

Capricorn March 2016

Planetary movements this month

- Mercury leaves Aquarius/into Pisces 5th March
- Mars leaves Scorpio/into Sagittarius 6th March
- Venus leaves Pisces/into Aries 6th April
- Total solar eclipse in Pisces 9th March
- Venus leaves Aquarius/into Pisces 12th March
- Mercury leaves Pisces/into Aries 22nd March
- Lunar eclipse in Libra 24th March
- Saturn turns retrograde 25th March

Good Days are days when the planets concerned are supporting each other.

* Moon conjunct Mars	1st March
* Sun conjunct Ceres	3rd/4th March
* Moon conjunct Venus	7th March
* Moon conjunct Mercury	8th March
* Sun conjunct Moon (New Moon)	9th March
* Moon conjunct Neptune	9th March
* Sun conjunct Chiron	10th/12th March
* Mercury conjunct Neptune	11th March
* Moon conjunct Uranus	11th March
* Jupiter/Pluto trine	11th/19th March
* Sun/Chiron/South Node conjunct	11th/12th March
* Moon conjunct Ceres	15th March
* Mercury conjunct Ceres	16th March
* Mercury/Chiron/South Node conjunct	18th March
* Venus conjunct Neptune	21st March
* Moon conjunct Jupiter	22nd March
* Sun conjunct Mercury	23rd/25th March
* Moon conjunct North Node	23rd March
* Mercury trine Mars	25th March
* Sun trine Mars	25th/27th March
* Chiron conjunct Ceres	27th March
* Moon conjunct Mars	29th March
* Venus conjunct South Node	30th March
* Mercury trine Saturn	30th March
* Venus conjunct Chiron	30th/31st March
* Mercury conjunct Uranus	31st March/1st April

These correspond to where the planets are in your chart at the time (see below) and it's on these days that their effect on you will be more positive. These also make up some of the 'power dates' below. What is noticeable is the amount of harmony between the stars this month.

‘KUOYT’ Days – Not ‘bad days’, because there are no such things, but they’re what I call ‘Kuoyt’ Days (which I pronounce Coyote – like the wild dogs) – these are days that **Keep U On Your Toes**’.

*	Moon conjunct Saturn	2nd March
*	Moon conjunct Pluto	5th March
*	Sun opposition Jupiter	8th/9th March
*	Moon conjunct Chiron	9th March
*	Moon conjunct South Node	9th March
*	Chiron conjunct South Node	11th/27th March
*	Chiron opposition North Node	11th/27th March
*	Ceres opposition Jupiter	12th/15th March
*	Mercury opposition Jupiter	15th/16th March
*	Moon opposition Saturn	15th March
*	Moon opposition Pluto	17th March
*	Mercury opposition North Node	18th March
*	Jupiter square Saturn	19th/27th March
*	Moon opposition Sun (Full Moon)	24th March
*	Venus opposition Jupiter	25th/26th March
*	Moon conjunct Saturn	30th March
*	Venus opposition North Node	30th March

It’s on these ‘Kuoyt’ days that the planets concerned aren’t playing hardball with each other and rather than supporting each other, as they are on the good days, they’ve got their own agenda, which may be running contrary and in conflict with each other. This creates tension and pressure, but these aren’t ‘bad days’. Often we need pressure or the right amount of stress in order to raise our game or fight that little bit harder. If we didn’t have these Kuoyt days, we would fall into a state of complacency, so they keep us on our toes. Despite the fact that they might bring some pressure and tension, these are conditions that also bring opportunities.

1st House
Conjunction, beginning of a New Cycle – Directly in your Sign

Power Dates: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 31st March

1st House rules:

This puts you at the start of a new cycle, a time for new beginnings, initiating new journeys, having an eye on the future and for starting over, with a chance for a fresh start and new opportunities. Here you have a fresh slate, with a planetary cycle coming full circle, bringing a chance to branch out, start over and embrace a new chapter. With a planet in your Sign there is also some pressure, with a need to move on. Ruled by Mars, when the *First House* is active it is always a time of action and for new beginnings.

So what's happening here this month?

Sometimes it is a real dilemma for me to decide what order these chapters should go, because top of the Report should denote importance and relevance, but what do you do in a month when EVERYTHING is important? The reason why I have put the planetary activity in your sign and your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery (below) up here at the top is not because they may necessarily be the most obvious themes in play this month, but their partnership is an underlying and core theme to the month itself.

While the Sun always moves through your sign in the closing days and early weeks of each year and left on the 20th January, Venus and Mercury stayed on in order to tie up loose ends, Mercury until the 14th February and Venus until the 17th February. This brought you to a point where your birthday month was over, your intentions for the coming year cemented, a game plan to work to and a sense of what you wanted from the coming year.

Normally moving through in just 15 days, Mercury returned on the 10th December 2015 and while he left for a week in early January he was back a week later and stayed on until the 14th February, giving you nearly two months to work with his intellectually savvy edge to explore all your options, with a retrograde phase even offering an opportunity for a change of mind and to reconsider your options.

Venus, the last to arrive was also the last to leave, with her transit through your sign from the 24th January to the 17th February a chance to listen to your heart and its desires and expectations for the coming year. Having returned after the Sun had left and your birthday month and all its reality checks was over, this gave your heart the final say, but also at a time when you'd already established a new starting point. Unlike other areas of your chart, where there is no ongoing planetary activity this would have been the point where you were on your own, but here that's not the case. That's because Pluto, planet of change and revolution is a long term resident here and has been keeping the wheels turning day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year since 2008 and he will continue to until he leaves in 2024.

By the time we move into March Venus has been gone for just 13 days, so you're still in the transition phase from the short term job of getting this new solar and calendar year up to speed and on the right track and into a phase that is more about the journey itself.

Due to turn retrograde next month Pluto is taking his time and if this had been any other year he would have quietly blended into the background, content to keep the wheels turning on an ongoing personal journey and evolution, but without drawing too much attention to himself.

However, this isn't just any year and instead of blending into the background Pluto becomes one half of an extraordinary partnership that is set to revolutionise your life and put a positive spin on the month itself. Pluto's game and your life became a lot easier when lucky Jupiter returned to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery last August, with the largest and smallest planets in the solar system working together to give you the confidence to expand your world and your experiences.

While Jupiter visits your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery once every 12 years, having last moved through in 2003/2004, four years before Pluto's first visit to your sign in our lifetime, when they came together in a positive trine aspect last October, it was for the first time here in our lifetime. Since then the much faster Jupiter has moved on, but in January turned retrograde and this month will retrograde so far back that he'll team back up with Pluto again, with an exact alliance from the **11th March** to the **19th March**, peaking on the **17th March**, a month to the day since Venus' departure.

For Pluto, spending his first full month back on his own here in your sign and transitioning from an active three months back into a phase that is more about the journey, the patronage and support of the largest and most powerful planet in the solar system will bring a boost in confidence, along with some tangible support when it comes to fully embrace what is now all about the journey.

It's this partnership between Jupiter and Pluto, the planets of luck, change and revolution that will influence every aspect of your life, but especially on the personal and adventurous fronts and when it comes to moving out of your comfort zone. This is bound to influence the way you look at life and how you approach your comfort zone.

The Moon will make two visits to your sign this month, with a chance to map the progress made from one visit to the next. Returning from the **3rd March** to the **6th March** this will be the Moon's first visit since Venus and Mercury left and since the push to get this new solar and calendar year up to speed and on the right track came to an end. As your instincts kick in and your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses are triggered, this will bring a chance to get your bearings and tie up a lot of loose ends.

The Moon will return on the **31st March**, by which point Pluto will be slowing down ahead of his retrograde turn next month, his alliance with Jupiter midmonth will be over and six weeks on from Venus' departure you'll have a better sense of how and where things have settled.

9th House

Travel, Exploration, Learning, Study and Freedom

Power Dates: 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th and 30th March

9th House rules:

This is the most adventurous area of your chart, ruling travel, learning, knowledge, discovery, curiosity, adventure and higher learning. The *Ninth House* also rules publishing, philosophy, richer experiences, the search for meaning and truth and all things global, international or foreign. Ruled by Jupiter, this is a larger than life part of your chart, where life becomes richer and the journey becomes more important than the destination. A low tolerance to boredom and routine brings a hunger to explore fresh trails and go in search of new adventures or meaning.

So what's happening here this month?

For Pluto's buddy Jupiter, here in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery, while the support will have a big impact, both in boosting your confidence and the courage to follow your heart, the story is a little more complex and at times a bit more stressful, with tension coming to a head in waves.

Back when Jupiter first returned to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery last August this opened the door to a three month period where not only Jupiter, but a parade of planets moving with him moved into opposition with the planets in your communication sector, bringing tensions to a head and creating some real wakeup calls. However, there came a point where Jupiter moved out of range, the faster planets moved on and tensions between these two very different areas of your chart eased back. Then in November, aware that balance would remain an important issue, for the first time in 17 years the North Node returned here to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery and the South Node to your communication sector and always in opposition and always working to balance each other out, ensuring you remained mentally focused, while continuing to keep your mind and your options open.

An opposition between planets in your sector of travel, adventure, learning and discovery and your communication sector is not as challenging as other oppositions can be and can be more of a benefit than anything else. This is less challenging than had this played out in another area of your chart and therefore a lot easier to dismiss. Your communication sector is a smart and intellectually focused part of your chart and as well as being very logic based, it asks that you remain mentally focused, to a point that you can sometimes develop tunnel vision. Your sector of travel, adventure, learning and discovery on the other hand asks that you do the reverse, that you keep your mind and your options open. When these two areas of your chart are in opposition they actually help each other out and while it creates some tension, it also creates opportunities.

Your sector of travel, adventure, learning and discovery benefits from an opposition with forces in your communication sector because it helps rein in some of that out of the box and grandiose thinking, where anything is possible and if you can think it you can do it. Yet while this can create a sense of what's possible, if you don't follow this up with planning you'll never turn it into reality. On the other hand planetary activity in your communication sector benefits from pressure from your sector of travel, adventure, learning and discovery, because it's here that you can often take things too literally, developing tunnel vision and over thinking things. This forces you to keep your mind and your options open while at the same time challenging your excuses. So while there is tension when these two areas of your chart are in opposition, it's less challenging, less emotional and more productive. If you can see this as a chance to balance these two energies, you can turn this into a powerful advantage.

It was the Sun's return to your communication sector last month that put the pressure on Jupiter again, but the timing couldn't be better. Having turned retrograde in January and not due to turn direct until May, this is when there is a real danger that a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure and a quest for knowledge and higher learning would go into hibernation. At the same time, the planets moving through your communication sector need those wakeup calls as well, with Jupiter making sure that you don't develop tunnel vision.

It began last month with a Full Moon on the 23rd February, but continues this month with the Sun's opposition with Jupiter on the **8th/9th March**, with Ceres' opposition with Jupiter on the **12th/15th March**, Mercury's opposition on the **15th/16th March** and Venus' opposition on the **25th/26th March**. These are the very planets that last year were on Jupiter's side, putting pressure on the planets in your communication sector, but six months on and they're now putting the pressure back the other way.

For an eight day period, from the **12th March** to the **20th March**, there will be seven forces in play in your communication sector and it's during that time that you've got two back to back oppositions, so this is when any tension is likely to be at its peak. Yet this is where Jupiter's alliance with Pluto turns this into a real opportunity, especially when it comes to using this as an opportunity to rebel and even more so because of the timing, at its strongest from the **11th March** to the **19th March**.

Even before support from Pluto locks in Jupiter already has the North Node to rely on, keeping the elements of luck and fate in play. No matter what, Jupiter is the planet of luck and expansion and in retrograde motion he's holding the doors open to second chances, an opportunity to take a trip down memory lane and appreciate in hindsight what you might be missing out on, with these wakeup calls coming at the right time.

The timing of the Moon's monthly visit to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery is crucial, for moving through from the **21st March** to the **23rd March** this will come after Jupiter's alliance with Pluto and after all but one opposition has played out. As your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses are triggered and a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure fuelled, next time your excuses are challenged it's likely to spark a rebellion.

3rd House

Communication, Smart, Intellectual thinking – The conscious Mind

Power Dates: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th and 31st March

3rd House rules:

This is the part of your chart that rules your communications, smart thinking, intelligence, mental focus, decisions and both written and spoken language. Ruled by Mercury, this is a smart and intellectually savvy part of your chart that has an impact across the board, impacting every area of your chart and your life. You're smarter, communication becomes more important, you're more articulate, able to problem solve and remain more mentally focused when there is planetary activity in your *Third House*.

So what's happening here this month?

On the other side of the sky to Jupiter in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery is an incredible line up of forces here in your communication sector. Before I start writing these reports each month I jot down the main points, which I am then able to expand on. In every section there are a few lines of notes, mainly dates and other bullet point information that I need. Here in your communication sector I have almost two pages of bullet points and just looking at it does my head in, wondering where on earth to start.

With Neptune and Chiron, the planets of dreams and healing in your communication sector for several years now and spending so long, Chiron from 2011 to 2019 and Neptune from 2012 to 2026, they are the constant forces in play here, month after month, year after year. So regardless of what else happens, your communication sector will always make it into these reports, even if it's just to say that it's business as usual.

The other constant is that the Sun will always spend the first 3 weeks of March here in your communication sector. An area of your chart that remains active 12 months of every year and in a month when the solar spotlight will always fall on your communications, turning the lights on, making things transparent and bringing a call for authenticity, this is the base line.

While Venus and Mercury will travel through your communication sector around the same time as the Sun, by this time last year Venus had already been and gone, as had Mars who moved through as well. However, this year Venus and Mercury are not only travelling much closer, they're both behind schedule, with neither here yet by the time you move into March. In addition you have the South Node here for the first time as the Sun moves through in 17 years, while Ceres' return on the 29th January puts the dwarf planet and goddess of the solar system here for the first time since 2012.

By the time Mercury returns on the **5th March** and Venus on the **12th March** there will be no fewer than seven cosmic influences in play here – the Sun, Mercury, Venus, Ceres, Neptune, Chiron and the South Node, until the Sun leaves on the **20th March** and Mercury on the **22nd March**, with the rest of the solar system scattered around other areas of your chart. Apart from your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery, where Jupiter has the North Node for company and your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review, where Saturn will be joined by Mars on the **6th March**, there are no other areas of your chart that even has two planets in play, let alone seven.

Literally the weight of the solar system is here in your communication sector, with an eight day period, from Venus' return on the **12th March** to the Sun's departure on the **20th March** the most concentrated point. Neptune and Chiron are used to having Jupiter on the other side of the sky and the constant balancing act that the lunar nodes require, but when Mercury and Venus return this month, as was the case for the Sun and Ceres when they returned, it's to find Jupiter in opposition for the first time in 12 years.

Neptune is in your communication sector from 2012 to 2026 and in his early months Ceres, dwarf planet and goddess of the solar system returned to help lay down the foundations of what would be a 14 year mission to give your dreams and aspirations a voice. Once Ceres left this became more a gradual and slow evolution. Yet Neptune and Ceres have reconnected just as Jupiter is putting all your intentions to the test. Yes, with so many oppositions this month there is going to be pressure and tension, but with this is a chance to really challenge your excuses, push through barriers and in general use this as an opportunity for a breakthrough.

March is always the month when the solar spotlight is on your communications, but you've never been put to the test in the way you are this time. Yes, Jupiter moves through the other side of the sky once every 12 years and when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through your communication sector, which they do at this time of year, they'll move into opposition, never before and never again in your lifetime will Neptune, planet of dreams and fantasies be here and having spent four years defining aspirations, you're being put to the test.

Jupiter and Neptune won't move into opposition, for they did that last September and Jupiter won't retrograde that far back, but the planets that will move through your communication sector and align with Neptune will, Mercury on the **11th March** and Venus on the **21st March**. So when they move into opposition and tensions and pressure come to a head, they'll be freshly motivated and ready to fight back.

In the early days of the month, before Venus and Mercury return, the Sun will have the support of Mars, in his final days in your friendship sector, making it a lot easier to connect in a way that allows you to share.

The other planet to consider here is Chiron, planet of healing. We all have regrets, yet despite the fact that they serve no practical purpose, we hang them around our necks like dead albatrosses and drag them around, somehow feeling that we're doing penance for the bad choices and decisions we made in our life or that if we hold onto the wrongs that have been done to us, that somehow the people who did those wrongs would sense that and feel regret. Chiron, a centaur and one of those mythical beasts that is half man and half horse (from Greek mythology and the Narnia books fame), was the teacher and mentor for all the Greek gods. During the nearly 8 years that he'll spend in your communication sector he'll work tirelessly to turn those scars into the learning experiences that they are.

So here we have a month where not just here in your communication sector, but across all aspects of your life that this touches, there is a chance for healing, getting to the heart of your needs and priorities and by the way, you're also going through your annual update as well and the universe has chosen this moment to challenge you.

So yes, there may be some challenges and pressure, with tension waking you up to the things that need your attention, to what you've been dragging around your neck, to your dreams, your sense of purpose and everything else that the communication gods deem important, yet this is also a month for an enormous breakthrough. Have you ever had one of those times when it seems like you're having the worst day ever, only to find that it ends out to be the best day ever – well, this is one of those months.

While the eight day period when the Sun, Mercury and Venus will all be here at the same time, from the **12th March** to the **20th March**, are some of the most crucial days, it actually begins three days earlier. The Moon's return to your communication sector from the **8th March** to the **10th March** was always going to be important, not just because this will be a chance to give your emotional responses a voice, but the New Moon this was always going to create. Yet in a month when nothing about what is playing out here on the communication front is the norm, it makes sense that the New Moon on the **9th March** is anything but the norm as well. With the South Node here, the point where the Earth's orbit around the Sun is intersected by the Moon's orbit around the Earth, this New Moon will literally fall into the shadow that the Earth and Moon create, turning this into a game changing total solar eclipse.

A New Moon is a time of new beginnings, a solar eclipse a time of major new beginnings, but as a total solar eclipse this is a game changer.

Depending on how far away a New or Full Moon is to the lunar nodes determines whether it is a partial or total eclipse and because it falls almost right on top, the Moon will move right in front of the Sun and block it out. To witness a total solar eclipse is awe inspiring and also incredibly rare, because of the narrow band that it influences, but we are all impacted and just as this was already a major month for a potential breakthrough, this also turns this into a time for fateful and major new beginnings.

In case you are interested, below is a map of where this eclipse will be visible. That narrow blue strip in the middle, a strip just 155 kilometres wide, is where the eclipse will be seen as a total eclipse, which if I know my geography is in the Indonesia, Malaysia, Sumatra and the Borneo region, visible as a partial eclipse in the top half of Australia, over Japan, Korea and South East Asia.

Total Solar Eclipse of 2016 Mar 09

Ecliptic Conjunction = 01:55:37.5 TD (= 01:54:29.5 UT)

Greatest Eclipse = 01:58:19.5 TD (= 01:57:11.5 UT)

Eclipse Magnitude = 1.0450 Gamma = 0.2609

Saros Series = 130 Member = 52 of 73

Sun at Greatest Eclipse
(Geocentric Coordinates)

R.A. = 23h19m17.6s

Dec. = -04°22'46.4"

S.D. = 00°16'06.5"

H.P. = 00°00'08.9"

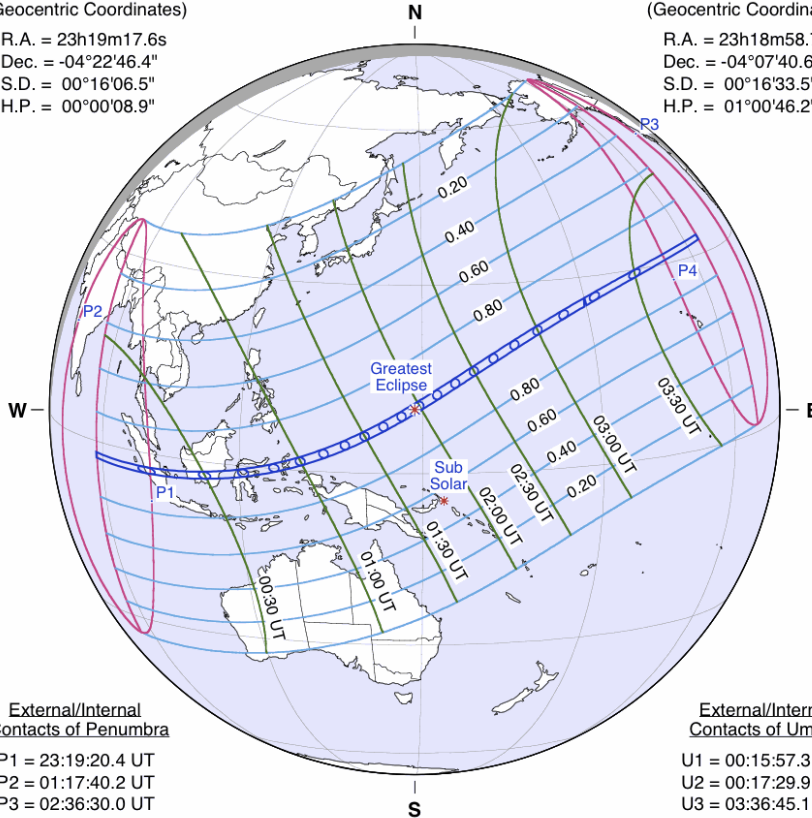
Moon at Greatest Eclipse
(Geocentric Coordinates)

R.A. = 23h18m58.7s

Dec. = -04°07'40.6"

S.D. = 00°16'33.5"

H.P. = 01°00'46.2"



External/Internal Contacts of Penumbra

P1 = 23:19:20.4 UT

P2 = 01:17:40.2 UT

P3 = 02:36:30.0 UT

P4 = 04:34:55.4 UT

Constants & Ephemeris

$\Delta T = 67.9$ s

$k1 = 0.2725076$

$k2 = 0.2722810$

$\Delta b = 0.0''$ $\Delta l = 0.0''$

Eph. = JPL DE405

External/Internal Contacts of Umbra

U1 = 00:15:57.3 UT

U2 = 00:17:29.9 UT

U3 = 03:36:45.1 UT

U4 = 03:38:20.7 UT

Geocentric Libration
(Optical + Physical)

$l = -2.73^\circ$

$b = -0.34^\circ$

$c = -24.56^\circ$

Brown Lun. No. = 1153

Circumstances at Greatest Eclipse: 01:57:11.5 UT

Lat. = 10°07.3'N

Sun Alt. = 74.8°

Long. = 148°47.6'E

Sun Azm. = 162.5°

Path Width = 155.1 km Duration = 04m09.5s

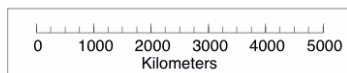
Circumstances at Greatest Duration: 01:56:52.0 UT

Lat. = 10°04'N

Sun Alt. = 74.8°

Long. = 148°42'E

Duration = 04m09.5s



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2nd House

Income, Earnings and Self Value

Power Dates: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 12th March

2nd House rules:

The ancients called this the 'House of earned income and self value' and rules your income, earnings, your sense of self value, entitlement, believing in yourself, standing up for your

rights, a sense of expectation, entitlement and indulgence. Ruled by Venus, the *Second House* is all about what you value and how you set your priorities, not only on the income front but across all the currencies in your life. This is an abundant area of your chart where there is often a gain in income or material resources. Ruled by Venus, the guiding principles here are desire, higher expectations and the laws of attraction.

So what's happening here this month?

Before Venus and Mercury reach your communication sector they have some tying up of loose ends here in your income sector and with both gone by the **12th March** this is more important than you might realise.

With no major planetary activity in your income sector it is only usually when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through that the focus is on your income situation, matters and options, so it's not unusual that the money gods should be tying up loose ends. However, last year you never quite reached that point for while the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars all moved through in the early months of 2015 and were all gone by mid March Ceres, who is spending the whole month in your communication sector, not only returned on the 4th April but didn't leave until the 4th August and even then retrograded back in for a double dip visit in October, a visit that didn't end until the 29th January 2016. So while the annual push that your income situation and matters get in the early months of every year was over by mid March, as it will be this year, with Ceres having spent so long, the money gods never entirely left the field. While Ceres wasn't here to trigger developments, by the time she left she had spent over seven months helping you to redefine your needs and priorities, getting to the heart of your value system. Ceres' focus was less on the money and more on the value you receive, not just on the income front but across all the currencies in your life.

The Sun returned during Ceres' final days, so there was a handover from the forces that had spent much of 2015 defining your needs and priorities, to a force that was here to update your value system and then hand the baton to Venus and Mercury, the planets who are here to make things happen.

However, Ceres is gone and won't be back for another four years and once Mercury leaves on the **5th March** and Venus on the **12th March**, apart from the Moon's monthly visits you're on your own and will be until Mars returns in November.

This makes the early part of the month especially important for income matters, working with Mercury's smart head for money and Venus' desires, expectations and a sense of entitlement to set the bar for the coming year and ensure you're on track towards those goals. With Mercury leaving on the **5th March** his agenda is the more important, making the early days of the week especially important for keeping your head in the game, working with his smart head for money to make smart choices, decisions and plans. Venus knows that she'll not only stay on for another week after Mercury has gone, having the last say, but that she'll benefit from the smart head for money you're able to achieve in his final days.

Once Mercury leaves Venus, planet of money, desire and attraction will have exactly seven days to fuel your confidence, desires and expectations, attract opportunities and in general fuel a sense of entitlement, belief in yourself and attract as many opportunities as possible.

It is a case of good timing then that the Moon should move through during that special week. Moving through from the **6th March** to the **8th March** the Moon will return a day after Mercury's departure, with a nose for money allowing you to tap into the smart head for money he's left you with. This will give you an intuitive edge in the final days to cement your desires and expectations for the coming year and with your heart and emotional and intuitive responses aligned, this will be a chance to get right to the heart of what you want, where the money is and how to turn expectations into reality. It's when the Moon and Venus align on the **7th March** that listening to your heart and to what your hunches are telling you is a must.

Another advantage that comes from the Moon and Venus' alignment is that by the time the Moon comes full circle next month, returning to no planetary activity and charged with helping to check that you're on track, this will take you back to the last voice of any influence, which was Venus. Yes, you've had the reality checks, worked with Mercury to get your head in the game and develop a smart head for money, but the Moon's encounter this month is just with Venus, with the message this sends out into the cosmos one that comes from your heart. So from now on, when the Moon returns each month it will be a reminder of what you want and of the confidence, desires, expectations and a sense of entitlement you wrapped up this annual update with.

By the time Venus leaves on the **12th March** you and your income situation and matters will be on your own, left with a clear sense of what you want, what you deserve and of where the money is, but with the reins back in your hands.

4th House *Home, Family and Property*

Power Dates: 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th and 31st March

4th House rules:

The *Fourth House* rules all things related to home, family, property, your lifestyle, home life and all things domestic, including your routines, rituals and daily habits. It also rules your roots, your heritage, parents, ancestry and where you come from. These are the foundations of your life, the basic day to day routines that allow you to function in an often confusing world, your soft place to fall, your sanctuary and your refuge. Ruled by the Moon, your emotions often come into play here, regardless of the planets involved and often some pressure or challenges.

So what's happening here this month?

Last month I spoke about Uranus being one very happy planet and that was the case, but this month it gets even better for the planet of surprise, synchronicity and the unexpected and your home and family life and matters. In your home and family sector since 2011 and not due to leave until March 2019 Uranus is lording it over your home and family situation, as the only planet that has a year round influence and therefore the planet that you need to be in tune with, in order for things to evolve naturally and authentically.

In essence Uranus should be the easiest of planets to follow, for unlike Saturn who asks that you take responsibility, stay committed and learn for yourself how to do things, here it's all about trusting in the laws of synchronicity and staying in the now. Uranus works through the laws of synchronicity, those random coincidences and serendipitous moments and/or encounters that put you in the right place at the right time, but only if you're not over thinking or over managing things. This is about trusting that if you listen to your gut, let things play out naturally and pay attention to those Eureka moments that come from out of nowhere, that you'll be ready for when fate crosses your path.

However Uranus is often the hardest planet to follow for it requires that you live in the now, rather than planning ten steps ahead or playing the woulda, shoulda, coulda game. If you have trouble staying in the now, then the one book that I believe should be required reading is *Eckhart Tolle's "The Power of Now"* or any of his other books. If reading isn't your thing, do what I do when I'm over thinking things, which is watch one of his many clips on YouTube. Another challenge to working with Uranus is that he doesn't always bring what we want him to bring and while he's a planet of surprise and unexpected developments, these can sometimes be unwelcome surprises, but always the truth we need to hear, at the time when we need to hear it.

In direct motion since Boxing Day Uranus has been slowly gaining momentum, but his real break came when Mars left your career sector on the 4th January, wrapping up a period of continuous cosmic activity that stretched back to November 2013. For the first time in over two years, the constant work/life balance pressure and tension you've been under was gone and while the Moon's monthly visits brought a reminder, that's all that it was.

At the same time, with support from Saturn in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review this gave Uranus and your home and family situation and matters the kind of support they haven't had before, at the same time that the pressure from the past pulled back. While a lunar eclipse in your career sector on the **24th March** could see a flare up of any work/life balance tension, this is nothing more than the reminder that you will always get at around this time every year, this time preaching what you already know all too well.

Things get progressively better for Uranus and your home and family situation and matters as the month progresses, starting with Mars' return to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review on the **6th March**. This puts Mars at a very friendly aspect to Uranus but more importantly, as you move into the final phase of your current Mars cycle, with a need for time to reflect and hear yourself think, the domestic gods put out the welcome mat.

However, more concrete support kicks in when the Sun returns here to your home and family sector on the **20th March** and just two days later Mercury returns on the **22nd March**. For the first time since the Sun left last April there is another planet to work with Uranus and for the first time since the South Node left in November the planet of surprise, synchronicity and the unexpected is no longer on his own. Here for so long and flying solo Uranus has largely operated in the background, acting more as those road signs you'll see on a road trip, telling you which road or route to take. If Uranus has been those road markers and they have been pointing to where you need to be, then the Sun and Mercury's return marks your arrival at the destination.

The Sun will always throw the solar spotlight on your home and family situation, matters and options at this time every year, opening the door to new opportunities, turning the lights on and taking you through your annual review and update. While the Sun will spend the next month here, with Mercury staying for just 15 days, it's important to work with him from the moment he arrives, getting your head in the game, ideas on the table and the communication lines open.

With Venus not returning until the 6th April your heart will once again have the final say and as Uranus will always have the laws of synchronicity in effect and she works through the laws of attraction, next month you'll have both in effect. From the Sun's return on the **20th March** it's all about having your eyes open, your feet on the ground and looking at things realistically, while Mercury brings the intellectually savvy edge needed to make smart choices, decisions and plans, as well as support to ensure the communication lines are open.

While the Sun and Mercury return to your home and family sector each year, they too will benefit from the fact that for the first time in three years there are no planets in opposition, but also from the support they'll receive from Mars and Saturn in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review as well. Even though Mercury will return after the Sun, moving at twice the speed he'll be the first to align on the **31st March**, bringing his intellectual savvy and articulation together with Uranus' Eureka moments and the unexpected developments he likes to trigger.

Right through to Venus' eventual departure at the end of next month you'll experience some of the best and most important conditions on the home front all year and it just happens to come just as time to hear yourself think also becomes more important. If there is going to be any work/life balance tension it's likely to come from a Full Moon in your career sector, with the Moon moving into opposition with both the Sun and Mercury on the **24th March** (to form the eclipsing Full Moon) and with Uranus on the **25th March**. As this will be the only wakeup calls you'll get, see this as the opportunity it is, both to pay attention to any wakeup calls and any work/life balance messages, knowing that you can't change what you don't see.

However, long before the Sun and Mercury return the Moon will move through, with a visit from the **10th March** to the **12th March** one last chance to focus just on the big picture. By the time the Moon comes full circle next month it will be as a New Moon, a time for taking action, with this visit more a chance to line up for what's coming.

10th House

Career and Professional goals and ambitions, success

Power Dates: 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th March

10th House rules:

Here the focus is on your career and your professional and personal drives and ambitions, the concept of striving for success, the ability to remain focused and to see something through. The ancients called this the 'House of Fame and Public Recognition'; with all the focus, discipline and behind the scenes determination that goes into achieving success through setting a goal and seeing it through. Ruled by Saturn, the *Tenth House* is all about the dedication it takes to succeed, setting goals and remaining committed, disciplined and determined.

So what's happening here this month?

On the other side of the sky to what will, by that time be an active and evolving situation on the home and family front, is this month's lunar eclipse on the **24th March**. While the North Node left your career sector in November, this Full Moon falls close enough to the North Node, now over the fence in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery, to create a partial lunar eclipse. Though not as potent than had this been a total lunar eclipse or had the North Node still been here, even as the first Full Moon since the lunar nodes shifted this was going to be important.

Since November 2013 you've had either planets or the North Node here in your career sector without a break and while the North Node left last November, with Mars here until the 4th January this flowed over into the early days of 2016, then left you and your career situation and matters on your own for the first time in over two years. Yet on the up side this has allowed the professional gods to pour all their resources into work matters, which is paying off this month.

Since then the Moon's monthly visits are all you've had to keep you on track as far as an ongoing sense of professional direction is concerned, but also tap into the professional passions, fighting and competitive spirit you moved into the year with, reminding you of what you're fighting for and working towards.

I see this eclipsing Full Moon as having three important roles or layers of influence, each equally important.

On the first and most basic layer is the fact that this is the Full Moon that will always fall at some point during the Sun's month long visit to your home and family sector each year and as such this is a clash between your home and professional lives, with any work/life balance tension or pressure this creates a wakeup call to address any balance issues, as well as the push that both home and professional matters need. By the way, this is also the Full Moon that will always determine when Easter falls. It's not a coincidence that this Full Moon falls on the Thursday of Easter weekend, for Easter weekend only falls then because of this Full Moon. If you're not sure why the dates for Easter's long weekend change each year, this Full Moon is your answer.

The second layer is that in order to become a lunar eclipse, even a partial eclipse, the Moon has to be in communication with the North Node, even though it left your career sector last November. A lunar eclipse will always bring the element of fate into play, not because it's a lunar eclipse but because of its link to the lunar nodes, which are all about fate. As a Full Moon will always bring things to a head, turning and/or tipping point, when you add the element of fate then you can expect some major implications, carrying a lot more clout than an ordinary Full Moon. The North Node had spent over 18 months drawing you towards future goals and your destiny and if it got you to the line, this lunar eclipse has the power to push you over the line.

Now the third layer is what makes me see this lunar eclipse more as a stepping stone, for this is not just the first Full Moon since the North Node left and all planetary activity came to an end, but also the last before lucky Jupiter returns to kick off your biggest, most auspicious and luckiest year for career and professional growth and expansion in over a decade. On one

hand the professional gods will be working to exploit what has already been invested, while on the other they'll be using this lunar eclipse to position you and line you up with what lies ahead.

Either way, whether it's any immediate implications this has on the career front or what this lines you up for, this is anything but the ordinary Full Moon that falls here at around this time every year. The Moon will take from the **23rd March** to the **26th March** to move through, so it's not just during the lunar eclipse on the **24th March** that you need to have your finger on the pulse and ear to the ground, trusting what your professional instincts are telling you and getting to the heart of any messages behind your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses or anything that might push your buttons. This will come at a fairly auspicious time for work matters, with your annual review over and Venus busy attracting opportunities.

11th House

Friendships, Teamwork and Hopes and Wishes

Power Dates: 1st, 6th, 26th, 27th and 28th March

11th House rules:

Here it is all about friendship, teamwork, networking, inventiveness, camaraderie, togetherness, being part of a group, team or society, neighbourhoods, communities, clubs, organisations or affiliations. The *Eleventh House* is about strength in numbers, playing your part in society, being a friend, a team player, showing kindness and generosity to others. Ruled by Uranus, the *Eleventh House* is all about realising that no man (or woman) is an island. It's about being part of society, feeling connected, a need to belong. It is about humanity and Aquarian principles, which sees the world as a global village.

So what's happening here this month?

Now I've mentioned the influence that Mars will have in other areas of your chart this month, both here in his final days in your friendship sector and below, when he returns to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review.

Mars, planet of passion and the warrior planet of the cosmos returned to your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking for what should have been a six week visit aimed at fuelling your passions, competitive and team spirit. Having returned just five days after Venus left, he returned to find your annual review over, your heart engaged and a clear sense of what you want and your social life and matters enjoying the benefit of some active support over recent months. This gave the warrior planet of the cosmos a mandate and something to work with from the get go.

However, six weeks came and went in mid February and moving into the month Mars is still here, albeit in his final days? The only reason that Mars is still here is because he's slowing down ahead of a retrograde turn next month, which is set to have big implications here on the social, friendship, personal and professional networking fronts.

While Mars, in his final days in your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking, will be firing up your passions, competitive and team spirit, there should be little if any urgency or at least not to the degree that you usually experience when you know that he won't be back for

another two years. However you don't have to wait until 2018 to see Mars again, for that retrograde turn next month means that he'll return for a double dip visit from the 28th May to the 3rd August. Having already spent over two months here, more than his normal six weeks, he'll return for another two months, half that time in retrograde motion.

Knowing he's coming back Mars won't be focused on tying up loose ends or bringing things home and instead will be focused on achieving as much traction as possible, along with not only seeing you connected, but with the right people. When Mars leaves on the **6th March** he'll have given you enough traction so that you're able to continue on your own, with the wheels turning and things continuing to unfold. Knowing that Mars will return in May means you have time to let things play out, with much of the intensity he brought easing back after he's gone, while holding onto his passions, competitive and team spirit.

The Moon will visit your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking twice this month, both visits equally important. You'll move into the month with the Moon already here, but will leave on the **1st March**. This will see the Moon return from the **26th March** to the **28th March**. When the Moon visits this social and serendipitous part of your chart you gain an intuitive sense of timing and an intuitive read on people and situations. At the same time, with the laws of synchronicity in effect, through listening to your hunches you're also more likely to find yourself in the right place at the right time, setting the scene for some serendipitous moments or encounters.

12th House

Waiting, Preparation, Subconscious Mind – End of a cycle

Power Dates: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th and 30th March

12th House rules:

The last of the 12 Houses is all about endings, internal focus, the subconscious mind, daydreaming and introspection. For a planet to be in your *Twelfth House* they are at the end of a cycle that begins in the *First House*, with the focus on bringing one cycle to an end, before a new cycle can begin, closing old doors in order for new doors to eventually open. Ruled by Neptune, planet of dreams and fantasy, this is the realms of the subconscious and your intuition. Where Mercury and the *Third House* rule the intellectual mind, here the focus is on the intuitive, subconscious and spiritual mind and your dreams, intuition and imagination. Here you are moving through a watershed period, as the past begins to make way for the future.

So what's happening here this month?

Apart from the Moon's monthly visits Mars' entire time in your friendship sector (above), was spent on his own, yet from his return to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review on the **6th March** he won't spend a single moment on his own, teaming up with one of the most powerful planets in the solar system.

Mars returns to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review every 22 months on average, spending six weeks bringing your current Mars cycle home or at least that is usually the case. Mars is the warrior planet of the cosmos and when he returns to your sign in September he'll motivate you to begin more quests, as you once more get a top up of

his passion and fighting spirit, filling up your tanks with fuel and a new excitement and impatience to throw yourself into life and into a new Jupiter cycle that begins this month. Yet by the time he gets here, to the final leg of this current Mars cycle, chances are you'll be running on empty, your fuel tanks depleted and in need of an opportunity to rest on your laurels and recharge your batteries.

Your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review is the area of your chart that any planet must move through before returning to your sign and therefore marks the end of a cycle. This means there are always two things going on, one being to close old doors and bring a cycle to an end, with all the reflecting and looking back that this requires, but also that you have a chance to go within, getting in touch with your imagination and your intuitive and spiritual centre. With Jupiter here for the last year but due to leave 2 days after Mars returns, this will see him pass the torch so that this process can continue, for a while yet.

However, if Mars normally spends six weeks here and he won't return to your sign until late September, it's clear that something is up and that this is no normal wrap up of a Mars cycle, because of the amount of time he spends here, what he does and who he encounters here.

Like the Sun, Mercury and Venus, when they returned to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review late last year to bring your last solar year home, Mars will return to find Saturn, hard taskmaster of the cosmos here for the first time in 28 years and it's clear that this powerful planet already has his hands on the wheels, bringing you to the closing years of a Saturn cycle of learning and growth that began three decades ago. You couldn't get two more different forces. Saturn is slow, pedantic, prefers to measure twice and cut once and when given a choice prefers to do things the hard way, for that's where you learn and grow the most. However, Saturn also brings with him an enormous amount of fortitude, determination and a never give up attitude. Mars, on the other hand, is full of hot headed enthusiasm, can't see the point of measuring twice and cutting once when you can just jump in and if it doesn't work just move on to the next thing. Mars is great at getting things started but lacks stickability, so you often end of trying lots of things but sticking to nothing. Saturn, on the other hand, is great at staying the course, but lacks the daring and imagination to start new ventures, working instead with what is already there.

While Mars will normally rush through in six weeks it's not just Saturn that demands him to slow down, but the fact that he himself is slowing down. Saturn will turn retrograde on the **26th March** and Mars next month, both taking the job of reviewing the past and closing old doors seriously. So seriously that while Mars will eventually leave on the 28th May, leaving by retrograding back out, once he turns direct again he'll return for a second visit, this time from the 3rd August to the 27th September. By the time Mars finally returns to Capricorn on the 27th September you will have been through your most important periods of review, reflection and of closing old doors in decades.

With support from the Sun, Uranus and Mercury in your home and family sector and not one but two Full Moons in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review in the middle months of 2016, there is some serious contemplating coming up. Support from home and family forces creates an opportunity to turn your home into a sanctuary, the place that is already the place you're able to retreat to in order to hear yourself think or a mission to make it that place.

By the time the Moon returns from the **28th March** to the **31st March** Mars will have been here for just over three weeks and Saturn will have been in retrograde motion for four days, giving you a chance to once more get your bearings, listening to the emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses this triggers and a chance to listen to your inner voice.

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