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SCORPIO :: The Wisdom of Insecurity

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INTRODUCTION

For Scorpio the essential issue is confidence. You understand power. You understand the influence and the sway you may hold over others. You possess self-esteem. Yet the deeper theme, the lingering question, involves confidence in yourself. The issue is elusive, and I have an idea why.

Remember that on Earth, nearly everyone struggles with assurance in themselves and their choices, and that's not

necessarily a bad thing. Some of the greatest artists hesitate before doing their best work. Only psychopaths are totally sure of themselves; that's their primary problem, and it shows you how far self-deception can take someone, dragging the world along.

Before we get into the specific contents of your sign at this time, and then into transits that are moving through your energy field, I would like to address your confidence issue based on the structure of your solar chart or natal chart before any planets are added. We will add them back in later.

In astrology, matters of self-assurance, self-confidence, self-esteem are found in the 2nd place (or house), which for you is Sagittarius. Every sign affects every other sign and Sagittarius is especially important for you, because it governs how you feel about yourself and describes the personal ground you stand on.

The 2nd also describes personal resources such as available cash, movable assets, the tools of your trade and your earning potential. You want to have this house working for you.

Material and Physical Existence

Scorpio, part of the Scorpio-Taurus axis, is closely associated with material and physical existence. This axis is one of the most embodied of the zodiac, made of fixed signs ruled by Mars and Venus, driven by will, focused desire, hormones and the quest for material gain and power. Taurus is the soft side, loving comfort and the finer things in life. Scorpio manifests them.

With Taurus as your equal and opposite sign, you are able to ground these feelings in the physical world of people, bodies and resources. In many ways, you are at a tremendous advantage. You can be competitive; the traditional ruling planet of your sign is Mars. (We will come to the role of Pluto later when we get to its current placement in Aquarius.)

Mars serves to bind you to the elemental aspects of your existence. Very nearly everything in this life is created by desire or intention, and this is the nature of Mars as it pertains to Scorpio.

Okay, that said.

When we go next door to your house of personal resources, the 2nd, we land in Sagittarius. That sign has nothing to do with anything I have described above. It is the sign of the exotic, spiritual, mystical, and is associated with belief, travel and education. It covers publishing and big ideas; philosophy and college professors.

So, the gist here is that while Scorpio — your locus of identity — is described by a kind of physical longing and desire, Sagittarius — which describes your values — has another assignment and another role; and yet it describes you and the value that you put upon yourself. This differential creates, or it can create, an essential tension or even conflict. While your personality drive is to get, to have and to manifest in the most visceral sense of those ideas, what Sagittarius represents is almost an abstraction and can be a matter of elusive faith.

It is fair to say that Sagittarius represents your inner contact with Source, which tells you who you really are.

Most people driven by Mars are not the type to bother with spiritual aspirations. Mars says take big bites and do whatever you want. Mars says conquer. Sagittarius is more sublime, connected to knowledge and self-knowledge, and the quest for understanding.

So if you're not aware of this tension and this seeming contradiction, you can feel like your shoes are tied together. You can wonder which facet of self is really true for you. This conflict can keep you from fully standing in your power. It's not easy to resolve. It's as if the desire nature of your sign is being governed

or regulated by a set of values that insist on a deeper level of involvement with life than having or getting.

While you are “not Sagittarius,” you have Sagittarius in bold stripes, and this says *you want meaning*. That is, real meaning and not pretend. You want the real quest, and real questions, and not buying a tee shirt in the Omega Institute book shop after the very lovely workshop.

More than any other sign, this seems to create a split in your character. The only thing you can do about this is to be conscious of it and not fight it. It is nowhere in your (actual) values system to think you’re a better person because your boots or purse or whatever cost a thousand dollars, but you can fool yourself. It sounds ridiculous when stated so plainly.

Tibetan punk rocker Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche cautioned against what he termed as *spiritual materialism*. You could say this is about using spiritual practice to harden the ego rather than to soften or transcend it. It is time to transcend. The hour is getting late. It is not necessarily “spiritual practice” that you need, but rather the constant questioning of yourself, of existence, and what you are doing here at this time.

Note to Self

It is tempting to avoid matters of ethics, respect for others, and internal integration in service of getting the job, getting the job done, or winning the race. Your most important necessity is to work with yourself as a whole being; as a self-complete entity. While there are many different places you draw your motivation and your inspiration, they do not need to be mutually exclusive. Bias is especially risky. It is essential that you devote your growth power to integrating the different facets of who you are. You will know you are tapping into your underlying Sagittarian nature because you are able to set and meet important personal objectives without conflict.

SECOND INTRODUCTION

This one will be shorter, though it includes a few things we need to keep in mind before we proceed deep into the cosmos of you. Think of it as second breakfast for a hobbit.

For the past seven years, the stability of your relationship existence has been shaken up by a transit from Uranus, which has been in Taurus, your 7th place of committed and direct interactions with others. The planet of revolutions and unexpected changes traversing the axis of stability and material desire has been weird. Your affinity for the sign Taurus involves wanting around you people who can meet and receive your energy, while providing additional stability.

Uranus will challenge the integrity of, well, anything, and it has certainly pushed your relationships into some unusual and unexpected directions, taking you with them.

Just as Uranus exits Taurus, Chiron will enter. This is a profound change that will shift your orientation and feel like nothing you've ever experienced.

Uranus is about done phasing out; Chiron will have a one-year phase-in, starting June 19 and completing in April 2027. Chiron is grounded, focused, intentional and even predictable. It will raise to awareness every facet of your relationship life.

It can provoke a crisis when not met with full awareness, and even then it can present the kinds of challenges that will have you drawing on the massive resources you possess via Sagittarius. Chiron so prominent in your chart announces a time of living consciously and seeing what you may have missed.

Whatever this current — and unusually prominent — transit of Chiron is about, your past history of Chiron transits takes added significance. If you want, I can look up those dates for you and

we can work together to figure out what they were about. However, to get you started, significant times in your life related to Chiron in Taurus are likely to be 1977-1984; 1992-1993; 1997-1999; and 2006-2010.

Here is the very best news: the discovery degree of Chiron is in early Taurus — the 4th degree of the sign, which can act like a fixed star; a kind of permanent beacon of Chiron. Notably, Chiron's ingress into Taurus marks the Chiron return of Chiron's 1977 discovery. I suggest you read the Taurus chapter, where I will have additional details.

My point is that the qualities, the assets, the challenges and the pitfalls of Chiron are familiar to you, though you may not have given them a name. Let's say that thanks to the discovery degree you have the honorary placement of Chiron in the 7th house. This is true whether you are Scorpio Sun or rising, and especially if your Moon is in early Taurus.

The gift here is your ability to communicate with people quite unlike you under very unusual conditions. You would make an excellent hostage negotiator. Now you can learn to use your skills for more mundane situations.

Note to Self

Chiron, in contrast to Uranus will help you focus your relationships but only if you place emphasis on communication and healing. This must rise to the top as a priority. You are likely to meet important teachers under this influence, though everyone who comes into your life at this time should be regarded as a potential teacher, guide or mentor.

PERSONAL ASSETS: PLANETS IN YOUR 1st HOUSE

Because Scorpio birthdays fall so late in the civil calendar, I am using two planetary sets for your sign. They will differ mainly in the faster-moving points like asteroids, and there is something to consider right away that you may find helpful.

When the Sun entered Scorpio in 2025, it was conjunct an important asteroid that nobody much cares about but me, but at least it has one friend and I trust with you it will have two. This is the asteroid Sauer, named not for a river in Belgium, pickled cabbage or the firearms manufacturer. It was named for an aerospace engineer named Carl Sauer, who plotted the courses of asteroids and comets.

I have taken this asteroid for some impressive test flights and it really is about precisely engineering your destination. Think of what Carl did: plot the trajectories of a spacecraft from one moving body to another moving body. Rocket science! The real thing! You can do that. You have the brain power and the will. However, this can come at the cost of serendipity: good things happening without any preplanning.

One other thing from your 2025 (most recent) solar return: your traditional ruling planet Mars was in your sign, and it was exactly conjunct Narcissus. This is cautionary about self-obsession. We live in a world where this is considered a normal state of being. Pretty much the first thing anyone does when they get to the Mona Lisa, the Forbidden City, the Grand Canyon, the Washington Monument or anything but Arlington Memorial Cemetery is snap a selfie. If people are not in the frame the thing they are seeing does not exist. This is a clue to how our minds and self-images are totally immersed in the digital realm, creating effects that any sensible person from another decade would find nauseating.

Marshall McLuhan, the founder of media philosophy, described the whole electronic environment as reflecting the myth of Narcissus. But he interprets it in a way that I've never heard before or since.

The real problem that Narcissus had, being obsessed over his own reflection, was that he didn't know the reflection was of himself. He thought it was someone else. Meanwhile, he ignored all the lovely nymphs around him trying to get his attention, then languished and turned into a daffodil — properly called a narcissus flower.

This is the problem we have. We engage in all this digitalia all the time and we fail to recognize that it is our own reflection. We think it is something else, something outside of us. Once you treat it as yourself and understand that all you do is a reflection of yourself, you may be inclined to make room for other people in a whole new way. You will be more inclined to see them for who they really are, and therefore to treat them better. And that is what Chiron will insist on.

Note to Self

One of the curses of the digital age is everyone minding everyone else's business, and everyone putting their personal business on display. This is the self-absorbed side of Narcissus, which has as its companion the scourge of not just gossip but of placing emphasis on the lives of others, including competitively or with envy. Chiron in Taurus is going to provide a governing factor and burst that particular bubble.

As For your 2026 Solar Return

The Sun enters your sign in 2026 in a conjunction to your opposite planet Venus and the unusually powerful and slow-moving asteroid Achilles. This is what has tipped me off to the self-confidence theme being the most important issue at the moment...that which mediates all else.

While I am mostly playing down the asteroids in this reading to give the slow-movers a voice, Achilles is an unusual long-period body (about 12 years) that describes the experience of so many people — and it will be something of your patron star this year.

It is not well delineated. I don't think it's appeared in a book. If you search, you can get top line delineations that sound like this: "Achilles represents vulnerability, a hidden weakness, or a single point of failure, similar to the mythical hero's "Achilles' heel." Beware of delineations of planets that directly follow the myth!

I have a different angle. I picked up my main clue on a discussion list decades ago from an astrologer I don't remember, but was moved by her impression. (We were both part of the now defunct Centaur Research Project.)

She said: *Achilles is about false lack of confidence in women.*

My mind went: ohhhhhhhh.

And why not everyone? Well, in the attempt to demolish masculinity, maleness and men, society has surely dealt a confidence wound to men, who are often accused of having too much of it but walk around feeling small and ineffectual most of the time. Your sign is ruled by Mars, which has a lot to do with men, or rather, with masculinity. Much of your power comes from your ability to access your masculine side.

I know modern astrology takes Pluto as the ruler of Scorpio. We will get there, but first let's honor the ancient wisdom of the original system of rulerships. Scorpio makes much more sense when Mars is the ruler. It's more human, visible, local, and directly historical than distant Pluto lurking at the edge of consciousness.

A point of tension for Scorpio involves being the one *feminine sign* ruled by a *masculine planet*. The inner being of every Scorpio possesses a strong masculine element, no matter what the outer presentation or affect.

So let's imagine that the false lack of confidence affects everyone, though it has different sources and modes of influence in men

and women depending on their backgrounds. It looks different. And since all things in our world involving sex and gender are shot through the prism of politics, the matter is exploited differently when men and women are turned into the feedstock of the marketing machine, the political machine or anything involving the military.

For most people, confidence is fragile. Few have the power to even try to live their dreams; most do today as they were told when they were children. I would remind women that most men rise to the occasion of making a living and participating in society, and not always in ways that are meaningless.

There Is No Boys' Club

Anyone who thinks that men have it all just because we are men is deceived. It is rationalization, and it is divisive. However, if you are a woman reading this, I would urge you to pause in your generalizations about men. Or, better still, make an inventory of them and then fact check them one at a time. Then try making friends with some men and see what you learn. I mean really friends. And if they think you're attractive, maybe don't attack them for it. Learn how to live comfortably with your sexual power.

Yes, there are masculine attributes that sometimes give men an advantage. One of them is a social team spirit rather than a competitive one. By this I mean that men understand a certain kind of collaboration (trained mostly in warfare and construction activities), and can often put aside their differences to get the job done. It's a good idea to study the men who know how to work together as a team. Watch them interact. Observe their ability to take orders.

I suggest you be cautious of a special kind of weakness, which is the feat of giving up one's "identity" to be part of something larger than oneself.

The theme of your reading this year is drawing strength and wisdom from insecurity, and that means knowing how to use doubt to your advantage. I would also propose that an important element of your social role is to build the confidence of everyone around you, in the spirit of cultivating quiet, and moreover, useful confidence in yourself.

The idea "false lack of confidence" has confounded people in the time I've been describing it. What I'm saying is that nearly everyone deserves to have more confidence than they actually do, based on what they have accomplished and endured.

There are many reasons confidence is held down (principally by parents) and the most important one is that people feel threatened by the assurance of others. Therefore many feel it is best to lower the confidence of the people around them. Insecure people are easy to sell to, and easy to manipulate. And the only way to abate this, the only way to address it, is to raise it to awareness and see what is really going on.

Anyone who intentionally (meaning with awareness, or the responsibility of awareness) undermines the confidence of others is doing so to gain power over them. If you in any way struggle with confidence, it will help if you figure out how this was done to you. Yet far more important is recognizing the ways that you do it to yourself.

For example, being easy to manipulate can be a ruse for the demand of making decisions. A Course in Miracles says that we who are subject to the world have only one true power: the ability to make decisions. So this contains tremendous responsibility for one's own existence — and in being manipulated by forces seemingly outside of your control, you may feel like you can sidestep this necessity. But it is not true.

Venus is in this aspect pattern, conjoined with Achilles and the Sun. What this says is that the potential core of insecurity is your feminine nature. It's much easier for you to express your

masculine nature and be “unladylike.” But if you are a woman, you need to be a woman.

Let’s end this section with two quotes from the book by Alan W. Watts from which I drew the title of this reading.

“Indeed, one of the highest pleasures is to be more or less unconscious of one’s own existence, to be absorbed in interesting sights, sounds, places, and people. Conversely, one of the greatest pains is to be self-conscious, to feel unabsorbed and cut off from the community and the surrounding world.”

“To put it still more plainly: the desire for security and the feeling of insecurity are the same thing. To hold your breath is to lose your breath. A society based on the quest for security is nothing but a breath-retention contest in which everyone is as taut as a drum and as purple as a beet.”

Note to Self

Your confidence comes from you. It is about your faith in yourself, which is partly based on what you have learned and what you have accomplished. Yet there is something else, which is accessing the part of you that is not confident and learning from it rather than shunning it. Good work is not created by swagger. It’s created by inner focus, the willingness to collaborate, the desire to learn and improve, and getting your ego out of the way.

Haumea in Scorpio

With this as context, let’s consider slow-mover Haumea in your sign. This presence spans from 2022 to 2049. Among other cosmic functions, Haumea is the patron of Hawaii and its goddess of fertility and childbirth. That deserves a full stop. Mark the profoundly feminine influence.

Haumea is the only triple object that I know of in this region of space, and it seems there is a vast “Haumea family” of objects

that broke off of a much larger body after an ancient impact. So it has a lot of parts, and in the Haumea myth, she gives birth to her progeny as parts of her body break off.

Some women describe childbirth as giving up part of themselves; not all do. But that is our present metaphor. There is always a personal sacrifice of some kind involved in making what you create. One can only hope that at the end of the process, you gave up something you did not need in exchange for something that you did. It is one of several elements in your sign that describe prodigious creativity and an expansive quality.

A goddess breaking apart in the act of creation is similar to the story of Sedna, the goddess of the frozen waters rather than an island paradise (now in Gemini).

While Haumea has her own story, we meet her as an ascended master and guardian of the process of birthing. She is a cosmic midwife. This implies that you are the creature being born, and further, that you are in a position to be able to assist others in their birthing process; in their transformation.

The whole world is in a state of regeneration right now, though from the outside it certainly looks like certain people and large forces are intentionally trying to drive things over the brink.

Note to Self

Whether you are a man or a woman, it's vital that you connect with your inner female nature. This is receptive, soft, fertile and emotionally expressive. The digital hardening of the ego has been rough for both men and women. The destructive nature for men is that the digital mentality is emasculating. And for women, the digital mentality suffocates all that is feminine and natural.

Apollon in Scorpio

Apollon, one of the hypotheticals, is the multiplier — usually, a doubler. People with strong Apollon tend to have two of everything. It's the expander, and also the patron of science and business. It has a 'forward in all directions' quality. This is everything we wish was true about Western civilization. With an orbit of 567 years — longer than that of Eris — it is a longterm visitor to your sign. (Read the [full delineation here](#).)

It is essentially a permanent feature in your personality at this time in your life. This makes you a focal point for success. But only if you have your confidence, or a handle on your crisis of confidence. So you get the choice of being confident, or in a position where you consciously draw on the wisdom of insecurity as a way of life.

It's healthy to be just certain enough that you're never cocky and you're always prepared to put in extra effort to get an excellent result. That said, if you make a list of all you've done and everything you've accomplished, it would be impressive. If you think back through the times you were uncertain of yourself and delivered the goods fresh and on time, you would be impressed.

False lack of confidence would mean that your proven talents and ability are worth far less than they ought to be. You can remind yourself that you have what it takes. But there is no substitute for aiming a little higher than you think you can do, and knowing you have what it takes to get the job done.

Note to Self

You are a magnet for success. You will draw people to you who will help you to succeed and collaborate with you. Make sure you do the same thing for others, assisting them where you can and teaching them what you know. It is easy to forget how much help you had getting where you are. Be positive, share your knowledge and your resources, and once you trust someone, do your part and introduce them to others who can make a positive change in their lives.

AROUND THE HOUSES

Events in Aries – The Twin Conjunctions

Aries is the scene of the twin conjunctions, and it's the house in your solar chart related to the service you perform for the world. It's also about how you take care of yourself, and whether you're true to yourself. This is extremely difficult in the digital age because both the concepts "truth" and "self" are like carrying water in a sieve.

So it helps to find a context or a framework to develop this truth, no matter what you've been through and how old you are.

One of the most interesting and useful factors of Scorpio Sun and rising is your emphasis on meaningful work. This stems from my Aries theory of the signs: where someone has Aries placed in their chart is where they are most likely to seek and find themselves. While I usually take a light touch in these readings, I can say this boldly, wearing boxing gloves, especially this year: your work must be meaningful to you. By that I mean what you do and where you go every day to do something (presumably to make money) must have an element of personal adventure, of self-discovery, of individual truth.

Note that the 6th is about self-care. Meaningful work is an essential element of taking care of yourself.

This is a reverb of how your 2nd place Sagittarius insists that you bring your actual spiritual values and sense of your inner truth to everything because these are your most valuable assets. And if we shift that one fire sign over, we land with Aries in your 6th house of work and service.

There is a shadow side here, which is acting in a self-serving way, and doing something that really only benefits you. It is possible

to take the self thing too far; like making it about money which is good for “your self.” I don’t mean that, and while that may have worked in the past it’s not going to work very well now. That’s because you are in such a rapid state of self-development.

I do realize the challenges of meaningful work. It’s a little like the concept of meaningful kindergarten or sixth grade or high school. And remember that what I mean by meaning is your ability to grow. I think that those who find this are truly fortunate, but most of them have also gotten there by a series of decisions. They often have a strong homing signal which does not let them deny what is true for them. And finally, they are highly resistant to boredom. I suspect that you are as well. Yet we are conditioned to be drowned in boring activities that cause many people to shut down their creative and self-creative expression.

The issue with interpreting the twin conjunctions in Aries is the sense of scale — how vast their implications are. The 6th is mostly about your personal values and attitudes toward what you do. To raise your situation, you may need to go through a process of recovering the essential elements of the self you were when you were much younger. At other times in your life, you knew how to live meaningfully. Or rather meaning was easier to express.

Much of your challenge right now involves the state of the world, and how that creates a collective state of mind, and then what to do with this condition. The entire society is in a state of suppressed action, and suppressed sense of being and belonging. Also people tend to be lazy. They will work as hard as they have to to get a minimal result. You need something more engaging, such that you connect to the true spirit of the 6th — getting lost in your work and losing track of time. Any work that has that quality can lead to some smashing success. And that is very likely to happen but the work *must be done for its own sake*.

Note to Self

Boredom is a sign that you are disconnected from meaning and disconnected from yourself. It may also describe the ways in which you've been numbed out not just by exposure to the digital environment but by what it has done to everyone around you. Part of the solution involves recolonizing physical life and bringing your mind and feelings with you. Equally important is using the digital environment as a creative space rather than as merely a consumer space. This makes a big difference because to consume and to create are totally different states of being. You need trusted friends in the physical sphere and also in the digital one.

Chiron-Eris: Commitment to Healing

Chiron has been in your sixth house for about eight years, and has taken you on a kind of healing odyssey. Yet the conclusion of this journey involves the extremely rare conjunction to Eris. Eris, a much slower planet, has been in Aries since the 1920s, long before you were born, but we are living with the accumulated effects of constant numbing, dumbing and cutting people off from themselves.

Given the power of this aspect — its rarity and the intensity of the planets involved, plus the fact that it's happening in fiery Aries — this could represent a personal crisis of some kind. So it may be that before you further develop or find your way to a practical but meaningful work situation, you have some form of a healing crisis to address. This is likely to come across as a crisis of awareness, such as a point of a full stop where you must ask, "What do I do now?" This is where you will be at your most creative.

Look at the trajectory of your life since around 2019. How have your self-care routines progressed? Are you doing better now, or were you doing better then — measured mostly by how you feel?

Part of what we are all struggling with is the tedium of the digital environment and how it has alienated us from ourselves. When we get into the air signs, there are some suggestions offered for

how to address the digital spiritual crisis. And much of that is about alienation. The alienation is somewhat about devices but far more about what they have done to us, such as how they have affected the baseline human state of mind.

I know you're unlikely to find another astrologer alive who associates this with life under digital conditions. And I don't strictly mean how much you use Facebook or what your other digital habits are. I mean what it has done to us all, as people. And generally the solution set will involve some form of recovery and reconnection to the person you were when you were not living under digital conditions.

And this can be awkward. If you can make contact with the feeling tone of who you were, even a little, you might feel like you're experiencing some alien other or past self that you entirely forgot. This is not about how long ago it happened. It's about the way we've been changed and altered during that time.

I can give you a personal example; I hope it is illustrative. For a long time I kept my poetry archive in a rather lovely, quiet, large storage unit that I had equipped with a large table and desk chair. It didn't feel like anyplace else in my life. I could go there in the warm months and feel totally secluded and isolated.

I would pull out a file of my poetry, some of it going back 30 years (for me, half a lifetime) and experience the person I was then from an external point of view. These files also contain photos and other artifacts, cover design mechanicals, handwritten notes and so forth. The feeling was so strange: the remainder of the reflective state of mind, and my inner sense of being, that would lead me to write what I still think is expressive and beautiful poetry about the people and events of my life, and my observations of the world.

What happened to that person? At least I can see that my life today is a direct extension of those experiences and of that learning. I have some means of looking back and visiting that

space. It always felt displacing, as if I wanted to stay there, away from the pressures and complexity that digital life has created.

Chiron conjunct Eris is calling for a recovery project — what poet Adrienne Rich described as diving into the shipwreck to see the treasures that still might be down there.

Note to Self

Any Chiron event in the 6th house calls for a special emphasis on health and wellbeing. Part of this will involve discerning the effects that any medication you're on is having on your mind and body. Most people sincerely expect positive results from going to the doctor, and then they don't read the package or study the "side" effects. I suspect that many people who do not feel well can ascribe many of their feelings to medication. I strongly suggest drilling in and finding out what you've been missing. This goes for all meds, whether designed for mental or physical effects. ALL medications do BOTH despite what they are sold to us as.

The Saturn-Neptune Connection

There is a second major conjunction taking place in this house, involving Saturn and Neptune. At the time of their simultaneous ingress into Aries, they are forming a conjunction and then commence their long journey through a new place in consciousness and in your life.

My key word for Saturn-Neptune alignments is synthesis. You have had a little taste of what this was about during the (northern) summer of 2025. However, for a diversity of reasons, those were strange months emotionally and I'm wondering if it had to do with the near-miss alignment of Saturn and Neptune in mid-July. What do events of July 2025 tell you?

Or rather what don't they tell you? Is there some persistent mystery about how you were feeling, or what you were doing?

Unlike Chiron-Eris, which has been developing gradually for eight years, Saturn-Neptune is brand new and it is rapid onset. The planets are changing signs together and forming a conjunction in the process. While they are not as “intense” as Chiron-Eris, they may be arriving with various shades of brain fog, confusion, or disorientation.

You may feel pushed to “make something” of your life — and that something would be totally new; it would be a synthesis. It is not the kind of aspect that imparts confidence! So we are back to the theme of learning something from feeling insecure or uncertain. The most helpful inner guidance and outer information will come from exploring your uncertainty; not your strong suit, I know — you prefer to move forward with confidence, even if you have to fake it. However, circumstances and your state of personal growth are likely to put you in a more reflective state of being.

Family Affairs — Air Signs Gemini and Aquarius

You may be familiar with the recent sign change of Pluto into Aquarius, which for you is the most important angle associated with family. It’s also the angle that describes your home and your feeling of security on the planet, and within your four walls.

Pluto says: go deep. And bring events to your home, where you will be the honorary dean, matriarch or patriarch of the family. This is not just about family of origin but also family of choice.

To me, Pluto here says one crucial thing: You are the one who must take leadership in your home and family space. This is happening amidst what feels like a rearrangement of all the patterns of your life and of your past. It presents an opportunity to identify and restore something resembling an older pattern but designed for the current world.

Both Pluto and Uranus can represent a necessary disruption that will open up the energy and allow for you to gain an influence.

Uranus in Gemini is similar but more influences your one-to-one relationship patterns, and also your encounters with the family of your spouse, partner or very close significant others. You have lived with the Uranian influence for the past seven years as it has moved through Taurus. Uranus in Gemini is a much newer influence, and I suggest you map out the territory carefully. What differs about Gemini is the need to raise the discussion to full awareness, accessible in words.

Words means agreements. Uranus in your 8th house says it's time for new agreements that reflect the new life that you are living, in the times that you're alive. It's very likely that you've done plenty of this but now you need to make some adjustments; and take all that you've learned about your need for flexibility. Uranus almost always offers relief from the contracts that you don't want to be in, which can also mean that new arrangements and new ideas show up unexpectedly.

Scorpio is a fixed sign. But life is not so fixed right now, not so stable or predictable, and you will benefit from learning how to hang loose and take each day as it comes.

You are starting to get accustomed to Pluto in Aquarius though you may not have taken hold of that power yet. And your home or living space and how you feel there are the center of that project.

Some of these changes will take you by surprise, but most of them are things you have either wanted or could see coming. Anything in Gemini says: have the conversation. And keep having it until you feel you have a real understanding. Then maybe write it down.

Postscript: Chiron in Taurus

As mentioned above, Chiron in Taurus begins this year, and fully takes effect in 2027. Chiron prefers to approach matters gently, from the edge at first, then work toward the inside. It will suggest you take care of something before it does.

This phase-in time will focus your relationships in a whole new way. That means your relationship to existence.

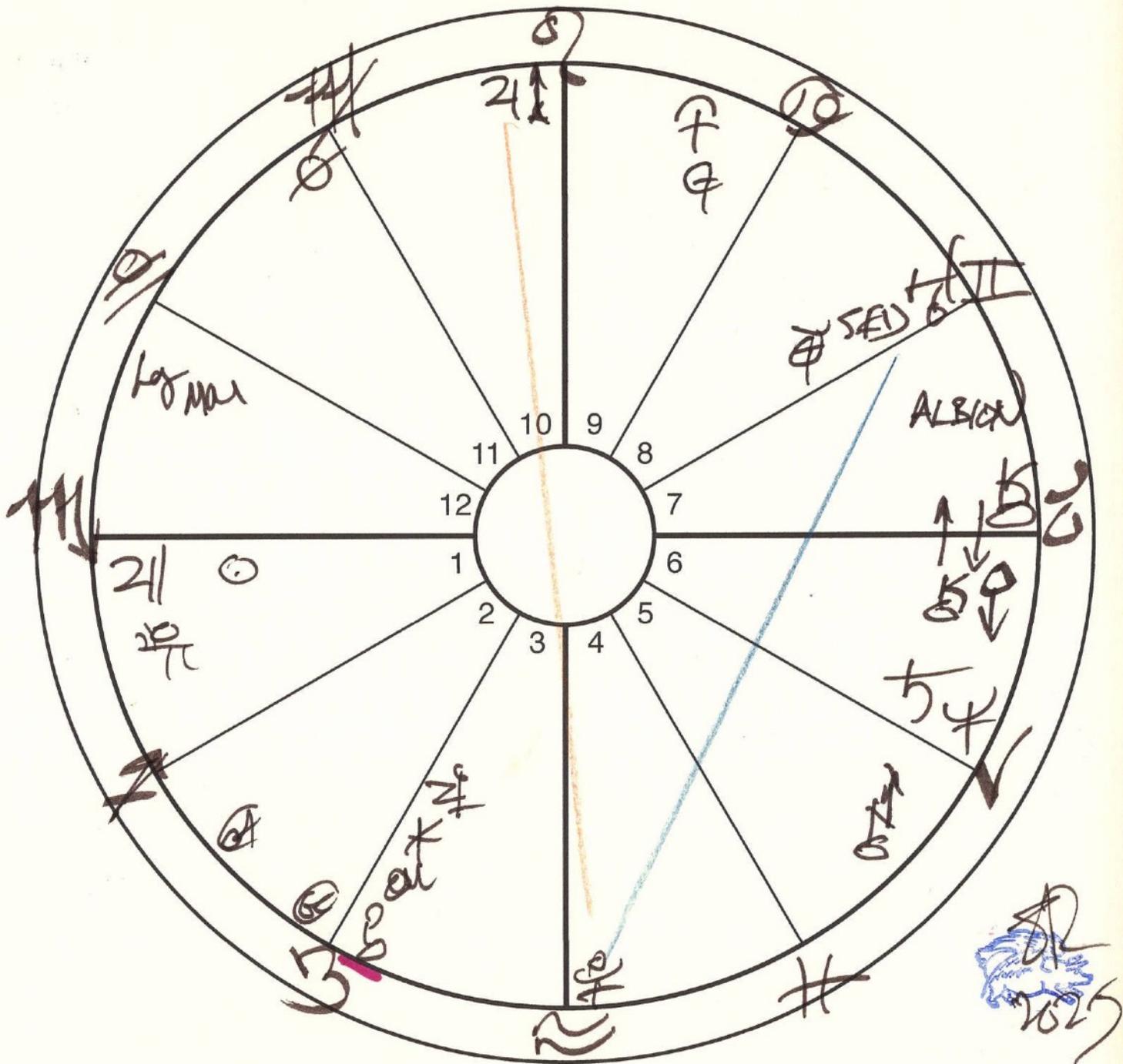
While Uranus and Pluto may shake things up, it will all seem to make sense under the focusing influence of Chiron and Taurus. Unlike Gemini (your 8th) and Aquarius (your 4th), Chiron in Taurus is unlikely to contain a lot of family legacy material.

Chiron's presence is more likely to represent something entirely new, and just as necessary. The place you will find that is in the physical world of in-person relationships. And in that world, everyone must be taken as some type of teacher, mentor or exemplar. This is not about relationship for its own sake but rather for the sake of a purpose that you will discover over time.

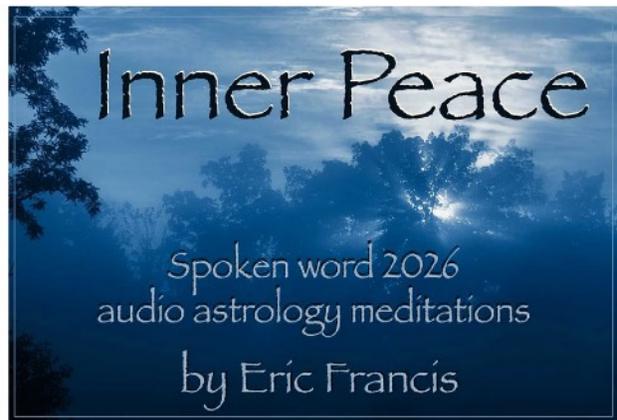
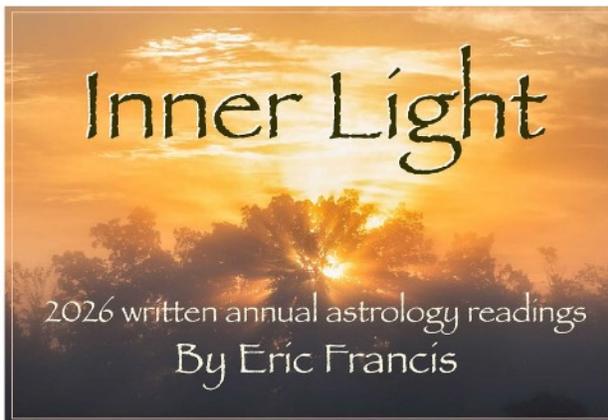
In all things, knowing is very close to trusting. You will tend to love the people you take care of. If you want someone to love, then take care of people and ask nothing in return. Chiron will bring people to you who need your help and your example. Should you assist? Here, I will defer to A Course in Miracles. If helping *will not harm either of you*, then you assist.

And remember: everyone is always your teacher, and you are theirs. Everyone teaches, and teaches all the time.

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