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The Awakening for Gemini

Freedom To, Freedom From

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URANUS IS THE REVOLUTIONARY of the planets. There is nothing quite like it when it comes to shaking up the known order of collective or personal existence. And, amidst many other developments in 2025 and 2026, it's coming to you. It will transition out of Taurus — a seven-year transit that has not been especially easy or comfortable — and will take up the airwaves of Gemini in a bold way.

Fortunately, you know how to go with the flow. You have wings on your feet, and you know how to negotiate. You can withstand and even thrive on wild fluctuations in life. And you don't expect everything to make sense. That's good, because this transit will create its own logic, and seem like one long experiment of uncertain outcome.

There are several ways to read Uranus, the first planet discovered by astronomers using a telescope. None of them comport with the role of a death in Greek mythology as one who was overthrown. In naming their first planet, it seems astronomers got it wrong. Uranus, the planet, is almost always a liberating agent.

It also has a close resemblance to mythological Prometheus, who "stole fire from the gods and gave it to humans." This is the power of invention, technology and conscious thought. He was a champion of humanity, and the ultimate trickster. But he was condemned by Zeus for his disobedience and sentenced to eternal torture. The Greek myths are harsh that way, though there is caution here about the use of the Promethean powers that will come to you under this transit.

The bottom line of this transit is that you will be bestowed with a tremendous degree of personal freedom. This may follow from restlessness; it may follow from a jolt to your reality; you may suddenly commit to doing what you've always wanted to do; you may find yourself in entirely new circumstances.

Remember, there are two kinds of freedom, and they are very different: freedom to, and freedom from. Which do you want?

A Creative Approach is Necessary

The truth is, it's a lot of energy to process: to wield, to experience, and to have as an influence on your life. It calls for a creative approach to everything you do. The universe will be supplying the energy. You will need to supply the creative direction, the ideas, and grounding in your purpose.

Any form of energy or creative power can turn dark or toxic if it's not handled consciously. This is a big problem on our planet, along with many high-powered creative tools and not enough discipline or ideas to use them responsibly. You are going to need to keep a grip on your power under this long transit: your creative capacity, your impact on the people around you, and your drive for freedom are all going to increase rapidly, seemingly all at once. This is a lot of responsibility,

Speaking of grounding, that's the operative concept of this reading: maintaining your connection to the Earth, to yourself and to your community — whether that's in physical space or accessed through virtual space. The community piece is essential under the influence of Uranus, which often finds its correct application in group situations.

However, it's coming personally to you, and so a theme of your personal astrology that repeats both several places in your chart, and for the world, is how you connect with networks of people, and in collaboration with two or more people.

This transit keys in with two others bearing similar themes: Pluto's ingress into Aquarius, which will rearrange all the dynamics between groups and individuals; and significant activity on the Aries Point (particularly Saturn and Neptune arriving), which opens a portal between the individual and the collective.

For you, Gemini represents the individual: yourself. Twins are depicted, though these represent two different facets of your consciousness. Uranus is going to open the portal to many more people entering your life. Make sure you're ready for when this happens; for example, if you're a deeply solitary person, know that it's on its way.

Sedna is Involved, Jupiter Has Been a Warmup

In 2024, two planets entered your sign: regular visitor Jupiter (which arrives every 12 years) and ultra-slow-mover Sedna. Jupiter has been the warmup act for both the Sedna and the Uranus transits.

While there are a variety of interesting points moving slowly through Gemini right now — Mors-Somnus (dead or just asleep?), Admetos (going deep, as in a mine) and Altjira (access to the dreamtime, and connection to the ancestors by way of the land) among them, these are mostly working as background influences. Jupiter is a foreground influence and represents the idea of improvement and expansion. Its arrival in Gemini around the time of your last birthday has either given you a sense of optimism and possibility, or the strength to persevere through a difficult situation.

Jupiter will be in Gemini through June 9, and this is a strong wind you want to get at your back. More than anything, it's about seeing the possibilities and practicing choosing a direction to move in. Gemini does not inherently

focus the energy of any planet; rather, it distributes or disperses it. You are the one who must see the potential and bring your sense of direction.

This will also be true of Uranus, which arrives into your sphere shortly after Jupiter moves onto Cancer. Uranus is raw power and you must harness it in some productive and creative way.

The most important event has been the arrival of Sedna in 2023 and 2024. The slowest of the slow-movers, it will be in Gemini until 2067. You might wonder what to do with this; there are many complicated tales and legends about Sedna and few astrologers have direct experience with it.

To my ear, it's about the potential for tuning into your environment. Specifically, the mental environment, which these days is fully enmeshed with the digital environment. The gift of Sedna could be as basic as noticing that these environments exist, that you participate in them and that they create effects.

Usually everything I said in that last paragraph is overlooked or ignored, or at best noticed momentarily. Sedna's teaching is to be present for your environment, to notice your interplay with environmental factors, and to observe how effects usually proceed from the background to the foreground.

To tune into the environment is to lodge your awareness on the level of the cause rather than the effect. This always involves seeing or feeling what is ordinarily invisible or what drops below the line of liminality (conscious awareness).

Sedna's influence is to teach you where that line is, and then to find it wherever and whenever it occurs to you. Will this help you get a date on Saturday night, or a new job, or help you solve a problem? Definitely. I'm talking about a special kind of situational awareness that involves tuning into your senses and also your high-frequency responses that some would call psychic. But this is subtle. It presents you with an option you could easily miss.

The arrival of Uranus will not be so sublime. It will be obvious and potentially a bit jolting and definitely exhilarating. It's a restless transit, urging you to take action. And though it happens in July, until that time it will be creeping through the last degrees of your 12th house, where it will be trying to get your attention. The message here is know what you want, and know what you want to do, and be open to what may seem like random or wild possibilities that will inevitably surface.

At such times, your Sedna superpower of perceiving the invisible will be extremely helpful.

Pluto from Capricorn to Aquarius

While we're on the topic of the air signs, let's cover Pluto, which has now taken up residence in Aquarius until 2044. Its transit through Capricorn — your 8th place — lasted between 2008 and 2024. This was a complicated transit that took you out to the edge and back a few times.

You may have experienced established support structures crumbling or you may have liquidated them. The 8th is the house of "death and taxes" which also includes dowry — so that brings in the themes of the sex of the marital bed, civil death in marriage (of both partners) as well as the in-laws.

However, despite these legalistic themes, and the general sense of obligation inherent in Capricorn, we also have one of the houses associated with deep biological and emotional sexual connection. And Pluto's presence may have enhanced this, leading to some intense situations and feelings.

This has been dense territory. Your whole sense of commitment has likely been rearranged by this transit, including and especially commitments involving family, sex and finances. In many ways this transit has drawn your focus into your interchanges with other people, though over time you have learned how to keep your center and remember that without you, your relationships do not exist.

Now Pluto has made its way into Aquarius. This has been an unusually long process; usually outer planets change signs over the course of about nine months, with two ingresses involved. Pluto's ingress into Aquarius has stretched between March 2023 and November 2024, and alas, we have arrived.

Aquarius in your chart describes your spiritual nature, your vision for your life, and your sense of the wider world you live in. The 9th is associated with travel and culture. For most people, their experience of the 9th is religion, their formal education and some trips they may take. Your 9th house theme is moving through society; your experience of people; your social environment; your friendships; and the groups that you belong to for any purpose.

It's a distinctly non-religious 9th house, unless you count the social pressure aspects of religious communities, which often demand extreme conformity. Many kinds of social groups do, and they are all about to get upended by Pluto's transit through this region of space.

One theme of our times, and of Aquarius, is the nearly total overlay between the social and the technical. At first this was exciting; now we can see that society has been denatured of its human elements as the digital age has developed.

We do not yet know how serious a problem this is, though you may suspect it. You will certainly make many discoveries about the nature of the situation and what you want to do about it. The social realm is the equivalent of your personal religion. This is the underlying source of the human-centered nature of Gemini.

For many different reasons, we seem to be entering a phase of deep instability in the world. And due to the combination of Uranus in Gemini and Pluto in Aquarius, there will be many shocks to the human environment because it's so closely connected to the digital environment.

The only sane response to this problem (which many do not see) is to maintain human connection (which many people think they don't really care much about). You definitely care; you will be motivated by many factors to take action; and the thing to remember is that we are entering a time when collective needs must take precedence over individual needs. Yet for that to happen, people must be connected to themselves and their priorities, and know how to both take care of themselves and stay in alignment with the human experience. This is a tall order, but you are up to the task.

Saturn and Neptune, Out of Pisces, Into Aries

While Pluto has been moving through Capricorn, putting a very strong focus on your commitments and your relationships, Neptune has been transiting your 10th place Pisces. It's difficult enough focusing on goals with Pisces as your 10th house of action, reputation and authority. Pisces does not want to boss anyone around, and it's the antithesis of having focused and directed goals.

So it's been challenging having Neptune flood this territory since way back in 2011. Neptune can be associated with focus problems in the most driven of individuals. Be grateful that you were able to accomplish any of your goals during this time, to the extent that you had them.

Chiron's transit through Pisces between 2010 and 2019 provided you with a phase of increased ability to see beyond Neptune, make decisions and take action, though that's starting to seem like a long time ago. If you do some research into February 2010 (the Chiron-Neptune conjunction in Aquarius), you may find some ideas that are worth revisiting. I know — it was forever ago, but you might be prompted by that date and what you find in emails, social media posts, date books, diaries and photos.

Saturn entered Pisces in March of 2023, and that started to provide some of the focus you were missing under the influence of Neptune. Saturn provides a boundary, as well as motivation and discipline, and is the perfect antithesis to idealistic and often foggy Neptune. And even as Neptune changes signs into Aries, keep your focus on Saturn, which is now traveling in conjunction to Neptune and will be through mid-2026.

Neptune will be pushing from the background, telling you "you can be anyone you want" or maybe "you are who we tell you that you are." Saturn is like Popeye: "I yam what I yam." (There is also quite a bit of "I yamming" in Uranus entering your sign — you will be who you will be and there's nothing anyone can do about it. So you will need to adapt to the efforts people make to adapt to you; their responses will vary wildly and you will not be expecting many of them.)

The transition of Saturn and Neptune from Pisces to Aries will not be abrupt. It will gradually phase in, retreat several times, phase back in, and then come to full focus on Feb. 20, 2026. We could brainstorm the effects as they may be apparent now. I am writing this just before the presidential election, on Halloween. We may see the first wave of Saturn-Neptune effects in the aftermath of the "election results" being revealed, including in the potential that they may be sold to the public as uncertain.

Saturn and Neptune will be dancing around the Aries Point. This is the public-private intersection. You have this right at the gateway to your 11th place, where you personally meet the world, so this is going to have a very strong effect. It's going to be good if you make your living through any form of a public life, no matter how modest. Part of the goodness will be visibility. Part of the goodness will be tapping into the zeitgeist.

Pretty much every major event says the same thing as it lands in your solar chart; Pluto in Aquarius describes something similar as the Aries Point lit up in your (Aquarian) 11th place which describes something similar to Uranus (which resembles Aquarius) landing in your ascendant or Sun sign.

There is most definitely a theme developing. And that theme is your relationship to groups, which translates to your influence over them. I think you'll be doing most of the influencing rather than watching 100 videos trying to decide what shoes go best with your new outfit.

Chiron and Eris in Aries

One developing aspect that is sure to get an effect is Chiron conjunct Eris. We did not know about this cycle because Eris was only put into play in 2005 (named summer 2006). But once you have the planet, you can study the cycle, and this one is about upheaval, including of both national and individual identity. Here is what you will benefit from being careful about: defining who you are by what makes you angry. This is the essence of identity politics for which the Chiron-Eris conjunction is so famous.

In disembodied times, anger and attack are cheap methods of self-actualization. They are about people trying to resolve their confusion about who they are. This helps explain why there is so much rage on the internet — lacking bodies, people are confused about who and what they are; there is always something to get pissed off about; and raging and attacking make you feel like you belong somewhere or understand who you are.

This may feel good, but it's diversionary. I'm not saying that there isn't plenty to be angry about, but anger does not actually accomplish anything. In our times it's more like a social game.

I have written more about this in *The AWA*, though the upshot is: we last experienced this conjunction in 1971; and prior to that was in 1916; and prior to that was in 1864 (these are close approximate dates). They all have a few things in common: big wars being fought, profound impact on many people, and a massive identity crisis. They all come with developments in technology that were driving all of society: telegraph in the case of the Civil War; electricity and telephone in the case of World War I; obsession with television in the case of the Vietnam war and its associated protests (which also drove the 1960s).

We are most familiar with the events of the early 1970s, where there were major experiments in identity, identity politics, therapy, self-actualization, intentional community and many forms of activism (from Women's Lib to Gay Liberation to Earth Day to the student moment to anti-Vietnam protests). The effect of something was unmissable — but we did not know what that something was. Indeed the early 1970s was so distinct I am surprised that someone did not say "there must be a conjunction to some

unknown planet going on,” though at the time both Chiron AND Eris were undiscovered.

Now we know what that something is, and it’s back, now manifesting under digital conditions. It’s fair to say that you’re set up to have the next phase of your identity development play out in an open forum (this is how we live under digital conditions, though for you it’s especially vivid due to where Aries is in your chart — the wide-open 11th place).

However, you’re likely to experience a powerful pulling competition between public and private. You cannot really escape the public; I suggest you emphasize what is internal, personal, individual and about you. If you participate boldly in your own life and self-evolution, your participation in the public realm will be much more fun and productive.

But please remember: if your motivation is about rage and dissatisfaction, you will not have a creative or self-creative experience. If you’re feeling angry much or all of the time, you’re in the disembodied trap of the digital environment. You will know you’re back in your body and back in reality because you feel better and want more out of life.

Career: The Nessus Factor

Your house associated with your professional affairs and reputation is Pisces, for Gemini, the 10th place. I mentioned above that it has not been easy for you to get a handle on what direction you want to take your professional life. You may have had some clues and started to tidy up the edges after Saturn entered Pisces early last year.

It can take some time for the fog to clear from Neptune transits. Part of this involves lacking a clear picture of how you are perceived by others. It’s possible that you’ve spent a good bit of time feeling invisible; I assure you, that is not true, but you might feel that way.

Yet there is an important clue about what might be holding you back from your greatest success. This is described by a centaur planet called Nessus (similar to Chiron; longer orbit). As a centaur, the core purpose of Nessus is healing. It may not seem that way; his myth is laced with themes of betrayal and deception.

But Nessus may stand for a fear that you’re experiencing, which amounts to anxiety about your own influence. This may feel like concern about what comes back to you if you exercise your power, creativity or drive for

success. You may fear being known about publicly, which will limit your ability to build a reputation you can then live on.

All of this is going on in a hazy, almost subconscious place in your thoughts. But I suggest you scan your mind and your emotions for your concerns about "what happens if I am well known?" and even, "Do I deserve to have a good reputation?"

The problem is not with who you actually are; this is about fear, probably installed into you by someone; it may be the lingering effects of some kind of traumatic gossip event; and the "fear of being known" keeps a lot of people from letting their light shine.

The antidote for this is to take a high level of responsibility for your reputation. Take control. Yes, there are certain things outside of your direct influence, but you have a lot of power over how you are perceived. One possible solution is to not care, and that may work brilliantly. However, nearly all of us are sitting in the middle of our own publicity machine and the most ordinary people can have concerns over their "public image."

So this is someone that nearly everyone has to confront at some time. As Saturn and Neptune depart, you will be left with one key influence in your 10th place, which will be Nessus. And it will be there with you any time you express yourself in the 10th — whether you're updating your CV or LinkedIn page, applying for a job, planning your way to a new career, or in any way making your intentions known. Your subtle thoughts will influence your relationship with success.

You can afford to push a little harder than you think without fear of backlash or reprisal. And remember, we live in the digital age, where gossip is a way of life. May that never stop you from attaining the success you want.

Long ago, Len Wallick wrote this in a Gemini horoscope:

"Pay attention to what reflections are passing through your mind, no matter how idle they may seem. Take pains to note details about people passing through your life, in spite of how insignificant your interactions with them might be. Yours is an exceptional perspective right now. Though it may sometimes seem as if the world has passed you by, nothing could be further from the truth. While you may sometimes feel isolated, your lot may in fact represent an enhanced connection with ways of knowing that have long been neglected by our kind. Even if your mind tells you that you are falling

behind, your heart knows the ways in which you are, in fact, far ahead in connecting dots and adding things up.”

From the Pisces Reading: Focus on Nessus

Nessus has a lot to say about consequences, which can translate to fear of consequences, justified or not, and this can translate to a kind of paranoia. Yet this awareness is not here to vex you (though it might). It’s here to guide you, and to instruct you in the handling of fears that today in the age of the panopticon — the all seeing eye — are more or less universal.

The house involved is your 10th, which is about taking action, wielding power, and dealing with authority in its many forms. Power begins with who your parents were, how they treated you and how you responded to them.

All centaurs have modes of action that can be traced to the healing crisis and healing process of Chiron, which at its best is about concentrating power around places of injury or mishap.

At worst, there is the experience of repeated injury. So the centaurs will either spiral up (healing and development of ability) or spiral down (one event worse than the next, with little taken in the way of a lesson).

Chiron has been through Pisces in recent years, and it taught you a lot. But you need to remember. These years were approximately 2011 through 2019. This is likely to have been an usual time in whatever you consider your professional life to be.

So if you feel like Nessus is getting the better of you, if you are feeling paralyzed to take action because you’re afraid of the consequences, come back to the basic principles of Chiron: healing to become a healer; the need to stand out; one-to-one teaching (mentorship); the bridging of different subjects or areas of life; and focus on growth and service.

Chiron is a bridge that connects Saturn (the reality principle) and Uranus (the flash of insight; disruption). Nessus is a bridge that connects Saturn (the reality principle) and Neptune (imagination, fantasy, denial).

For the next two years, much that you experience will be under the influence of a conjunction of Saturn and Neptune — and Nessus is therefore the perfect utility to keep in your pocket.

One other thought about Nessus. One factor that all centaurs have in common is the ability to connect with some part of yourself that has been cast off. Nessus has dark themes, which are being stoked by society right now. These include betrayal and gender rage. Yet the purpose they serve is to heal from the issues they describe, and to find a better way. Centaurs describe an ability to see in spiritual darkness, and to claim abilities that may have been left behind in turbulent times when you may have been less conscious than you are today. So remember this in all of your interactions that in any way involved reputation and authority.

Your key to unfolding this potential is insisting on honesty at all times from yourself and others, and letting ones tendency to be honest serve as a mark of their connection to their humanity.

Mars Retrograde in Cancer and Leo

Toward the beginning of the year, you have an opportunity to straighten out some financial matters, and make a new business plan. The first question, before I get into a couple of details is, what are you selling or what service are you offering?

Why exactly is this product or service valuable to someone else — not just in your mind? Think: Pizzeria. You must be clear about the value of what you're doing. Not the abstract snowflake "you're someone special" value, but the actual benefit.

Starting Dec. 6, Mars stationed retrograde in Leo, and moves back into Cancer on Jan 6. It's been lingering around your solar 2nd house since early September. This has probably stirred the pot on some ideas and concerns. I know astrology is about the future, though I frequently send people to retrieve information from the past. So what were you thinking about between Sept. 4 and Nov. 4?

As a point of background, one fact of your financial situation is that it's cyclical. I know that all economics are, however your personal accounts seem to ebb and flood regularly; if you're older you may have figured out how to ride with the tide. The key is planning for the times when cash flow is slow, and during those times, plotting and scheming for when it's better.

However, Mars retrograde is one of those moments of deep renovation, reconciliation of the books, moving old financial files to storage, checking your P+L statements, and generally tidying up. Also, look at your data and see if you can spot the cycles. See whether they are consistent even through different stages of your career or business life. This will help you figure out what they are about, and also give you some opportunities to plan.

Some issues may have come to a head in early November. You will likely reach a partial resolution to the matter in early January, and tie the whole thing in a bow by April. That may seem like a long time, but it's pretty soon. Stay ahead of the matter; give yourself options and a path of retreat in case you decide you need it. You may not, but you will feel better having an exit plan in place. Analyze and game out the plan so that you've worked out the bugs.

On all matters of money, make sure you know the value of what you spend, and what your outside limit is. This is not the time to make new investments; Mars retrograde in your 2nd place is more about paying down debt incrementally, or saving. Make sure that what you spend is worth something real to you.

Then, when Mars is all done being retrograde and makes one last opposition to Pluto, it will be in Leo — your house of mercantile activities. This final act of Mars retrograde is in April. Pretty please, spend this winter figuring out something to sell, something that is beautiful and useful. Work out the details and make yourself into a great success, in your own distinctive way.

Joint Financial Ventures: Time for Review

With Pluto having made its final exit from Capricorn, it's also time to review joint financial ventures. Capricorn is your 8th place, which is the portal to shared resources. This usually involves intimate partners.

Capricorn 8th is one of the deep defining features of Gemini. It describes your native-born tendency to seek structured financial arrangements with others. There is a risk in this placement of marriage for business purposes, and for intricacies of arrangements with the in-laws.

It's great for business; you know how to relate to banks and buy property and manage finances generally. (Whether you do this consistently for yourself falls under the cyclical nature of Cancer 2nd). In any financial arrangement, you're the right one to be the accounts person, and at least you must keep an eye on the books.

Pluto has just made its way through Capricorn, which takes us back to early 2008. One thing I'm curious about is how you managed to weather the financial uncertainty of that year. Did you manage to turn events to your advantage? Anyway, that was the start of this transit, and it's been a wild ride for society. Pluto in Capricorn came in with a financial crisis (boon, to some) and it went out with one, with developments of the last four years being precipitated by the 2019 repo market crash.

So I imagine you've had a few ups and downs, though Pluto has a way of teaching mastery. Without knowing you, I would sum up the lesson of this journey as: how to keep your power and how to claim it back if you gave it away or sold it too cheaply. There were several peaks of activity: '08, '11-'12, '19 and then a series of corrections or enforced changes through the lockdown era. You may well have figured out how to leverage each of them to your advantage. And this taught you how to work with medium- to long-range planning and taking defined steps toward a solution.

The important thing to remember is "that was then, this is now." You have undergone a series of major financial partnership restructurings, which likely included facets of your relationship with government, and very likely at least one former partner. If you are married, remember you're in a whole new era with new rules. Your personal audit (aforementioned, Mars retrograde in Cancer), will set some of the parameters there.

If your new arrangement is not codified in writing, I suggest you do so. It can be as simple as a letter of agreement; this is a new era and you need a new financial policy. I am sure after what you've been through, having clear arrangements stands out as a spiritually clear way of life.

There is the potential for you to take financial responsibility for some group, collective or community. This may be an organization that you found yourself, or it may be one that recruits you. Pluto is coming out of Capricorn with money on its mind, and then it enters your 9th house of **spiritual affinity as a form of community**. This too is another defining feature of Gemini. And it's getting fully activated by Pluto, which (from those who remember the dusty old books) has an affinity "for the millions," meaning many people.

If you are in a position of fiduciary responsibility, you must take that seriously. That means being impeccably honest and reliable (both). This will need to be one of the most structured elements of your life, and I suggest you ensure that there is adequate oversight — but that you are the boss.

Pay attention in January through April for ideas that could lead to the expansion of an existing project, and if you come up with some, test them out and develop incrementally — not all at once. The quality of the energy is easygoing trial, error, success.

Venus Retrograde, March 1-April 12

Venus rules your mysterious 12th place (Taurus) and your 5th (Libra). Understanding this is to have one of the most useful astrological keys. For you, Venus connects the affairs of those two houses, which may actually be affairs. Both relate to sexual material, of the most delectable kind, and then there is the creation of sexual karma as well.

Nobody talks about this issue except for the “cord cutting” people who say you’re connected to anyone you fuck for seven years. I don’t know about time durations, but I do know that sex almost always multiplies people’s issues.

Taurus, your 12th place, can contain any of your personal material and also the accumulated flotsam and jetsam of your ancestors. This is often passed down the generations with little more than a costume change. It’s like repertory theater — the same people in different roles and seemingly different plays, most of them in some way relatable to an ancestor.

The presence of Uranus in this house has been stirring the pot considerably, which goes back to 2018. It’s about to enter your sign with a burst of energy, some of which will be purely sexual, with no relationship to morality or custom or anything. That might be just the thing you need.

But as referenced above, your 12th place, Taurus, contains the dreamiest and most interesting and alluring scenarios and experiences (and will bring some of this quality into Gemini, where it will be accessible and easier to spot). I think it’s important to work this territory rather than to leave the material between the couch cushions or in the secret room behind the bookshelf. There may be effects or consequences, and as they emerge you work them out — or you bring up material you were not expecting to see. The essence of 12th house work is “bring it to the light.”

Venus Also Rules Libra, Your 5th: The Art Studio

Libra, your 5th place, is for more worldly sexual adventures (such as on the art studio couch). There is less antique drama here, and it's not defined by an astral or clairvoyant quality; it's more about being in the moment, right on Earth.

However, the 5th has an undertow and you have to be careful. Right now I think the most important element transiting Libra for you is Logos. This is a slow-mover with a 307-year orbit, so it's deep and meaningful and here to help modify your approach to your 5th house activities.

Logos says: talk about it, whatever it is. Get it out in the open, in language. This is not about contractual language (that is the 8th) but rather descriptive. This is about finding your way to the rational order and agreed-upon reality. The 12th has the opposite property; it defies all reason. Being able to tap into both is helpful. This is about tapping into something deeper that always exists and has existed; a kind of universal truth. Guide your intimate discussions to the consideration of this possibility; it will be fun and meaningful, as well as reassuring.

Now as for the retrograde, it starts in Aries in March and works its way back to Pisces in April. Venus is retrograde the least of all the planets, only about 8% of the time.

The retrograde makes a lot of repeated conjunctions — including to Saturn and Neptune. So it's part of the transition of Saturn and Neptune into Aries, though this is its own mini-season of your life with its own special meaning. I think it's possible (despite the erotic material I've been describing) that this set of developments will come with significant shifts in your career, which is likely to mean opportunities.

However, it's important that, if vaguely possible, you not make firm commitments or sign contracts until the retrograde is over, and potentially until Venus is clear of Pisces in Late April.

Realizing that may not be possible, at a minimum do what you can to schedule yourself so that you do not have to sign anything until April 24. There are always exceptions to this, though the thing you don't want is someone rushing you or putting you under pressure to make a commitment before you're ready.

What I have found time and again is that where these inner planet retrogrades are concerned, the real opportunities will still be there when the retrograde is over. The inappropriate or mediocre ones will tend to fall apart.

You can see this as a purpose of the retrograde — to weed out the less than optimal opportunities. Be grateful this happens sooner rather than later.

A Reminder About the Big World

Gemini is the sign associated with the local world: the household, the neighborhood, the villa and the village. Opposite Gemini is Sagittarius, the sign of the big world and the greater universe. In Esoteric Astrology, Sagittarius is ruled by the Earth.

Yet this sign is also the home of the core of our galaxy and beyond that, the gravitational funnel that binds together the nearest 100,000 or so galaxies in our little part of the woods. So while in one sense you live in the local world, in another you spend your life facing the greater world, and all the cosmic possibilities.

This can at times be overwhelming, though your point of grounding is to live in a smaller space of consciousness. Yet under the influence of Uranus in Gemini, you're going to want to exist in a greater space, with greater potential. This may manifest as a profoundly urgent need.

Fortunately, you have space to maneuver. And you may find it fairly close to home — for example, in the form of a deep rethinking of your personal values, and being much bolder about your social activities.

But really, you're unlikely to start there. The 'values' element is just a constant reminder to be true to your values whether you're relating to an individual, a group of any kind, or an organization. Values mean knowing what is truly important to you. Values are what you organize your priorities around. Amidst many other changes, this is the place to drop your anchor, and the counterpoint around which you will be able to maintain your sanity and find some peace and happiness.

But you have to know, and to know you have to ask: what matters? And in the choice between freedom to and freedom from, there will be instances where you want both. It helps considerably to know the difference.

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