



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

## The Awakening for Taurus

# **Beyond the Body Electric**

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**T**HE 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 you've never upgraded your operating system. You don't like wires in your house. You would never get an electric mixer; your grandma's old eggbeater works just fine."

Cutting to the chase, how are you handling a world that is drowning in digital? What has this done to your personality, your social experiences and your personal relationships? That may take some thought to figure out. Robotic Uranus in sensuous, tactile, cat-loving, garden-loving Taurus is a lot of pressure from the electrical world to be someone or something different.

It's not easy to see the way that technological environments shape us. And while it's usually difficult to spot specific timeframes, Uranus in Taurus provides you with a convenient test timeframe to size up the changes in your attitudes and values.

## **Who is the Real You?**

Much of the thunder and lightning of the next few years is in Aries. This has been ramping up for a while, and reached a major peak with the total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024. Eclipses often represent points of no return, and that event pushed the world irrevocably into the future.

Aries events over the next two years involve the conjunction of Chiron and Eris, and then that of Saturn and Uranus. Either one of these would be a culture-bearing event, with many implications. Together, they multiply one another. And this is likely to manifest as the profound inner need and desire to catch up with yourself, or to break out of some constraint that seems to be limiting you.

You have Aries in a position that, in many ways, defines your psyche, at least from an astrology standpoint. The location of Aries (in any natal chart, or solar chart) is one important indicator of where we seek to actualize ourselves. You have it in the elusive and mysterious 12th place, where missing glasses, lipsticks, guitar picks, socks and left gloves end up. Only the thing seemingly missing is you.

This creates considerable tension, and you may find a helpful metaphor in understanding this setup. It's as if you're always looking for yourself, when in truth, you walk around containing yourself. This might be better said as "looking for your other half," a potential reading I have not considered until now.

Your sign is a fixed, feminine sign ruled by Venus. In many ways Taurus is the grounding point of the feminine principle in astrology.

Signs that adjoin one another are the true opposites. Therefore, everyone has a sign that is considerably different from their Sun or rising in the 12th house, though with Aries as that sign, you are a special situation. In theory, your opposite sign is Scorpio, but it's also a fixed, feminine sign, sharing many properties with your own. Yet your adjoining sign Aries is a cardinal, masculine sign — opposite to Taurus in every way.

Aries and Taurus experience different forms of attraction, self-assertion and initiative. In sum, Taurus would rather things come to it, and Aries would rather do the go and getting. So you have an internal "pushmi-pullyu" situation (this is a reference to the exceedingly rare mythical beast of Dr. Seuss fame).

In practical terms, this can create a crisis of motivation. It can describe phases of what seem like paralysis. It's more like a crisis of "what is my true will?"

## **Chiron and Eris Align in Aries**

Remember when I say Aries, I mean "the hidden dimension of your chart, where you tend to either go missing or try to find yourself." It could also mean "what you really want."

Unless you're really really really old, Eris has been in Aries since before you were born. So it's a kind of permanent feature there, and it has a way of stirring the pot, mixing up the frequencies of awareness and also provoking a response through subtle means. There is no way to separate the modern notion of Taurus (that is, within living memory of every astrologer on the planet and going back a ways), from the presence of Eris in Aries.

It's like this wave generator trying to get your attention, though it's difficult to figure out what it's trying to say. Planets have come and gone in conjunctions to Eris; the most recent bout of raising holy heck was in 2016, when Uranus came along.

That, by the way, was a moment of revelation for all of us about what it meant to be living under digital conditions. The seat of power in the United States of America shifted from the White House to a Twitter account. However, this was more of an inflammatory event than you're likely to see with Chiron in the aspect pattern. Both Uranus and Eris are rebellious, disruptive influences, and both are immune to following the rules.

Chiron is slower-paced, more thoughtful, and more focused on a purpose than is Uranus. It will bring up material in a more meaningful way. And a Chiron event can represent the seemingly sudden breakthrough of thought after a long delay or struggle. It can represent a moment of discovery or clarity. There may be moments when you have the feeling of waking up and knowing who you are in a way that you never have before.

## **There was Similar Astrology on the Earth in the 1970s**

If you're old enough to have lived through the early 1970s as a young adult, the feeling may be similar to what you experienced then — yet in an entirely new context.

The technology issue is significant here: Eris has largely represented the disruptive force of technology on our psyches, and on any possible sense of wholeness. It represents whatever has divided us within ourselves.

Chiron, on the contrary, represents the holistic principle. It is an integrative force that puts things back together, or makes contact with their underlying wholeness. In the process, it can reveal the cracks in the foundations and the sore spots and the places that need healing, so it can be inconvenient in that sense — though you'll be happy to make the discoveries that you make under Chiron's influence.

What you learn about yourself now and through the course of Chiron conjunct Eris will prepare you for what may be the ultimate relation of self — Chiron entering your sign in mid-2026, and soon after returning to its original discovery position. But we're somewhat ahead of ourselves here. There is plenty of territory to cross between now and then.

In summary — so far — the aspects that are developing in your chart are more about whole-making and integrating than they are about fraying, fragmenting or self-alienating. And in this realm of reconstitution of yourself, and reinventing your ideas about life, you have much help.

## **In a Moment: Saturn and Neptune into Aries**

Saturn and Neptune making a one-year transition from Pisces to Aries is a whole new influence that is dawning on your chart. It's the second of the twin conjunctions in Aries, which is your crucial "behind the scenes" house



where so much happens, and where so much of your self-concept is out of plain view.

But before we get there, I think it might be helpful to discuss Pluto's movement from Capricorn into Aquarius, from your 9th place (spiritual views; sense of belonging in the world) to your 10th, which is about your relationship to authority, self-authority and action.

It would make sense to include a discussion of just what Saturn and Neptune and Pisces might be describing for you, which involves your sense of your social status, particularly as the world moves out of the "covid era" and into this new phase described by events in Aries and Aquarius. I will try to keep the summaries of past events short, and refer you to The AWA for more detailed descriptions. The information included here describes how these angles of your solar chart work, and what purpose they serve.

Here is a very short key you can refer back to, to stay oriented for these few houses, for Taurus Sun or rising. Once you start to pick up on any houses, you start to get a sense of how they work generally. All signs and all houses affect everyone. I use the words "house" and "place" interchangeably. For you:

Capricorn = 9th place = your sense of your spiritual or religious orientation, personal philosophy and travel; and mother's hidden psychological legacy material.

Aquarius = 10th place = your relationship to authority; to family commitments; and to the actions that build your reputation, particularly professional.

Pisces = 11th place = your social existence, how you relate to your community, whether you feel respected and visible by others; and what you participate in.

Aries = 12th place = your hidden inner dimension, which we could describe as a facet of your true self that plays hide-and-seek; and the most relevant information about your sexuality.

Taurus = 1st place, your primary sense of being, your appearance, your personality and your point of orientation in the world and in your relationships.

## **Recapping Pluto in Capricorn: A Few Queries**

You have your fellow earth sign Capricorn in the 9th place. The 9th describes where and how you expand your mind and your horizons.

To have Capricorn here is somewhat austere; this is the sign of achievement, not of wide horizons. And as such, the need to focus your power is a likely underpinning of your spiritual views. You must be very careful about situational ethics that allow for self-serving double standards in the name of goodness.

Based on this one factor, you do not necessarily experience abundant possibilities, likely due to an influence via your mother's lineage. There is more of a tendency to religiosity than to spirituality; there is a stronger affinity to conformity of ideas than to breaking new ground with personal discoveries. The orthodox way is usually the right way — though those with a strong Taurus grounding who break free of this can find themselves in truly daring artistic ground.

Natal planets in Capricorn may modify this description, and there will be more information available if your rising sign is not Taurus (therefore providing you a second look at the 9th place).

For our purposes, Pluto in Capricorn (2008-2024) has rewritten some of your organic tendencies and allowed a little light to shine through the dense structure of Saturn-ruled Capricorn. However, there is also the possibility that you have traded one form of dogma for another: potentially crusty old expectations for new, modern rules of thought.

It's difficult for someone to assess for themselves whether they are open minded, but it's possible. So you must go on a hunt for double standards and work them out before they take over. One simple test is: How often do you find yourself truly dialoging (which means listening) with people you disagree with — or would you rather not talk to them?

Do you have strong views about issues you have not personally investigated, or do not have direct personal experience with? Do you assume people have certain perspectives based on what they say about unrelated issues? (i.e., if someone supports a particular political candidate they are inherently racist or sexist?)



When you travel, to what extent do you engage meaningfully with people who are local to the place you're visiting? How do you feel about "immigrants" and are there any in your family background?

Do you believe that religion should serve as a source of authority and keep people in control? Do you think that there are beliefs or ideas (not actions) which are threatening and must be outlawed?

If a person questions feminism, does that automatically make them a misogynist?

To what extent are you influenced or driven by guilt and resentment? What is the role of forgiveness in your life?

Are you still influenced by your mother's religious views, religiosity or antiquated code of moral conduct, which are likely to place a ban on having too much fun?

Pluto in Capricorn has dredged up these issues a good few times. You may have experienced being renewed and refreshed, like turning the ground over in the spring before planting. Or you may have been driven deeper into dogmatic viewpoints. If your views are not currently sanctioned by society, you will need to do some work sorting that out.

It's going to take a long time to unravel what happened to our culture and to each of us as individuals during Pluto in Capricorn. A good place to start is an honest assessment. Answers to each of the queries above would include specific examples.

Fortunately during much of this time, you've had Uranus moving through your sign, which has likely spurred you into some rebellious thought forms and experiments. The question is, how long did they last? What did you learn from them and what did you do with that feedback and information?

## **Pluto Takes over Aquarius: Introduction**

Pluto taking up residence in Aquarius is going to shake up the social order in some way for everyone, and for our whole society in many ways.

Society has become transformed by being uploaded to the digital realm. We are now under full digital conditions, which are rapidly becoming total AI/deep fake conditions. We now expect algorithms and apps to do our thinking

for us. This is a change so profound that few can see it for what it is. In hindsight it will be nauseating.

The two most obvious places to search the astrology for this transformation are Aries, the influence on self, and Aquarius, the influence on groups and networks.

For you, Aquarius is in the 10th place, the top of your chart and the symbolic midheaven. For most people this house represents their relationship to authority. This all starts with family, which is the "miniature state." And that conditioning and expectation transfers into the 10th house of the corporation, the state, state authority and what one does with their personal authority.

We are under caution to beware of the antisocial effects of Pluto in Aquarius. Indeed there is nothing social about it; it represents the power of groups over individuals, and the inoculation that some people have to stand up to such pressure.

Aquarius (wherever it lands in the chart) has a strong tendency to social authority rather than corporate or governmental authority. Yet it's expressing itself through the house that rules not only official sanctioned power but also the authority of the family and its various social rules and peer pressures.

This has presented a tight mesh for you to work yourself free from as you have moved through life. It's difficult to see past the boundaries of your childhood household and relationships, and difficult to grow out of them. In short, you may feel like there is some secret committee governing your life, from which you must get approval before doing anything from eating a pastry to changing careers to going on vacation.

## **Uranus has Taught You To Be Rebellious**

Fortunately, Uranus (which has a strong affinity for Aquarius) moving through Taurus the past seven years has been instigating within you a bit of a rebellious spirit. And at its best, it's stoked the need for a "live and let live" attitude, and the drive to break free. There is always rebellion involved in exercising one's freedom; this is preferable to being stubborn or contrarian.

Your freedom is the same as everyone else's — unless you have somehow got yourself enmeshed in an elitist attitude or double standard. And that usually arrives as some form of "I am free and you are not." Elitism is also

described by wanting to have a public profile (for example as an “influencer”) but not wanting people to be able to reach you easily.

Pluto will be shaking up the social order in radical ways. This is going to create possibilities for you. While it’s doing so, you’ll also have a greater sense of your own power, and be put in situations where you will have to confront the results of expressing your power and making decisions that affect others.

What is your approach to such situations? What is your style? What are you doing to reduce the chances of making errors that negatively affect or impact the lives of others? Do you take care of your in-group and leave others just outside of it to fend for themselves? We toss around the word “inclusiveness,” but this is a chilly, legalistic way of saying “making warm and welcome.”

## **What Do You Do With Your Power?**

Under Pluto 10th conditions, you will have more power and more influence. Though it may not seem like it at the time, this will come with greater potential for consequences. If you plan to use your power, I would remind you of the **threefold law**.

There will be occasions when the effects of your decisions cannot be reversed, and when the damage you may do cannot be easily corrected. There will be times when you don’t even notice; the effects of Pluto can be invisible to normal perception.

As this transit takes hold, I suggest you study the effects of each decision you make related to family or any group matter, including professional. You must do a kind of feasibility study and impact review before making major life decisions that influence your partner(s), your children and your family generally — as the 10th is first and foremost about family authority.

The most important pitfall of Pluto in the 10th can be the *will to power*. The problem with this emotion or drive is that it feels like “the thing to do.” The matter of ethics does not intervene. There is no question about the effect of the power that’s wielded. It’s good for its own sake.

No matter how humane of a person you are, it’s vitally important that you be cautious of this influence. Power is subtle, it’s not always called by name, and it’s often blind to its own influences and effects. And because people

tend to feel good about being in power, the usual warning systems are not available.

## **Pisces: Your Personal Society**

In the Taurus chart, Pisces aligns with the 11th place: your social existence, how you relate to your community, whether you feel respected by and visible to others; and what you participate in. Pisces is a comfort zone. It is not necessarily an energy field that supports truth, unless planetary patterns show that potential.

You prefer to be part of a warm, open world where everyone is welcome. Your Saturn-ruled signs on the 9th (Capricorn) and 10th (Aquarius) can cast you as somewhat austere (ungenerous) when you really want to live in a community where abundance is a facet of life. However, to make this work for you and others calls for a dedication to honesty.

I once stayed at a camp at Burning Man where there was a highly structured social organization around food, food preparation and taking care of the kitchen. Everyone picked up on this and was diligent about it. This allowed a policy for our camp where anyone could come in off of the playa and eat for free. So it's an example of discipline and structure creating a state of abundance.

But remember that the generosity element was optional — there can be loads of abundance and no generosity, which is the usual state of our world. The benefits are usually reserved for the in-group, rather than for seeming outsiders. For you, the location of Pisces emphasizes abundance and also your need for generosity and sharing.

In the case of the Burning Man camp, the commitment *to the community by members of the community* had to come first, though underneath that was a commitment to sharing and making sure nobody went hungry. This is not as radical as it seems. The question remains, how do we have a humane society? What are you doing to help this? Organizational efforts (donating to charity, supporting candidates) are not enough.

The question is what you do personally — under the maxim “No risks mean no rewards,” or “nothing attempted, nothing gained.” Action means taking personal risk, not delegating that to someone else. Any time you feel inclined to delegate part of your life to an online service, that's the moment to pause and claim back that element of your humanity.

## **Neptune in Pisces 2011-2025/6**

You've had Neptune running through Pisces for the past 14 years. This has had a diversity of effects, and devotion to truth may not have been one of them. Neptune is an influence that stokes idealism, though often at the expense of observed reality.

Another effect of a Neptune transit may have been the feeling of invisibility or social isolation. It's difficult to tell how Neptune will manifest for anyone, though a sense of distance or being a little removed from others is one fairly typical result. However, in hindsight, it often turns out that was a feeling more than a reality. Again, we have a similar distortion effect.

That said, there have been all kinds of socially isolating developments during the time of Neptune in Pisces (which begins around the time of the Occupy Wall Street movement). Since then we've seen the imposition of social norms, rules and laws that were imposed related to basic human functions such as breathing. There are many among us who owe some of their friends and relatives apologies for what we said or did to them. A simple phone call should clear up the matter.

In March 2023, Saturn entered Pisces, which officially began the "post covid" era for you and for the world. Saturn has worked like a lens or filter as it relates to Neptune. It's helped set boundaries where there were none. It has helped us see things more clearly, after being blurred so long by such an outrageously powerful but difficult to discern transit like Neptune in Pisces.

Saturn has presented you with some excellent opportunities to clear things up in your social world; it will be there for a little while longer (into the spring) and then there is an approximately nine month transition into Aries. Neptune does the same thing; Saturn and Neptune are traveling together for a while.

And their movements will have increasing personal implications for you as they enter Aries in 2025 and gradually line up in a conjunction that is exact one time in 2026. It's through this process you're likely to see what you were missing, and want to do something about it.

## **Aries: Your Inner Life, Joined by Saturn and Neptune**

When large, influential planets change signs, the whole world is affected — and many people experience the change directly. It's especially noticeable at the beginning, and when there are major aspects — and both are true now.

Aries represents your inner core identity and your inner life, and Saturn and Neptune are about to arrive here, nearly simultaneously.

The concept of an inner life has gone missing from our society. It still exists for people; it still exists in advertising; though it's largely gone as an idea that has any genuine life in the collective. Instead, we get false tribes of people who actually have nothing in common and who do not know one another.

If Aries (wherever it lands) represents one's sense of being, and you have it in the mysterious, nonphysical 12th house where things get lost. That's a way of saying that you may have a tendency to be disassembled (meaning out of body and out of mind) — especially under digital conditions.

I know this sounds like a ridiculous notion for Taurus and it may not affect your exercise or diet regimes. It's more about how you think of yourself, relate to yourself and experience your mind on the physical plane. Are you connected from your source of motivation through to your capacity to direct your life? How much do you rely on denial as a tool for getting through the week?

This set of factors is the very thing that is reversing under the influence of the two conjunctions in Aries, Chiron + Eris and Saturn + Neptune. Chiron-Eris represents a somewhat shocking awakening to who you are. Then the addition of Saturn-Neptune provides what feels like the ability to shape and sculpt your sense of your own being.

The presence of Saturn and Neptune dancing around the Aries Point has not happened since 1 BC. So for our purposes, that translates to unprecedented; it's never happened before; it's an actual, totally new thing in human experience.

You may have encountered my analyses of how the digital realm opens up the individual connection to the public, and how experiencing the digital realm drives people out of their inner awareness. While it's doing this, much chaos and destabilization in society is created. Much of what we're

experiencing in this realm of life can be seen by studying events in Aries. And now we're about to have a whole lot more of those. And they will affect you more than most people in ways both subtle and overt — though much of your experience will be internal and difficult to describe.

Indeed, things tend to go missing in the 12th house, and the interior reality described for you by the 12th has also been gradually depleted in nearly anyone. However, Chiron in combination with Eris is pushing awakening. And Saturn combined with Neptune is describing a cosmic assignment of consciously reshaping yourself.

My keyword for Saturn-Neptune combinations is synthesis. This is the forging and fabricating of new compounds from existing ingredients. The implication is that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Yet due to the 12th house factor, it will be possible to nod off and go unconscious. Denial is so thick in our times that one could even sleep through Chiron-Eris. But that would be like sleeping through your life — an option that many choose.

There are factors that will help keep you awake. The 12th is sometimes described as the dustbin of the zodiac, which is an extension of the "things go missing" principle. That which disappears includes ancestral history and many long-forgotten matters. You can expect some of these to surface, along with at least one other topic that rarely ever finds its way into authentic discussion.

## **The Pleasures of the Bed — The Necessities of Growth**

Let's conclude our discussion of the 12th place with a topic from Vedic astrology, where the 12th represents the "pleasures of the bed." My source on this uncommon knowledge is the late [Kalli Halvorson](#), who was trained in Jyotish by James Braha.

Before we go there, though, I want to state my theory of sexuality and spiritual growth (and personality development). While this approach has a time-honored basis, it's no longer well known, due to the suppression of any discussion of sexuality other than moral or political.

I am taking the Tantric view that sexuality is part of the core essence of spiritual development. And if not spiritual, basic maturity. Understanding one's sexuality is an essential element of self-knowledge, and blocking sexual awareness also blocks maturity, curiosity and connection to one's body and sense of being.



There are so many strictures on sexual speech, thought, behavior and imagery (other than what is called "porno") that we have no idea what society would be like if we could actually breathe a little, and experience pleasure.

In the broader sense, the 12th is about the "subconscious" nature, and the destination of what is denied or eschewed — personally or by society. Can anything really be subconscious? This is more of a game of make-believe, or worse, of stuffing below the surface of awareness, where it will usually wreak havoc. The 12th can surface through dreams and dreamtime journeys, meditation, consciousness-altering substances, and that rarified altered state known as a sexual experience.

It is easy to adopt a code of conduct for the sake of appearances, and then deny that anything else exists as a potential. Therefore it makes sense that one's true sexual nature would drain into the 12th place, especially in a world where it seems pretty much universal that the entire matter of sexuality is denied and/or avoided.

Often this is under moral pretext, or the notion that sex is "unspiritual," inherently base or a waste of energy. I wonder how the very thing that creates life can be construed to contradict it; how the most creative experience can be said to waste energy or to deny or skew artistic ability. But plenty of people believe it.

The world has become extremely harsh around topics of sexual thought, speech, feelings, desire and action. We are close to the point where any heterosexual conduct that's not designed to fertilize an egg is considered potentially criminal behavior. This comports well with sexuality being constrained, confined and imprisoned — another topic of the 12th.

Yet one result of this condition is that the 12th has never contained a more lavish array of sexual ideas and possibilities. And with the two conjunctions, and the ingress of Saturn and Neptune, your 12th is about to be flushed out.

It's of vital importance that your solar or Taurus ascendant-based 12th house is Aries, the sign of desire, initiative and one's claim on existence. As major planetary events develop here, you will be compelled to confront the theme of what you really want, having nothing to do with allegedly moral codes. Remember, you have Capricorn on the 9th house, and nearly all of what passes for religion is rooted in an anti-sex moralistic propaganda campaign — especially the Abrahamic religions. (Eastern religions all contain the secret back room known in the west as Tantra.)

As the astrology of 2025 and 2026 develops, you will feel the continuing illumination and revelation of all such matters. This has been brewing a while and reached a peak with the Chiron total solar eclipse of last April (around the time of your birthday).

All forms of sex that do not have some rooting in legalistic concepts, insurance claims, or the kinds of social drama that might be displayed at a parade are gradually being scrubbed from society. You might say well, what about porno? And I would say yes, it's become a vast subterranean sewer system for our collective sexual truth.

Who and what do you want? Who are you really? It's very likely you will find out — and so will everyone around you. Therefore, be gentle with yourself, and lean into your deeper truth. Honesty starts in your intimate relationships. Intimacy is introspection that we share. It must start with you before you can extend yourself outward.

## **Uranus Moves into Gemini**

As mentioned above, this year Uranus begins the process of leaving your sign and entering Gemini. It's during this next seven-year phase that you will understand what happened during the prior one. Really, it won't take that long: you will likely be able to see the effects over the next year or so.

You are not accustomed to changing quickly, or changing your mind quickly. Sometimes it seems impossible to change your mind at all. This is not necessarily an asset. Your drive to stability is at once your best friend and your most urgent problem.

I think this is a reaction against having Gemini, the sign of options and opposites, in your 2nd place. The 2nd is about values and priorities, including self-value and self-esteem. Gemini always presents options and is inherently dualistic. It will see everything at least two ways, and sees multiple possibilities.

I could devote a whole reading to just this one placement (I'll do much more in your Astrology Studio reading in the spring) but for now, be aware that this transit is going to spark your curiosity and your desire for experience.

It's going to speed up your mental process. You're likely to experience some reversals in long-held views you thought would never change, and it will seem obvious (to you, anyway) why you need to do this, or why it just

seemed to happen. You may not even understand the basis of your own decisions; in some situations, there will not be time to do an assessment.

At times, you will need to summon your famous Taurean recalcitrance as a superpower: the ability to pause and reflect. At least now it will be a conscious choice rather than an unconscious habit. Thought experiments will be helpful in establishing potential outcomes. You may have to get used to not caring what happens as much as you have all these years. Now would be a fine time to ask if all that caution and hesitation actually worked out as a productive way of life. You will definitely have options.



*Meeting area in the Planet Waves office, with dogs.*

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