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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.

6th House
Work, Employment and Health

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

6th House rules:

The ancients called this the ‘House of Service to others’. This is the busiest part of your chart, where the focus is on work, employment, service, duty, responsibility, hard work, productivity, health, time management and self sacrifice, whether in paid or unpaid service. Here the focus is on doing what has to be done now, rather than putting things off, bringing a sense that you can rest later. When your *Sixth House* is active you will be busy, with a lot on your plate and a lot of demands on your time. This is also a time to address any health, wellbeing, time management and energy issues. Ruled by Mercury in his most practical form, this is all about productivity.

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 your work sector and your income sector (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 work sector 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 new working year was up to speed, your options on the table, a tailwind at your back, aware of what you’re working for, on and towards and the means to work smarter, with heart and mind engaged.

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 intellectual savvy and articulation to get your head in the game, ideas on the table and the communication lines open, able to work smarter and make smart and informed choices, decisions and plans. This also brought you extra time to consider things, taking your time and therefore able to think things through.

Venus, the last to arrive was also the last to leave, with her transit through your work sector from the 24th January to the 17th February a chance to boost your confidence, fuel your desires and expectations and through the laws of attraction, attract opportunities. Having returned after the Sun had left, your annual reality checks and review was over and your new working year officially launched, this allowed your heart to have its say. 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 your new working 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 and work matters on track, 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 work situation and matters and put a positive spin on the month itself. Pluto's game and your work situation and matters became a lot easier when lucky Jupiter returned to your income sector last August, with the largest and smallest planets in the solar system working together to boost your opportunities and potential on both fronts.

While Jupiter visits your income sector once every 12 years, having last moved through in 2003/2004, four years before Pluto's first visit to your work sector 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 work sector 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 the ease with which things move on the work front.

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 income and work fronts and especially where the two come together. This is bound to influence the way you look at your options and a sense of what's possible.

The Moon will make two visits to your work sector 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 working year up to speed 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.

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 things have evolved and to once more align yourself with the natural currents in play.

Income, Earnings and Self Value

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

For Pluto’s buddy Jupiter, here in your income sector, while the support will have a big impact, both in boosting your confidence and a belief in what you’re worth, the story is a little more complex and at times a bit more stressful, with financial tension coming to a head in waves.

Back when Jupiter first returned to your income sector 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 financial sector, bringing financial tensions to a head and creating some pressure as income and financial forces clash. However, there came a point where Jupiter moved out of range, the faster planets moved on and tensions between income and financial forces eased back. Then in November, aware that balance between money coming in and money going out would remain an important issue, for the first time in 17 years the North Node returned here to your income sector and the South Node to your financial sector and always in opposition and always working to balance each other out, this put forces in place to keep the peace and ensure that neither income or financial matters got too big for their boots.

This worked, for while you had two planets in your financial sector but only one in your income sector, because Jupiter is so large this balanced things out. That changes this month and it changed because the Sun, the only cosmic body larger than Jupiter, returned to Pisces on the 19th February and over the course of the month, with Venus and Mercury returning there as well, there will be some serious opposition and a lot more financial pressure and tension, as forces on both fronts battle to push their own agenda, exposing any balance issues.

This began very soon after the Sun’s return to your financial sector last month, with a Full Moon here in your income sector putting the Sun and your financial situation and matters on notice. While there won’t be constant financial pressure and tension all month, it will come in waves and with those waves having an orb of influence several days either side, it might feel like its constant.

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 financial 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 financial sector and it's during that time that you've got two back to back oppositions, so this is when any financial 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 turning tension into motivation, for their alliance runs from the **11th March** to the **19th March**, bringing a boost in financial and professional confidence just when you need it most.

Even before support from Pluto and the professional gods 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 and untapped potential, with the right mix of support and pressure creating the potential for a real breakthrough.

The timing of the Moon's monthly visit to your income sector 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 instincts and a nose for money kick in and the Moon fuels your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses, this will give you a better understanding of all the water that has passed under the bridge since last month's Full Moon. Coming full circle from last month's Full Moon this is a visit that will often see anything triggered then come full circle and to fruition, but especially so with so much having passed under the bridge this month as well.

8th House

Finances, Passion, Transformation and Change

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

8th House rules:

The ancients called this the 'House of Other People's Money' and today rules money, passion, change and transformation. While the *Second House* rules your income the *Eighth House* rules your financial situation as a whole, including debts, loans, funding and even inheritances. Ruled by Pluto the *Eighth House* also rules our deep drives and urges and also the concept of change, coming from a cycle of death and rebirth, which is the cycle of life.

So what's happening here this month?

On the other side of the sky to Jupiter in your income sector is an incredible line up of forces here in your financial 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 financial 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 financial 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 financial 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 financial 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 financial situation and money matters, turning the lights on, making things transparent and impossible to ignore, this is the base line.

While Venus and Mercury will travel through your financial 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 income sector, where Jupiter has the North Node for company and 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 financial 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 financial 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 completely redefine your financial dreams and aspirations. 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 financial pressure and tension, but with this is a chance to really challenge your excuses, push through barriers and in general get your attention, especially when it comes to a balance between money coming in and money going out.

March is always the month when the solar spotlight is on your financial situation and money matters, but you've never been put to the test in the way you are this time. Yes, Jupiter moves through your income sector once every 12 years and when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through your financial 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 financial dreams 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 financial sector and align with Neptune will, Mercury on the **11th March** and Venus on the **21st March**. So when they move into opposition and financial tensions and pressure come to a head, they'll be freshly motivated and ready to fight back.

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 financial 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 financial sector, but across all aspects of your life where your dreams are being awoken, 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 financial update as well and the universe has chosen this moment to challenge you.

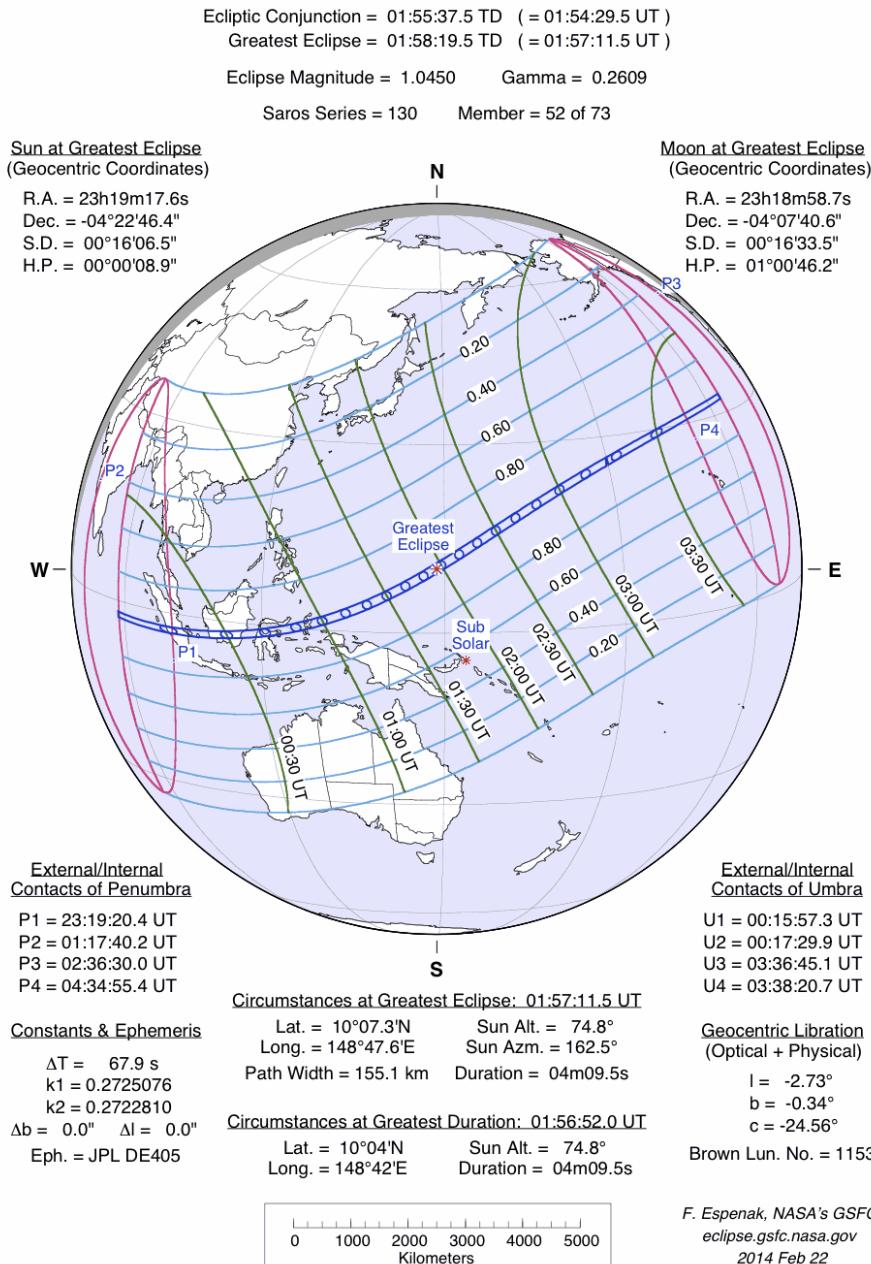
So yes, there may be some challenges and pressure, with financial tension waking you up to the things that need your attention, to what you've been dragging around your neck, to your dreams, your sense of purpose and everything else that the money gods deem important, yet this is also a month for an 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 financial sector from the **8th March** to the **10th March** was always going to be important, not just because this will be a chance to tap into your financial instincts, gain an intuitive read on all the different influences in play and through your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses get an intuitive edge on what might feel like a case of information overload, but the New Moon this was always going to create. Yet in a month when nothing about what is playing out here on the financial 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 financial and money matters, 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



7th House
Relationships, Opposition – Half Way Point in a Cycle

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

7th House rules:

On one hand this is the area of your chart that rules relationships, unions, partnerships and marriage. The *Seventh House* has two specific roles. On one hand this is your relationship sector, so the focus is on your relationships. The bar is raised, more will be required from you and there is likely to be some pressure. Secondly this puts any planet in your opposing Sign and puts you at the halfway point of a current planetary cycle, bringing personal as well as relationship checks and balances. Ruled by Venus, your personal relationships benefit most when there is planetary activity here.

So what's happening here this month?

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

With no major planetary activity in your relationship sector it is only usually when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through that the focus is on your relationships and on relationship matters, so it's not unusual that the relationship 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 financial 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 relationships 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 relationship gods never entirely left the field. While Ceres wasn't here to trigger anything, by the time she left she had spent over seven months helping you to redefine your relationship needs and priorities, getting to the heart of what you really need rather than what you think you want.

The Sun returned during Ceres' final days, so there was a handover from the forces that had spent much of 2015 defining your relationship needs and priorities, to a force that was here to update a sense of what you want from your relationships and what they need from you 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 relationship matters, working with Mercury's support to get the communication lines open and the magic Venus is able to inject into your relationships. With Mercury, planet of communication leaving on the **5th March** his agenda is the more important, making the early days of the month all about doing whatever it takes for as long as it takes to ensure the communication lines are open. Venus knows that she'll not only stay on for another week after Mercury has gone, having the last say in where your relationships go from here, but that she'll benefit from the communication lines you're able to open in his final days.

Once Mercury leaves Venus, planet of love and guardian of your relationships will have exactly seven days to fuel your confidence, desires and expectations, attract opportunities and in general bringing something special into play on the relationship front. What is sure, with Venus here and especially on her own, is that whatever you invest into your relationships you're likely to get back tenfold, remembering that ten times nothing is still nothing.

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 your emotional responses able to access the open communication lines he's left you with, with a chance to give your emotional responses and relationships a voice. This will give you an intuitive edge in the final days to cement your relationship 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 from your relationships and what they need from you. It's when the Moon and Venus align on the **7th March** that listening to your heart and to what your emotional responses are tell you has to be the most important thing you do.

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 ensure the communication lines are open and to get a clear sense of what you want from your relationships and what they need from you, 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 from your relationships and of the confidence, desires and expectations you wrapped up this annual relationship update with.

By the time Venus leaves on the **12th March** you and your relationships will be on your own, left with a clear sense of what you want from your relationships and what they need from you, but with the reins back in your hands.

9th House *Travel, Exploration, Learning, Study and Freedom*

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

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 life in general, especially when it comes to a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure. In your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery since 2011 and not due to leave until March 2019 Uranus is lording it over things, 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 a sense of adventurous and a curiosity for life 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 communication sector, opposing sign to your sector of adventure, travel, learning and discovery 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 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 romantic and creative sector this gave Uranus and a sense of adventure 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 communication sector on the **24th March** could see a flare up of any 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. You need this intellectually charged Full Moon to challenge your excuses and the Moon needs the Sun's influence in this adventurous part of your chart to remind you to think outside the box, keeping your mind and your options open.

Things get progressively better for Uranus and you as the month progresses, starting with Mars' return to your romantic and creative sector on the **6th March**. This puts Mars at a very friendly aspect to Uranus and while this opens the door to some game changing months on the fun, playful, romantic and creative front, it will also have a positive spin off here on the adventurous front as well. As your romantic and creative passions are fuelled this gives you permission to embrace a sense of adventure as well.

However, more concrete support kicks in when the Sun returns here to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery 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 life outside your comfort zone, on a quest for knowledge and a need for adventure 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 and open your mind to life's possibilities.

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, a sense of wonder as to what's possible and an openness to life's richer experiences.

While the Sun and Mercury return to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery 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 romantic and creative sector 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 the potential for some serendipitous or unexpected opportunities or developments.

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 adventurous front all year and it just happens to come just as Mars' return to your romantic and creative sector is firing up your romantic and creative passions and fighting spirit as well. The final 10 days of the month will be pivotal for both playful and adventurous matters, with forces on both fronts working together. It's during that time that the lunar eclipse in your communication sector will hit, 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**. However, this is when support from Mars peaks, creating a chance to turn this into an opportunity for a breakthrough and to really challenge your excuses.

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, triggering Eureka moments, your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses and fuelling a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure. 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.

Communication, Smart, Intellectual thinking – The conscious Mind

Power Dates: 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th 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 what will, by that time be an active and evolving situation on the adventurous front, is this month's lunar eclipse on the **24th March**. While the North Node left your communication sector in November, this Full Moon falls close enough to the North Node, now over the fence in your income sector, 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 communication 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 on your own for the first time in over two years.

Since then the Moon's monthly visits are all you've had to keep your communications and your mental focus on track, but also tap into the passions and warrior 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 an adventurous part of your chart each year and as such this is a chance to challenge your excuses but through any tension this creates push that little bit harder to give your emotional responses a voice and to clear the air, creating the potential for a communication breakthrough.

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 communication 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 communication, big ideas and for expanding your mind in over a decade. On one hand the communication gods will be working to exploit what has already been invested, while on the other they'll be using this lunar eclipse to positon you and line you up with what lies ahead.

Either way, whether it's any immediate implications this has on the communication 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 be ready to give your relationships a voice. What is important is that the Moon returns just 11 days after Venus' departure from your relationship sector will have brought your annual relationship review and update to an end and with a clear sense of what you want from your relationships and what they need from you, it's your relationships that will benefit the most from this.

4th House *Home, Family and Property*

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

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 home and family sector and below, when he returns to your romantic and creative sector.

Mars, planet of passion and the warrior planet of the cosmos returned to your home and family sector for what should have been a six week visit aimed at fuelling your passions and fighting spirit. Having returned just five days after Venus left, he returned to find your annual update over, your heart engaged and a clear sense of what you want. 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 home, family and/or property fronts.

While Mars, in his final days in your home and family sector, will be firing up your passions and fighting spirit and a need to throw yourself into the projects and get stuck in and make things happen, 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, gaining as much momentum as possible on the things you're working on and towards. When Mars leaves on the **6th March** he'll have given your home and family matters enough traction so that they're able to continue on their own, with the wheels turning and easily maintained momentum. Knowing that Mars will return in May means you have time to let things play out, with much of the hype and drama he brought in order to get your attention easing back after he's gone, while holding onto his motivation and his 'let's just get stuck in and do it' attitude.

The Moon will visit your home and family sector twice this month, both visits equally important. Already here as you move into the new month, this will ensure your instincts are sharp from the get go and in Mars' final days that your emotional responses will alert you to where your attention should be. The Moon will leave on the **1st March**, aligning with Mars in its final hours, but like a bell that can't be unrung this will be a chance to start with an intuitive edge that will be easy to maintain, as well as sharpening your instincts and providing the valuable clues, hunches and insights needed to make Mars' final days count.

By the time the Moon returns from the **26th March** to the **28th March** Mars will have left almost three weeks earlier and as your instincts kick back in, so too will a memory of their last encounter and the passions and fighting spirit you began the month with. As your instincts and your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses kick in you're able to rekindle any motivation that may have waned in the interim.

5th House *Love, Romance, Joy, Creativity and Children*

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

5th House rules:

This is the most fun and playful part of your chart, ruling all things related to love, romance, creativity, music, fun, play and matters of the heart in general. Ruled by the Sun this is a sunny and optimistic part of your chart inspiring a sense of confidence and playfulness. Here following your creative talents, being playful and letting your inner child out to play are important. The *Fifth House* rules children, pregnancy, conception, gambling, love, romance, music and artistic talents or pursuits and all things associated with the heart.

So what's happening here this month?

Apart from the Moon's monthly visits Mars' entire time in your home and family sector (above), was spent on his own, yet from his return to your romantic and creative sector 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 romantic and creative sector every 22 months on average, spending six weeks fuelling your romantic and creative passions. Yet apart from fuelling your passions and making matters of the heart something to get excited about nothing about Mars' return or time here can be considered the 'norm', both because of what he brings and because of what he encounters.

Like the Sun, Mercury and Venus, when they returned to your romantic and creative sector late last year, 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. 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.

This is like taking the engine out of a Ferrari and putting it inside a bulldozer, then letting it drive matters of the heart – old excuses, walls and barriers won't stand a chance. Mars will encourage you to throw yourself into things, but instead of giving up when the going gets tough something from within will kick in, giving you that sense of resolve to keep going and the power to move mountains if you have to.

It's been three decades since you last had Mars and Saturn in your romantic and creative sector at the same time and even if this was a normal six week visit, this would still be game changing. However, as I said, nothing about Mars' visit is the norm and that includes the amount of time he'll spend here.

By the time Mars eventually leaves on the 28th May he will have already spent nearly three months here and here for 11 weeks and six days, he'll spend just a day shy of twice the normal six weeks he spends here every other year. However, instead of leaving by moving on, Mars' retrograde turn next month means that he'll retrograde back out to your home and family sector again, eventually returning here to your romantic and creative sector for a double dip visit on the 3rd August. When Mars does return it won't be to take up from where he left off, but will start over from scratch again, this time not leaving until the 27th September.

Despite the fact that Mars will turn retrograde on the 18th April and will spend nearly six weeks in retrograde motion here, he'll still be in direct motion when Saturn turns retrograde here on the **26th March**, ensuring that while Saturn does a U turn and begins retracing his

steps, that you still have an eye on the road ahead and matters of the heart are still moving forwards. This will give Mars a chance to take the wheel as Saturn shifts his focus to the rear view mirror, opening the door to the past, second chances and an opportunity to make up for lost time. From the 18th April Mars will be in retrograde motion as well but until then, between them they'll keep one eye on the road ahead and the other on the road behind.

With support from the Sun, Uranus and Mercury an adventurous part of your chart and not one but two Full Moons in your romantic and creative sector in the middle months of 2016, just when Saturn's retrograde turn should be putting your matters of the heart into hibernation and into review phase, instead things are coming back to life.

While having Mars and Saturn together in your romantic and creative sector will take some adjusting to, as will adjusting to having Mars in direct and Saturn in retrograde motion, just as well the Moon will be on hand to help out. The Moon will move through from the **1st March** to the **3rd March**, ensuring that before Mars even gets here your heart's emotional responses are engaged.

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 get your first real read on the game changing implications.

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