



ARIES 2018

January to March

Start getting use to the hike in status now that **Saturn** has set up a pedestal in your career zone. Saturn is freshly in Capricorn where it is supremely happy and can do so much good for your reputation. Along with all the praise you will receive comes more responsibility. You have shown what you are capable of, so now let's up the game to the next level! You have kids, so how about grand children? You have managed one house for rental, so what about a portfolio of properties? Sometimes there is a danger of getting too involved in your career though and going mad with ambition. You can afford to rest on your laurels a little while surely? Also it would be nice to treat your family if they have been a supportive during the hard times. You all deserve a reward. Luckily you should get that very reward with the **Jan 31 Lunar eclipse** falling in your children and leisure zone.

The craving for pleasure is acute, so of course love affairs can feature at this time. However usually an eclipse forces some kind of change through crisis, and this could be your unfulfilled desire to have a romantic connection (if you are single.) You could find you pining for someone unattainable, or it might actually manifest a longed for love affair! Otherwise another possibility is a feeling that you a ready to have children now and those late nights horsing around with friends have lost their shine. If you are a new parent, your social sphere may change as it adapts to including new friends from 'mothers and baby' groups or Dad pub-quiz nights or some such parent-bonding initiative.

The **Feb 15 Solar eclipse** shows the importance of social networking at conferences, festivals and seminars related to your career or a subject that you are passionate about. This will really help out Saturn while he is raising your profile in the world at large. In terms of your personal life, you might feel that you cannot relate to your friends any longer. If you have been feeling left out for some time, then this Solar Eclipse could throw up an event that really does exile you for good. Divorcing a clique of friends is something that this eclipse could pressurise you to do. Instead of the usual drifting apart, a sudden dramatic break forces you to search for fresh alliances. That way you can make sure these new companions are

more in tune with your vision for the future.

Any new friends need to be of the caliber to help support the higher status that Saturn has endowed you with, so weeding out connections that hold you back is timely at this point. **Mars** enters your career zone on from **Mar 17**. This is an extremely powerful position for ambitious Mars, it loves to be in this most status-seeking zone and will do all it can to launch you higher in your profession. This position might be quite hard to temper if you are on the bombastic side with your dealings. You will certainly not be very tolerant of anyone else's authority over you. This means you will not hold back from telling them where to go if they insist on putting obstacles in the way of your career goals.

Ceres spends an extended time in your 5th house of pleasure all the way until the end of June. Since this is the house of children, an immature Ceres here would prefer to act the child than actually be the parent. Here she is the innocent, naive Persephone before she was rudely abducted from the spring meadows. Mature Ceres might actually deserve a break and you could be offered babysitting help from relatives so that you can actually let your hair down without feeling guilty. Conversely if you have no children of your own, you may have the urge to "adopt" a child. This could take the form of mentoring or looking after somebody else's children for a while.

April to June

It's spring time so this is where you might see some of your **Saturn** investments start to blossom. There is of course the very possibility of huge disappointment if these seeds do not bare fruit. From **Apr 18 to Jul 11**. Saturn is retrograde in your career zone, so there could be a series of 'told you so's' and not very pleasant karmic paybacks. Take it on the chin dear one, for the worst you can do here is carry on in denial. It will only degrade matters further as every fault you make is amplified, so you will simply come across as dishonest and untrustworthy. People will respect your honesty and are more likely to give you a second chance if you are willing to learn from your mistakes.

But Saturn won't let you stay glum for too long since **Mars** is still in your career zone until **May 15**. If you need a jetpack to reach your targets however, then this is it! You might offend a few people due to your ruthlessness, but right now you will do whatever it takes. Being annoyingly self-confident is one thing though, just try not to injure anyone in your stampede to the top. Mars goes retrograde right at the end of this season (**Jun 27**) This, as an impatient Ram, you do not like! But after all that rushing around (having just had Mars in your career sector) you might actually need to power down. **Mars Retrograde** in the house of friendship could mean that you turn into a networking dynamo or have lots of niggly arguments with your friends. This will sort out the wheat from the chaff in terms of who are your true blood brothers or sisters and those who are just a bloody nuisance.

Jupiter is in your debt zone in 2018! The only thing you have to be wary of is borrowing too much and not investing it wisely. Lenders will be very likely to offer

you more than you bargained for, but this does not mean you have to take 100% of that promised. Be careful that there are no ulterior motives with this apparent generosity! This is the house of the occult too, so there is a chance that will be extra charges and conditions that are not made obvious. A good example is a parent who lends you money to buy a house, with the unspoken condition that they will expect you to let them live there later on.

From the beginning of the year **Black Moon Lilith** is asking you to look at how authentic you are being in your career. How much is the material benefit compared to feeding your soul and being of service to others. Are you a team player or are you starting to feel a little exiled from the rest of your colleagues? In this house the individualist side of Lilith wants to stand out and have her status recognised. This transit is about taking your sovereignty and becoming your own boss. You might not be able to leave and become self-employed, but you might find you are giving more orders than taking them.

July to September

The **Mars retrograde** continues until **Aug 12**. During this time you will be brutal with how much time you spend on social engagements. Anything that is draining or does not resonate with your soul will have to go. That means clubs where you no longer fit in or friendships where you have simply grown apart. Again the theme this year seems to emphasize the ongoing need to weed out and refine your social scene to match your new status in the world. This season you won't have the patience to suffer fools gladly, so even if you don't mean to end a friendship, it could just happen anyway. Others sense that you are bored, or are not giving them the attention they crave so they will fly off to a more captive audience and that's totally fine. Birds of a feather really do flock together, so you have the choice now to move on yourself. Unlike marriage and family, the beauty of friendships is that there is nothing really holding you together unless you have made some kind of masonic pact!

Ceres starts the month in the house of service and slavery, which could mean that you attract a partner who is hell bent on turning you into their sex slave. Of course this is all very fine if you both are consenting adults, but the unequal bias of this sector will mean that it will be very hard for you to stand your ground. If that wasn't spicy enough, this season contains not two but three eclipses. The first of which is angular in your chart which means it is extra potent. The **Jul 13 Solar Eclipse** falls deep in your property zone. Naturally your home base becomes extremely important in the next 6 months and this is the perfect time to renovate. Digging into your basement is particularly symbolic as you will have to work on having strong support with this Solar Eclipse. The foundations of your life both physical and emotional are being re-set. You are called upon to seek out supportive family members you can trust, they don't have to be blood ties, but need to feel like your tribe. You may need these clan members to be your anchor if extreme waves of sentiments and sorrow overwhelm you. Feelings of loss, but ultimately closure happen when an eclipse zaps this most tender zone.

House 4 is the very lowest and most private point of the chart and also termed 'The End Of The Matter' in horary astrology. The Solar eclipse then renovates foundations for you. With the **Jul 27 Lunar Eclipse** you stumble upon an evening class or a 'meet-up' group, and feel compelled to go along. This step into the unknown could bring a totally out-of-the-blue friendship that activates gifts that you didn't realise you even had. What annoyed the hell out of your past acquaintances, is suddenly seen as a really good thing to these new folk! The **Aug 11 Solar Eclipse** can be a blinding eclipse and a half, but you will get more love juice out of it, if it falls in close aspect to the ruler of House 5 or to a personal planet located therein. Parents might find themselves on a volatile 'merry-go-round' with their children. One minute they are adorable, the next possessed by brat demons. (This includes teenagers...)

The eclipses should help keep things sparkly while Mars your ruler is still retrograde in your friends and networking zone. Don't forget this area is also your hope and wishes sector, so you will place a great amount of energy into wishful thinking. If some friends do suddenly disappear then it shouldn't be very long until new ones take their place, voids have a habit of being filled so don't worry if you literally feel 'cut off' from company for a little while. It will give you the chance to dream up a new social-network filled with people who more closely align with your interests. On **Aug 13 Mars** reverses back into your career zone. Mars can feel quite frustrated with the pace and want things to bake a lot quicker. Resist the temptation to turn up the heat, you can't rush a good cake. The challenge with Mars here is trying to think long term, and realising you don't have to do everything at once. Another problem is finding it hard to work as a team player, you will feel extremely self-sufficient at this time.

October to December

Jupiter enters Sagittarius on **Nov 8** and like with Saturn in Capricorn, Jupiter has moved into the sign in which it is happiest and can do the most good. Jupiter will enter your travel and godly zone. There is serenity in feeling that there could be a higher power taking care of things. Events that occur at this season seem to have a special, destined feel about them and this results from you being able to tap into a universal intelligence. Having that sense of the architect in the sky, means less pressure to work everything out yourself. So after the intense soul-searching of Jupiter in heavy house 8 that you have had for the last year, you are ready to emerge into this carefree, experimental phase.

This season Jupiter can afford to be the gypsy and travel light. Even books will not weigh you down, these days we have, the Jupiter traveller's best friend.. a Kindle! If you want to get anything published then this is the perfect time to release a book onto the market. Funding for future writing projects should be easy acquired at this time too. Starting or taking part in a conscious raising group of some kind would be well starred. You carry the aura of an inspiring teacher and your enthusiasm for the subject will be infectious. **Mars** will also boost your energy levels in your networking zone from **Sept 12 to Nov 15** which is perfect for those activity holidays or anything where you need that extra zip to push projects forward.

Black Moon Lilith changed signs too on **Aug 11**. She will join Mars in your house of wishes where she can magic up some new friends and wave her wand over your wishes. Lilith here will sort out which contacts are on your wavelength and which are not. During this time if you are not able to be authentic with your closest companions, then you may find yourself getting impatient and bored. Lilith here is very similar to the effect of Mars retrograde nuking your shallow acquaintances. Like with Mars, the strain of keeping up a façade will take its toll and you will slowly feel yourself separating. Networking with common interest groups is recommended as a remedy. That way Lilith will not feel exiled and alone. The more you project outwards your true self the more you will attract members of your soul group.

Ceres speeds through two signs this season both in passionate houses 7 and 8. Dark cupid, triangular relationships can become an issue with Ceres through your house of relationships until **Nov 11**. But Ceres here can also serve as the counsellor too in her mother earth/priestess role. So at this time you may be called to give advice as a wiser elder to someone younger, or the other way around. Part of **Venus retrograde** falls in your marriage house from **Nov 1 to 15**. Here Venus can revive an old flame! For some, the love affair could just be a fit of nostalgia that ends once Venus turns direct, but for others it could actually turn out to be a lasting, second chance at love. Finally you are both single at the same time, so...voilà!

In other partnerships, you might meet an old client or friend with whom you sign a contract for a long term deal. The Venus influence is even more auspicious if the collaboration involves the arts or a beauty/fashion related business. You might make all the preparations while Venus is retro and seal the deal when she goes direct on **Nov 16**. After **Nov 12**, until the years end, **Ceres** in the underworld of house 8 is a Persephone type of transit for you. A good example is Kylie Minogue's affair with bad boy Michael Hutchence. Kylie transformed her girl-next-door bubbly perm to become a sleek vamp. Get out those straighteners! You will find yourself ironing out all those unwanted kinks into the New Year.

Aries 2018 ~ The Decans

Aries Decan 1 ~ *Mar 20 to 29 (0°-10°)*



Saturn is now in Capricorn. As stated perviously this is good in the sense that Saturn does well in this sign. All the same, **Saturn square** your decan can still be a very challenging time. Thankfully this only occurs every 14 years. During this transit you may find that you constantly come into conflict with authority figures. If this shows in relationships, then you could also find yourself being confronted by your spouse on a daily basis over the year. Try to think of this as natural law taking effect. Saturn squares a part of your

life where you need to 'work out' in order to strengthen muscles that have become complacent. A good argument can clear the air and purge festering anger that would've become lethally toxic if it wasn't allowed to surface. This is a time of purging, but that which is worth preserving will not be ripped apart by this Saturn storm. Here you will see your true friends and allies. The stubborn folk who have clung on for dear life and whom you can rely on from now on. Saturn will square your decan until **Dec 20**

The most intense part of this period will be when **Mars conjoins Saturn** in your career zone, if you play this right Mars/Saturn could actually become a great steamrolling energy that gives you stamina to plough through the most difficult problems. This combo could even be a blessing that gives you, as a fast-paced Aries, much needed stamina and patience. This peaks on **Apr 1 to 2** with Mars conjunction Saturn (At 8° Aries). An easier way through this is with the Mars trine earlier from **Jan 25 to Feb 3**. Use that period for sensitive projects that call for diplomacy. Relations with women are a little fraught with the **Lilith square** from **Jan 1 to Feb 3**. This will weed out those folk that you cannot be authentic with. But the **Ceres trine** helps you connect with your true family from **Feb 7 to Apr 28**. Getting in touch with the earth helps many through a tough Saturn transit. This one will actually help you slow down and be more prudent than you usually are.

Another danger period for misunderstanding could be with the **Mercury retrograde** in your decan from **Apr 4 to 15**. Be cautious and bite your tongue! Love relationships could get a massive reality check with the **Venus square** from **May 19 to 28**. Tension will be felt more if you live with your partner, so the clear out any unwanted rubbish from your domestic situation both figuratively and literally. Romantically things improve with the lovely **Venus trine** from **Jun 13 to 23**. Here you can repair any hurt feeling from the harsh square, and background Saturn square may actually help bond you stronger if the foundations of your relationship are solid enough. This is where you find out if your union can survive the long haul.

July Onwards

The second half of the year is less busy transit wise and also therefore a lot less stressful. You will benefit greatly from the sextile beaming over your decan from **Mars Retrograde** which will give you a slow, rich bake from **Jun 27 to Aug 12**. Nothing is rushed and you can make quality products and develop long lasting friendships. So much of this year is about driving in a much lower gear and being much more careful than usual. The **Venus opposition** from **Aug 7 to 16** will do wonders for your love life, and since you are far more tolerant this year, you shouldn't get into so many conflicts that you usually do in relationships. Mars retrograde will give you tact and diplomacy, so use that to push through your plans with the minimum of force. You won't need to!

Ceres also pays a visit to your marriage house and gives you that warm fuzzy feeling of wanting old fashioned times with your partner away from the stress of cyber warfare. This is a great time to take a late holiday somewhere down-to-earth and close to nature. The second half of the the year is really special as Saturn waves goodbye to your decan and Jupiter says hello. Saturn leaves **Dec 30** while

Jupiter enters **Nov 8**. The biggest problem with the **Jupiter trine** is feeling so contented and blissed out that you fail to make any use of it. For sure your vitality, enthusiasm and sense of well-being will be great. This is, if you don't let yourself fall into the 5 course indulgence that is often served up with this transit. The only downside of Jupiter's generous bounty is the tendency to become a little more erm rotund.. Beware of Christmas indulgence!

Aries Decan 2 ~ *Mar 30 to Apr 8 (10°-20°)*



You start the year with the ongoing **Pluto square** that lasts from **Jan 1 to Feb 5**. You are at the very end of an almost 5 year period of intense transformation and detox. During this time you might witness some deaths of those closest to you, or at least 'deaths' of connections that were fragile or negative towards you. However you will be glad to hear that period has come to a close forever, and you will never, ever, have to go through that underworld journey again.

The landscape around you has slowly changed in quite a sly manner, so that you didn't notice just how different your life is now. It really has felt like you were a frog being boiled. Pluto transits also slide away just as subtly and it is not until you decide to look back at a screen shot of your life 2 years ago that you realise just how far you have moved on. Well done! There is one more Pluto visit in the second half of the year, but you most likely won't even notice as you are already onto the next chapter of your life. The **Ceres trine** from **Jan 1 to Feb 7**, is very supportive of smoothing in the last of the witch hazel over any sore lava burns. Ease yourself back into the sunlight now as your eyes might need some time to adjust to the world above Pluto's pit.

There are a few tricky moments in your love life with the **Venus square** from Jan 3 to 9, this is probably a tussle with Pluto before he says goodbye to his Persephone for a few months. After that the Lilith square might present you with a Dark Cupid just to see how well you resist the forbidden fruit. This should be a piece of cake after your Pluto bondage training. The Mercury retrograde will have fun testing you further with a part of it being in your decan from **Mar 23 to Apr 3**. Again you should pass this test with flying colours. Keep a low profile with **Mars square** your decan from **Apr 5 to 23** as by now your patience may be wearing thin! Ceres is retrograde in Leo for the first half of the year so you get that juicy trine from the earth goddess again from **Apr 27 to Jun 3**. This will take the edge off the **Venus square** your decan **May 28 to Jun 4**. Keep your food wholesome and healthy so you don't get too frazzled. This is not the time to go on a starvation diet. All being well you can

really enjoy romantic times with your beloved or fun social events with the Venus trine from **Jun 23 to 30**

July Onwards

Another push of transformation! This comes with the **Solar Eclipse** which squares your decan on **Jul 13**. The reboot will most probably come in your domestic zone. You may need to get in the pest control! The best thing to do would be to disinfect the whole of your home and give the carpets a professional clean. Maybe the plumbing needs tending to? Whatever, just get rid of the crap you don't need, or the eclipse will do it for you. The second **Mercury retrograde** of the year will really help in reviewing what you do and don't need in your life. Bin bags at the ready then from **Aug 4 to 19**. Be careful not to throw out your partner with the rubbish as the **Venus opposition** from **Aug 16 to Aug 28** gives you a romantic break.

Oh dear, you just got rid of one dark lord, now Saturn is knocking at your decan from **Jul 1 to Dec 18**. Don't fret too much, you are made of much stronger stuff now. You won't even be that bothered by Pluto's second haunting from **Jul 14 to Dec 12**. Oh blah blah, both of them now in scary costumes. Not to worry, Jupiter is on his way and melting away the dark ones' terrible make-up, so do you care, no!! They just look clownish... You are free to enjoy the fabulous treats of Venus and Ceres partying in your marriage house over the summer.

The **Venus opposition** is from **Aug 16 to Aug 28** and **Ceres opposition** from **Sep 27 to Oct 22**. Finally, what you have been waiting for arrives to take the edge off the spooks. The blessed **Jupiter trine** runs from **Dec 22** onwards into next year. A trine from Jupiter can really can feel like a gift from the heavens. But yep your waistband could easily start to resemble the width of the great gas giant itself. Thankfully you should have bags of energy too so this is an idea time to get out and about, be adventurous or try out a new sport. You could also get physical by making your home a lot more grander than it is. So upgrading your house or extending it is also a possibility from now and into 2019.

Aries Decan 3 ~ Apr 9 to 10 (20°-30°)



The major background influence for your decan is the ongoing changes ignited by sky god Uranus. He is the great awakener, here to illuminate the hard truths in your life, on and off during 2018. While Uranus is exciting and sometimes shocking, you also have the great transformer Pluto making presence felt this year. **Pluto's square** lasts from **Feb 6 to Jul 13**, the effect is subtle and builds slowly over time, so it is doubtful you feel it that strongly in the beginning. **Uranus's conjunction** from **Jan 1 to May 14** will probably totally overshadow Pluto with his flash thunderbolts and fancy electrics.

Uranus's pyrotechnics will also be a good distraction to what is happening deep, down underground. The tectonic plates shift, but very, very slowly. So don't worry yourself about Pluto just yet! It is best to focus on what you really want to change immediately as Uranus, makes Aries even more jumpy than it already is. You really don't need to add to the list of concerns!

The practise run for Pluto is a brief **Venus square** from **Jan 10 to 17**. This might just be a harmless out of the blue love affair. Uranus is good at throwing those up. It could be over in a flash or maybe its the long distance that makes it impossible. You get a better love luck with a sparkly **Venus conjunction** from **Mar 23 to 30**. Your social life should perk up with Uranus bringing you unexpected events and opportunities during its effect. Otherwise all is relatively quiet until spring time, then bang! Black Moon Lilith gives you the first taste of Pluto's forbidden fruit with the **Lilith square** from **May 8 to Jun 30**. In between Mars wades in on the action with a raunchy square from **Apr 24 to May 15**. This might give you a practice run of a 'Dark cupid' type affair, this can happen out of the blue due to Uranus's background influence. Try not to be a total love fool and walk off that cliff while your head is still in the Uranian clouds. The **Ceres trine** is there to protect you and keep your feet on the ground from **Jun 2 to Jun 27**. If you did manage to bump your impressionable head when you fell from reality, she will be able to kiss it better. Go spend some time in nature or with your family to recover from feeling like an idiot.

July Onwards

Lilith doesn't want to leave you alone this year it seems. You get yet another seduction from **Jul 1 to Aug 5**. Relationships can feel like there is some supernatural force throwing you together. Of course Lilith can work briefly in her priestess mode during the **Ceres trine** to your decan **Jul 1 to 5**. That would be an ideal time to cook up some magic healing potions. The **Lilith square** working in tandem with the **Mercury retrograde trine** from **Jul 26 to Aug 3** will give you the opportunity to be creative. Hermes here is thrice great, and this energy is ideal for composing music and poetry. You can create spells with your words. Comic timing is strong too so you can use your wit to charm new clients. During this time you have the blessing of the **Venus trine** also which just adds more sweetness to your demeanour. This overlaps some of the **Mercury retrograde trine** from **Jul 28 to Aug 6**. make as many allies as you can during this period because then you get the brazen **Mars square** from **Aug 13 to Sep 10**. Hopefully you won't ruffle too many feathers, as most of the ducks are still quacking merrily at your jokes to notice your change in mood.

You get an extra long visit of Venus in your house of marriage from **Aug 28 to Sep 8** due to its impending retrograde. Lucky you! The possibility of the return of an old flame I mentioned in the general forecast is much more potent for you then. This could happen from **Nov 1 to 16** as **Venus retrograde** is opposite your decan at this point. During that time you have **Ceres opposition** too from **Oct 24 to Nov 17**. Ceres can have a Persephone energy to it and can make you too innocent and trusting. Uranus is also back for a last blast of his fireworks from **Nov 7 to Dec 31**. At the same time Pluto's re-enters into its square with your decan from **Dec 13**. With Venus going direct and the **Venus opposition** to your decan from **Nov 16 to Dec 2**,

you awaken to the truth of any romance that has played out during the retrograde. The truth can be a relief as much as a betrayal. This all lays the groundwork for what will need to be exorcised over the next few years with Pluto squaring your decan. With Persephone, the purpose of your Pluto transit is that she emerges like the phoenix from the flames, so don't panic. Think of this as an initiation of the forging of your soul into something more powerful and robust. Like the bionic man.