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CAPRICORN :: The Ultimate Quest of Self

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ONCE PLUTO has passed through a sign, there is an alteration to everything it's touched, and all the things that sign represents. In a sense, an outer planet transit becomes a permanent fixture. You've just experienced this, in the form of Pluto passing through Capricorn between 2008 and 2024.

There is an approach to astrology that says, "The transit has passed, the past is over, and it's time to move on." In my experience, this is not true, especially where Pluto transits are concerned, and also Chiron transits. The difference is that Chiron

moves much faster and we have many more Chiron events in life. We do not have very many Pluto events in a single lifetime.

I would describe this transit as being about the fundamental reconstruction or rearrangement of yourself. Such involved a breakdown or dismantling, then one or more settling down phases and rebuilding phases, some of which are still happening.

My theory is to consider what the Pluto transit has done to the unseen ground of your being — and how it's put you in more direct contact with something you were only previously aware of intuitively. I will come back to this when we get to Aries and the 4th house, and we will be taking a somewhat circumspect or intuitive path to get there.

To this end, the first question I have for you is: what is the "before and after" of this extended phase of your life, meaning '08 to '24, when Pluto was with you?

The second question: as you read my assessment of this transit and coming out of it and transitioning consciously into the next stage of your life, can you identify the force that Pluto represents? Symbols stand for other things. Pluto is a symbol. What do you think it represents?

It could be some combination of external forces acting on you (such as adapting to changes in society that are outside of your control); an internal growth process driving you forward (catching up with yourself); determining that you were in denial about important things; finally deciding to act on what you were becoming aware of; your conscious need for a deeper connection with yourself; or other possibilities. Please include anything but "destiny" and "past life material," unless you have three independent sources of confirmation (extremely rare).

Stick to this lifetime, and your awareness level and how that has affected your choices. It is safe to assume that Pluto is not just a "planetary influence" but that it represents real things — one of

which could be an internal evolutionary drive pushing you ahead. But that would deserve more description than just one sentence.

It is going to take time to sort out the Pluto in Capricorn stage. It will help to identify peak moments in that time period. There were likely at least four or five, one of which might have been in 2011 and another in 2020. What were those phases about and what were other salient times?

Note to Self

One of the best ways to understand your astrology is studying the effects of major transits in the past. This can provide vital information and resolution. The most important transits are the Saturn return at approximate age 29, the Pluto square at approximate age 35, Uranian opposition at approximate age 42, the Chiron return at approximate age 50, and the second Saturn return at approximate age 58. Chiron transits are dependent on the era in which you were born.

Potential Effects of a Pluto Transit

One fairly consistent effect of Pluto is a sense of isolation. By "Pluto," I mean the planet in the sense of what it represents for you in the real world. You may have been going through changes so deep it was difficult to relate to others in the usual superficial ways. This can have interesting results, such as making contact with your creative and sexual side (also described by Uranus in Taurus).

Pluto transits are difficult. They are challenging. They can last a long time. And we miss them when they are gone, because with the challenges we also get an uptake of the driving force energy that helps us rise to them.

Next, what has changed over the past couple of years since Pluto has gradually ingressed into Aquarius? For this, it would help to think in terms of changing *attitudes and values* that are described

by a diversity of new transits that I'll be describing (Uranus and Sedna in Gemini, and the collection in Aries, to name two). Pluto has moved into your natal or whole sign 2nd place. This is about your underlying personal constitution: the level holding up the floor of your experiences.

The Theme of Family

In both your recent and current astrology, a prevailing theme is, was and continues to be about family. Because family is such a loosely defined concept now, it could take many forms, and if you are traveling solo, it's about grounding your sense of belonging on the planet — coincidentally during a massive upheaval where few people feel safe.

Family is an extremely volatile issue. Most people are followed around by a cadre of dead ancestors of whose names they only know a few.

Though not everyone has a family today, one way or another, we all had one. And we all have ancestors. By family, I mean the people who surrounded you as a kid, whether living or gone; and I also mean the internal dynamics they established in you. And I mean "the family of mankind" that we live in, at whatever level of involvement.

In my experience, Capricorn — not Cancer — is usually the primary sign of family. Cancer is about mothering and nourishing and nurturing and mother's milk and making the home cozy and all of that. Capricorn is about the structure of the family; its purpose; its history; its security factors and all of its people. Capricorn is the four walls, not the decor. Capricorn also represents family in the form of the total genealogy.

However, it's important to note opposite signs contain and complete one another. I will devote a chapter of this reading to events in Cancer, as they influence you and your relationships.

Additionally, on the Capricorn side, we also get family in the form of the authoritarian miniature state, or the structure of authority; family in the form of the people who prepare us for being part of society.

Therefore, secondary family themes are those of business and government. And way down at the bottom where we finally figure out the correct homeopathic constitutional remedy, or in the very last box in the Chinese puzzle, we come down to your security base, including whether you feel safe in your four walls, and your confidence (or lack thereof) in that rarified thing known as being yourself.

Oh, the drama, the drama of “being yourself,” the thing that will allegedly offend everyone and cause you to be cast off and sent down the river in a bucket or on an iceberg.

Pluto is the lord of enforced changes. And one of those for you has been the enforced change of being yourself, as if you have no choice, because really you do not. It’s only a matter of whether you kid yourself that you might, and engage in a perpetual game of charades; Pluto has conditioned you otherwise and shown you the wisdom and the power of sincerity.

Many try to fake it, and in the process, waste years or decades of their lives pretending to be someone they decidedly are not. That pretending changes nothing; and I reckon by now you are done. This includes done being a political actor within your personal community and your relationships. It includes being sure that your choices and your agreements reflect your new approach. However, there are complicating factors associated with the Family Hunger Game pattern in your sign which I will sum up below.

The Before and After of it All

The thing that you and society have experienced during Pluto in Capricorn was the rise of a new kind of technology, spanning from

the introduction and onset of social media and mobile computing, to the current A.I. era. These factors have transformed everyone and everything. It is fair to say that you live in a different world than you did in 2008, and you're feeling it. Not everyone has made sense of this yet. It's not easy.

Pluto's role in this was the deconstruction of the brick-and-mortar world, and replacing it with the virtual or digital world. This has corresponded with a transformation of what is considered to be real and what is not, with effects interior to your awareness and in what you perceive around you.

My morning coffee reading these days is a compilation of articles and lectures by Al Morrison (1915-1995). Opening to a random page, I soon arrived at this statement:

"Escalations of technology and applications to social order do not stop when Pluto leaves a sign. Rather, the passage of Pluto through a sign marked a heavy thrust initiating a new process, which then continues forever."

He gives examples from when Pluto was in Gemini, starting in 1914, that were still active in 1991, many of them involving media and transportation. We could do this for all of the signs and it would make an interesting inventory of the natural history museum of astrology.

With Pluto in Capricorn being so recent, the rubble is still smoking and the dust is still settling on the effects of that transit, including within you. Yet this is happening on a level deeper than normal waking consciousness. You may live with a subtle unsettled feeling, connected to concerns about future shakeups.

There is always a renewal factor with Pluto. Hopefully you got some and have learned how to carry it forward. There is always the factor of getting large obstacles out of the way, most of them interior but some of them in the world around you. And there is always the factor of being in some way compelled to go deeper

into yourself. This might mean discovering who you are in the sense that being in a foxhole makes you inherently self-aware. All of these things are assets.

So addressing the effects of a long transit is a kind of re-evaluation self-therapy, though here you have a little help from astrology.

Note to Self

Unconscious family ties are what drag most people down in life. I had a spiritual teacher propose that more than 90% of the karma we are dragging around has nothing to do with the current lifetime or with you personally. Most of it has been passed down from your predecessors. But knowing that does not resolve the issues on its own. You must show up for the learning process and the ongoing experience of growth and resolution.

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While Pluto was working its way through and out of your sign, a collection of ultra-slow-moving points was working its way in. This is a one-of-a-kind pattern that is potent right now and reaches its real peak in 2030.

I am calling this the Family Hunger Game pattern. It is the ultimate invitation to do family constellation work. All those years of Pluto in Capricorn have prepared you for it well. I would refer you to my **original article on the topic** from spring 2024 and my followup from **earlier this year**. There is also excellent coverage in last year's annual, **That Was Then, This is Now**.

Family themes remain prevalent in your life, and they all describe your involvement in society: themes of profession, relationships, and other forms of leadership.

This is a cluster of three minor planets and a hypothetical in your sign. It is hot astrology but not a hot topic. I've only seen one other astrologer comment about this and the context was different. What is so interesting is that Capricorn is the sign of family and the four points all reflect different matters of lineage, ancestry, genealogy, and influences passed down the family lines.

Here, I'm using astrology to do a form of family constellation work. And I would propose that you do some of your own, involving studying your family tree, family albums, talking to your eldest relatives, and opening up the topic. I suggest visiting Ancestry.com or some similar website and seeing what you discover, and paying attention to the influence of your ancestors on you.

Two of the three points address this directly, and speak to multigenerational subject matter. One is Pholus, the second centaur (after Chiron, planets associated with healing). The other is Quaoar, a major discovery in the Kuiper Belt, out near Pluto. They both pertain to matters of family constellations.

Like asteroids, they point to specific themes. Unlike asteroids, their presence in a sign endures for years, representing a slow and powerful process that goes deep and can help get to the heart of the matter. They make long-lasting aspect patterns which can provide guidance in sorting out matters in the long-run.

If I'm ever using an asteroid, I will tell you; they carry different emphasis. In the birth chart, asteroids can be VERY powerful. In transits, they are more descriptive of specific times, and somewhat fleeting — an immediate topical consideration rather than a longterm growth process.

Society vastly underestimates the impact that family has on, well, everything and everyone. Much of this comes from family issues not being resolved.

Note to Self

The family constellation is something that follows us everywhere, all the time. It never really goes away — but we can learn how to work with it. The most serious issue for most people involves injuries to their ability to trust. Right with that are injuries to one's ability to be honest with oneself and with others. There are many definitions and concepts of personal growth. But to my ear, the only ones that matter involve trust and honesty. Once you are learning who to trust and what trust means, and once you are able to be honest with yourself, you are ready to be an adult.

First There is Pholus

Pholus, in the same group as healing planet Chiron, carries two primary themes. Its timing pattern alternates between long delay and then times of very fast, seemingly uncontrollable action. It is the "small cause with a big effect." You can have this effect and things can have it on you. If you follow astrology, pay attention any time a quick-mover like the Moon, the Sun, Mercury, Venus or Mars is in Capricorn. Pholus is potentially highly reactive and you must know that you're carrying it with you.

One primary Pholus theme is the connection of material back to the generation of your great-grandparents. (Your natal position will say a little about that and is worth knowing; the current transit tells you what to do now.)

The second theme involves legacy issues related to alcohol abuse that have spread throughout the family system (as they usually do). There cannot be a drunk in the family who does not affect the whole family and reflect the family's problems. Casual alcohol use has its purposes, its causes and its effects. It does a wide variety of things, including provide lubrication for denial at the same time that it cements and solidifies toxic shame.

However, toxicology is catching up with ethanol. Though it is deeply ingrained in the traditions of human society, it is

inherently toxic. I recognize that it's also inherently popular, however, the inflammatory, hormonal and brain function issues are coming to the surface.

Then there is the emotional level. Pholus + Capricorn is a caution about matters related to guilt and shame. We could have named this centaur after John Bradshaw, who wrote: "Toxic shame limits the development of self-esteem and causes anxiety and depression, and limits our ability to be connected in relationships." It prevents wholeness and wellbeing, which are properties that people in a state of toxic shame don't really believe are possible.

While there can be toxic shame in families that do not have alcohol dependency, alcohol is an important pointer. Substitutes for alcohol include religion, gambling or anything that perpetuates avoidance of one's inner being. I am still working on teasing out the relationship between cannabis and Pholus and so far they seem to be in different universes.

And Then There is Quaoar

Another point in the group is Quaoar, named for the creation god of the Tongva people of the Los Angeles area. This is about tribal origins. My key phrase for Quaoar is "back to the beginning," meaning to the point of origin. It carries no inflection of trouble, crisis or dysfunction. Rather, it's about honoring one's ancestry and tribal origins. It can go back to before the difficulty began.

Quaoar also describes the rhythm and dance that you encountered upon being born and assumed that was the way things always were. For you, that is true. That dance is how your family does things, its beliefs and thought patterns, and many other factors.

The third point is called Ixion, an object orbiting close to Pluto. Ixion is likely to represent someone, and I suggest you figure out who that is. It involves the lack of awareness or even

nonexistence of morals and ethics. It is vital that you have a code that you live by; what you might call *rules of travel*.

Skipping the mythology, I delineate this as the amorality that seems to come naturally to some people. It's important in doing family constellation work to identify this type of individual. By amorality I mean someone not who does the wrong thing, but who has neither a sense of nor use for right and wrong. They seem to exist outside of any moral or ethical framework. This is an extreme condition and few qualify fully, but there are many who do in some small sense and others who are big-time players. Ixion is a powerful influence in corporate and government affairs right now.

The fourth point in this group is not used by many astrologers, and I include it because of its direct topical expression of family. That point is Cupido, one of the **hypotheticals**, and it's about the gathering of the family. However, it can pertain to all groups, organizations, corporations and collectives — which spreads the theme from family per se into other parts of your life.

Essentially it represents love; it is a super-Venus. And so in all of the matters above, it is fair to work from the principle that love can dissolve all darkness and negativity. But love must be the gathering principle and the point of contact. So if you think of any kind of group or association as a gathering that you summon, the question here would be: what, exactly, is the point of attraction?

Note to Self

Quaoar involves much that you take for granted. Outside of a family context, you can see Quaoar in action in situations where everyone but you seems to know what to do. They all know how to act, what is expected of them, what to say and what not to say and do. We have all experienced this, and it's something of a social game that is played on newcomers to any situation. When you experience this, try not to take it on. Persist and find friends and allies.

Summary: A Modern Context for These Ideas

The current concept of “tribe” and “family” has a lot to do with perceived political affinity or victim status. People tribe up these days based on religion, claimed political views, or some other seeming community of interest. Often this involves some form of victim status, which can translate to “population at risk” — whether that is meaningful or not.

Our digital times are driven by various formations of electrical tribe. These are not real tribes, nor are they actual communities of interest. Most of them are based on political constructs such as the rainbow flag, which does not represent everyone and which also represents many people who have nothing whatsoever in common except maybe for breathing.

So the suggestion here is to pay attention to what you consider your tribal identity and why. The influences that drive people together for various excuses but no actual grounded commonality is increasing. Many factors describe this, especially everything going on in Aries, Gemini and Aquarius (all of which I will cover).

Usually, when unseen or unacknowledged influences seem to coalesce people, this is part of a divide-and-conquer game. It affects families, who are divided by “MAGA vs anti-MAGA” or “vaccinated versus unvaccinated” or “woke versus unwoke.”

Some of these solidify into caliphates, which think they are portable sovereign governments sans borders, with the authority to behead infidels. We see this over and over again in what is too politely called cancel culture, and which is really bald, hostile discrimination. Naturally, this mentality prevents real discussions of anything. It prevents honesty. It prevents self-expression and encourages self-censorship. As the South Park character Nathan said, political correctness is the gentrification of language.

In my view this is a dangerous cultural game designed to get just these effects. While you are studying your seeming tribal

identities, make sure that they are actually based on values you hold rather than on being approved of; and that when you or anyone claims to espouse an idea, verify that you really do. In other words, sincerity is not just something that matters. It's the only thing that matters; the only thing that is solid.

UNPRECEDENTED

Aries, Your 4th Place: The Unseen Ground of Being

What we call the self is usually imagined to be a figure dancing around in the universe, like an ice skater performing on a rink in front of an arena full of people, a politician making a speech, or a new object that is sitting on the table in front of you.

Capricorn experiences "self" much differently. Self-concept is often focused wherever the sign Aries lands in one's natal chart or solar chart (both work simultaneously). Aries is the ground of self. For you it is not something that is out in the world but rather deeply concealed within your being.

You have Aries in the 4th place, which is the ground level of the chart; the taproot; the four walls you live within. The 4th is usually a private space, and this arrangement reveals it as the hidden ground of who you are. This interior quality makes you far more influential and powerful in the world — not less. This involves a strong degree of comfort with yourself; a rare kind of confidence; and the ability to either not project, or to call in your projections and take ownership of them.

Due to your deeply interior quality, you can take yourself with you all the time, and not feel like you have to be "at home" only under special conditions. You live within yourself all the time. This suggests that despite your worldly sense, you are a deeply interior person, even an introvert, and that you are aware of something that is becoming rare to find in the world.

However, you should know (and probably do) that to be close to someone is, for you, not superficial. When you relate to another person you invite them into your home of self. Perhaps one could say that everyone does this, but not quite in the same way. For you, close/not so close is a matter of inside versus outside.

And there is a catch. This whole phenomenon that I'm describing could be invisible to you; it could function as unseen ground, like a fish might experience water — not as a thing apart, but as a thing that is invisible, everywhere and difficult to perceive. That said, events in Aries are making it difficult not to notice that there are deep changes happening within you, and therefore, that your space within actually exists.

Two Conjunctions in Aries

There are two conjunctions in Aries that come to a peak between late February and late March. One is Chiron conjunct Eris, and the other is Saturn conjunct Neptune. This is not "normal" astrology — in fact it seems impossible, but it's happening, and we are all feeling it.

Before we get into those developments, I want to speak generally about what Aries represents collectively (I've described it personally for you above), and what these developments mean for you.

Generally, the idea and the experience of self was disrupted by electrical conditions and has been corrupted by digital conditions. This starts as what I call the tribalizing — a de-individuating — effect of electrical technology generally which reached a plateau in the radio and TV eras. But when we get into digital there is total infiltration, fragmentation and attack.

There has never before been a technology that turned a human being into data, and that could further engage with a person and lure them into suicide. While this is really weird, the more interesting part is that nobody seems to care much. This is an

attribute of what I call “the invisible ground field of self.” If the ground field is invisible and largely unnoticed, then the gradual changes to this ground field will also go unnoticed.

This works until we hear about A.I. induced suicide, psychosis, or relationships being ripped apart because someone chose to use ChatGPT as a therapist. Many others — of all ages, from teenagers to widows and widowers — are using the thing for “companionship.” Before judging or even assessing this (though it is tempting) we must first observe that something rather total has to have happened to human nature *prior to this being possible*.

Chiron Meets Eris

Let’s start with the one that’s probably the most familiar, which is the conjunction of Chiron and Eris. Skipping to the bottom line: Can you be part of something larger than yourself and still be an individual? Usually this is a big either/or, and it accounts for much strangeness in our world.

While technically these are “minor planets,” they are major league players in world events and in our personal astrology. The fact that this conjunction, which last occurred in the early 1970s, is getting next to no coverage (I’ve been sent ONE article in total) speaks to the fact that it is happening in the invisible ground field of self.

In the 1971-1972 edition, it really was invisible because nobody knew it was even happening. Chiron was discovered in 1977 and Eris in 2005 and they are both now well established in astrology. But the influence of this event is still largely unaccounted for.

The effect of Eris is to unravel the self. I do not mean “the ego.” I mean one’s actual, interior experience of oneself. It’s important to not confuse this with a psychological concept but rather with a direct experience that is vanishing fast. There is plenty of ego

right now, largely a defense against the destruction of self-awareness and an honest sense of existence.

Chiron has the opposite effect. It's about focusing one's sense of existence and self-awareness — whatever it takes. This is why Chiron is so unpopular and associated with "wounding." The presence of Chiron necessitates awareness, and that will include many things that were previously denied or sidestepped. Right now you are in a radical awakening. And it may be a little shocking; and one of the experiences will be the question of, "Is it really safe to be me?" Well, does it matter? You don't have a choice. You cannot succeed at being anyone but yourself.

There is something of an ultimate truth about you and your life being revealed to you. And there is something of an ultimate test of your confidence on the planet; your sense of security; your sense of safety and belonging.

With Chiron, there is always the element of the insistence and *your inner need that you be you* despite the environmental factors. The world always feels hostile to those who dare to step out and be themselves, or express themselves. Anyone who has attained any real degree of self-actualization will tell you that they went through this; and many people who do not dare know perfectly well *why* they do not dare.

And there are, at the moment, plenty of alternatives. Yet humanity has entered the tipping point and it is now up to individuals to carry forward the flame of what it means to be human. And the question is not whether you feel safe doing this but rather will you proceed whether you feel safe or not? You will not know until you dare.

Unprecedented II: Saturn + Neptune on the Aries Point

First, the Aries Point. This is a very old factor, dating to 130 B.C. and defined by the astronomer Hipparchus. It's the point of reckoning between the stars and the tropical signs.

According to Jonathan Cainer and others, this concept was also used by the Babylonians much longer ago — not my field of expertise but we are talking B.C. in any event. The origin is in the time of the Chaldeans and the Babylonians, in the days when the art of agriculture was being documented.

In modern astrology, the Aries Point represents the intersection between the individual and the collective.

In February, Saturn and Neptune will form a conjunction here. This has never happened before, and that means that it's highly significant of something — and that something is within you. It represents your inward existence, and in an odd way, your connection to a much wider world around you.

Practical Boundaries and Building Materials

The Aries Point describes your contact with the world; Aries itself describes your inner existence. Saturn-Neptune is encouraging you to develop practical boundaries around the space that is yours. While I am not here to deny the basic truth that minds are joined and communicate just fine without digital technology, my concern is your sense of your own private space.

Your space, in the psychic sense and the physical, must be your own. Even (and especially) if you live with others, define something for yourself. Even if that is a space within a larger family dwelling, you must have a door that closes and which will be respected. You must have some space that is actually yours. And that space needs to be yours on your own terms. However, the most important things about it will be the quality of you being free there, and also something regenerative about it.

Yet in another sense, the theme of regeneration is what your astrology is all about right now. The other message of Saturn-Neptune is the resources you need to transform your life. You will have everything you need; you already do; but your part in this will be to experiment, to test your theories, and to use your life

as a laboratory. The experiment is what works for you; and the result you get will be a unique invention.

All inventions require consistent effort, and going back to the beginning a number of times using what you have learned along the way. Yet the thing you're inventing is yourself, in the context of a new world that is arising both around you and within you. It seems like every time you turn around or open your phone, someone is telling you who to be, what to believe, what to say, how to behave, and what they expect from you. The more people are dissociated and dissolved within digital, the more they will want to draw others into their trip, their delusion or their fantasy.

So two things are happening here. One is you are in a radical awakening to yourself. Another is that you are rebuilding your relationship to yourself in a time when it's very challenging to have one.

RELATIONSHIPS

Events in Cancer and Leo, Houses 7 and 8

Your most important relationship is to yourself. This is not said often enough and to my knowledge is not contained in any dating or marital advice. It remains true and is especially so for you.

There does not seem to be much news coming out of the sign Cancer, your 7th place, which describes your personal and business partnerships. Jupiter has been around for the second half of 2025 and will be for the first half of 2026. That's not news but it's meaningful. There is potential in your environment. Jupiter describes that plenty is available. But are you interested?

If you can manage to stay awake to yourself, this is an extraordinary time for relationships with others — whether business or personal. If you are experiencing difficulty in those relationships, come back to yourself.

Most of what describes your relationships with others is Jupiter, which will be in Cancer through July 1, when it transits into Leo.

While in Cancer, Jupiter is magnifying your attraction to people who hold themselves with dignity. It's also challenging you to be present for yourself and never hold yourself as lesser than, especially in the presence of seeming VIPs.

(One issue I did not mention with Pholus in your sign is being starstruck by famous people. The one thing I can tell you about most, not all, famous people is they don't want to be treated that way. They want to be people. Most are exhausted with not being treated as ordinary. But if a seemingly important person asks you to go against your ethics and your common sense, remember, you have much more to lose than they do.)

Beware of phony VIPs, wannabe rap stars, make believe billionaires with shaved heads wearing fleece vests, and so on. Simply put, use your considerable attractive power to get to know people. Drag it out for a while. If you are asked out for coffee, go for coffee. If you ask someone out for coffee and they decline, move on. "Coffee" means "low-risk meeting between two equal humans."

If someone is not into that, you probably won't like what they are into. Jupiter is a cautionary to work in environments that emphasize human quality and equality, and play down wealth, class, status and the rest of that bullshit.

Then there is the Jupiter in Leo half of the year. It is tempting to get into predictive astrology here, but I will suggest that you bide your time, hold onto your investments and stay on good terms with business partners.

If you are planning a change to a relationship, you might want to see what the situation is around Aug. 1 and make a decision then. There is going to be a lot of dust in the air and it won't be easy to discern. And then, suddenly, it will be.

When Jupiter (and underlying points in Cancer and Leo) are involved, there can be a sense of largesse, of importance and of great expectations. I suggest keeping your expectations modest and grounded, without limiting your potential. In a fairly short time, you could be working on a much greater scale. Just be sure to be real, and to take yourself with you at all times and in all circumstances.

EVENTS IN THE AIR SIGNS

Uranus, Pluto, Sedna and M87

For you the air signs describe matters related to what you do every day and how you earn your money. In a Capricorn Sun or rising chart, they relate to your reputation, your profession and your personal resources. Air signs generally are about how you think and what you think.

Pluto, as you know, is in your 2nd place Aquarius for the next 18 years. Libra, your 10th place of reputation and achievement, has a permanent feature that will always draw you back into public view — a massive galaxy called M87. Uranus is on its way into Gemini, where Sedna took up residence in 2024, and this completes a grand trine. That begins in late April and will be a standout feature in your chart for at least two years. So the air sign pattern is significant, and it means you must stay tuned to the mental level and the overall information environment. You will not gain by pretending it does not exist.

Then there is a second, faster-moving major activation involving Jupiter and Pluto in late July.

Until these VERY significant developments emerge, pay attention and bide your time. Any opportunity that arrives before then is likely to still be valid, or improve, after the late July alignment. Something that does not survive a few months of delay was probably not a good idea anyway.

Pluto in Aquarius

Pluto has moved on from your 1st place to your 2nd, Aquarius. The effect of Pluto through your 1st has been contact with yourself; clearing psychic and personal clutter out of the way; and establishing yourself on a new ground of being.

Pluto in Aquarius is about making sure that your attitudes and values have caught up with this new stage of your development. There may be quite a bit of self-inquiry here. It's easy to overlook this assessment, but Pluto is going to push you. Growth is what growth does. Expressed or professed ideas must match your actions and choices, or they're irrelevant. Truth is about being true to yourself.

Aquarius can often work in lockstep. It's not inherently "progressive" or groovy like in the Broadway show. It is more elitist than egalitarian. Pluto is going to work over this territory and shake you out of any values that do not align with a concept of the greatest good for all concerned.

This is obviously a guiding principle on a planet run by trillionaires. Pluto in Aquarius, like many other facets of your astrology, is guiding you out of "group think." The challenge here is knowing you were or are there in the first place. Most people seem clueless, except for that slight feeling of nausea when they're being pressured to do something self-destructive (and this is usually ignored).

Events in Libra, Your 10th Place

The 10th place addresses matters of reputation and profession. Here, you have the sign of the rock star.

There is not much news within the sign Libra but there are elements that are going to come under important transits. In fact pretty much everything that happens this year makes contact with Libra, and all kinds of energy circuits are completed.

My read here is that if you keep your focus inward rather than outward, you will get the best results. In other words, I don't think you need to embark on a traditional job hunt if you want to change careers. To my eye, clearly, your opportunities come from one-to-one encounters. And this will be supported by staying close to your core and true to yourself. The 10th is about leadership and accountability and is a total fail without these things. The key thing to remember is that leadership is always by example. This is true even if some people don't seem to get it.

Events in Gemini, Your 6th Place

There is an old expression, "Never trust a man without a hobby." I would expand that to women and add that self-care routines, exercise and nutrition — while important — are not really hobbies. A hobby is something you do that is engaging and that you learn and grow from. It might not be "productive" but it enriches your mind and cultivates skills.

Bubble baths and skin care are something else.

Gemini is your 6th place of "work and wellbeing" and it's about to be lit up by Uranus. If you have a job you find boring, one of you is going to jettison the other. You need something interesting, intelligent, and challenging. This is most surely going to influence your daily work patterns.

The operative fact is this: you will no longer be able to stand boring work. True, Capricorns are considered the very picture of people who love the tried, the true and the antique, and resist new new new. But not for long.

I am not suggesting that you become an IT manager or design A.I. server farms for Zuckerberg. I am suggesting that you will need something exciting that demands that you use your whole mind.

All three air sign transits are going to work together and will form a kind of energy cycle. At every phase, independent thinking is required. They all call for a kind of autonomy that is integrated with the willingness to collaborate.

Sedna in Gemini

There are two new elements in Gemini, one being Uranus, described above, and the other being Sedna. Uranus in Gemini is already bursting with the theme of technology and its impact on your day-to-day existence.

Sedna is a strange planet. It orbits the Sun in an 11,400 year orbit. Therefore, it cannot be delineated as “topical,” like the asteroid Photographica describes photography or asteroid Juno describes relationship tendencies. These are close-by objects with themes that have been long considered and discussed.

Sedna relates to *the whole environment*, that is the dominant environment operating in the world at any given time. It is behind everything. Images from the myth (like the girl who cannot stop looking at herself in the mirror) need to be considered in the context of *the whole environment*. Humans are terrible at understanding much of anything about their environment.

They will occasionally wipe off their glasses when they get smudged, or sweep the floor. But that’s about it.

Sedna is about environmental awareness in the widest sense of the concept. And in Gemini, that environment is about the effects of technology. In Taurus, where it was for about 60 years until 2024, Sedna arrived with awareness of the global physical environment. This is something that was not thought of as “a thing” until satellites put the Earth under a microscope and defined it *as an environment*. Then once that happened, within a few years, the condition of that environment — now perceived to be “a thing” — could be meekly considered *as a whole*.

It is important to realize how long this took, for something so obvious to be observed. The idea that a smokestack in Anniston, Alabama could affect the whole world was considered ridiculous. Then that very smokestack was discovered to be contaminating the food that the Inuit (and other indigenous people) were eating 3,200 miles away in Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories near the North Pole.

Today, we worry about the Earth. Sedna in Gemini is saying to be concerned about our minds. It's about the mental environment, which are now one and the same thing as the technology environment. For you this lands (along with Uranus) in the house in your chart associated with the most ordinary affairs of life, what you do, how you feel, and what you do with your time. It is easy to think, especially if you're older, that you can just avoid it and thereby escape the effects. However, the effects are in the air that you breathe, and in every conversation that you have.

The impact on you is not coming from "devices." It is coming by way of the conversations that you have, and the prevailing attitudes and values of the culture. And it is being broadcast in the air by way of constant exposure to microwave signals. So you cannot get rid of it by changing your technology habits — though any such beneficial change would be in the direction of devices that you're more comfortable and productive on, and more useful to you.

Perhaps an example will help. Most people think they can avoid the computer environment by stuffing their life into what they call a "phone." But this facilitates the least creativity and participation while also allowing the highest dependency, the most toxic, the most intense surveillance of your activities and control over your actions and thoughts.

If you were to tune into your mental state and the technology environment, you would feel this. Avoidance will not work. Only creative participation will benefit you. Creativity offers the only immunity from technology. Tune into Sedna in Gemini and you

will see into realms that were previously invisible and be guided to make better choices in ways you had never considered.



Note to Self

The air signs represent the ephemeral realm of the mind, though your transits will provide some grounding. However, to make use of these rare and amazing energies, it's vitally important to get out of the abstract and into what is tangible, palpable, sensory and connected to conscious decisions and action. **Within the mental realm, the highest order of consciousness is pattern recognition.** With millions of inputs coming at us all the time, if you cannot see patterns, you cannot see much. Like the

Magic Eye books, there is no pretending, no forcing the matter. Either the hidden kangaroos or the locomotive appear, or they do not. If you are straining to see the pattern, you will not. When you get it, the pattern comes to you, emerging quietly, and what was two-dimensional suddenly stands off of the page.

Chiron in Taurus, Your 5th Place

And there is one other thing. We are being told again and again that there is finally a technology that can “replace humanity,” which is couched in “take jobs.”

The ghost is in the machine and a lot of people walking around on two feet have given up the ghost. But the ghost is not giving up on us. This year we will experience the beginning of Chiron in Taurus, which last happened in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Yes the Millennials are queuing up for their Chiron return.

Chiron in Taurus represents a shift in consciousness — in the direction of the body. Chiron conjunct Eris will help; Chiron in Taurus will help more. Chiron arrives in Taurus in late June right ahead of the Cancer solstice. The last time it changed signs was 2018-2019. The transition into Taurus begins in June 2026 and extends through April 2027.

The action occurs in your 5th solar house, which is all about the creative use of your mind and your body — the single most valuable hedge against the digital onslaught and transformation of humanity.

Chiron in Taurus is a hook into the physical, the senses, and a stable state of consciousness. It is much more attenuated than the hot and precipitous experience of Chiron and Eris in Aries. And in Taurus, you can tap the influence of the earthy signs in a way that will help you stay in contact with existence on the Earth.

Chiron in the 5th house wants experience. There is no “theory” to the 5th house except to say that everything relates to the state of

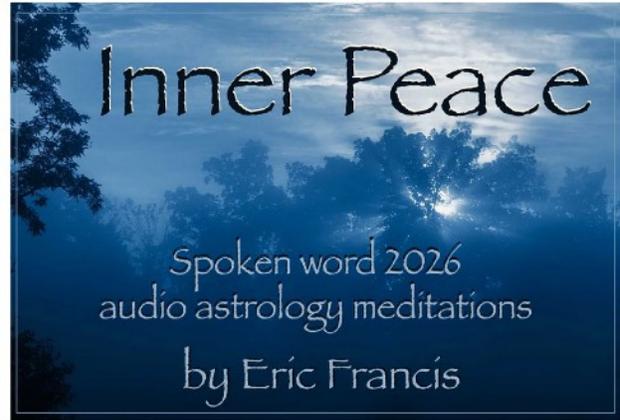
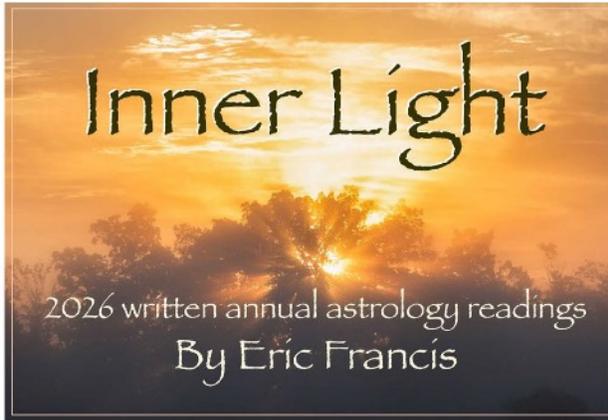
mind of the way a child plays or an adolescent experiments. It's not about ideology. It's not about ethics. The objective is physical experience that extends into the sexual realm as well — another hedge against the disembodied, un-self-aware and aggressive nature of the digital realm.

However, this can only be accessed by taking action in physical space. You don't have to wait until Chiron enters Taurus in June; the transit is imminent and you can get ahead of it. The current conjunction of Chiron and Eris is stirring the pot and likely to be making you restless for new experiences of yourself, particularly the kind that nobody else understands or seems interested in.

Chiron, too, offers the gift of pattern recognition, though this is more of the sensory realm than the mental realm. It's also the most generous benefactor of mind/body/sensory integration.

This will take you into unfamiliar, unmapped pioneering territory: yourself. Your mind, your senses, and the place where they all come together: what used to be called *common sense*. That is the meeting place of all awareness, which is always within you, and not in the world.

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