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ERIS IN ASTROLOGY FACETS AND FRAGMENTS OF SELF

by Eric Francis

*It's the combination of narcissism and nihilism
that really defines postmodernism. —AL GORE*

*These fragments I have shored against my ruins. —T.S. ELIOT, THE WASTE
LAND*

To the Fairest. —ERIS

T IS RARE that a newly discovered planet is delineated by the sign it's transiting, or was discovered in. Because sign placement is transient, it's usually seen as playing a background role in conceiving of a new planet's archetype, but no more. Can anyone even name what

astrological signs Pluto and Chiron were discovered in? Pluto's discovery degree is in Cancer. Chiron's discovery degree, perhaps more widely known, is in Taurus. Any thoughts as to how that influences our perception of these planets, or how it's influenced popular interpretations?



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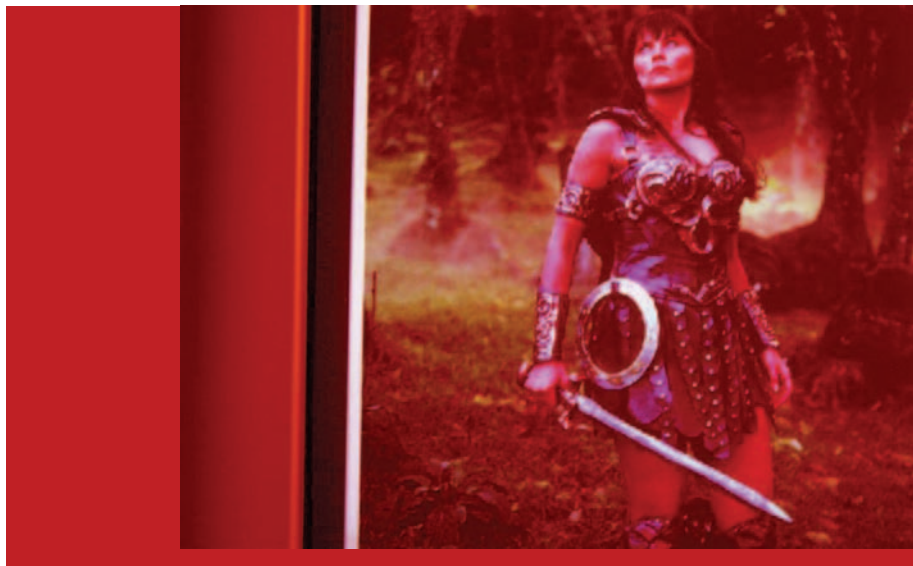


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It is also unusual to use a planet's nickname to gain an understanding of its expression, but then, I can only name one planet that's had a culturally accepted moniker, one that got into *The New York Times*: Eris, which was originally widely known as Xena, named for the Warrior Princess of television fame as a temporary measure until its astronomical status could be sorted out.¹ Eris was discovered in 2005 and takes about 557 years to go around the Sun once. It's currently about 10 billion miles from the Sun, a good bit further than Pluto, which by contrast takes 248 years to orbit the Sun and is considerably closer.

Eris, along with older discoveries Pluto and Ceres, was designated a dwarf planet in the summer of 2006. The recognition of Eris and the reorganization of the solar system now confront mainstream astrology with the previously esoteric issue of how astrologers figure out what a new discovery is about, and how to work with it. But the topic has been surprisingly quiet, perhaps because many astrologers are at a loss for where to begin the discussion. This is surprising; one would imagine that naming the equivalent of the 10th planet for the goddess who started the Trojan Wars would get some attention.

But there is a precedent for astrology

taking things excruciatingly slowly with new discoveries. Pluto, though discovered in 1930, was not put on the main longitude tables of *Raphael's Ephemeris* until the mid-1970s; for many years it was included in a little table giving the positions once

longer history of use by astrologers, thus more experience and a longer history of discussion than stuff discovered last week, though this is not necessary to understand the past. The passage of history itself can be tracked with any planet

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Though they don't usually realize it, astrologers have been engaged in a delineation process with Uranus, Neptune and Pluto for a long time. What are often called the "modern planets" are not described in the ancient astrological texts, and thus fall outside the Doctrine of Signatures that was so essential to the medieval understanding of astrology. We have, in truth, had to deduce their meaning, which is the essence of a modern planet. Their presence in modern astrology books gives a false idea that they are perfectly understood, and always were. One thing they have going for them is a

whose orbit is known, since all you need to do is calculate an ephemeris and look at the cycle going back as far as you want, and study the results, though it can be surprisingly challenging.

In terms of bodies that have been consciously delineated recently after their discovery, the most openly conducted quest has involved Chiron, discovered in 1977 and originally met with great excitement by astrologers, an unprecedented phenomenon that has not persisted, and has not been seen since. In part this is because the discovery was announced as that of a planet (though it was later re-classified to Centaur planet). But in the late 70s, that sense of discovery, quest and exploration,

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and the desire for tangible self-knowledge, were all very much in the spirit of the times, so it was natural for astrologers to respond assertively.

Though there have been thousands of discoveries of small planets orbiting our

the media. Because the Eris controversy resulted in the supposed demotion of Pluto (originally deemed a planet) from “full planetary status,” it made newspapers worldwide. This came with the “promotion” of Ceres (discovered in 1801 and

recognized *as* a planet, even partly; none so much as started a good debate, much less was responsible for settling one, though this may be a temporary settlement as the issue will be reviewed in three years. Because Varuna and company were all smaller than Pluto, the entire world of minor planets, trans-Neptunians, Kuiper objects, asteroids and Centaurs (such as Chiron and Pholus) seemed doomed to obscurity, discussion lists or private astrology seminars in London.

Yet it is the theme of Eris, not its size, that will guide its fate as an astrological factor, mark a moment of passage or transition, and perhaps help tell the story of our time in history, and we who are living it.

How a Planet Gets its Meaning

A planet possesses what we think of as meaning in a cultural sense, and in an archetypal one. The two are related, but you can think of archetypal meaning as standing somewhat apart from human intention, or perhaps as arising from it on a deep level. But an archetype belongs to nature more than it belongs specifically to humanity. An archetype has a life of its own, and that entity has a relationship with individuals, with society, and with the patterns of history. An archetype’s message has the feeling of being deduced and discovered, rather than being bestowed intellectually. However, working with new planets, we are not inheriting centuries of

experience, along with copious writing in ancient texts. The process is not only conscious, it is contemporaneous. It happens as we do it. The discussion of any new planet will be a metalog: the subject will arise as the discussion progresses.

There are basically two ways for newly discovered planets to have their meaning emerge as an intentional act. They differ, but there are some overlapping methods. One is observation over long periods of time, studying the cycles of history and the lives of cultural figures and astrology clients until the archetype reveals itself. An example of this approach is offered by Richard Tarnas in his long essay *Prometheus the Awakener*.³ In this monograph, he examines the expression of Uranus, discovered in 1781, the first planet discovered by science. In this remarkable book, Tarnas looks closely at the cycles of history, as well as in the charts of people for whom Uranus plays prominently, explaining that it bears a misnomer: it accurately matches the archetype of Prometheus (a rebel and creation deity) and bears only incidental resemblance to Uranus (a sky god who was overthrown).

Another method, more frequently applied to what are called minor planets (particularly a class called Centaurs, and several classes of planets in the region of Pluto) is to use the available data, and come up with a working hypothesis, and then test it. It is this approach that I’m

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Sun in recent years, and several prominent ones the past few years, most have been diligently ignored by mainstream astrology, with only a few astrologers being involved in deciphering their themes, mostly on email lists. Only one mainstream horoscope writer that I know of has regularly informed his readers of some of these discoveries, and has occasionally made an effort to delineate them, Jonathan Cainer of the *Daily Mail*.

It’s only because last summer’s categorization of Eris disrupted the established order of the solar system that the existence of Xena/Eris was even noticed by most astrologers.² Astronomers say Eris is as large as, or larger than, Pluto — and that’s what forced the issue of what a planet is, and made a fairly big splash in

called a planet at the time, but soon after, reclassified as an asteroid). It is surprising that Ceres, though it comprises a third of the mass of the inner asteroid belt and is named for a goddess one of whose themes, *food*, is so central to human survival, has long been treated as if it’s of little consequence to astrology, except by a few people who consider themselves asteroid specialists. Ceres also covers the plight of mothers, an odd archetype to ignore, given that we all came from one.

Yet is Eris any more important astrologically than the smaller objects Varuna, Ixion, Chaos, Quaoar, Sedna or Orcus, or many others found in recent years to be orbiting near or beyond Pluto? In the cultural sense, yes — none of those planets were able to push the door open to being

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VENUS IN AQUARIUS...

JUPITER SQUARE URANUS...

DESPITE its dark reputation, winter is the season of brightening days and the Sun's journey northward along the horizon. Those in the Southern Hemisphere are now at the height of summer, while those in the Northern Hemisphere are blanketed in ice and snow that the creeping Sun will eventually return as water to the oceans and groundwater tables. Difficult as it is to imagine, the two extreme seasons coexist simultaneously — but it works well as a metaphor: this year many factors will reveal once again that despite seeming geographic, national and religious divisions, we all share one world and one life. As climate change progresses, defined seasons are something we will remember with deeper appreciation.

In our society and many others, the year begins with the Sun in the sign Capricorn, in a month named for Janus, the Roman god of doorways and beginnings; the god of thresholds. We begin in earnest, making promises to ourselves, feeling like we're crossing into new territory (an illusion — we're always crossing into new territory), with the Sun and dominant energies focused on the sign of commitments. But really, at this point in this particular year, we're still in a Sagittarian

MARS IN CAPRICORN

moment like few before it. The spectacular fireworks of late November and early December have settled down somewhat, but they were only the opening act for what promises to be one of the most intense and interesting Sagittarian-styled eras in our lifetimes. This is because the main events of 2007 include Pluto making conjunctions to the Galactic Core, and Jupiter covering all the territory that Pluto has been through over the past 12 years.

Jupiter has been transiting Sagittarius (one of the two signs it rules, the other being Pisces) since late November, which in many ways sums up the story of the four seasons ahead: a magnification of the intensity and scale of everything we've experienced since Pluto entered Sagittarius in 1994-95. Though it will take some time, global problems that have faded into the background noise of the television set will seem blatantly obvious, such that we may actually affirm the need to do something about them; ethical issues will require less analysis; international relations, if you can call them that, rise to the spotlight, front and center. The hope and promise of the human discov-

ery and technological progress that allows us to notice that we live in one world once again emerges as themes of our moment in history.

Spiritual solutions will seem natural, perhaps too natural: in an era with strong Sagittarius overtones, optimism and faith combined with a grounded approach to problem solving need to be applied simultaneously. Idle hope and suicide bombers have something in common. Faith without action to back it up is just more reli-

Galactic Core suggests we can view what occurs as something coming up for healing. That, however, is a perspective that must be maintained consciously, more like a dolphin breathes and less like a human breathes.

The year begins on something of a high note, with a waxing Moon: The Cancer Full Moon (full in her own sign) on the 3rd is nicely harmonized with Uranus in Pisces and Mercury in Capricorn. Mars in Sagittarius trines Eris in Aries the same

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gious hype. Believing in God and working for God are two different things. At the least, we need to stand up and bear witness to the developments of our world at this time in history, and this time in our lives.

As we begin the year, Pluto has now reached the peak of its yearlong conjunction to the Galactic Core — this being the last hurrah of Pluto in Sagittarius in our final year of that transit. It has been a decade and a half of endless religious tensions, tribalism, war and rumor of war. A Mars-Pluto conjunction on the 13th will inevitably set off some global news, though the associated conjunction to the

day, helping balance out the power dynamics of gender relations.

Venus enters Aquarius on the 4th and remains through the 27th, one of the more interesting (and for some reason, challenging) positions for this planet. Venus has an affinity with Aquarius on three counts. One, as ruler of the air sign Libra, Venus has a resonance with the other air signs, Gemini and Aquarius. Also, in Vedic astrology, Venus has a strong affinity with Saturn because both planets are strong in the sign Libra (Venus is the ruler, Saturn, the exalted planet). Venus visiting one of Saturn's signs (the other is Capricorn, where Venus has been

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the past few weeks) may grant detachment, but also strength and perspective. The feminine qualities often associated with Venus can disappear, and we get, instead, clarified intelligence, a potentially helpful (sometimes extremely annoying) degree of emotional aloofness, and turning points not swayed by attachment, but rather by the necessities of decision. Last,

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we get stuck on: our values.

An exact conjunction of Venus to Pallas Athene on the 7th — Pallas being the warrior, guardian and goddess of wisdom — highlights the theme of negotiation of emotional boundaries, particularly within a group context. It is necessary for emotionally sensitive people to tactfully negotiate their boundaries. It's not about

won't recognize the manifestations. This conjunction is calling on us to be aware of the collective nature of our sexual injuries, including our histories of rape, sexual abuse, psychological abuse and all forms of group sexual conditioning that violate our inherent nature. And it's calling on us to be aware of the collective nature of sexuality itself. Despite being a private matter, sexual need, and sexual expression are qualities we all share, just like breathing.

Mars enters Capricorn the 16th, the sign of its exaltation. Serious, hardworking, determined, at times self-denying and at others shrewdly political, Mars in Capricorn is an advantageous placement for those who favor negotiated solutions to problems, or who feel that integrity and dedication are integral to good work. Much like Venus seems to contradict the nature of Aquarius while having an odd kind of affinity with it, Mars in Capricorn brings out the more assertive qualities of that sign.

Capricorn New Moon on the 19th, very late in that sign (as are many New Moons this year), occurs the same day as the Venus-Neptune conjunction in Aquarius.

The Sun then ingresses into Aquarius on the 20th, joining the impressive collection of Aquarius planets — Pallas Athene exactly conjunct Mercury and Chiron, and a triple conjunction of the Moon, Neptune and Venus.

Of note, Jupiter's square to Uranus on

Jan. 22 is one of those astrological causes for celebration, as contacts between these two planets frequently and dependably arrive with spiritual, creative and technological breakthroughs. This aspect represents the development process of creative integrity. Jupiter is the idea side of the equation; Uranus is the energy side, and the quality of breakthrough and penetration. The square, which compels us to put these two qualities together no matter how strange or difficult it may seem, repeats, in different forms though always from Sagittarius to Pisces, in May and October.

On the 30th, the Sun is conjunct Chiron, highlighting one of the most significant transits of our era in history, Chiron in Aquarius. Mercury enters echo phase the 30th as well, warming up a retrograde that begins Feb. 14 at 11 degrees of Pisces and goes back to 26 degrees of Aquarius, stationing direct March 8. Echo phase ends when Mercury enters new territory on March 29. —*Eric Francis*

Venus and Uranus (modern ruler of Aquarius) are two of the most astronomically similar planets, despite one being a terrestrial world and the other a gas giant.

Venus transiting here signals a time of considering and accessing group resources, including companionship. Discussing personal boundaries calls for focusing on what it means to love, but also how to be independent of the beloved. Lines between friends and lovers are seen as the transparent and negotiable definitions that they are, rather than the dramatic contrasts we presume them to be. Most important, the wavy lines of Aquarius are like the radio waves of communication, which can now be used to relate the real issues that underlie the ones

war, it's about trust.

Venus meets up with the Nessus/Chiron conjunction from the 9th through the 11th, astrology which can injure, release, heal or bestow ecstasy with equal ease, and which must be handled carefully. Venus contacting Centaur planets so directly at least promises some intensity, and calls Venus to the spotlight.

Nessus/Chiron conjunct in Aquarius is astrology that defines our era in history, appearing in the charts of all children and news events for about six years, of which we are more or less in the middle. Venus in Aquarius will help us take this somewhat distant astrology deeply personally, for good or ill. Unfamiliar with either planet's energetic qualities, most people

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This Month at a Glance:



Positions

January 1, 2007

Sun	10 Capricorn 10'27"
Moon	7 Gemini 25'20"
Mercury	6 Capricorn 30'36"
Venus	26 Capricorn 3'26"
Mars:	18 Sagittarius 25'44"
Jupiter	8 Sagittarius 11'39"
Mercury	6 Capricorn 30'36"
Saturn	24 Leo 27'39"
Uranus	11 Pisces 32'18"
Neptune	18 Aquarius 6'51"
Pluto-Charon	27 Sagittarius 1'38"
Ceres	0 Pisces 59'19"
Eris	20 Aries 13'31"
Chiron	7 Aquarius 46'55"

Keywords

Jupiter	Expansion, optimism, international, long distance.
Venus	Resources, love, attraction, intelligence.
Chiron	Awareness, awakening, healing, necessity.
Nessus	The return of Karma, potentially inappropriate sexual contact, 'the buck stops here'.

Monday 01 January 2007 - New Year's Day

Amor (26+ Sagittarius) conjunct **Galactic Center** (26+ Sagittarius)
Amor (27+ Sagittarius) conjunct **Pluto** (27+ Sagittarius)
Juno (22+ Libra) septile **Great Attractor** (14+ Sagittarius)
Venus (26+ Capricorn) semisquare **Uranus** (11+ Pisces)
Pandora stations retrograde (10+ Virgo)
Mars (18+ Sagittarius) trine **1992 QB1** (18+ Aries)
Sun (10+ Capricorn) trine **Pandora** (10+ Virgo Rx)

Thursday 04 January 2007

Venus enters Aquarius (direct)
Venus (0 Aquarius) sextile **Aries Point** (0 Aries)
Mercury (11+ Capricorn) sextile **Uranus** (11+ Pisces)
Mars (21+ Sagittarius) semisquare **Nessus** (6+ Aquarius)
Mars (21+ Sagittarius) opposite **Arachne** (21+ Gemini Rx)
Amor enters Capricorn (direct)
Amor (0 Capricorn) square **Aries Point** (0 Aries)



Full Moon at 12+ degrees Cancer Jan 3, 2007, 13:57 GMT (Fir/Yew* Tree Moon): The first Full Moon of the year occurs at 12+ degrees Cancer and opposes a Sun-Mercury conjunction at 12+ degrees Capricorn. The Moon is also trine Uranus in Pisces. Mars is at 20+ degrees Sagittarius in a trine aspect to Eris, the newest member of our solar system, at 20+ degrees Aries. *Sabian Symbol for 13 degrees Cancer: "A hand, which is held out receptively, is remarkable for the suggestion of character in its prominent thumb."* The keyword is **determination**; any individual must rule his environment or surrender his potentialities forever. Here is practicality brought to the point of ruthlessness.

—Arwynne O'Neill

Tuesday 02 January 2007

Mercury (8+ Capricorn) sesquiquadrate **Admetos** (23+ Taurus Rx)
Mars (19+ Sagittarius) square **Psyche** (19+ Virgo)
Hidalgo (5+ Scorpio) square **Nessus** (5+ Aquarius)
Sun (11+ Capricorn) sextile **Uranus** (11+ Pisces)
Moon enters Cancer
Mercury (9+ Capricorn) sesquiquadrate **Saturn** (24+ Leo Rx)

Wednesday 03 January 2007

Venus (29+ Capricorn) semisquare **Great Attractor** (14+ Sagittarius)
Mars (20+ Sagittarius) trine **Eris** (20+ Aries Rx)
Mars (20+ Sagittarius) square **Logos** (20+ Virgo Rx)
Cancer Full
Mercury (10+ Capricorn) trine **Pandora** (10+ Virgo Rx)
Atlantis (16+ Leo Rx) trine **Quaoar** (16+ Sagittarius)

Sun (13+ Capricorn) square **Asbolus** (13+ Aries)
Mars (21+ Sagittarius) semisquare **Hidalgo** (6+ Scorpio)
Moon enters Leo
Venus (1+ Aquarius) trine **M87** (1+ Libra)

* The Yew tree, according to Michael Vescoli, "once occupied the dates that the Fir now holds, from Jan 2-11 and from July 5-14." The Yew symbolized "the certainty of death" but also held an important place in the calendar because it anchored the seasons of nature in the eternal cycle of reincarnation. For this reason, Vescoli says, it was displaced when the Romans invaded, along with much of the ancient druidic religion and culture. Tree lore courtesy of The Celtic Tree Calendar, Your Tree Sign and You by Michael Vescoli.

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Friday 05 January 2007

Apollo (23+ Libra) conjunct **Juno** (23+ Libra)
Venus (1+ Aquarius) square **Chariklo** (1+ Scorpio)
Vesta (15 Scorpio) sesquiquadrate **Aries Point** (0 Aries)
Venus (1+ Aquarius) semisquare **Quaoar** (16+ Sagittarius)
Mercury (13+ Capricorn) square **Asbolus** (13+ Aries)

Saturday 06 January 2007

Sun (15+ Capricorn) semisquare **Hylonome** (0+ Sagittarius)
Eros (24+ Scorpio) square **Saturn** (24+ Leo Rx)
Sun (15+ Capricorn) sextile **Vesta** (15+ Scorpio)
Chiron (8+ Aquarius) septile **Quaoar** (16+ Sagittarius)
Mercury (15+ Capricorn) sextile **Vesta** (15+ Scorpio)

Sunday 07 January 2007

Venus (3+ Aquarius) conjunct **Pallas** (3+ Aquarius)
Mercury (16+ Capricorn) conjunct **Sun** (16+ Capricorn)
Moon enters Virgo
Asbolus (14+ Aries) trine **Great Attractor** (14+ Sagittarius)
Venus (4+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **Psyche** (19+ Virgo)
Mars (23+ Sagittarius) semisquare **Chiron** (8+ Aquarius)
Sun (17+ Capricorn) opposite **Varuna** (17+ Cancer Rx)

Monday 08 January 2007

Eris stations direct (20+ Aries)
Juno (24+ Libra) sextile **Saturn** (24+ Leo Rx)
Venus (5+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **Arachne** (20+ Gemini Rx)
Mercury (18+ Capricorn) square **1992 QB1** (18+ Aries)
Mars (24+ Sagittarius) trine **Saturn** (24+ Leo Rx)
Mercury (19+ Capricorn) trine **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)
Venus (5+ Aquarius) sextile **Pholus** (5+ Sagittarius)
Mars (24+ Sagittarius) sextile **Juno** (24+ Libra)

Tuesday 09 January 2007

Mercury (19+ Capricorn) trine **Psyche** (19+ Virgo)
Venus (6+ Aquarius) conjunct **Nessus** (6+ Aquarius)
Venus (6+ Aquarius) square **Hidalgo** (6+ Scorpio)
Psyche stations retrograde (19+ Virgo)
Mercury (20+ Capricorn) square **Eris** (20+ Aries)
Sun (18+ Capricorn) square **1992 QB1** (18+ Aries)
Moon enters Libra
Sun (19+ Capricorn) trine **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)

Wednesday 10 January 2007

Sun (19+ Capricorn) trine **Psyche** (19+ Virgo Rx)
Mars (25+ Sagittarius) opposite **Hades** (25+ Gemini Rx)
Sun (20+ Capricorn) trine **Logos** (20+ Virgo Rx)
Sun (20+ Capricorn) square **Eris** (20+ Aries)
Venus (8+ Aquarius) conjunct **Chiron** (8+ Aquarius)

Thursday 11 January 2007

Mercury (23+ Capricorn) trine **Admetos** (23+ Taurus Rx)
Chiron (8+ Aquarius) septile **Aries Point** (0+ Aries)
Moon (20+ Libra) square Sun (20+ Capricorn) - Last Quarter Moon
Atlantis (15 Leo Rx) sesquiquadrate **Aries Point** (0 Aries)

Friday 12 January 2007

Mercury (24+ Capricorn) square **Juno** (24+ Libra)
Moon enters Scorpio
Venus (10+ Aquarius) sextile **Jupiter** (10+ Sagittarius)
Mars (26+ Sagittarius) conjunct **Galactic Center** (26+ Sagittarius)
Mercury (25+ Capricorn) semisquare **Jupiter** (10+ Sagittarius)

Saturday 13 January 2007

Vesta (18+ Scorpio) square **Neptune** (18+ Aquarius)
Mars (27+ Sagittarius) conjunct **Pluto** (27+ Sagittarius)
Mercury (27+ Capricorn) semisquare **Uranus** (12+ Pisces)
Venus (11+ Aquarius) semisquare **Galactic Center** (26+ Sagittarius)
Sun (23+ Capricorn) trine **Admetos** (23+ Taurus Rx)
Eros (0 Sagittarius) trine **Aries Point** (0 Aries)
Eros enters Sagittarius (direct)

Sunday 14 January 2007

Venus (12+ Aquarius) semisquare **Pluto** (27+ Sagittarius)
Atlantis (14+ Leo Rx) trine **Asbolus** (14+ Aries)
Venus (12+ Aquarius) sextile **Ixion** (12+ Sagittarius)
Vesta (19+ Scorpio) opposite **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)
Moon enters Sagittarius
Eros (0+ Sagittarius) conjunct **Hylonome** (0+ Sagittarius)

Monday 15 January 2007 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Venus (13+ Aquarius) semisquare **Mars** (28+ Sagittarius)
Venus (14+ Aquarius) sextile **Great Attractor** (14+)

THIS MONTH'S NUMEROLOGY



JANUARY is a 1 global month. $1 + 9 = 10$. $1+0 = 1$.

January brings us forward into the 9 global year of 2007, which promptly takes us back to areas of the past where old mistakes and misunderstandings now prevent further progress. Without knowing how the 9 energy works, it can seem as if we are falling backwards when, in fact, the purpose here is to bring old matters to realistic conclusions - back to the future, we might say. 1 is the number of independence, and we have much to learn in that department. We feel a need to let go, but we also know we need to hold on. We need to stand up and be counted, but we also need to hold back until we better understand the situation. January's confusion is temporary - an opportunity to recognize new and more realistic options. —Christine DeLorey

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Sagittarius)

Venus (14+ Aquarius) opposite **Atlantis** (14+ Leo Rx)

Mercury enters Aquarius (direct)

Mercury (0 Aquarius) sextile **Aries Point** (0 Aries)

Atlantis (14+ Leo Rx) trine **Great Attractor** (14+ Sagittarius)

Mars (29+ Sagittarius) sesquiquadrate **Atlantis** (14+ Leo Rx)

Pallas (6+ Aquarius) conjunct **Nessus** (6+ Aquarius)

Arachne (19+ Gemini Rx) square **Psyche** (19+ Virgo Rx)

Sun (25+ Capricorn) square **Juno** (25+ Libra)

Tuesday 16 January 2007

Mercury (1+ Aquarius) trine **M87** (1+ Libra)

Venus (15 Aquarius) semisquare **Aries Point** (0 Aries)

Mercury (1+ Aquarius) sextile **Eros** (1+ Sagittarius)

Mercury (1+ Aquarius) semisquare **Quaoar** (16+ Sagittarius)

Sun (26+ Capricorn) semisquare **Jupiter** (11+ Sagittarius)

Mars (0 Capricorn) square **Aries Point** (0 Aries)

Mars enters Capricorn (direct)

Venus (16+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **M87** (1+ Libra)

Wednesday 17 January 2007

Pallas (7+ Aquarius) square **Hidalgo** (7+ Scorpio)

Moon enters Capricorn

Sun (27+ Capricorn) semisquare **Uranus** (12+ Pisces)

Venus (17+ Aquarius) sextile **Quaoar** (17+ Sagittarius)

Mercury (4+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **Psyche** (19+ Virgo Rx)

Thursday 18 January 2007

Mars (1+ Capricorn) square **M87** (1+ Libra)

Sun (27+ Capricorn) semisquare **Ixion** (12+ Sagittarius)

Psyche (19+ Virgo Rx) trine **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)

Ceres (7+ Pisces) trine **Hidalgo** (7+ Scorpio)

Friday 19 January 2007 - Muharram (Islamic New Year)

Venus (18+ Aquarius) conjunct **Neptune** (18+ Aquarius)

Capricorn New Moon

Mercury (6+ Aquarius) sextile **Pholus** (6+ Sagittarius)

Moon enters Aquarius

Venus (18+ Aquarius) trine **Arachne** (18+ Gemini Rx)

Venus (18+ Aquarius) sextile **1992 QB1** (18+ Aries)

Mercury (6+ Aquarius) conjunct **Nessus** (6+ Aquarius)

Venus (19+ Aquarius) square **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)

Sun (29+ Capricorn) semisquare **Great Attractor** (14+ Sagittarius)

Mercury (7+ Aquarius) square **Hidalgo** (7+ Scorpio)

Sun (29+ Capricorn) square **Apollo** (29+ Libra)

Saturday 20 January 2007

Mercury (8+ Aquarius) conjunct **Pallas** (8+ Aquarius)

Venus (20+ Aquarius) sextile **Eris** (20+ Aries)

Sun (0 Aquarius) sextile **Aries Point** (0 Aries)

Sun enters Aquarius

Atlantis (12+ Leo Rx) sesquiquadrate **Pluto** (27+ Sagittarius)

Mercury (9+ Aquarius) conjunct **Chiron** (9+ Aquarius)

Sunday 21 January 2007

Arachne (18+ Gemini Rx) trine **Neptune** (18+ Aquarius)

Sun (0+ Aquarius) sextile **Hylonome**

Moon enters Pisces

Sun (1+ Aquarius) trine **M87** (1+ Libra)

Apollo enters Scorpio (direct)

Monday 22 January 2007

Atlantis (12+ Leo Rx) trine **Jupiter** (12+ Sagittarius)

Mars (3+ Capricorn) semisquare **Neptune** (18+ Aquarius)

Venus (22+ Aquarius) square **Vesta** (22+ Scorpio)

Sun (1+ Aquarius) square **Chariklo** (1+ Scorpio)

Sun (2+ Aquarius) semisquare **Quaoar** (17+ Sagittarius)

Mars (4+ Capricorn) sesquiquadrate **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)

Venus (23+ Aquarius) opposite **Saturn** (23+ Leo Rx)

Mercury (12+ Aquarius) sextile **Jupiter** (12+ Sagittarius)

Jupiter (12+ Sagittarius) square **Uranus** (12+ Pisces)

Tuesday 23 January 2007

Mercury (12+ Aquarius) sextile **Ixion** (12+ Sagittarius)

Eros (6+ Sagittarius) conjunct **Pholus** (6+ Sagittarius)

Moon enters Aries

Vesta (23+ Scorpio) square **Saturn** (23+ Leo Rx)

Pallas (9+ Aquarius) conjunct **Chiron** (9+ Aquarius)

Sun (3+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **Arachne** (18+ Gemini Rx)

Wednesday 24 January 2007

Mercury (14+ Aquarius) sextile **Asbolus** (14+ Aries)

Venus (25+ Aquarius) trine **Hades** (25+ Gemini Rx)

Sun (3+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **Psyche** (18+ Virgo Rx)

Mercury (15 Aquarius) semisquare **Aries Point** (0 Aries)

Sun (4+ Aquarius) septile **Jupiter** (12+ Sagittarius)

Mercury (16+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **M87** (1+ Libra)



TRIPLE
CONJUNCTION:
MARS, PLUTO, &
GALACTIC CORE

On January 13, 2007, Mars conjunct Pluto will be in a loose trine to Saturn retrograde which is moving back into opposition to Neptune. Mars and Pluto, co-rulers of the sign of Scorpio, have a few characteristics in common, not the least of which is notoriety — even among people unfamiliar with other astrological terminology — for both are associated with violence. Even the colors associated with Mars and Pluto are alarming shades of red, like the shocking orange-red of Mars' dust-stained skies.

—Arwynne O'Neill

JANUARY

Thursday 25 January 2007

Mercury (17+ Aquarius) sextile **Quaoar** (17+ Sagittarius)

Venus (26+ Aquarius) trine **Juno** (26+ Libra)

Moon enters Taurus

Venus (26+ Aquarius) sextile **Galactic Center** (26+ Sagittarius)

Moon (5+ Taurus) square Sun (5+ Aquarius) - First Quarter Moon

Friday 26 January 2007 - Australia Day

Venus (29+ Aquarius) septile **Mars** (7+ Capricorn)

Sun (7+ Aquarius) conjunct **Nessus** (7+ Aquarius)

Moon enters Gemini

Mars (8+ Capricorn) sesquiquadrate **Admetos** (23+ Taurus Rx)

Eros (9+ Sagittarius) sextile **Chiron** (9+ Aquarius)

Sunday 28 January 2007

Sun (7+ Aquarius) square **Hidalgo** (7+ Scorpio)

Venus enters Pisces (direct)

Venus (0+ Pisces) semisquare **Asbolus** (15+ Aries)

Tuesday 30 January 2007

Atlantis (10+ Leo Rx) opposite **Chiron** (10+ Aquarius)

Venus (2+ Pisces) trine **Kronos** (2+ Cancer Rx)

Sun (9+ Aquarius) opposite **Atlantis** (9+ Leo Rx)

Sun (10+ Aquarius) conjunct **Chiron** (10+ Aquarius)

Pallas (11+ Aquarius) semisquare **Galactic Center** (26+ Sagittarius)

Mercury (26+ Aquarius) square **Vesta** (26+ Scorpio)

Wednesday 31 January 2007

Venus (3+ Pisces) trine **Apollo** (3+ Scorpio)

Neptune (19+ Aquarius) square **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)

Mercury (26+ Aquarius) sextile **Galactic Center** (26+ Sagittarius)

Venus (4+ Pisces) semisquare **1992 QB1** (19+ Aries)

Eros (12+ Sagittarius) semisquare **Juno** (27+ Libra)

Mercury (27+ Aquarius) trine **Juno** (27+ Libra)



New Moon at 28+ degrees Capricorn January 19, 2007, 4:01 GMT (Elm Tree Moon): The new Moon

at 28+ degrees Capricorn is semi-square Jupiter at 11+ degrees Sagittarius and Uranus at 12+ degrees Pisces. The Moon also forms a semi-sextile alignment to Mars at 1+ degrees Capricorn and to Pluto at 27+ degrees Sagittarius while Venus conjoins Neptune at 18+ degrees Aquarius. At 6:15 GMT, the Moon joins Mercury, Venus and Neptune in Aquarius and the Sun enters Aquarius late in the morning on the following day. *Sabian Symbol for 29 degrees Capricorn: "Afternoon tea is served in a gypsy parlor patronized by socialites and here a young lady reads tea leaves."* The keyword is **clairvoyance**; the mind has its ultimate focus on the eternal and universal. Conscious experience becomes supplanted by intuition.

—Arwynne O'Neill

Mercury (18+ Aquarius) trine **Arachne** (18+ Gemini Rx)

Jupiter (13+ Sagittarius) conjunct **Ixion** (13+ Sagittarius)

Venus (27+ Aquarius) sextile **Pluto** (27+ Sagittarius)

Mercury (19+ Aquarius) conjunct **Neptune** (19+ Aquarius)

Mercury (19+ Aquarius) sextile **1992 QB1** (19+ Aries)

Mercury (19+ Aquarius) square **Sedna** (19+ Taurus Rx)

Saturday 27 January 2007

Sun (6+ Aquarius) sextile **Pholus** (6+ Sagittarius)

Mars (7+ Capricorn) sextile **Hidalgo** (7+ Scorpio)

Mercury (20+ Aquarius) sextile **Eris** (20+ Aries)

Mars (7+ Capricorn) sesquiquadrate **Saturn** (22+ Leo Rx)

Juno (26+ Libra) sextile **Galactic Center** (26+ Sagittarius)

Neptune (19+ Aquarius) sextile **1992 QB1** (19+ Aries)

Arachne (18+ Gemini Rx) square **Psyche** (18+ Virgo Rx)

Mars (8+ Capricorn) trine **Pandora** (8+ Virgo Rx)

Mercury (22+ Aquarius) opposite **Saturn** (22+ Leo Rx)

Sun (8+ Aquarius) septile **Aries Point** (0+ Aries)

Monday 29 January 2007

Venus (1+ Pisces) square **Hylonome** (1+ Sagittarius)

Chiron (9+ Aquarius) sesquiquadrate **Hades** (24+ Gemini Rx)

Venus (1+ Pisces) sesquiquadrate **Varuna** (16+ Cancer Rx)

Venus (2+ Pisces) trine **Chariklo** (2+ Scorpio)

Moon enters Cancer

Mercury (24+ Aquarius) semisquare **Mars** (9+ Capricorn)

HOROSCOPE

by Eric Francis



ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20)

This may not be the year you make your big career breakthrough. But at the very least, it will be the year you get ready, in terms of figuring out what you want, and then taking the additional step of wanting it with every cell in your body.

You will, if you choose, gather your strength, determination and resolve, and begin to feel the undeniable onrush of the future coming at you. While the planets clearly reveal that you will work for everything you earn, and that feeling good will be the result of discipline and not luck or accident, there is no shortage of adventure or opportunity. Indeed, what the experts are calling 2007 promises to offer an authentic balance of labor and rewards for your labor; of grounded, serious thinking, and freewheeling exploration. But the key to success is indeed balance of these elements.

Part of you will want to do everything at once, while at other times you'll be keeping your foot over the brake, lest you miss a detail, fail in a commitment, or to guard against the movie going too fast. No, this is not typical of your life, but you are changing, and developing sensitivity for the value of commitments and the delicateness of relationships.

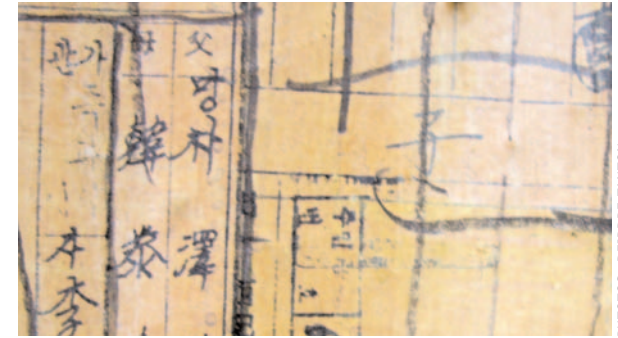


TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 21)

For a good perspective on how much territory you've covered, go back to the fall of 1995 and begin reckoning from there. Remember to check in with the summer of 2001 and maybe the spring of 2002. Look at the story in terms of how you relate to others. Could you have ever imagined a time when you would be so independent, or so determined to create the course of your own life?

Taurus is the sign that carries the reputation for being stubborn, but astrology may have got this one backwards. That quality would appear to be a defense against another quality of being overly compromising; of allowing others to envision your existence for you, and your tendency to listen when others tell you what you need.

In what may have been an excruciatingly slow process, you have declared your independence from tyrants. Now comes the final burst in this process; the breakthrough itself; discovering what it feels like to relate to the world on equal terms, despite anyone's illusions or perceptions of power, authority or holiness. To put this in the simplest terms possible, you have learned to stand up to people, and to recognize your inherent equality with them. The great achievement of 2007 will be putting this into action, and not only tasting freedom but feasting at its table.



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GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUN 22)

How high must you fly, and how deep must you dig, to find the real you? While you may feel like you have to soar to the stratosphere or bore to the magma of the Earth, a more accurate metaphor is floating on the surface of water.

The important thing is not diving down to the reef (which is always an option) as much as feeling the water itself. This, you have begun to do, to a surprising degree. Imagine your body, which is water (no matter what element the sign Gemini supposedly belongs to), conducting the vibrations, temperature and currents of the entire ocean. Your role is as a conductor of that energy, whether in the context of feeling, or transmitting.

If there is a paradox involved, it's this. The more subtle your mechanisms of reception, the less effort you must exert; yet the more consciousness you are able to take in. The less you say, and the more clearly you are able to say it, the more potent the message. The more you are able to reduce vast amounts of data to simple and useful facts or directional pointers, the more gracefully you will ease your way through four seasons that are likely to take you very far and very wide, and far from familiar ideas or places. e value of commitments and the delicateness of relationships.