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The Awakening for Virgo **Of Sovereignty and Self-Discovery**

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AN IMPORTANT PHASE OF YOUR LIFE IS ENDING: Amidst many other developments, Saturn and Neptune are leaving your primary zone of relationships, your opposite sign Pisces. They are entering Aries, another crucial sign in your relationship zone, which represents the financial and sexual consummation of your collaborations.

It's also the place where you tend to either lose yourself in a relationship, or find yourself. It is fair to say you will be doing a fair amount of one or the other for a while — but that ultimately, discovering yourself in your entirety is inevitable. So you might want to start with this as your concept.

Meanwhile, two vividly influential planets form a conjunction in Aries: Chiron and Eris. This will stir up your need for independence like nothing has before, unless you lived through the early 1970s. By independence, I mean the full awakening to who you are and what you want despite any relationship situation or contractual obligation that you may be invested in. What you know about yourself is one thing; what you might do about it is another.

There is a distinct tension that is fundamental to your life in recent years, which I will do my best to describe, without knowing you or what you've experienced. Astrology provides a metaphor and you will get to determine whether it's relevant and what it stands for.

Put simply, that tension is between needing or wanting to be in a relationship, and needing or wanting a measure of independence within that relationship. I will develop that theme extensively below; forgive me if I seem to elaborate too much — it's a delicate topic and I want to make sure I've covered at least the basics and some of the nuances.

Tension Between the Digital and the Physical

There is another tension in your intimate relationships that is worth considering, given the nature of the times: the polarity between the real you and the "digital you" in relating to others. The real you has been transformed by the digital environment. When we beam back into the physical world, we are taking more and more of the digital world (and its expectations) with us — and those do not work very well in the physical.

The digital is a space of extreme polarities, opinions taken as fact, and whole bandwidths of seeming existence where others do not matter very much. Digital is also generating a LOT of anger, which is a result of being pushed out of body.

By this, I mean that the various tethers between consciousness and body are being badly messed with by digital. This creates a situation where you (and everyone else) feels like you need to find out who you are. Be aware of this. The cheap and ineffective way to "try to find out" is to go on the attack. This is a kind of self-actualization impulse that does not do anything constructive or positive. All it does is drive people apart.

I'm not suggesting you want to do this, but it's a quality of the environment, like salt is a factor near the ocean. So you need a better way, and that better way is to relate to people in a loving and grounded way.

In one of my experiences of finding a brilliant fortune cookie, I cracked it open and read, "Be resolutely who you are. Be humbly who you aspire to be."

Ok, with those things said, let's go back in time, and trace a certain process in your relationships from around 2011 to the present. This may be revealing of what you experienced during that time, which leads right up to the present moment.

Neptune and then Saturn in Pisces

Neptune is the planet of dreams and creativity, and of both spirituality and delusions. When it's involved in your relationship zone — for you, Pisces, your 7th place — the result can be a feeling of isolation. What I have found, though, is that this is often an illusion, by which I mean the feeling is not representative of one's true reality. But it's convincing, and it has an emotional and psychological effect.

At best, relationship conditions can be confusing and at worst, you may be infiltrated or deceived in some significant way. Neptune in the 7th can also indicate the presence of people who are mentally unstable (which will depend on other aspects and tendencies, though that potential rises as a probability).

Then, complicating matters, you may decide in retrospect that you should have known all along. This is typical of a Neptune experience. Yet what is potentially as concerning is looking back over a time when you felt lonely and isolated and realizing that there were people around you and you were actually in good company. So what exactly was the issue?

There are a few possibilities. Neptune in Pisces has arrived at the very peak of digital conditions taking over and has rearranged us down to our brain cells and nervous systems. Digital conditions are isolating for anyone who grew up in the actual world of birds, bees, trees and "hey, you're friendly; let's go out for a beer."

There is currently a thick haze over every social environment, and every social encounter; the sky has gone from clear and sunny to weird and cloudy after those airplanes flew in a crisscross pattern all morning and sprayed that garbage on us. While we do get to have more fun with digital tools and toys, the fog is still thick and it distorts who we are to one another.

However, without digital technology involved in any way, a powerful Neptune transit can put you in a world apart, which seems to be real even if you're right there with others. It's a kind of psychic effect (which should be noted if it exists in the natal chart or the relocated natal chart).

This kind of astrology can represent blurred or ineffective boundaries, poor communication and people who misrepresent themselves. And it can come with a tendency to idealize or even idolize people in ways that are not warranted by reality.

OK, hold that thought. Let's consider the more recent arrival of Saturn.

After the Lockdowns, Saturn Shows Up in Pisces

We are not living through any ordinary time in history, though all of the strangeness is driven by digital conditions. In March of 2020, a week after the "covid" emergency was declared by then-Pres. Trump, Saturn entered Aquarius (which enters our story again later). People were made to be terrified of one another and the social environment was chilled to subzero temperatures. Family members rejected one another as health threats, a condition that persisted throughout the entirety of Saturn in Aquarius.

Then on March 9, 2023, Saturn arrived in Pisces. Normally this would be easy to interpret as difficult: uninspiring, a wet blanket, etc. And in the 7th place, Saturn is not considered a helpful influence in relationships except for one thing: it can help you clear your life of the ones you don't want. Saturn put up a boundary, and represented an essential compliment to Neptune, which was gushing everywhere.

I don't know how this felt, from the standpoint of the 7th house. (Speaking as a Pisces native, it was very helpful and encouraged me to get a grip on my affairs in a whole new way.) After more than a decade of nebulous, mushy Neptune, Saturn can feel like you've got a rock to climb up onto.

This transit may have come as the "no illusions" answer to "many illusions" Neptune. You may have suddenly seen people and situations as what they were, and had the courage and stamina to make difficult — or at least meaningful — decisions.

Yet these decisions were encouraged by the clarity and sense of personal authority that Saturn can offer. And certain circumstances may have just shown up that altered the trajectory of relationships and other life situations

that you may have thought of as being permanent fixtures in your environment.

Saturn in the 7th can also come with its own form of isolation, particularly on the heels of the lockdown scenario (where many people lost friends and become estranged from their families).

In a sense, you took the brunt of both the lockdown scenario and the ever-mounting problem of digital conditions, which are their own version of extended lockdown isolation for many people (particularly those without extended families or circles of friends).

Events in Aries, Part One

Yet while this was happening, while many situations were calling your attention to external relationships, something inside of you was waking up to your true identity and sense of being. This involved Chiron arriving in Aries in 2018.

Aries is your 8th place, which is an inherent contradiction. The 8th is where one loses oneself to another person. Aries is where one wakes up to oneself. So this places you in the position of continually losing yourself and waking up in another person.

However, the conditions associated with Neptune in Pisces (isolation, instability) have made it difficult to lose yourself in another; or alternately, you were losing yourself in the illusion of who another person was.

They amount to the same thing, as Chiron has been insisting you wake up within yourself regardless of your relationship situation. At times it has shocked you to do so. However, the presence of Aries 8th as a defining feature of your character is not easy and at times it has been troublesome.

For example, it's a little too easy to betray someone you're close to in the name of your own seeming self-preservation or independence. With Aries 8th there is only so much you're going to want to merge with another person; you need to be in a mutually independent relationship, and then a kind of intimacy can happen. But the independence is key, and that is not easy in our era of co-dependency. Also, not everyone can keep up with the pace of your brain or the diversity of your interests. You cannot tolerate weak people and yet you have a tendency to need the upper hand in your relationships. This can create lonely situations.

And one of the challenges of this placement is the tendency to use another person as a vehicle for self-actualization. Everyone does this to some degree, at least everyone interested in growth. Then once you attain that actualization, the relationship can seem unfulfilling, and your own life purpose seems more significant. Aries 8th contains tremendous tension and is one of the essential structured sources of what you might call 'lessons' in your character setup.

To sum up: you need intimacy, but on your own terms. And that is not easy. Tremendous work on the lifetime project of personality integration is necessary, and in some ways this obviates your need for the intimacy of others.

Chiron Raises the Emotional and Growth Stakes

Now let's consider Chiron. This has raised everything I've said in this section to a kind of fever pitch. There may have been a few crises connected with this transit, which goes back to 2018. The seven years leading up to that had their own restless quality, starting around 2010 or 2011. And you may be wondering why exactly your relationships have had the kind of challenges that they have had.

I can offer you a theory: relationships in our society are often compacts to not grow; to freeze our personalities in time for the sake of stability. Growth is threatening to relationships because stable relationships depend on people not changing so much, or so some may think — that is, those who are not really living a creative adventure, or who are intimidated by the possibility of their partner succeeding in some unusual way.

So "intimacy on your own terms" means "room to become who you are becoming." However, I think the bigger questions involve how you feel about doing this, about living this way. That means how you feel about your own potential, and whether the possibility of fully self-actualizing actually resonates with you.

Now for Everything Else Happening in Aries

However, it's not like you have much choice now: you are on notice that you will be finding yourself, and/or doing so at a greater depth than ever. And this will influence your relationships, though the truth is it could be an immensely positive experience.

Three things are about to happen. The first is that Chiron is about to make a long conjunction to Eris in Aries. In our lifetimes, Eris in Aries is a kind of permanent feature. Eris started its ingress into Aries around 1923 and will begin making its exit into Taurus around 2046. This is a very unusual length of time for any planet to spend in one sign, obviously. Eris is a restless factor that I associate with the crisis of electrical and digital disembodiment: loss of contact with the body that manifests as losing one's mind. It began during the profound transformations of the radio era and is now having wild effects today.

And a ramping up of Chiron is coming, due to its conjunction to Eris, and this will be special...a kind of personal revolution. It's a get-real-or-die moment. The thing is this extends into any relationship that depends on you being who you are in the sense of not changing.

The 8th is the house of contracts. If you have a mortgage, you can pay it using proceeds from your career as a tap-dancer or landscape designer; nobody cares. But in a loving relationship that's another thing: it's difficult to "owe someone" being who you are in some spiritual sense of that concept.

And so as you go through this transformation, everyone around you is going to feel it. I think your best approach would be to take them along and not alienate them from your journey. And this would seem to fit with the theme of Aries 8th, which is about integrating your life with others.

But you have to be there yourself; you, at least, must be ahead of your own growth process, as it influences a relationship — and few people are. The truth is you're going to have to work this out day by day. And the best you or your loved ones can hope for is that you are open with them, and that you're as fair as you can be with them.

If you are changing and you cannot handle your commitment to a person or to a situation, that's on you: do not make them pay. This is part of the independence factor of Aries: your growth is your business. However, your commitments are also your business. I use the term business in a casual sense here, to mean "interpersonal affairs," however this could easily apply to business arrangements.

The Saturn and Neptune Factors

The 8th is a busy house, and its themes range from the deeply emotional and sexual to financial matters to existential ones: the topic of death is

covered here, which also includes matters of deep psychological change (“transformation”).

And you’ll be getting plenty of that under the influence of Chiron-Eris. However, there are two more factors to consider. Saturn and Neptune, currently in Pisces, will be doing a long tango as they enter Aries and form a conjunction between early 2025 and early 2026.

Here is where you have some potential to recreate your agreements with others as you come to understand yourself. Still, the feeling may be that you’ve outgrown a relationship — yet the reality is you’ve outgrown your worldview and your concept of yourself. You will therefore need to guide yourself into a bigger notion of who you are and a bigger life to accommodate that.

Saturn plus Neptune equals synthesis. It’s one thing to do this for yourself; it’s another when others are involved. One solution here is to keep your commitments to others minimal, giving yourself maximum room to maneuver. There can come a time in life when your personal growth is more important than your involvement with others.

And while at times you have given yourself a pass from being considerate of their needs as it relates to you, part of the journey now is making sure that you’re good enough for your commitments that you show up for the discussion.

To have four major points in Aries involved in two historic and life-changing conjunctions is a lot of karma. And the person you think of as “yourself” is deeply invested in the lives of other people, and you’ve always known this is an important way that you exist even in the most basic and minimal sense of that concept. Yet you often straddle the line between deeply invested and wanting to be a loner with no obligations. That’s not going to work (and to the extent anything has not worked, you need to look there for information about how that happened).

You are here on Earth to find a better way. That better way will be

The Essence of Your Transits in Aries is Self-Awareness

The bottom line of these transits is cultivating self-awareness, particularly as you exist within your relationships. You are not separate from your relationships and what happens in them.

What exactly is self-awareness? Well, a driving metaphor might be helpful. It's one thing to drive down a freeway at night, with your headlights on and your instrument panel illuminated, maintaining safe practices and responding to your environment.

It's another thing to have a few drinks, get in the car, not turn on the headlights, and drive like you're the only person on the road.

When you drive, your goal is to get where you're going, though you know you must be aware of other drivers and the conditions of the environment. You know that your safety is very similar, if not identical, to the safety of everyone around you, as well as your passengers. This is intuitive to most drivers.

If you proceed through life with self-awareness, with your proverbial headlights on, you will be more likely to be relationally aware. You will also be more inclined to understand that there are meeting places between your interests and those of others. The task you now face is to find that common ground and work from it. There will always be some; and at a minimum you can work to protect the interests of others even as you make decisions in your own interests.

What has very likely caused you problems in the past is not looking after your own interests. Rather, it is the idea that your interests are separate from those of others. This includes the notion of a "zero sum game," or that one must win at the expense of another losing. This can also be stated simply as a competitive view within your relationships.

It's also the view that relationships are exclusively contractual rather than wholly voluntary, flexible agreements. Yet if a relationship is to be flexible, you must be — especially now. Your presence in any relationship is voluntary, as long as you meet the agreed-to terms as a decision-maker in your own life. But I think most crucial in this arrangement are the challenges and the responsibilities of sovereignty.

Of Work and Wellness

You have Aquarius as your 6th place of work and wellness, and as you know, this sign is in the spotlight with the arrival of Pluto. That's been going on a while though it's now here to stay until the phase into Pisces in 2043-44.

Aquarius as your 6th describes a love and natural affinity for collaborative efforts. However, you've probably figured out that collaborations are not

usually equal. Generally that means you take a leading role, which also hints that you must be good at making others feel like their role matters. However, the puzzle pieces fit together in the form of understanding that everyone is integral to the whole, and you are often the coordinator.

Yet Aquarius, despite its affinity for groups, has a strongly independent streak to it, so often you end up deciding that a committee of one gets things done.

Here in the rapidly evolving 21st century, we have another concept to add to Aquarius 6th, which is electronic collaboration. While I'm not sure how you feel about this, I would propose there is only so much you can stand. Part of the pleasure of working together is being together.

Pluto is going to shake up your work patterns and add some serious drive to your powertrain. You may be taking up the project of a lifetime, which means you'll be at it for a while. Make sure that this is something where you love both the process and the planned outcome. The 6th is more oriented on process than on goals (look to your Gemini 10th for goals, which I'll get to next — Uranus arriving there is just as exciting and will work well with Pluto.)

While the 6th is better known for enterprise than distinction, you will be rapidly concentrating both qualities. This could be to the point of obsession; the antithesis there is to fully engage your growth and personal evolution in the work that you do — and this is relatively rare within our economy. Most people still work to get by rather than work to grow, participate, or do something meaningful.

I would propose that Pluto is going to drive you in the direction of meaning. So when you have a choice to make, that would be an excellent basis. Meaning implies growth. Pluto ensures a change in your working patterns, so you will have opportunities to make decisions that help you build and develop both yourself and your talents. This verges on mandatory; but really, it's not so bad.

When it's working well, Pluto is compelling and appealing even if you seem to have no choice in the matter. And it does something special, which is to provide you with motivation coming from a deep place. Usually in our world, that is a plus.

While I could write a book about Pluto in Aquarius in your 6th house, I will touch on the major points.

Health, Work and the Digital Environment

The 6th covers matters of health and wellness as well as work and service. I'm not a useful person to be telling you anything about "work/life balance," since I really know nothing about that notion. I think that real work of one's lifetime is about one's dharma — that is the actual point of balance.

I am learning, after half a lifetime of reading for clients (literally — I started at 30 and am now 60) how daunting this can be. When you do that very real thing, that necessary and meaningful thing, the immediate effect can be daunting. You may notice that many people spend their lives attempting to avoid this, and many do so successfully.

They seem to be waiting for their next lifetime to do it, and that is one of my proofs of reincarnation. Most people act not like they have one life to live, but like they have forever and a day to get down to business.

However, you might be aware of the occupational hazards implied by Pluto, and in a word, that would be digital. I say digital because we're living under the ocean of code and algorithms, and also because Aquarius is a natural fit for an electronic work environment.

At the beginning of this reading, I described the tension between the digital you and the real you. We see this in another form here. It is the real you that wants to do the work that you do. Real means you want to show up with your body and your feelings and your mind, and you want to be in a livable environment. I have long noted the unusual connections between Virgo and Aquarius, though one of them is this: you are way too earthy to be entirely in a technology environment, surrounded by technologists. And while it's important to do things in the world that are not directly related to your primary work (but which will no doubt feed it), your daily working environment must be a little cushy, with real furniture and artwork and human company, and preferably living companions such as plants, cats and dogs.

I cannot emphasize enough how important this is. Maybe it's just me, but in any bookstore where there is a resident cat, the cat is more interesting than any book. Now, extend this idea into your experience of working. Consider the office with and without the kitty — or its equivalent. Hear me: there is no way to have a cat sitting in your lap purring and be in digital mode. Try it for yourself and see. Rub a dog's belly and see if you can simultaneously think of your favorite app, or coding in Javascript. It's impossible.

Your Health is Not a Committee Matter

We have all lived through what we thought was a health crisis, but which really was a technological and financial takeover of society. I know they showed pictures of coffins on TV and all that.

How did you respond to that crisis? Why exactly did you do, or not do, what you did, or did not do?

Most of it occurred during Saturn in Aquarius. It's difficult enough having Aquarius 6th, because the impulse is not so much to take care of yourself but rather to do the things that other people are doing which they think take care of themselves. How many times have you discovered that this is not helpful?

I consider it of significant danger for you to make health decisions based on what other people think — and that includes both trends and panics. Aquarius as a 6th place factor means you are susceptible to a consensus view of what is good for you. However, what is good for you is distinctly individual. Most people are grossly misled about their own situation.

More than 6 billion prescriptions a year are consumed in the United States, which is insane in every conceivable way. This does not include the \$53 billion (and growing rapidly) supplement industry here in the US, most of which is useless or toxic. People did just fine before "vitamin pills" (which incidentally were introduced in 1935).

And we did just fine before "vaccines." What they have in common is they are obviated by eating actual food. Yes, there were times of shorter life spans and horrid diseases, and what resolved those problems was better nutrition and clean water.

[Note, as with certain other medicines, I concede there are times when supplements are helpful — though for conscious and short-term use, rather than as a way of life. They must be treated as medications. They have toxic effects, and inadvertent effects, and I am sure that many of the positive results are psychological. If you are drawn to medicine, this is a fine time to become a medicine man or woman — learn the plants. Learn the remedies and learn both the dark side and the light.]

No vaccine ever prevented a disease. Eating real food prevents diseases and promotes wellness. Resting prevents diseases and promotes wellness. Sunshine prevents diseases and promotes wellness. I get that these matters

present challenges right now, especially with gigabytes of “health information” coming out and everyone except the local antique shop selling supplements. Pluto in the 6th is calling you to rise up and get real about what helps and what hinders.

Here is my definition of “real.” If something has ingredients listed, it’s probably not. It comes out of a package; you cannot print ingredients on an apple. So you can skip reading the ingredients. As a longtime celiac person, when confronted with a package, if I want to know if a product has gluten, I look at the list — but I could just as well look upside down, because all that matters is the length. In all cases, the longer it is, the worse it is.

Cooking food is grounding. It is creative. It’s nourishing and it can be social. We need all of the above right now.

Speaking of Creative: Uranus Gemini 10th

All of the Sun signs have factors that make them distinctive. For Virgo, one is Gemini on the 10th place. This is associated in modern astrology with recognition and fame (though I have not seen that work out, studying the charts of many famous people).

It is definitely associated with one’s professional style, with one’s calling, and with what in Greek is called “praxis,” or action. Gemini in this place describes two distinctive callings. My observation is that they are more likely to be seen as competing and divergent rather than as in some way collaborative.

This situation can represent an energy loss in that the opportunity for synergy is lost. Of course, if you’re a nurse and a decorator, or a schoolteacher and a gunsmith, there may not be much borrowing from one vocation and offering to the other, or fusing the two. However, many opportunities go missed.

There has not been a lot of major-planet traffic through Gemini any time lately. Sedna arrived this year, after being in Taurus since the 1960s. It is difficult to connect Sedna, a new factor and not a “major planet,” to any action other than to awareness of background conditions.

However, currently Jupiter is playing the warmup act for the arrival of Uranus in July. This arrival is going to call a lot of attention very fast to professional matters, and Jupiter is here to expand your sense of your own horizons; your sense of what is possible.

Jupiter rules both Pisces and Sagittarius, and its presence in Gemini is a metaphor of unification of your, um, let's call them professional hemispheres. It's a big bright beacon inviting you to imagine what might be possible, and what you want. It's as if Sagittarius and Pisces are visiting your career house and reminding you of what is possible that you might not have considered, or even conceived. However, Jupiter in Gemini is a cool breeze compared to the lightning bolt of Uranus. And soon after Jupiter leaves, Uranus arrives for a nine-month transition.

By now, by which I mean early 2025, you should be getting restless. You may have some indication that your worldview has expanded sufficiently that you want to do something different. And even if you're not thinking along those lines, it's likely that you will be doing so.

While this transit has the potential to shake up your current activities, it arrives with a burst of originality. And ideas that you have long been developing (in relatively slow-moving Taurus 9th over the past seven years) can suddenly come to fruition.

There is a very important message coming from Sedna, which will be a more or less permanent presence in your 10th place: a reminder to be in tune with your environment. When we translate this, factoring for both Gemini and digital conditions, that awareness would center around how people are thinking and behaving toward one another along this extremely strange technological experiment that is being conducted on us.

But one thing is true: you are in an excellent position to do something creative with it, that serves both you and the people who will benefit from your work. Just be aware that you may find yourself doing something that you never imagined you would ever be doing. The timeframe on this spans from mid-2025 to the spring of 2026.

The Capricorn Cluster: Another Comment on Creativity

I have written many times that Virgos are often compelled to grow up too soon. They are given adult responsibilities as kids and to them, that feels natural. This is a factor of having Capricorn on the 5th place. Capricorn is about adult consciousness and the 5th is about child consciousness. It would seem that Capricorn dominates in this discussion. And there are advantages to that: if you can stay in contact with your creative spark and your curiosity, you have the ability to take a disciplined approach to art.

Yet Capricorn is often risk-averse, and creativity always requires being daring in some way. For more than a decade — 16 years, a lifetime under digital conditions — Pluto has made its way through Capricorn. There is a facet to Pluto that I rarely mention and could say more about, so I will here. That is the Dionysian quality that it has. To get a feel for this, consider Mick Jagger or Jim Morrison.

And it's possible that this has driven a slow, subtle creative personal revolution, along with a maturing process that has taken you back to some of your perhaps lost childhood passion for life. I say slow and subtle because both Jagger and Morrison have/had natal Pluto in fire sign Leo, and that is fast and furious (like many events once driven by the Pluto-in-Leo generation).

But Capricorn too has a fiery quality, though it burns like molten rock at the center of the Earth. I suggest you consider where you were in 2008 and where you are today, in terms of your relationship to your creative drive and your sex drive. And wherever it lands, Capricorn can describe one's capacity for work, which has expanded under this transit.

So you take it with you as Pluto enters Aquarius. And if that transit is about your working patterns changing, let the change include being open to more creative experience — if you're interested. The creative comes with the willingness to take a risk and that is related to sexual curiosity.

This is an energetic confluence you're not going to read about many places; it can only be learned about and confirmed from experience. And unfortunately, digital conditions are making the desire to feel and to dare ever-less appealing. I am describing passion, which has several features that are all drawn from essentially the same well of energy. And many people feel "safer" not tapping into that well, because opening up that flow changes many things within us, and many life patterns, and from the point of view of people under the thrall of digital can seem like lighting the fuse on a bomb. But that is not true. The risks are not as exaggerated as they may feel from the perspective of the fragile and dispassionate digital density; the exaggeration is an illusion.

So the challenge here is to explore how you feel about taking creative risks. However, the thing to remember is that in a series of stages, this ceases to be a theoretical concept. The transits will have their effects, and circumstances coming from many different angles — all of the planetary events I've described, and others — will come with shifts in your circumstances.

The core question of each will be how you respond to that particular shift. And they come into the two most essential elements of your life: your relationships (Pisces into Aries transitions and conjunctions) and your work (Pluto into the 6th place and Uranus into the 10th place). I don't mean work like going to an office every day, then going home and forgetting what you did. I mean work that is actually fulfilling.

The Family Pattern in Capricorn

There is one last element underlying all of your astrology, which is the gathering of planets in early Capricorn. As your 5th place, this can give information about your children, and Capricorn is about family.

There is an important question regarding where your children fit into these scenarios, and beneath that question there is legal material from your family of origin. This could (and is likely to) go back several generations, and the configuration is going to remain hot well past 2025. However, it was in an unusual state through 2024 and events of the past year will tell you a lot about how it is manifesting for you.

Family baggage presents one of the most challenging conditions that we face, particularly surrounded by all these devices that present a distorted view of our families and our relationships.

So in conclusion I will offer this: though there may be dramatic changes in your professional situations, and transformations in your relationships, your closest family bonds are a crucial point of grounding your whole existence. They are a place to come back to, and bonds to honor.

It is left out of most people's lives. It's true that not everyone has children and this may not apply to those of you who do not. But speaking to those who do, of whatever age, you need these relationships for many reasons; and honoring them will enrich your life and help your sense of stability and meaning.

The metaphor if you do not have children is about respecting what you create. We live in a time when most creative work product is considered instantly disposable. This is another way of saying that it seems to lack any actual effect. It's difficult to know what that effect really is, since the mental chaos level is so high and most people are so disconnected from their own sense of being because we exist in two dimensions at once. And those dimensions rarely overlap exactly.

In such a state, going deep is essential; and so is determining that what is deep is what is real. If you get your “news” from memes and X, and if you consider opinions to be a source of information, that’s evidence of not going deep. Rather, going deep is doing the hard work of making up our own mind, and making the daily effort to remain connected to the people around you.

You might decide there is no such thing as sovereignty, only being more responsive to your circumstances, and making better decisions that are based on what you want first, and considering what works for others. In the end, freedom may be an inherent right. But then there are relationships, which suggest that really, it’s a negotiated privilege.



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