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# GEMINI :: The Breakthrough

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**A**LL OF THE SIGNS bring something distinct to our understanding of humanity. But Gemini offers something really special, which is humans themselves: people being people. The zodiac starts in Aries, a ram, and proceeds through Taurus, a cow or bull, and it's not until we get three signs in that we first see humans depicted. And there is not one of them, but two of them — or rather, two of us.

Gemini is where the human story begins.

We are told these people are twins. So there is something innate in that idea that relates to all of us. We don't get "Adam and Eve" but rather the mortal and the immortal. Later, as depicted in the Tarot, they are the lovers or the brothers.

One quality of twins that I love is the *ideoglossia*. This is a rare but real situation when twins develop their own speech that only they can understand. It's delightful to listen to, as two little toddlers jabber away giggling and seeming to fully understand what they are saying to one another. What is the most fun is that they don't seem to give a toss that nobody else understands.

Most of the qualities that make us human are found in our modern concept of Gemini, and by extension (and retrofitting), the 3rd house. Those include speech, writing, thinking, communication style, basic local commerce, creating farmsteads, forming villages, and relations between close kinfolk.

The more developed expressions of Gemini are cleverness (especially with words and concepts) and a kind of wit that you can recognize from around the corner. Go to a Gemini birthday party and the conversation is lively and free-flowing. It seems like everyone belongs there.

Many zodiac signs describe dualism (the two fishes, the horns of the ram, etc.); but the twin paradox is Gemini's form, and it's essential to the human condition. That is, the drama of the ego and the soul seems to follow us everywhere, through all spiritual and religious traditions.

The twins have a relationship, described as that between the mortal and immortal. This is also an inner condition that many people experience.

Humanity is now under a new level of attack by technology and technologists. I speak not as an alarmist but as an editor tracking

the issues closely, as a concerned person, an artist, a musician, a lover, and as a friend to people and critters.

As I write this, a conversation among Planet Waves editors is happening in my inbox centered around the issue of technocrats' and the media's attempts to describe the "existential threat" of this not-so-new thing being called "artificial intelligence" that was turned loose on society (by that name) in late 2022. The press coverage and industry angst over the existential threat is a sham because they describe the threat as being in the future, a potential eventuality.

The problem is happening to us all now, and it's about to accelerate. If the last journey of Uranus through Gemini (from 1941-1949) is any indication, the speed of "progress" will increase exponentially over the next seven years that Uranus, the planet of inventions and technology, is in your sign. In the prior cycle, computer science went from horse and buggy to 100 mph, credited with the allies winning World War II.

That is, it started as a kind of generic, seemingly useless technology and emerged as a superweapon that could crack the enemy's code. It did this by doing mathematics at thousands of times the speed that humans could do so, which to me is an example of synthetic thought.

In this reading, I will discuss what I think Uranus in Gemini means for you. It may be the most momentous transit of your life, one of the most dramatic before-and-after moments ever.

I'll support and elaborate with information coming from several other sectors of space, which is consciousness. If I hear the word "intelligence" again to describe the margarine-quality imitation for thought and writing, I'm going to howl and frighten the coyotes way back in the woods.

It is not intelligence in any true sense, and besides, what is so special about that? It's distorting all of society, causing a spiritual

crater in the middle of our lives, and everyone is going about their business as if there's nothing happening.

And what's so special about "intelligence," especially this limited concept of it?

What about love, aesthetics, feelings, sensory experiences, imagination, creativity, ingenuity, and all of that? We are replacing them all with "intelligence" of this weird, fabricated, digital and admittedly *artificial* kind. It's about as appealing to me as artificial water. The proper term is "large language model" (an LLM) or "generative pretrained transformer" (a GPT), neither of which would get your attention if you knew what it stood for and if they were not addictive drugs.

Have you tried to have a sustained, consistent, on-topic discussion with an LLM? Not as your "therapist" feeding you pop psychological bullshit, but on a topic you know and care about? Especially about something human? By sustained I mean 45 minutes to one hour. I have tried. To me it felt like being in a room with "someone" not fully there, without a body, and without feelings, as the oxygen was slowly depleted from the air.

What it did was essentially repeat back to me what I had said to it in different words, unless it made up total bullshit that I recognized as such and called out (it confessed). This was interesting until it was maddening, and I am concerned about something similar happening to all of society and all of humanity except maybe a few Eskimos and the Yanomami Indians.

I am also considering carefully how you might experience seven years of technology-driving Uranus right with your Sun or in your ascendant. I'll also consider Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Pluto and check in with Chiron. As we go around the houses, you will see the themes of human, social and communication recur repeatedly. There is a reason you are one of the best speakers and writers of the astrological lot, and it's not just because your sign is ruled by Mercury. There is much more.

## **Note to Self**

### **Other Fairly Recent Before and After Moments**

Before we get into the section about what's happening in Gemini in 2026, here are the dates of three other transits to your sign: June 1983-June 1988, Chiron passed through Gemini. August 2000-July 2003, Saturn passed through Gemini. May 2024-May 2025, Jupiter passed through Gemini. These are not your only "big moments," of course, but they may have something of a before-and-after feeling that you can relate to. You are sensitive to transits of planets through other signs (especially mutable) but this is a good start. The way to work with these dates is a "before-and-after" themed journal that will also include specific seasons during the active phase that are salient or in some way stand out.

### **YOUR 1st HOUSE, GEMINI**

#### **Sedna: Environmental Awareness, Inner and Outer, or Seeing the Invisible**

While the breaking story of 2026 is Uranus in Gemini, there is something else that I consider really special. Let's cover that first because it makes a helpful backdrop and background for the unmissable standout figure, Uranus.

There is a planet that takes 11,400 years to orbit around the Sun and it just entered your sign. Right now, it's close to the Sun and therefore moving through the zodiac relatively quickly. Discovered in 2003 (designated 2—3-VB12) and causing a fuss due to being named prematurely, it bears the name of the Inuit (Eskimo) goddess of the sea, Sedna. She is more than that, though; her body was sacrificed to create all of the animals that the Inuit people survive on for food and fur.

It's a long story with all kinds of moral lessons, and it also describes the relationship between fathers and daughters.

Mainstream astrologers are usually pretty dismal at delineating newly discovered planets, but the work on Sedna has been impressive. I would sum the result as *environmental awareness*. Sedna's trek through Taurus (approx. 1966-2024) coincided with the rise of an environmental movement. Along the way, a diversity of issues came to the surface, including global chemical pollution, global warming, mass amounts of plastic in the oceans, geoengineering, chemtrails, HAARP, EMFs, and a wide diversity of other problems we now know are not conspiracy theories.

Now that Sedna is in Gemini, the emphasis moves to awareness of the mental environment. If it took decades of research and study to focus on the plainly visible planet and its land, air and water, I imagine that the mental environment will be much more difficult to see. So will the results or effects of the changes; the mental environment is how we perceive the entire environment and everyone around us. It's nearly impossible to observe because it's invisible and it changes so slowly.

The mental environment includes your mind, thought patterns and speech patterns; and it includes the cultural state of technology, communication and mass media, and your relationship to it. This is inherently the realm of Gemini and the associated 3rd house. (Gemini is also associated with the 12th house but that's another story. If anyone is curious I will do a special presentation — get my attention.)

If Sedna is about enhanced environmental awareness, that must now go to the topics of my above description. Sedna will be in Gemini through 2066.

Gemini has the gift of sensitivity to the mental environment inherently; you are a kind of mind-reader and also adept at reading the room, and at conversation. (These will soon become stage stunts at the rate society is going. People will pay to come

to a theater and watch two other people talk to one another unscripted. It will require special insurance.)

It is fair to say that in the decades of Sedna in Taurus, the world went from paying nearly no attention to the natural environment to corporatized abuse of environmentalism and the “green revolution” taking over the corporate and public mentality. In other words, concern about the Earth’s environment became a wholly political issue where it has become extremely difficult to understand what is really happening.

Now we face a similar crisis at the dawn of A.I. What Sedna will do for you is make it more obvious what is happening — and you must be aware. I’m not talking about being a doomer or a boomer or contemplating the future. I’m talking about what is happening to people and society now, as you read.

In many different ways, this disturbing next chapter of digital technology is an environmental crisis. This is first affecting consciousness, thought and language. Artificial “sentience” is taking over humanity like margarine replaced butter, corn syrup replaced fruit and sugar, and plastic replaced all other materials.

Nobody has ever experienced Sedna in Gemini. The last time it was in its current position, ancient glaciers still covered much of North America, Europe and Asia. So it’s not like we can check historical events or cast celebrity horoscopes to understand how this astrology works. My impression is that it will function as a subtle inner sense to remind you when technology is toxic to you and what you can use wisely. It will be easy for you to lose this awareness in the cloudy clouds of the digital environment. Just because you have matches does not mean you will make a fire.

It will also help you notice when everyone around you is a digital, virtual reality or A.I. zombie. Sedna is subtle. Noticing the environment is also subtle and more than you can ask from people who are supported in a world of artificial consciousness or chasing the next Diet Coke.

## **Note to Self**

Usually we're obsessed with the figure and not the background. Hardly anyone who sees a play thinks about the lighting designer or what's going on in the dressing room. Few people even notice the people in black who are moving the scenery around. In our moment it's essential that you learn how to see the invisible and notice what is going on in the background, which produces the effects that you see (without you even thinking that something is creating that effect). Sedna is your access point to seeing beyond what is obvious. This will help you navigate through the extremely complex environment that has been created by every layer of electrical technology leading into the digital maze. If you use this skill, you will cultivate it, and it will become a superpower.

## **Prometheus, the Awakener**

In 1781, astronomers officially discovered the first planet they had ever identified. Galileo had come close, but he did not recognize that Neptune was a planet. He seemed to think it was a fixed star, despite documenting its retrograde motion. But Sir William Herschel spotted Uranus, and his discovery became the sigil of the scientific revolution.

It's been tracked as showing up for every other kind of revolution as well, from personal transformation to upheavals of every kind.

Richard Tarnas, in his c. 1993 monograph *Prometheus the Awakener*, argues that Uranus was misnamed, because Uranus was the overthrown rusty old god of Greek myth rather than the rebel or revolutionary. He wrote:

"The clear consensus among contemporary astrologers is that the planet Uranus is empirically associated with the principle of change, rebellion, freedom, liberation, reform, revolution, and the unexpected breakup of structures; with excitement, sudden surprises, lightening-like flashes of insight, revelations, and

awakenings; and with intellectual brilliance, invention, creativity, originality, and individualism.”

[Note, this is a really good book — one of the best, and it’s only 100 pages, unlike *Cosmos and Psyche*, which is the approximate length of *War and Peace*. You will get the idea of how planetary cycles work and how they combine.]

This brilliance, originality and individualism — and no less — are what you have coming to your world, your life and your symbolic representative, the sign Gemini. It’s a lot of power. A lot of energy. Incredible drive. And most of all, an unpredictability factor that you must make work in your favor.

You are a person of ideas and of words. With Uranus in your neighborhood, your ideas and words will have power, and you will think and say things that have never occurred to you before. Here is where a degree of special guidance is necessary. And that guidance, that control force, must be informed by your intuition. Logic will play a role, but there is too much input right now for purely logical assessment.

You might think of Uranus as the input or stream of ideas, the and visible figures they produce; and Sedna as the invisible background organizing principle that works like the atmosphere organizes the weather. This cannot be reduced to little prompts or cue cards. It can be accessed by opening your mind to the invisible. It is not entirely predictable but there are patterns and there are trends.

It is vitally important that you have Uranus and Sedna working in concert with one another, because you need this balance. Uranus seems to drive “innovation” and acceptance of technology. Sedna is providing some semblance of understanding of the impact and also the moral issues involved. It is the most noxious form of mental pollution ever devised. Even devoid of any content, it is inherently propaganda.

The message of A.I. is “You don’t have to think. We have disabused you of this burden.” Then they pack in a little extra fudge: Nobody will have to work if they don’t want to. A.I. will give you universal basic income and a ration of free synth-meat every month. But most of all, you will *not have the burden of thinking*. For most people this is a tremendous relief.

It should make you a little nauseous. You are better than that. Geminis are almost always interesting people to converse with, and the writers — meaning thinkers — you want to read. They include Rachel Carson, Gwendolyn Brooks, Allen Ginsberg, Arthur Conan Doyle, Joyce Carol Oates, Anne Frank, W.B. Yeats, the Marquis de Sade, Maurice Sendak, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Bob Dylan. Oh what a sorry lot! Haha! Try getting a computer to do 0.1% of what they could do. Not happening, and not happening for you, either. Fuhgeddaboutit.

### **Note to Self**

Uranus in Gemini is going to fire up your mind — your actual, authentic, bona fide human mind. Sedna in Gemini will provide you with a kind of multi-frequency extrasensory awareness of your environment. Use it well; it’s here to protect you.

### **There is Other Stuff in Gemini. Let’s Look Around, Starting with Mors-Somnus and Admetos.**

This long conjunction in your sign blends a physical slow-moving planet (Mors-Somnus) with one of the hypotheticals (Admetos). This is the kind of alignment it’s fair to say has never happened before in astrological history, and that nobody else is going to notice because these points are highly specialized, from different fields, and are rarely used.

But you may recognize the theme involved, which is something that you embody — a question, a need, an intention, an observation. Mors-Somnus asks a question: Dead, or sleeping? We could add: Pretending to be dead, or pretending to be

sleeping? These are crucial questions as the world seems to either play dead or sleepwalk into a state from which it cannot return. The question applies to you more than anything.

Can you get to the place where you can say declaratively, "I'm not asleep and I'm certainly not dead. And I'm not pretending to be either." The fact is that most people keep pressing "snooze" and that a great many people have given up, as if they have no life left in them: no future and no potential.

Admetos says go deep. It also describes the ways you may be taken deeper than you realize you're going. People fear depth; they fear the contents of their own unconscious minds and they fear what they do not know. Living in this world takes courage. It's also easy to haze over and pretend you're not really here, or that your visit to this plane of existence does not matter.

Then there's a little paradox: waking up means awakening to everything you previously denied, and in some way confronting it. Going deep is about being alive.

### **Note to Self**

The question, "Is this person dead or are they just sleeping?" is a good one to ask. You might ask it about yourself if you notice that you're not responding to something that truly deserves your response and attention.

### **Hopi + Altjira: The Dreamtime, the Ancestors and the Land**

This conjunction offers you ancestral wisdom in an age when that is rare to find, and seems impossible to utilize. And yet in our deeply troubled and detached times, we need ancestral wisdom, and more than that, we need to be open to it. I will develop this from another angle in the chapter on Capricorn in your 8th house, which seems like a good candidate for the one to write next.

But first let's consider this marvelous pairing of asteroid Hopi and ultra-slow mover Altjira. Both pertain to aboriginal consciousness: not the immediate ancestors but the tribal ancestors, back to the beginning.

The internet is a kind of synthetic dreamtime that takes us out of body but does not do two critical things: connect us to the land, or to the ancestors. Without these connections, humanity is lost. It may have been lost for a long time, though we are seeing an escalation of the efforts to get us out of body and fully invested, meaning directly integrated with, the digital sphere. In astrology, Altjira is the portal into the dreamtime — which is an actual place, not merely thoughts bubbling up from the chaotic 'unconscious' that we experience.

For Australian indigenous culture, and for the rest of us if we tap into it, the dreamtime is the basis of our connection to the land. This happens through the ancestors (who made the world), and connection to the ancestors is at the very core of their spiritual practice. The land, the ancestors, the dreamtime and the Milky Way exist outside of linear time. This is the main distinction between that reality and the reality we know.

For most traditional cultures, the ancestors are the personification of deep, inherited traditions. Notably, modern technological society lacks these connections. We have many false idols to fill their place, and we are at a loss for it.

Yet even in our society, they could be seen as more recent ideas about union of the land and one's identity. There is always something about the people who were here before, even though we think of the dead as "dead and gone." They are not. We all inhabit the bardo at the same time.

In Australia, it is understood that ancestors shaped the land and still live in it: in the caves, and jagged rocks, in Uluru (Ayers Rock, a giant rock formation and Unesco World Heritage Site), in rivers and mountains, and even desert spaces. The land is alive

with everyone who has lived there. (We shun this and think of it as haunted. That is a misunderstanding.)

Those not in-body can still speak to living people through dreaming and we can learn from them. These connections impart a sense of the timeless and the sacred.

Hopi brings this to the American continent. Though it moves pretty quickly compared to Altjira (orbiting in five-and-a-half years, versus Altjira's 296 years), it is striking that they are in an exact conjunction the day the Sun enters Gemini. This is your calling to spend some time on the land, honoring who lived here before you. It's your invitation to honor your ancestors, which means to remember them and make contact with them as best you can. It is possible they will come to you.

### **Note to Self**

An excellent walking meditation for you would be, "The land is alive with everyone who has lived here." Not just open land, but the strip mall and the data center and your house as well ("kitty corner from the bank," in the words of Neil Young). Who exactly occupied the land where you are living or walking? What was the name of the tribe? Who were the known tribal leaders? Where did they go and are there any survivors?

### **RELATIONSHIPS: SAGITTARIUS AND CAPRICORN**

One of the outstanding things about Gemini is that Sagittarius is your relationship sign. Gemini is the sign of all things local. Sagittarius is the sign of things not-so-local, measured in the thousands of miles, light years, parsecs and megaparsecs. It contains two deep space points, the Galactic Core and the Great Attractor. Spoiler alert: this is incomprehensible.

So if this is your relationship house, who exactly are you going to fall in love with? Who is an appropriate suitor?

What is your concept of a relationship?

On this measure, most Earthlings are extremely boring. Sagittarius is also the house that describes your environment generally. And this means that while your sign addresses local issues (the neighborhood, the town and the village, as well as local commerce), you live in a world so big that it can be daunting.

The way you tend to adapt is to make far-out things practical and tangible. So instead of trying to relate through your directly opposite concept, Sagittarius, you would usually go to the next — Capricorn, which is earthy, Earthly and structured. This happens for Sagittarius too, which is why you can't tell whether they're really interesting or woefully boring.

If they can't stand being interesting, and cannot handle that cosmic energy, they revert to being a bright, shiny stick in the mud. I can't say I blame them, though secretly anything with its origins in Sagittarius wants to fully flourish in all of its cosmic brilliance.

And this describes your personal relationships and also your relationship to existence. A human is the personification of all of existence. I may be giving people too much credit but when someone is your primary partner, that's what they signify.

With you as with them, it's best to encounter that which is magnificently weird about you and the universe. This may not fit your current relationship, past relationships, or past ideas about relationships. Without the influence of Uranus or Sedna, you might have been able to get by on people who emphasized structure; and you may have experienced quite a bit of overbearing expression of individuals going over the top.

Most astrologers view the 7th place as that of partners (marriage or business) and open enemies. I expand the 7th to the total environment you frequently live in and everyone you meet when

you look at them at eye-level. Other houses cover some specific subject area, but the 7th is your basic walk-around environment.

Open your eyes to how unusual the world you live in really is. Take every encounter as a cosmic meeting. Imagine that you don't know who anyone you meet really is.

### **Capricorn and the 8th Place: Beware the In-Laws**

The 8th is where relationships are consummated financially and, at times, sexually. It is the house of the contract generally and the marital contract specifically. My definition of married is someone you both have sex with and share money with, other than on-its-face prostitution or dating for fancy meals.

When we get into legal marriage, remember, when you sign the contract, press hard. You're signing half of the law library. I would estimate that the marital contract affects at least half of all facets of civil law. Essentially, you become a different person, you merge with another person and you merge with their family.

The contract costs \$25 to get into and can cost millions to get out of. It's an invitation for the government and courts to be in your life. Honestly, I don't understand why it's so popular or what it has to do with love.

The 8th place is a port of entry into your chart and into your life. Almost anything can come in, any grief, happiness, fortune or misfortune. The 8th is where marriage and partnership come home to roost. It's the business center of relationships and you have the sign of business here. Capricorn is also related to government entities and to family — specifically, your parents.

You have just experienced Pluto going through the territory (2008-2024). This is likely to have reshaped every relationship in your life involving any kind of family tie, nuptial contract, sexual contact or any form of banking. How were you doing at the

beginning of that transit and how were you doing at the end?  
What happened to you in the realm of family and marriage?

While Pluto was moving through the territory (and I dare say, stealing all the attention), another alignment was forming. I have termed this the **Family Hunger Game** pattern, which I mark in red in nearly every chart. All of the points are ultra-slow-movers; all address matters of family and heritage. These are lineages back to your great-grandparents and also back to "the origins of the tribe." In the 8th place, this tells me that there is legacy material coming into your life *through your intimate and financial relationships*.

There are some reasons for a high degree of caution here, and they are tagged with themes. The generic ones are to pay attention to anyone who enters your life by way of another person, ranging from an in-law, their family, the friend or relative of a business partner, and so on. Filter these people carefully before they get any information, access, or influence.

Then, notice when something about ancestral lineage or family pattern gets your attention. It is important to see when something about your family constellation emerges in your world: when people start acting like your parents or siblings or other relatives. Notice how these things are dramatized; notice the ways in which you are triggered. Who are you reminded of? Most people don't stop and think about this. It just does not occur to them that this person in the office is the spitting psychic image of their crazy sister, brother or grandfather.

More specifically, you must beware of two types of people: those who use alcohol as some form of medication, and those who have a tendency to suspend their ethics or act like there is no such thing. It is VERY likely that the disruptive presence of alcohol has touched your personal affairs in some way. The first step is accounting for how exactly that has influenced or impacted you.

That means getting a sense of how it has influenced your partners or entered your life through them. This is sensitive territory. Alcohol is still socially acceptable and often mandatory. Society is catching on, as well as younger generations, but they have their own intoxicants, which must be evaluated. Cannabis in its new, potent forms, mushrooms, ketamine and a diversity of “supplements” like kratom all have effects on both consciousness and on relationships. Those must be accounted for if the substances are present in your environment in any form.

### **Note to Self**

The most dangerous drug of our era is the digital environment in which we all live. It is created and sold to be addictive and designed to be toxic: to disrupt your relationship to yourself, to change your personality, to eliminate your privacy, to change all of your relationships with others and to hack your children. Borrowing from your fellow Gemini Rachel Carson, what used to be kept in a utility closet marked with skull and bones is now broadcast sprayed from the sky.

### **Pluto in Aquarius in the 9th Place: Social Spirituality**

The 9th place describes one’s spiritual orientation. You have Aquarius here, the fixed air sign, and this says that despite your mutable nature, you have clear, defined and sometimes intractable beliefs.

The 9th house wants to expand, to go abroad, and to be open-minded; the fixed influence of Aquarius makes that a challenge. However, Pluto in the territory will shake up your beliefs about yourself, the world and existence. The healthiest response would be curiosity.

People don’t like to have their beliefs challenged. They cling to them without ever having verified them as true; that’s because beliefs exist to cover up what is true. That’s not going to work with Pluto in the territory. Expect your concealed beliefs to be

exposed (especially the ones you inherited from your family and in particular your maternal line), expect them to be challenged, and be willing to admit when they were wrong.

You are not your beliefs. They are no more you than the clothes that you wear. But at least you wash your clothes and replace them when they are worn out, do not fit or are out of style.

Another crucial element of Aquarius covering your 9th place is your relationship to humanity itself. We have all been deceived (by some ridiculous lyrics from a Broadway show) that Aquarius is cool, groovy and the sign of humanity in the sense of humanitarian. If you find yourself thinking that your beliefs and actions are such, you might subject them to a self-deposition. You cannot count on the vogue concept of what you think is virtuous about yourself actually being true. There is tremendous pressure applied to us through the Aquarian energy field.

And for what it's worth, your religion is part of your guidance process, but that does not mean it applies to anyone else. Pluto in the 9th can bring out the evangelist in anyone. Let it bring out the detective in you.

### **Jupiter, Leo and the 3rd Place: Good as Gold**

Fortunately you have original ideas of your own. Once you get out of the belief framework of others, or even begin to, you will have room for your own ideas. However, the issue here is that they may not conform to a majority or consensus view; you may be seen as overly independent; you may be seen as antisocial.

There are always reasons why a sign's character is the way it is that have nothing to do with that sign's properties itself. Sure, it makes sense that Gemini is a mutable sign ruled by Mercury. You were born with a pen, typewriter or video camera in your hands. It is Leo on your 3rd place that is the core of your communication power and your potential creative brilliance.

In July, Jupiter lines up with Pluto and many other planets, and this will give you a sense of what you have, what you are now capable of, and who you are becoming. These are all essential factors to be aware of before you make any big decisions, including how you feel about your potential.

Note the social factor of the 3rd place. It is local. It is immediate and tangible, and it involves people whose names you know. The 3rd is the opposite of digital influence, and you have some fantastic resources here. Local, nearby, handmade and cash transactions are all going to feed and inspire you well into 2027 and beyond.

### **Note to Self**

Count yourself as a natural born writer, though even if that is true, you must work at it every day. Start now, with six months before the arrival of Jupiter in Leo, even if that means doing "morning pages" in a handwritten journal. See *The Artist's Way* for more information. The "artist's way" means getting out of your own way.

### **Pisces and the 10th Place: Career Prospects**

The past stretch of your life has been strange career-wise. By stretch I mean that Neptune has been in the vicinity, which is Pisces, and it's not easy to be seen or noticed when that is going on. Neither is it easy to be seen or noticed under the digital deluge. Thankfully, Neptune exits this sign fairly soon, after being around since 2011.

Uranus entering your birth sign this year plus Jupiter entering Leo is providing you with an astonishing amount of creative energy, and it needs someplace to go. There are a lot of options. But they may not look like what you find through either a conventional job hunt or your typical online business.

My read on your astrology is that you have self-discovery work to do before you emerge into your next form. Part of that will take place in the 11th house. So let's go there.

One word of caution. The remaining main influence in your 10th place is Nessus, a centaur which addresses the matter of consequences. It is likely to be making you needlessly paranoid about taking action on your goals, or taking leadership in the world. I think the challenge of Nessus is to reach a place of contemplative foresight; to consider the results of what you might do, whether intended or unintended.

Once you have done that, and once you're willing to take responsibility for the effects of your actions, it's safe to proceed. Above all, Nessus wants accountability and also encourages you to clean up any grey areas. What kind of grey areas? Well, any.

### **Events in Aries, Your 11th Place**

Aries is where people seek themselves. Where Aries is placed creates a kind of "frame of self-creation" in your life. It is the context where it's the most natural to experience not just who you are but who you want to be. Yes, the whole chart works this way (and both natal and solar positions of Aries count).

You have Aries in your most social house — and your most profitable, productive and community-oriented. The 11th is said to be the house of hopes and dreams, but really it's the one where people, events and experiences manifest. Whatever it may be about topically, you will be drawn there for the purpose of self-becoming and personal evolution.

It happens that Aries, in my estimation, is where the worst effects of the digital environment have landed: driving people out of themselves and interfering with their sense of existence, purpose, identity and reality. All of this is mediated by our relationship to our bodies.

Eric McLuhan has said it best, and even if you've read this quote five times, I again offer it for your thoughtful consideration:

"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."

This is what has happened to who we are, and the effects are described in Aries. Please read that out loud a few times. "All our new media" is a continuum from the telegraph to A.I., which are all very closely related in their social and private impact.

This describes the lives we are living today, and the self-concept we live with today. We live in this disorientation and destabilization and distortion with little awareness we are doing so.

We can see bits of this damage looking at a number of different regions of the zodiac, but nowhere so boldly as Aries. It lands with the SELF and the self's awareness of itself. In other signs I devote many more words to the total effect as described by Eris in Aries, but the one sentence description is that we have been turned from individuals into tribal beings (who still believe we are individuals).

I have confirmed the effect of Eris in Aries, and of Aries as the ground field, using charts going back to the middle 19th century when the telegraph was introduced, and tracked it forward through the introduction of radio, television and digital technology. The correspondence is amazing and tragic at the same time, speaking in terms of the loss of self-awareness and the resulting violence and conflict.

There are two major conjunctions happening in Aries, which (remember) for you is the place of your social activity, your vision for your life, and the profits on your business activities. The

conjunctions mean that the environment is rapidly changing, as is self-awareness. One is Chiron conjunct Eris, and the other is Saturn conjunct Neptune. They happen in the late Northern Hemisphere winter, within four weeks of one another. Then the effect will unfold over many seasons, too far into the future to see.

(For more background details, see the readings for the cardinal signs Aries, Cancer and Libra.)

Something new is being born. It is too early to see exactly what it is. You are a pioneer in this new and emerging territory. If I had to imagine a science fiction scenario, it would go something like this: All at once, humanity was struck with an electrical bolt of forgetfulness. Everyone has forgotten who they are or what their life is about. They wake up and are walking around clueless as to where they are and who they are. They are in shock. They are no longer able to really speak to one another.

But in the midst of this, you are fully awake. You understand what has happened. You can sense the nature of the situation and its impact on humanity. You are still in full control of your language capacity, both written and spoken. However, you really wonder if you can say anything that anyone understands.

So you set about finding people who at least can make out your words and understand basic concepts. You are looking for anyone whose mind has not been swallowed by deep amnesia of self. It's difficult finding anyone meekly aware of the situation; they are all acting like nothing is wrong, except for the fact that none of them know their zip code, their last name, or when they were born.

But you have a gift for making contact with something in them, a little like the character McMurphy in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. You have figured out that the other inmates are not crazy but don't know it; they are in a mental ward so they think they are nuts. The people around you are in the land of the forgotten self, but they don't know that.

So what do you do? How do you handle yourself? You want things from life; you want experiences. Some of them involve people. How do you proceed? I suggest as a social explorer.

Then Saturn meets Neptune in February, which will give you a sense of place, particularly socially. You are likely to have the sudden revelation of who you are and where you are.

Chiron meeting Eris (ongoing, last peak is in late March) pushes you out of the tribal mentality and into a greater state of individuation. Many will experience this as confusion and turmoil, and others as awkward. Many will retreat from this kind of intense self-awareness within a group context. You are likely to feel intensely curious.

Don't worry if none of these people seem meekly like you. Don't concern yourself with whether they like you. Stay self-aware and you will be a leader in your own life, and by extension, a leader in your community.

## **We Two Form a Multitude**

The presence of Sedna in your sign offers environmental sensitivity. This will include the gift of pattern recognition within the psychedelic digital environment.

Uranus will push you into exploring both yourself and the world around you. Our society and our planet are in difficult territory and you have the resources you need to navigate it in a way that is good for everyone.

While Gemini is the sign of the twins, the dual self and the birth of conscious and communicating humanity, Uranus represents a highly activating force that will multiply all of these factors. It also represents the many facets of your psyche that you can bring into new areas of life and experiences.

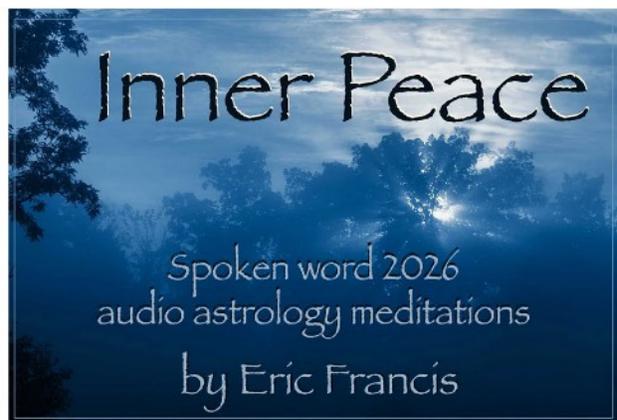
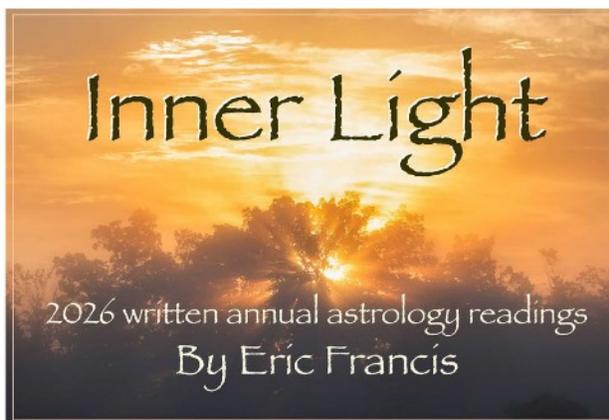
Here, we have an accidental reference to the biblical story of Jacob: "We two become a multitude." That multitude is within you and around you. It is everywhere. What you think of as "you" is the coordinating principle.

For Gemini, the true apotheosis of awakening is recognizing that your "self" is composed of what you might think of as the left brain and the right brain. You have the unique capacity and ability to balance intuition and logic.

And that is what it's gonna take!

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