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The Awakening for Aquarius You Are an Idea

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QUARIUS IS THE SIGN OF HUMANITY. By that I don't mean the groovy propaganda campaign associated with the Broadway show Hair — all that idealistic harmony and understanding sung of so gleefully is really the stuff of Pisces (at its best). With Aquarius, we have many people all in the same room, getting to know one another. Friends of friends become friends. This is about social patterns.

Today we are connected by a fast digital infrastructure that overlays with the electrical themes of Aquarius overlaid with the social patterns of Aquarius and we wind up in a world that is all about personal identities and friendships moderated through electrical and electronic devices — which in

turn form invisible and intractable social patterns that suddenly run our lives, set our personal agendas and recommend the pizzeria we happen to be driving past. We are so intertwined with these privately owned, advertising driven, wholly transactional devices that we cannot imagine life without them. It's hard to imagine our existence in any form without them, though people try.

And at no time in the history of communication media — which is the history of humanity, starting with words — has anything descended upon the human race so fast, so furiously, so thoroughly and so inescapably.

With the arrival of Pluto in your sign, this area of thought and experience rises to the top of your awareness, and becomes a vast priority for society whether we know about it or not; whether we notice what is happening or not.

There are several other factors that will have equal or greater influence, and I will go through them carefully, though the most important of them all is what occurs in Aries between now and mid-2027. Aries, wherever it lands in a chart, is a primary zone of self-actualization: of becoming yourself. Aries lands in your 3rd place — your state of mind, your relationship to siblings and neighbors, your communication style, and how you conduct local commerce, such as buying groceries.

Without this information, we could say that Aquarius is the sign of ideas. However, just from studying Aquarius and its ruler Saturn we don't really get much to go on. But with Aries in your 3rd, your ideas are not just important to you; they *are* you. I'll be devoting much of this reading to events in Aries and how this regulates your self-concept.

But let's go back to considering the nature of Aquarius itself, though I'll end this section by telling you my purpose for this reading: to give you all the information you need to remain human and not get swallowed by the transhuman, dehumanizing technology environment.

The Twofold Essence of Aquarius is Really One

The essence of Aquarius is twofold. The first idea is the social patterns that form: the nodes and the hierarchies, and the invisible forces that shape relationships. While in theory these should be exceedingly flexible, it turns out that the thought forms that support them are among the most difficult to change, probably because they are invisible and lurking beneath the imaginary line of liminality. They show up as "the way things are" and the idea that something invisible might be influencing everything that is visible hardly crosses anyone's mind.

The second idea is that Aquarius moderates the relationship between the individual and the group. It's "the sign of groups" (which in the past might have included Toastmasters, the Kiwanis Club and the local fire hall), though I am expanding this to the total social pattern of various hierarchies. However, it's also the sign associated with those who go against the group, who assert their individuality, and who might have a contrarian quality. It's the sign of outcasts as much as it is the sign of groups and affiliations.

So when you put that together, you get "the relationship between the individual and the group." And this is where the story of Pluto in Aquarius most significantly enters your life trajectory. While this will inevitably be a confrontation for all of society, it's especially personal for you. There are no abstractions involved. If you consider what happened to society in 2020 and through 2022, that will give you a clue. During those years, Saturn was in Aquarius. Look what happened.

The entire theme of society became conformity. This is an expression of what most astrologers would agree is "shadow Aquarius" and its energetic tendency to lock in patterns.

And I would ask, where did you stand on the matters of the lockdowns, the mandates, and the 24/7 campaign of fear imposed on everyone in 2020-2021? How did you personally respond? Where did you stand on the censorship issues and the punishments doled out for refusal to comply? In short, did you refuse, or did you comply? And how did you feel about the people who did something other than what you did?

Saturn in Aquarius was your "dry run" or your dress and tech rehearsal. That's your barometer as to how you're likely to respond under even greater pressure. I would propose, though, that how you responded was part of how you were shaped by much larger influences going back decades.

And that influence was all about who you think you are, and based on that notion, how you feel and how you conduct yourself in the world and in your relationships.

Humanity is at Stake. No Exaggeration.

Many times, I've quoted Neale Donald Walsch from Book 3 of *Conversations With God*. "As I have said, this isn't the first time your civilization has been

at this brink," God says to Walsch at one point in their dialogue. "I want to repeat this, because it is vital that you hear this. Once before on your planet, the technology you developed was far greater than your ability to use it responsibly."

All of this electronica has created a situation that few have words for and most others have not even noticed — though it's filled the science fiction shelves of bookstores for time immemorial. The robot is taking over existence. And there is the more significant matter that authors like Philip K. Dick have tackled, which is what happens when we relate to robots as part of our everyday lives. He described the dangers of developing empathy for something that is ultimately hostile to humanity.

Marshall McLuhan pointed out that we become like our tools. This is the most invisible and insidious thing of all: we don't notice. The original fear of robots would be that they would become so much like us you would not be able to distinguish one from a real, live human. We may agree that Siri is so stupid she doesn't know what you just said. We may agree that the American Express lady with that weird accent is not very convincing.

The problem here is that humans are becoming like robots much faster than they are becoming like us. This is why the world is such a disaster right now. People are thinking and behaving like robots.

The pervasiveness of algorithms is leading to algorithmic thinking and behavior — and part of the problem here is that this subtracts empathy, feeling, emotion and any true aesthetic sense. Robots expose us to simulated thought, and then people adopt this by adapting to it — and then further respond with simulated feelings or no feelings at all.

That is the meanness, the cruelty and the rage, the detachment from reality and the frightening sense that sanity itself has left the room: they are all part of people becoming like robots.

I strongly suggest you study your own growth and development since the deployment of the iPhone (2007) and assess how you feel and what your life has become as we move deeper into the digital age. Are you happier? Do you have more free time on your hands? Do you have friends you can socialize with in person? Is your personal economic situation better?

These will cease to be abstract concepts or survey questions under the influence of Pluto in Aquarius. The true nature of your relationship to the robotic world will be pushed, pulled and stretched until the truth comes out.

For reference, go back to your calendars, photo albums, letters, diaries, and so forth, and ask yourself who you were then and where that person has gone. Maybe you are one of the few who is essentially the same person.

There is no exaggerating the problem of humanity being fried into a robot; there is no red pill that will save us; maybe Captain Picard planted the seed of forgiveness in The Borg, and if so we can only hope that it's grown. But with the supremacy of the digital environment and 60,000 security cameras in Manhattan alone, and the ongoing threat of "central bank digital currency" tied to vaccine records, this thing called freedom will soon be kept in a museum, viewable through glass. That is, if enough people do not wake up.

I will boldly say this: I have no objection to the **<u>kitty litter robot</u>**, and it's worth the price, if you have the funds. That's the problem. There exist all these seductive ways into the matrix. However, if you read a few Philip K. Dick novels (especially the one *Bladerunner* was based on) you will see that the next step is to have robotic cats roaming the planet.

Eras Ending: Pluto in Capricorn, Neptune in Pisces

Before we go headlong into the coming three conjunctions in Aries, let's talk about what we're leaving behind. We are experiencing a diversity of sign changes of outer planets: Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto within the space of one year. In this section let's start with Pluto leaving Capricorn, then move onto Saturn and Neptune leaving Pisces. I will cover Uranus changing signs from Taurus to Gemini separately, as this contains a lot of new information for you.

Also, I suggest the Capricorn and Pisces readings for additional insight into what's been happening in those signs; but for Aquarius, the context I'm about to give is crucial.

Capricorn is your 12th place. That means "the sign before yours," or the sign before your rising sign. This is the deepest territory in all of astrology. I've covered this in your annual reading every year for the past 16 years with concern, and with suggestions as to what it might be about.

I've written many essays about your ancestral background (a factor of both Capricorn and the 12th) and my friend Nikko Merrell calculated that you would only have to go back about 11 generations to fill Madison Square Garden with your ancestors. That's a lot of people whose karma and genetic memory you carry around with you.

The 12th is also the zone where the personal unconscious meets the collective unconscious. The 12th is REALLY bizarre; naturally, it's my favorite house. The laws of space and time are suspended. It's the house of dreams, of mushroom and DMT trips, and of shamanic journeying experiences. However, you have Capricorn here, which tends to feel like it's made of solid stuff. So the material will seem more tangible, and less nebulous (to some extent this will hold true for all the air signs, but Capricorn is the sign of very old things, in your house of the ancestors).

In an Aquarius reading some time ago, I described a dream you might have: in that dream, you get up and go to the kitchen for a glass of water. While you're there, it occurs to you to open the pantry door. Instead of shelves with your stash of groceries, there's a stairway. This is strange but not strange in that dreamy sort of way. You might think, why didn't I notice that before?

You decide to go up the stairs. It seems to take forever, and finally, you get to a landing. There's a door. You open the door, and you're looking down a long corridor with many doors, like in a hotel. And behind each of those doors is a pair of your ancestors: some remote grandma and grandpa who made a baby and that baby led to you.

Do you knock on the doors? Do you open them? Will there be dead bodies or living people in those rooms? Do you want to meet them? What about all their possessions? Then you realize that the rooms contain how they felt about the sex that created the child that ultimately became you.

Well, Pluto in Capricorn has opened many of those doors, and you've found out what was in them. This has been an unguided tour of some of the deepest recesses of your existence. You have been compelled to face your deepest fears, including existential fears like death and insanity. If you face those fears, you cultivate your soul. If you do not face them, you do not grow. And you've done quite a bit of growing in these 16 years of Pluto in Capricorn.

Bright Sparkly AI Does Not Care

What I am describing is a human experience of growth, self-development, and confrontation of existence. Artificial intelligence does not experience these things. I realize I seem to be "denying consciousness," a faux pas in my Gestalt therapy training. Actually, I am defining consciousness. I assume my house plants hear me and love me and cats read my mind and my dogs were profoundly complex creatures with a life trajectory; they faced their mortality as we all must face ours.

In the film 2001: A Space Odyssey, the reason <u>HAL 9000</u> — the AI computer and antagonist who takes over the ship (and who goes insane because he's disobeyed his prime directive not to lie to the astronauts) — is particularly chilling is because it fears its own demise, and decides it's going to kill the astronauts before they kill it.

We might find ourselves in such a position soon, and it's remarkable that a science fiction author could see such a thing coming sixty years ago when we thought computers could make up your phone bill or print an image of a car on that green striped tractor paper. When I graduated from SUNY Buffalo — a major engineering and computer science center — in 1986, the card catalogue was still on index cards.

And now nearly everyone is talking to their computing devices. And expecting good information. This is high level. A few months ago I was sitting in an office with several criminal investigators I know, bouncing around my options in an administrative law situation I was in. So the chief whips out his phone, opens an app and starts asking questions about administrative procedure in New York State. The answers sounded good. But I knew a lot more than it did — if I did not, I would have been misinformed. Specifically, the AI responses were highly idealistic and did not grasp the significant flaws in the administrative law system. Now, admittedly, attorneys were just as clueless. In the end, you have to do enough investigation to actually know what is most likely the right thing to do.

Here is the issue though: if we spend enough time being groomed and trained by synthetic minds that are not part of the human condition, we will cease to be part of the human condition. And I repeat, we are becoming more like computers than they are becoming like us.

Chiron and Neptune in Pisces

One key to understanding Aquarius is the location of Pisces, as your 2nd place — self-esteem, self-value, available cash, your talent potential and the tools of your trade. With Pisces here, these things can manifest as intangibles. You might not feel like you're actually worth much, and you might wonder why. Yet you also have the greatest potential for a sense of worth and of being that is grounded in a spiritual outlook.

But this is not easy; you have a strong mind, and you want your truths to be solid and verifiable. That's not going to happen very often with Pisces. If you are idealistic, this is where you get it from. If you go on faith, this is where we can look to find the source.

Pisces is extremely creative and full of doubts, the greatest of which is whether it really exists. So that might also count for the assorted, very important topics covered under the 2nd place, which is all about values and where they become priorities. This is not an easy placement; it's difficult to find those examples where the world stands up and expresses any sort of honest idealism.

Chiron entered this territory in 2010, followed by Neptune in 2011. And there was a very unusual conjunction of Jupiter, Chiron and Neptune throughout 2009 (this happened in Aquarius, not Pisces). This looks like an extremely original and unusual era of your life. The year 2009 is an important reference point that connects you to right now. It's as if seeds you planted then come to fruition, as if their time has arrived.

Then came Neptune in Pisces (2011-2025/26). This has presented many challenges, including a sense of overwhelm about the problems on Earth in these years, as well as difficulties managing your money.

As 2011 melted into the new decade, you may have had your doubts about yourself and whether your viewpoint makes any sense. This may have been some combination of inspiring but also difficult to maintain your motivation. Neptune in Pisces is a lot of water. It's not easy to handle. Your concept of yourself may have changed markedly through this time.

One thing that Neptune often arrives with is a sense of isolation. As a 2nd house factor, the equation is something like, "Am I the only person who holds these things as important?"

I've found that the early seasons and years of a transit can be an important time of transition; in the case of Neptune in Pisces, that's the 2012-era. I count that as spanning 2011 through 2013. Many people had been primed for decades with high expectations about 2012. It turns out that the "ascension" was realizing we had all reincarnated on the internet.

The thing about Neptune is that its real effects are invisible for a while, until they manifest. Flood waters usually rise slowly, and then gradually you find out what was under the waterline. Chiron in Pisces starts to phase out in 2018, another important turning point, as Chiron in Aries (its current position) starts to phase in. This was yet another extremely difficult time to be optimistic. Yet it leads to the present in important ways. Part of the challenge is that it left Neptune in Pisces without any real support; without boundaries; without dry land to step upon. And Chiron's early stage in Aries may have come with feeling like both your situation and the challenges of the world were above your ability to respond to them. Yet you may find that this was the time when you were spurred into action and had to pull your mind into focus.

Saturn in Aquarius and then Pisces

Through the lockdown era of 2020-2021, Saturn was in Aquarius. It's vital that you have a sense of how exactly you responded and why you responded the way that you did during these eras. It's an important metric of where you stand on matters of conformity that will define the Pluto in Aquarius era (through 2043-44).

I mean this particularly in two ways: one, what you thought you knew and what you believed, and whether you looked into matters deeper than the face-value presentation; and what you did socially. The question of Saturn in your sign (and Saturn generally, but especially when it's right with you) is always one of honoring external versus internal authority. When all is said and done on the theme of Pluto in Aquarius — a long, long time from now — I am confident this will be one of the core questions. And that "internal versus external" is likely to be your actual mind versus the external mind powered by electricity that is claimed to do your thinking for you.

It seems that Saturn in Aquarius brought out the worst in many people, revealing how quickly they would succumb to authority; though I am curious how you did and what you did as one with your Sun or rising sign in Aquarius. I thought it was one of the most frightening times I've ever witnessed in American history. It is also true that a number of people rose to the occasion and called out what was happening in a sincere way.

Part of why so many people could be so deceived was the overwhelm factor of Neptune in Pisces, which made it difficult to perceive reality. As Neptune moves into Aries over the next year or so, we will get another look at just how many issues that presented. However, what we're working up to is the point where you find your moment to fully engage, based on what you've learned in these years of what you might call warmup changes. Don't worry too much if this is a case of "won't get fooled again." It is, however, gracious of those who know they were fooled to say so; it makes those who were feel a little less lonely and makes your leadership more dependable. But mostly it's good for one's conscience to admit where they stood then and where they stand now.

Saturn in Pisces spanned from early 2023 to present, and phases out between 2025 and 2026, entering Neptune with Aries as part of a rather dramatic series of events that this reading is leading up to.

My take on late Saturn in Aquarius into the Saturn in Pisces era was that it represented the time when it became obvious that the situation we were facing was not the iPhone or the pervasiveness of social media or apps or the internet: the problem had suddenly revealed itself as an artificial intelligence environment.

Events in Aries 2025-2027

Which leads to the events in Aries, and the notion that Aries is in your house of ideas (the 3rd). The placement of Aries describes why you are an "idea person." Yet this goes so deep as to reach the point that you are an idea. Or said another way, we are all ideas, but you experience yourself as one.

Way in the back of A Course in Miracles, you can read something like, *most people would agree that God is an idea*; what you have more difficulty discerning is that you are an idea. However, I suspect that you may find this appealing and something you identify as true for you. Admittedly, it takes high intelligence; I think that in our time, most people think they are their image, or the sum total of what they consume. Some more advanced souls identify with their contribution to the community or society. This brings in the role of leadership and setting an example.

But an idea? That may seem a little odd, given that you're walking around in a meat suit. I think this is more than poetic. The resounding message of the '25-'27 era will be that you tend to become like the ideas you have about yourself and about life. The challenge involves how those ideas are likely to be radically different from those of the people around you, and that's going to create some tension. This goes along with the fundamental theme of Pluto in Aquarius emphasizing the tension between groups and individuals. Most people give in because it's not easy to hold your integrity. However, my take is that you will not be in any mood to be told what to think or what to do. There have been times slightly like the one that's approaching, and by slightly I mean like two on a scale of eleven.

Before we go into those events — and there are three of them — first here is a reminder about the 3rd place, where we find Aries. This house is about your mental process: how you think and how you communicate, including with yourself. It's about your siblings and your neighbors. And it's about how you relate to the world through local commerce. I extend local from walking distance out to the range where you know the names of people you buy stuff from.

Aries is the crime scene of the digital era: the infiltration of the robotic, artificial mind into the thing that makes humans what we are: consciousness.

Thought. The mind.

It's not just opposable thumbs. It's consciousness that guides you to invent first the hammer, then the door frame, then the hardware store. The mind is shaped by the media environment we live in.

Yes, people create the media environment, but its history is of people not knowing what they are inventing, meaning not knowing what the effects will be — and not taking any special care looking back so they create less chaos with the next invention. Rather, the whole thing seems to be run by a few people with a vision, and a massive marketing department, and then the law of unintended consequences is unleashed.

I'll give you an innocent example, and then we will move into the three conjunctions. In 1873, the "Sholes & Glidden Type-Writer" went on the market. The Gutenberg press was already hundreds of years old and had shaped consciousness in vastly unexpected ways (too much for here, but it had a lot to do with the formation of national boundaries and nationalism). So in theory, it was not a big deal that the Sholes & Glidden thing would start showing up in offices. And what was the effect?

Neatly typed letters? Yes, in part. There was another effect: droves of young women flocking from the farm to the city, working as typists, and being able to afford their own apartments without being married. Peggy Olson in *Mad Men*, who came from Brooklyn (even then considered hayseed country) to Manhattan in the 1960s nearly a century later, was drawn by the momentum of women before her. All the feminist manifestos and firebombing campaigns

in the world would not have pried open the door for women, who were suddenly working in offices. The telephone had a similar effect: thousands upon thousands of women working as telephone operators — in both towns and cities. From there, the boardroom and the corner office were assured eventualities.

Chiron Meets Eris in Aries

Eris in Aries was there for the typographical revolution in the 1400s. In fact, there was a Chiron-Eris conjunction in 1439, the year before Gutenberg unveils his metal movable-type printing press that would change literally everything that could be changed — most significantly human perception and geopolitics. This was only two degrees away from the most recent Chiron-Eris conjunction in Aries, which was in 1971-1972 (peak of television, dawn of commonplace "enterprise" computing — the use of a computer to support the entire business).

Eris arrives in Aries with the disruption of consciousness and self-concept. Print technology is the factor behind what we think of as "individuality" and inner awareness, as well as the subject-object divide we took as a given for a long time; when Chiron returns to Aries in the 1920s we experience the beginnings of the breakdown of the individual and the return of humanity to its current tribal state.

Here is where we stand today, in the words of Eric McLuhan:

"The body is everywhere assaulted by all of our new media, a state which has resulted in deep disorientation of intellect and destabilization of culture throughout the world. In the age of disembodied communication, the meaning and significance and experience of the body is utterly transformed and distorted."

When I talk about the disembodiment crisis, this is what I'm working from. It's not intuitive, but I think he's right: the world has been rapidly, totally, radically thrust into the digital environment.

However, this does not seem to involve the body; it seems to involve the mind. Most people do not have enough real experience with the mind and body as distinct entities to handle the shock of the mind being jolted from the body. Hence we are back to <u>business leaders taking trips</u> as a way of seeing the world differently, which was commonplace in the 1960s.

People have a hard time understanding the actual effect of the digital environment. So let me <u>offer a metaphor</u> for what has happened to us. Imagine life is proceeding as normal, and everyone is doing their thing. Then unexpectedly, a new kind of atomic bomb is detonated and kills everyone on the planet instantly, simultaneously.

Nobody remembers the incident itself. And instead of "going to heaven" or bardo or oblivion or whatever they were expecting, people are instantaneously transported to an astral replica of the life they recently lived, not knowing they no longer have a body.

That is the digital plane; it's basically where consciousness has gone...

The Chiron-Eris Conjunctions

Whenever Eris is in Aries, there are two Chiron-Eris conjunctions there, and we're about to experience the second, which spans 2025-2026. Remember that these major Eris events seem to change technology, but what they really measure is how the mind, the sense of self, and one's state of being are changed by the consciousness created by the technology. It's not the gadgets — it's what they do to us. So yes, it's about the gadgets but we usually stop short of that (yelling about social media making innocent teenagers into alienated drug addicts).

The process indicated by the 2025-2026 conjunctions — the ones that happen in your 3rd house of how you think and how you communicate — therefore has roots into a century ago (the dawn of electrical mass communications) and also back to the early 1970s, when the thing that was changing was how people were thinking about who they are.

The tribal environment was going at full force, and then there was also some meek reversal of that environment in the form of therapy being more popular than it is today — a sign that some people were reverting to an individualistic state. But mostly, it was wave after wave of tribe after tribe. Indians were cool; they lived in tribes. Hippies were tribal — especially the Deadheads, who made their rise in the early 1970s and roamed the country well past when Jerry Garcia left us in 1995.

However, I don't think this is about you joining a caravan. Rather, I think this is about you experiencing the first wave of the overheated, absurdly tribal digital environment reversing into individual awareness; and also your being able to involve yourself in the AI environment potentially without going insane or treating it like God. I will relate to you what Eric McLuhan told me in our last conversation: getting out of this digital tribal insanity will involve people reading books: real books not Kindles or audiobooks. That would be you: if you want to stabilize your mind in this teeming chaos, read books, especially old ones (for example, written in the 1970s and before).

His father Marshall (who could read in five languages) wrote that you don't avoid the worst effects of an environment by staying rooted in the old environment — though it grants some immunity. You escape the worst effects by participating in a creative way — as a creator and not merely as a consumer. Note that most of the digital realm is about consumption, and where we think we are contributing (usually

What I'm mostly saying, though, is that Chiron-Eris is calling you to **focus your mind** and will also bestow you with superpowers of perception and creative ability. (We also see this boldly in Uranus in Gemini, which I'll conclude this reading with.)

This will not happen by itself, but the opportunities will be available — if you dare to take them — and courage will indeed be a factor. And the problem with superpowers is they are dangerous without real discipline.

However, to have this work out as a net positive, meaning as something constructive, I suggest avoiding all the high-flying tribal drama that will emerge in the spring. It only seems important. Yes, there always seems to be a "cause," but this cause is really a downstream effect of something much different.

Note that much of what passes for activism is devoid of ANY creative content, activity or input. This includes various woke movements and guilt trips inflicted upon adults. That lack of creative energy means a lack of real involvement and investment — and that's a big part of the problem I am describing.

A Note of Caution re: Chiron/Eris

It is possible that you will experience some potentially serious mental stress as a result of these conditions. Chiron can and often does induce a healing crisis. We are ALL suffering from the effects of overexposure to digital conditions; we are all feeling the stress in many ways, from physical to psychic to emotional. Note that the last time something similar to this happened was in 2016 and 2017 (Uranus conjunct Eris in Aries) and that was stressful. But Uranus lacks the deeply penetrating power of Chiron. It will foster a general collective crisis more than a personal and individual one.

I think this calls for a response plan; a sanity plan — just like the one we needed then and need the rest of the time, only now this intense pairing of Chiron and Eris is calling for a serious response. This will begin with gaining an actual understanding, which I touch on in all of the chapters of this reading.

For some, this conjunction — and the next one I am describing — could be a critical moment and we must be aware of how the people around us are doing. The crisis will express itself largely as pressure from events we do not understand. It may also manifest as a sense of "future shock."

Saturn and Neptune Enter Aries

As if this were not enough — and it is plenty — there is another extended event that initiates in the spring of 2025 and extends well into 2026, which is Saturn conjunct Neptune in Aries. This is a series of events that represents a massive sea-change in the mental environment and also the digital environment — and how we respond to it.

I am fairly certain we are talking about generative AI, as well as Web 3.0, the total, all-consuming "internet" that decides where you get to drive since you're allegedly too stupid to make the decision. Let's say you have a midweek day off and you get in your car; it takes you to work whether you like it or not.

And forget about no jab, no job; this could be no jab, no food, since vaccine records can be tied to your digital currency account in a cashless society.

This will first be introduced as an opt-in, probably as an app. Then one day you might find that if you convert your \$50,000 savings account into Digidollars, they will let you have \$75,000 in credits — very appealing here in the age of 0.0001% bank interest. Those will be historic developments. If you don't like the idea, inform yourself — and do not opt in no matter how tempting it may be. It's a Trojan horse.

But we're still talking about your 3rd house. Your state of mind. And this will represent a major shift in your focus. Additionally, after now writing about this in 12 chapters so far, I think that Saturn and Neptune in Aries represent

resources. Think of them as art supplies being delivered; or as two magic ingredients from which you can make anything you want. Again — this is more power than most people can handle. But owing to other factors, many doors are opening for you. Many potentials are becoming real.

Neptune will enter Aries first on March 30; followed by Saturn entering Aries on May 24; and then the two of them will dance around over the Pisces/ Aries line until they form a conjunction on the Aries Point (the first degree of Aries) on Feb. 20, 2026.

Saturn conjunct Neptune in Aries is so rare it's only happened four times since 1 BC. According to Kirsti Melto, who did the research for me, they happened in 232, 555, 1380 and 1703. Kirsti used two unrelated software programs (Riyal and Solar Fire) and got the same results. Further, there has never been a Saturn-Neptune conjunction on the Aries Point going back to 1 BC. Though the word is overused, this is officially unprecedented.

I will keep my subscribers posted with my latest thoughts as these aspects develop.

Oh, about that third conjunction I mentioned above. That would be Saturn conjunct Eris in Aries, which is a one-off on June 24, 2027. You might think of that as the final reality checkpoint. We will know what this was ALL about by that date, though I suggest you find out sooner, since it's largely about you. Note, this is also concurrent with the Chiron return of Chiron's discovery — stay tuned for more details about that.

The Prometheus Factor: Uranus in Gemini

Whew. Speaking of technology: As if this were all not FAR more than enough, Jupiter leaves Gemini and Uranus moves in at midyear (I will cover Jupiter in Cancer in your audio reading, which focuses on professional activities). Uranus has been serving as a kind of wave machine in your 4th solar house, which is Taurus. Incidentally, in the Capricorn reading, I give my best delineation ever of this house, though Aries is the sign involved. Still, many of the factors are valid.

You will find plenty about Uranus in Taurus in previous Aquarius annual editions (Somewhere In Between would be a good start). Let's go right to Gemini. This is your 5th place; the first air sign after Aquarius. The 5th has some of the greatest potential of all the houses. It's halfway between an art studio, a gaming parlor and a sex club.

You have Gemini here, which is kinky, and which infuses the 5th with light energy and also with a tendency for communicating in words. We would all benefit from better descriptions of things like sex and games, and the art of words is becoming a lost one as every Tom, Dick and Susie is now officially an investigative reporter or profound social commentator. There's a hack born every 10 minutes, though what we see in Uranus in Gemini is an outlet for your streak of genius, whatever form it may take.

This transit sets in midyear; so you will have a good amount of mental and experiential preparation — and the society-wide events of spring 2025 will have come and gone, so you will have had a moment for the shock to wear off. Just in time for your internal alarm clock to awaken all that is the most alive about you.

Alive — that's the thing. The digital world seems to be a kind of waking sleep, virtual experiences, filled with isolated people who are afraid to have a conversation or do something spontaneous. None of these things will be your particular problem.

In closing I will say this: the aspects developing through 2027 and indeed into the new decade will grant you a lot of power. Pluto in Aquarius, for example, will shape you into a person of considerable influence. You will have many inner and outer resources at your disposal, and it's up to you what you do with them. You will not be a hobbit living in your hole in the ground.

But what do you want to be doing? Think about it while you have a minute.



