



Full Moon sets over the Ashokan Spillway. Photo by Eric Francis

The Awakening for Taurus

Beyond the Body Electric

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THE EPIC NOVEL *Dune* begins with these words: “A beginning is the time for taking the most delicate care that the balances are correct.”

The same thing could be said of endings, and you are now at such a point in your life. Amidst much other astrology, this involves the transit of Uranus through your birth sign, which began in 2018 and will enter its final stage in the summer of 2025. This is when the transition into Gemini begins, which stretches out over a year.

And it’s vital that you bring this transit to a close in a fully conscious and intentional way.

For a while, Uranus will be lingering around the last few degrees of your sign. Here, it will be visiting with the greatest intensity people with birthdays between May 17 and 20, and with the Moon or ascendant between degrees 27-30 of Taurus. Yet for all people with a strong Taurus signature, this is a crucial transitional time.

Part of why this transit is so important to follow carefully is the tension between Taurus, which is largely about stability, and Uranus, which is about erratic and sudden change. You would have to be rather creative to come up with two astrological elements that are more incompatible.

In many ways, this transit has taken you out of your usual nature, shocking you into the kinds of changes you might never have expected. It may have expressed as you acting in ways that were contrary to your personality. This has potentially included moving house for the first time in forever, career changes, reversals in your social views or political orientation, flipping between artist and day trader, a reversal or two to your sexual orientation, and generally feeling like you've been living in a burning building.

But you might not have noticed you were doing this. To you, any of these potentials seemed like the thing to do at the time. You can be sure that partners and people close to you noticed; they are better students of your nature than you are, and tend to give you a lot of room to be yourself.

Taurus is the original earthy sign, solid and dense as such. Uranus has worked itself through Taurus and is only divided from the next realm by a thin slice of akashic substance — those last few degrees of your sign. This is all symbolic or metaphorical, and what it stands for is being put on notice that you are (with any luck) completing a phase of your life and a distinct process of change.

As you know there is a lot else going on — which Taurus is picking up in bold and personal ways — including activity in Aries and Aquarius. However, Uranus in Taurus deserves a final look. Note that I've covered this transit many times in past annual editions, some of which are included on the delivery page with this reading. I have not found this an easy transit to read; it has a cryptic quality.

I cannot imagine what it would feel like to have a major chart element (Sun, Moon or rising) in Taurus under the influence of Uranus. But where I have Taurus in my chart (my public angle) has certainly been on a wild ride the past seven years. I keep getting catapulted and landing on my feet, even if I did a few flips on the way down. But for the sake of those who may have

found this transit difficult, let's consider — briefly — a few potential difficult case scenarios.

People Count on Your Stability, Therefore...

The unusual thing about this transit is that usually, people count on you for stability — and that may not have been forthcoming. By stability, I mean that you tend to become a tradition in people's lives — such as where holiday meals are held, or the person others can always come back to. You may have found yourself breaking such commitments. Still, I think that people have cut you slack, and many of them were ready for the same kinds of changes that you were.

More to the point, this transit may have been difficult for any longterm partners, whether domestic or business. You are usually the point of stability, and others may have had to take up that slack with you experimenting with other ways of being.

It's also possible this transit has taken a toll on your health. Uranus is not really compatible with Taurus in any way, and may have represented changes to your state of body or mind — or environmental influences that have affected you. There are certainly plenty of those. It may have been challenging to stabilize your health, and it's likely that an unconventional approach worked the best.

Outer planet transits have a cool-down phase. It would be wise of you to consciously assess what you've been through the past seven years and make some observations about what you've become, and whether you want to keep those adaptations.

Perhaps the most important set of themes involves your relationship to the technology revolution that is underway, and that has accelerated the past decade. This has caused a diversity of issues for nearly everyone, and has radically destabilized society. All the insanity you see in the world right now, in its specific "everything, all at once" expression, is a manifestation of the digital revolution shocking people out of their senses.

Most Taurus people do not have a love affair with technology. As I wrote in a [satire horoscope](#) a few years ago, "Your old radio is better than any new radio. You still have that dusty PC from 2005 and it works great even though

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