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# VIRGO :: Before and After Chiron

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**Y**OUR QUEST seems to be about living in a larger world, a wider context, with more freedom and more options. Freedom includes being who you are rather than who you are expected to be. While the Virgo solar chart describes expectations put on you since childhood, your current transits in many ways describe points of liberation.

However, the most important thing you can do is take it easy on yourself. There is a blind spot in your chart that has you confined to a narrow view of yourself. It's almost a parody of some antique

definition of your sign — self-critical, detail-oriented with tunnel vision. Your years on the planet have taught you to expand your perspective on yourself and your possibilities. But it's still easy to get caught in old patterns and not know when it's happening.

For some time you've seen the need to exist in a larger space within your relationships — to be who you are despite your commitments to others and how important they are to you and to them. At times you've thought you must start over, so that you can define yourself on your own terms — and that is very much the core issue. You encounter the pressure (or perception) of others telling you who you are.

That works for a while, then you push back. But lately the motivation to push back has been growing more intense. Actually, this is less about wanting to push back and more about being self-aware. I am sure there are some moments when you suspect the only answer is to not have so many life-defining commitments, particularly to conjugal partners, business partners and the corporate world. This may be inevitable.

Yet there is something important to remember at all times: Your existence is not a debt to others. And this is tricky. In difficult times and in good ones, the calling of Virgo is to service. This is natural. You know it's true. And at times you rebel and revolt against this, fearing it's being used against you.

Your commitment is also to healing. This is perhaps less obvious and less understood; more difficult to access.

## **Before and After Chiron**

In the astrology of our times, there are really two astrological signs called Virgo — the one that existed before the 1977 discovery of Chiron, and the one that existed after. While Chiron does not rule a sign in the classical sense, the connection to Virgo is intuitive, in the drive for wholeness.

Under the guidance of Chiron, Virgo steps up as the sign of the integration of self, and the holistic principle. That's the true nature of Virgo as you want to experience it. The older version of Virgo is oriented on Mercury or Hermes and is often associated with agriculture, and professions like nursing, teaching, low-level sales and secretarial work.

Chiron's arrival represented a paradigm shift; a whole new context. And now that new context is taking hold for you as the extreme restlessness you may feel, and the desire to liberate yourself. The restlessness you're feeling is your deeper calling awakening. That calling is based on the continuing discovery of who you are, and parts of your psyche stirring to life.

The world is in fragments right now. The digital experience is one of being confronted by a torrent of endless, unrelated information, lacking any context, driven and filtered by robots, and bearing no relationship to who a person is — to who you are. This is a greater confrontation than you may be aware of.

Part of your gift for integration is about being part of the world — yet the world is a mess. You extend your instinct for healing and wholeness to the people around you. Not all of them are interested, but you are. This is complex when nearly everyone is in some way overwhelmed, stressed and confused. It's vitally important that you not take on that confusion, nor see it as a limiting factor. To "take on" means to get dragged down by the way that others are failing to process the chaos and the disintegration; or by their failures of integrity.

Everything is learned through example, practice and repetition. The world is now delivering many examples and much repetition of unloving thoughts. It's especially difficult in our time to find examples of people who are living in a loving way, especially since so much egotism and vanity somehow passes for being caring and charitable. I think you see this and you don't like it. You know that it's harmful to you and the people you care about, especially your children.

You are getting tired of living in a world that only sees little parts of you and leaves out the rest. But there are no parts; you are one whole integrated being. And your growing awareness of this fact is motivating you to make changes. There are several crucial transits, besides the ones happening directly in your sign (which I will describe in detail first).

The transits from outside houses include major events developing in Aries (for you, an important relationship house), Uranus across Gemini (your house of career and reputation), Pluto through Aquarius (which describes work and wellness), and your patron saint Chiron making its first sign-change since 2019. I will be treating Chiron twice in this reading — once as it's now highly active in Aries, and then for a seven-year future transit as it embarks on its journey across Taurus. Chiron in Taurus will help you resolve what I call the Virgo crisis of self-contradiction. It will help you aim the trajectory of your life in one direction. Current events and those of the past few years have driven you to get out of something; Chiron in Taurus will help you get into something new, something more solid and meaningful to your earthy sensibilities.

Part of the self-contradiction issue is that you're capable of seeing and experiencing opposites as true at the same time. Yet they often seem to exist in worlds apart, and you feel like you have to choose what seems to serve you the best. The correct path is not so much about making an either/or choice in the outer world. It's about honoring your own wholeness and from there, discovering what is right for you, and acting on your inner truth. This is always an experiment and you must learn from seeming "failures."

Fortunately, your life experiment is being supported from many areas of your existence. Let's look at the resources you've got right with you, without talking to anyone, or going anywhere.

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

### **Transpluto in Virgo**

To my sensibilities, the most significant longterm transit through Virgo is that of a hypothetical point called Transpluto. The top line and the bottom line: this can represent a crisis of self-esteem, a struggle with a narrow perspective and over-focus. Transpluto describes your need for a wider perspective. It's unlikely to offer that on its own; but you have help.

Transpluto describes a kind of hyperfocus that may feel like the thing you're focusing on is the only thing in the world. This is useful if you're doing a stippling drawing, landing an airplane or conducting open heart surgery. But even then you need context and perspective.

Transpluto is a hypothetical point that was developed in the 1960s by a German astrologer and former High Court judge named Theodor Landscheidt. Transpluto is a kind of phantom planet that is a synthesis of aberrations in the orbits of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. It exists in concept and experience only, not as an actual ball of gas, rock or ice.

Yet after observing it for about 20 years, I am confident that it has a vital message. Its orbit around the Earth is about 685 years. Few astrologers use it. It's nearly impossible to find an ephemeris for it. Most people living have it in Leo; those born before 1938 (now in their late 80s) have it in Cancer. Those born after 2014 or so have it in Virgo. As a Virgo native, it's the equivalent of a permanent fixture in your sign, where it will be until 2103. I'll let you know when we're getting near the end of the transit; I've set an alert on my phone.

For the full picture I suggest reading the magnificent essay [Transpluto is Real](#) by Lynn Koiner. It may reveal many secrets about your experience.

In many ways, Transpluto embodies one aspect of Virgo's nature: the criticism of self and others, the perfectionism, and the spinning dreidel that might land on self-sufficiency, selfishness, service, jealousy or the desire to help. This can be extremely frustrating, especially if you take this viewpoint as inherently true rather than as one particular line of sight.

And that might be a little like looking at yourself backwards through a pair of binoculars. Most of us have some impression of the first time we did that — it was weird. You can't really see much of anything. If you notice this effect, do something that is the equivalent of turning the binoculars back around.

Looking through the 'right' side — bringing things closer — is much more fun. And yet it's true that you tend to look more often the way that makes things about yourself seem more remote and difficult to see or reach. But the thing you want to observe is right there. So in a sense Transpluto represents a distortion of self-perception and one that you must watch closely.

If you are looking at yourself through binoculars the wrong way, you will seem remote and distant to yourself. The "opposite" does not produce a microscope image (which might be useful); it creates a distortion.

One of the core crises of Transpluto is caring too much what people think, meaning in some way obsessively. This alone can cause the kind of rebellion I was describing above — of the sort, "I don't care what you think! I'm doing what I want!" And though you sometimes cannot help yourself, this does not usually work out well for you because of the impact on the fragile trust of relationships. This is the dynamic by which you burn bridges and see that as a viable means of moving forward in life.

In contemporary astrology, it's very fortunate that we have Chiron as an expression of Virgo. It does not "rule" Virgo but most definitely expresses something that is much more useful and available than Transpluto. Chiron is now in Aries, in a

conjunction to Eris (along with much other activity in Aries). I will handle all of that in the next section.

Let's keep sorting out the personal inventory of resources directly in your sign. For some of them, I am going to interpret without delineating the mythology of the points involved.

## **Sila-Nunam in Virgo**

Discovered in 1997 by an all-star team of astronomers, Sila-Nunam is a binary pair of nearly identical objects orbiting our Sun a little beyond Pluto. It received its name on January 9 in the critical year 2012. It is a very slow-moving object and therefore among the most influential.

And it offers something for you, a point of faith and of self-creative power, that will answer many of the situations you find yourself in.

Named for creation deities of the Inuit people (formerly the Eskimos), this pair created the Inuit people out of sand and breathed life into them. Nunam created them from earth and Sila breathed the life force into them. The arrival of Sila-Nunam to Virgo is a powerful symbol of regeneration for you. The transit began in late 2024 after many years in Leo and it comes into full focus now. It finally leaves Virgo in 2048.

Sila-Nunam describes the earth-sky relationship within you — all the planets act as if they are within you. This relationship is fundamental to every mythology of human civilization and is contained within every person. It contains the masculine and feminine principles. It contains the integration of the mundane and the celestial realms.

One of the most sensitive points of Virgo is feeling earthbound, trapped in matter/mater/mother. This is especially difficult for men, who struggle with the extreme feminine polarity of Virgo. And as women grow more aspirational, women struggle more

with this too. Think of Sila-Nunam as a kind of spiritual synapse connecting you with your true potential: the flash of light and creativity taking you beyond the sense that you are a spirit trapped in matter and constrained by your relationships.

Sila-Nunam represents the spark of god that injects life into the physical being that you are. Be grateful that you have this influence. But like a Buddhist vow of refuge, you will need to remember it, and call upon it, in order for it to come to you. The distant planets are easy to miss; easy to fall out of awareness; you will need to remind yourself that you contain your own spark of life that will always be available to use at your will — as long as you remember.

One other theme: Sila was the god of the weather. This is about environmental and situational awareness and “knowing which way the wind blows.” It is also a reminder that various forms of breath work and respiration therapy will be good for you.

The way that the minor planets work is that they represent elements of consciousness that you develop as part of your spiritual practice. You may think of Sila-Nunam as an expression of your inner light — your inner teacher and inner source. The voice of this spiritual source will only be as loud as your willingness to listen. This willingness is something that you must train and work with consciously. Sometimes, but only rarely, it just happens. It’s better to think of it as a learning process.

### **Orcus-Eurydike**

This conjunction represents your worst fears about yourself. It represents an exaggerated sense of your character flaws and also of your potential to be captured by unsavory forces and your own ego projection. While in some sense it represents a potential, it more represents a kind of deepest fear.

This is likely to exist below the level of normal awareness. It could be the lurking anxiety of being some kind of monster. It

really does not matter. It's an irrational fear that might conceal a perfectly viable one, such as: do I treat people well? And you might say, oh I'm not so bad. And then move on with the issue still lurking. So the suggestion here is to have a realistic view of your worst potential, and a realistic view of how you're going to do other, better things.

## **Askalaphus-Apollo**

These two asteroids are aligned when the Sun enters your sign in 2026. I can simmer this down to a basic message: keep the confidence of the people who trust you. In the most blunt terms, this aspect is warning you about gossip.

You will be privy to secrets of others. Most of them will not truly be your business; the karma belongs to others. You are merely a witness and perhaps someone who is consulted. Note the times in the past when you have failed to keep the confidence of others; this seems to be a recurring theme. Now is the time to learn.

## **Note to Self**

The question of the spiritual path is which voice you listen to; which you feed and encourage. You have many inner and outer options of where to focus your attention, and what you want to feed. You only have so many places in life where there are actual options, and this is one of them. So therefore, listen for your options, look around, and choose what you want to grow.

## **Your Relationships: Pisces and Aries**

Once they're outside of their own mind, most people experience personal context as their relationships. This is especially true for you. You have two main signs where your relationships take place, Pisces (your 7th, where they begin) and Aries (your 8th, where they culminate). After many years of intense activity in

your 7th place Pisces, the emphasis is moving into addressing the deep nature of your commitments and what they say about you.

Let's consider your 7th place first. Since 2011 you've had Neptune transiting here, and since 2023, you've had Saturn. Neither provide ideal relationship conditions. Neptune will seem to cast a fog over every situation and make it difficult to discern what is true and what is not; what is real and what is fantasy. It's great if you like living in a movie, or a kind of extended dream. It's not so great if you want commitment.

With Pisces as your opposite sign, this is challenging enough — telling your ideals from reality. Neptune makes this even more difficult. It makes it hard to know where you end and someone else begins. It also makes it difficult to trust, in a world where that's already challenging.

Now, on the positive side, you may have had experiences where reality and fantasy overlap. On the negative, under Neptune there is little you can hold onto for very long. Neptune is now moving on, so you may begin to experience some clarity here. Let's come back to that in a moment.

Saturn, which arrived more recently, represents the reality principle. It was the first substantial element to transit your 7th in quite a few years. If Neptune can cast a fog, create a sense of slip and make it difficult to know what is real, Saturn will put up a filter. Or it will come along like a giant squeegee and want to clean up all the water.

This sequence — Neptune followed by Saturn — can be disillusioning. That is the point. But here is my read on what this might be about. You are discovering your need to not identify with your relationships in order to find yourself. This shift is one of the significant challenges of your present incarnation.

The action has been moving to Aries, and it's now about to reach a point of culmination. You are at that spot where something has to give. But you may not be sure if give also means take.

## **Aries and the 8th Place: A Strange Challenge**

Some of the most unusual events of 2026 take place in Aries, and they happen soon — in February and March.

Aries plays a special role in astrology. In whichever of the 12 houses it lands, that is where you will do some of your most important self-actualization work. It is a *seat of identity*. Put Aries in the 6th and that will be about work. Put it in the 11th and it will have a social expression. Put it in the 3rd and there will be exploration of one's ideas as a point of self-orientation. Yes the whole chart represents various forms of doing this, but Aries is a natural go-to; it really cannot be avoided.

Aries is the 8th place from Virgo. The 8th is one of the most difficult houses to understand. The original description in English is that it involves "death, dowry and the substance and the bride" — in other words, selling out, cashing in or kicking the bucket.

All of the common themes associated with the 8th (jealousy, for example) are frosting over the core matters. These include things like what happens to a person's legal status once they are married. From a civic standpoint, it's a total transformation, sometimes described as "civil death."

The 8th is where Miss Jane Doe turns into Mrs. Robert Smith. While this form of a woman's new name after marriage is archaic, and while men do not usually change their name after marriage, the concept exists under the surface. It's not about the legal transformation that happens once a person is married; it's about an idea of yourself as existing primarily *within the context of relationships and not independently*.

I'm not saying this is a true statement about your ultimate existence; I'm saying it's an idea, and a structure associated with Virgo. In your 2025 reading (included) I describe this at length. But in summary, it is difficult to get a sense of yourself as "validated" and even as existing without the context of a relationship. And it's crucial that you step out of this and experience yourself as real on your own terms.

Many people go from relationship to relationship, often overlapping. Another cohort seems to be totally committed to being alone. Then another cohort is "incel" and this includes men (involuntarily celibate, who don't get sex) and women (who only get sex and nothing else that they need; or they don't get either). Note, incel women are not considered a thing. That said, Aries 8th places VERY strong emphasis on being in a relationship or searching for one, and very little emphasis on living independently outside of partnership.

But to really understand what is going on with your 8th place, it will help if we see it in a much larger context — for example, investing yourself in any corporate structure (of which marriage is one). And the two transit events in Aries are pushing you to divest yourself from those very structures and be as independent from them as you can be.

This might involve getting out of a relationship, but I would say before that, have a sense of who you are becoming under the current very potent transits and see if as that person you can be yourself within your relationship. If this has been a theme, you might want to collect accounts from your different relationships where you grew inwardly and then outgrew the relationship and had to move on. Then remember what happened.

### **Event #1 in Aries: Chiron Conjunct Eris**

Eris moving across Aries for the past 100 years (yes, it's been that long) has represented the re-emergence of tribal humanity. This orientation places much higher emphasis on the group than

on the individual, even though you might be sold on an “Army of One,” or being unique because you have tattoos like everyone else, or being special because you wear blue jeans. This idea of “be exactly who you really are — just like the rest of us!” is pure Eris in Aries.

This is a handy influence for the 8th house aspiring to its promises of total inclusion by the tribe, usually that of your partner. It’s also a caution about losing yourself in relationships. However, now it’s a caution about what it might mean to find yourself, and the need to look at the concept of a relationship as something much wider than one-to-one.

In 2018-2019, Chiron arrived here and began having the opposite influence: the need to define yourself on your own terms. Eris blurs individuality; Chiron focuses it intensely. In Aries, the effect has been powerful, but many people are still trying to be individuals within the context of their special tattoo or blue jeans or whatever makes them acceptable. Chiron is often about the adventures in not being acceptable.

Putting Chiron together with Eris — which peaks on March 20 — the result can and will be turbulent. This conjunction represents the A.I. crisis. This seems to be a blend of what A.I. is doing to people and society, and the awakening of the ones who are figuring out what is happening and doing something about it.

For you, it’s about awakening to the context of what you call your Self. As this happens, you may notice that your Self is invested in all kinds of contexts, and that most of them are corporate. I don’t just mean Nike and American Airlines or your loyalty programs. I mean that Aries in the 8th shows a very strong *context dependency for self-awareness*.

In other words, you will tend to define who you are based on your surroundings rather than on something coming inherently from you. The current shock to your awareness is working to liberate yourself from this.

## Note to Self

One of the most important questions of events in Aries involves whether you're actually in your tribe, or have been drawn into someone else's tribal drama.

### **Event #2: Saturn Conjunct Neptune**

This unusual pattern is here to provide you with the necessary resources you need to make the changes you want to make. Chiron-Eris is the spiritual and emotional motivation; Saturn-Neptune is about having the means to make the developments happen. It's extremely rare but not as rare as A.I. will tell you:

"The last time Saturn and Neptune were conjunct in Aries was over 9,000 years ago, around 7000 BCE, marking the dawn of agriculture, but they are conjuncting again soon in 2026 (precisely February 20th), initiating a new era of structured reality and bold, self-sovereign foundations, following Neptune's entry into Aries in 2026."

This is bullshit. There have been three Saturn-Neptune conjunctions in Aries since 1 B.C. with the most recent being in 1703. But according to David Palmer, none has ever happened in the powerful first degree of Aries since about 4500 B.C. So still, this is pretty rare and the Aries Point (first degree) is for practical purposes unprecedented.

This is a reckoning! The first degree of Aries is the point of reckoning of the two major zodiacs. Without getting into the technical weeds here, the Aries point connects you to a much larger world and a wider context than purely personal or contractual.

The theme here is: if you want to understand and get hold of the meaning of your existence, study the contexts in which you live. When you say, "I am," what is that dependent upon? What is that

statement surrounded by? Who is the *we are* associated with the *I am*?

And do you really need that *we* in order to be the *I*?

Part of the trap of the 8th are all the things that surround the *we*, many of which are material (a house you might share) and some of which are relational (in-laws).

Nobody has ever experienced astrology like this. The Aries aspect pattern is going to help you move your life forward. It's very important that you work with it and not against it. None of your astrology advocates for bailing on important commitments. All of it puts you in situations where you have to get people onto your side first — unless you've already tried to do this a dozen times.

You are part of the interconnected world. It's important that you honor this in real ways. Be aware of the potential pain and struggles of others without letting it run your life.

### **Note to Self**

The 8th house in astrology is usually viewed as the place where someone "sells themselves" into marriage or partnership. This is definitely a question, though I am now taking the 8th in the wider context of your involvement in any corporate entity — whether a marriage, a business, or anything larger than yourself — generally something external in which you may be involved. And that means from which you may be seeking your freedom. The twin conjunctions are here to get you to see the extent of your involvement and reveal the ways in which you can move your life along as an independent creature in the universe. The bonds of attachment are most likely to involve money and not feelings.

## **VOCATION, REPUTATION AND PROFESSION**

### **Uranus and Sedna in Your 10th Place**

This is exciting, which includes unnerving, loaded with potential and full of surprises. Like events in Aries, it seems destined to spring you free, though this will be into new territory and much of it will involve your professional aspirations rather than your intimate relationships.

If your partnerships (whether personal or business) are flexible, and if they support you, they may be able to come along for the ride. If not, you will be taking action on your own. In any event, this is about you expressing yourself as an independent person. First we will look at transits across your 10th place, which is about vocation, profession, reputation and what some call "career" (which is becoming an archaic term, since it seems like hardly anyone has one except for professional athletes).

Your 10th place is Gemini. In many Virgo Sun and rising people, I have documented how this usually means multiple or twin careers. Often these careers are held as separate rather than as complimentary or synergistic. This astrology seems destined to have you align yourself with something deeper than outer expression, and get all of your abilities and all of your skills working in concert with one another toward some new enterprises you've never fully considered or even thought of.

Transits to your 10th are empowered by Pluto moving through your 6th house of work and wellness, which I will get to next. Both are restless, action-oriented transits. But let's not get ahead of ourselves here.

So the theme of Uranus across Gemini is fast action, rapid and unexpected developments and what a resume writer in the tech field would describe as "innovation", but let's not. That word contains the same root as *novel*, *novelty* and *nova* — and we are definitely talking about something new and unexpected. From the 1540s the word I won't say again means "a novel change, experimental variation, new thing introduced in an established arrangement."

“A new thing introduced in an established arrangement.” Ah so, that’s what I’m trying to get at.

However, you do have a conservative streak and are rarely into change for its own sake. You probably agree with your Taurus first cousins that your old radio is as good as any new radio.

Uranus is not subtle, and in Gemini its action can be extremely fast. So you will need to know how to apply the brakes. And you must remember that Gemini is indeed involved, so there will be two or four sides to the story; you will have options; and Uranus tends to be associated with group developments.

You must be very careful who you allow into your trust; who you allow close to you. And you must be equally thoughtful about what opportunities you consider. You may have many opportunities and urges to leap before you look, but you’re responsible for your own due diligence. The choices you now make are no longer under anyone else’s protection. You are acting as an independent agent.

Another potential under this astrology is being freaked out by too much change happening too fast. Just about everything is happening in the digital world right now, or in the world’s seized environment. Nothing goes slowly; nothing is predictable; and anything involving technology might not be your thing. But if it is, you are in a very good position.

In making professional choices, it’s essential that you make sure you know which of your goals are still interesting and valid, and which you’re no longer interested in. Get rid of the ghosts. Where you clear space, other options will quickly enter. Said another way, choose from among the options that you really want.

### **Sedna, Your Spidy Sense**

There is another presence in Gemini, which will prove to be helpful if you can tune into it. It’s called Sedna. If you thought

Pluto had a long orbit at 248 years, Sedna's is 11,400 years and it's one of those things that just does not seem that useful except that it truly is. The last time it was in its current position, much of the Northern Hemisphere was covered with glaciers.

Sedna is about environmental awareness. This is like the holistic version of what self-defense teachers call "situational awareness," but it extends into the whole environment — especially the digital sphere and where it intersects with the human life depicted in Gemini. Sixty or so years of Sedna in Taurus came with widespread revelation of the importance of this thing called the environment, meaning the physical air, earth and water. In Gemini, Sedna has moved to the sphere of the mind.

Whatever your specific involvement with digital technology, we all live in a world that is totally influenced by it and the state of mind that it creates. This is transforming humanity in ways that are difficult to see and even more challenging to understand. And Uranus in Gemini, with its speed and lack of predictability, isn't going to make matters any easier to grasp.

The message of Sedna is how to keep your ear to this very unusual ground that the digital environment has, well, served up. We have been living in dog years for decades. Cause and effect are all over the place. The world is flat and cats pick things up off the floor and put them onto the table. Sheep are herding the border collies and nobody can find Wisconsin or Spain on a map.

Not only that — you are finding your way in a world where people have robots for therapists, boyfriends and girlfriends. These are from the same A.I. that thinks you should bake brownies for three hours at 500 degrees. Hey, it's all a matter of opinion.

You need help. Sedna is your antenna into this chaotic abyss, which is merged with the world you're walking around in, making decisions in, and earning a living in.

But here is an essential key. What I am describing as “the environment” is all that is invisible. If you can see it, it’s figure and not ground. Sedna is your connection to the *ground field*. How do you know you’re paying attention to this? Well, first, you’re less distracted by the donut or the dancing skeleton and more aware of your total surroundings. Or, you notice you’re paying attention to the donut and then expand your awareness.

Another key to Sedna is *pattern recognition*. When information is coming at you from every direction all the time, that’s the thing you need. You might notice trends in your environment — then check with others to see if they are noticing trends in their environments too. You might notice little synchronicities, which are not in themselves proof or assurance of anything but indications that you are (at least) paying attention.

Nobody thinks of synchronicities this way — they are supposed to *mean something*; but what they really mean, first, is that you noticed whatever it is. And the thing to notice under the guidance of Sedna is that a lot happens that you are not usually aware of.

So making the shift from what is obvious to what is less obvious is Sedna at work, as is ultimately noticing more complex patterns. I don’t mean conspiracy theorizing; I mean really noticing. So if you’re a cop and you look in the trunk of someone’s car and they have a baseball bat, a baseball glove and an antique dagger, you don’t have to make much of it.

But if you see the same person you don’t know five times in one week, you might want to stop and say hello.

## **The Pluto Factor**

Pluto is now solidly in your 6th place Aquarius. This is the perfect complement to transits through your 10th place Gemini. Pluto is the unstoppable force. This is already you.

By the way, nobody could explain the intensity of Virgo when Mercury was your only planet. Now that we have the Chiron connection, there is at least a better planetary picture of your power of focus and also your ability to do so many things at once. Pluto is going to drive a kind of single-mindedness that you must be careful of. It's definitely a metric of your energy but it's also indicative that you may think there is just one way to do things. That's unlikely to get a good result; you must keep an open mind.

You tend to work best collaboratively. Remember this. You're likely to be the person among your colleagues, collaborators or minions with the endless source of ideas. Hear me now: You will be counting on them to provide the structure, the brake pedal, the alternative viewpoints you have not considered, and the people who will get you out of any ruts.

There are times you will feel like you're halfway between a Japanese bullet train and a runaway freight train. If you don't have collaborators to help you stay on the tracks and "watch your speed" as Jerry used to sing, you must do this for yourself.

Self-care is not an option. Yes, there may be times when you will work for three weeks straight living on pizza. But even then you can take care of yourself and also know when it's time to come back to earth and get your prongs onto the ground.

### **The Family Hunger Game: The Problem of Guilt**

Here is some sensitive territory, and there is not space left to dig into the details in written format. It involves the placement of Capricorn in your solar chart. It's in the 5th place, which is about childhood, pleasure, play, fun and fucking like a teenager. However, unless you have some passionate, fiery stuff in Cap, you're not going to experience this as very much fun.

Capricorn in the 5th place of Virgo is one of the defining features of your sign. It's the sigil of having had to grow up too soon. The adults around you expected their young children to take on more

responsibility than a child should. It is true that this is a major factor in the whole TV generation (anyone born between 1950 and 1975), but it's especially a challenge for Virgo charts. Work must come before play, or so it seems.

To be able to handle this placement, work must *become* play; and you need activities in life that are not professionally oriented but are, rather, deep-interest hobbies. Those can include "recreational" activities but you're not going to be engaged or intellectually satisfied by walking through someone else's garden. You need your own garden, or its equivalent. You need real engagement with your environment.

This is more a blessing than a curse. The era we are in is not about having a good time. We must respond to necessity, and a good way to do that is to be part of your environment. This does not include "going on vacation." It does include travel to learn and grow. More on that in a moment.

There is one thing. I suspect that there is deep material here, as is often the case with Capricorn factors. The problem on the spiritual level is likely to be some form of guilt passed through to you by previous generations. Now, you can study, analyze and therapize this to death. Or, you can be an artist, which means enter your self-creative self. Then you would confront, engage or otherwise work with the material that comes up as it does.

This is, in my view, the purpose of art — and why A.I. generated "creative content" is so repugnant and nauseating. All it does is take from us. It gives nothing. Art is not a product; it is the result of something that a person goes through, works out, figures out, and grows personally from in the process.

Intense activity in the 5th house urges you not to just consider your own inner little kid and what happened to him or her, but also what happened to the relatives around you. Most of the adults that raised you had an inner kid in significant pain, and most people entered careers they were not interested in and that did not fulfill them creatively.

To some extent we are all heir to this problem. But for you, it must become the opportunity for healing. **This article** will provide you with plenty of context.

### **Chiron in Taurus: Spiritual Reorientation**

Most of the transits I've described in this reading began in 2025 or before. It's true that planets can land with a splash or a bang, but usually they phase in (Uranus is one exception, and it can enter the second time with both a bang and a splash).

But there is one that is a totally new development, and that is Chiron in Taurus, previewing June-September of this year, and coming to stay in 2027. I would like to introduce this here and continue the discussion in your audio reading. In fact it may be the primary focus of that reading; I'm not there yet, but let's tune in.

This is good news. It will be easy to apprehend the meaning of, and also to work with in the practical sense.

First, Taurus is your resonant Earth sign. Taurus is both practical and sensual. It is also your 9th place, which is about spiritual and educational pursuits, as well as long-distance travel. So combine these themes and you have the description of what your spiritual path might be about. It must be real and tangible, not theoretical. It must have a natural basis, rather than a strictly intellectual or theoretical one. It must be something that you feel and can experience directly.

Now add Chiron. And in particular, add Chiron after the chaotic transit of Uranus across this territory the past seven years has left you feeling a little scattered and possibly detached from the inherently physical, incarnated nature of your spiritual path. If you feel this way, it's important to study your relationship to your environment and the role that technology plays in your life.

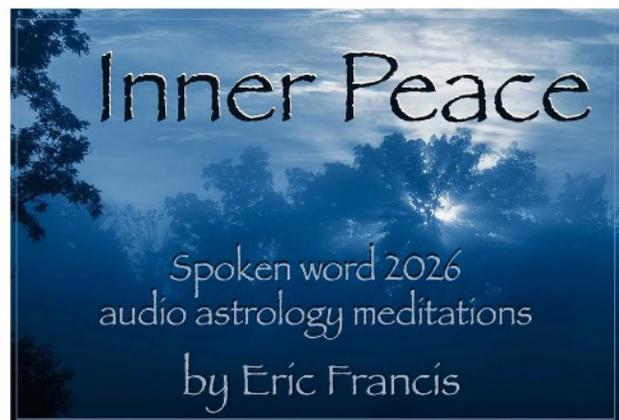
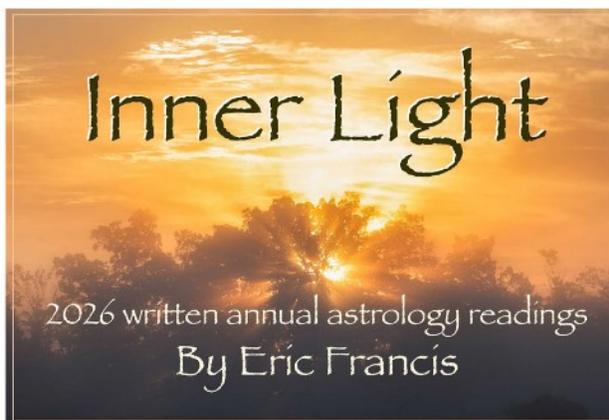
This is not about ditching or damning technology but rather studying yourself and understanding your relationship to your environment. And there is the question of how you define your spiritual path. Many people think that going out to the 9th dimension makes them spiritual. You are more the type to appreciate the miracle of squishing your toes in the sand as the waves come and go.

Chiron in Taurus will encourage you to take a wider view of your existence. The "existence" part of that means that you're in a body, on the planet Earth. You are right here, right now.

When you look up at the stars in the sky (many of which are whole galaxies), consider the miracle that you have manifested in your current form right now. Yes, it's tough times on the planet, and it's still a miracle that we are here, as conscious as we want to be.

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