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## The Awakening for Aries

# **Your Dance With Destiny**

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**E**VEN THOUGH I've been doing your astrology in this format for nearly 30 years, the idea of writing for Aries with so much developing in your sign is a little daunting. We are all about to experience astrology that has no precedent — going back more than 2,000 years — and it shows up right in your part of the sky.

I'll be proceeding with care, and taking a circumspect approach. We will be looking around the edges and studying the transition zones, checking for ideas that help complete the picture in a number of different directions. Astrology tells the same story in many ways. It's always the story of change,

or it seems to be. As Paul Simon wrote in the (alternative) lyrics to The Boxer, "After changes upon changes / We are more or less the same."

You will have many options for what you want to alter in your life. However, you have to see those for what they are; any time you're confronted with only one choice, that's your cue to create more options, to find them, to uncover them: to see your own potential. Under the influence of extraordinary astrology, it's essential that you take up your full creative and self-creative power. This will ease the sensation of fate and welcome the gentler experience of dancing with destiny.

I'll get into the two major factors in your sign in a moment, though first, bear in mind that one of them has been developing for years, and the other one will tease its way in between the spring of 2025 and the spring of 2026. You will be given many different kinds of notice that movement is imminent.

Here is what I suggest: at all times, know what you want. Make some decisions in advance, in the form of: "If I ever get the chance to go to Iceland, I'm going." This way, if you are suddenly presented with the option, you will have your mind made up. You might think of this as a wish list, though the main items would ideally pertain to who you want to be, and how you want to live.

When the options open up, it will feel like a pressure release and fog clearing. You may find yourself asking how you lived with so much uncertainty for so long. And at the same time, you may wonder what the heck to do with so much creative power. The probable answer to that is: use it judiciously.

Experiment, test out the possibilities, and figure out what you want. And if you've wanted something for a long time, admit that much to yourself and commit to receiving it if you suddenly have the option in front of you. Know when to seize the day.

## **Introduction to Chiron Conjunct Eris**

Let's consider one event in your sign, one that's been developing more consciously for you, as it's already taking shape in Aries. Chiron and Eris are about to form a series of three conjunctions, which alone would be enough to shape the world, and people's responses to existence, and alter the course of your life.

The conjunction will reveal what has become of humanity under overwhelming digital conditions. And it will tell you a lot about your potential if you let go of some of those negative impacts and claim your inner being — your true self.

I would contend that we've never needed such focused, potent astrology more than right now. And if you are willing to live your life with full awareness, this development will work out very well for you.

This combination of factors, Chiron + Eris + Aries, also present in the 1970s, can be entirely attributed to the political and social upheavals of that particular era — though the digital factor changes nearly everything. We are different people today.

Though we may forget, people were doing plenty of growing up fast in the early 1970s: the list of breakthroughs in approaches to personal growth, therapy, intentional community and human potential was impressive. For many it was wholly sincere.

There was a reckoning with Vietnam, and with war generally, driven by the incredible grief and loss of that episode of history. There was the sense that we must act on these problems now.

But this was also the era where identity politics was born, which is the 'fake it till you make it' substitute for commitment and maturity. Themes of the 1970s also included tribalism and separatism — including declaring one's little group an island apart from humanity. We still live with this legacy today. The politics of the 1960s (Uranus-Pluto in Virgo, Chiron in Pisces) were profoundly different than those of the 1970s (Uranus and Pluto in Libra; Chiron-Eris in Aries).

Chiron-Eris is one of those rare mass collective aspects that reaches nearly all people personally, on a deep level, compelling individual reckoning with one's sense of being and place in society. Due to the involvement of the Aries Point, the spot where the individual and collective merge, the effect is magnified.

Few aspects could provoke the question "who am I?" with more gravitas. And it's headed our way and especially your way, sustaining its influence through 2026. For those around the age of 50 (say, 48 through 52 years old) the effects will be manifold. You are in the midst of your Chiron return — a special topic that I will handle in another reading.

I don't want to oversell this astrology, though I feel confident saying this. You have a once-in-a-lifetime wildcard opportunity to reinvent yourself into pretty much anything you truly want, and are willing to work for. A rare combination of events gives you the potential to connect with something much larger than yourself.

And if that is not your thing, with discipline you can direct these aspects inward and create yourself from the inside out. You can make a world of your own — though the lure of involvement will be compelling in a new way every day.

One way or another, these transits will arrive, and I am encouraging you to take creative control to the best of your abilities. An astrologer could say "aim high." But more to the point is: *be sincere*.

## **Healing the Alienation of Technology**

Chiron always indicates a healing process of some kind. And the thing being healed is chaos and alienation driven by a century of nonstop advances in electrical communications. These changes have instigated both collective and individual crises, along with many seeming opportunities. If you can heal the chaos, there will be many creative and professional opportunities available to you.

Yet the healing factor is essential to honor. It's about making peace with who you are; it's about recognizing the changes you've been put through and what this has done to your relationships. And more than anything, healing means taking your life out of automatic mode.

We now all live within a massive robotic system of artificial thought, which is driving us to be like it. To not be like it means to be aware, gentle, kind and thoughtful. For many, these must be learned skills — though you will have plenty of opportunities to put them into practice.

It may be painful to figure out what you've sacrificed to the robot. Thankfully you have the opportunity to take stock of this matter and claim your life back.

The place to start is where you are: the relationships that you're in, the job that you have, and the circumstances where you find yourself. There are no automatic solutions; in the human realm, matters of trust and connection must be worked out from day to day. And as you do that, you will see what you need to do; you will get a sense of where your personal work is.

Yet if you keep running into a mystery factor, if there seems to be something you're up against that you cannot quite identify, try on "the robot" as a solution to the mystery.

Beyond your personal relationships and what they may offer, the most important questions of the coming years will surround what you want to participate in. Mass cultural movements take place under Chiron-Eris conjunctions. Developments have a tendency to concentrate and accelerate. There may have been hints in the past. Think back to what you were doing in 1996 and in 2004 — Chiron opposite Eris and Chiron square Eris, respectively.

## **History and You: Follow the Plot**

I encourage people to think of their personal journey and their personal astrology as part of much larger scenarios. This is about having a sense of the place and time of your incarnation.

The experience of major aspects is the product of what I will reluctantly call the karma (for lack of a better word) associated with being born at a certain time and place in history.

I know it's an unusual way to do personal astrology, but let's consider some backstory. And I know that many of my clients are readers worried with "where this is all going" as much as they are concerned with where their life is going. For you, the two are intimately related — the contact being via the Aries Point.

To frame Chiron-Eris conjunctions historically, consider that during their meeting prior to the one in 1971, the United States participated in the massacre known as World War I (1917-1918). This was "the war to end all wars," which did no such thing.

Going back one cycle before that, the United States was ripped apart by the "Civil" War. (That was 1863-1864.) So that tells us something about the depth of upheaval that is possible under this influence, both personal and collective. The effects of the Civil War were profoundly personal.

And one last, for those who respect the passage of time and the impact of communications technology on soul and consciousness. The very year that the Gutenberg press was invented — 1439 — came with a conjunction of Chiron and Eris, in Aries, where we are now about to experience it. The

printing press was one of the most important technological advances that shaped the entire nature of humanity, focusing the notion of “individualism” and gradually taking people beyond their tribal nature.

(In case you’re into history or reincarnation, other Chiron-Eris conjunction years in the modern era were 1808, 1753, 1700, 1645-1646, 1591-1592, 1540-1541 and 1489-1490. Maybe some of those ring a bell.)

Astrological aspects do not happen to us as external developments. While we are set within their historical context, the aspects happen within us, operating as a kind of internal clock that awakens specific capacities and forms of awareness in each of us. Then, we participate in the world — a process commonly known as “life.”

## **Saturn-Neptune in Aries: Synthesis of Self**

While Chiron-Eris will be spinning the world on its finger, and taking you to the core of your being, something else special is happening.

Neptune and Saturn (in that order) leave Pisces and enter Aries, just about simultaneously, forming a series of conjunctions on the Aries Point into 2026. As these planets enter your sign or your rising sign (in early 2025), you may feel a deep sense of relief; of pressure drop; of awakening; of the fog clearing and gaining a sense of direction.

This is an extremely rare event. We have searched back to the year 1 B.C. and this has never happened before. There have been several Saturn-Neptune conjunctions in Aries the last 2,000 years, but none, ever, even near the Aries Point.

When I was a young astrologer, Saturn-Neptune was a challenging aspect to interpret in the lives of the older people I was reading for (with many born around 1952-1953). Located in Libra, it was difficult to grasp, and once I figured out what was going on for them (if I could), it was even more difficult to speak to once I understood. Many Baby Boomers born during this era idealized marriage and had three to five of them.

It presents a chaotic spot in consciousness, where there can be a crisis that responds only to some blend of faith and creativity. The Libra version in the 1950s was about sincerity in relationships; the Aries version today is about being uncompromising in your truth — which is a daily challenge.

This conjunction will stretch out for well over a year, in contact with the Aries Point in the process.

Neptune presents us with the principle of dissolving. Saturn presents us with boundaries and the principle of containment and solidification. I have looked to the history of the 1950s conjunction for metaphors; I was familiar with the events in industrial chemistry, and Saturn is conjunct Neptune in the chart of Ivy Mike, the first test of the hydrogen bomb.

The common theme was synthesizing what would otherwise seem impossible. And in Aries, this is about the synthesis of self. This is not easy; most people don't even think about such matters. They are who they are and that is that.

## **The Intersection**

Aries is personal for you; the Aries Point adds the dimension of some individual intersection with the public realm, the culture, collective attention or awareness, and potentially public responsibilities. I know you may be a housewife in Ames or a trucker in Wisconsin. I don't know what this means for you, but you will find out over the next year or so.

Meanwhile, you can never really confront Neptune head-on, which includes interpreting it. There is no way to say with certainty what its presence means, particularly in connection with Saturn and located on the Aries Point. You will have to ask yourself over and over what is real and what is not.

And remember, Chiron-Eris will be sending waves of awakening through you, your world and the wider world. We may imagine that they have something in common, or that they relate to one another or support one another in some way.

So in that spirit, let's work our way around the wheel and see what we can learn from other key houses where there are events taking place.

## **Your Experience of Neptune in Pisces**

Since 2011 (long, long ago — even before 2012), you've been living with Neptune in Pisces, your 12th solar house. That's a lot of Neptune, when combined with both the 12th and Pisces. This can feel like ever-mounting pressure, though when it happens for more than a decade, it's easy to have it blend into the background.

This is the perfect transit to warp your perception of yourself in the world in ways that you don't even notice.

However, you will feel the relief when Neptune (and Saturn) change signs and houses and show up where they are more accessible to normal awareness. You may need to make many adjustments to your perceptions, expectations, and memories of what has happened.

Yet to work with Saturn and Neptune showing up right in your home sign requires imagination. To the extent that you are able to recreate yourself, that will call for a vision; for inspiration; for an idea of what you want, beyond what you've already experienced. Both planets enter Aries for a test run in 2025, then retrograde back into Pisces before returning to Aries to stay in 2026. You will have many opportunities to dive into yourself and come back up with ideas.

## **Pluto from Capricorn to Aquarius**

Most people have only limited contact with the government. Most of it involves taxes and traffic tickets. Besides that, government is a kind of television show. You have Capricorn on the 10th house, which encompasses government as well as certain family matters (generally, those related to authority rather than wellbeing and security).

The 10th is also about one's professional affairs, if you prefer more visible leadership roles that are upward-bound or involve ambition rather than quietly doing your thing in the back office.

More than anything, the 10th describes your style of taking action, and the reputation you gain from the actions that you take.

Much like Uranus moving through Taurus the past seven years has shaken up your priorities and your values (see section below on Uranus for more details), Pluto through Capricorn the past 14 years had rearranged your professional life, probably at least three times. It's also shaped your whole relationship to external authority.

Just guessing, those jolts were in approximately 2008, 2012 and 2020. Often the changes seemed to be based on external conditions you could not control (an economic crash, a "pandemic" and so on), which you knew to take advantage of. Learning to work Pluto well is about making the most of crisis. It's also about using everything as a growth tool.



In pure theory, the theme of Pluto through your 10th was about learning how and when to take action; and how to work with seemingly invisible forces in the environment. You may have also had a taste of what happens when you need to act but do not.

There is also a subplot of learning how not to give your power away. There's a lot of talk of "empowerment" in our new-agey world. There is little discussion about how it is that so many people manage to end up with so little control over their most basic affairs. People's individual power goes somewhere, and once it does, it must be claimed back if you ever want to have it again.

I am sure you could tell a good few stories about how you did that from the Pluto in Capricorn era. Remember them; use them as a kind of playbook.

## **Pluto from the Corporate to the Social**

The influence of Pluto now shifts from the corporate world to the social world. One is an extension of the other and they are closely related, though there is a stylistic difference and also the rules seem different. But they heavily influence one another.

That said, Pluto shifts from formal social power to informal social power. This is true of Capricorn and Aquarius though these are your 10th and 11th places, so the effect is redoubled.

They are equally important. Our culture places too much emphasis on the trappings of official power and not enough on the incredible power of social pressure. Often the social pressure is done in service of state and corporate directives, which disguises the prime movers.

Other times, the social environment seems to take charge. Let's consider the potentials for Pluto in Aquarius, which are directly related to all of the activity in Aries. This is because like major events in Aries, Pluto in Aquarius will push your drive to be an individual and stand up for yourself, though raising the stakes considerably from the events of previous years.

The movement of powerful planets from earth signs to air signs (Uranus, Sedna, Pluto) is going to quicken the energy and action of those planets. Air is less resistant and more conductive of energy. And the emphasis will shift from physical matters to mental ones. Matters of the air signs can change quickly and be more apparent, just like the wind's direction can shift rapidly.

Let's start with Pluto entering Aquarius, and then consider Uranus in Gemini. Both are very important houses related to social matters and also to commerce and trade.

## **Pluto in Aquarius: Deep Connection or Alienation**

Life is lived in two places: inwardly, and in the social dimensions of life. For you, Aquarius lands in the 11th house, so it's mostly an outer expression. I say mostly because social existence always has an internal component.

Yet under digital conditions, social experience has a strong imaginary component, because it largely happens online. It's a kind of head trip, and worse, it's all conducted through and in the presence of a robotic environment. Simply put, the robot has taken over our social lives, and is teaching people to treat one another in antisocial ways.

Under digital conditions, it's as if we live in a replica world that looks a little like the previous world, but it has many more screens hypnotizing everyone — and entirely different attitudes and values than the original world we were born into. For a moment, let's pretend we're in the real world of people and an actual society and consider what Pluto in Aquarius might be under those circumstances, then transpose our song to a digital key.

Without the influence of digital, the 11th house would represent anything related to groups, organizations and both formal and informal social orders. We depart the 11th house and go to the 12th house when we get to secret orders like the Freemasons, and mass crowds like the population of a city or attendees of a football game.

Pluto was last in Aquarius at the end of the American revolution, through the adoption of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and for some years beyond. This was obviously a very exciting time in history. It was also the time of the French Revolution; and soon after Pluto left Aquarius and entered Pisces, England went through a period of major reform with the founding of the United Kingdom in 1801.

At this time in history, groups and guilds were very important influences in society. There was almost a caste structure in many places. The way you amassed some power or got things done was to form a group, or to gain admission to a guild. (The word 'guild' holds much history.)

## **Your Potential Experience of Pluto in Aquarius the Last Time Around**

Let's do a thought experiment; you may have your own things to add, and if you like history you may have already considered this.

Pluto was previously in Aquarius for the last two decades of the 18th century, or the late Victorian era. As in our times, there were a great many extremely wealthy people and also strict cultural norms. But those norms are usually invisible until you look from a certain angle — or get caught in one of them.

Experiencing Pluto in Aquarius as an 11th house transit in 1780, you would either want to get more involved in the shaping of society, taking leadership roles; or you would feel like a total misfit and not want to be involved. Either way you would be aware of the need for social reforms.

There would have been many opportunities to be a true revolutionary or public intellectual, but it was dangerous. The principle means of communication was the printed word. Posters, tracts and pamphlets were very important drivers of consciousness, and I think more potent influences than the chaotic mess that the internet is today.

There was more gender divide in the professions; men were involved in professional guilds (particularly in Europe; the guild system did not really make it to the New World in a recognizable form) and women in social societies — though both wielded political and social influence and were extremely important to the functioning of society. They also placed codes of conduct on people and were much more formal than nearly any groups we know about today.

There were limits on individuality; it was not a typical or accepted value. Depending on how visible you became, you might have become notorious or experienced persecution for your views. One way or the other, it's likely that you would have felt and experienced the power (and the necessity) of groups.

Under digital conditions, society now permeates deeply into our most private thoughts (not just our publicly expressed words and visible actions). There is nowhere to hide; we are trackable everywhere, and we all live with the sense that every word we say or type is being recorded somewhere by some omniscient deity.

Yet this is largely about the influence of group power, which is enforced with the help of total surveillance and electricity.

## **The 2025-2044 Pluto in Aquarius: Friends Matter More than Anything**

Note that Pluto has been in a gradual ingress into Aquarius since late 2023, and arrived to stay in mid-November. I am writing this during the last moments of Pluto in Capricorn.

As 2025 develops, it is probable that you will make a series of sudden discoveries about just how bad the social rules and strictures situation has become. This could intensify under Pluto in Aquarius conditions: we could see an onrush of sanctioned antisocial behavior like we witnessed in 2020-2021, only much deeper in impact.

We are close not only to having but to wanting a social credit system like China has. And there will be those who refuse and resist. But this will take courage, because social influencing systems uphold their own regulations with the threat of shunning.

You will have, ongoing, the choice of how to respond: to speak up in a way that may be noticed, or to retreat into using your digital tools only for basic work, commerce and entertainment. However, you may experience the evolutionary drive to participate in society. This could be in any area from the school board to scouting to something on a much broader scale.

The personal drive for you here is not just Pluto but rather the momentum of the twin conjunctions in your sign (Chiron-Eris and Saturn-Neptune) that are urging you to stand out, to be yourself and speak your truth. That's when you find out how tight the mesh has become — and you will have many opportunities to decide what to do about it. What you do may depend on where you run into resistance to your own ordinary thoughts and actions that are suddenly considered out of mode.

You may figure out that the only thing we really have in our lives are our friends. Take the time and energy to deepen your social connections with people both in real life, and in the digital realm. Both are important. Both are necessary, and you cannot survive only on one side of the divide.

## **The Disappearance of the Commons**

In our time, another concept associated with Aquarius is common areas, such as parks that serve a community as a point of gathering. This same concept includes a diversity of public places, and also ideas.

Over the past few decades, these spaces have been disappearing or they have become privatized. Today even shopping malls — once held by the courts to be the equivalent of the town square — are largely gone.

So with Pluto moving across a social angle of your chart, the question is, where are the common areas? Where is the place to have the discussion? This transit will have a lot to say about freedom of speech, which we all discovered had been greatly compromised due to internet censorship.

So this represents another place where the common areas are largely gone; everyone is on edge about what they are willing to post to the internet. [Even Planet Waves is taking precautions, guiding discussions of health issues away from our YouTube channel so that the astrology content is not all deleted. Our solution to this problem is to use multiple alternative video platforms.]

With Pluto transiting your 11th house, you may have a drive to find or create the place to have a real conversation. It might be in your living room.

## **Uranus from Taurus Into Gemini**

Here is another “free speech” kind of transit, both in Gemini and also in your 3rd place. Uranus brings disruption and revolt, and you’re likely to experience a personal revolution related to what you have to say, how you think, and discover a passion for the freedom to do both.

Uranus has been traveling through Taurus, your 2nd house, for seven years, which describes instability with resources. Uranus brings volatility, and at times, this may have worked for you.

You may have made a lot and lost significant money several times during the past seven years of this transit. And you may have had radical changes to your priorities and your values (this phase encompasses the entire 2020+ crisis, so there is plenty of room for financial instability, windfall, and a shock to your values).

Taurus and the 2nd are the part about attitudes and values; and they are often experienced in tangible and physical ways. You could not have had a less compatible influence in this realm than Uranus, which has really pushed you to evaluate where you stand with yourself. You may have experimented with a diversity of views that you did not ultimately agree with.

Uranus has an electrical and robotic quality. One question that will follow Uranus around this year's readings is: how are you dealing with the world being taken over by AI robots? Are you tracking your response to this situation, are you going along to get along, or have you not noticed?

Uranus in Gemini is likely to present you with some very good business opportunities, if you are able to stomach doing business mostly in the digital realm. You may also start to experience being shocked into either writing or information technology, even if all you've ever written was a shopping list and you despise IT.

Uranus will bring you an affinity for the technological realm, and you may get into it via some means by way of a preference. For example, you may hate video games, then somebody puts you in front of a flight simulator and you're in love. I would predict you will have a few such episodes. And you may become a voracious reader.

Uranus in Gemini has a highly creative feel to it. Gemini can absorb the kind of intensity that Uranus dishes out because it's more flexible and has more inner polarity to hold the charged-up expression of Uranus.

Uranus in Taurus is not exactly over; it would be wise of you to determine where you stand with yourself after the many things you've gone through the past four years. Consider what you believed and accepted as true in 2018, and consider what you hold as true or valuable today. With any luck there are a few things you regret — that would be proof you're conducting a real evaluation.

A reckoning of your personal financial accounts would be helpful and give you some information to work with before the spring when the energy dials up with the events in Aries.

## **Salacia Meets the Family Hunger Games**

Few people are comfortable talking about sex or sexuality, and many people pretend that these are not important areas to speak or even think about. It's not a likely topic for therapy because 1) most therapists are clueless and

lack the direct experience to have a real conversation and 2) they are nearly all terrified of being sued for harassment if a client decides they didn't want to have the conversation.

Both clients and therapists are very happy to be talking about the much safer themes of trauma and victimization, all of which is a barricade against speaking about real feelings. Claim to be traumatized and you too can avoid any discussion you don't like with the excuse of not wanting to be "re-traumatized." Since healing begins with honesty, I wonder how healing is possible under those circumstances.

But sexual desire remains a factor of the human condition, and I propose that the extreme suppression we live with is only intensifying the situation (and the sense of desperation). Most people go along to get along, and — despite what they may be feeling — hope that they don't get into an infidelity situation.

However, at the same time, industrial countries are reporting lessened interest in sex (particularly men toward women), later first experiences of sex, and correspondingly lower birth rates. It is difficult to get honest data, but many are noticing that something is afoot.

## **Maturity as a Function of Honesty**

While there is no data to support this, my observation is that people who still admit to having and being open to sexual feelings are in the minority. And in my opinion it remains true that sexual maturity, awareness and development are markers of and essential ingredients in all forms of personal and spiritual growth.

In other words, you mature and grow in relationship to your sexual awareness and maturity. Plenty of people will say forget it, none of that matters, sex is unnecessary. But to me that is much more disembodiment and robotic thought.

This is a focus topic for you due to the presence of Salacia in your sign. I will cover this for all the signs, though there are none for which it's as significant as Aries, since Salacia is with you, and will be for many years. Salacia represents your awareness of the kinds of sex that are appropriate for you. I've devoted a whole section to this in The AWA, which I have developed into a [longer article here](#).

Note: I shared copies of this article with the LGBTQ+ Center (which serves a vast region of upstate New York) located next to my apartment and office, and the director was so upset he would not even discuss it with me. His response seemed to be a mix of rage and rejection, which he couched as “not agreeing with some things” in the article (with steam jetting from his ears).

One of his younger minions refused to even look at the revised edition. I took this response as a sign that I was hitting the mark with my points.

Salacia is moving in a very long 90-degree aspect to what I am calling the Family Hunger Game group in early Capricorn. The square is a provocation; Salacia is doing the provoking and stirring the pot.

This Capricorn group describes family legacy related to the abuse of food and alcohol, the lack of moral reference points and intentional meanness, and the control dynamics of the family. We were ALL subjected to this to some degree, greater or lesser. To pawn this off on religion is not helpful. What your parents say and do is far more important than what any wrinkled old priest or nun might say.

So, with Salacia bumping up against the Family Hunger Games group (which includes the pressured-release centaur, Pholus), you may be feeling like you need to grow, and to grow you must be truthful, which feels extremely dangerous; the decisions you need to make and the things you need to say could lead to an explosion. By that, I mean, what would happen in your relationships if you revealed the truth about your sexuality?

One thing I can tell you from decades of work as an astrologer is that honest sexual discussion is almost never, ever welcome in a marriage. And this is why so many marriages explode, and often over the matter of infidelity. But without honesty there is no chance for fidelity, which means trust and truth. I don't think addressing this is an optional issue. The matter may come to a head very quickly under the combined pressure of Salacia, and the twin Aries conjunctions.

## **The Dream of a Common Language**

Which leads to the discussion of relationships. There are two angles of approach here: one is activity in your 7th (Libra), the classic house of relationships; and the other is action in your 8th (shared resources, consummation, the sex you want and need the most). Let's take them separately, for the sake of discussion. The connection will be obvious.



The most important influence coming to you from Libra is (in my view) an outer planet called Logos. This simple concept has been muddled by centuries of religious dogma about the alleged Word of God.

Logos is about communicating in tangible words and ideas. Logos in Libra takes this into the realm of relationships, which is where all communication happens. The necessity here is to put things into words rather than making people guess what is on your mind.

I will spare you the bold text, but imagine it: many people place their partners and friends in the position of guessing what is true for them. They think it's the obligation of others to read minds.

If you catch yourself doing this, I suggest you stop and put your opinions or feelings into words and say them out loud to someone. I realize there are probably several thousand common excuses for not doing so, but the net effect is not helpful to you, your relationships, and anyone who is affected by the state of your relationships.

One communication blockage is not having the words to say something; if that is true, I suggest you practice and use the dictionary. However, the real problem seems to be fear around commenting on what you've done, what you want, and how you feel. And, no, you cannot control the response of someone else; but you also cannot control their response if your feelings and personal history leak out.

The presence of slow-mover Makemake (in a long conjunction to Logos) suggests that this is all just a dangerous game. By "just," I mean having no real relevance to lived reality. We know that is not true. Love is based on trust and communication. Love cannot be present in an environment where those things are lacking. Mendacity and denial exclude love. So the extent of your commitment to direct communication will tell you about your commitment to love. Yet if only truth is erotic, then we can spot a potential motive for not being honest.

## **From Scorpio to Aries: Poseidon and Neptune**

There is one aspect I will comment on briefly, which is the 135-degree (trigger) contact between a special point called Poseidon in Scorpio (your 8th place of sex, death, jealousy and shared resources) to Neptune (including in Pisces and then in Aries). This is an ultra-slow-moving point that is presenting a seemingly permanent factor in the environment.

And it's about one thing mainly: propaganda. And most of this is propaganda about sex and money (Scorpio and your 8th place). This aspect lasts so long and is coming across with such thrust that one cannot do much except marvel at the depth and volume of toxic deception in our society, which trickles down to the personal level.

The urgent question here is, to what extent are your words and ideas the project of someone's agenda? Do you believe the things you think, and the things you say? This aspect calls for a close reexamination of your words and thoughts, particularly as one leg of the aspect moves into your sign over the next year.

Every aspect comes with the assignment of questioning what is real, what is true, what is a belief and what is a fact? Be bold about this. Be grateful when you discover something you thought was true but is not.

## **Your Personal Renaissance**

All of the above adds up to one of the most tremendous moments of your potential in life so far. This will come through awakening to the disembodiment problem of digital conditions, addressing the issue, and then proceeding with your life where we are now: under the ocean of digital conditions.

If the aspects you're experiencing describe anything, it's the potential to reverse that process of disembodiment and find your way back to yourself. Living your truth is not an optional choice under aspects as potent as this. As the influences take hold, your only choice will be among the options of how to stay aware; anything else is likely to result in chaos.

In the words of A Course in Miracles, the journey back to yourself "is merely the reawakening of the knowledge of where you are always, and what you are forever. It is a journey without distance to a goal that has never changed."

So you don't have to go as far as you may think, or change as much as you may believe. But remember, whether you're seeking astrology or any other source of wisdom, "Truth can only be experienced. It cannot be described and it cannot be explained."

And as these events develop in Aries, you are being invited to experience your existence — directly, boldly and courageously — in what will truly evolve as a dance with your destiny.



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