



Of work and play, my Paris studio, 2005. Photo by Eric Francis.

SAGITTARIUS :: Acts of Self Creation

"Children learn through play. Adults play through art."

— Brian Eno

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YOU may feel like you alone have a sense of the plight humanity is in. It takes a wide perspective and the ability to see beyond one's own needs and concerns. I'm not saying you actually understand everything that's happening, but you have a point of view that allows you to see something on a longer time scale and across a wider geographic range than most others.

Usually those with a vision are isolated in some way. That might be a temptation. I don't mean hole up and forget the world. I mean to

participate in your life as a means of contributing to the wider life we all share. What I'm suggesting here is that embracing true creativity is a form of leadership, and you are being taken to some deep places as something — whatever you think of yourself as — artist, self-actualizer, adventurer, risk-taker.

However, in all of these modes of existence, it's easy to just go on climbing mountains or snowboarding or making paintings — the world be damned. People who live this way are a dime a dozen, such as the millionaires who "love how well capitalism works" and forget about their nephew who needs help or a friend in crisis. My sense is that they believe that to stop and care about others will break the spell of their self-serving existence.

Now is not the time to be self-serving or to work for yourself. All of our problems are collective, even if you don't think they affect you. Wait long enough and they surely will. Here is my point: you have tremendous talent and truly creative ability. Your job is to make these gifts work for you, and for everyone else. Your magic will not evaporate if you stand up and help people in need. Rather you will teach others by example, which is one of a very few ways that knowledge is conveyed.

It is humanity's creative capacity that is being destroyed by the current technological environment. This is not on the level of "typewriters will interfere with handwriting" or "the car will make people walk less" or "cameras will make people less gifted artists." Those things either turned out to be irrelevant or untrue.

We are not dealing with the crisis of your average invention. Humanity is having its consciousness seized; its ability to think and perceive; and worse, its ability to create. Creativity is a fragile ability for most people. It carries the warning, "Use it or lose it."

For Sagittarius, the distinction of your astrology in 2026 is the power of self-creation. I say this in a time when what we think of as self or inner being is being consumed by artificial forms of seeming consciousness that are threatening to swallow all that is true and beautiful about humanity. Right now you have that very quality in the

greatest abundance you've ever had it. You hold a solution not just for yourself but for others who will benefit from your example.

This is not just the example of your creative power. It will rather be the way you demonstrate what is right and true to yourself and the world around you. Ideas increase by being shared. The Inner Light is burning bright in you. Let's work our way there.

A Conversation with the Author of *Conversations with God*

Since around 1998, I've been publishing a quote that I found in Book 3 of *Conversations with God* by Neale Donald Walsch. Here goes:

"As I have said, this isn't the first time your civilization has been at this brink," God says to Walsch at one point in their dialogue. "I want to repeat this, because it is vital that you hear this. Once before on your planet, the technology you developed was far greater than your ability to use it responsibly."

Conversations is a document of the mid-1990s, in the early stage of digital conditions taking over. At that time, it was not clear which way things were heading. God, speaking through Walsch, continues:

"You are approaching the same point in human history again. It is vitally important that you understand this. Your present technology is threatening to outstrip your ability to use it wisely. Your society is on the verge of becoming a product of your technology rather than your technology being a product of your society. When a society becomes a product of its own technology, it destroys itself."

Was anyone else listening? Thirty years after it was published, I caught up with Neale, wanting to ask him about it. I was **granted an interview**. Here is the salient part:

Eric Francis: I had been through and lived A Course in Miracles since the 1980s. And so, I recognized [*Conversations with God*] as, to me, an authentic manifestation of the inner teacher. But today you have people going onto ChatGPT and instead of asking their inner teacher a question, they go to an algorithm on a server in Texas or Utah or somewhere outside of themselves and

they ask a question and then it takes all the garbage ever put on the internet and all the beauty and throws them an answer. To me, this is not only cluttering up what might be a relationship with their inner teacher, [but] completely hijacking it, [and] it's hijacking it with something that is not wholesome.

Neale Donald Walsch: Or could be not wholesome. That is correct. I agree with everything you just said. I think your observations are accurate and that's hopefully what I was pointing to a moment ago. Yes, I agree with you.

EF: So, you had the ability as a literate person and being born in the era where you were able to have a sense of your inner being. I think that one of the most significant things that digital is stripping away from people is their ability to connect with their inner being.

NDW: Oh wow. You know, I don't think anyone's put it that directly in my conversations with others, as simply and as directly as you just placed it. Yeah. We're replacing our inner being with the artificial intelligence that's being forced upon us. And you're right, people ask a question and instead of going internally to get the answer, you know, they get online somewhere, and they get tons of responses like you just said, the collective garbage...A number of A.I. programmers have called me or written me and asked me if they could create an A.I. program that would respond to all human questions based on the books. And I've said to them, "No, we're not going there. "The whole point of the book is that we can each have our own conversations with God."

EF: Yeah. Yes.

NDW: That's the whole point of the book. Not that we could get online and ask any question and have an artificial source of intelligence, so to speak, provide us with an answer.

EF: The point and the example that you set I think is very important.

NDW: Yes. And so, I think A.I. is getting to the point where it takes over human beings and we start acting like robots, like-like robots, like-like robots...[imitates a robot].

EF: I call it Artificial God. I say it shouldn't be called A.I. it should be called A.G. It's Artificial God. [This is] a spiritual crisis . . . When it becomes easy to encounter something you think is God . . . that's keeping me up nights. It's not the robot taking over, though that could happen. It's the state of mind, the consciousness, and that's so dense in people. You would think thought would be the most flexible thing, but the ego is dense.

(End of excerpt. See and hear **the whole interview.**)

The ego is also an illusion; a thought form that you find especially convincing. It dissolves when you get in touch with your underlying self. So, get in touch. The question is how. I don't see this as some kind of meditation retreat or workshop. I see it as doing what turns you on.

Note to Self

The most dangerous aspect of digital and A.I. technology is that it can cut you off from your inner creative source. It is an illusion, which reinforces the illusion of the ego. Most people don't care because they have not really cultivated their deeper source, but you most likely have and you are doing so now. 'God' is not something separate from you but rather your self-creative inner sense that is connected to something deeper and larger than you are.

Stand Up and Define Your Existence

In the face of consumption and destruction, you are being called to stand up and define your existence by your own presence in the world. This is actual and not theoretical. It's about being

really you all the time and not “authentic” or whatever the cool kids call a good act these days.

While I don't mean this in an egocentric way, the notion of ego — the “I,” the self-concept — is impossible to avoid. Rather, you dare yourself to take the plunge into every situation you enter, especially your own creative instincts and even impulses. To immerse yourself into creative activity also calls for a self-centered quality. And while humans are famously focused on themselves, this has a way of being about something other than self-creation, or creative acts of any kind.

For those who can afford such a luxury, most do not take advantage of it. We all see the competitiveness that is so widely practiced, and the materialism, and the avoidance of nearly anything truly generative. And yet this is what you are being called to do, with near-to-total devotion. In a world now defined by disembodiment, you are being given the opportunity to thread the needle of who you are and stitch your cosmic existence to your physical existence.

There are factors that will protect you from self-obsession. If you resist them, they will seem disruptive. If you flow with them, they will seem spontaneously inspiring. Still, it's worth cautioning that your astrology is dangerously self-focused, and it would be helpful to your intimate encounters and your environment generally to find as much common ground and common cause with the people around you as possible. It is up to you to take an active interest in their lives, for the good of everyone.

There are exciting developments in many areas of your chart — the most dynamic houses are all involved, which will shape how you think, how you relate to others, and what you do with your physical space. But let's begin with what is present in your sign, which I personally count as the boldest and most unusual in all of astrology. You are granted special ability and must take equally special care to use your power wisely and in a way that serves the greatest good for all concerned.

FOCUS ON YOUR 1st HOUSE - SAGITTARIUS

Among all the signs and constellations, there is something distinctive about Sagittarius. It is the only sign archetype where the astronomical features in that direction of space describe its qualities in a kind of spiritual truth, whether reading for individuals or for society.

Sagittarius is the sign of all things distant, cosmic, divine, mystical and philosophical. ("The most philosophical sign," in the words of Jim Morrison.) Since ancient times it has been associated with anything foreign. In mundane astrology it's about the church, which is supposedly a way to reach God.

In the 20th century, two points were discovered in Sagittarius that were unknown to the ancients. In 1930, the center of our galaxy was discovered. And then in the 1980s, another point called the Great Attractor was discovered. People who have heard of them often confuse them. One is the center of our galaxy, and the other is the center of 100,000 galaxies near ours.

And so in the sign associated with openings of ideas, thought, distance and possibilities, two of the most unusual and prodigious discoveries in all of astronomy showed up. There is nothing like this in all of astrology: no physical thing so representative of the concept that the sign describes. All of the other constellations are accidental designs in space said to look like a bull or a couple of fish, which nobody can ever see.

But the Galactic Center and the Great Attractor describe something vast and incomprehensible that are perfect for Sagittarius. They represent sources so powerful it's difficult to delineate them; they defy metaphor. They defy meaning; they are nearly impossible to put into context. Sagittarius is about

“seeing the world.” No earthling will visit these places. And yet they describe the expansive quality of Sagittarius.

You have, among other things, the power of foresight. You can see around corners; you can avoid danger and obstacles using a kind of second sight that is more suited to science fiction than to lived reality but — you know it’s true.

This is also a lot of responsibility to have, and it presents you with assets that must be used carefully. It’s difficult to live up to, especially in times when the world seems like such a narrow place or when the possibilities seem so small. And yet this is the perfect metaphor for your individual life in the wild cosmos — a basic truth we all live with. And you, especially, embody it. But could experience ever stack up to this kind of grand potential? And if so, what does it feel like?

Well, it would feel like recognizing that you are your most important creative mission. That is a story told in Aries and Aquarius, which we will come to.

I have done some work to delineate these deep-space points in your sign over the years; they do not lend themselves easily to definition or visible paths of expression. But let’s see if some of them describe you. The Great Attractor is the perfect Sagittarius symbol of “don’t crowd my space.” Everything around us is rushing toward it, though never seems to catch up.

The other factor I’ve noticed is that the Great Attractor confers protection. In another manifestation of the “out of reach” theme, it’s as if you are always just a little out of reach of those who would do you harm.

And it bestows charisma of an unusual kind — not the kind where the person seems blazingly ordinary (the usual kind) but rather where they seem extraordinary and unavailable. Those born around the 7th of December are close to the Great Attractor, and

they have a little something special that nobody can really describe or get a grasp on.

The much more local Galactic Core is a spiritual beacon that exists within you. Yet you may project it outward as God, guru, or destination of your quest. But really, it's something about you. And that something is elusive in its meaning. This is why it is so easy to project into some outer, visible or tangible form, and why those forms rarely if ever live up to the desire for transcendence.

There is a little joke wrapped up in the Galactic Core. It seems to call you toward the truth and then reveal what the truth is — only to evaporate back into the mists of consciousness. However, many people want what they think of as the truth and perhaps feel this seemingly evasive calling. It is therefore easier to pretend — though such does not work. It is far better to exist in a state of consciousness of not knowing than it is to fill in the void with a fabrication or illusion. Genuine understanding can enter a void, though it's difficult for it to enter an occupied place.

The Earth and the Centaur

The deep space points in your sign are permanent fixtures; they do not transit and their minuscule movement is due to the Earth's wobble. Speaking of the Earth: for as cosmic and strange as the root elements of Sagittarius are, in the *Esoteric Astrology* branch of the craft, the Earth is the ruler of your sign. This is yet another metaphor for the fusion of, or tension between, the most ordinary and the most extraordinary that Sagittarius must hold.

(For those who want to experiment with this idea, the Earth is always in the sign opposite that of the Sun, e.g., if the Sun is in Sagittarius, then the Earth is in Gemini.)

Then there is the primary symbol of your sign, which is the centaur, now known to be Chiron. Half-man, half-horse, Chiron fuses the animal and the human natures that we are trapped within (or blessed to be in). It is a contradiction on one level and

yet real on another, because we are animals infused with an unusual kind of awareness that seems to stem from the brain and is expressed with the hands. The word "Chiron" means "one who has hands," and that would be a human thing.

So while you may experience a kind of cosmic calling, you are here to express and create yourself on Earth. You endure the various trials and challenges of Earth and yet you know there is so much more. This is the truly human condition; as is the tendency to forget. So please, remember.

The Visitors to Your Sign: Of Storms and Oceans

Three slow-movers have arrived in Sagittarius in recent months and they all are associated with the ocean. Sagittarius with its vast cosmic implications is beyond oceanic, though with Sagittarius everything comes back to Earth. There are three of them, known to astrology for about 20 years, though rarely used.

They are Deucalion, the Greek equivalent of Noah and his ark; there is Ceto, the infamous sea monster. And there is Typhon, another monster, whose name is associated with a form of tropical storm called a typhoon. But this word's etymology is as complex as it gets, drawn from older words in multiple language families, one of which pertains to wind. In the end, we are talking about something powerful and stormy and, well, that does not seem to be human or a friend to people.

Then there is Huya (originally named Juya), which has been in your sign for many years but this year is crossing over the Galactic Core. In Wayuu mythology, Juyá is a hunter who controlled the rain and was married to Pulowi, the female deity figure related to the wind and dry seasons. Juyá is also associated with the winter and lives in the celestial altitudes beyond the Sun.

Your chart is "blowing weather." There is certainly plenty of spiritual turbulence right now. Storms contain astounding

amounts of energy — more than could ever be conjured by some technological means — and it must go somewhere. The question is, where will you find your focus? You have several options. They do not exclude one another, though how social you choose to be may be influenced by how confident you feel on any day. So this prepares you to be a person for all seasons.

Note to Self

The sky is shifting from being long dominated by earth and water placements to fire and air placements. You are a fire sign but you need water. Fortunately, you can bring your water with you: not your BPA-free bottle but the water of your feelings and your receptiveness. Yours is a mutable sign, more like Pisces than like Leo. Observe where you flow, where your attention goes, and what attention naturally comes to you without making an effort.

Family Affairs, Capricorn in the 2nd Place

The cosmic nature of Sagittarius finds its counterpart and some constraint in the worldly nature of Capricorn — your 2nd place governing resources, attitudes and values. It is one of the true paradoxes in all of astrology. Capricorn strives to be grounded in the real world, and would normally not be concerned with matters related to the Galactic Core or any such precocious, far-flung possibilities.

In a way it's good that you have this, though if you lean too far into it you will be more worried about what your parents or the government think than you are concerned about your true potential or that of humanity. So a balance is necessary but difficult to maintain. I am reminded of my friend and colleague Jonathan Cainer, truly a Sagittarius visionary. Once when I wrote to him and asked him how he was doing, he replied that he was doing fine, rollerskating on a greased floor covered with ball bearings. Ahh, that was our Jonathan.

But hippyish as he was, he was a businessman, at all times accompanied everywhere he went by Mark, a sharply dressed, fantastic Capricorn business manager. Then there was Steve, who did all the programming for the website from the first line of code. But it would have been impossible without Jonathan's drive, his vision and his affinity for personal loyalty — all of the above.

That's how he found his balance and mundane orientation. That's a healthy manifestation of Capricorn in the chart of a Sagittarius. For you it may manifest as needing solid bookkeeping or administrative help, and treating your business like a business. You must maintain your structures, because money (a 2nd house matter) *flows toward structure*.

In any normal century, we might mistake you for a traditionalist. But we are not in any kind of normal right now. Pluto has been through this territory over the past 15 years, and anyone can see we live in a very different world than we did in early 2008. Everything structured has been either restructured or demolished. This has been truly disorienting for you. Many of the people and ideas you had come to lean on no longer exist or have been radically transformed.

So, too, have your values. Consider where you stood with yourself and what you believed in January 2008 and consider the territory you've covered and how far you've come.

Pluto has moved on — I will come to that next — but there is still radical activity in your 2nd house. To sum it up in a fortune cookie: If you can work through some persistent family issues, you have tremendous earning capacity right now. And yet in one sense that ability will hinge on your conscious development of impeccable personal ethics. Depending on who you are, you could go the other way. You could tap into an ability to suspend your principles and just win the game no matter how.

This type of strategy is unlikely to be adopted by someone seeking spiritual ideas or the ideas of an astrologer, but you

should know about and acknowledge this potential. And I would add that it is easy to trigger if alcohol is a factor: that is the Pholus connection. I would extend this to any substance that impairs your judgment, including your sense of who you are. It's important to consider the mental, emotional and physical effects of all prescription medications, which can do things like shut down passion, sexual desire and creativity. So a careful review is called for.

Honor Your Ancestors. This is Basic.

Give them a conscious place in your world.

One of your great assets is ancestral. The 2nd represents a blend of material and spiritual gifts. In addition to the innate shrewdness that Capricorn can bestow, and a touch of frugality, Capricorn is about the power of family. And there are now three points clustered together which accentuate that idea, including Pholus. That takes you as far as your great-grandparents' generation. Find the specific ancestors among your grandparents and great-grandparents whom you might adopt as a spirit guide.

I realize this may sound primitive; it is. Ancestor worship was the first religion. And it can be misguided. I'm not really talking about worship. I'm talking about tuning into the wisdom of your predecessors and holding the idea that from their perspective now, they love and support you in your endeavors on Earth. Remember them as people and what they went through. Consider which of their values you want to adopt, and which you want to leave behind.

Quaoar reminds you to remember their immigration story. Unless you are 100% native stock of wherever you live, your family has one. Your ancestors got to where they are by making a journey. You can take this back as far as you want to go, such as (if you are Native American) the Pleiades. The sign Sagittarius itself describes a migratory heritage. Neither birds nor the human race stay in one place for very long.

Then there is Cupido, which bestows you with a point of gathering. This is your reminder to treat everyone around you as kinfolk. This is the break from some potential tribal obsession (that's the state of the world right now). Cupido is a magnet for family and kindness of all kinds. Practice working with this gift and you will see how powerful it is.

In this world, nothing is done alone. Everything that succeeds is a collaboration of some kind. This collaborative factor is described in the air signs Gemini and Aquarius. Let's consider those houses and then move onto the main attraction, the headline act, your 5th house Aries.

Uranus and Sedna in Gemini, the 7th Place

Let's jump across the dial to your opposite sign Gemini, your 7th place, which describes your relationships and your environment. There is another little joke in Sagittarius in that as out-there as your mind and imagination can go, you relate to people who have a mundane view of existence. Anything coming in through the filter of Gemini wants to keep it human, keep it local and keep it simple. This is a positive influence on you.

The 7th is always attributed to relationships, though I've come to see it as a relationship to the environment you walk around in all day; what you see at eye-level in the ordinary world of people, places and things.

Uranus started to make its way into Gemini in mid-2025, with a tentative, temporary visit. That got the molecules shaking and gave you a hint of the power of this transit — but only a small one. On April 25, amidst much other astrology, Uranus enters Gemini to stay for the next six years. Through this transit, remember that one of your superpowers is mutability: the capacity to rapidly change and adapt.

Now, one would think that Uranus moving through the 7th house would be destabilizing to relationships. And that is true. However, Uranus has a kind of equal and opposite force, which is Saturn. Many times I've seen relationships rearranged by what is supposed to be a stabilizing factor. Saturn clears space (and always gives more than it takes away).

Uranus brings in new and unexpected influences, and also can be associated with unusual behavior in partners. So first, give them room to experiment with who they are. The 'experimental' factor is much more akin to Uranus than it is to Saturn, and you can work with this. What it's important you understand is the unpredictable nature of Uranus.

Also, it's crucial to see its influence in the context of the wider state of the world, by which I mean what the digital environment has done to relationships since the beginning of the social media age. People say things are different but without really accounting for how or what the personal and intimate effects are. It's as if we see something happening to society but not happening to us as individuals — unless you've noticed.

While Uranus is itself closely related to a technological influence, in the personal sense it can describe you catching up with your environment. Please don't try to convince yourself that things are normal, but rather try to get a sense of how they are and the ways in which you have been challenged to adapt. Few people understand what to do with this suggestion, though making the connection to the wider environment is necessary.

It comes down to this: what do you want, what do you need, and where can you find it given the prevailing state of the world? Uranus will compel you to be more direct, more open, more outspoken and honest, and to observe things that are not characteristic of who you are. Do you want to participate? That is up to you. But never forget your true interests and your true desires. Remain true to yourself, even if you have to get up every day and start again.

There is a second factor influencing this area of your life: a strange and distant but quite real planet called Sedna is in your relationship house as well. This is a passport to seeing and understanding the big picture. It's a kind of sixth sense to tuning into background influences that few others are able to perceive. If you connect with someone who you recognize to be perceptive, that is an invitation to form a deeper contact. No matter how weird any party is, there's always someone you can relate to.

Note to Self

Many factors suggest that you're going to be happier in group situations than one-to-one situations, but don't expect to be a 'member' of something. You don't have to be, and you will find great pleasure in learning how to be yourself in situations where this presents challenges. You don't need to be bold or push yourself on anything; rather, exist in your natural state and observe how you and others respond.

Pluto in Aquarius, the 3rd Place

The 3rd place is about state of mind, mental process, communication style and the local environment. You have Aquarius here, which bestows intelligence but also demands that you know when you don't know. If you are aware of when that is true, you're in a position to learn what is right and true. But this takes work and a state of near-constant review. The highest level of self-awareness is necessary. This is a tall order, but you can rise to it.

Many factors describe the power of the digital influence in our lives and the impact that it's had. What's interesting about the way all of these 'digital influence' transits land in your solar chart is that you have the ability to process the changes consciously. Pluto in Aquarius for you is about focusing your mental power. More than that, it's a description of your ability to think independently of groups.

One ability you have is that of adaptation to social norms despite the unusual point of view you bring into this world. However, Pluto all but ensures that you will be unwilling and not interested in conforming to the ways that others think. This may be the most shocking transit you're under, because it affects your state of mind so directly.

It is another influence that could lead you to feel isolated. This is the feeling of thinking differently, getting to the roots of things that others do not see, and being unwilling to change your ideas just because something else is popular. This is a challenging transit for these reasons. Yet you will find that it's extremely helpful in times when you are being pressured to conform and are repelled by the notion of going against yourself.

It takes power to stand up for yourself when people are trying to convince you that you're wrong. You have not been immune from such persuasion, but now it will be nearly impossible to get one over on you. Do not feel guilty for standing up for your personal truth. But at the same time, you must challenge yourself to ensure that you're really correct in your observations and your beliefs. And while you're challenging them, you don't need to be attached to them. Pluto in Aquarius will take some pleasure in discovering that you're wrong.

Note to Self

Be cautious of mental obsession, and if you experience it, put it to good use. Meaning is context, and without context there is no meaning. You may be attached to your ideas, though I suggest you consider them to be a kind of subscription to yourself that arrives with something new every day or every week. Pluto in Aquarius wants to cultivate the skill of seeing many sides of a subject, theme or issue.

Aries, the Heart and Heat of the Matter

I was just watching a new interview with Brian Eno, and he said children learn through play, and adults play through art. Unfortunately, not enough adults, as most are caught in the scourge of seriousness and have been so dulled down it's difficult for them to imagine much.

I don't think this is a problem for you but who knows. In any event, you are being stoked with all kinds of creative fodder that will guide you more than any other factor into a new stage and phase of your existence.

The wrenching changes the world is going through are associated with the impact of digital technology, artificial creativity and fake so-called intelligence. This whole confrontation is described mostly by events in Aries. And here is where you are at your very best. Aries is your most creative and dynamic house; and it's where you strive to grow, become and actualize yourself. It describes you as truly *self-creative*.

We hear about "generative A.I." all the time. It is not generative. You are, and you are becoming more so. When we look at where this occurs in your solar chart — the 5th place — it takes you as far from the public context as you can get about these sweeping issues. Instead, it places it right at the very center of your life as a creative person.

I admit I have a strong bias that my readers are inherently creative people. It's my intention to see the artist in everyone, by which I mean the person who is bold enough to tap their own originality. This may not be as traditionally creative activity (sculpture, painting, or whatever). Artist means sensitive person who sees patterns and has little choice but to do things their way.

However, I must offer a word of caution (before I go over these transits). They say without equivocation that you must have creative outlets for your energy. That can include sexual outlets, but there must be more, something a little more tangible that

gives you a reflection of yourself in the form of something that you create in the material world.

The 5th house could drive you to merely take risks. But artistic risks are a thing of their own kind. By embracing them you challenge yourself to be yourself no matter what anyone thinks. And this is starting to become a theme entering your chart from every angle.

Chiron conjunct Eris in Aries — the creative and sexual hot spot of your chart — is the most radical astrology any of us have ever lived through. And we who are alive today have seen a lot: the astrology of 2001, that of 2011-12, that of 2020...it's been relentless. So to say that Chiron-Eris is the most penetrating of them all is saying a lot. It is the very thing that is designed to shock people out of this weird electrical and digital trance that society is in.

The deeper crisis is the surrender of creativity; of writing ability; of the ability to form images; the ability to come up with an idea of one's own. And these distinctly human abilities are what are being stoked the most powerfully in your solar chart — and by extension, your existence.

Yet this kind of creative power is also an uncontrollable force for your personal growth and evolution. That is the catch, if there is one. There is a reason you're being shaken loose from your preconceptions — and that is to make room for who you are and what you are becoming. The thing to remember is that your existence is your ultimate project here on the cosmic physical plane. You came here to learn how to create, and the thing you're creating is yourself. This is not just your inner fire; it is the inner light that guides you.

The conjunction of Saturn and Neptune grants you two vital things. One is a kind of clean start on the question of who is this person you are becoming. You may feel destabilized in certain ways now, but you are likely to feel much more grounded and

steady with both Saturn and Neptune joining Chiron and Eris in your 5th. That solidity and solidarity with yourself are both key ingredients in your future.

Second, Saturn and Neptune provide you with materials to work with. They provide an awesome quality of synthesis that is both connected to who you are becoming and what you create in the process. Both will also provide a cooling factor that is necessary so that you don't burn out or get too carried away. Slow and steady is essential right now, one idea and one project at a time, recognizing that everything you do is part of the vast mosaic of who you are in this lifetime.

While Neptune brings imagination, Saturn brings effort and structure. But the point of the 5th is always about play, and you have more going on here than anywhere else. And so this is a bold invitation to explore your world in a way that is pleasurable and allows you to transcend your worldly cares. In a way you enter another world where you make something else real, and then maybe you bring that something into the wider world around you.

There is one last element of the 5th place, which is sex. It's not the sex of the marriage bed, or the sex of prostitution, or sex for reproduction, but sex as a matter of play and self-creation and — eek — recreation. Yes, the term 'recreational sex' is considered as bad as, well, I don't know, mixing strange chemicals from under the sink with other chemicals you found in the shed. This is not true. And it's not true for you.

So much fiery energy in the 5th place is looking for every form of expression that it can find and one of the most natural will be sexual expression. By which I mean physical expression, rather than any form of virtual. The attitude you bring is important. Get back into your teenage self and remember who you were and what you wanted.

Note to Self

You have passion and curiosity in abundance and that is energy that needs someplace to go. Creativity and an experimental spirit provide guidance and a kind of natural instinct for what to do. It allows you to break rules, learn, and expose your world and your consciousness.

Postscript: Career Focus

In many ways the story of Sagittarius is that of wild potential regulated by earthly reality. We might say that's the story of everyone on the planet, but I don't think that's true. You are able to tap into something far deeper than many people in the world, or immediately around you. And then, yes, there is always the question of how to manifest what exists as a possibility. A lot of motivation is needed to get anything done.

Still, Sagittarius is one of the great contradictions in astrology. Your many points of inner tension describe this unusual incarnation that you're living right now and also give you deep inner strength. You embody the power of the paradox. Everything about it makes perfect sense until you keep noticing all the things that do not. And yet you always get the job done.

Let's end with a reading of your 10th place, Virgo, the highest point in your solar chart. This is your house of career and reputation. Virgo here could not be more antithetical to the freewheeling, driven, light-years-deep idea of Sagittarius. But like Capricorn, it provides a governing force, which also turns into a means of manifesting your dreams.

Yet the struggle of Virgo is obsession with details. It's not easy to take command in the broadminded way that you want to. And so you have to work around this. There is an important and usually overlooked factor called Transpluto making a long journey across the top of your chart. This is one of the hypothetical planets I've worked with for a long time and it bears a meaningful and urgent message for you.

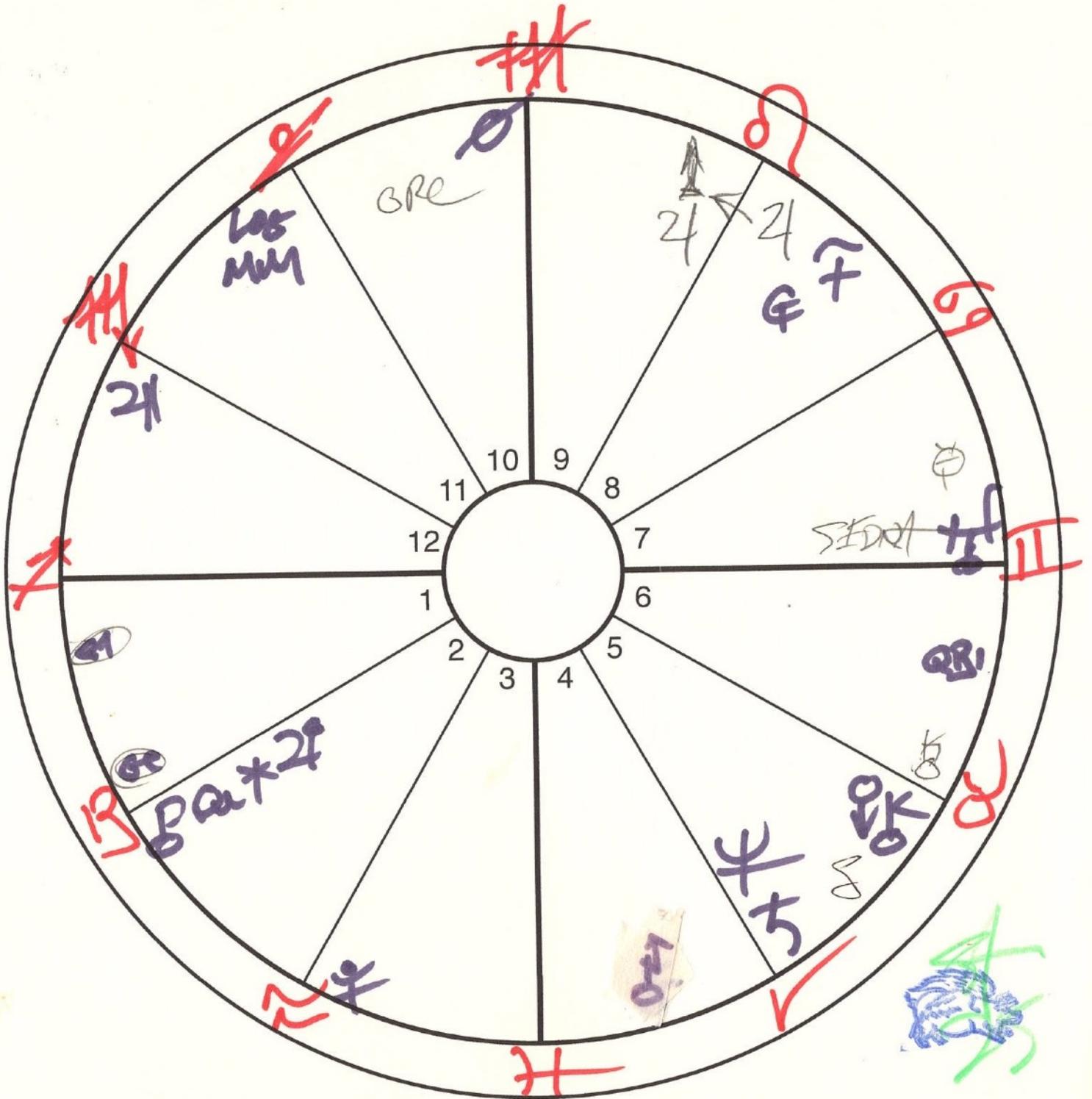
It is cautioning you about a self-critical quality that can become myopic: short sighted, with tunnel vision. The self-critical factor of Transpluto can be extreme, and it may be the most challenging spiritual element you have to reckon with at this time in your life.

Transpluto responds well to specific goals and specific purposes. But there are times when you have to realize you're looking through the binoculars backwards and things that are pretty close to you seem far and difficult to see, and matters that are broad seem narrow. If that seems to be the case, turn the binoculars around, or look with your bare eyes: ahead, to the left and right, and behind you.

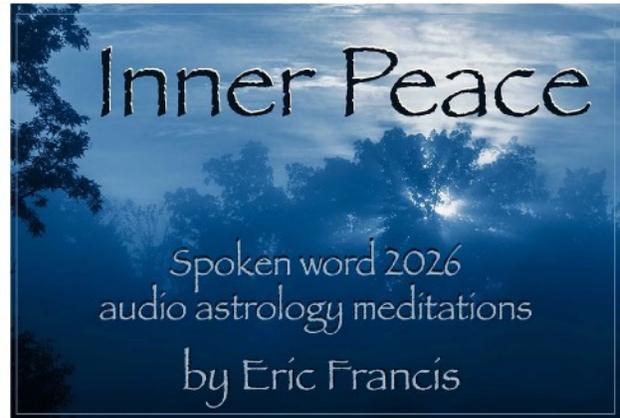
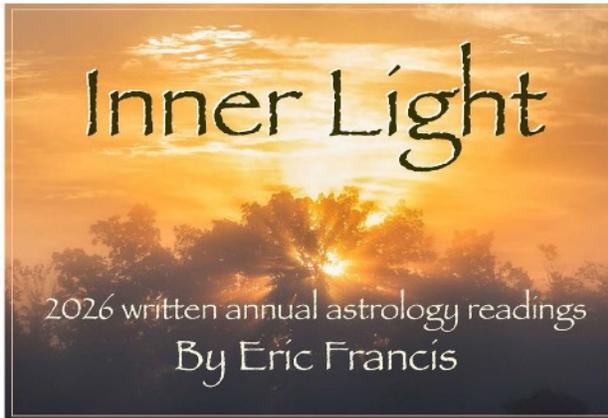
Transpluto is your constant reminder to get perspective and think on a wider scale. It is also your reminder to see what particular thing needs to be done a particular way. And that's it. Do not judge yourself, your work or your performance. Evaluate perhaps, aspire to do better, commit to excellence, but do not judge. Judgment is different from evaluation.

Creativity cannot exist in an atmosphere of scrutiny or reproach. To be itself it has to be free; for you to be yourself you have to be free...from many things...and ultimately you are here to say yes to yourself, your existence and your purpose. Say yes and you will remember.

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