

Libra 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.

4th House
Home, Family and Property

Power Dates: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th 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?

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 home and family sector and your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review (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 home and family 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 everything was out in the open, any issues exposed, you'd had a chance to take care of any housekeeping and with heart and mind in the game were able to set your intentions for 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 intellectual savvy and articulate planet to ensure the communication lines were open and to make smart choices, decisions and plans.

Venus, the last to arrive was also the last to leave, with her transit through your home and family sector from the 24th January to the 17th February a chance to get your heart engaged, define your desires and expectations and in general make home where your heart was. Having returned after the Sun had left, your annual reality checks and review was over and any housekeeping out of the way, this allowed you to focus more on the joys of home and family life and matters. 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 home and family matters out in the open,

up to speed and your intentions for the coming year cemented 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 home and family 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 attitudes and put a positive spin on the month itself. Pluto's game and home and family life and matters became a lot easier when lucky Jupiter returned to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review last August, with the largest and smallest planets in the solar system working together to turn your home and family life into a sanctuary, supporting the extra time needed to hear yourself think in the final year of a 12 year Jupiter cycle of expansion.

While Jupiter visits your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review once every 12 years, having last moved through in 2003/2004, four years before Pluto's first visit to your home and family 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 home and family 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 creating an environment where you're able to retreat in order to think and reflect. The biggest problem during the 12 month wind down of an old solar year is that very few of us have the time and space in our life for the reflection this requires, but with support from Pluto the domestic gods are actively working to turn your home and family life into that sanctuary.

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 home front and in return the peace of mind and sense of inner calm that you'll feel when you know that the wheels are turning and the fire burning on the home front.

The Moon will make two visits to your home and family 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 your annual update came to an end. As your instincts kick in and your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses are triggered, this will bring a chance to pay attention to the things that need it.

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 your real needs, expectations and what your priorities are on the home front.

12th House

Waiting, Preparation, Subconscious Mind – End of a cycle

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

For Pluto's buddy Jupiter, here in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review, while the support will have a big impact, both in boosting your confidence and minimising any pressure this month, 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 subconscious thinking, imagination and review last August to begin the 13 month wind down of your current 12 year Jupiter cycle of expansion, 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 work sector, bringing their very different agendas into conflict. However, there came a point where Jupiter moved out of range, the faster planets moved on and tensions 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 subconscious thinking, imagination and review and the South Node to your work 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 side got too big for their boots.

This worked, for while you had two planets in your work sector but only one in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review, 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 pressure and tension, as forces on both fronts battle to push their own agenda, exposing any balance issues.

Your work sector is a busy, proactive and productive area of your chart, where it's about putting your shoulder to the wheel and doing whatever it takes, for as long as it takes to get things done and the Sun's return last month signalled the start of one of your busiest months of the year. Your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review on the other hand is just that, an area of your chart that asks that you go within, take time out to hear yourself think and to process things. When you have planetary activity in each there is a call for

balance, knowing when you have to put in the hard work and the long hours but also recognising when you need to step back and chill out, letting your thoughts settle and to give you a chance to relax body, mind and soul. This isn't a challenge and the majority of the time this works to your advantage, because it gives you a healthy balance. It's only when the planets on either side move into opposition that you have a problem, because both sides want your attention at the same time and you can't throw yourself into manic work forces and navel gaze at the same time. This forces you to either compromise or pick sides, yet it's from that pressure that you're forced to look at and re evaluate things. While it creates tension and pressure at the time, making it feel like your time and resources are stretched too thin, in the long run it works to your advantage, with some timely reality checks.

This began very soon after the Sun's return to your work sector last month, with a Full Moon here in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review putting the Sun and the start of some busy weeks on notice. While there won't be constant 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 work 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 work 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 looking at things from both sides, for their alliance runs from the **11th March** to the **19th March**.

Even before support from Pluto locks in Jupiter already has the North Node to rely on, bringing home the importance of time to hear yourself think and of pacing yourself. From the moment things started to move on the work front there were road warnings popping up everywhere, reminding you of a need to work smarter from the get go.

The timing of the Moon's monthly visit to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review 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. This will bring a timely opportunity to pull back, finding the time to hear yourself think.

6th House

Work, Employment and Health

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

On the other side of the sky to Jupiter in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review is an incredible line up of forces here in your work 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 work 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 work 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 work 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 work 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 work situation, matters and options, turning the lights on, making things transparent and in general making this the time of year when the focus is on work matters, this is the base line.

While Venus and Mercury will travel through your work 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 subconscious thinking, imagination and review, where Jupiter has the North Node for company and your communication sector, 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 work 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 work 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 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 work pressure and tension, but with this is a chance to really challenge your excuses, push through barriers and in general provide the push need to start turning dreams and concepts into reality.

March is always the month when the solar spotlight is on your work situation, matters and options, but you've never been put to the test in the way you are this time. Yes, Jupiter moves through your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review and into opposition once every 12 years and when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through your work 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 your dream job, 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 work 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 income sector. This is going to give you the confidence needed to turn tension and pressure into motivation, creating the potential for a real breakthrough.

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 work 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 work sector, but across all aspects of your life that this touches, 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 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 professional 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 work 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 instincts, gain an intuitive edge and through your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses get your bearings, but the New Moon this was always going to create. Yet in a month when nothing about what is playing out here on the work 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 work 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

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

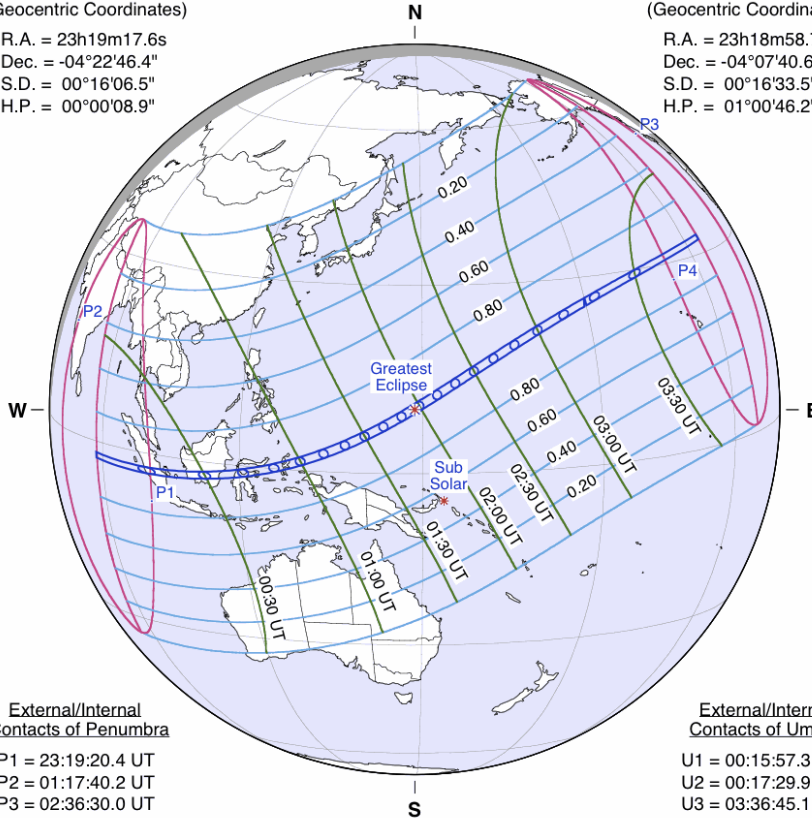
Saros Series = 130 Member = 52 of 73

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

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

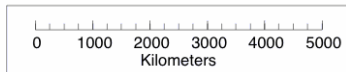
External/Internal Contacts of Umbra

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)

$l = -2.73^\circ$
 $b = -0.34^\circ$
 $c = -24.56^\circ$

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5th House

Love, Romance, Joy, Creativity and Children

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

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

With no major planetary activity in your romantic and creative sector it is only usually when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through that the focus is on matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, romantic and creative, so it's not unusual that the love 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 work 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 matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, romantic and creative 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 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 heart's needs and priorities.

The Sun returned during Ceres' final days, so there was a handover from the forces that had spent much of 2015 defining your heart's needs and priorities, to a force that was here to create an opportunity for a fresh start 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 matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, romantic and creative, working with Mercury's ability to give your heart a voice and to put heart and mind on the same page and Venus' romantic influence. With Mercury, planet of communication leaving on the **5th March** his agenda is the more important, making the early days of the week especially important for giving your heart a voice. Venus knows that she'll not only stay on for another week after Mercury has gone, but a chance to create some of the most purely romantically charged days of the year.

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 heart's emotional responses engaging with Venus' romantic influence, especially when they align on the **7th March**.

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 give your heart a voice and to put heart and mind on the same page, 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.

By the time Venus leaves on the **12th March**, matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, romantic and creative will be on their own, left with a clear sense of what you want and how to make it happen, but with the reins back in your hands.

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

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

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 relationships. In your relationship sector since 2011 and not due to leave until March 2019 Uranus is lording it over your relationship, 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 your relationships 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 Libra and moved out of opposition 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 personal and/or relationship 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 communication sector this gave Uranus and your relationships 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 sign on the **24th March** could see a flare up of any personal and/or relationship 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 relationships as the month progresses, starting with Mars' return to your communication 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 communication front, it's your relationships that will benefit the most.

However, more concrete support kicks in when the Sun returns here to your relationship sector on the **20th March** and just two days later Mercury, planet of communication 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 relationships at this time every year, opening the door to new opportunities, turning the lights on and taking you through your annual relationship 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. With Mercury, planet of communication in your relationship sector and Mars in your communication sector, your relationships will have support from two separate sources, making it easier to give your relationships a voice and ensure the communication lines are open as the month progresses.

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 and communication lines open, getting real and working with the relationship gods to get a real, clear and authentic sense of what you want from your relationships and what they need from you.

While the Sun and Mercury return to your relationship 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 communication 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 his ability to give your relationships a voice together with Uranus' ability to create serendipitous moments and/or encounters.

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 relationship front all year and it just happens to come just as Mars' return to your communication sector is having game changing influences on the communication front as well. The final 10 days of the month will be pivotal for both communication and relationship matters, with forces on both fronts working together. It's during that time that the lunar eclipse in your sign 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 in your communication sector peaks, creating a chance to turn any personal and/or relationship tension and pressure this might create into an opportunity for a real breakthrough.

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.

1st House

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

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

On the other side of the sky to what will, by that time be an active and evolving situation on the relationship front, is this month's lunar eclipse on the **24th March**. While the North Node left your sign in November, this Full Moon falls close enough to the North Node, now over the fence in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review, 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 sign 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, with no cosmic or planetary activity of any kind in Libra, for the first time in over two years.

Since then the Moon's monthly visits are all you've had to keep you 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 your relationship sector each year and at the halfway point of your current solar year, when your own needs are most likely to be forgotten, this is a reminder of where you've been asleep at the wheel, letting your own needs slide and the intentions you moved into this new solar year and into 2016 with, forgotten. As a clash between your personal and relationship needs, any personal and/or relationship tension or pressure this creates is a wakeup call to any conflict between the two, as well as the push that both you and your relationships 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 Easters' 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 sign 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 in over a decade, the foundation year for a new 12 year Jupiter cycle of expansion. On one hand the 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 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 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.

2nd House
Income, Earnings and Self Value

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

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 income sector and below, when he returns to your communication sector.

Mars, planet of passion and the warrior planet of the cosmos returned to your income sector for what should have been a six week visit aimed at fuelling your passions and fighting spirit, with his warrior energy fuelling an urge to take a sledgehammer to any glass ceilings in your way. 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 income front.

While Mars, in his final days in your income sector, will be firing up your passions, fighting spirit and the determination to fight for what you deserve, not just on the income front but across all the currencies in your life, 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 traction and working to put as many cracks in as many glass ceilings as possible, especially those in your own mind. 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 a clear sense of what you're fighting for and working towards. 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 warrior spirit and the determination to fight for what you deserve.

The Moon will visit your income sector twice this month, both visits equally important. Already here as you move into the new month, this will ensure your instincts and your nose for money is sharp from the get go and in Mars' final days that you're picking your battles wisely. 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 the way you intend to go on, as well as sharpening your instincts and providing the nose for money 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 and a nose for money kick back in, so too will a memory of their last encounter and the motivation and determination you began the month with. It's these monthly visits that will ensure you don't lose the trail and are ready for when he returns in May, with the middle months of 2016 set to explode with income, work and career opportunities.

3rd House

Communication, Smart, Intellectual thinking – The conscious Mind

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

Apart from the Moon's monthly visits Mars' entire time in your income sector (above), was spent on his own, yet from his return to your communication 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 communication sector every 22 months on average, spending six weeks ensuring that you are mentally a lot more creative and your thinking and ideas are bolder, because he doesn't stop when the lines between what is and isn't practical is reached, carrying on regardless in a way that stirs your creative mental processes. The same applies to your communications, with the words you might normally sit on or consider carefully before making sure they're the right words and that you're being tactful out before you have a chance to censor them. You may find that you have more arguments or heated discussions when Mars is in your communication sector and you may even wonder why everyone is all of a sudden more argumentative, whereas the culprit is probably you. You need this, for Mars does a wonderful job of jump starting your brain cells and getting unsaid words out in the open.

This is something that Mars will always do when he returns to your communication sector and it just so happens that this is the only thing that 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 communication 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 your communications and your brain. Mars will encourage you to throw yourself into ideas, concepts and conversations, 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 communication 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, eventually returning here to your communication 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 creates an opportunity to give the past and unsaid words a voice, you still have an eye on the road ahead. This will give Mars a chance to take the wheel as Saturn shifts his focus to the rear view mirror, opening the door to second chances, learning from the past and giving the past and unsaid words a voice. 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 in your relationship sector and not one but two Full Moons in your communication sector in the middle months of 2016, just when Saturn's retrograde turn should be putting your communications into hibernation and into review phase, instead things are coming back to life.

While having Mars and Saturn together in your communication 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 there is a chance to give your emotional responses a voice.

By the time the Moon returns from the **28th March** to the **31st March** Mars will have been here for just over three weeks, Saturn will have been in retrograde motion for four days and the Sun and Mercury, planet of communication will be in their early days in your relationship sector, creating an opportunity to give your emotional responses, relationships, the past and unsaid words a voice.

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