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## **Keep Your Mind Open and Your Spirit Free**

Somewhere In Between for Gemini

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**A**MONG THE MYSTERIES and rarities of 2024, you may be reading about how something called Sedna is about to enter Gemini. Much else is happening, and it's probable that thanks to Saturn in Pisces and Jupiter in your sign, the focus of your attention will be on advancing yourself professionally.

Yet beneath your worldly affairs, Sedna — which last entered Gemini 11,400 years ago — will be calling on you to think of yourself in an entirely new way. This is also calling on astrologers to think differently,

as before Uranus manifested in 1781, the planet with the longest orbit was Saturn, with a cycle of just 29 years. We will come back to Sedna, which is a rich and meaningful influence.

As for Jupiter, it arrives in your sign in June, amidst much other fanfare. Jupiter is the 'greater benefic' and it tends to arrive with opportunity and a sense of potential and even fulfillment. It will move into your sign fresh on the heels of the Jupiter-Uranus conjunction, tucked back into the 12th place of your chart (the sign before yours, Taurus).

While the alignment of Jupiter-Uranus will have more bold expressions in other solar charts, for you it will remain in a state of highly-charged potential until it shows up in Gemini. This will be so strong as to potentially be uncomfortable, like you're waiting for something to spontaneously burst out of your soul.

Then, suddenly, you will feel what you've been missing. That may translate to a new sense of your own potential, your own presence, and your own ability to sway events in your favor. Jupiter runs the solar system; the Sun holds the planets in their orbits, but this massive giant tells everyone else where to go and what to do.

The problem with Jupiter in Gemini is the phenomenon of "forward in all directions." So you will need to place some metes and bounds around that, and focus yourself on specific goals. By all means, think big — and then act modestly. If something is going to scale up, Jupiter's influence will take care of that.

The thought form of Jupiter may be something like "no matter what I do, I cannot fail," though that is just a feeling. It's important that you work from priorities, and use well what some call luck. Choose to act where you have pre-existing and perhaps partially-developed intentions waiting for their moment.

## **Jupiter Square Saturn**

More than any other planet, Jupiter needs Saturn. Though I will develop Saturn a little later in this reading, fortunately it's active in your chart — very active — as it is now in Pisces, your solar 10th

place. It's been there since Spring 2023, though this is the peak year for a number of reasons.

Saturn in the 10th describes the focus and discipline that you need to set and work toward specific goals. While Jupiter moves through Gemini, it will make a square aspect to Saturn at the end of the year. This is cautionary of a situation where some goal or ambition you have goes out of bounds and exceeds either its budget or its purpose.

So the suggestion here is to plan your work and work your plan. Your awareness and sense of purpose is crucial to your success like never before.

The Jupiter-Uranus conjunction in April will give you all kinds of ideas, and anything may seem possible. The conjunction takes place in Taurus, which has a solid and convincing feeling. I have no doubt you will have visions of what can actually become true for you; of what you can develop in the material world. But remember that the 12th place is just outside of manifestation; it is the house of dreams and the imagination, where many worthwhile things begin.

Then comes the practical matter of ordering your worldly process of manifestation: choosing a goal, making an architectural design, and then turning that design into some kind of extant thing. In architecture, there is at least one intermediate step: a scale model. In whatever you're doing, the concept of a scale model will help you keep a handle on your plans and to grow in a structured way.

Your method can include various forms of proof of concept, test marketing, A/B testing (perfect for a Gemini influence), and experiments among your friends. This would be followed by experiments among those you don't know.

Remember that you're going to feel like your idea is fantastic; that is important, though it's also important to temper, because you will be a shade or two biased. I think it's fair to call the presence of a planet 1,200 times the size of the Earth a source of compelling internal persuasion. That bias is called "believing in yourself." However, it's essential that you stay close to your primary goal.

Another factor may be driving your movement and your mentality. Jupiter's square to Saturn will be a governing (meaning structuring and limiting) factor, and that will serve you well. Hopefully that sense of proportion and working within limits will exist within your mind. You really don't want to come up against the guardrail of Saturn and then need to rapidly dial back.

Jupiter square Saturn can also feel like you have some kind of last chance to get it right. "It" would be whatever you're doing, and this would imply some form of previous commitment.

## **Adding Depth: Sedna Enters Gemini**

The main questions surrounding Gemini are always about depth. There is mental agility and a breezy articulate quality to Gemini, though other factors must add gravitas. This is in the process of happening, in a way that will change the concept of Gemini irrevocably.

The ingress of Sedna, which is changing signs from Taurus, will begin a rewrite and reconceptualizing of Gemini. It's been in Taurus since 1966. Discovered in 2003, it has the longest cycle of any named planet. It will be in Gemini until 2066, after making its final ingress on April 28. (April is a very eventful month.)

Sedna is a small object orbiting within our solar system in what is called the Oort Cloud — the farthest known region of space associated with our star. Its cycle is about 11,400 years, and it was last in this position way back when the glaciers were retreating from the Northern Hemisphere. So whatever it describes is unusual and may be unprecedented for known civilization. (The earliest known writing was invented around 3400 BC.)

Sedna is so distant that astronomers can only speculate loosely about how it got to be placed where it is. One theory is that it's leftover material from a nascent star cluster that preceded the existence of our one-star solar system. There are a lot of other possibilities. We could say in that case that Sedna represents a vast, difficult-to-define question — a question of which you are taking personal possession. In

personal terms, it's about your origins and the mystery of how you got to be where you are.

Could Sedna, with its small size and at that vast distance, possibly have an influence on anything? That's a matter of interpretation and perspective. Astrology is not about causation; it's about reading the signs and cycles. It is a divinity art. Slow factors are usually the most influential. And now the longest, slowest of the known cycles is coming to Gemini.

So get ready for some kind of personal awakening process, which will be directly aligned with the meaning that Pluto entering Aquarius has for you. Both are entering air signs at the same time.

It's fair to say that one Sedna cycle ago was a time of profound change on the planet, just as we are facing today. Though that change is of a very different kind, what we are facing today is as all-embracing as was the glacial retreat. There was exceedingly little life where the glaciers retreated, and everything was starting over.

In the 20 years since its discovery, Sedna has become associated with matters of climate and environment. The association with the physical environment is suitable for its presence in Taurus.

In Gemini, it will call attention to the mental environment. Sedna in Taurus has been a time of profound change, resources depletion, and the slow raising of awareness that we cannot treat the Earth like a petrochemical septic tank. But that is how we currently treat our minds.

While physical resources and climate conditions are obviously important, every thought we think and idea we communicate goes through the mental environment — and at the moment, it's a serious mess. We are rapidly coming under the thrall of artificial thought systems, which are conditioning people to be like them. That means a so-far gradual dehumanization that is now accelerating fast.

In a way similar to how, in the physical world, pollution translates into hormone mayhem, digital technology has induced psychological mayhem and the total destabilization of culture and intellect. While

Gemini generally describes one's interior and private mental space, that has a way of extending into the world, one relationship at a time (think: twins).

It's difficult to miss the extent of the struggles so many are facing: isolation, personal struggle, depression and a sense of hopelessness. In my view, the crisis in its current form is the result of digital pollution.

We got along just fine a generation ago without needing 100 different passwords and our homes infused by dozens of EMF networks. Then there is the devaluation of time, talent, friendship, goodwill and humanity itself. Meanwhile, we stare like deer into the oncoming truck of "artificial intelligence," as if it was just another techno fad, not admitting that it's here to replace people — not help us. There is nothing intelligent about it; it should be called "data-based mental and social control."

While the planet's physical environment is an important thing to consider and respond to, in truth we live more directly in a mental environment. Whatever action we may take (such as in the physical world) comes through the mental environment first. And yet neither this fact, nor the environment itself and its influence, are rarely considered. Since these developments will be personal to you, they will be worth tracking and considering carefully.

How you think matters; what you think about matters; how you use language matters; what you take to be "reality" makes a vast difference in terms of what you think is real.

## **Jupiter Enters Gemini with Sedna**

Jupiter enters Gemini just a few weeks after Sedna. There will be just one conjunction during this 12-year cycle of Jupiter, which takes place May 27, 2024. In our epoch (the 20th and much of the 21st centuries), these conjunctions take place during the Chinese Year of the Dragon. This is a high-energy time representing new beginnings. (Dragon is the Chinese equivalent of Aries, a cardinal fire sign).

The conjunction will amplify and magnify the effects of Sedna; we will get early news as to what this phase of the Sedna cycle is about — for all of us. However, since it's in Gemini, it pertains to you: some raising of awareness of the matters that Sedna will address.

I suspect that one of them will be this thing known casually as "dualism." While most of the signs are dualistic in some sense (the horns of the ram and the bull; the two fish of Pisces), Gemini is the astrological seat of dualism, which is one of the most vexing problems of consciousness.

One of the spiritual quests of Gemini is to live as one unified being. Sedna is here to call attention to this both as an environmental issue and a personal one. Matters such as cognitive dissonance, and holding competing belief systems, are likely to come to the surface and seek attention. I think that the message of Sedna, so far as I can tell here at the outset, will be to attend to your interior mental space. You may notice a summoning to reckon with yourself.

To exist as a "split being" is an adaptation that many people are using right now, though it's compensatory. You may discover that this is something you cannot afford; you may determine that the purpose of your life and the essence of your healing process is to exist as a whole being, in harmony with yourself.

## **Pluto in Aquarius: Parallel Developments**

First, a personal observation. The spiritual crisis of our times is the chaos induced by digital technology. It has upended our minds, our lives, our cultures and the historical process — and that's just the beginning. Aquarius is the sigil of the digital environment, and you have it placed in one of the more spiritual angles of your chart.

So I think you're going to get this issue and how it intersects with your life, and recognize that you're in a position to do something about it.

That the sign change of Sedna is taking place in close parallel to Pluto entering Aquarius, makes it fair to consider them as part of the same thing. Both began in 2023 and will conclude in 2024. Many of the same

themes come up with Pluto entering your fellow air sign, though the Aquarius emphasis is more collective.

And for you, Pluto in Aquarius pertains to your spiritual life above all else. That said, Pluto in Aquarius will drive the need for individuals to stand up to collective control, and so will Sedna in Gemini. Both contain the seeds of solutions to the problems they describe, though profound personal responsibility is necessary.

While it's possible to candy-coat the onslaught of digital, artificial and virtual with sexy Verizon ads, the latest gaming console and the potential wonders of exploring the "metaverse," humanity is in a moment comparable to whatever happened in mythological Atlantis.

Per the description offered in Book 3 of *Conversations with God*, I share the view that the tipping point involves humanity becoming the product of its own technology rather than technology being the product of our creativity. Humans always become like our tools, yet no tool other than digital has ever swallowed all of humanity so totally and so rapidly as to shock and fracture the entire concept of what a person is in just a few decades.

All of this presents you with a distinct spiritual mission: that of preserving your humanity, even as it is being taken from you below your awareness. This is a little easier to interpret for Pluto than it is for Sedna. However, I suspect the closely-related themes of both will come up a number of times and by the end of this reading I'll have a much better sense of Sedna in Gemini.

You have Aquarius covering your 9th place. The 9th is about all things spiritual. It used to describe the church and the clergy; now it's about one's personal relationship with God, Spirit, Creator, Source or higher Self (as you prefer). It also pertains to all forms of philosophy and deep learning. And it's about traveling the world and experiencing other places and cultures.

But for you, Aquarius in the 9th place means that your social orientation is the essence of your spirituality. Friends are where spirit or soul manifests for you; if God is real, that is reflected in people. Pluto's presence in Aquarius will call your attention to this region of



your life as a primary mission. It's a personal spiritual transformation as well as a summoning to leadership.

Pluto's arrival anywhere is a confrontation, and Aquarius tends to crystallize. In this scenario, the challenge will be to whether what you have held true all your life really is so. This is a theme of our times (often insincere), and it's necessary to have an actual basis for the questions you ask. This is not about questioning everything, including "the shape of the planet" or suspecting your cat is only in it for the food. So the first matter is, what makes something a genuine philosophical question? Even if you're not the type to dabble in "great ideas," you may find yourself more deeply involved, and even obsessed, under Pluto in Aquarius.

No matter how chaotic life and ideas may be, your questions must have a basis, and some meaning, or you will only make matters worse. You may safely ignore the advice plenty are giving to "question every last thing," and instead, take the questions one at a time when they emerge for you in a personally meaningful way.

You may experience shades of what seem like radical awakening — and this would be getting shocked out of the numbing, amputating digital haze. Disinformation may become abhorrent to you, whereas before you may have tolerated it or thought people are entitled to their "opinions." Get ready to take things seriously that in the past you let slide by.

## **The Role of Peers in Determining Your Beliefs**

There is one special matter related to Aquarius covering your 9th place that I would like to address separately. Aquarius is the sign of groups, and it also forms crystallized patterns. Those are often social patterns, which can, in turn, seem to determine what you believe. In other words, if other people think it's true, then it must be. Said another way, Aquarius 9th is given to sticking with consensus reality.

However, Aquarius has a kind of safety device built in, which is its contrarian side. The chances are pretty good that if most people believe something, there is a problem with the theory — and you

usually figure this out. This is not true 100% of the time (nothing is), though where an idea, or a belief, affects you personally, you will want to check in on the series of steps that got you to that place. The personal connection to an issue and its impact is crucial.

Even as the world is in the grip of many serious issues, and individuals struggle to keep their sanity, many people devote themselves to "research" into bullshit, and while we might not hear much about Q-Anon any more, its approach has become a dominant model of thought: go from wild speculation to firm conclusion in one jump.

There is a lot of pressure to do this and to think that one is thinking. Pluto in Aquarius will push you to mature intellectually, and that means standing up to the views and opinions of others when they are imposed upon you. This will be necessary even when it seems like everyone around you and every TV station has the same opinion and believes the same thing is happening.

Pay attention to when those beliefs affect you. You will then need to do that challenging thing — go beyond belief, and get yourself to the place of true understanding. This is why it's so important that you not invest your precious bandwidth in what does not matter to you or your community. There is plenty that does. Yet you must decide on a personal basis and stay away from "thought trends" that are generally about avoiding important matters rather than engaging them.

You may find that you're being called to continue your education in a meaningful way. This does not have to involve a formal institution; very little is learned under the circumstances of cramming and testing. Yet it takes discipline to guide your own study of any topic. You are unlikely to need a new degree or certification; that's not what this transit is about. It's about going deeper, and for that to work, it must be motivated by deep and sincere curiosity, and also by the need to grow and evolve.

## **Back One Cycle: Pluto Through Capricorn and Your 8th**

Pluto transits call for a review. We've talked about Pluto in the 9th/ Aquarius, though it will help to do at least a brief review of the past 16 years of Pluto in your 8th house.

This has not been easy for anyone, though to have the 8th house covered by Capricorn is a condition that deserves special attention.

The 8th place is about commitments and contracts. It's also about our most intimate relationships. The 8th is a shared meeting place between self and other, in the most intimate sense.

Capricorn in this area says you expect solid, dependable commitments, and you expect them to be durable. We are talking about an earthy sign that pertains to that which is old, traditional, and considered stable and dependable. However, Pluto has made its mark. Capricorn is dense matter; Pluto is an unstoppable force.

It rearranges what it touches. And with Pluto in Capricorn, you've experienced major changes which have affected all of your commitments, both as you express them and as they are expressed to you. Many of these have resulted in permanent rearrangements to your most intimate life.

While it's true that everyone experiences structural changes, they don't happen like this very often; this is because Capricorn is SO structured and Pluto is so determined to alter, evolve or in some way recreate whatever it touches. You may have figured out that these were necessary changes, developments or stages of your life.

Pluto's presence has also described evolution in your relationships, even if that has meant they radically transformed, or did not survive. When you look back, how do you feel about those specific incidents?

While at times you did not like what was happening, at other times, Pluto described your liberation from a situation or person that there was no other way to free yourself from. This included patterns of commitment that existed from the time of your birth and long before

(Capricorn in any personal chart often describes the patterns of our forebears and ancestors).

At times you've had to contend with unusually powerful factors that seemed like they were out of your control. You've had little choice but to work with those factors, and then make the most of them. And in a way more dramatic than Saturn, what Pluto has removed from your life, you probably did not need; and something better took its place.

As described above, Pluto now moves onto your 9th place of spiritual affairs and your relationship with the planet and the universe. The 9th covers a much wider field of experience than does the 8th. It is less personal, and more global; and the ethics involved in questions of the 9th must work for more people.

Especially with Aquarius there, a community ethos is involved. This is the real message of Pluto in Aquarius, and you will be one of its people on the forefront, where the spiritual and ethical community issues are concerned.

## **Saturn in Pisces: The Drive for Achievement**

Let's come back to Saturn in Pisces, which I introduced briefly above. Pisces is the 10th place for Gemini — it's right at the top of your chart, representing your highest aspirations, your reputation, and your relationship to responsibility. The 10th describes how you handle authority in any form, whether it's your own, or something you encounter outside yourself.

At this crucial time in your life, you are blessed to have Saturn with you. Saturn transiting the 10th is about as good as a Saturn transit gets, though let's go over some of the properties of having Pisces in this placement, then add in the planets.

Pisces is not exactly a solid substance; and its spiritual and visionary quality exists mostly in potential. It is therefore challenging for you to have specific, firm goals — if they are associated with your 10th. It's also difficult for others to describe what it is about you that makes you

an accomplished person. Pisces has a shapeshifting quality stronger than all the signs.

It is therefore up to you to be a visionary in your own life, and to have an idea of who and what you want to be; and how you want to be seen. This does not make it an exact science; where Pisces is concerned, nothing is. So it's necessary for you to allow intuitive guidance in, and to have a flexible idea of success. And that idea must, at least, have a spiritual basis.

Since 2011, Neptune has been crossing this angle of your chart, often adding some fog, thunder and rain. It's fair to say that in certain ways you have felt invisible, despite significant accomplishments. If you have persisted and grown into your work and your mission, it's been for better reasons than the applause. You have, at least, learned the benefits of doing things because they are the things to do — not for some external validation.

This does not mean you haven't been recognized; but the recognition may be as invisible to you as you feel to those you might ordinarily impress.

Saturn is here to address this issue — bringing substance, establishing boundaries and tangible lines of action — and presenting you with actual challenges you can grasp. I would say that the most important factor of Saturn in your 10th house is clearing away the goals you no longer hold dear. You may have some strong attachments to aspirations that are not working out, though these will only get in the way of those that will be more fulfilling. Those goals you eliminate may exist in principle; they may be included as facets of the projects you choose, so keep an ear out for that.

I don't think it will be enough to be motivated by desire. With Pluto in Aquarius and Sedna in your sign, you must be motivated by purpose and meaning. Vapid goals like making money or making a name for yourself will not serve. The reputation you might garner would only serve to feed the purpose that is driving you forward.

Most people take Saturn as an external structure, as if it were some kind of exoskeleton that contained them. This is usually in the form of

external structure and authority. But Saturn represents the bones, which hold you up from inside. Therefore, the mission with Saturn is to always internalize authority and to be your own master. If you do not, you may find yourself being forced to do things differently than you might have done had you made decisions and stuck to them.

It's important that you stay way ahead and up to date on any matters related to the government. Take special care to tidy up any pending tax matters, and make sure you attend to the small stuff so it doesn't become big stuff. With Saturn, you must be the authority — not the allegedly all-knowing state.

## **Events in Aries: The Bright Light**

In every sign, the placement of Aries describes something essential. Aries for any Sun sign describes where you seek yourself, and seek to self-actualize. Of course the whole chart is a self-actualization tool, though Aries gives us some very helpful clues.

When we think about Gemini, one of the first words that comes to mind is social. Gemini likes to be around people. And we find Aries in the 11th place of Gemini, which is the most social house. So your affinity for people is not merely a distraction or for company, but rather because there is something essential about yourself that you can only access among others.

Said another way, being among a group is one of the easiest places for you to be naturally yourself. The nice thing about Aries is that it is usually solidly one thing, and its presence here encourages you to be sincerely yourself in any situation.

Now for the specifics: Aries is another zone that is taking the digital shock, but this time to individual consciousness. Aquarius sets the tone of a whole energy field that is collective in nature. Aries is similar but individual in nature. But you have Aries in the 11th house, so it has that 11th sign (Aquarius) feeling.

Chiron has been transiting this zone for some years, and that makes you a probe. You are like an antenna into public awareness, and a kind

of weathervane for your friends, who use you to know “which way the wind is blowing.” As you know, there is a crisis; it’s been brewing a while. The current stage started in 2018 when Chiron arrived. Before that it was fun and interesting and chaotic — then you picked up on the problem.

And I reckon you figured out that you can be part of the solution if you want, by which I mean do your part to heal the pain of society right now. Though that approach has required a deep rethinking of who you are and how you think of yourself — that is the nature of Chiron. Your role in the community is that of the healer of community itself. You may serve individual people in some capacity, though that’s an element of your larger mission of working holistically.

There are elements of this role and purpose that you do consciously, though mostly your presence in any social environment serves as a kind of grounding rod for a spiritual influence that brings the meeting or gathering to another level. Trust what you say in such circumstances, and if it happens that people respond or react to you, take it in stride. You are emanating invisible light that some people may find makes them squint.

This is not a temporary assignment, should you choose to accept it and orient yourself on fulfilling it. Aries will be the scene of one spectacular event after the next well into 2026. This begins with a total eclipse of the Sun conjunct Chiron on April 8. While Chiron has been in Aries since 2018, this is the first major culmination of its presence there, after a very long warmup. While I will not ‘predict’ what this will be about, I think the effect will be obvious and take you to a new level of both self-awareness and community involvement.

There are many factors working in your astrology to support and promote this kind of interaction with the world around you. You will have opportunities to serve in ways that are local (11th house) and international (9th house). But that really does not matter — where you are, you do what you do. Jupiter joining you in May says that you bring your world with you wherever you go.

## **Postscript: The Importance of Ethics**

The world has an ethics problem right now. The concept is evaporating as if it never existed. Yet humans will always live in community, and that means that we will always need an ethical framework. Much of what you've been through during the Pluto in Capricorn era has taught you that there is a difference between right and wrong, and that people must respect and uphold this basic truth.

However, the digital mentality, which is spilling into the world, is that anything goes, any time. Differences between true and false, right and wrong, real and unreal, are being blurred, and deliberately confused. Pay careful attention to who benefits from chaos and mistrust. These are usually intentionally-created conditions that are then exploited.

People are vulnerable now, in pain, disoriented, and easy to take advantage of. You are being given the assignment of standing as an example to your community, and in truth, this will happen in any event, whatever your preference is. "Everyone teaches, and teaches all the time," and that teaching is by example. So no matter what you do, you will be setting an example.

This is a reminder to make sure the words that you say are always truthful, and accurate, because for you, words are actions. So too are the decisions you make, and the reasons you make them. Your decisions will be considered as exemplary by people close to you.

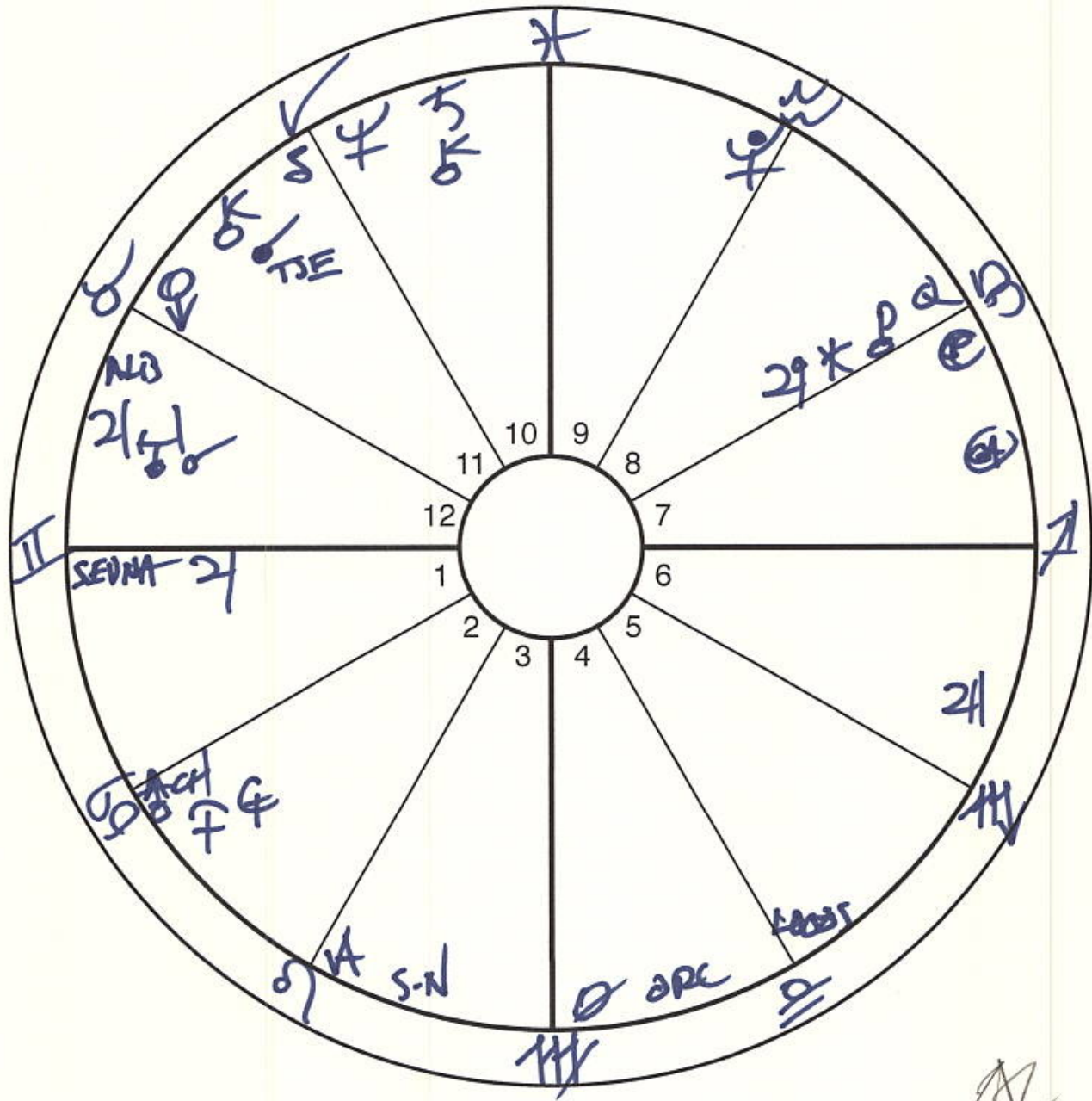
Ethics also applies to what you believe. It's important that you set your discernment to the highest level. You are being called upon to be real, and that means involving yourself only in what is sincere, honest and what you fully understand.

We are in sensitive, delicate times right now, and there will be situations where your presence, your words and your actions provide just enough influence to make the difference between the wrong thing happening and the right thing happening.



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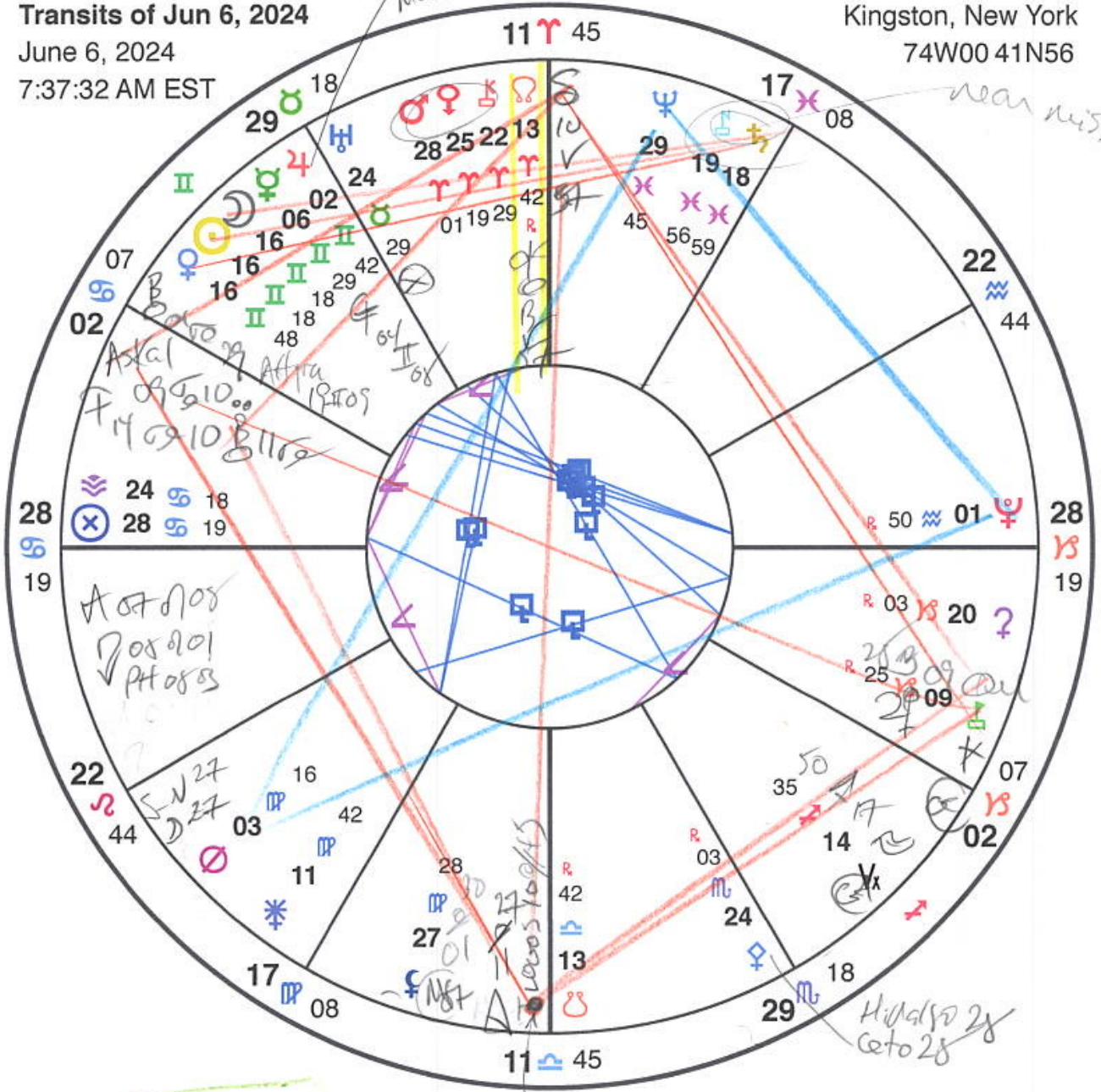
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