

Cancer Astrology Studio

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Hello and welcome to *I Feel Therefore I Am* -- Astrology Studio for the sign Cancer and Cancer Rising for 2020 and into 2021. This here is Eric Francis with you with some information from astrology and the way that I mix it together with some few other things. Mostly what I perceive about life here in this moment that's almost too intense for a lot of people. It's certainly putting many people through the stress test and the faith test and a few other tests like economic tests and so forth.

What I'd like to do first is bring us up to the present moment with a look at the astrology that has led us to this point and some of what it might represent because it's certainly been an unusual phase of history for the sign Cancer and Cancer rising. Anything with a strong signature in this most intuitive, emotional, receptive, sensitive and in many ways misunderstood sign of the Zodiac. The focus right now is on the sign Cancer because on Sunday morning, depending on your time zone, or very late Saturday night there was an eclipse of the Sun in the very first degree of Cancer on the northern Solstice.

That is a lot of focus because just the Solstice itself would be quite a bit of emphasis. And then a New Moon would be, and then an eclipse especially, and then put it all together and it's kind of like standing in one of those spots in the canyon where if you speak in a normal tone of voice it could reverberate through the entire canyon and no one quite knows where the sound is coming from. And this in a way punctuates the end of a modestly long phase of history including Saturn moving through your 7th house. **[3:28]**

That in turn began a transition out of an even longer phase of Pluto moving through your 7th house, which is not over yet. But the main fireworks from that are pretty much done and apart from the one that's working out now which is Pluto square Eris, which I will get into, we are pretty much done with the high drama of Pluto in Capricorn, at least in terms of your sign.

So, where the kind of large watershed that we're just coming out of began was in early 2008 when Pluto entered Capricorn. And no matter what degree rising you have of Cancer, no matter what degree of your Sun, Pluto in Capricorn represented a long series of structural level changes to your relationship life and to your wider relationship with the entire environment.

In a sense, you have been going through what the world went through with the financial collapse and the great recession of 2008 and 2009 – it lasted a bit longer than that. And then again what the world went through in terms of all of the instability and changes around the Occupy Movement at one of the major peaks of Pluto in Capricorn, and then what we have been through the last couple of years with this emphasis on public things being very personal. We've been in that stage going all the way back to an event in Cancer on June 21, 2001, which was a massive solar eclipse. Nothing like the one this weekend – a whole different species of eclipse, but an eclipse no less and cautionary of living at this intersection where the public and the private intersect.

I first learned of this idea in a graduate literature class at Rutgers -- 20th Century Women's Poets, where we studied the work of Adrienne Rich. There were some very bright people commenting on all of these changes that were happening to society where it seemed as if everyone was getting dragged into the public dialog whether they wanted to be there or not, and then with the public dialog landing at the kitchen table. Think *All in the Family*, where suddenly news issues were being taken very personally and seem to have all of this impact and in ways have all of this impact. **[6:45]**

In the 60's it was the Vietnam War and in the 70's it was the feminist movement affecting every household, and then a long series of these going on and on, and then bringing this into the modern era, the June 21, 2001 massive total solar eclipse occurring right on the Solstice point, similar to what we had this weekend only less of it now – believe it or not. Leading into 9/11 and then how that dragged everybody into a public crisis that was 'the world crashing into your living room' as David Byrne says. And then all the economic changes, which were these huge changes in society that had an impact on almost every single person in the world.

We are not quite used to and don't really understand -- I'm not convinced many people at all understand this fusion of the individual and the collective but it's something that you need to understand because this involves the Cardinal signs. It involves Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn and there's much activity going on with these -- as is happening now. And so, to quickly sum up the very recent times -- Saturn entered Capricorn in late 2017, which began, I think in a personal sense, the cleanup the kind of demolition that Pluto in Capricorn had done. This is a personal story for you because it not only affected your relationships; it affected your whole concept of what a relationship is.

One interesting thing about the sign Cancer is that it cycles. It is associated with the Moon, and therefore, when you see anything in the sign Cancer -- one of the first things to check out and keep an eye on is, what's the way in which that thing cycles? How does that keep moving? So, for example: people with Cancer rising can fancy changing their appearance, they might play with their name more than most people might. They might strongly identify with something at one point and then strongly identify with something else at another point, and this is just a natural cycling and an experimentation of you might say where self meets self-concept.

You are accustomed to having a lot of stability coming from the other end of things. It's kind of like people who have a solid home so they can travel and there's always a solid home to come back to. You can experiment and change and grow and relate to the world through your more flowing fluid feeling body, but there's always stability in the form of how you experience your environment, having Capricorn as your opposite sign. **[10:03]**

The thing is that since 2008 when Pluto entered Capricorn, it's been seismic activity going on in your relationships that has been forcing you to not depend upon the stability that is offered externally but rather to have to take on board the urgency and the necessity to be your own stability, to give yourself the thing that you previously needed from outside of yourself. This is a challenging transition to make. One of the reasons most people have relationships is so that they have a measure of stability in their lives. And that can, in addition to providing companionship, help them smooth over the challenges and the movements of life and some of the wider turning of the tide.

In late 2017 Saturn comes in and this immediately provokes a whole series of changes. Practically within days of Saturn entering our lives, the *MeToo* movement begins. Then, suddenly every personal encounter it seemed that anyone ever had became subject to a kind of political scrutiny. That's agonizing because the two orders of reality are not really meant to just be smashed into each other, but this is what the world was serving up through late 2017 and into 2018.

Then outer planets were changing signs. Chiron was changing into Aries which is a very important transit for you, and Uranus was changing signs. And so, to sum all of this up, what you have been dealing with is a very high degree of trial and test and being pushed to your limits and having to learn how to stand on your feet over and over again by one thing after the next. Pluto through any sign is a powerful transit and there have been a number of peak times of Pluto in Capricorn, particularly 2008-2009, basically 2010 through 2012 is the center of the square of Uranus and Pluto and then 2017 till now. It comes in surges and then the surges back off.

This is why I personally view the presence of an eclipse in your sign as being a stabilizing factor, as being a kind of pressure release and a moment of centering and a way of equalizing yourself with your environment -- such that you're on more level ground with people. The emphasis of the eclipse on the first degree makes it personal for everyone. It brings in the Aries point, and I think of it as an opportunity to calm down and to look around at the environment and assess.

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I think this is very important. What you perceived as your needs, let's say in January 2008 when Pluto entered Capricorn (your 7th house), particularly in relationships and also where there is Capricorn there's going to be a business world involved. This past weekend with the Northern Solstice conjunct the eclipse happening at the same time -- this will make an interesting study to turn the clock back to your relationships at that point and what you were going through and what it felt like to have Pluto entering your opposite sign and basically shifting the ground beneath your feet in the style of a series of earthquakes.

Also, the thing with Pluto coming in through the 7th is there is a lot of concentrated energy, and one way or another that energy is going to manifest,

whether it's a whole different kind of relationship than the one you've ever had, or whether it's the experiences of constant changes and reorientation. With Pluto there's never any place, particularly in a sign like Capricorn, there's never any place to really hold onto where you are confident that it's going to be safe from even further changes. And at a certain point you just have to go with it -- and you realize -- well that plan is not going to be what it was, and that business plan and that relationship plan and whatever it might be.

And so, I'm curious even if anyone wants to send me in a synopsis of your life between January 2008 and today. I'd be very curious to read it. It would be a fantastic study to make -- remembering that the peak moments were a little bit before the 2012 era and then another peak in 2018.

And so now, where you are, it is on new territory. You've been through just about everything that you can be through vis-à-vis Pluto in your sign. Saturn has almost come and gone. Saturn as of today is about thirty-seven arc minutes of Aquarius, beginning a new journey -- where we're going to end this reading in the third segment. Saturn is about to re-enter Capricorn on July 1 -- about a week from when I'm doing this reading.

This is a very important transit that I think is going to be overlooked by a few astrologers because it represents a crucial time of cleanup. There is an opportunity to resolve much of the leftover business from this era beginning in 2008, and then the final surge of that which was beginning in late 2017. One of the purposes which Saturn has had in Capricorn was to move the story along. As that transit was beginning I envisioned it as a kind of service to clean up all the rubble left behind by Pluto in Capricorn through these years. **[17:21]**

There's no doubt that everyone with either Sun Cancer or rising Cancer went through at least one major tribulation during this time -- whatever it might have been, because Pluto eventually manifests it full force and something happens.

Pluto never really pushes people beyond their capacity. What it does is it pushes beyond our current limits. It pushes us past the point that was either a comfort zone or a zone of an ability or some zone of previous experience and then expands your capacity to be able to handle the next thing that might be coming.

We are almost always better people for Pluto transits. At first, they're challenging and they're pushing us in ways that might feel like, 'Ah, for fuck's sake – really, again?' But then they become a guide in the dark. They become a thing that we depend on, because once you've learned to hook your evolutionary engine into Pluto and you're able to do the dance with Pluto and move through the changes and quickly go about rising to the occasion -- Pluto becomes a great teacher and a great friend.

In a way, it's the Saturn of our era. Saturn for a while was the bugaboo and people had all these nasty things to say about Saturn and any astrology that is meekly attuned with the times understands the ways in which Saturn is just a necessary structuring agent and agent of change and we just work with. The same has to be true of Pluto and Chiron in our era.

They really are invitations to use your spiritual training, to use your knowledge, to both use your experience and to also build and gain additional experience, despite the intensity of the stress level and despite the intensity of the trial that you may be going through, you want to get on that bronco and ride the fucking thing and if you get thrown off, you want to get back on as fast as you can and keep doing it. **[20:09]**

So, vis-à-vis bringing us into the present. There are a couple of things to bear in mind -- one of which is Saturn making this last visit to Capricorn, for an entire cycle of about twenty-nine years. It will be back in like twenty-seven years and stay for another two and half. That stretches between July 1 and around mid-December, around December 15-17 when it enters Aquarius to stay for a few years and shifts everything.

So, I would propose here that you want to make a list of the things in your life that call for closure. They may be specific people, incidents, scenarios that you need to be mindful of. Don't be afraid to confront this head on, straight on. It may not be a huge impact or seem like it is, but you don't want to bring past business into this incredible future that is opening up -- particularly in the realm of relationships and partnerships.

You want to make sure you really know where you are coming from, so that you are able to proceed in your relationships with solid agreements and genuine

clarity about yourself and using everything you have learned about other people. You have learned a lot about other people, owing to the presence of Pluto in Capricorn. You have seen the good, the bad, the ugly and everything in between, and various shades of amazing.

If you're doing the Pluto transit in an honest way, everyone becomes an evolutionary teacher when Pluto is in your 7th house. Everyone guides you and pushes you and stretches your capacity to handle them and facilitates your ability to open up and allow experiences to happen in a way that facilitates your growth and your self-understanding.

The two major transits that have begun in the past two years, again just bringing us up to the present and then I will do an additional interpretation of this, is that for seven of those years, up until approximately 2018 – 2019, so going back to around 2011, Uranus was going through your 10th house. Uranus through the 10th house does not make it easy to stabilize your career. But what it compels is the constant need to reinvent your career. And so, like any invention, it is really a reinvention. It's something that you're going to do over and over and over again until you get it right.

I have read in Rick Tarnas, who's a pretty thorough scholar, that it took Edison a thousand tries to get the lightbulb right. A thousand, I mean who does anything... besides a musician who learns how to play a scale a thousand times. But inventors have to do this also. They have to do it a thousand times. And that's what Edison did. And he had the breakthrough during a Uranus transit -- during his Uranus opposite Uranus transit. **[23:51]**

And so, there has been a lot of experimentation for you professionally. And then that transitions out when Uranus changed signs and entered Taurus. That was a transition from basically early 2018 into early 2019. And then Chiron entered your 10th house, which calls for careful review and a discussion of the potential of Chiron in your 10th house. But the important thing to do is to shift your expectations about the 10th house, because they've been so heavily colored by the presence of Uranus, which has its own way of constantly shaking things up that does not facilitate stability.

Chiron is a whole other story. Chiron facilitates stability. Chiron takes all that Uranian energy and it grounds it in a very Saturnian process where you actually can focus, sometimes hyper-focus, on what you want to do. And in a way similar to Saturn coming into your 7th house gave you this opportunity (ongoing) to clear up the rubble of Pluto in Capricorn -- Chiron in Aries is giving you an opportunity to stabilize your professional aspirations and your professional commitments, but moreover, your idea of your mission after this long, long bout of Uranus. That's a seven-year spell, right?

One of the things to do with an outer planet transit like Uranus through the 10th is to claim what you learned going through that trip – from approximately 2011 out to 2018. **[25:55]**

Let's start again with where all the planets are right now and treat the current chart as your solar return chart and just get a sense of where these energies and conditioning forces all are.

First of all, the Lunar Nodes have left the Cancer – Capricorn axis. They are now on the Gemini – Sagittarius axis. This too removes a kind of a headwind. It is challenging to have the Lunar North Node in your chart because it's so compelling of the need to face new territory all the time. It's another one of those things that just like an evolutionary push, 'please leave me alone.' And then it's over and you might find that you miss it. The North Node has now retreated into your 12th house, where it will be a little bit calmer.

The eclipse yesterday initiates a whole new stage of your life. There's just no other way to read that, except if you go back and look at all the crappy stuff written in the 19th century, that is not nearly as optimistic as I am and it's not especially utilitarian to take a negative view of eclipses. But what this is doing is, it's an epicycle, it's the cycle of the Sun, and the Moon, and the eclipses and the seasons. So, it's kind of like three or four cycles all piling up on one another saying, 'Time to enter a new stage of your life,' whether you recognize you've been doing it or not.

And I suggest you collect your energy and recognize how well you have done through all of this and let yourself stand on some new concept of terra firma, of ground that you can trust, remembering that ultimately this is the ground of your

own being. It is the ground of who you are. And as Lou Reed said, “the freedom of who you are,” which is how he explains the beauty of gaining self-knowledge. One thing we can say for sure is that you know a lot more about yourself now than you did twelve or thirteen years ago. You may have thought you knew a lot then but you’ve just been through these experiences that have shaved away many things that were not true and allowed space for many things that were true to grow.

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There’s an interesting commentary in that just before the Sun entered Cancer, Mercury went retrograde in Cancer. The chart that I’m using for this reading, which I will scan and post, contains a triple conjunction of retrograde Mercury, the Moon and asteroid Apollo.

And so, the retrograde of Mercury in your sign indicates a review phase. Now, almost everyone except for the very last birthdays in Cancer is going to have Mercury retrograde in the 1st house -- and really everyone is because that last week of Mercury retrograde, I think Mercury goes direct on the 12th or something and then it’s going to be working its way back through the sign Cancer. So there’s an extended visit of Mercury in Cancer and this represents a review phase, as does the last dip of Saturn into Capricorn.

So there’s a few of those indicated and I think that to really be looking at your data during a new time in your life, and making sure that you stay close to your files, and that you are making sure you keep collecting all that you need to know from the experiences that you’ve had. Because why else would you have had those experiences? And even if there’s not any kind of a cosmic reason to have had them -- you want to make sure that you are gaining all the benefits of those experiences.

And so, the retrograde of Mercury, in particular, is to me suggesting review the places where you have tended to make the same mistake repeatedly. This is one of those things about the human race where people tend to have the same injury over and over and they tend to make the same mistake over and over again. You’d think, like, ‘why didn’t I learn?’

And so, the thing to be mindful of, apropos of the Apollo, Mercury, Moon conjunction today – is to make sure that you are in a state of reflection and

review of the mistakes that you have made over and over again repeatedly, and that you start to see some of the signs of making those mistakes. The point here is not to do it again, the point here is not cautionary that you might do any of this over again but to learn the territory, particularly, the emotional territory and learn how not to. **[32:23]**

One of the things that can draw you in is a certain level of being attached and invested in your emotional responses to situations that tend to carry a lot of samskara, or latent past impressions, and can also be hooked into your neurology where you just may not know a different approach to things.

And so, one of things to keep teaching yourself is a new approach over and over again and to let yourself try a different way to handle things. But that really may mean a different way to think about things and a different way to respond to your emotions. For example: you may learn that it helps to have a month delay of any major decision if you can do it -- if you can do it. And it's not that you delay forever but your cycle is one month. You want to take things on a month-to-month basis.

You might just set a rule that when you have a decision to make, you know that you have some time to make the decision, so you're going to wait till one Full Moon and then the following New Moon pass, and that will be your temporal safety when it comes to making an important decision. This way you can avoid the scenario where you unconsciously don't do that and then you end up making the same mistake again.

And so, one way to think about the Moon – Mercury – Apollo and the somewhat longer Mercury – Apollo conjunction in your sign is to consider the intersection where your emotional response influences your reasoning process. And to learn how to be savvy about this. And then also learn how to see the places, feel the places, and notice the places where there is any distortion -- and it is in those moments of distortion where misjudgments and errors can enter. **[34:46]**

Then as Mercury continues to move retrograde there's going to be a steady long conjunction of Mercury and Vesta and additionally, I'm recognizing the asteroid glyph but I'm not drawing in the name just yet -- but it's about allowing the unknown and the mystery to stand. And this is the mystery of service.

The mystery of service is a very important theme for the sign Cancer because the sign Cancer is so necessarily informed by service. It just must be informed by service. With a strong Cancer signature in the chart there is no escaping that happiness comes through understanding the nature of the service that you're supposed to perform and allowing yourself to do that.

There is a challenge with Cancer on, let's say, certain evolutionary levels that it can be very self-centered. This can work well if you understand that your ability to be self-centered means your ability to learn and your ability to actually devote yourself to what you must devote yourself to.

And so, that again shows up in the retrograde Mercury conjunction to Vesta in your sign. The other top-level teaching of Vesta in addition to devotion is making sure that you are clear about the organizing principle of your life.

The organizing principle can almost be anything. It can almost work in any way. You can design a home around almost anything being the organizing principle. In most good homes it's the kitchen because that's the hearth and it's the center and it harkens back to a time when the first part of the house that was built was the hearth and the chimney. Right? It's easier to build the hearth and the chimney when there's not a building in the way. So you put a foundation down and build the hearth and the chimney and then you build the house around the hearth and the chimney. Which means that you're organizing everything around the hearth and the chimney. And this is what extends to the kitchen. **[37:27]**

Since you're unlikely to be building and designing a home -- the organizing principle is first of all going to be an idea as described by Mercury. It is in any event, whatever the organizing principle may work out to be -- to organize your life around your kitchen is a very important part of being a nurturing person and a person who's able to take care of yourself and also a person whose devotion to service is focused. Because the kitchen is such a space where it's possible to relate to it on the level of utilitarian space and then on also as a thing that's about nurturing and a thing that's about creating pleasure and beauty.

I think one of the tremendous silver linings of the whole Covid experience has been that many people, not everyone, I mean some people have probably lived

on take-out this whole time, but there has been a shift in our society of people making their own food. It is certainly most -- almost everyone, well everyone, there have not been restaurants open pretty much anywhere in the United States for three months -- even to this day in many places you can't actually go in the restaurant. Even if you can, you can't sit down. You can just gently carry a bag out wearing a helmet. Is that people have learned how to do more taking care of themselves.

If this has been you and you haven't gotten off the wagon of restaurants and take out and eating on the go and any form of grabbing food, be careful of that. Anytime someone says, 'Let's grab a meal.' No, no, no, no. We don't grab that. Let's not grab. Allow your kitchen and your food, continue that policy of this being a central organizing principle.

So keep the kitchen at the center. Keep your kitchen nice, as nice as you can. Keep it well supplied. Make sure that you have everything you need, in terms of both food supplies and medicines, whether it's herbal or whatever else you might have on your mind. And allow that too to be an organizing principle, which works beautifully for the asteroid Vesta in Cancer. Particularly since Vesta is going to be under such interesting transits -- retrograde Mercury going over it a couple of times for example. **[40:13]**

Let's shift over to the sign Aries. We've talked a lot about Capricorn. We've talked about the impact of your environment on you. When you listen to this reading again remember that everything going on in Capricorn... And there's one more point to bring up here possibly... Let's do that before we move into Aries.

So, remember that everything about Capricorn represents your relationship to your environment, how you perceive your environment, and then your environments impact upon you. And so, we're in one of the last hurrahs of Pluto in Capricorn. I keep forgetting how important this is, but it really is a high value transit event -- which is the triple conjunction of Jupiter and Pluto in Capricorn.

In a similar way to Saturn to me this represents a healing from the potential alienation of Pluto in Capricorn, and also the shifting of a perspective from a 'like what the fuck just happened' to being able to draw in the wisdom of what happened. This transit goes on all year. There's one that began on April 4th, and

then June 30th and then the last one is in November -- right after the election I believe. And so, it's one of those things that is a defining feature of 2020 and then therefore your solar return for the coming four seasons.

And this is about a couple of things, but I think the biggest one is recognizing the common ground you share with people spiritually and having that be the foundation of your relationships. There really can be no other. I mean, sure it's possible to have friendships based on everyone being a member of the Ham Radio Club. But underneath the Ham Radio Club is like, 'why would anybody want to talk to somebody halfway around the world who you don't know'. Well, that's interesting thing, right? There's something in there. And so, the common ground, common thread, the ground that we all share is an essential element of Jupiter conjunct Pluto.

This would help erase various forms of prejudice; whether it's spiritual prejudice, or racial prejudice, or economic prejudice -- because this Jupiter – Pluto is going to bring us to some intersection of what we all have in common. There is something in here about having a better basis for how humans interact with one another politically.

There's another asteroid involved. The asteroid's very prominent in your chart this year and that asteroid is Pallas Athene, which is about law, wisdom and politics. Which don't always go together but we can only do our best to bring the wisdom element of Pallas Athene in through the Jupiter element of wisdom of Pallas Athene and then to connect that with this evolutionary drive of Pluto and be able to find a way to run the society we have. That society may be a household, it may be a company, it may be a community, or a city, it may be a country, it may be the world community. **[44:14]**

But this is a study in how we relate to authority. And part of that for you in this 'political as personal' time that we're living in is understanding the way in which people have taken power over you in the past. Generally, the power was not taken. The power was given and it's whether there was an open "value proposition" or an unknown, concealed or misunderstood value proposition. There was one. And that may have been the hope of things being a little bit more organized or having someone in your life be happier than they might have been.

The thing to beware of with Pallas Athene in the picture is any form of daddy pleasing. Daddy pleasing also means complying with the law just to look like you're complying with the law even if you think that the whole thing is ridiculous – whatever form that may be.

We are likely in the next year to see a lot of unreasonable demands to comply with things that make no sense at all and under the influence of Pallas Athene, Jupiter and Pluto I sincerely suggest that you make sure you are in an honest relationship with the whys and the wherefores and the implications of being asked to or seemingly made to comply. Because there is something going on and it's not the thing that we are told that's going on.

This is not any form of a conspiracy theory. It's just an observation of the world. And one of the things that people are being asked to do right now is to comply with unreasonable things on some legal threat. You may be visited by a contact tracer. You may be offered the opportunity to put contact tracing software on your phone and think, 'Oh, I'm being a good citizen by doing this.'

I suggest you put a very high premium on your privacy. You are not public property. Don't let anyone treat you like you are public property or any form of a ward of the state. You just simply are not. But to not live like you are a ward of the state, like the state seems to want everyone to live like they are right now – you have to declare yourself in your own heart and soul -- not a ward of the state. Make your decisions consciously and know your motives for everything you do and understand the motives of everyone who's trying to make you or insist or compel or somehow extort you into doing anything at all. Give yourself time to make these decisions, particularly if it is a decision that you cannot easily reverse.
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The spiritual level of Jupiter – Pluto is an important level and it brings the spiritual teaching of your 9th house, which is Pisces, and then your 6th house of healing, which is Sagittarius, together into Jupiter, right? Because Jupiter represents those two signs and therefore those two houses into a 'wow, this is very real,' kind of confrontation. Depending on where your vulnerabilities are and depending on how much work you've done around your parents and how much work you've done around authority. Which we are going to get to because we are going to get

to Chiron, which I want to save for the next section. But Chiron in the 10th is a study of your relationship to authority, as is all of this Pluto stuff.

The direction that you're moving things in is into negotiated contracts, negotiated solutions, negotiated settlements and solutions where you make sure that you for one thing take the power of language. The presence of Mercury in your sign during all of this, particularly, this quite beautiful Mercury retrograde. I just for some reason think so. Take the power of words. Take the initiative for example and write the language in any contract that works for you. You write the proposal. Don't respond to someone else's concept of the proposal. Or maybe just make a complete counterproposal. Read there's and then say, 'well, how about this.' But you want to be in charge of the language. You want to use your words that you understand and translate things into your words that you understand.

By the way, Pallas has this connection to Minerva which is about writing and stories and the weaving and the thread. And so, this shows up with a series of Mercury aspects in yours sign, and then also the prominence of Pallas Athene in your sign to be the master of your words. Once you start doing that, once you start to see the power of saying things in your own words and getting other people to agree to the language that you propose -- you might be onto this already.

If you're not onto it, you might think, 'Wow, this is really powerful, I've been missing out. All I've ever done is just try and sign the thing that the person sends me.' And look, I realize there are times when you have to sign the thing that the person sends you, but if you are signing the thing that the person sends you make sure that you have a couple of people in your life who are really good at reading contracts. They may or may not be attorneys, someone might be an attorney -- one of those like two people who get the role of contract desk editor. In my life I have an accountant who is just really good at spotting horse shit in contracts. It's just his particular fetish. He likes to do it and he's good at it. Have someone like that in your life. **[51:00]**

And then in the more informal agreements, the ones that are not necessarily signed, the ones that are just formalized by an email exchange for example; try being the one who writes the language. And with retrograde Mercury influencing you throughout this entire year, make sure you give it the three-day rest period

once there's finalization and then make sure that revisions, the edits go well. So, stay involved. It's not just about writing the thing the first time around. There's also something about making sure that the revision process goes well and that you correct the mistakes as you see them and so it's not a thing where you are attempting to do this after you've committed, after the ink has dried. Make sure that everything is going on in pencil initially. Take advantage of that power, the power of the eraser. **[52: 14]**

That effect was the sound of the aura of the eraser of my mechanical pencil. I pretty much write only in pencil until it comes time to type, which is another form of pencil. [Description of audio – interlude]

For this last seg I want to talk about the two places that are really opening up future territory. One of them is your 8th house which is Aquarius. The other is your 10th house which is Aries. You have begun transits in both of these houses, but they are either only just beginning, as is the case of Saturn in Aquarius, which is where it spent part of the year from March something through July 1st, and then it will be back in December. We've had a little warm up there.

In the 10th house you've had Chiron settling in for a couple of years, but now that's about to take its first major transit in the form of Mars retrograde in Aries. While Mars retrograde really goes from September 9th through November 13th, the whole thing begins with the ingress of Mars into Aries, which is June 27th.

My most recent way of understanding inner planet retrogrades is to count the whole time the planet is in the sign where it's retrograde. Where a planet jumps signs during the retrograde, I take a slightly different approach. But in the case of Venus retrograde, which is just about to end and which I wrote about last night in an article we should provide for you -- so I will make sure it is included just in case you didn't see it. That's all in Gemini and then Mars is conveniently all going to be in Aries.

And so, we begin the Mars retrograde process forthwith. Right at the end of June and then it lasts clear through 2020 and a little bit into January 2021. So, it's a five-and-a-half-month process and it's one to keep an eye on. **[55:46]**

The common ground between Aries and Aquarius now, apart from all kinds of interesting esoteric connections which you need to know about in the form of Aries Intelligence. You might not have seen that. We're being very liberal in giving away the Aries 2020 reading because it's so foundational to all of the astrology we're experiencing.

And for you with now the two houses in your chart that are about to come under the most significant long-term transits are Aries your 10th and Aquarius your 8th, and they're both houses where power is transacted. Whether it's the power of authority, the power of money, the power of sex, the power of the group to influence your opinions. There are many different ways in which power is transacted in these two houses.

They have different expressions, in that the 8th is where power seems to be imposed on most people. Most people experience the 8th not as place where they're an equal participant in transactions but rather where the transactions just either seem to happen in some way or they sign on the dotted line and they're involved and they're invested and they don't know quite how they got there or how to get out. Which is not my approach to the 8th at all. Not if I'm telling you to have the contract fetishists in your life -- people who just take pleasure in contracts and dismantling them. No, that levels the ground and gives you a tremendous advantage to understand the nature of agreements -- all agreements.

And then the 10th, which actually most people experience the 10th as the place where other people have power over them as well -- typically in the form of their parents, the boss and the government. That too is not the thing that you are particularly interested in. The 10th is where you want to be able to take some command over your own affairs to the greatest extent that you can do so. **[58:07]**

So, let's start with the 10th and then with the 8th. The 10th is, as I mentioned, it is the house where matters of authority are involved. And when we experience the 10th house in a passive way with others taking power over us or submitting to things like government power in some way, or the power of the boss, the power of the family, the power of parents.

Which the 10th roots in the power of parents which they have over us and there is a lot about making sure you are complete on understanding the nature of the

power dynamics where your parents were and are concerned. Which, of course, if you are a parent this will kind of play out in reverse when you are trying to figure out how to be fair with your kids and not be the same overbearing person, or person who makes all kinds of mistakes, or unmitigated douchebag as others might have been in your life. You might be thinking, 'well, there's got to be another way to do this than all the bullshit I went through.'

So your 10th was under the transit of Uranus, which was chaotic and disruptive and compelling of you whether it worked or not to build your career in a way that may have seemed to keep getting knocked down. By the end of which you may have refined one or two really good ideas or just a method that you could work with.

Sticking to the past for one more second, the beauty of that Uranus transit is that it taught you something about navigating and negotiating on the line. To the delight of some and the chagrin of some such as myself, even though my business is almost completely on the internet -- we're suffering a loss for this obsession with all business being conducted through the robot, by which I mean the internet. Which is just one giant robot.

The things you learned from approximately 2011 through early 2019, that long stretch of time, which transitions into the current stretch of time -- was about how to do this. It was about learning the methods and the byways and in a sense -- making your career internet ready. **[1:01:09]**

Now, what is so interesting is what Chiron is teaching you how to do is how to preserve the human dimension of your professional transactions. While Chiron has as an affinity for Uranus, mostly Chiron is an antidote for Uranus -- in that it is able to ground what would otherwise just be a kind of a free floating and uncontrolled energy.

Chiron depicts a creature who is in many ways emblematic of the human condition -- the half animal, half man centaur. This is about taking leadership in the realm of ensuring that your professional transactions and the way that you work with power are humane and human and grounded in the real world of real people and real feelings and that you do anything that you can to keep your transactions on the human level. To not essentially submit to the Borg, to being

part of the robot, and that you put your humanity first in all that you do and all of the leadership responsibilities that you have.

Additionally, this includes the necessity for teaching which is always a very high priority where there is prominent Chiron and Chiron is definitely prominent in the 10th house.

Now what happens this year, is about to happen -- is that Mars is going to go clear across Aries, wind up in about the 29th degree, go retrograde in September, go about halfway back across Aries, then go direct, and then go across the last half of Aries for a third time. So, there's going to be territory out there that's covered three times, particularly between about the 15th degree and the 28th degree. There is something here about a process of repetitive learning, but Mars brings emphasis and the emphasis that Mars is bringing is initiative.

Now, Cancer is mistakenly identified as a sign that is a lot more passive than it actually is. Cancer is a very high initiative sign, and this is inviting you and giving you the energy to take leadership.

The thing to remember is: you want to do this in subtle ways, not overbearing ways. You could be influenced to be bossy. You definitely don't want to do that. You do want to focus a plan and go with it for a while. Focus and agenda and go with it for a while.

Make sure that you understand that in any situation where you are or where you have a vested interest of some form – including things where you have the entire vested interest, you're the person who has to take leadership and you're the person who has to take initiative. Don't expect others to come up with the ideas. Rather, you come up with the ideas and then you teach the people who you might be working with how to implement the ideas. **[1:04:51]**

Leadership implies self-leadership of course. You have to be good at that, but it implies leadership of others. And so, you will go through many different manifestations and incarnations of this initiative leadership thing through the rest of the years. It's likely to be very exciting and you are likely to have the energy to try experiments that you would not normally have tried before, to test them out and to work with what gets a result and learn from all the things that don't get

the result that you want. The 10th house is a very experiential house. It wants to be worked with and used as a conscious tangible thing and not experienced passively.

While you've got Mars in the 10th house you also want to make sure that you are staying well within certain legal and cultural norms of society and that your tax returns are processed and that you are in good standing with authority de minimis. That you just are doing all the basic things underneath, not just being a slave to what authority might say but rather that you've got the basics covered.

Now, where the 8th house comes into this is that the 8th involves resources and it looks as if you are going to be in a position to have a lot more in the way of resources. That includes the financial resources that may come from other people or some form of an opportunity boon windfall because the 8th is the house of inheritance, but also the resources of the humans around you, the cooperation of the people around you.

And any form of investment is certainly partly, or you could say entirely is about the human cooperation since all resources come through people. Even the ones that come through institutions come through the people who have the power to say, 'Okay, let's try this.' But more to the point, it's the group of the people that you work with and it's your posse basically.

And with Saturn and Jupiter which are going to form a conjunction in the 1st degree of Aquarius -- you are the leader of your posse. You want to take this seriously and not think that in some way it doesn't affect, you're not deserving of it, or whatever.

You have tremendous opportunity to benefit from the help that people offer you or make available to you. It's just that you have to work with it in a way that is somewhat organized, that is conscientious and where the prevailing ethos is that everyone is good for their agreements. **[1:08:04]**

And so, the 8th house is the house of contracts. The 8th house is the house of the financial rewards of partnership. It is the place where a lot of money is transacted. Saturn there gives you the capacity to structure the transactions. Money flows towards structure. And so, you want to work with the structure and

make sure that you've designed the structure to be flexible and that you've designed it to be suitable to its purpose. You continue to work on the design scheme but remember that you need structure around your finances.

So, we can bring up the topic of accounting again. You want to make sure that in this new economy where we are all being compelled to be much more independent that you understand the types of companies that exist. Whether it is some form of an LLC, or a DBA – the most basic form of a business, an LLC is like halfway between a DBA and corporation, the third major type of corporation which is a non-profit corporation and then the various forms of partnerships and memberships in those things. Learn about this. I don't know if there is some dummies guide to starting a corporation or YouTube videos which you should listen to many if you take that route. But know the proper structure for the business that you run.

I once had a client -- I wish I could remember who it was. I fucking loved her. Her job was to run ten LLC's for the mafia. She was the administrative assistant from hell or wherever. She could run ten LLC's for a bunch of mobsters. They knew how to structure their money, where to put the money so it's safe. So, somebody makes an investment in your business? Where do you put that money? How do you draw on that money? How do you account for that money? What do you do with it?

The 8th house is loaded with opportunities, whether planned or not for you to engage in these kinds of business transactions. You want to make sure you are in very good standing with anything involving taxation and that you know the rules, the customs and the laws for that. And that you have everything structured basically for maximum efficiency and for protection of your assets. This includes contracts that allow easy in and easy out, contracts that specify who owns the assets in the event of any potential dissolution -- you always have to be thinking of that.

Make sure that you get things on paper. Email transactions may be enough. It might be better to have an informal written agreement, or a more formal written agreement, or a very formal written agreement prepared by attorneys and notarized and all that stuff. Bear in mind what is the right level of commitment

and the appropriate form of financial structure for the type of enterprise that you are going to be embarking on. **[1:11:25]**

This by the way may be an evolution of what you're doing now. It may be something completely different. I do suggest if you're going to found a corporation, a partnership, or an LLC that you work with an astrologer.

This is not strictly an ad, but I am very good at this -- timing when the corporation is conceived. It's an inceptional chart. This is not simple astrology. You could say a lot about avoiding Mercury retrograde and avoiding eclipses and letting all inner planet retrogrades end and stuff like that. But you want to plan this as carefully as possible and know what you're doing or have someone who you're working with who knows what you're doing.

I'm saying all of this because there is opportunity in abundance in these charts and it looks like you have the potential for there to be abundance in abundance. When you've got that you want to know what you're doing and you want to be well advised and you want people who have a clue and you want to know what's in those agreements so that when you succeed, your success is your own. Then you have the ability to be fair with everyone in your life.

Both the activity in the 10th which is this spectacular Mars retrograde which includes a conjunction to Chiron and three conjunctions to Eris. This is some power to invent and to initiate things.

And the 8th house which looks like significant available resources. Do not count this out. Have a feeling for an expanded concept of what's available. Talk to people who are good at this, who can see the possibilities.

You with me here? I'm suggesting that you plan for success. Structure your life for success. You have earned it. Now, success is its own reward and it comes with many challenges, but it is success and you know you've been through a lot. Both of us will be very happy to see you on a whole other level of reality.

That's it for now. I'm going to play out this song. It's called shine on. Bye for now. **[1:14:11]**