

## Astrology of April 2026

### Overview of April 2026



All planets direct all month  
2nd Full Moon  
9<sup>th</sup> Mars enters Aries &  
Mercury comes out of its shadow  
15<sup>th</sup> Mercury enters Aries  
17<sup>th</sup> New Moon with 7 planets in Aries  
20<sup>th</sup> Sun enters Taurus  
26<sup>th</sup> Uranus re-enters Gemini

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After many changes in March, April is relatively quiet in terms of movement but has a very potent New Moon with many smaller connections that build to that point & for a few days afterwards, acting as a launch pad. All planets are direct all month with the major change being that of Uranus re-entering Gemini on 26<sup>th</sup> regaining its position from 7<sup>th</sup> July last year. By the end of the month Pluto is slowing, preparing to go retrograde on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The planets have separated creating gaps in the chart so faster-moving planets make no connections for period e.g. the Sun makes no contacts between 5<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The elemental balance is heavily Fire with only Pluto in Air. Whilst this might hinder our ability to logic & rationalise that is also a gift as the Fire sweeps us to experience & just be in the moment.

Both Mercury & Mars are still in Pisces so there is still some revision on a personal level which will still show us echoes of old karma for clearing during the first two weeks as Mars moves into Aries on 9<sup>th</sup> as Mercury comes out of its shadow & remains in Pisces for a few more day, making its change on 15<sup>th</sup>. So by the New Moon on 17<sup>th</sup> there are seven planets in Aries! Fasten your seat belts & in this year of the Fire Horse this is

where we need to harness the energy to make certain but sustained progress rather than taking off like a rocket & running out of fuel really quickly. The connections just after the New Moon will help with that.

First we have the Full Moon 2<sup>nd</sup> which will help us to release, before the New Moon, outdated versions of ourselves & old people-pleasing patterns as we realise how those have negated our own wants & needs, dulling our shine.

The Sun enters Taurus on 20<sup>th</sup>, helping to solidify the passion & enthusiasm that all the Aries & New Moon energies give us, nurturing the seeds already sown so that they grow strong, deep roots & establish themselves.

Uranus reaches the last degree of Taurus on 6<sup>th</sup>, in that period between the Full & New Moons & is another catalyst as it is the planet of revolutionary change & this potent point will help us to throw out what we have held onto to make us feel safe & secure. It will light a fuse under us to step out of our comfort zones & there is plenty of courage in the rest of the chart to support that. Uranus's connections at this degree hold extra un-sticking power to shift ingrained patterns.

Days to be aware of include:-

8<sup>th</sup> Mars at the last degree of the zodiac, sextile Uranus 29° before launching itself into Aries, its home sign & the (re)birth of the zodiac

14<sup>th</sup> Mercury at the last degree of the zodiac, sextile Uranus 29° before launching itself into Aries & the (re)birth of the zodiac

16<sup>th</sup> Sun meets Chiron in the dark of the Moon, Mercury conjunct Neptune

17<sup>th</sup> New Moon with 7 planets in Aries– get your running shoes on!

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Saturn, Mars & Nodes all at 7° then Mercury catches up, passing over Saturn & Mars

24<sup>th</sup> Venus conjunct Uranus at 29°53" before entering Gemini

25<sup>th</sup> Sun square Pluto Uranus right at the end of Taurus before entering Gemini on 26<sup>th</sup>

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## Daily astrology of April 2026

There is just one minor connection on 1<sup>st</sup> April between Neptune & Venus & its niggly nature will have extra illumination from the almost Full Moon (03:12 on 2<sup>nd</sup>). I'm thinking back to a few days ago, 26<sup>th</sup> March, when Venus crossed Chiron highlighting old financial wounds & poverty conscious as the new financial system is being put into place in the background. Venus is also associated with close relationships, values & self-worth & any of these could now come under Neptune's influence. These two planets are in subsequent signs, Neptune at the back of the Aries cluster & establishing itself in this sign & being one of the major players this year. Venus scouts ahead in Taurus, which it rules & where there can be an emphasis on material possessions & worth being tied up with these. People hold onto things (& people) because they give them a sense of safety or security & Neptune can bring a big dose of idealism. In contrast, these two could help to reveal the emotional ideals behind our choices in any of Venus' realms.

What was the unconscious driver that informed those choices? Were they built on solid ground or floating more in a wispy dream of expectation & hope?

One thing that Neptune is currently helping with is to reveal the truth, something that its ethereal nature sometimes masks but it, & Saturn, both now in Aries, provide more of a simple, no-frills atmosphere where lies & deception cannot find oxygen.

So it is important that we are honest with ourselves, keep things simple & particularly see where we might have deceived ourselves.

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Feel the rise of the sap, the inner voice & inner passion that are growing ever louder.

Hold your vision of the new you & new future, high & if you place that on your inner weighing scales first, it will quickly show you what takes it out of balance.

## **FULL MOON**

2nd April 2026 03:53 BST  
Sun in Aries, Moon in Libra

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Whilst the Sun's current home of Aries encourages us to be in the moment, when understanding April's Full Moon on 2<sup>nd</sup> (03:12 BST) it made more sense to me when I looked forward to the New Moon on 17<sup>th</sup>. Despite Neptune & Saturn kick-starting a rebirth in this sign, many of us are still experiencing echoes of old karma that needs a final releasing & I sense is coming from Mars & Mercury who remain in Pisces, the sign that has been triggering the major karmic releasing of the last year.

These two personal planets are bringing events, actions, conversation & thoughts from the past to our attention. Between the Full & New Moons both of these traverse the last degrees of Pisces then enter Aries, Mars on 9<sup>th</sup> as Mercury comes out of its shadow & Mercury on 15<sup>th</sup>. On the first of the month we had 4 planets in Aries & at the New Moon we will have 7!! If that isn't going to kick start things I don't know what will, although this huge burst of energy will need to be positively channelled & harnessed, more on that later.

So, this Full Moon with the Sun in Aries has a dual role of establishing a foundation in this sign & background releasing continuing, giving a feel of a foot in 2 camps. However, this contrast serves to highlight the shadows of outdated versions of ourselves to a degree where we no longer want to carry them forwards with us.

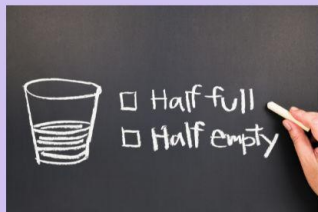
The scales of the Libran Moon can be thrown out of balance by others resulting in people pleasing habits to keep the peace & these result in negating our own wants & needs. But that is not our responsibility & soon the scales will tip permanently to a healthier balance for ourselves.

Feel the rise of the sap, the inner voice & inner passion that are growing ever louder, encouraging us to step into our Soul mission & the greatest version of ourselves. Hold your vision of the new you & new future high & if you place that on your inner weighing scales first, it will quickly show you what takes it out of balance.

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Contentment =  
happiness at what we  
*DO* have.

And remember -



we can  
always fill  
the glass  
back up!!

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Mercury is in its shadow, meaning that it is recovering the ground that it retrograded back over & is moving forwards again, & it is making some final connections, many of which are for the third time. On 3<sup>rd</sup>, it has a very helpful trine to Jupiter, with their two previous contacts being on 16<sup>th</sup> February when Jupiter was retrograde, on 9<sup>th</sup> March when Mercury was retrograde with Jupiter stationary before turning direct & now both are direct so we have had multiple combinations. This is also Mercury's last contact in this shadow period which ends on 9<sup>th</sup> so it is acting as a final review & opportunity to change old patterns of thought & communication. Whilst there is an easy flow, heightened intuition & emotional intelligence & Jupiter is associated with luck, its magnifying glass will enlarge whatever it sees, whether that be positive or negative. And there is a second more challenging connection between Venus & Pluto that could easily tip our thoughts more towards the negative.

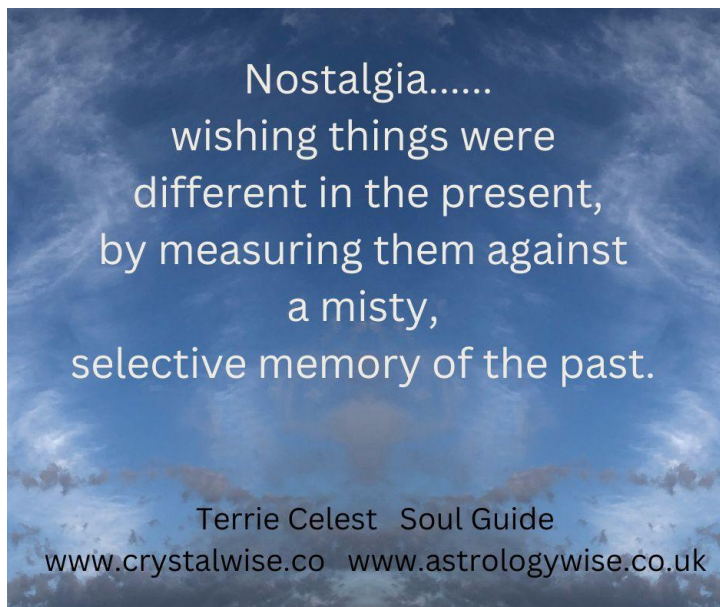
There is a part of our human psyche that wishes duality doesn't exist, that wishes for a perpetual spring, for good times to last forever & for us to never have any challenges, & it is this mental whisper of lack of fulfilment or dissatisfaction that we can now spot. Happiness seems out

of reach, not within our power & there is the sense of dreaming for a fantastic holiday in the Sun whilst in the midst of a dark winter.

This really brings us back to the power of the mind & is a reminder that what we focus on, is what we get. If we brew on lack of resources, money or love then we continue that lack & if we practise gratitude for what we DO have, guess what, the Universe responds in kind. Contentment is a word I was given for today.

And we have probably all heard this before & know it on one level, but some days our thoughts wander off like sheep & it is up to us to call in the sheepdog, herd them up & bring them back home!

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4<sup>th</sup> April has a couple of niggly connections, one pair being Venus & Saturn & the other being between Mars & Chiron & with the masculine & feminine archetypes of the chart involved, there will undoubtedly be some rebalancing needed. 5<sup>th</sup> brings a challenging square between the Sun & Jupiter & links back to 3<sup>rd</sup> when Mercury & Jupiter showed us that we need to take charge of our minds & steer them towards positive thoughts. Again we have Jupiter's magnification, making anything that its beam falls on, much larger & boundaryless with the potential of going over-the-top.

The Sun's position in the chart here, is the focus. What would it look like for us to each, individually, live in total harmony with the Universe? What are our desires, our passions, what do we need to feel fulfilled?

The answer lies not in material possessions or attachment of any kind & we will need to discard unfulfilled dreams anchoring us into looking outside of us for fulfilment, waiting for the perfect opportunity/job/finances/personal appearance/person/moment. An old wound (Chiron) lies in the heart of this somewhere & offers the key to end a cycle of karma & to release us from 'what-ifs', to fully enjoy being here, right now.

THIS is the best time we have ever lived & if that brings up a strong reaction from you, that gives you the perfect place to start looking!

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After 2-3 days of the pot being stirred there is more help on 6<sup>th</sup> from Venus's connection to the Nodes, supporting clearing of old karma that has arisen recently. Venusian themes usually focus on relationships (close partnerships) but also include self-worth, values & finances & any of these could have been the area where challenges have arisen & we are being shown the old pattern for clearing & healing. I have also mentioned attachment which is a frequent theme for both Venus & Taurus & where she currently resides, doubling the energies! Who or what are we holding onto & very importantly, why? What 'value' were we assigning to it & therefore what did we fear we wouldn't have, or we would feel, if we let it go.

At the far end of Taurus, Uranus reaches 29°, the very last & most potent degree where it will remain until re-entering Gemini on 26<sup>th</sup>. Three 'big' planets changed signs last year then retrograded back into their

previous sign for some final clearing & wisdom to be accumulated. Uranus will be the last of these to re-enter its new sign this year & establish itself there. The planet of revolutionary change, it acts swiftly & can pick us up & put us down where we need to be if we resist opportunities presented to us to make changes that we really want but the safety & security of our known safety blanket keeps us where we are. Taurus, in complete contrast to Uranus, does not like change & steadfastly holds on to what it knows so Uranus, during its spell in this Venus ruled sign, has been shaking these ideas up, helping us to release materialism, to connect more with Gaia, to step out of our comfort zones to find true joy, especially through creative & personal expression.

For the next 3 weeks, follow any urges to declutter, be creative, to connect with nature & any unexpected, left-field ideas to do something that might seem a little crazy, & would never before have come into your consciousness.

This is about authenticity, a non-cluttered self that can be truly expressed.

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**8th & 9th April 2026**

**8th**  
\*Mars 29° Pisces  
sextile Uranus 29° Taurus

**9th**  
\*Mars enters Aries which it rules  
\*Mercury out of its shadow

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As the ruler of Aries, Mars's entry into its natural home, also currently the residence of the Sun, Neptune, Saturn & Chiron, is significant. Firstly on 8<sup>th</sup> it connects with Uranus & with both at 29° & Mars at the last degree of the zodiac, they offer the opportunity to release some final karma. Being the planet of action, fiery Mars is not at home in watery,

mysterious & nebulous Pisces whose vapours dampen its enthusiasm & motivation. This last degree of Pisces is THE karmic degree, the end of the astrological cycle & a point that has been triggered many times over the last year as we have embarked on major karmic clearing, & this offers an opportunity to complete another chapter. Uranus is the planet of revolutionary change & is also not at its best in its current home of grounded Taurus which tempers its unexpected, lightning flash to bring that change about. Instead the tension & momentum builds until we finally let go & dislodge us from ingrained comfort zones that Taurus stays in as it wants to feel safe & secure, & therefore hangs on to what it knows & already has.

Together they can help to lever us out of some very stuck patterns, fuelled by courage from the planets already in Aries. The worst thing we can do is try to resist – just let it go!!!

On 9<sup>th</sup> Mercury comes out of its shadow; it is back to the point it reached & turned retrograde from, so from now on it is covering 'new' territory, adding another layer of ending cycles.

Last but by no means least, Mars enters its home sign of Aries where it can truly be itself. If you've been waiting to put your running shoes on, get them out now as this is a take-off point. Before the New Moon it will pass over Neptune, reawakening the dreams that have already been floating around in our unconscious & fuelling them, igniting our innermost passions, dreams & our Soul mission. The increasing amount of Fire we have will have to be carefully managed & focused to sustain our efforts but these are very exciting times.

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On 10<sup>th</sup> April we have the waning half Moon, the midway point between the Full Moon (2<sup>nd</sup>) & the upcoming New Moon on 17<sup>th</sup> & I have already mentioned how important these two weeks are leading up to then as the momentum gradually increases, old chapters close & we sharpen our pencils for new ones. Currently Pluto is the only planet in an Air sign & the diminished ability this gives us to be able to logically think things through, to apply rationale, is also a positive as it stops us overthinking & encourages us to follow our instincts & inner knowing.

This half Moon tests this & our trust, trying to pull us back into what we know, back into ancestral patterns or into old people-pleasing habits

whilst the huge bonfire lit beneath us acts like a beacon to show us the way forward & into new & exciting times.

Mercury & Chiron add a niggly connection & Mercury is the last of the personal planets to remain in Pisces so it is supporting final karmic clearing while Chiron is showing us an old karmic wound. With Mercury representing the mind & communication it is emphasising the need to let go of old thought patterns & especially those that make us feel most wounded. It really is time for these to go.

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On 13<sup>th</sup> April the wisps of dreams for our future we have been receiving are fuelled as Mars passes over Neptune at 2° Aries. This ignites our inner power & actualises the sense of Self & our ability to be truly our unique, authentic selves. We can realise how our single light is a part of the whole & every light plays a part in the Divine plan. We carry a spark of the Divine within us & are really the Divine expressing itself through us. We are uniquely individual AND we are part of a greater whole.

This spark will flare & increase in strength over the coming days & this is where we might have to be cautious. Think of the power of a Ferrari, it has to be driven with awareness of the potential of that power. The increased enthusiasm, motivation & passion we will feel will need to be grounded & anchored into reality & the Earth plane to ensure our new 'project' can be sustained & does not burn out. That help comes after the over Saturn, then on 20<sup>th</sup> Mercury joins in, bringing the mind into play

Also on 13<sup>th</sup>, Mars's balancing feminine counterpart, Venus has an interesting sextile with Jupiter. Venus has scouted ahead of the pack & is in its home sign of Taurus & Mars is in its home sign of Aries so both have the opportunity to express themselves to the best of their abilities & when both are active there is always some degree of rebalancing of masculine & feminine going on. Look out for doubts arising as to whether what you really want to do with your life & in the future, is selfish. Old habits of unbalanced feminine, caring for others, putting others' needs before our own & not practising self-care might tug at our aspirations & try to derail us. Don't listen! Just think how amazing the world will be when all the light workers pave the way, step into their power & their role in the unfolding new world. Awesome!

You are needed & this is what you came to do!!!

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On 14<sup>th</sup> Mercury reaches the last degree of Pisces, the end of the zodiac & the potent point of karmic release & ending of karmic cycles & here it connects with Uranus at the last degree of Taurus. This is similar to the 8<sup>th</sup> when Mars reached the same degree & Mercury is the last personal planet to reach this point, thus being a very big indicator that the mind & our thoughts are the last area that we need to clear to move forwards.

The mind cannot be separated from our emotions; no thought has any power unless it has a strong emotion attached & those associated with Pisces include hopelessness, helplessness, idealism, despair, grief & an oversensitivity to the suffering of the world. When this sensitivity & pain becomes too much, the mind seeks escapism in a variety of forms. There can also be Karpman (drama) triangle scenarios that play out, especially that of victim which is often the easiest to spot.

Continuing my Ferrari analogy from 13<sup>th</sup>, with the car fully fuelled to move forwards, the mind might try to convince us that we don't have the skill to drive this amazing & powerful vehicle, who are we to think that we deserve this opportunity anyway?

Old doubts, insecurities & a lack of courage will try to sabotage us & our job here is to be able to spot these from a non-judgemental & detached viewpoint from which we can then choose to let them go. Weighed against the future, they lose their grip & we might even laugh at ourselves as we realise how easily & how long we have held ourselves back. No-one else, no past events have done so. Simply the power through our thoughts that we have given those.

And then very early on 15<sup>th</sup> Mercury leaves all that behind & begins a new chapter in Aries making six planets in this sign of initiation, rebirth & new beginnings, all gearing us up for the potent New Moon on 17<sup>th</sup>.

The key theme of this year is self-mastery & a very exciting future is now within sight. Look forwards, not back.

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16<sup>th</sup> takes us into the dark of the Moon but with all the Fire energy, the drive, enthusiasm & impatience building in the last two weeks to push forwards, it is hard to think of darkness. And this actually makes this day & a half before the New Moon extra significant. What last minute awareness are we going to gain, what shadows will loom in the darkness for a final clearing? What is stopping us reaching our highest potential?

On 16<sup>th</sup> the Sun passes over Chiron which represents a karmic wound & probably needs little further explanation. Mars interacts with Pluto & this is a stabiliser of plans & can help to contain things from going too fast & furious. Early on 17<sup>th</sup> Mercury, newly in Aries passes over Neptune & this is really significant, occurring so close to the New Moon. It feels like such a deliberate activation, the last chess piece being put into the right place to activate the last code of the simple & yet multi-layered key that activates the launch pad that the New Moon provides.

Mars strode ahead of Mercury & has already activated its key with Neptune on 13<sup>th</sup> & both will pass over Saturn on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> when we can blend the spiritual & mundane & ground our dreams into solid plans that we can actualise.

If you look back to the Full Moon on 2<sup>nd</sup>, I said –

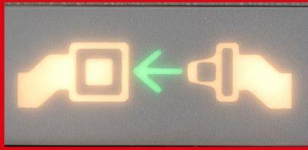
*Feel the rise of the sap, the inner voice & inner passion that are growing ever louder, encouraging us to step into our Soul mission & the greatest version of ourselves. Hold your vision of the new you & new future high & if you place that on your inner weighing scales first, it will quickly show you what takes it out of balance.*

In this dark of the Moon before our launch pad is activated, just let go of anything that tries to tip those scales away from that launch pad. Just let it go, it will be easier than you think!

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# NEW MOON

17th April 2026 12:52 BST



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April's New Moon on 17<sup>th</sup> has 7 planets in Aries –

Neptune, Mercury, Mars which rules Aries, Saturn, Chiron, Sun & Moon. Ahead in Taurus are Venus its ruler & Uranus at 29°, 9 days from re-entering Gemini. The energy of this very fiery chart has been building all month as final karmic clearing has occurred via Mars & Mercury who started April in Pisces. Like runners in a 1500m race they have been at the back of the pack, biding their time, gradually moving forwards & now have not only caught up with the pack but are in amongst them. They have passed Neptune with Saturn & Chiron in their sights. Mercury, the faster of the two overtakes Mars on 19<sup>th</sup>. Each of these 'passes' is a deliberate activation moving the chess pieces into place to activate the last code of the simple & yet multi-layered key that activates the launch pad that this New Moon provides.

Have you been making note of the ideas that have been popping into your mind recently? Our unconscious has been giving us hints, Soul reminders of our mission, fuelling enthusiasm & passion of what really matters to us.

These have often been fleeting glimpses, ideas we explored & entertained briefly & then maybe dismissed or just let slip away again. Sometimes they have seemed a bit 'out there', fuelling self-doubt at their plausibility & our abilities.

Mars & Mercury passing over Neptune on 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> activated these dreams & inspirations & the initial spark of these ideas is hopefully now burning more strongly, more tangibly. You might even find that over the

coming days it becomes almost obsessive, something that you just can't ignore & won't go away.

This New Moon launches us – there could be no greater inspiration & fuel than the combined position & signs of the planets in this chart & the further activations of the following few days solidify these, help to ground them into reality & give them wings.

Finally, we can see HOW we can go about achieving these dreams & even if that isn't 100% clear yet, we will have enough to start, knowing that this is absolutely, undoubtedly, the right way to go!

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After a potent New Moon with enough Fire to fuel a rocket to Pluto we have a series of transits that help us to manage that overload of Fire energy & enthusiasm, to ground us & help us to pace ourselves & steer the ship in the right direction. From 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Mars, Saturn & the Nodes all reach 7°, interacting with each other then on 20<sup>th</sup> Mercury joins in, catching up with, & overtaking Mars & connecting to the others too. This is a multiple connection hit, a multiple activation that is best viewed as a series of steps to take us to a certain point, rather than trying to dissect each step in turn.

Instead, release any resistance & let things unfold whilst not letting go of the reins as you keep an overview that this is connected to furthering our dreams, our aspirations, our Soul mission. So if the New Moon gave you more ideas & ignited the spark, take note of any further thoughts that come to mind, especially showing you what steps to take, how to organise & plan your moves, what new routines & habits will support this etc. etc. The Nodes could activate self-defeating karma & self-sabotage for clearing but the main focus is moving forwards.

Mars will bring courage & motivation whilst the excess Fire could veer towards impatience or anger. Any spontaneous urges should be noted & checked after this sequence has finished to avoid rushing off in the wrong direction. If it is valid, it will still be there, just remember to note it down so it doesn't disappear.

Saturn brings the gift of structure, organisation & wisdom – at last we can truly believe & rely on our inner wisdom. Old energies that might surface before clearing include fear, lack & limitation & centuries old societal programming of giving our power away to outside authorities, rather than self-authority.

Keep as detached a viewpoint as you can, allow things to unfold as a sequence without dissecting each step & welcome the gifts that are stepping forward, the new support & guidance.

Most importantly, & more importantly than ever before, we must trust our inner guidance.

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Venus has a niggly connection to Chiron on 21<sup>st</sup> then on 22<sup>nd</sup> the Sun has a similar connection to Neptune so each pairing has one planet in Taurus & the other in Aries, but from either end of these signs. Venus is nearing the end of Taurus, its home sign & this offers an opportunity to spot & release some karma associated with its themes of relationships, finances, values & self-worth. Then we can gather all our resources, what is of value to us to take forwards, so look out for things that you realise you have held onto but are of no real value to you now. Or simply ask yourself if this is something you love enough to carry forwards with you!

The Sun/Neptune contact takes us on an inner search for OUR truth & what fulfils us. This is fundamental to this year's astrology as part of our ascension process 7 nis a key component of building self-mastery which can only be achieved when we relinquish the need for outside validation. We are learning to go inside & trust our inner knowing for the answers & the truth. So this niggly connection will likely question that, show us what is not in alignment & offers the opportunity to be discerning.

Go inside for the truth, **your** truth & let go of anything not in alignment.

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With the New Moon, its build-up & activations immediately after, it's easy to forget what else is going on in the chart & the other key component at this point is Uranus at the potent last degree of Taurus. I went into more detail on this in the astrology of 6<sup>th</sup>.

It will re-enter Gemini on 26<sup>th</sup> which it first did way back on 7<sup>th</sup> July last year so we are revisiting what was going on then right up to when it turned retrograde on 6<sup>th</sup> September at just 1° 27". There are measurable points in the collective associated with that time, can you remember what was going on for yourself?

Being such a potent point it is interesting to see what connections it makes in this period, as other planets reach 29° before changing signs.

On 8<sup>th</sup> it was Mars at the last, very karmic point of the zodiac before joining the big group in Aries, its home sign. Then on 14<sup>th</sup> Mercury identically followed Mars's steps, also entering Aries. On 19<sup>th</sup> it was the turn of the Sun reaching the end of Aries before entering Taurus & the last is Venus very early on 24<sup>th</sup>. What is different about this contact is that they are both at the end of Taurus as Venus passes over Uranus then scouts ahead into Gemini.

Whilst Venus is most commonly associated with love/relationships (close partnerships) & is the feminine archetype in the chart, her other areas are values, self-worth & very importantly, finances & any of these areas could have this double activation at a point where old comfort zones can have a sufficient kick up the backside to dislodge them - Uranus shakes things up, brings unexpected change, something Taurus resists!

This last degree can also be seen as a point at which we gather all our resources, the gifts of our efforts, the total of things that we value & want to take forwards with us in the next chapter of our journey.

Shortly after this contact we have the waxing half Moon, testing what was initiated at the New Moon & then Venus enters Gemini for the next 3 weeks.

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25<sup>th</sup> April is Uranus's last day in Taurus & there is a testing square between the Sun earlier in Taurus & Pluto in Aquarius. Pluto will be the first planet to go retrograde from this period of all being direct (6<sup>th</sup> May) & its only other contact before then will be to Venus on 28<sup>th</sup>.

There is the potential for some great digging in of heels here, for entrenched viewpoints & a hunkering down in our comfort zone, not wanting to embrace change or to be the one who initiates it. Putting our head above the parapet can be scary but what we are fearing here is more that we won't be 'enough' to overcome the obstacles we see. A part of us wants change, may even crave it but taking that first step onto that new territory just feels too unknown, unsafe & insecure.

Both personal & collective power will likely be tested here & it is the power of the individual, many individuals combined that changes the collective, so it is important to remember that we are not alone & if we do look over that parapet we will likely see many like-minded Souls doing the same.

One light in a dark room makes a little difference, but the light of a thousand eliminates all darkness.

Listen to your inner knowing, it is your greatest guide. There is much courage in the chart to tap into & it is time to stop giving your power away.

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Uranus re-enters Gemini very early on 26<sup>th</sup> April & is followed later that day by connections between Venus & Neptune & shortly after between Mercury & Jupiter & it is this second that is most likely to dominate & where challenges could arise. This is a testing square where Jupiter's nature of enlarging things, having no boundaries & a propensity to go over-the-top, is the danger zone. Mercury, ruler of the mind & communication in fiery Aries is very quick-minded & a thought is no sooner flashed into the mind then straight out of the mouth. If the thoughts are not run through any filters first they can scorch & even burn & although this speedy flow of energy is quickly forgotten by the communicator, the person on the receiving end can be shocked & singed by this unexpected heat & can take more time to recover.

With Aries being ruled by the warrior Mars & Jupiter being in sensitive Cancer there may be a defensive reaction behind any fiery retort that hides a fear of being vulnerable. The Venus/Neptune connection is more potentially helpful & brings added emphasis to the mind & communication as Venus is in Gemini, ruled by Mercury & Uranus also entered this sign earlier in the day.

If we can keep communication safe & kind it can help to reveal some truths & rationale needs to be employed over ego. Past experiences, especially unresolved & unhealed childhood memories, may provide the fuel here & it will be particularly important to release these old hurts & gain perspective on their lack of validity to who you are now.

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27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> have a couple of nice connections that can help to redress imbalances & clear old, karmic patterns. After the Sun's challenging square to Pluto on 25<sup>th</sup> it now interacts with the (karmic) Nodes followed by Venus having a much easier flow of energies with Pluto. Significantly, this is Pluto's last connection before it turns retrograde on 6<sup>th</sup> May, just over a week away so it is already slowing.

With all the spiritual & energetic upgrades we have been having, as we move from 3D to 5D, material concepts will either be changing, evolving with us or falling away. I mentioned back in March, the new financial system that is quietly unfolding, taking shape in the background & Venus's connections to finances makes it an astrological indicator of this evolvment. My first mention was on 26<sup>th</sup> March when it connected with Chiron representing a karmic wound & its passing over Uranus at the last degree of Taurus on 24<sup>th</sup>, was another significant point. Now we have this very helpful trine with Pluto, the planet of power & control, bringing a reminder to tap into our inner power through our inner knowledge, to foster curiosity & to question, thus increasing that knowledge which is, as they say, power.

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May's Full Moon is on 1<sup>st</sup> so as we end April, the energies are building to that & 29<sup>th</sup> has a couple of challenging connections. After Venus's easy flowing connection to Pluto the day before it moves on to challenge with the Nodes, showing us some karma associated with its themes. Saturn in Aries has a niggly contact with the Taurean Sun & the combination of energies questions our progress with our Soul mission that was ignited at April's New Moon on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Stepping into Higher service is a strong desire once ignited, it is undeniable & the inner strength of knowing that this is what we want & need to do eradicates doubt. But we are human & the doubts can creep back in & question that spiritual ideal. It can be hard to step out of old patterns of lack & limitation & we might now hear an inner voice challenging, voicing fear of what we would have to give up to achieve these dreams. For a moment, the power of the vision is overshadowed by our human nature that wants to hold onto its lazy days, its creature comforts including its favourite foods & drinks.

Perfectly understandable, if slightly short-sighted. Yes, we came to thrive not just survive & stepping into our Soul mission, being of Higher service actually enhances our life, it doesn't detract from it. If our inner knowing is screaming at us that we need to make lifestyle changes in order for the body to raise its frequency, that it needs better fuel & hydration, we really should listen to it, & our body. We know, deep down, that we will feel so much better if we do & that this is just a stage where we are upgrading our preferences. Are you still eating the same foods that you did as a teenager or a young adult? Often these changes evolve

naturally whilst there are times like now, when we need to make more conscious choices & decisions.

Mind, body & spirit need to be aligned, all three areas are being upgraded & we can't run a 5D spiritual model from a 3D body or mind!

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