

Aries July 2016

Planetary movements this month

- New Moon in Cancer 4th July
- Venus leaves Cancer/into Leo 12th July
- Mercury leaves Cancer/into Leo 14th July
- Ceres leaves Aries/into Taurus 17th July
- Full Moon in Capricorn 20th July
- Sun leaves Cancer/into Leo 22nd July
- Mercury leaves Leo/into Virgo 31st July

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

*	Venus trine South Node	1st July
*	Sun trine Neptune	3rd July
*	Moon conjunct Mercury	4th July
*	Moon conjunct Venus	5th July
*	Sun trine South Node	6th/7th July
*	Mercury trine South Node	7th July
*	Venus trine Mars	7th July
*	Sun conjunct Mercury	7th/8th July
*	Venus trine Chiron	8th/9th July
*	Moon conjunct Jupiter	9th July
*	Moon conjunct North Node	9th July
*	Mercury trine Mars	11th July
*	Mercury trine Chiron	12th July
*	Moon conjunct Mars	15th July
*	Sun trine Mars	16th/8th July
*	Mercury conjunct Venus	16th/18th July
*	Sun/Mars/Chiron grant trine	17th/18th July
*	Mercury trine Saturn	19th/20th July
*	Venus trine Saturn	20th/21st July
*	Moon conjunct Neptune	23rd July
*	Moon conjunct Uranus	26th July
*	Moon conjunct Ceres	27th July
*	Mercury trine Uranus	27th/28th July

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**’.

*	Venus opposition Pluto	1st/2nd July
*	Moon opposition Saturn	2nd July
*	Moon opposition Pluto	5th July
*	Mercury opposition Pluto	7th/8th July
*	Sun opposition Pluto	8th/9th July
*	Moon conjunct Saturn	16th July
*	Moon conjunct Pluto	19th July
*	Moon opposition Sun (Full Moon)	20th July
*	Moon conjunct South Node	23rd July
*	Moon conjunct Chiron	24th July
*	Moon opposition Saturn	29th July

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

4th House
Home, Family and Property

Power Dates: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 31st July

4th House rules:

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

So what's happening here this month?

With the Sun spending the first three weeks of July in your home and family sector the focus is always going to be on home and family matters at this time of year, with the solar spotlight on not only all things close to home, but the routines, basic habits and the things in life that make up our sense of normal, those things we normally take for granted. However, not all years are created equal and while there are some givens, which are par for the course, there are also the relationships with the other planets in the solar system to factor in. This adds to a weighting system, where you're able to balance the positive with the negative to get a sense of what your experience will be this year and I'm pleased to report that the balance of power lies heavily in the positive column.

Before I get into those pros and cons I'll look at what is happening here specifically, as this is a very and I mean very short update this year. From Venus' return on the 18th June to the Sun's departure on the **22nd July** your home and family sector will only be active for just four weeks and six days, just a fraction shy of the shortest time possible. Last year it took 10 weeks for the planets to move through, so this is a very short, whistle stop visit by the domestic gods. It is just as well then that the planets moving through are on such good terms with so many other planets in the solar system, but also that there is just enough pressure to keep you on your toes.

Until leaving your home and family sector on the **22nd July** the Sun will keep the solar spotlight trained on your home and family situation and matters, bringing the reality checks and clarity needed to address the things that need addressing and to appreciate the things that are and aren't important. The Sun's aim is to bring the authenticity required in order to see things for what they are and with your eyes open and head out of the sand this allows you to see what you need to see. Venus, who returned on the 18th June, will continue to keep your heart engaged, the laws of attraction in effect and will work to fuel your confidence, desires and expectations until she leaves on the **12th July**. Mercury, who only returned on the 30th June, is due to leave on the **14th July**, with the planet of communication and smart thinking spending just 15 days working to get your head in the game, ideas on the table and the communication lines open. This makes the first 12 days the most important, for this is when you'll have your heart and head in the game, eyes open, head out of the sand and the solar spotlight on your home and family situation and matters. It is during that 12 day period that a

New Moon on the **4th July** will create an opportunity for new beginnings, a fresh start and most of all an opportunity to make a commitment to new intentions.

It is during this period that the Sun and Mercury will align on the **7th/8th July**, creating an auspicious few days for home and family matters, especially when it comes to anything that needs decisive action. With the Moon moving through from the **4th July** to the **6th July** in the days leading up to this, you'll have a chance to sharpen your instincts, gain access to the message behind any emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses this might trigger and you'll have the tailwind from a New Moon on the **4th July** at your back. By this point both Venus and Mercury will be in their final days in your home and family sector, with a chance to put heart and mind on the same page.

It is during this period that a lot of external forces will be having an influence as well, including Venus' opposition with Pluto on the **1st/2nd July**, Mercury's opposition on the **7th/8th July** and the Sun's opposition on the **8th/9th July**. These are the only challenges the planets moving through your home and family sector will face and while this may create some work/life balance tension, pressure and push some buttons, this is both inevitable and the push needed to get stalled professional matters moving. With Pluto in your career sector, opposing sign to your home and family sector from 2008 to 2024 it is inevitable and part of the annual pattern that as the planets move through at this time each year, they will move into opposition. This is a necessary part of the annual pattern, providing the wake up calls needed to ensure you're not asleep at the wheel, but also to address the kind of balance issues that will ensure that as you move into the busiest months of 2016, you have the right work/life balance.

The final stand off between your home and professional lives will come when, in the Sun's final days in your home and family sector the Moon, moving through your career sector will move into opposition to create a Full Moon on the **20th July**. Again, this is part of the annual pattern and it is impossible to have the Sun move through your home and family sector and not have a Full Moon in your career sector at some point. This is the only real chance you have each year to address work/life balance issues.

These two periods of opposition are what I referred to earlier as being in the negative column, but even though this will create periods where work/life balance tension and pressures are likely to be felt, this is a necessary part of getting your life balanced and especially with 2016 such a busy year.

More than outweighing this are the positive aspects that the Sun, Mercury and Venus will not only forge with Mars in your financial sector, but with Neptune, Chiron and the South Node in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review. In all there will be four oppositions this month – the Sun, Venus and Mercury's oppositions with Pluto and a Full Moon that will put the Sun and Moon in opposition. As the first three are clumped in the first eight days of the month and the Full Moon is on the **20th July**, this will be fairly contained into pockets and won't impact the month as a whole. On the other hand, there are ten instances where the planets moving through your home and family sector forge positive trine aspects with other planets in the solar system.

Mars only turned direct in your financial sector on the 30th June with the **1st July** his first full day in direct motion, with support going two ways. As new doors continue to open on the

home front, this will aid a turnaround in play on the financial front, creating some especially auspicious conditions for financial matters on the home, family and/or property fronts.

10th House
Career and Professional goals and ambitions, success

Power Dates: 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 18th, 19th and 20th July

10th House rules:

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

So what's happening here this month?

On the other side of the sky and at the halfway point in his five month retrograde phase in your career sector Pluto needs the wake up calls that an opposition with the Sun, Mercury and Venus bring, as much as the planets moving through your home and family sector need.

In your career sector from 2008 to 2024 Pluto, planet of change and revolution moves through a familiar pattern, in that he will become part of an annual push in the closing and early weeks of each year, will keep the momentum going after the faster moving planets move through and each April will turn retrograde, spending until September retracing his steps, providing access to the rear view mirror and in general taking the time to reflect, consolidate your position and let things play out. With the Sun always spending the final 10 days and first three weeks of each year in your career sector, by the time we get to July you're exactly halfway between the Sun's last visit and the next and also at the midway point of Pluto's five month retrograde phase, bringing you to the quietest point of any professional year and the point where career and professional matters are most likely to have become stuck, stalled or have simply dropped off your radar. Added to that, you're also at the halfway point of this 16 year visit, one that began eight years ago and has another eight years to run, bringing you to a point where this has now become part of the wallpaper and you've progressed far enough to know what the story is, but not far enough that there is any hurry up from the professional gods, creating the danger of this becoming a bit of a yawn.

This is normally the point in the year when Pluto and your professional year have little if any support, except that is not the case this year.

Pluto has had continual support from Jupiter and the North Node in your work sector, support that peaked last month and has left you with a new sense of professional confidence. With Mercury having only left your income sector on the 13th June and Ceres returning for her first visit in four years on the **17th July**, support for Pluto and your career and professional game is only going to increase as the month progresses.

Because Pluto is here for so long his influence has become the norm and you may no longer see this as an event and simply the way that it is. When you're close to a situation you don't see the changes taking place and here this is what the planet of change and revolution is all about. Here for so long this for the most part is a gradual process and rather than the planet of revolution Pluto is the planet of evolution. That is the way it is supposed to be, unless we resist the natural change he's pushing for, in which case, like a rubber band pulled back as far as its elasticity will allow, it suddenly snaps and we have fairly dramatic change. This is always going to be about course corrections and the aim of Pluto and the professional gods will be to nudge things on to the right track.

If there is any part of your professional year that has veered off course, isn't on track or needs adjusting, then as the Sun, Venus and Mercury move into opposition and especially during the Full Moon on the **20th July**, this will create the kind of pressure and tension that could see something snap and the planet of change and revolution step in and correct things.

You're more likely to experience any work/life balance tension or pressure when Venus moves into opposition on the **1st/2nd July**, Mercury on the **7th/8th July** and the Sun on the **8th/9th July**. Again, I can't stress enough that this is nothing out of the ordinary and it is impossible for this not to happen at this time of year, a safety feature built in at not only the halfway point between the Sun's last visit and the next but also the halfway point in Pluto's retrograde phase, creating the pressure needed to ensure professional matters have the push they need and that you take the time to address any work/life balance issues.

The most important standoff will not be an opposition with Pluto but rather the Moon, who will move through your career sector from the **18th July** to the **20th July**. It is during that visit that the Moon will move into opposition with the Sun, in his final days in your home and family sector by then, creating this month's Full Moon on the **20th July**. While the Moon's monthly visit will always sharpen your professional instincts and trigger your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses, this will also see work/life balance tensions and pressures come to a head for one last time this year. By the time the Moon returns next month there will be no more planets in your home and family sector and therefore no more oppositions, pressure or wake up calls, making this the one chance the professional gods have to push things back onto track, using any leverage as a chance to bring things to a head or to a tipping or turning point. Yet as much as this can, this is also going to bring home any balance issues between your home and professional lives, just as you move into the most important and busiest months of 2016, especially on the work front or the things in life that keep you busy.

5th House

Love, Romance, Joy, Creativity and Children

Power Dates: 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th and 28th July

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?

By the time the Sun, in his final days in your home and family sector, comes under pressure from this month's Full Moon, Venus and Mercury will be long gone, becoming the first planets to reach your romantic and creative sector this year. There has been no planetary activity here since Venus herself left last October, wrapping up what was an extraordinarily long visit, one that was aimed at helping lucky Jupiter to wrap up his year long visit and to put things on the path they can continue on. Since then all you, matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, creative and romantic have had are the Moon's monthly visits.

When the Moon moves through your romantic and creative sector from the **6th July** to the **8th July** this will bring romantically charged and playful lunar vibes into play, while fuelling your heart's emotional responses, as is the case each month. However, this time you're likely to sense that something is looming, with a sense of anticipation in the air. With your antennas on high alert what you're picking up on your radar is the approach of the first planetary activity for the year, beginning with Venus' return on the **12th July**, just four days after the Moon's departure. If you continue to keep your finger on the pulse and your ear to the ground after the Moon has moved on, this will ensure you and your heart are paying attention from the get go.

As Venus, planet of love was the last planet to leave last year she is the perfect planet to lead the way this year, returning to find things as she left them, including her desires and expectations and the romantic spirit that only she can bring. From the get go the love gods know that this is a very short annual update and that from Venus' return on the **12th July** to the Sun's departure on the 23rd August they will have just six weeks to make matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, creative and romantic a priority. From the get go, both because she arrives first but also because of the nearly four months she spent here last year, Venus is going to take charge and ownership, making sure that Mercury, when he returns on the **14th July** and the Sun, when he returns on the **22nd July**, know that it's your heart and your desires and expectations that are leading the way. This should see you slip very easily into a clear sense of what you want from love and life, but also it will see the laws of attraction kick off very dramatically. Think of it as Venus leaving behind plenty of kindling last year, returning with that one spark that can set everything alight. This could see matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, creative and romantic suddenly spark back into life, in a fairly auspicious way, with Venus breaking the romantic drought.

Once Venus returns on the **12th July** she's here for the rest of the month, not leaving until early next month, but for Mercury this is a very short visit, returning on the **14th July** but leaving just 17 days later, on the **31st July**. This is just long enough to put heart and mind on the same page and to give your heart a voice, with the planet of communication doing whatever he can to help.

Because Mercury arrives last and leaves first, what must and does happen is that at some point he must catch up, align with and pass the slower moving Venus. That happens between the **16th July** and the **18th July**, with the point in this overtaking manoeuvre where Mercury not only catches up and aligns but starts to pull ahead being the **17th July**. Until this point it has been the heart leading the way forward, but as Mercury takes the lead it is your mind, his

intellectual savvy and articulation that brings a chance to put heart and mind on the same page and to give your heart a voice. This is a turning point, where there is a call for action, but you can't undo the fact that it was Venus, your heart and the spirit of romance that got the ball rolling.

This happens before the Sun returns on the **22nd July**, so by the time the solar spotlight shifts onto matters of the heart, heart and mind will be on the same page, you'll have had a chance to give your heart a voice and embrace and the spirit of romance in all its hues. With Mercury not leaving until the **31st July** and Venus not leaving until the 6th August, all three will work together until the final hours of the month to make matters of the heart and all things fun, playful, creative and romantic a priority. Considering that this is when life is also getting busier, especially on the work front, this is when the battle to find a balance between work and play moves into overdrive.

As each of the planets return to and move through your romantic and creative sector, they will each form a friendly alliance with Saturn in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery and Uranus in your sign and in both cases the timing couldn't be more perfect. Mercury will be the first to reach out, moving into a positive trine aspect to Saturn on the **19th/20th July** and with Venus still nipping at his heels, just days after their alignment ended, she will move into the same positive aspect on the **20th/21st July**. This creates a three day period where Venus, Mercury and Saturn are working together, creating some auspicious days for following your heart and embracing a sense of adventure. What makes this especially auspicious is that Saturn will be in his final weeks in retrograde motion in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery by then, holding the doors open to the past and new opportunities.

By the time we reach the **27th July** Mercury will be extending his lead, moving into a positive alliance with Uranus on the **27th/28th July**. The Sun and Venus won't move into this same aspect until next month, so this is purely a Mercury experience and the timing couldn't be better. With Uranus turning retrograde in your sign on the **30th July**, Mercury will swing in to support the planet of surprise, synchronicity and the unexpected during his final days in direct motion and there is no better planet to offer that support. Mercury and Uranus are very similar energies and it is said that Uranus is the higher octave or expression of Mercury, in that while Mercury rules the more mundane aspect of communication, Uranus rules the more big picture aspect, while both operate through an intellectual filter. This not only creates an auspicious few days for you, matters of the heart and all things adventurous.

The Moon will make just one visit to this fun, playful, creative and romantically charged part of your chart this month and it comes before things start moving. Moving through from the **6th July** to the **8th July**, the Moon will fuel your heart's emotional responses as is always the case, but this time this will leave you with a sense of expectancy and anticipation. By the time the Moon leaves Venus will be just four days away and with no planetary activity here since she left last October, your radar will pick up approaching developments loud and clear. By the time the Moon returns next month it will be as a New Moon, making this an important chance to get your bearings and just days before new doors are due to open, to really listen to your heart.

6th House
Work, Employment and Health

Power Dates: 8th, 9th, 10th, 23rd, 24th and 31st July

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?

Despite the fact that Jupiter is due to leave your work sector on the 9th September, until now this giant of a planet has operated more in the background. After making a real impact and drawing your attention in a dramatic way in his early months, after returning last August, since moving into 2016 there has been a real change. It began on the 8th January when Jupiter turned retrograde and while he turned direct on the 10th May, apart from taking the time to slowly build up speed and momentum, his focus has been more on being a team player, supporting Pluto in his early months in retrograde motion in your career sector and the Sun, Mercury and Venus as they moved through your income sector. It was the over two months that Mercury spent in your income sector, a visit that included a retrograde phase and only ended on the 13th June, that Jupiter and your work situation and matters gained much of its momentum and you regained a lot of your confidence.

Having spent much of June aligned with the North Node and building a partnership with Pluto Jupiter, planet of luck and expansion, is ready to come out of the shadows and make his final months count. It is always a given that Jupiter's final months will be the best and while it may appear that after a rush of enthusiasm at the start of the year things went off the boil, this is the format this will always take. Jupiter will only visit an area of your chart once every 12 years, but when he does he'll spend a year expanding your options and expanding your potential for success. That visit is always divided into three segments, each lasting roughly four months.

The first segment is the 'getting started' segment, the 'lets throw everything into a situation and see what flies' segment. That segment ran from the 11th August 2015 to the 8th January 2016. The second segment is the 'okay, we've thrown everything we have at this, let's pull back and review what's happened' segment. That segment ran from the 8th January to the 10th May 2016 and was a period of review. It was during that period that a challenging few months saw a need to slow down in the closing weeks of your old solar year but a need to stay busy in opposition, bringing work tensions and pressures to a head, but in the process teaching you the importance of working smarter.

The final segment runs from Jupiter's direct turn on the 10th May until his departure almost four months later on the 9th September and in the early days of July we will reach the halfway point and with Jupiter moving into his final two months, this is when an urgent need to bring things home will begin. Yet while it will seem the professional gods will pull everything together in the final weeks, the reality is you've been working towards this since last August

and like a giant jig saw puzzle that came without a picture, it is only as the final pieces fall into place that the picture is revealed and you'll appreciate what everything has been working and building towards.

While it isn't until next month that the real urgency will kick in, Mercury's return to Virgo on the **31st July** will mark the point where the support crew returns to help bring things home. Mercury, planet of communication and smart thinking played an important part in Jupiter's turnaround in May/June, while his extended visit to your income sector will ensure you retain the smart head for money this left you with. And this time Mercury is set to do it again, returning to your work sector on the **31st July** for what should be a 15 day visit aimed at giving you the intellectual savvy and articulation needed to work smarter, keep your head in the game, ideas on the table and the communication lines open, but instead not leaving until the 7th October. From returning at the end of this month Mercury will not only stay on for the rest of Jupiter's time here, but for another four weeks after he's gone to ensure you retain the intellectually savvy edge needed to tie up loose ends.

We saw this last year, with Venus spending nearly four months in your work sector and here to support Jupiter as he returned and in his early months and now at the end, it is Mercury's return and once again because of a retrograde phase that support there at the start returns at the end. At the start it was Venus who was there to fuel your desires and expectations as your biggest year for work opportunities, growth and expansion in over a decade began, while it is Mercury and his intellectually savvy edge that will be here in the end to help you and Jupiter bring things home. With the Sun and Venus both returning next month and Jupiter not leaving until the 9th September there is still a lot of water left to pass under the bridge, but this is the month that everything starts coming together.

While Jupiter can count on the support of Pluto, in retrograde motion in your career sector throughout the month, surprise support kicks in when Ceres, dwarf planet and goddess of the solar system returns to your income sector on the **17th July**. When Mercury left your income sector on the 13th June this wrapped up your annual update and should have wrapped up all the planetary activity for the year, but Ceres isn't part of the annual update and her first visit in four years is a chance to redefine your income needs. With Ceres in your income sector until the 13th October, Pluto turning direct in your career sector in September and Mercury in your work sector until the 7th October, support for Jupiter in his final months is not only kicking in this month but will remain in place through to his departure on the 9th September.

The Moon will move through your work sector from the **8th July** to the **10th July**, ensuring your instincts are sharp, you have your finger on the pulse and your ear to the ground as Jupiter moves into his final two months on the **9th July**.

8th House

Finances, Passion, Transformation and Change

Power Dates: 1st, 7th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 28th and 29th July

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?

Another turnaround this month is here in your financial sector and on the financial front, thanks to Mars' direct turn on the 30th June. While the 1st July is Mars' first full day in direct motion and this allows you to move into the new month with the tide having just turned and the momentum now moving forward, by rights the warrior planet of the cosmos shouldn't even be here.

Mars first returned to your financial sector on the 4th January, returning for his first visit since 2014 for what should have been a six week mission to fuel your financial passions and fighting spirit. However, by the time he eventually left on the 6th March, supposedly not to return for another two years, it was already clear that this was no ordinary visit, only reluctantly leaving two months after first arriving. However, it was in April that Mars turned retrograde, retrograding back into your financial sector for a rare double dip visit on the 27th May. Mars has spent time in retrograde motion here before, the last time being back in 1999, 17 years ago, but to do a U turn after leaving and then come back is a whole new story and is something that last happened here in 1937, 79 years ago.

This has been an opportunity for a do over and having spent all but the final hours of June in retrograde motion this was a chance to retrace your steps, pull back and with the doors open to the past, second chances and untapped potential to tap back into your old fighting spirit, getting motivated not only about taking your financial power back, but embracing old passions in general. However, this can't be seen in isolation, for it was while Mars was in retrograde motion here in your financial sector that Neptune and Chiron turned retrograde in an intuitive and imaginative part of your chart, while the Sun and Mercury returned to your home and family sector, opening new doors on the home front. It is the friendly alliance between these three areas of your chart that has helped to boost your financial confidence and change the way you look at things. For after all, if you change the way you look at things the things you look at really do change.

Because of this the 1st July is not only Mars' first full day in direct motion in your financial sector but Mercury's first full day in your home and family sector, together turning the tide and putting the last piece in place in order for you to take your power back, seeing this as the major turning point in your financial year that it is. Whether it's just home and financial forces feeding off each other, providing isolated confidence on both fronts or more actualised support for financial matters on the home, family and/or property fronts, you have access to both.

Due to leave on the 3rd August Mars won't have built up to full speed before then, but over the course of the month you can expect your financial passions and fighting spirit to come back with a vengeance, the momentum to build and a determination to make things happen take on an unstoppable force. Mars and money matters will be buoyed by the ongoing support from the planets moving through both your home and an intuitive part of your chart, with a chance to completely turn around the way you look at financial and money matters.

By the time the Moon moves through your financial sector from the **13th July** to the **15th July** Mars will have been in direct motion for two weeks and as your financial instincts kick in and

you gain an intuitive edge you should see signs of progress, forward momentum and that you're starting to win the war.

12th House

Waiting, Preparation, Subconscious Mind – End of a cycle

Power Dates: 1st, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd and 24th July

12th House rules:

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

So what's happening here this month?

Apart from playing a support role for the Sun, Mercury and Venus as they move through your home and family sector and for Mars, who is spending both his first full month in direct motion and his last full month in your financial sector before leaving next month, the planets here in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review have their own agenda.

With Neptune, planet of dreams and fantasies in your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review until 2026 and Chiron, planet of healing until 2019 the focus here is long term, lasting years rather than weeks or months and because of that there will be times when there is a need to pull back, move into a review mode and in general give you a chance to escape into your memories and imagination. This is not a time of year when there is generally a lot of planetary activity here, as there is in the wind down of an old solar year, so there is less time or chance to hear yourself think and especially this year, with life getting so busy. Yet each November Neptune and Chiron turn retrograde, giving you an escape clause, a part of your mind you can escape to when life gets too busy and crazy.

Chiron only turned retrograde on the 27th June and while Neptune turned retrograde 13 days earlier, they are both still in their early weeks in retrograde motion, still at a mere crawl and in no hurry. That they are able to play a support role for the planets moving through your home and family sector and for Mars in your financial sector suits Neptune Chiron fine. This is both a chance to escape into old memories when you get a chance, but will also help to change the way you look at things, especially on the financial and home fronts, able to put a more positive and confident filter on things.

With Neptune not returning to Aries until 2026 and Chiron not returning until March 2019 neither are in any hurry to close old doors and with your current Neptune and Chiron cycles still having years to run, they simply provide a door into your subconscious mind.

The Moon won't move through your sector of subconscious thinking, imagination and review until the **22nd July** to the **25th July**, giving you time to adjust to this retrograde phase. In fact, with the Moon here as Chiron turned retrograde last month, it will have been four weeks by the time the Moon returns and as your instincts, a sense of nostalgia and daydreams kick in, this will come with 20/20 hindsight and a better read on what this retrograde phase means.

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

Power Dates: 2nd, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st and 29th July

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?

One planet pleased to see the back of June will be Saturn here in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery. The previous six weeks haven't been kind to Saturn, but then as the hard taskmaster of the cosmos he thrives on pressure and the opportunity this brings for learning experiences. In fact, as far as Saturn is concerned challenges are opportunities, so rather than a challenging six weeks this can be seen as an enlightening chapter and a learning experience.

In retrograde motion in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery since March, Saturn himself isn't bringing challenges, but he is a planet that will use challenges as learning experiences and a chance to take your power back and here this has been a chance to focus less on the details and more on the big picture, journey and meaning of life. As far as Saturn transits go this is one of the easiest and I look back in fondness at when Saturn moved through my 9th House over 20 years ago and I definitely can't say that for the other areas of my chart he has moved to prior or since. The 9th House is all about life outside yourself, a chance to gain higher knowledge and learn more about the world itself. Saturn is said to be the teacher of the cosmos and he has tenure at the School of Hard Knocks, but when he moves through here he moves out into the world itself and into knowledge in its purest form. When Saturn last moved through my 9th House, from 1993 to 1996 I began the quest that led me to Astrology and to everything that I do now and in fact Astrology itself is ruled by the 9th House. This is about finding the courage to become a seeker in your life, in whatever form your own personal sense of purpose required.

While Saturn will remain in retrograde motion until mid August the most challenging part came to an end when Mercury left Gemini on the 30th June, bringing not only a series of oppositions over the previous six weeks to an end, but two Full Moons that fell during that time. It wasn't that this was a necessarily challenging time and that your excuses were being

challenged and you were having to balance Saturn's need for big picture thinking with Mercury, Venus and the Sun's need to be focused on the details and life's practicalities.

Spending his last full month in retrograde motion and with Mars returning early next month to completely turn things around, this is a chance to pull right back, reflect over the challenges and learning experiences of the previous six weeks and appreciate in hindsight what Saturn has been trying to show you, probably about life itself.

Saturn is in no hurry and as the month progresses will start slowing down ahead of his direct turn next month, asking that you make the most of the doors open to the past. This is also a month where Saturn's ally Uranus, over in your sign, will also start slowing down ahead of his retrograde turn on the 30th July. By the end of the month both will be in retrograde motion, holding the doors open to the past and a chance to reflect on both the personal and adventurous fronts.

However, while this might slow things down considerably, support kicking in as Venus, Mercury and the Sun return to your romantic and creative sector will counter this by plenty of forward momentum, with new doors opening on the fun, playful, creative and romantic fronts supporting a sense of nostalgia on the adventurous front.

Things will get considerably better for Saturn and you when Venus returns to your romantic and creative sector on the **12th July**, followed by Mercury on the **14th July** and the Sun on the **22nd July**. Ironically, the same planets that moved into opposition in May/June are now moving into a very different angle and as new doors open on the fun, romantic and playful fronts this will give you the courage to make the most of the doors open to the past on the adventurous front.

For Saturn nothing actually changes here and it is business as usual and if anything, slowing down this is a chance to appreciate life's smaller opportunities to embrace a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure and is more that the timing is much better this month. With the challenges, blocks and tensions of recent months behind you, this is being replaced with the courage to make up for lost time.

The Moon will return to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery on the **15th July**, the same day that Saturn moves into his final month in retrograde motion, fuelling your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses and triggering a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure while the doors are still open to the past, further fuelling a sense of nostalgia and 20/20 hindsight.

1st House

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

Power Dates: 12th, 13th, 17th, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 30th July

1st House rules:

This puts you at the start of a new cycle, a time for new beginnings, initiating new journeys, having an eye on the future and for starting over, with a chance for a fresh start and new opportunities. Here you have a fresh slate, with a planetary cycle coming full circle, bringing a chance to branch out, start over and embrace a new chapter. With a planet in your Sign

there is also some pressure, with a need to move on. Ruled by Mars, when the *First House* is active it is always a time of action and for new beginnings.

So what's happening here this month?

One of the planets supporting Saturn and the growing courage to embrace a sense of adventure is Uranus, here in your sign, with a partnership between the two strong all year and not even peaking until later in the year. This is a partnership that is one of the most enduring features of 2016, not just in play for a few days, weeks or months but the whole year, giving you something concrete to rely on. It wasn't that long ago that Uranus and Saturn were in opposition, yet a few years on and a period of solidarity between the two is not only good news for personal and adventurous matters, but brings a much more settled year full stop. Yet here we have two very different energies in play, with Saturn the strict disciplinarian of the solar system, focused on discipline, willpower and consequences, Uranus is the planet of surprise and synchronicity and working through the element of fate likes to see things unfold naturally.

Uranus normally flies solo for much of the year, but since the 15th April he has had Ceres, dwarf planet and goddess of the solar system on board, with her first visit in four years a chance to update your needs and priorities and look closer at what you expect from life, especially in terms of feeling nurtured, satisfied and that you are living your sense of purpose. Ceres brings a chance to look at things from your perspective, getting beyond what you think you want from life and beyond even the details or things themselves, to your real needs and to what you really value. While Uranus operates through the laws of synchronicity and a sense of truth, with Ceres getting to the heart of your needs and priorities, when the right opportunities present you're more likely to recognise them, ready to seize the moment.

Here there are some fairly big changes this month, though not permanent changes. Ceres will leave your sign on the **17th July** and while this should be the last you see of her for another four years, she will instead do a U turn and in October will retrograde back in for a double dip visit, one that will run through to February 2017. With Uranus turning retrograde on the **30th July**, this will see the planet of surprise, synchronicity and the unexpected return to his solo position and retrace his steps. By the time Uranus turns direct later in the year Ceres will be back and she will even join him in retrograde motion in October. So when Ceres leaves on the **17th July** and they part company it won't be goodbye, with each going off in different directions, only to regroup in three months time.

While Uranus won't turn retrograde until the **30th July**, with Saturn not turning direct in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery until the 15th August they'll spend several weeks in retrograde motion together, holding the doors open to the past on the personal and adventurous fronts at the same time.

However, in the same way that Saturn, a sense of adventure and a quest for knowledge will benefit from the Sun, Mercury and Venus' return to a fun, playful, creative and romantically charged part of your chart so too will Uranus. By then Uranus will still be in direct motion when Venus returns to your romantic and creative sector on the 12th July, Mercury on the 14th July and the Sun on the 22nd July and while he'll be slowing down to a crawl by then, new momentum on the fun, playful, creative and romantic front will keep your confidence high.

It is in the later days of the month that support for Uranus and you will peak, starting with the Moon's visit from the **25th July** to the **27th July**. As the Moon connects with Uranus this will sharpen your instincts, trigger your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses but also increase the likelihood of Eureka and serendipitous moments. The **27th/28th July** is when support from Mercury will peak and just days before Uranus' retrograde turn on the **30th July** this will give you the confidence to trust your heart and your gut.

2nd House
Income, Earnings and Self Value

Power Dates: 1st, 2nd, 17th, 21st, 27th, 28th and 29th July

2nd House rules:

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

So what's happening here this month?

Here we have the 'I didn't expect that' section of this Report, for this chapter by rights shouldn't be here. On the 13th June Mercury not only wrapped up his own extended visit, but all the planetary activity for the year. Normally moving through in just 15 days, Mercury instead returned on the 6th April but didn't leave until the 13th June, with a three week retrograde phase buying you time to use his smart head for money to look back through the rear view mirror, retrace your steps and ensure no stone had been left unturned. It was during that time that the Sun moved through, shining the solar spotlight on your income situation, matters and options, while Venus spent time fuelling and updating your desires and expectations, while doing her best to attract opportunities. By the time Mercury left on the 13th June this left you with a smart head for money, all your options on the table and a clear sense of what you had to work with, but it also brought your annual update to an end and supposedly all the planetary activity for the year.

What this brought to an end was the annual update, in that the Sun, Mercury and Venus will always move through your income sector in April/May and sometimes into June each year, making this part of the annual pattern. However, the annual pattern only applies to the planets between the Earth and Sun, with any planet out from the Earth operating in a very different manner and not part of the annual pattern. Mars will visit your income sector every other year, Jupiter once every 12 years, Saturn once every 30 years, Uranus once every 84 years, Neptune once every 148 years and Pluto once every 250 years. While Mars will return to your income sector in 2017 and Uranus in 2019, to have a planet turn up this month means something else is going on.

That something else is Ceres, dwarf planet and goddess of the solar system who visits your income sector once every four years, having last moved through from April to June 2012, coincidentally when lucky Jupiter was last here. Ceres is a dwarf planet, in the same category as Pluto and while she's not large enough to trigger events, she still has a powerful influence.

Orbiting in the Asteroid Belt between Jupiter and Mars, Ceres is said to draw on the energies of both, while her main focus is to get to the heart of your needs and priorities, getting beyond what we think we want and even beyond the money itself to what the money would bring or might represent.

Ceres returns on the **17th July** and while she will leave on the 13th October she won't leave by moving on, rather by retrograding back out, then returning again from the 5th February to the 30th April 2017 for a double dip visit. Ceres is going to spend a considerable amount of time here over the next nine months and by the time she eventually leaves next April a line up of planets will have returned to take over from where she leaves off.

This sets the scene for a new mission from the money gods, one that over the course of the next nine months will give you a chance to completely redefine your income needs and priorities and your value system across all the currencies in your life. While Ceres herself doesn't have the power to trigger events, spending months getting to the heart of your income needs and priorities you'll be in a better position to know what you want and to recognise and seize opportunities when they present.

Another factor to Ceres' return to your income sector is that it puts her here during Jupiter's final months in your work sector and for a month after the fact, working with the planets moving through there and with Pluto in your career sector to ensure that as things come together professionally, you are keenly aware of what you're worth, what you deserve and how to spot an income opportunity. Ceres is also here to look beyond the money, guarding against working yourself into the ground in the pursuit of the things that you don't actually need, reminding you that it's not always just about the money.

You will move into the month with the Moon in your income sector and as the first visit since Mercury left, this should have been the visit that was more about tying up loose ends. Yet with your nose for money sharp and an intuitive edge from the get go, this is when you'll spot Ceres on your radar, with your gut telling you that the story is far from over. By the time the Moon comes full circle and returns from the **27th July** to the **29th July** Ceres will have been here for 10 days and as your instincts and nose for money, this will bring a chance to get a sense of the shift this has created, just as you move into the most important weeks of your professional year and the most expansive for work opportunities and potential in over a decade.

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