



*Block Island, RI, facing easterly, in the approximate direction of Montauk. Photo by Eric Francis.*

## The Awakening for Scorpio

# **We Are Equal Beings**

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**T**HE FIELD OF LIFE IS RARELY LEVEL, and this works better for some people than it does for others. Those on the higher ground — by luck, by destiny or by conquest — usually like their advantage. After all, it's an advantage, and we could all use those. However, I am here to propose that you don't want any special dominance or supremacy that is not based on actual, bona fide merit.

And you might be thinking, *Yeah good luck with that suggestion.* That's not how the world works. But I will persist. Further, I propose you will grow to love this approach, and to count it as the basis of both your success and your self-esteem. There is no success when you don't feel good about

yourself; and when you do, and I mean that in a sincere way, then every point of growth and all seemingly small accomplishments become relevant and beautiful. One thing I know about you is that self-esteem is consciously, definitely important to you. Sometimes it's easy to dial in and sometimes it's damned near impossible. You have discovered this challenge and even made friends with it. You know you're making progress when you arrive at the place where you want to be a person you can sincerely respect.

Yet the world rips hard at this; every product is sold on the basis of what a terrible, needy person you supposedly are. We are not perfect with just the diamond ring; we must have the whole ad. It is safe to say that your true self-esteem is based on one thing only, which is your spiritual connection. No worldly accomplishment will ever help you feel good if you don't have your inner fire burning.

Yet it's not like you can bring your relationship with Jesus or Buddha to a dinner party with you. Or can you? Anyway — I digress.

I am here to tell you that for the next 18 months, the temperature and the intensity of the astrology we will be living through will be turned up, and you're going to feel it. You already are, but the water is not yet boiling. It is we who do the responding, so the "turning up" is done inwardly by those who feel and experience the instinct to act. Inward comes in two flavors: spiritual, meaning loving, and egotistical, meaning judging.

You and every other pilgrim, seeker, aspirant, initiate or regional sales manager for Jimmy Choo eventually get to the point where this is obvious — and I reckon, the sooner the better. Yet the world rips at loving, and treating people lovingly. This is why you must be strong.

## **The Ongoing Opposition of Mars and Pluto**

This gusty blast of weather blowing in will happen quickly, and steadily; it has already started but the world is so damned noisy right now it's difficult to notice. Much of that ramping-up process involves a series of oppositions between your two ruling planets, Mars and Pluto.

This lasts halfway into 2025, and is part of the hazing process of Pluto in its new sign, Aquarius — a very sensitive spot in your chart. Because this pair of influences is associated with Scorpio and only Scorpio, you will be feeling background emotional pressure and also the impulse to take action. That is not a good combination.

These two planets are now what is called “angular” for you — Mars directly above, Pluto directly below. They are on the fixed cross and therefore showing up high on your emotional radar. This is a rather dramatic event that is a kind of full-scale test of Pluto’s recent final entry into Aquarius. The rehearsals and the previews are over. We have seen the trailer 100 times. We have now officially begun, and now is when we must respond in real time.

The pressure is so high that you could be prompted to act on an important matter prematurely (such as involving family or profession), or aggressively. Society is in rough condition right now. People are on edge, wondering where their bodies went. There are many political and social developments in the offing where it’s fair to say we have no idea what is going to happen. Mars making repeated oppositions to Pluto is contentious and confrontational astrology that could turn friends and partners into enemies; but this does not need to happen. You could just as easily build trust and goodwill.

In a time when nearly everyone (falsely) accepts that power is the only virtue, you could be tempted to exceed your trust or your authority. You could also, with far less effort, build trust and make well-timed and shrewd decisions that work out well for you and for the people around you.

At best, your choices will be based on merit — ethical worth, competence, sincere effort, recognition maturity and time well served. Your investments will be based on your ability to pay. Your assets do not involve any form of one’s father-in-law getting them a job for which they are not qualified. We may not have that father-in-law, but we have grown to accept a wide diversity of structured advantages in society. Many people can assert entitlement to one, such as by claiming to be in some way disadvantaged.

It is this stake in *disadvantage* that you don’t want. And, I would add, that you do not need. The thing you want (in my view) is to claim the advantages you have earned and that are rightly yours, and then do good things with them. And you have plenty. Others will be there for you as well; yours is the sign of shared resources.

The world is full of DEI and talk of reparations for injustices suffered by distant prior generations and toppling the patriarchy and all of that. Benefitting from perceived victimization (including ancestral victimization) is so rampant that it could be traded on its own commodities market, like carbon markets. But the social credit gained for this (and that is spreading in society) is like the hollow residential mortgages that caused the 2008 economic crash.

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