “Parenting” is trendy now, but it’s usually held as a part-time job. The whole concept of family has changed radically over the past few generations, as it does every century or so.

So in commenting on Cancer’s association with profession as a primary personal vocation and field of growth, I do not mean to diminish your role in family matters of “the brood.” Rather, that is all the more significant. We have a real problem here, though, as corporate life has all but consumed family life. This is part of a larger destabilization of culture and society. This tension has created a lot of stress in the post-WW II years.

### **Note to Self**

You grow as you evolve into your mission, self-authority and sense of purpose. This is an enviable position to be in. If you sense a split or a division in yourself, this is the thing to look at first. Your sense of purpose is directly connected to discovering who you are.

### **Planetary Events in Aries**

There are two major planetary events in Aries, all involving slow-moving and deeply influential planets. This configuration will spin the world on its finger. It is a special calling to integrity for you.

Both events describe a global condition as well as your personal situation.

The first has been developing in Aries for about eight years, depending on how you measure. That is the Chiron-Eris conjunction, which has not happened since 1971-1972 (also in Aries). For us today, this conjunction has presented a massive wakeup call to the reality of the digital net that we all now live within.

But there is something more significant for you personally. The main property of Eris in Aries is to unravel the individuating self, and to turn people, and humanity, into what you might call tribal beings. It took us a long time to understand that we are individual people. The thing that has unraveled that is electrical technology and mass communication. Under electrical conditions, there is no privacy and no notion of a private self.

Astrologically, this era begins around 1923, when Eris first arrived in Aries (it was a long transition from Pisces, lasting more than two years). So we are all born under these conditions. What would make a significant difference is first, the strength of your character; and equally important, the literacy level of your family, factors in your upbringing and the type of educational experiences you had. Oh, and how your natal chart is set up — there are some people who are just in touch with themselves and recognize the extent of their personal autonomy.

However, society was changing in ways that nobody understood or could predict, as wave after wave of tribalizing, de-individuating technology crashed over humanity — turning society into one “something else” after the next. And most of us have unwittingly come along. Each wave worked the culture and people over *entirely*. How cool it all was — the silhouetted groovy kids dancing with their iPod was just the bait.

Now add Chiron. End to end, Eris in Aries spans 1923-2043 — about 120 years. In that time, Chiron passes through Aries twice,

and therefore forms two conjunctions to Eris. The aforementioned one in 1971-1972; and the other is now. So we have a test run for this event, though for the first one, neither planet had been discovered so it was happening “unconsciously.” We now have some information about how and why the early 1970s were the special time that they were where many people aspired to awaken, and some did.

Chiron is a rather opposite influence to Eris. Where Eris turns people into tribal beings, Chiron represents the focus of individuality. Not only that, it is the self that stands out — the maverick. People with a strong Chiron will usually be highly individualistic. They will not be afraid to stand out. Part of the problem now is that people want to seem like they are special but are afraid to actually stand out. When you’re a ten-foot-tall half-horse, half-human, it’s difficult to not be noticed.

So think of it this way: Chiron is pulling focus on the tribal qualities of Eris, and that is creating some angst. However, we are being called out of ideological chaos and not deeper into it. When someone thinks of themselves as a proud member of a tribe, veiled over by the pretense of being an individualist, the result can feel extremely uncomfortable.

Where this lands in your chart is in the house of your reputation, your work and your leadership. And it’s not all that’s there — there is a second conjunction, as rare as Chiron-Eris in its own way.

### **Note to Self**

While there is a mass awakening going on, many people are resisting it and trying to stay in their sleepy, tribal state. Don’t let this get you down. Anyone who starts to wake up can incur the wrath of the zombies. Meanwhile, do not be deceived by politics. The people you align with the most may seem to have views very different from your own.

## **Saturn Conjunct Neptune in Aries**

Remember we are oriented on the top of your solar chart, or if you have Cancer rising, your natal chart: themes of reputation and achievement, going on in a sign where all the chaos of the world is being illustrated. We express different facets of life in different houses, and you are fortunate to have high-initiative, original and motivated Aries there.

This is in a time of extremely rare astrology in this place, which includes a second conjunction, that of Saturn and Neptune. It's happening in one of the most powerful degrees of the zodiac, which can connect you directly to a wide public and to the top of corporate or government influence. It may be the single most powerful degree of the zodiac, called the Aries Point.

This conjunction describes major developments that you may have a little taste of from the past summer, which was likely to have been chaotic in your professional life. This aspect is phasing in, with the first phase behind you and the second one coming up. So you are likely to have already done some major work not knowing what you were actually doing.

For contrast, I would view Chiron-Eris as a kind of personal awakening as part of a wider shift in the world around you. I would view Saturn-Neptune as the action you take as a result. It also represents the resources you have available. Since this conjunction has only happened three times in Aries since 1 B.C. and it's never happened in the Aries Point degree, I will be speculating a little, but astrology is a good tool for visioning.

And off the stick, I would propose visioning is an important element of putting it to work for you. This would involve the squirmy kind of visioning necessary when Neptune is involved, and also Saturn. Neptune fuels the imagination; it has no

standard for accuracy, only what might be so, whether true or imagined.

Saturn is practical and wants ideas to take a form. People who have Saturn-Neptune pairings in their natal chart can struggle with this balance, where nothing seems practical and nothing much is dreamed up. The two can cancel one another out, though I suggest you not opt for that. And to opt out of the cancellation, you would have to first work the visionary side of the conjunction and then the practical side.

I am suggesting here that you conjure a vision of what you want, and then test it. Then see what you would do differently, and test that. If you start with the practical side, you risk having no idea and no vision driving you. If you work from a vision and then correct it over time, you will get a better result. If you work from necessity, you're likely to get stuck there. Neptune will give you a vision of what might be possible, and then Saturn will help you adapt to reality.

Remember there are a lot of moving parts in the world. There are many moving parts in your world, especially in your professional life. Certain transits do not take over until later in the year, so leave yourself room to grow. Do not build a glass ceiling. Think in terms of scalability — but also in terms of having a flexible vision where you have room to grow.

If you persist gently, something will take hold, though it will likely be in a form different from what you envisioned. That's the creative process. It has to have a life of its own, with the three ingredients being your vision, your practical sense, and motivating and coordinating the process.

It is important as well to understand your environment. That means the world around you and the context in which you are doing anything. There is figure and ground; the figure is what you are doing and the ground is the world and environment around where you are doing it. It might help if you understood the depth

of the crisis, so that you would recognize opportunities and openings that would otherwise be difficult to spot.

I know I've used this quote at least 20 times, but it contains almost all you need to know so that you can figure out where you are. By "all of our new media," the author, Eric McLuhan, means everything from radio forward, but especially the digital world. Please print this and glue it to a card that you carry around or stick it to the fridge with a magnet:

"The body is everywhere assaulted by all of our new media, a state which has resulted in deep disorientation of intellect and destabilization of culture throughout the world. In the age of disembodied communication, the meaning and significance and experience of the body is utterly transformed and distorted."

It is difficult to hear a call of achievement when the world itself is reduced to social and ideological chaos. And yet it has never been more relevant and more important to do so — to hear your calling.

Therefore, if astrology means anything, you would wake up every day and ask some form of the question, "Who am I and what am I doing here?" Even if you don't have a clear answer, asking and listening are enough. Keep doing that. Keep asking, and keep listening, before you take action or make a decision. And give this process a full year to work out, though by February you will have a lot more than a clue to what is developing.

### **Note to Self**

You will be inspired to take action, perhaps starting with something small, and helping it grow. Do not be afraid to start small! Everything great and mighty, or modest and useful, or beautiful and real, starts as one small idea you might write down on your hand. And with Neptune around, unless you put it in writing, you just might forget — so write and remember! Write down your ideas! Keep a paper and pen notebook!! Neptune is

elusive. It's easier to remember what you write down even if you don't go back and read it. But your notebook will become your gold mine.

## **Outer Planets in the Air Signs: Uranus and Sedna in Gemini, and Pluto in Aquarius**

Let's take this as one idea in two parts: place 8, Aquarius, home of Pluto, and place 12, home of Uranus and Sedna. Houses 8 and 12 both involve secrets, which are a blend of the secrets of other people and those of your own. But in an interesting way, most of the karma belongs to other people.

### **First, Pluto in Aquarius, Your 8th Place**

Pluto began making its ingress into Aquarius in 2023 but the reverberations were palpable for a few years before that. For the world, this was the demolition of the old physically oriented world and the imitation of the digital world. You can track this with planet after planet moving through Aquarius (first Uranus and Neptune, then Chiron, then Nessus, and now Pluto, with Saturn and Jupiter passing through the territory a couple of times since the late 1990s).

So you personally have been through so many outer planets transiting through your 8th place that Pluto is like the cleanup scavenger, the culmination or perhaps the piece where you make contact with your soul —in this most unusual house of in-laws, dowries, estates, contracts, formal marriage and inheritance.

So you have practice, which is good, and then Pluto is Pluto. Always remember that on the deepest level of expression, Pluto drives you to raise your vibration. Its kind of "Get Enlightened or Die!" approach can be unnerving. But what it's really saying is *get clear with others. Know your commitments. Understand your agreements and your contracts.*

With Aquarius and its collective quality, there will be a few of them. Aquarius represents a financial and social order. It is an important version of your contract with existence.

So yes, contracts...with existence, and with the people who come into your life either by marriage, or through your intimate connection to other people. That is the essence of the 8th house. From there and with the addition of money can come a diversity of power trips and dramas that it's your responsibility to sort out — and keep sorted. After enough experience with the 8th, you become leery about who you let in and you correctly judge, or at least assess, people by their past relationships and who their relatives are.

You don't need any more people in your life who have had a series of traumatic relationships, and/or whose family is plainly crazy (especially if the person in question is not adept at navigating the territory of their own family and/or has not done much personal work).

Pluto through the 8th makes you confront the boundaries of existence, including birth and death. And it will teach you over and over how to meet your existence on the level of your highest learning potential.

Pluto through the 8th can seem like one long game of who wants to have power over you. That game is yours to avoid by choosing your agreements carefully. However, you have been through so many 8th house transits that you know you have to establish a relationship to that seeming power and figure out its dynamics — and determine whether that seeming power is real or an illusion.

### **Note to Self**

One suggestion that might be of help is to reduce the number of people in any transaction and work one-to-one with the actual decision maker. Aquarius will tend to multiply the presence of others and this is not usually a case of 'the more the better.'

However, there will be times when you need to build a consensus of people with influence in order to make something happen. Even then it will be worth identifying the informal social leader and letting them do the work. Also, be aware that you will be in possession of the secrets of others.

## **Uranus and Sedna in the 12th Place, Gemini**

For you, this is a pretty wild transit, not for the faint of heart. Gemini is your 12th place, the house or sign right before your reference sign (Sun or rising). It will shake you up from the inside out.

For a point of background, the 12th is what Jung would call “the unconscious.” It’s a morph, though, of the collective unconscious and the individual unconscious. I am running a little short on space and may continue this in the audio portion, so I will sum up succinctly.

Uranus entering your 12th house will have a diversity of unusual effects, but mostly it will awaken you into a deeper relationship with yourself. You will have many opportunities to reconcile with yourself. Yet this is a restless transit that will enter your dreams and influence both your creative work and your use of language. And there is one other thing.

From Vedic astrology, we know that the 12th place is “the pleasures of the bed.” It’s dreamy and it can morph and shift. Add Uranus and things could get very interesting for you sexually. But you will need to know what is appropriate for you and what is not. This will take an ongoing review of the kind that does not usually happen. Both Gemini and Uranus are kinky, so you are likely to be standing at the cusp of a sexual frontier.

## **FOCUS ON RELATIONSHIPS**

### **The Family Hunger Game: Capricorn and the 7th Place**

You have just lived through Pluto in your opposite sign, Capricorn. This stretched from 2008 through 2024. Outer planet transits like this can leave their mark for a long time. Now, something new has gradually taken the place of Pluto, what I call the Family Hunger Game alignment.

In the Aries reading, I said that if I was asked by a national talk show host to explain the madness of the world and also its greatest potential, I would say that it's the twin conjunctions in Aries. However, were I responding from the standpoint of Cancer, I would say: there is a four- (currently at the time of writing, five-) point alignment of seemingly minor planets that hardly anyone but an astrophysicist has heard of, and it's shaking up the world in some very strange ways. At the time of this writing, the alignment consists of asteroid Vesta, centaur Pholus, TNOs (Pluto-like) Ixion and Quaoar, and hypothetical Cupido in Capricorn.

Those are a lot of factors, acting at once, in a tight section of sky (meaning focused theme and message).

This is all about family. The great challenge of relationships with partners is to have them on a horizontal plane rather than a vertical one. You want to look across at partners and not up or down. But Capricorn carries vestiges of both authority and also of family legacy.

If the human race seems to be going insane, it could be compared to a family where there are certain people who are drunk with power who aspire to have no morals and who have taken over the centers of power because nobody can stop them... and some of these people might remind you of your family of origin relatives...and the whole shit show might also be a distraction from your intimate relationships.

But it's also telling you something about them, and it would be prudent to take it slow with intimate partners, especially new or aspiring ones.

Be aware that there is a LOT of karma flying around. The issue here is to sort out what is yours and what is not. Most of it is not your direct personal responsibility but it has kind of landed in your territory and you must address it one way or another. It's always helpful to sort out what belongs to whom, though it takes honesty and it's difficult for humans not to blame themselves for what other people have done or done to them.

In other words, part of passing off karma to others is blaming them for it and making them feel guilty. I'm a pure and innocent soul! It's all the Democrats' fault! And then people take on this baggage.

So first, address the guilt. Then figure out "who dunnit," not for the purpose of blame but rather to have a good address to send it back to them. Yes, if you are sure that something belongs to someone else, you can metaphorically pack it up and ship it to their house.

It does not usually do much good to tell them. You can experiment if you want, or review your notes on past experiments. Those who slough off their karma onto others are assuredly not interested in any form of personal responsibility. That is the issue. If they gave a shit or had a sense of decency, they would come to you.

I will leave you with a method my old teacher and therapist Joe taught to me. When you meet a woman, look at her and in your mind say, "This person is not my mother." When you meet a man, say, "This person is not my father." That will get you started on the right track. Then if you need to remind yourself, tell yourself another time.

## **Note to Self**

If you feel guilty about something, it's probably not your responsibility. But the guilt will make you feel like it is. However, addressing your feelings is definitely your responsibility — and to some extent you will have to sort out what has been sent your way that is not really of your own making. When you're addressing what seems like a strange situation, it's important to ask yourself a couple of questions. For instance, who in this equation has no morals? That is, who makes it their life goal to have absolutely no sense of right or wrong? For whom is it the liquor speaking? Who from the past do these people remind you of? Do they really have anything to do with you, other than being actors on a stage in front of you?

## **Conclusion - Afterthought**

It's Jan. 1. Listening to a kind of friendly debate at Cambridge University featuring Marshall McLuhan, I woke up with a discovery about your opposite sign Capricorn, which I will delineate in that reading. This has implications for Cancer, which I have groused around in this reading but I want to put them into context.

Despite being "the sign of home," Cancer has a tendency to experience its locus of identity outside of itself — in the world of participation, leadership, business, politics and entertainment. By the way, Cancer Sun people tend to be brilliant and original thinkers, among them Marshall McLuhan, Nikola Tesla and Buckminster Fuller, three of the greatest and most solutions oriented minds of the 20th century. Yet their brilliance was in the world, and not just in books or in theory. (It was also the product of the fusion of masculine and feminine energies. That gets results.)

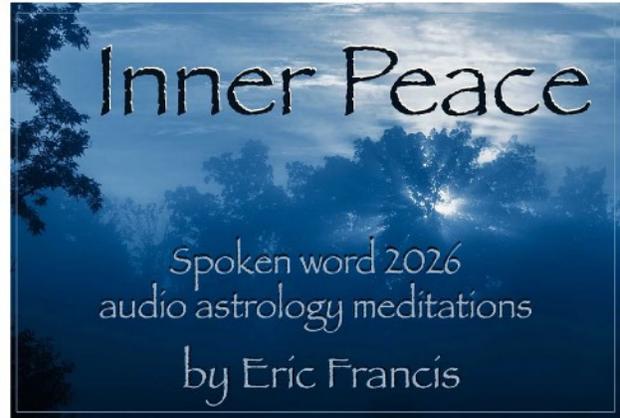
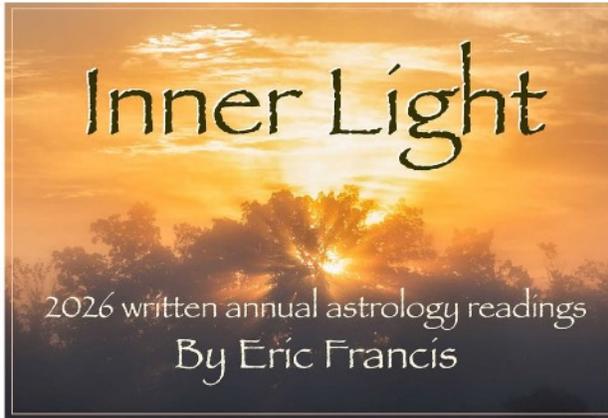
The best way I can sum this up is: the world is your laboratory, your art project and your playground. The world meaning the place you try things; the open-air experiment; the architectural design project that won't be locked in a museum but rather will be part of the cityscape, the skyline, the landscape of the world.

Have at it, baby.



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