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ARIES

JULY 2 — Practice a little verbal restraint over the next month during the transit of Mars in Gemini (into mid-August). This begins with a rather shocking conjunction of Mars and Uranus on July 4. I'm not suggesting you shut up, or that you possibly could. I am suggesting that you use filtration devices, such as writing, and by that I exclude on any antisocial platform, which is equivalent to a live broadcast. Mars+Uranus says slow down, rethink and rewrite — refine your idea. Restrain yourself from any verbal accusation of any kind. Sadly, writing is difficult, and so is reading. Society has reached the point where servers report customers who cannot read the word "carrot" on a restaurant menu. I assume that does not include you since you could not have read this sentence if so. Just in case, a carrot is an orange vegetable best lightly sautéed, and the word also means "work from a script," "rethink," "rewrite," "moderate your speech" and

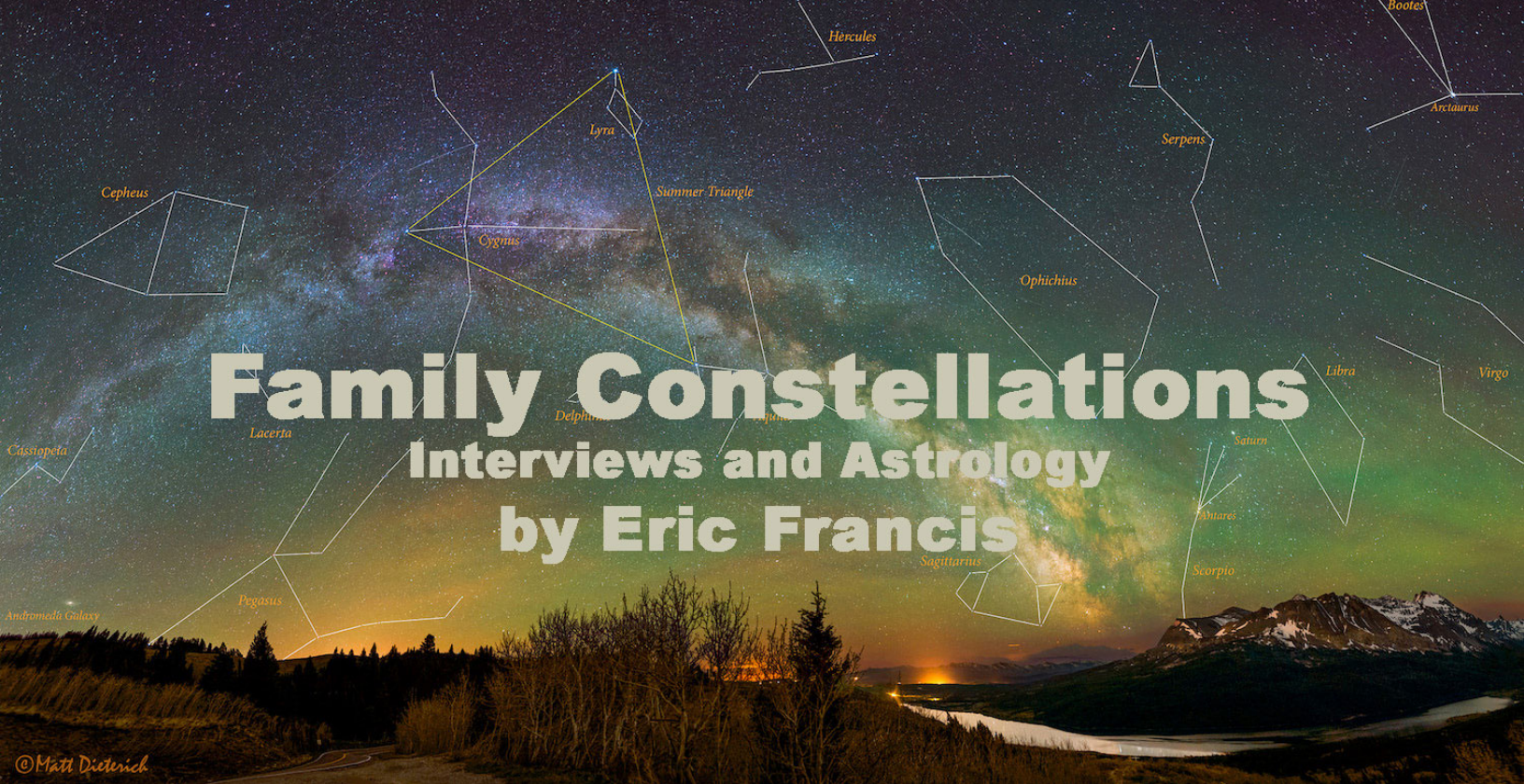
don't discuss your ideas until they are really, truly ready. Pencil and paper are highly recommended.

TAURUS

JULY 2 — Take the long way toward any specific goal, checking the scenery and communing with the flora and fauna. You're now under the full power of Jupiter square Chiron, a rare and short-lived aspect that has no equivalent until late 2029. That it happens once and moves on must be viewed as a portal into a new reality (if you're interested). This is likely to involve developing a skill or talent that you have previously discovered within you. It's said that you are never too old to learn. I'd say you are old when you stop learning; when you cease to be curious; when you are no longer interested in the mystery of the world you live in. It does not help that people young and old have plugged Mr. Know-it-All-GPT into their phones, which is a poisonous thing that reduces the majesty of existence to a simple, incorrect explanation. God help us and please ditch that bullshit if you got dragged in somehow.

GEMINI

JULY 2 — For the big 250th birthday that nobody cares about, Mars, the planet of energy, is conjunct Uranus, the planet of bold breakthrough. This happens in Gemini, so you have some direct connection to whatever this aspect represents. One might be inclined to think that we're on the brink of a new revolution. I would love some evidence that such is true. Most people are so dazed, confused and zonked out that they have little idea where they are, what time it is, or what's happening within them. The only revolution possible right now is one of inner awakening. I specifically do not mean mass awakening, and I have little faith that our society can be saved from itself. You can be saved from your own illusions, confusions and delusions — but only if you want. Perhaps Mars conjunct Uranus represents some motivating factor awakening within you.



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CANCER

JULY 2 — Fear conceals power. It's often connected with the possibility of getting a result, or of doing something real. I am certain that this odd dynamic of the ego thwarts many creative ideas, art projects and activist plans, using various disguises. The feeling is akin to writing something and then you suddenly think the NSA is spying on you because what you're doing is so dangerous...but subtler. You might verge into some inner territory forbidden by your parents or religion; you might want to utter an inner truth about yourself and decide it's not such a good idea. Sometimes the feeling is guilt wearing a mask of fear. And sometimes it is naked guilt. The question is, what do you do when you encounter this kind of situation? Do you stop, or keep going? Do you notice what happened, or promptly forget? Currently, all of your options are open.

LEO

JULY 2 — Jupiter in your birth sign square Chiron in Taurus says play the long game rather than going for quick success. You have received a boost in your confidence, your influence and your image, and to many you appear like the Sun shining at noon. Chiron's presence in your action-centered 10th place is instructing you to be meticulous and to present yourself with humility. Do not announce your power or your role; let people figure it out. The purpose of Chiron through your 10th is to focus you on your mission. This transit will give you enough influence to accomplish what you need to do, and taking any more than is necessary must be considered gratuitous. Chiron emphasizes service; Jupiter in your birth sign can be self-serving. Sure, you need a little of that, but just a little — not a lot.

VIRGO

JULY 2 — Jupiter's recent entry into Leo will take some pressure off of your anxiety situation. You might take other actions that will assist, though it's difficult to say what. You might start with any external influence that riles you up or distracts you from your personal truth. That would include 100% of mainstream media, and 99% of social media (the remaining one percent being direct messages from blood relatives). It's not for nothing that we live in an age of nonstop sublime terror. Humans were not designed to be plugged into the telepathic electrical grid 24/7/365, and that is a big source of any overactive emotions you may be feeling. Most people make no attempt whatsoever at digital hygiene. It is every bit as important as food and water. I suggest doing experiments where you leave your phone at home and notice how you feel. You will learn something immediately.

LIBRA

JULY 2 — The Sun's journey through the sign Cancer, your 10th place, is saying get down to business and don't be distracted by

people who deceive themselves. Such individuals are your main liability right now. You know who some of them are. They may also show up as some form of “the public,” or a form of a public. Be aware of this situation in any conversation that involves an audience, even a social platform like Instagram. The chances are you don’t actually need this kind of leakage into the public realm, and meantime, you have real responsibilities to take care of. The Sun is now square Saturn, and under this scenario it is likely you could get roped into doing the work of others when you have plenty of your own to do. So keep a clear line between what is yours and what is not, and stick to the people who show up on time ready for whatever needs to be done.

SCORPIO

JULY 2 — Chiron is now moving across your opposite sign Taurus. This is all-new; if you’ve experienced it before, it was about half a century ago. The high focus of Chiron is going to place a different kind of emphasis on your relationships than anything you’ve ever experienced. For the past seven years, you’ve lived through Uranus in your opposite sign — a disruptive force that has shaken many of your values about relationships. It is possible you came to believe that people are inherently unreliable and dishonest. The world is not doing too good these days on that score, and part of the focus of Chiron is going to be about refinement and stability. A healing process is strongly implied merely by its presence. More than anything, this will be about an alignment of values in all relationships that will require impeccable honesty by everyone involved, beginning with you. This is a critical stage of your development, and it will be as easy as you allow it to be.

SAGITTARIUS

JULY 2 — Your ruling planet Jupiter’s entry into fire sign Leo will help solidify your faith in yourself. This will come in handy as you consider the greater possibilities for what your life can be. Some of that vision is going to come to you. For other elements, you must go to it: dare to expand your activities and experiments into

the wider world and test what happens. Travel will greatly expand your potential in both work and creative elements of existence; take any opportunity to expand your reach by traveling. The ideal situation would be one where you work abroad — as some kind of guest artist, teacher, researcher, or other presenter. No matter what you do, keep your focus inward and devoted to inward actions, including personal study and making fully conscious decisions. There is a luck factor working in your favor with Jupiter — and an awareness and healing factor working in your favor with Chiron. Get them together and experience true alchemy.

CAPRICORN

JULY 2 — Mars and Uranus in Gemini are gunning for fast results and confident decisions. Do your best to forget that impulse and let the peak energy pass. You need a different approach at this time, which is gradually luring yourself into more daring ideas and situations. An important focus is Chiron in Taurus, your 5th solar house. Chiron wants experience and the 5th is all about experience, so the effect is redoubled. That means new and different ways of engaging with the world, and to the greatest extent possible, new places. Jupiter in Leo, your 8th house, is about tapping into the wisdom and experience of others. This is a little like drawing down the Moon, only it's about Jupiter, and it manifests in the form of those you perceive to be wiser and more experienced. They are available and offering themselves to you; you must take the step and invite their influence into your world and your emotional space.

AQUARIUS

JULY 2 — Something is compelling you to slow down and think deeply. This is true even though two planets of speed are moving through Gemini and about to form a conjunction that feels like an electrical fire. Resist any temptation to be reckless and proceed meticulously. Let other people have their fun with fireworks. You might be tempted to make fast, bold decisions with all this Gemini zapping the Earth from the astral realms. What I suggest

is that you feel through your way to self-leadership rather than thinking. The body is slower than the mind; feeling takes longer to register as real than does thinking — which then flees in hit-and-run style. Orient on what is necessary first, what feels right second, and what you want, last of all. There is a method to being true to yourself, and this method is what you want to master.

PISCES

JULY 2 — Keep cool as Mars enters Gemini and makes a series of fancy moves. These include bending the lunar nodes and then forming a conjunction to both Uranus and Sedna. We could draw a diversity of observations from this alignment, though first, you will need to slow down under the influence of two planets associated with fast, aggressive developments. Watch the show with a little distance and don't feel pressured to make decisions. After the holiday weekend everything will be different. What this setup is saying distinctly is to consider the proper place and role of technology in your home, especially if you have a home office. Consider the whole environment and how you feel within it. Are you actually comfortable within the technical setup you live with? Is it skimpy, adequate or excellent? Is it organized properly? Do you have what you need to get your work done? These are important questions here in 2026.

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