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### ARIES

One factor of existence in our moment is the emotional bog. I get that many people seem cut off, aloof and numbed out — that's the stuck energy. For the past year, Jupiter has been in Cancer, your 4th place of emotions and matters of personal safety. For you this may have felt like drinking two quarts of water on a hot day. Next week, Jupiter makes its way into your fellow fire sign Leo, and this will feel like just the right amount of water, with your mind and body running at the right temperature. Another factor of your solar chart is that there's still a pileup happening in your sign, which includes Saturn and also a supercharged Neptune. The point of disorder is that Saturn is driving false certainty while Neptune is driving false confusion. There's only one way to resolve this, which is through experience. Leo, where Jupiter is about to arrive, is your solar 5th house. The 5th is about experience. Yes, officially the list of themes is games, gambling, pleasure, play and making art. Figuring out the nature of a house is asking about what its various properties have in common, and the answer for the 5th house is direct experience. Jupiter means a lot of something. Aries fire to Leo fire is movement, energy and venting pressure. Don't be like one of those children who has an iPad in their crib or is followed around by a drone. Do something you think is a little dangerous, then do something else the next day.

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## TAURUS

You are always worried about something, and the combination of Chiron in your birth sign and Jupiter entering Leo are saying give it a rest. The adventure of growth is upon you. The aspect pattern, originating in Taurus, is Jupiter square Chiron. You might sum this as "shift happens." I would describe shift, first, as course correction. Seven years of Uranus in your sign (which ended in April) may have blown you far off course and skewed your priorities. The remedy is not to travel back to the point where you got lost, but rather to figure out where it was and then start again from where you are (which is, at least, an interesting place). Since you don't usually embrace change voluntarily, you tend to live from shock to shock and that's how you make progress. Chiron has a different approach, which is to tune into your awareness. I mean particularly that spot that you know about but often avoid, which is the buttonhole where your mind meets your body. Rather than getting stunned, sailing into a hurricane or flying into a thunderstorm, Chiron is saying take your inner direction every day and follow what your inner voice is saying to you. There is plenty you have already figured out and don't need to think about again. And remember, when you feel fear in any form, that is likely to be the shadow side of making contact with your actual power of both thought and action.

## GEMINI

Mars enters Gemini on Sunday, June 28, and whatever it represents will define the next six weeks of your life. Right away, Mars bends the lunar nodes, so there is some kind of fast pivot indicated. Then on July 4, Mars is conjunct Uranus. Then Mars is trine Pluto. These are aspects that you want to use consciously rather than merely have happen to you. The same is true for the rest of Mars through your sign, which ends Aug. 11. From day-to-day there will be unusual contact points with other planets, meaning information, people and circumstances. Mars wants to go fast and far, especially in Gemini. I suggest you go

slowly enough at all times to notice everything that seems noteworthy from multiple viewpoints. Insert yourself into the frame; engage with people in physical space and in realtime long enough to find out what is going on for them. That means a real human exchange, something the world pretends to care little about and might not miss when it's gone. You care, and you are noticing what is going missing. And while you're not here to save the world, you are here to save your own world, and to act in protection and service of your personal domain of existence. Your primary spiritual calling remains social. Your practical or vocational calling, at the same time, has a spiritual or mystical quality. That means embracing and gazing into the mystery rather than swiping left or right.

## CANCER

Jupiter's ingress into Leo will bring good news for your financial situation. You have not been lacking for energy, only for results. It's essential now that you focus on money with a conscious plan and dedication, and moreover, that you be open to success. Throughout this month, a diversity of factors come into alignment that represent a major course correction. Your role is to identify potential sources of revenue and investment while holding back on tapping them until Mercury stations direct in your birth sign on July 23. By that time, you're likely to be in a radically new environment with broader perception and much better ideas that supplant your existing lexicon of concepts and expectations. Most of these were waiting on you for discovery; that discovery will be based on corrections to your angle of view and suspending certain negative expectations. There is one concept that is essential to your success, which is that you see your fears as representing power sources. Anxiety is often connected to the potential of getting a result and thereby changing the world, if just a little. This will involve some confrontation, both inner and outer. You will need to test whether a particular anxiety is valid or not in order to see what it conceals. Success is not a matter of luck, despite outer appearances. It's always a matter of courage, persistence and taking adequate time to make the correct decision. Do your diligence, set goals and set deadlines.

## LEO

Jupiter arrives in your sign on June 30, and this is the start of a rollicking month and an equally wild year. If astrology means anything, your confidence will be at an all-time high — though this calls for caution. Chiron's presence in the picture indicates that you must pace yourself, act within your powers, and place your deepest personal values above success in any form. Such a statement verges on meaningless in 2026, when the goal of nearly every new venture is to make as much money as possible as fast as possible and not worry about what happens to anyone else. Chiron in Taurus, your 10th house, will pin you to your personal truth. While the opinions of others don't matter much, it's essential that you live in a way that is subject to scrutiny. You must be true to yourself at any cost. Make decisions with the thought of how they will play out, and how they will look, in the future. Also note that the presence of a special point called Vulcanus is in the equation, along with Pluto. This is your reminder that every action has an equal and opposite reaction, and that it's likely to occur on an instant karma basis. What may seem like simple circumstances are far more intricate, complex and interwoven than you can see right now. Bold action that you take around July 20 will be based on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and at the same time remind you of how everything and everyone is interconnected.

## VIRGO

Events in late June will pop you free in places you didn't know you were stuck. There is an old adage for those who drive standard shift: "Tis better to leave wheel than to burn clutch." That means it's better to pop the clutch fast and burn some rubber than it is to hesitate getting started, wear down the clutch plates and fill the car up with asbestos smoke. And you may have that feeling; the combination of the South Node and special point Transpluto in your sign has an agonizingly narrow quality. Mars is about to come in from the Gemini side of the nodes, make a conjunction to Uranus (a LOT of energy) and burst you free from whatever bog you are in — most likely a mental pattern of some kind. At the same time, Chiron's ingress into Taurus reminds you not to be so pious about your beliefs. Just because you're a Marxist doesn't mean that everyone else is wrong. Okay, I know

you're not a Marxist but you know what I mean. I mean any beliefs that might qualify for a system. Chiron in Taurus is delivering a spiritual message that says go direct to source. Skip the intermediaries, the interpreters, the spirit guides and the YouTube experts. Truth is not just something you know in your mind (which is rare enough) but also something you feel in your body. Both must be present before you can safely count an idea as valid. Pump the brakes every time you hear yourself say the word "believe." Under the influence of Chiron, I suggest you believe absolutely nothing.

## LIBRA

You're about to embark on one of the most social times of your life, which will open up many possibilities for you. This is about Jupiter entering your 11th place of hopes and dreams. Jupiter is about expansion, and I would remind those who are not up on their astronomy that the largest planet is also denser than Saturn, and it has 115 confirmed natural satellites along with a ring system. Jupiter rules all of the orbits in the solar system and makes the Sun wobble as it cycles around the galaxy. This all describes considerable sway and influence, and these things must be handled cautiously. That means consciously. Jupiter in Leo will get its first proving moment the first week or so of July, when it forms a square to the planet of awareness and healing, Chiron. The nature of this aspect is to help you figure out what resources are available to you, what you owe and what is owed to you. It will be necessary for you to refine both your business plan and your public relations plan, all with a mind toward efficiently providing the service that you offer. You can and will benefit if you proceed with intention, dedication and a whole-system approach. You stand to do very well, yet your emphasis must be on the service angle rather than the profit and gain angle. This is a matter of ethos; it is a spiritual matter and a value that must influence or directly underlie every decision you make.

## SCORPIO

Scorpio is a dark and mysterious sign, but there is part of you that loves to shine. And shine you may, with Jupiter about to move across

the 10th house of your solar chart. This transit will draw you out into the world, where you may be visible and receive some accolades for what you've accomplished. Then there is the opposite angle of your chart, Aquarius in the 4th place, which addresses matters of one's home and security base. Of all the polarities that must be balanced, the 4th/10th is among the most important and the most vulnerable to going out of balance. The business of the 10th house takes people away from their family; significant success can make them feel like someone they are not, and lead to forgetting one's roots. Pluto is moving through your 4th, low and slow, insisting that you maintain a high priority on in-home family matters. There are times when balance is possible, and that must be a community decision if there is a community involved. Later in July, Jupiter lines up with Pluto and you will experience a surge of power. In this role, Pluto may serve as a deep well of emotional confidence that you've hardly ever experienced before. You will have opportunities that you've never had. And you not only want the support of the people closest to you; it is a condition of success. In any event, you are about to discover what a small world our seemingly great big world really is, and how everything connects to everything else.

## SAGITTARIUS

Not everything is a matter of image. At a certain point there must be consideration of substance, and of actual value — not just perceived value. Not just the value of perception. We live in a world where it's an ever-present temptation to create a big splash, particularly now. Based on a diversity of factors, I suggest you back away from this. Chiron is one of the planets associated with your sign; you are depicted by a centaur and Chiron was the first of these rare archetypal creatures. It is now newly in Taurus, which represents you embarking on a dramatically different and new phase of life. Another planet associated with your sign, Jupiter, is also about to change signs, into Leo, and the first thing that happens is that they make contact in a 90-degree angle, a square. This pattern emphasizes practical work driven by a vision. Jupiter square Chiron has extraordinary power to ground deep wisdom into practical knowledge; it is about the application of ideas to something highly unusual that occurs in physical reality. Its mark is in the natal charts of great authors and great composers. Plenty else is

happening that could distract you. Glamour, conflict, and the desire for notoriety, are all among them. Anything externalized could have the same effect: seeing something as outside of yourself. Keep your focus inward. Skip the social game. Forget about being known for anything and focus on learning and quietly knowing.

## CAPRICORN

For you, the combination of Chiron's entry into Taurus and Jupiter's nearly simultaneous entry into Leo is about tapping deep and unusual potential. Taurus through your highly creative 5th house is driving you to experiment and to be open to unusual new experiences. Jupiter through Leo, your 8th house, is like a line into a reservoir of resources that summon your creative power to dare. That is the thing; the most important thing. As usual in this era of your life, you continue to struggle with the confidence issues that have deep roots into your family history. You may think of this in terms of what your parents and other relatives did to you. Instead, I suggest you think in terms of what life did to them — especially your mother and her mother. If you look there, you are likely to make significant progress getting to the root of your struggle with self-acceptance and self-forgiveness. In our time, we are taught to blame the father for all the ills of the family and of society. I am not suggesting you blame your mother for anything, but rather understand what she went through. Then consider her mother. This may have a feeling of opening up rooms that have been sealed from your awareness. Once you start, you will slowly remember things (events, emotions, things said) that you knew as a child and forgot as an adult. The key here is to remember, in the most calm and objective way possible: without the judgments, and with focus on established facts and observations. Gradually, your situation will shift.

## AQUARIUS

You're entering a best-of-all-worlds situation as Jupiter and Chiron complete a planetary pattern long in the making. Before I get into the details, I would remind you that Pluto in your sign is the prime mover; the central axis on which all the other astrology of our era turns. For you, it's driving your evolutionary growth in a time when spiritual advancement and self-actualization have never been under such persistent attack. This is both intentional by individuals and a result of

the collective psychic and technological environment. In the midst of this onslaught you have one essential necessity, which is to remain committed to being true to yourself. Then, you will be able to take advantage of the circumstances that form around you; you will have a strong enough inner core for them to be meaningful. The most recent development is that Chiron has entered your 4th place, Taurus. This is where you're really an earth sign and not an air sign. It is easy to forego and forget this, in a time when the forests are being consumed for the sake of data centers and farms are becoming solar farms. Next up is Jupiter enters your 7th house of relationships and partnerships. This takes place on June 30 and reaches its first major peak on July 20 as Jupiter opposes Pluto. This is a significant point of contact for you; a place where you will have the ability to both see yourself accurately and align with your purpose. Take each step gently.

## PISCES

You learn differently than other people do, and this fact is now illuminated by the square of your ruling planet Jupiter, soon to be in Leo, to Pisces-friendly Chiron (newly arrived in Taurus). The two are in a 90-degree aspect, which will be short-lived and therefore represents an opening or opportunity — not an extended process. But this is happening in two solid, fixed signs that form the backbone of the zodiac. This aspect has leverage and it will teach you something about yourself. And if you apply what you know, you are likely to get a positive result. You learn from the morph of ideas and experience. If you have not made the discovery yet, both writing about something and also speaking about it are some of the most effective ways for you to condense and focus your learning process. Both are forms of teaching that require focusing on the basic elements of any subject or skill. Many factors are working for you right now. It is your ability to take complicated ideas and make them simple enough for others to understand that's one of your best assets. The digital age is brutal in its disrespect for acquired and experimental knowledge. The little chit-chat window is presumed to be an all-seeing and all-knowing modern deity. This is obviously repugnant, though the better news is, you embody actual learning and actual teaching. I would remind you of one of my favorite Fritz Perls quotes: "Learning is discovering that something is possible."



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