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The Awakening for Libra

The Medium is the Message

"When a system is far from equilibrium, small islands of coherence have the capacity to shift the entire system." — Ilya Prigogine

BY Eric Francis

WERE THIS A CONVENTIONAL astrology reading in some other era of history, I would begin by telling you there is all kinds of exciting activity on your partnership angle — in your opposite sign Aries: things that have either never happened in the history of astrology (going back 2,000 years), or that have never happened when anyone was conscious of them. But I might not go much further; that would be enough. Get ready: this is going to be exciting, and anything is possible.

However, this is a reading in 2025, when digital, artificial intelligence, generative AI and deep fake technology have taken over not just society but consciousness (going forward, I will usually refer to all of those things as “digital”). By that I mean we now define who we are and what a person is, and what a relationship is, and what a society is, as a direct product of total infusion of our minds in digital technology.

Aries, the sign most associated with ‘sense of self’, and also your relationship area, is the scene of that sense of being lost in the sauce of the electronic revolution that is still rising with the tide of electrons, gradually bleaching our humanity away.

We no longer have relationships as we once did; we have relationships that are shaped, filtered and processed through new generations of technology that nobody really understands, which has formed our minds and feelings in ways nobody understands. And a great deal of the progress of this technology is documented in your opposite sign Aries, which is really one and the same as Libra since they are on the same axis.

So this is about you as much as it’s about anyone you relate to. Yet so much of our lives are lived through relationships, partnerships, and who and what we encounter walking around the world that it’s essential you know about this.

The Arrival of the New ‘God’

As a reporter focused on spiritual matters (which is what I am as your astrologer), if I had some evidence that an actual new god had arrived from another planet and descended on us and taken over, you would expect me to tell you about it. However, over the past several decades — increasing exponentially every year since 2007 or so — this is what has happened.

We are inundated by a semi-sentient, all-seeing, all-knowing, ominous and omnipresent creature that did not exist when we were children. I mean all those screens, and all that artificial memory, and all those algos, and more than anything, the mindset they create. That mindset is a spiritual crisis induced by reverence to the new god.

You may think I’m exaggerating this point, but far from it. And while it’s somewhat metaphorical, that’s not really true either. Most people grant to the digital environment far more influence than they grant to any spiritual agency; it seems to know more, have more power, and track us to the point where we are never out of its reach. That is a “god” and that is an issue.

Environments Shape Experience and Existence

We are all familiar with the bullshit “nurture versus nature” debate that probably took a whole week of your life in Psychology 101, and the issue was left unresolved. But that discussion is rendered irrelevant by the basic fact that environments shape experience.

All communications and technical environments shape how we see, feel, and experience the world and our relationships. The effects of those environments spill over into physical existence. They soak into unexpected places, just like everything by the sea collects a little salt even if it doesn't get wet. Please do not be distracted by how we can trace the computer and the concept of an algorithm to a guy in England in the 1930s.

We have experienced an alien invasion and it has largely taken over our minds, and our relationships, and our sense of what our bodies are and are for. And if anybody is talking about it, it's in the context of “addictive online content” and “porno” and “I hate all these ads.” It never gets to the core issue. Even the media analysts I read seem to miss the point just about all the time.

Astrology's comment on these matters is especially important for you, since it's coming through the zone that describes your relationships and also your general sense of how and what the world is. This is the 7th place or house.

Before we go there, generally, the effect of the digital environment is to make people irritable, impatient, aggressive and detached. When I say digital is disembodiment, what I am trying to say is that it is slowly driving the fortunate among us to the brink of sanity, and the less fortunate into genuine insanity.

Simply put, digital consciousness is about cold pricklies rather than warm fuzzies, borrowing an idea from Transactional Analysis. And if you get enough cold pricklies and not enough warmth and affection, you will start to get depressed and eventually collapse on yourself. Humans need contact. Digital denies contact.

You are in the crucial role of mediator between the human realm and the digital realm. And by several separate metrics, the intensity is rising. Those include the storm coming in Aries, as well as Pluto in Aquarius and Uranus in Gemini. You are a mediator not just because you're a Libra, which helps. Rather, your opportunity comes from the way that these transits enter your chart — which I would describe as the best possible way.

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