

Taurus 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.

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

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

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 sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery and your romantic and creative 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 sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery 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 you've had a chance to move into the year with a sense of adventure, something that for you will always be your reality, but since then you'll have had time to look at how you can hold onto and capture it, weaving this into every aspect of your life.

Normally moving through in just 15 days, Mercury returned on the 10th December 2015 and while he left for a week in early January he was back a week later and stayed on until the 14th February, giving you nearly two months to work with his intellectually savvy edge to think outside the box, opening your mind to life's possibilities.

Venus, the last to arrive was also the last to leave, with her transit through this adventurous part of your chart from the 24th January to the 17th February a chance to establish a desire for adventure and identify what it is that motivates you. Having returned after the Sun had left, your annual reality checks and review was over and you had an authentic starting point, 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 waking you up to the fact that life is a journey and an adventure 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 always working to keep you safe from slipping back into your comfort zone, happy to once again hide behind your excuses, but without drawing too much attention to himself.

However, this isn't just any year and instead of blending into the background Pluto becomes one half of an extraordinary partnership that is set to revolutionise your life and put a positive spin on the month itself. Pluto's game and keeping a sense of adventure alive became a lot easier when lucky Jupiter returned to your romantic and creative sector last August, with the largest and smallest planets in the solar system working together to give you the confidence to follow your heart, embrace a sense of adventure and go on a quest for something more from life than simply going through the motions.

While Jupiter visits your romantic and creative sector once every 12 years, having last moved through in 2003/2004, four years before Pluto's first visit to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery 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 sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery 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 moving out of your comfort zone and for some, to take the road less travelled.

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 when it comes to finding the courage and confidence to follow your heart, embrace a sense of adventure and embark on a quest for knowledge and higher learning. This is bound to influence the way you look at life.

The Moon will make two visits to this adventurous part of your chart 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 it became more about the journey. As your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses kick in and a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure is fuelled, this will be a reminder of the intentions forged over the past few months.

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, bringing the top up you'll need by then.

Love, Romance, Joy, Creativity and Children

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

For Pluto's buddy Jupiter, here in your romantic and creative sector, while the support will have a big impact, both in boosting your confidence and the courage to embrace a sense of adventure, 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 romantic and creative 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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking, bringing tensions to a head and highlighting where your needs and the needs of others conflict. This isn't about people purposely setting out to rain on your parade and sabotaging your right to follow your heart and more your obligations and setting boundaries for when it's time to put your needs first and when you need to put the needs of others first.

However, there came a point where Jupiter moved out of range, the faster planets moved on and tensions between these two areas of your chart, one focused on following your heart and the other on being a team player, 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 romantic and creative sector and the South Node to your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking 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 took over.

This worked, for while you had two planets in your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking but only one in your romantic and creative 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 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 friendship sector last month, with a Full Moon here in your romantic and creative sector putting the Sun and a need to always be there for others 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 friendship 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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking 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 putting things in perspective, for their alliance runs from the **11th March** to the **19th March**, bringing a boost in confidence just when you need it most.

No matter what, Jupiter is the planet of luck and expansion and in retrograde motion he's holding the doors open to the past, second chances and to making up for lost time, with the right mix of support and pressure creating the wakeup calls and reminders you need. At the end of the day both your romantic and friendship sectors are extremely easy and fun areas of your chart and you're not going to have the challenges that some of your cosmic mates will have and this is simply learning when it's okay to say no to others and yes to your own needs and when you need to sacrifice those needs, being a team player and a good friend, something that is important at this time of year.

The timing of the Moon's monthly visit to your romantic and creative 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 heart's emotional responses kick in and the Moon fuels a sense of fun, playfulness and romance, this will give you a better understanding of all 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.

11th House

Friendships, Teamwork and Hopes and Wishes

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

11th House rules:

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

So what's happening here this month?

On the other side of the sky to Jupiter in your romantic and creative sector is an incredible line up of forces here in your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking. 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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking 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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking 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 friendship 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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking. 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 friendships, social life and on personal and professional networking in general, turning the lights on, making things transparent and making you more aware, this is the base line.

While Venus and Mercury will travel through your friendship 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 romantic and creative sector, where Jupiter has the North Node for company and your financial 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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking, 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 here 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 pressure and tension, but with this is a chance to really challenge your excuses, push through barriers and in general address any balance issues. Always being there for others and

never for yourself is just as bad as always being there for yourself and never for others, it's all about sorting out the balance between give and take that works for you.

March is always the month when the solar spotlight is on your social life, friendships and personal and professional networking, but you've never been put to the test in the way you are this time. Yes, Jupiter moves through your romantic and creative sector once every 12 years and when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through sector of friendship, teamwork and networking, 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 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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking 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 relationship sector, making these an important few days for friendship and relationship building.

Key to working with any tensions this month is realising that nothing is wrong, there is nothing broken and as far as social forces are concerned, you've got an enormous amount of support to make this an incredible month for social matters. The problem is that you have Jupiter on the other side of the sky asking 'but what about you and what about matters of the heart and a need for fun, play, romance and creativity'? This isn't usually a problem for it's not usually on offer at this time of year.

This is like going to the freezer and you only have vanilla ice cream, so there is no debate or dilemma. However, life's freezer holds chocolate and vanilla ice cream and they're both screaming 'eat me'! The ice cream itself isn't the problem, rather the choice. In which case I'd get a scoop of both, which is the point the gods want you to get to.

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 friendship 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 on the friendship and social front, but across all aspects of your life that a sense of togetherness 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. This is also a chance to share those dreams and focus more on building bridges than walls.

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 sector of friendship, teamwork and networking 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 read on the clues and hunches being triggered and the chance this creates to find yourself in the right place at the right time, but the New Moon this was always going to create. Yet in a month when nothing about what is playing out here on the social 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 friendship, team, social and networking 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

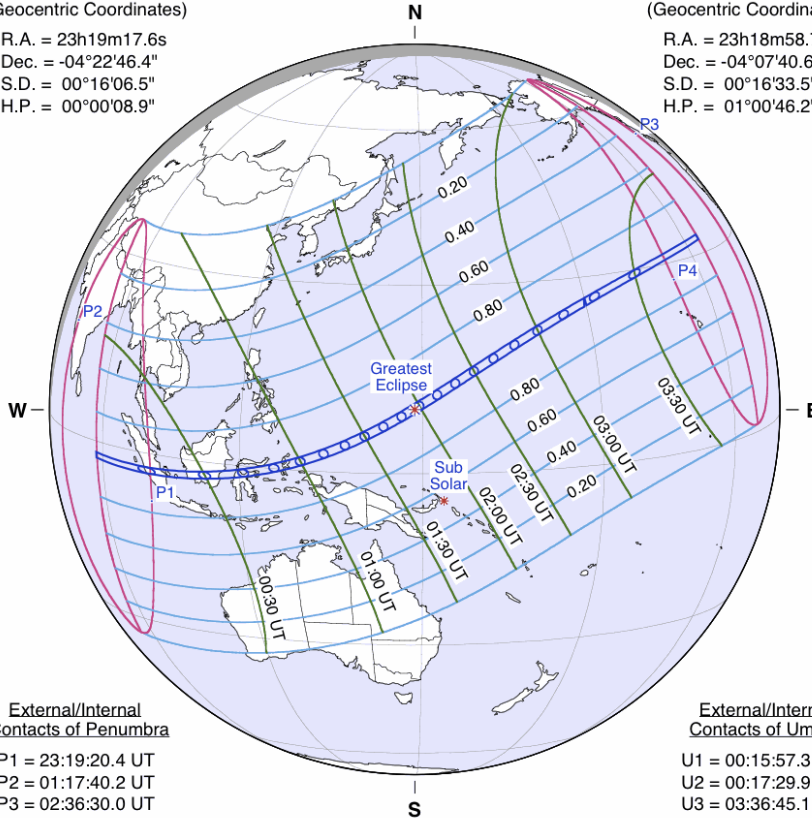
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Sun at Greatest Eclipse
 (Geocentric Coordinates)

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

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 $\Delta b = 0.0''$ $\Delta l = 0.0''$
 Eph. = JPL DE405

External/Internal Contacts of Umbra

U1 = 00:15:57.3 UT
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 U3 = 03:36:45.1 UT
 U4 = 03:38:20.7 UT

Geocentric Libration
 (Optical + Physical)

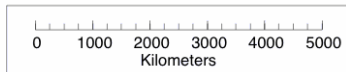
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 Brown Lun. No. = 1153

Circumstances at Greatest Eclipse: 01:57:11.5 UT

Lat. = 10°07.3'N Sun Alt. = 74.8°
 Long. = 148°47.6'E Sun Azm. = 162.5°
 Path Width = 155.1 km Duration = 04m09.5s

Circumstances at Greatest Duration: 01:56:52.0 UT

Lat. = 10°04'N Sun Alt. = 74.8°
 Long. = 148°42'E Duration = 04m09.5s



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10th House

Career and Professional goals and ambitions, success

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

10th House rules:

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

So what's happening here this month?

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

With no major planetary activity in your career sector it is only usually when the Sun, Mercury and Venus move through that the focus is on your career and professional situation, matters and options and on getting your new professional year up to speed and on the right track, so it's not unusual that the professional 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 friendship 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 new professional year and career and professional matters get in the early months of every year was over by mid March, as it will be this year, with Ceres having spent so long, the professional 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 needs and priorities, getting to the heart of your definition of professional success in terms of a sense of purpose and what you're really striving for.

The Sun returned during Ceres' final days, so there was a handover from the forces that had spent much of 2015 defining your needs and priorities, to a force that was here to update your sense of purpose 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 career and professional matters, working with Mercury's intellectual savvy and articulation and Venus' confidence building and laws of attraction to extract every possible advantage. With Mercury, planet of communication and smart thinking leaving on the **5th March** his agenda is the more important, making the early days of the week especially important for having your head in the game, ideas on the table and the communication lines open. Venus knows that she'll not only stay on for another week after Mercury has gone, having the last say in where your professional path takes you from here, but that she'll benefit from the intellectually savvy edge you're able to achieve in his final days and the chance this gives you to work on your game plan and to make smart choices, decisions and plans.

Once Mercury leaves Venus will have exactly seven days to fuel your professional confidence, desires and expectations, attract opportunities and in general give your heart the last say in the path your professional year will take.

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 professional instincts able to tap into the ideas and intellectually savvy edge he's left you with. This will give you an intuitive edge in the final days to cement your professional 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 this new professional year and a sense of where to from here. It's when the Moon and Venus align on the **7th March** that listening to your heart and to what your hunches are telling you, is most likely to lead to success.

Another advantage that comes from the Moon and Venus' alignment is that by the time the Moon comes full circle next month, returning to no planetary activity and charged with helping to check that you're on track, this will take you back to the last voice of any influence, which was Venus. Yes, you've had the reality checks, worked with Mercury to get your head in the game and around your options, 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 this professional year and of the professional confidence, desires and expectations you wrapped up this annual update with.

By the time Venus leaves on the **12th March** you and your career matters and professional path will be on your own, left with a clear sense of what you have to work with, what you're aiming for and how to keep the wheels turning, but with the reins back in your hands.

12th House

Waiting, Preparation, Subconscious Mind – End of a cycle

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

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 inner thoughts or peace of mind. In your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review since 2011 and not due to leave until March 2019 Uranus is lording it over your inner thoughts, 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 thoughts, ideas and perceptions 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 work sector on the 4th January, wrapping up a period of continuous cosmic activity that stretched back to November 2013. For the first time in over two years, the constant 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.

You have an incredible opportunity while Uranus is here to expand your mind, your thinking and your ideas and to really think outside the box, but with life so busy over recent years, finding time to hear yourself think was a real problem. That was until Mars left your work sector on the 4th January, finally giving you both the space and permission. While a lunar eclipse in your work 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.

Things get progressively better for Uranus and your inner thoughts and perceptions as the month progresses, but this is about to move from the long term position of a thinker into something more mundane. This happens when the Sun returns to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review 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 mental road signs you'll see on a road trip, telling you which road or route to take and Eureka moments that give right to new ideas, concepts or just a way of looking at things.

The Sun and Mercury return for the more mundane job of winding down your old solar year, with all the soul searching, reflection and closing of old doors this creates, clearing the way for the start of your birthday month and new solar year, later next month. Mercury will only spend 15 days here, but his mix of intuition and logic, imagination and intelligence will give you a chance to look back and within in a more strategic way.

While the Sun and Mercury return to your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review each year, they too will benefit from the fact that for the first time in three years there are no planets in opposition, making it a lot easier to give yourself permission to slow down, reflect and find time to hear yourself think.

The lunar eclipse in your work sector is likely to create some busy forces and the kind of tension that comes from feeling you've got to be too many places at once, torn in too many directions and with too many balls to juggle. The Moon will move 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 going to challenge old ways of thinking and is a reminder that you live in the real world. The Moon will only be here for a few days, unlike the weeks if not months of tension you had in the past.

6th House *Work, Employment and Health*

Power Dates: 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th 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 what will, by that time, be an active and evolving situation in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review, with the wind down of your old solar year underway by then, is this month's lunar eclipse on the **24th March**. While the North Node left your work sector in November, this Full Moon falls close enough to the North Node, now over the fence in your romantic and creative 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 work sector without a break and while the North Node left last November, with Mars here until the 4th January this flowed over into the early days of 2016, then left you and your work situation and matters on your own for the first time in over two years. However, before he left Mars

made sure you had enough work passions, fighting and competitive spirit to keep you motivated and the wheels turning.

Since then the Moon's monthly visits are all you've had to keep you and your work situation and matters on track, but also tap into the work passions, fighting and competitive spirit you moved into the year with, reminding you of what you're fighting for and working towards.

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

On the first and most basic layer is the fact that this is the Full Moon that will always fall at some point during the month long wind down of your old solar year and as such this is a clash between forces that want you to pull back and spend time navel gazing and a Full Moon that wants to push work matters forward, with any tension or pressure this creates a wakeup call for a need for balance. At the least active point of the year for work matters this is the push that work matters need, bringing things that have been building behind the scenes to a head, turning and/or tipping point.

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 work 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, luckiest and expansive year for work opportunities and growth in over a decade. On one hand the professional gods will be working to exploit what has already been invested, while on the other they'll be using this lunar eclipse to position you and line you up with what lies ahead.

Either way, whether it's any immediate implications this has on the work 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.

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

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

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 relationship sector and below, when he returns to your financial sector.

Mars, planet of passion and the warrior planet of the cosmos returned to your relationship 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 relationship review over, your heart engaged and a clear sense of what you want from your relationships and what they need from you. 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 relationship front.

While Mars, in his final days in your relationship sector, will be firing up your passions and urging you to fight for what you want and against what you don't want or to deal with any issues, 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, giving your relationships a clear sense of direction, a mandate and a tailwind. When Mars leaves on the **6th March** he'll have given your relationships enough traction so that they're able to continue on their own, with the wheels turning and your relationships on track. Knowing that Mars will return in May means you have time to let things play out, with much of the fighting spirit he brought easing back after he's gone, while holding onto his determination to fight for something real and authentic.

The Moon will visit your relationship sector twice this month, both visits equally important. Already here as you move into the new month, this will ensure your emotional responses are

engaged from the get go and in Mars' final days that you're paying attention. 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 give your relationships a voice, as well as engaging you emotionally, determined 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 emotional responses kick back in, so too will a memory of their last encounter and the determination you began the month with. This will be a chance to test the waters, get your bearings and check your relationships are still on track, alerting you to anything that needs your attention.

8th House

Finances, Passion, Transformation and Change

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

Apart from the Moon's monthly visits Mars' entire time in your relationship sector (above), was spent on his own, yet from his return to your financial 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 financial sector every 22 months on average, spending six weeks fuelling your financial passions and fighting spirit. Yet apart from that Mars' return and 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 financial 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 financial situation and money matters – just imagine the barriers that you could push through. 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 financial 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 relationship sector again, eventually returning here to your financial 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 your financial situation and money matters 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 a major review phase, with a chance to learn and benefit from the past. 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 sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review as you move through the wind down of your old solar year and not one but two Full Moons in your financial sector in the middle months of 2016, just when Saturn's retrograde turn should be putting your financial situation and money matters into hibernation and into review phase, instead things are coming back to life.

While having Mars and Saturn together in your financial 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 financial instincts are sharp, you have your finger on the pulse and ear to the ground, along with an intuitive read on financial undercurrents in play.

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 an intuitive read on how the impact this powerful duo is making, how to work with this and anything else that needs your attention.

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