

## **Scorpio Astrology Studio**

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Hello, Scorpio, and welcome to the Scorpio file, your 2020-2021 Astrology Studio. My name is Eric Francis and I'm going to share with you a few thoughts about your solar chart. If you are Scorpio rising, a lot of this will pertain to your natal chart as well. I find that the themes keep coming up no matter what charts you do, or if you cast tarot cards or whatever. That's one of the main ways I work, thematically, with the general message.

Speaking of general, I'm going to work from the general to the specific, a little trick I learned from Alice A. Bailey, who talks about that being the kind of ideal direction of movement in doing this kind of work; to make some broad statements and then focus down to some specific statements.

I think that a good place to start would be just considering the astrology and the events of 2020, which are equally distinctive. You don't need to know much astrology to be able to put into context the Saturn – Pluto conjunction in January and the Jupiter – Saturn conjunction in December and see that these frame a year which has turned into a wildly transitional year and which has had some affect, often profound, on all of our lives. There is no turning back from there; there's no going back to the old normal.

As you've probably heard a couple times, I have some problems with different people's propositions for what the new normal should be. I think we do need a new normal but for the new normal to be anything except a kind of medical prison, we are going to need to have a lot more awake people in the long journey that we are on. It's interesting that many of the ways we need to be awake include the ability to care for ourselves. This is

one of the most alive, beautiful, and dominant themes of your chart. I'll probably devote a whole segment to that. **[0:3:16]**

I want to start first with just a general roundup of the astrology of this year and where the different factors fall in your solar chart. As you probably know, most of the activity going on is taking place in Capricorn and in Aries. The way the solar chart works is that a Sun sign is defined largely, I think like two thirds, that would count for mostly, by where the other signs fall in the wheel in relationship to it.

So, for example, if we are using Scorpio as the reference, then Capricorn is the third place from Scorpio. So, all the properties of the 3rd house are present in Capricorn for Scorpio. If we are using the same chart referencing Scorpio as the point of origin for the chart, then everything in Aries falls in the 6th house. These are houses that are really accessible. The old astrologers didn't like them very much. They thought that these cadent houses (houses 3, 6, 9, and 12) were unfortunate and things take a long time to develop.

I love the cadent houses because they are so associated with the mundane world: with the day to day lives that we live, the way that we speak to each other, how we get along with our neighbors, what we do every day, whether we like what we do every day, whether we are devoted to our self-care, what is our vision for our lives (that's a 9th house theme). All the self-care stuff is 6th. All the neighborly relations is the 3rd. The vision stuff, the worldliness approach to life and things like travel and whether you have friends in other countries, that's all in the 9th house.

Then, my personal favorite house is the 12th because it describes some of the most intimate details about our relationship to ourselves and also to our ancestral line. It represents one of the most important portals out of the chart.

There's a couple of portals out of the chart, that take you into other realms of reality, into the worlds of other people, and various forms of exchange with other people. One of those is the 8th house because it brings in business partners, financial interests of the in-laws, people who invest in us and this kind of thing. That's okay: sex, death, money, power, jealousy, control, all that stuff. **[0:6:58]**

But the 12th, that, to me, is an interesting place because it's so evocative of the imagination and the world of dreams and because the normal rules of physical existence are all suspended in the 12th house. I think that all the cadent houses have a touch of that. Houses 3, 6, 9, and 12. This is where the juicy stuff is in the sky right now, equally in Aries and Capricorn.

Let's start with Capricorn. We could look at that history a couple of ways. One of them is that it could go back to the beginning of Pluto in Capricorn, which was in 2008.

At the beginning of that election year, when all that weird financial stuff happened and the Subprime Mortgage Crisis became the great recession and there was a big drama. That was a restructuring that was precipitated by Pluto dipping its toe into Capricorn. All through the years since then we have seen this kind of crumbling of the known social order.

Now, we could take this story back even further, into the early 1990s, even further than that, really, when Uranus and Neptune were in Capricorn, doing a similar thing. This phenomenon that we call Millennials, actually has an astrological meaning, which is the placement of these two vitally important outer planets, also known as "modern planets", which are Uranus and Neptune, working their way through Capricorn.

This is the sensation that many people who are currently in their 30s have, because they are born with this as their natal astrology: that they kind of live in an earthquake zone, that there is nothing stable about the world. If you are in that age range,

then you now know a little something. I'm going to include a reading called "Understanding Millennials" with this one. We'll put it a little bit further down the page. It's got four players; it's done in four chapters.

If you are older than that age cohort, then you lived through the experience of Uranus and Neptune in Capricorn, which is your 3rd house, and the effects were similar to what we have going on now and you've at least got a little practice. Here's what they are: there is a radical influence on the way that you communicate with these aspects in your 3rd house; there's a radical way in which you think of your neighbors and think of your siblings. Though it's usually ascribed to another house, I would also count those very close cousins as being in the 3rd house -- the cousins who are like siblings and the friends who become family. **[0:10:36]**

The concept of the 3rd house has its origins in the family compound, like if you've ever seen an old homestead, it's basically a collection of buildings (and I'm not talking about wealthy people, I'm talking about even, like dirt farmers had this), some of which were homes, some of which were barns, some of which were utility buildings, and it served as a little village. Whatever you think of as your little village, those to whom you would send messages or postcards to locally, those whom you would meet for coffee, those whom you would invite over for lunch on a casual basis, all count as the 3rd house.

With Capricorn here, the thing to recognize about yourself is that you are old fashioned this way. This is crucial to your well-being, to have an old-fashioned approach to being neighborly and to your family, and to make sure you keep the people dear to you local and if they aren't, then to *make* people dear to you who *are* local.

There's a formality around Capricorn. There is a structured quality around Capricorn. It's little things like when you visit someone's home, you leave your calling card in the little basket

on the table by the door, that kind of thing. You like this stuff. You would also do well with having old things in your home because you like, in particular, old style communication tools. Make yourself an old style business card and you'll be happy. Like maybe one without a lot of fancy social media contact, just maybe your name and phone number or maybe just your name.

What has happened over the last generation and it's at its peak right now, is that all of these conventions and customs have crumbled. I would suggest that you do what you can to restore these in your personal life because part of what helps you feel grounded and safe and like you belong on the planet (which is probably the most important thing we can be working on spiritually these days; it's the sense of belonging here) is that formal and structured quality to communication, which is rooted in respect for yourself and mutual respect for the people who are close to you. **[0:13:43]**

The other vitally involved sign is Aries. Aries in any chart represents where people do a lot of self-discovery and self-seeking. It's where they do their self-actualization.

In recent years, Aries has been rather illuminated all through our lives by Eris in Aries, which begins in the late 1920s. There's very few people left on the planet who have Eris in Pisces. What this represents, it's kind of like another way to say what we're talking about in the 3rd house, which is how our self-concept has been scrambled and completely rearranged by the technological advances since the 1920s, which include the radio, wide-spread use of telephone, followed by television and I guess we would include digital printing, which nobody really cared about much (digital type-setting and printing) but then, the digital technology of computers taking over, starting in the 1980s. This is not merely about a technological environment; it's about what this has done to our concept of ourselves as people.

There have been a diversity of transits that have come through. Eris just takes 130 years, so that's a long time.

Then, for example, Uranus came blazing through and that came to a crescendo in 2016 and 2017, at the very end of that cycle, so that's approximately 2011 to 2017. I think that goes from around the time of Fukushima to right after Trump got elected. These have been tough times in terms of staying grounded in our sense of self. You don't like that much change. You don't need or want that much change but between the activity in Capricorn and all these outer planets working it over, including where we are at now with Pluto, Saturn, Jupiter and all that shaking up Capricorn and then similar transits moving through Aries, the world is a more difficult place for you to navigate. That's because these developments have been *personally* disorienting. **[0:16:37]**

What we can say for sure is that one of the ways to maintain your sense of orientation, is through your physical relationship with yourself: your physical relationship with your body, what you do to your body and whether you are wholly conscious of being a physical being. It's not that easy these days because we are doing all of these telepathic tricks constantly; existing in a hundred or a thousand places at once and leaping across the ocean via internet on an hour to hour basis.

The message here is to maintain your physical orientation and your local orientation (physical being Aries in the 6th house and local being Capricorn in the 3rd house) in the most grounded and old-school ways that you can, which include things like writing things by hand, making food yourself, hanging out at the farmer's market and knowing the people who grow your food because they are one of the most important local roots into the community. In the 6th house, making sure that you are taking care of your physical body and that you live with the awareness of all the ways in which all of this digital technology takes you out of your physical body, and making sure that when you do that, you maintain full awareness of what you are doing.

The digital haze is a danger to everyone and particularly to you, but the one way you stay out of the digital haze is you stay creative and involved and playful, and, also, in the digital realm that you don't shut down. One of the most philosophically astute things that Marshall McLuhan taught us is that all of these technologies are extensions of the body.

So, for example, this microphone that I'm speaking into is an extension of your ear. That's one of the reasons why I'm speaking quietly and in a human tone: I'm one inch from your ear. And I make sure that you have a nice ear in my office: a RA20 classic broadcast microphone. Your ear is extended right into the Planet Waves office. When you see something in video, your eyes are taken right out of your head and brought to the scene of whatever thing is being broadcast on the news. This is very intense for people and they tend to shut down. The way to not go into the digital haze is to deal with the intensity rather than shutting down; to expand your capacity to process your experiences and to stay awake and alert and alive despite the intensity, despite how angry it may make you. That's most likely been an issue this year. **[0:20:05]**

If Aries has been what I call the crime scene of people being essentially taken out of their bodies, and the scene of the *extend the senses and then cut off because it's too intense*, one of the best things that we have going right now is Chiron making a long term visit to Aries. There's about five more years of Chiron in Aries. I think that Chiron is the reintegration, re-grounding utility. He's a living being on the etheric levels. As an astrological influence, it is an integration influence. It's an influence of putting ourselves back together and seeking healing through wholeness.

In this particular year, Mars has joined Chiron and has made this very dramatic retrograde that we're now still seeing unfold.

In the next segment, I want to talk about the deeper influences of Chiron and Mars retrograde in your chart. **[0:21:25]**

### **Music Transition [0:22:36]**

The trip we are going to take right now is we are going to follow Chiron and retrograde Mars into your 6th house. Now, as I said a moment ago, where Aries exists in the chart is one of the most alive and vital places to do the work of self actualization, to seek and find: yourself, your being, more than your identity but your identity is included. Though it is not identity in the sense you put on the outside of yourself, you know, the button that you wear, the t-shirt that you wear, even the name that you call yourself, right. All of these things are about identity.

With Aries in the 6th, it's more about contacting your inherent underlying reality. You do that two, at least, but primarily two ways. One is that the work that you do is one of the most important forms of self care that you can take part in.

This has not been easy, particularly in the years 2011-2018, with Uranus having moved through Aries. I think that the outer planets, when they make a transit through a sign, leave a legacy in that sign; they shake it up and they leave their energy imprint. This was a very erratic energy imprint and it also had quite a bit of *extend and cut off* because the raw nerve feeling of Uranus and then Uranus conjunct Eris is just like a lot to deal with, however, Uranus has moved on to the 7th house. We'll get to that, probably in the third segment, because this is better and it's interesting and it's exciting in terms of your relationships if you approach your relationships with the right point of view (meaning, understanding the influence of Uranus). We'll get there in a little while. **[0:25:11]**

The 6th house, though, for you, is about the work that you do, and with Aries there, it is essential that the work you do, be you. I cannot emphasize this enough. If I had to make a list of the top ten things based on solar chart, that I would tell people born



under a particular sun sign, one of the first ones on the list would be that you must identify with and feel that the work you do is right for the person who you are. When the work you do is right for the person who you are, you will feel like you belong on the planet.

For Scorpio, (this is my assessment, from many years of working with people and writing horoscopes and interrelating with people through that process) you're not involved or interested especially in having worldly power. That is not a thing, I think, that inherently motivates Scorpio.

You have a natural affinity for leadership. You don't need power when people look to you as a leader. They look to you as a leader because they know that you are a deeply connected person, and have the capacity to think in a formal way. You certainly can be spontaneous and creative when you want to, but your tendency is to think slowly and to think in ways that want to do things like use formal logic to check out whatever the fuck is going on: to determine whether something makes sense. Even that is not getting to the main point. The main point is that people just gravitate towards you because they know that you have an ability to hold things together. So that's as much power as you need; it's as much power as you want.

Of course there's all kinds of exceptions to the rule. There's all kinds of people who, you know, push that: over down the street, in the criminal and legal and corporate class, which we are not in, thankfully. You're more into doing things for their own sake: doing the job because it's the job that needs to get done, doing the job because you feel good doing it, wanting to invest yourself in a specific form of service that feels like the right thing for you.

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So, if you are on any kind of a quest for what to do with your professional or your vocational life, I would suggest bearing that in mind. You are good with the humble job that's the right thing to do and that's appreciated. Even when it's not genuinely

appreciated, you understand that you're getting it done. Whether someone appreciates you is more on them than it is on you.

The other part with Aries in the 6th house is that you have very specific ways that you need to take care of yourself. It would be very unlike you to be, let's say, voluntarily disempowered by any form of medical authority. I might include on my top 10 ideas for Scorpio, two: you must be your own medical authority. You must make the decisions when there is any kind of a health situation, but, also, a project of wellness.

You are one of those people who can actually listen to what your body is telling you and then know what to do because it's what your body tells you to do. If your body says, "get outside," you can get outside, and it's the right thing. If your body says, "eat a big slab of prime rib," you might be a vegetarian and think, "well, I'm just gonna eat this big slab of prime rib." If your body says, "be a vegetarian for the next six months or 'til you don't feel like doing it anymore," that will work for you, as well.

We get into, let's say, very intense territory, when corporate and government authorities start to do things like play games with making the injection of a medical substance into a healthy person, a mandatory law. Whatever anyone may think of vaccines, from a traditional healing standpoint, even the standpoint of any rational medicine that's not just simply existing on a for-profit basis, the notion of injecting a toxic substance into a healthy person to induce health, or to protect them in some way, is laughable.

The problem is, that most people have been conned out of their power to make their own decisions; they have been conned out of their power by being alienated from themselves and their common sense and the grounding that their basic understanding of their physical orientation would give them. This is *never* going to serve you. It's just not the thing that's going to work for you. I would propose that you must be the absolute master of what happens to you medically, and that means (and you probably

already know this; you probably already decided this a long time ago or you figured it out or maybe you were lucky, as I got lucky, and you had a mom who didn't have much use for doctors, when they were not absolutely necessary) that you must be your own doctor. **[0:32:12]**

This is accentuated by the long-term presence of Chiron in Aries in your 6th house. Your inner mentor is very strong. The presence of Chiron in your 6th house is teaching you how to tune in to that inner healer, that inner doctor.

Chiron represents the holistic principle. This is the time in your life where you are either getting your first major crash course in honoring the holistic principle or an important refresher course, or, possibly, you are being initiated into being a healer of some kind and chances are, that if one is true, some of the other ones are true. Of course, if you are being initiated into being a healer, you have to be your own doctor; you have to be able to take care of yourself. All of these things are represented by Chiron.

Chiron also brings the possibility of some form of a healing crisis. A healing crisis is not a bad thing. Getting sick might be, but many people who get sick, in some way, come out of it much stronger and no worse for the wear, having learned how to take care of themselves. By healing crisis, I mean, that something is precipitated where you realize that you just have to make changes, and you have to adapt and grow, and you have to do things in a radically different way *because* of this healing crisis. It teaches you something.

One of the earliest delineations of Chiron was by an astrologer named Al Morrison, who was a fantastic astrologer. I don't think he wrote a book. He influenced a number of other -- many, many other astrologers. I do not have the privilege of knowing him, but he was one of the Chiron pioneers, way back in the beginning. Even though he never wrote a book about Chiron, Al was leading

the way and coordinating other astrologers on the delineation of Chiron.

The thing that he said about Chiron is that it is the inconvenient benefic (benefic meaning something like Venus or Jupiter or a planet that usually brings good things, you know, it's not like a malefic). This is going back to classic astrology with things like benefics and malefics, which modern astrology, I think wisely, (at least the really good astrologers) have learned how to rework these concepts into something where we can, for example, get the benefits of the so-called malefic planets (of which there are many) and also see some of the drawbacks of the benefic planets (of which there are many) including things like excess. When Al Morrison said that Chiron is the benefic, what he meant was that the experience of Chiron can be very inconvenient; it can require patience, and care, attention, seeking learning, seeking help, and (as is characteristic of Chiron) represent a fairly slow process of development or slow process of healing, but in the end, you benefit tremendously from its influence. **[0:36:14]**

So, putting this all together, the influence of Aries in your 6th house, and particularly of Chiron in Aries in your 6th house, is calling your focus into being a more self-guided, self-regulated person when it comes to your healing endeavors. This includes all forms of wellness, all forms of managing your wellness.

Now is the time to get into good habits with wellness. It is the time to completely claim your authority. I would say, for example, even though you are someone who is probably unlikely to ever do this, if you're ever tempted to get the flu shot at the supermarket, maybe pause, and look up the adverse effects just to see what they might be. Look up the ingredients just to see what they might be, to be sufficiently autonomous that you would never accept any form of medical intervention for yourself and for your children that you have not personally looked at, in depth, and further, that you are really listening to what your body is saying about this. Really ask yourself the question, "do I actually need this?" There's always a risk/benefit analysis involved. "Do I

really want to take the risks to get the benefit?" What is the worst possible outcome and what is the greatest possible benefit?

How does the worst possible outcome compare with the greatest possible benefit? With the flu shot, the worst possible outcome is dropping dead. With the flu, it's like being sick for a while and being very unlikely to die from the illness and so that doesn't quite add up. In any event, you have a responsibility to know and then to use what you know. We could add that to the list of Chiron delineations.

Chiron is this influence that keeps bringing us new information, and I don't mean random information; I mean specific information that is particularly germane to you, because you are the one having a Chiron transit. Then once you have information, you have to use what you know. You have to act on it. You are responsible for what you know and, as it turns out in this world, you are responsible for what you don't know. This is the basic message.

When we combine this: being your own medical authority, being your own doctor, managing your own well-being, really getting an understanding of what *you* need, and then making sure this is all really well integrated in your day-to-day life. Well, that's a big responsibility, but there is no higher one on this planet, where you have your precious time to live. You're responsible, ultimately, for your own maintenance; you're responsible for your own well-being. Anyone who does anything to you is not going to live with the effects of what was done. You are, and that's why you need to be your own authority and not give that up.

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In the process of doing this, you might examine your parents, your grandparents, and your siblings and look at the kind of choices they make when it comes to whether or not they are their own medical authority. You will get a sense of the way that you

were influenced, by looking at other people who responded to similar conditions, to similar influences.

Now, the retrograde of Mars, in this house, serves mainly to bring you into the picture even more intently. The retrograde of Mars in Aries is quite rare; you may have never experienced it before if you're under the age of 32. If you are over the age of 32, it occurred in 1988. That was the last time Mars was retrograde in Aries. Mars tends to be retrograde way on the other side of the zodiac, more like on the Leo side. On the Aries side, it tends to be retrograde quite a bit less and we can see that, in the 32 year gap, during which time, there were 16 or 17 Mars retrogrades.

This brings you into the picture. The reason it brings *you* into the picture is because Mars is the ruling planet of Scorpio. In modern astrology, it's true, that Pluto is considered the ruling planet, but Pluto is a new influence; Pluto is the new kid on the block. Pluto arrived 90 years ago. Mars arrived as the astrological ruler of Scorpio 2400 years ago and so is a much better understood and developed (but now forgotten) influence.

The idea that Mars retrograde is taking place in Aries, your 6th house, particularly during all of this mishegoss in the world right now, all of this mishegoss that is a digital problem disguised as a political problem, disguised as an alleged medical problem, where everything is about: be healthy, stay alive, stay safe and all this stuff. This is bringing you right into, not the TV fantasy version of this, but rather, the physical, actual incarnated non-digital/analog version of: be present for yourself and for your health choices and know *how you feel*.

The Mars retrograde is a reminder to know when you're angry. The most important thing about anger is knowing when you're feeling it: not subverting it, not side-lining it, not stuffing it, not passing it up as something else, not letting it descend into depression or paralysis or resentment or guilt. All of these are forms of anger, but rather, just be able to say, "I'm pissed off!"

and just *be* pissed off. Do whatever you need to do when you're pissed off, whether it's smash a pillow with a stick, or punch the bag at the gym, or make a decision that you need to make, preferably the next day. Use anger as a productive thing that you're aware of and that serves as positive motivation, rather than as an influence that is in any way self-destructive, which, due to the guilt and resentment problem, is exactly what happens with anger most of the time on our planet. **[0:44:21]**

### **Music Transition [0:45:38]**

In this third and last segment of our reading, I want to cover two houses, and in doing so I want to talk about, for the first time, a theory of the houses I've been working on for a long time but it's one of those few unwritten articles I've got, and the idea is "mirror houses." If you imagine an astrological chart and you fold the thing in half the long way, certain houses are going to touch; they are going to mirror one another. So, for example, the 1st house mirrors the 6th house. The 2nd house mirrors the 5th house. The 3rd house mirrors the 4th house because they are positioned opposite one another.

Normally, you think of 7th house as being opposite the 1st house, which is true in one sense, but in another way the 12th is actually opposite the 7th because they are the two houses that are above the horizon. Imagine you are standing on a vast plain, like at Burning Man, you are on the land but you can see for miles out in Nevada. You look to the East and that's the 12th house. You look to the West, that's the 7th house.

What I think is so interesting about this form of an opposition, particularly with the two we are gonna talk about today: the 12th and the 7th, is that so much of what we experience in our relationships is a kind of projection and dramatization of what we have going on inside of us. The 12th house, the one that's right above the horizon, or in the case of solar astrology, the sign right before our sign. So I'm a Pisces, therefore Aquarius is the 12th

house. You're a Scorpio, therefore Libra is the 12th, by using solar houses and whole signs.

The contents of the 12th house, I think, are often veiled; they are often hidden behind a veil of some kind. They are in what some people call "the unconscious." Now, my therapy training is Gestalt therapy. In Gestalt therapy, we don't like to say that anything is unconscious, but we get the idea: the world of dreams, the world of things that exist in parts of the mind that seem hidden, the things that are in the too-distant past to have direct knowledge of but that might slip through via genetic memory or through astral transmission, all the secrets of our ancestors, and all things forgotten. There's plenty of those. I'm always a little shocked when I open up an old notebook and I realize how much I knew about something 25 years ago and I don't remember it until I look at it. All of that would count as 12th house. **[0:49:27]**

I think of the 12th house as the secret room within the room. In those old *Get Smart* type movies, where, you know, there's the rich, powerful guy with a monocle sitting at a desk with a bottle of 38 year old brandy and all that, and then there's the bookshelf behind him and if you touch the right book, the bookshelf turns into a door and kind of spins open and behind there is a secret room. I think of that as the 12th house: the room within the room.

I think of the 12th house also, for example, right behind me, from where I'm sitting, there's a keyboard and then a stairwell and then a wall. The wall joins the LGBTQ center. Do I ever think about what's going on in the room that is the LGBTQ center that's right behind my office? Never, unless I'm using it as a metaphor like I am right now. I can't even imagine who they are on the phone with or maybe there's absolutely nothing going on. The 12th house is this veiled area.

The most accessible part of the 12th house is dreams. It's where the 12th leaks through. I'm sure you've had the



experience where you've had a dream and the feeling of the dream sticks with you through much of the day. The visual memory might be vivid at first but then all you're left with is the feeling. That is the 12th house, where a whole world with its own logic can open up.

The 12th house is activated for you right now, for one very special reason. That is, in your solar return chart and in the era of your solar return, this year, these few weeks of the Autumn of 2020 here in the North (Spring in the South), is Mercury about to be retrograde in the 12th house.

Mercury is currently retrograde in your sign. That is meaningful. That is a review, a recovery process. It's a remembering, a re-grafting on. There is a review process involved in that you are getting to contemplate elements of your past and who you were in the past and quite possibly to do some healing work around them.

Then, Mercury is going to keep retrograding into Libra. It's going to go from this house that is like A1 level consciousness, directly accessible 1st house, "Hello, here I am. This is what I'm wearing. This is my perfume. This is the car that I show up in." A lot of that is 1st house stuff. Then, Mercury, having stationed retrograde in your 1st house, is going to trek back into your

12th. It is going to station direct on the 3rd of November, which I've been talking a lot about in all my coverage of the United States election, but for you this is very personal. **[0:53:12]**

It's stationing direct in your solar 12th house in exact square to Saturn, which is the ruler of Capricorn and also the ruler of Aquarius. There is about to be this very important dialogue, going on at some deep internal level, of who you are, with some large powerful forces in your psyche, in your consciousness. To me, what this looks like is a decision. It looks like orienting on the elements of the decision that you need to make.

Decisions, I think, when they are made in a holistic way, are good. You need to know: how much time I have, how much money I have, how this might affect these people, I might need to understand what other commitments I might have that might conflict. There's a way to run through the process of making a decision.

This Mercury retrograde, moving all the way back into your 12th house and stopping at a square to Saturn, and therefore also in aspect to Pluto and to Jupiter, is calling on you to make a decision about something.

There are other factors that are calling on you, similarly, to make a decision and those include the events of November, which include the 3rd conjunction of Jupiter to Pluto in your 3rd house. That looks like a revelation. There's a lot of awakening to how you really feel, astrology going on for you: all this activity in the 3rd house, Mercury stationing direct in your 12th -- and that's really the big one. Mercury stationing direct in the 12th house is giving you access to something you might ordinarily have missed. That's the thing that you want; you want contact with the thing that you might ordinarily have missed.

I would say pay attention. Pay attention particularly around November 3rd. Pay attention as Mars stations direct on the 13th of November, but generally, pay attention to things you might miss, that are easy to deny.

Now the opposite house, the house that is in the mirror position of the 12th house is the 7th house. It turns out that there is a radical influence in your 7th house and one that is rather unlike you. The reason it is unlike you, is that you are a person who depends upon, and thrives upon, and dearly needs, stability. We began by talking about this. This is not a time where there is very much stability. Even the whole concept of stability is something of a goner. It's redefined as things staying the same for five

minutes. Like, that's not stability. So we live in these very shaky and unstable times. **[0:56:52]**

This is mirrored by Uranus in your 7th house. Uranus is the planet of revolution. It's the planet of invention. It's the planet of disruption. It has a bit of a thief property because of the connection to Prometheus stealing fire from the gods and bringing it to man. Uranus is connected to Prometheus and for the last two years, Uranus has been making its way into your 7th house, which is your house of relationships. This house has Taurus on it. You want your relationships to be durable. You want them to last forever. You want real stability in your relationships.

The thing is, you have Uranus coming through there, which is not only a restless influence, it is a potentially destabilizing influence. It is a shakeup. It is exciting. It represents new people entering your life. It represents changes in your relationships that you were not expecting, but the thing is, that in many ways, the changes in relationships that you were not expecting are the result of deep movement in *your* chart, in *your* life, in *your* psyche, in the deeper levels of your psyche.

So what I would suggest that you do is look at the ways that your relationships and partners seem to be changing that are not directly connected to your choice and your volition, you know, your active will. Rather, consider whether they may not be a reflection of, an expression of some deep inner changes that are going on inside of you.

As astrologers, we see a lot of this. A partnership might change, a partner might leave, and it takes the person by complete shock and then they figure out, "this is the best thing that could ever happen to me; this is just perfect and I'm glad I didn't have to break up the relationship. This person just decided they wanted something else and I didn't like that at first but then I realized this is exactly the thing that I needed." It's that kind of thing. **[0:59:29]**

Now, I'm not directly suggesting that relationships are going to end for you, but they do change. There's no getting around the fact that your relationships are going to change, with Uranus in the 7th house. Particularly with Uranus in the 7th house of Taurus, which has its propensity to be very stable, and then therefore to be more experimental and, let's say, daring experimental under the influence of Uranus. I would suggest whatever seems to be going on in the life of a partner, whatever a partner says they want, ask yourself if that's not actually a reflection of who you are, and in some ways, serving exactly who you are. This is just like a basic honesty 101 type of reality check.

There are a lot of ways to play with Uranus in the 7th house. One of them is just to welcome the new and the weird. Uranus can represent some real weirdos and you might find out you've got a lot in common with them. It's kind of a good way to let out your inner weirdo.

Also, Uranus can represent groups. Uranus has that affinity with Aquarius, though I don't think that it's the ruler of Aquarius. I think it has an affinity with Aquarius, where it can represent the group facet of Aquarius, which is an important element of Aquarius. Let yourself be motivated and invited into group dynamic situations and see what kind of fun and unexpected opportunities these things can bring into your life.

Speaking of Aquarius, the way all of your astrology is heading, is toward a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in your 4th house. I haven't talked about this yet. I've talked about it other places. You are probably aware that it's happening, but I want to just emphasize how personal, meaningful, vital, and potentially amazing this is going to be for you.

As I've mentioned, you are kind of a natural leader and one of the reasons you are a natural leader involves having Leo on the 10th house of your solar chart. This just makes you charismatic. It makes you the kind of person people *might* be

intimidated by but then they find out it's just much more fun to not be intimidated and just treat you like a brother or sister.

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Another reason you have leadership qualities, at least as described in astrology, is because you have Aquarius on the 4th house. You have a natural emotional affinity and a kind of grounding in the whole concept of group orientation. This has a few different influences, one of which is to make you very strongly identified with your family. That's something there is no getting around, whether or not you like them or not. You definitely understand your affinity for them and what you have in common with them, but it extends *way* beyond that: into your ability to form family of choice, your ability to be the natural gravitation point of communities forming, and you are a natural point of coalescence around groups.

All of this is going to go into super high gear when Saturn and Jupiter show up. That's really soon. That's in mid-December and then they form a conjunction in the very 1st degree of Aquarius on the Winter Solstice of 2020. Coming right up. This inaugurates a whole new time in your life, where you are ever more powerfully going to be the center of group activity.

If I'm not mistaken, there is also another influence: one of the more esoteric influences. Yes, a lesser known planet without a body that is kind of like a super Jupiter, called Apollon, and it is in Scorpio. It is a very slow mover through Scorpio. It only takes 576 years to go around the Sun and it travels in a perfect circle. So 576 is about 600; that means it spends 50 years in your sign, a little bit less: 48 years or so. It's been there for a couple of years, so it's going to be in your sign for like another 45 years. That's quick (being sarcastic). The beauty of Apollon is that it, too, is a point of gathering. **[1:05:22]**

So the overall general, bold, trend of your astrology, when we look at it on the biggest scale, is that you are taking up your role as a point of community and family gathering. This is a vitally

important leadership role in the times that we are in, where there is just so much disruption of the social order going on. You would seem to be assigned to the project of maintaining, and kind of pioneering, the new social order, as you have this gift for understanding tradition and how important traditions are.

Tradition only works when it's alive. Dead tradition just kind of crumbles and goes away but living tradition is a beautiful thing. A lot of traditions have lasted the longest because they are able to grow and constantly adapt and blend in with the culture that they are in, and be reflective of the times that they are in, and that is you.

There is a message in the Scorpio ingress chart, one of the two charts I'm using for this reading. I keep forgetting to mention this: in the Scorpio ingress chart, the Moon is conjunct Pluto. So the Moon is conjunct one of the rulers of your sign. What the Moon conjunct Pluto is saying, is that it is time to transform; it is time to take on adult priorities and adult responsibilities in a fully committed way, in a way that essentially leaves behind the dross of your past history, the latent past impressions that you've been carrying around and instead, be fully involved and appreciative of who you are right now and who you're becoming right now, and to recognize that your most important need is a spiritual need to answer the calling of your soul.

Everything that I've been talking about, if it does not exactly describe the calling, it is at least descriptive of what topic areas might be involved in hearing, in identifying, what it is. In any event, the planets are on the move right now, as I talked about in the October 23rd edition of Planet Waves FM, the time of Scorpio through 2020, the Sun journey through Scorpio, is one of those epic before and after moments in our personal history and in our collective history.

In a similar way, your fellow water sign, Pisces, was an epic before and after moment as we went from late February 2020 to late March 2020 and the world had irrevocably changed. We

are about to see this happen again, with the Sun's journey through Scorpio. **[1:09:10]**

As these planets station direct, including your ruling planet, you are set free to pursue and explore and experience all the things I've talked about and quite a few more that only you know. Thank you for joining me on this journey. If you have questions, you know where to find me, but an easy place is [EFC@planetwaves.net](mailto:EFC@planetwaves.net). By the way, all those EFC addresses for me all go straight to my computer; nobody filters them or reads them, so they are a good place to write to me. A good low traffic inbox is [EFC@planetwaves.net](mailto:EFC@planetwaves.net).

My next planned project after this is to wrap up the Aquarian era readings. I'm now working on Taurus and I intend to do Scorpio next, so that will be up pretty soon.

Then I will be doing another reading called, "All of Us, Here," which is a celebration of the Aquarius astrology of 2021 through 2023.

Thank you again for your trust and for your business. **[1:10:43]**  
I wish you the very best on your journey. I will meet you again at some other place, at some other part of Planet Waves. Once again, thank you. Happy Solar return. Many blessings to you, and bye for now.

**Closing Music [1:16:52]**