



Planets in Motion 2022

Transit readings by Eric Francis

Chiron, Saturn, Pluto, Uranus,
Neptune, Eris and others - ages 1-84

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Introduction: The Book of Your Life

"THE TRANSITS COME," said Sue Wilens, one of the first astrologers to read my chart.

Transits are planets in motion that make aspects to planets in your natal chart. They represent moments of evolution, development, growth and discovery. They can also represent times of crisis. As such, they present opportunities. A good astrologer helps you make the translation from an astrological event to realizing its potential. You can learn how to do some of this for yourself.

When most people new to astrology consider the 'meaning' of their chart, it's about looking at their natal placements (meaning their birth chart) by house and sign, and the relationships planets make to one another (called aspects). Planets are considered fixed points, when really, they are moving all the time.

Transits animate the birth chart, and show you what is going on in your chart now. Instead of representing natal placements you live with all the time, they represent developments and events that come and go over the course of time.

You might say that transits describe the ongoing discovery of who you are as told by your astrology, and if you follow astrology closely enough to know about this, they reveal to you how your chart works when natal planets and points are activated. They change constantly, and exist in a dynamic: as energy factors mutually influencing one another. That makes all transits original experiences, because every chart has a unique pattern in space, time and expression.

If astrology has any meaning at all, it comes from context. A chart is irrelevant without the reality that it describes, which is found many places: whose chart is involved, the age the transit is happening, the events in the personal life and society around the person, and numerous other factors that you will never see written about in an astrology book or website. Remember: *without context, there is no meaning.*

The attitude (angle, posture, viewpoint) with which you approach a transit makes all the difference in how it manifests — all of it. Your point of view is a vital part of the context. All astrology is made up, and part of how you make it up is what you decide something means and how you interpret the basic astrological facts you're presented with. It helps to take a creative orientation.

It's also helpful to know your transit history, meaning the history of your prior transit events. After studying the transits of thousands of clients, I can tell you that this is one of the most effective astrology tools I know of, and few astrologers do it. This is yet another matter of context. Any Saturn transit, for example, is in the context of all the others you've had.

Depending on your age, you have had many or most of the transits I describe in this e-book. While some are one-time events for certain age groups, others happen to everyone at that age. I will draw this distinction in each of the entries. From the ones on this list, at least the ones that apply to your cohort and/or year of birth. If you are interested in going into detail, I can do an accounting of the salient ones for you as part of a consultation or as a modestly priced stand-alone service. Then you would journal the times given and get a sense of how your natal chart responds when the energy is turned up.

Your transit diary entries, in which you describe specific time phases of your life, may turn into one of your most useful personal growth and self-therapy tools.

Your Chart is an Astral Image of the Past

How transits work is a little strange, if you think about it. Your natal chart is a picture of a planetary formation in the past. It does not really exist now, except as a phantom, or an astral entity. Yes, it's associated with you, though in what form?

Yet when the transits arrive, which means, when planets in real-time are forming angles to a natal planetary pattern that no longer exists (except in your chart), you get a response — and the response often fits the energies of the transit perfectly. As you notice this happening, it seems obvious that it works. Yet it's best not to explain this away, such as by pretending you know *how* it works, or making up theories you take too seriously. Keep an open mind. For now, just appreciate that it somehow does, and let the method be a mystery that you honor as part of the great unknown.

Perhaps the easiest way to understand transits is to observe how the positions indicated in the natal chart represent the positions of planets as if they have stopped, which are shown in time at various points along their orbital cycles. When those cycles reach specific stages (such as the 90-degree mark, opposition or return), or when they cross and overlap one another, there is a result in your life.

Yet this still does not solve the mystery of how they work; meaning, why there are events in life that correspond with times when planetary cycles reach certain points. Many would say it's not happening — that it's only observer bias. However, if you study transits for a while, it becomes difficult to reasonably deny: you would have to ignore much practical evidence.

Personal and Collective Transits

There are two main kinds of transits. One is the type that affects large cohorts and sub-generations, which I am covering in this e-book. These happen at the same age for everyone, such as the Saturn return at age 29. Then there are the kinds that affect specific individuals, such as a planet moving over the ascendant, Moon, Sun or personal planet, which are not covered. Personal events are important, though they are more

easily covered in a reading, and what they 'mean' is always a matter of interpretation and context. Yes, it's all a made-up story, framed in the reality of your life.

There is a third class, which you might say is halfway between individual and collective, pertaining to specific years of birth. As this project has developed, I have included more of those in my accounting of transits. A nearly infinite number of them exist; the readings below will give you a taste of the possibilities and cover a good few events. You can take these ideas and convey them into other transits, as appropriate.

Outer planets (which I am counting as Saturn through Eris) move slowly, and millions of people are born with them in a position or pattern. As a result, a discussion like this is possible, which is highly specific for the people born in the time range of the transit. This discussion will serve as a basic guide to the transits described in other eras of time. In other words, you will see what transits are possible, and as I mentioned a moment ago, you may study your own transit history. If you want to understand your astrology, in my opinion, you must study your past transits — which takes you beyond considering what the static particles in your natal chart mean. Transits are a form of context that grant meaning.

The discussion in this e-book does two things that even the best books about transits cannot do. One is that it addresses aspect patterns. For example, you might read about the Chiron opposition in a Chiron book, but you will be unlikely to read about the Chiron opposition happening in the charts of people born with their natal Chiron opposite their natal Uranus. I cover those types of patterns in as much detail as possible.

In addition, I can take sign placements into account; I have that information because I'm working with the year or era of your birth. Most transit books do not do this; they do not take sign placements into account, discussing only aspects.

Sign Placements Give Context; Houses Offer More Context

The houses are very important in astrology. Houses are based on the time of birth. They tell us where and how events are more likely to manifest. They provide context. It is possible to get a lot done without them — there are ways to do that well, which I use in my astrology studio readings, for example. Because I am not working with your birth time, I don't know the houses that these transits involve. But you can find out, and add this to your thought process when you investigate your transits.

The sign placement and aspects to other planets help refine an interpretation and provide helpful context. The houses bring this into much greater detail. Once you figure out what house or houses an event involves in your chart (or one you are reading for another person), you can put the event in its place. This is easier than it seems. Place is another word for house, *and houses all designate physical places in your life.*

You may use the solar house method I use in my Astrology Studio and annual readings, counting houses from the Sun. If these interpretations get the attention of your curiosity, I suggest you listen to the class **It's All in the Houses** and/or read some of what I have written on this topic.

One note on language: the transits are expressed in professional astrological notation. The first planet referenced is the transiting planet moving in real-time. The second is

the planet being transited. Hence, "Pluto conjunct Saturn" means *transiting* Pluto conjunct *natal* Saturn. "Neptune square Neptune" is *transiting* Neptune square *natal* Neptune.

There is much more to say about these transits than I am writing here. However, plenty of that "more" comes from you and your personal experience now, and during related transits you've had in the past. The real context of your chart is your life. Yet your life also has a wider context, which is the world in which you live.

Historical Events Around Your Birth Era Matter

In some of the discussions below, I provide historical context when I am discussing events at the time of your birth. I consider this a valuable and fun element of astrology — in truth, an essential element of many readings (particularly of natal charts). Studying astrology has led me into a passion for investigating and studying history, where individuals fit into history, and the place where natal charts and the charts of historical events overlap.

The idea of astrology is to see yourself in an expanded frame of reference, and this works many ways. With astrology, we are looking at the apparent (or subtle) messages and influences of distant planets, stars and galaxies as part of that frame. Yet astrology is about what happens on Earth. It is about how we relate to the world in which we live our lives. Events when and where you were born say something about you. You might think you were born in the wrong time and place, or the right one — that is an important consideration. Regardless, you were born when you were born and have astrology similar to planetary events of that time, and other people born then.

As one born during the aspect that describes historical events, you also embody the astrology that signified them. Older people who lived through the era experienced the same astrology as a transit, which means as a passing phase. In whatever era you were born, you embody the qualities of that time as a direct, lifelong potential.

Since the 1920s there has been much astrology that represents rapid alterations in the course of the world as we know it, which have paralleled rapid technological advances. All of this influences the trajectory of your life and the meaning of your chart.

A Study of the Total Astrological Life Cycle

While the transits in this e-book are oriented in the present time, many of them happen to everyone. I suggest you take the whole sequence of transits as a description of a whole process; a full cycle — several, perhaps, since Saturn goes around once every 29 years. If you read the whole e-book, you will have an overview of many of the major transits that you will experience: all of the ones that are defined by generation and year of birth, which are collective transits, and a sample of what unique personal transits might be about, though yours will differ.

Please take the time to learn more about these, and also to learn your personal transits (for example, outer planets making aspects to your Sun, Moon, rising sign or other important placements).

The study of personal astrology is in many ways the study of transits. They will teach you more about your natal chart than any book could possibly offer. This is because your natal placements are unique and not covered in any book, and then your natal placements find unique expression at the time of transits.

Your chart is the actual book — the book of your life — and it emerges in real-life as your transits happen. Astrology is discovered in layers, through experience, and through slow, careful reflection. It never gives easy answers, which is a good thing: you don't want any. They don't really exist.

— **Eric F. Coppolino**

Kingston, NY, July 5, 2021

Note to My Readers: Technical and Spiritual

This e-book covers planetary returns, squares and oppositions. While there are many other aspects to consider, those are the ones that I have found stand out as the most defined transit events, and provide an easy framework within which to operate.

Called the quadrature alignments, they relate to cycles similar to the New Moon, Full Moon and Quarter Moon phases. One of the best ways to study transits and aspects is to work with the lunar phases for a while, which will give you a feeling for both aspects and also the phases of planetary cycles and their turning points.

This is a skill gained by feel as well as by studying ideas and past events. For our purposes think of the aspects this way:

A conjunction of a planet to itself by transit is called a 'return'. This is when one full cycle of the planet completes, and reaches its starting point. Planets also make conjunctions to other planets. With any conjunction (natal, transit, or whatever) the influence of the planets must be sorted out. That means having a sense of what each planet is about, and loosely attributing certain effects to it, and to the combination.

A square is a 90-degree relationship between the natal and transiting planets. It is the most dynamic transit, with the two forces coexisting at maximum tension. The tendency with a square is to work one side, then the other, and then the first — until the puzzle or change illustrated by the square is integrated.

An opposition is face-to-face engagement of the natal and transiting planets, meaning, a 180-degree angle. It represents a point of culmination, contact, communication and exchange — and possibly of resolution. Oppositions can represent deadlocks, and releasing or letting go of them. Often the results of the square will emerge at the time of the opposition.

Different planets behave differently in various combinations and patterns. Every chart and every life is an individual expression of the vital force. I have done my best to focus the specifics in each entry, though bear in mind I am not writing about you. I am communicating through the framework and concepts of astrology.

Remember that your aspects and transits tell a story and are best considered in the context of one another. You will see this word, "context," used many times in the e-book that follows; without context, there is no meaning. If you are looking for meaning, begin with context, and proceed slowly and contemplatively.

Finally, before we look at the transits, a spiritual note.

In the course of studying astrology, you will read things in books and on the internet that qualify as uninformed, out of balance, uncreative and plain wrong. The astrology you get is a reflection of the worldview of the astrologer providing the information, and the culture where it has taken shape.

Some astrologers take a view that is harmful to others, and which can negatively affect their self-perception. It is possible to take some of these ideas with you as scars on your psyche, and they can mar your perception of your chart in ways that are unnecessary and yet can cause pain and misunderstanding that last for years.

Please read all astrological interpretations as commentary and not as truth. This counts for personal readings, too, because when an astrologer has your chart open and is speaking right into your ear, they have a special kind of authority and influence. This is exaggerated because people often come to astrologers when they are feeling vulnerable, uncertain and looking for answers.

I have always found astrology better for seeking questions. Those are rare enough to find. Be happy when you have one. And please proceed with care.

— *efc*

Extra Resources

Helpful tools for working with your chart and your transits. It is essential to have and know how to use a paper ephemeris (book format) to be able to work with your transits easily, and it's also honoring the astrological tradition.

The easiest ephemeris to get is the *American Ephemeris* by Neil Michelson, available in various formats. My personal favorite is the *Aureas Ephemeris*, though it is difficult to get many places. Look around — they are worth every penny. For a fun annual ephemeris, *Raphael's* is indispensable.

There are also two excellent online tools I use regularly: **Serennu.com**, which is a minor planet ephemeris, transit finder and eclipse finder; and the **[True Node Ephemeris](#)**, a powerful, versatile tool allowing the creation of custom ephemerides for any planet or minor planet, time period, frequency, etc. My prior e-book *Astrology Revealed* provides a book and resource list you may find helpful. *Astrology Revealed* is available with any subscription to Planet Waves. To find out more, write to office@planetwaves.net.

Here is one of my prior e-books, **[Light Bridge: the 25 Year Span](#)** covering 1987 through 2012. Here is **[It's All in the Houses](#)** — essential reading, and one of my most

excellent and in-depth articles from *The Mountain Astrologer*, which will tell you nearly everything you need to know to get started on that topic.

Transit Readings for People Ages 1-84

Pluto conjunct Saturn

— born mid/late-2020

Important transits happen to people as very small children. Sensitive astrologers and astrology students look into them. It is rare that we have the charts for infants and also review them for what is influencing them right around the time of birth. Births in 2020 are worth tracking carefully.

Everyone born in 2020 after Jan. 12 and before Dec. 19 has Saturn in Capricorn. For many born in this timeframe, Pluto is either exactly conjunct or it will make a conjunction by transit this year, many in 2022 and a few in 2023. This is a setup for a very early-life transit of Pluto conjunct Saturn, one of the more challenging transits that exist. Depending on the location of Saturn in one's natal chart, this transit can happen at any time, and for many people, will never happen, if Saturn is placed far from Pluto, and Pluto does not have enough time to get there in one human lifetime.

This is a stressful natal placement (having Saturn near Pluto) as well as transit, and these individuals have both, which indicate early-life challenges to what Saturn and Capricorn represent: the ability to trust the structure of life, which starts with family, and extends to society.

The fundamental question is whether they trust existence. All children entering the world in 2020 were born into a time of outrageous fear and mistrust that impacted everyone and is a salient feature of their natal chart.

They may be experiencing unusual mental or physical symptoms. Physical issues may be more closely related to emotional conditions than to biological ones. Pay attention to sudden eruptions of illness that seem to depart as quickly as they emerged. These can be signs of feeling unsafe or insecure (for metaphors in homeopathy, study the relationship between the acute state of the remedy *belladonna* and the chronic state of *calcarea carbonica*).

A child's external world (meaning their domestic environment) is the place to make adjustments first, though this must be matched by contact and steady presence. Stability and dependability of the parents are the foundation of the mental health of a child. You will need to have this in order to give it.

Emotional challenges may also be related to how their parents get along, or their family generally. All children born in 2020 came into the world in a time of extreme stress that

has affected everyone and everything, divided families and led people to cast off lifelong friends. They are hardy souls, though the impact of the state of the world cannot be overstated. Children are strong, but only so strong. Do what you can to hold up a safe and predictable structure around them, in every sense of those words.

Neptune square Pluto and the Galactic Core

— born approximately 2005-2007

Neptune in Pisces is now square the natal position of those born with Pluto in late Sagittarius. Pluto in Sagittarius (1995-2008) was a big event in astrology history and that of the world. Starting around 2005, Pluto made a long conjunction to the Galactic Core, which I covered in an annual edition called **The Spiral Door**.

This is a transit that addresses spiritual issues and things that pass for spiritual solutions but may not be. (I cover the Galactic Core in greater detail below, under the transit Neptune square Saturn/Uranus. Many of the same ideas apply.)

Today, Neptune is making a square to the conjunction of Pluto and the Galactic Core (those born 2005-2007) and also to any events that happened around this time.

Those born with Pluto conjunct the Galactic Core are born with a potentially profound sense of their own spiritual orientation, though for many reasons this can become distorted or corrupted. In any event, this kind of spiritual sense is not easy to access because both Pluto and the Galactic Core can drop below the level of full awareness, particularly in their positive manifestations. Neptune in the mix does not make this easier, only more important.

Pluto can drive the evolution of the soul, but is more often experienced as a destructive or toxic force, and is abused by people with power agendas. Therefore, "spiritual" and "power" are ideas that must not be confused; nor is it a good idea to confuse "sexual" and "power." Yes, they have their meeting points; bring your discernment. The problem is where power is an issue, love can fade into the background.

People tend to turn their sense of spiritual knowing into false certainty. With Neptune squaring Pluto and the Galactic Core, tapping into them will be challenging and take a long time, though you can learn plenty at the time of this transit. Things that have no spiritual basis may seem to be true; for example, glamor and appearance or the abuse of substances.

Glamor — living for the sake of appearances — is the very counterfeit of spiritual growth, on the level of taking heroin or leading a cult. It's also more widely available and encouraged constantly, by every advertisement. This is a far more serious problem than is recognized by religious or spiritual modalities, as most of them have exploited glamor on some level. Much of what we call goodness and wisdom is about appearing good and wise. The genuine articles are not necessarily much to look at.

I suggest offering young adults of this age books by classic authors such as Allan Watts, Hugh Prather, or Carolyn Myss, and dependable texts such as the *Tao Te Ching*. An ideal book to read at this time would be *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*;

however, it is longer than an Instagram post. Anything related to art and music will be helpful to encourage, as will be spending some time in nature.

Many of the glamor problems of the contemporary world are injected through the digital realm. It's necessary to have a life other than one's virtual existence, though such requires intention and focus. It is becoming a precious quality.

Saturn opposition

— born approximately 2006

Saturn opposing its natal position, lasting a year or so, is the transition of a person from child to young adult. This transit happens to everyone around age 14, give or take a bit. It is in a sense the end of adolescence, which is a social construct of the modern era. In earlier times, there was no adolescent crisis; young people were expected to work. They had focus and purpose and were compelled to grow up fast.

Saturn opposition can be a withdrawn time in the lives of some teenagers, though others can suddenly find their confidence and come out of their shell. This transit is happening to young people who have Saturn in Leo. This placement is a classic one for being mature beyond one's years, and at the same time, sacrificing elements of youth as a result. Saturn in Leo is also proud and firmly individualistic.

Opposed by Saturn in Aquarius, they may encounter the fact of how many other people are involved in their lives and in their affairs. There may be a theme of learning to serve, or to share.

Encouraging maturity is essential during any Saturn transit, but so is honoring what it means to be young, flexible and take a creative approach to life — especially in one's early teens. Parents can be a positive influence on both. One of the effects of the digital environment is to make people become set in their ways, which is not usually a helpful attribute for young people to possess.

In any event, at this time there is almost always a push to distinguish oneself from one's parents, and parents would be wise to respond appropriately and give their teenagers a little space to be and breathe.

Offer your support; do not stalk them on social media or follow them around with a drone you got at Walmart. Recognize that this is a time of increasing sexual awareness and, just like you wanted your parents to leave you alone, they want you to back off and let them experiment. Be grateful if they are doing so.

Saturn transits of any shade are almost always important times for vocational developments. This is a time when teens are naturally thinking about what they want to do with their lives, or preferably, experimenting with it directly. Encourage whatever interests they demonstrate at this time.

Many parents make the mistake of thinking something that their kid is into is "not going to make a good job," such as playing the bass guitar or taking care of dogs. However, these are the kinds of things that successful vocations are built of. Interest in technology counts; try to guide it from passive to active (for example from gaming to

designing a game, or building hardware). It is not about the interest per se as much as it is in having one that counts the most.

Chiron square Chiron - first

— born approximately 2003

This is the first of the Chiron series of alignments to its natal position. These are called quadrature alignments.

Chiron is one of the best provocateurs of growth and healing. This is accelerated at the time of Chiron transits, especially to itself, though also to the Sun, the Moon and the ascendant. They all have something in common, though the manifestations throughout life may be different, as people grow, and as the culture shifts.

Discovered in 1977, Chiron is still a new influence in astrology and misunderstood by many astrologers, who try to oversimplify it. As you will learn from studying Chiron transits, there is nothing simple about it.

Sometimes called quadrature alignments, Chiron's alignments to itself are among the most significant transits in life, though they can be challenging because of their tendency to bring up unfinished business, and to provoke major growth challenges. This is not always welcome. There can be health challenges, too, that seem to come out of nowhere, but which must be addressed.

Among Chiron's most salient topics is the holistic principle. This is the viewpoint that people are one entity, never separate from their source, never divided within themselves. Under the holistic principle, *which is the idea of wholeness*, splitting people up into parts is subject to question. This can include the notion that the body is meaningful only as considered in separate organs, or thinking of the body as distinct from the psyche. Chiron teaches that we are whole people.

One's health is a complete picture of one's total being, not a study of the organs. Or, said more simply, everything affects everything else. Whatever may come up at the time of this transit, remember the holistic principle.

There may have been other Chiron transits earlier in life (for example, Chiron making transiting aspects to the Sun, Moon or angles, though to see those, you have to check the natal chart carefully). Chiron transits always induce a healing crisis, though it may look many different ways, depending on how the person having the transit responds.

That is their purpose: to bring up what has been concealed and needs to be revealed; what has been taken for granted and needs to be understood and documented; what has lurked below the level of full awareness and needs to be acknowledged and healed. This is happening in young adults born in the 21st century who have a radically different worldview than their Gen Y (speaking generally, Pluto in Libra) parents.

The Chiron first square is one of the most important transits in life, though it is misunderstood for one reason: it happens to some people at age 7 and to others at age 22. This depends on when during Chiron's highly elliptical orbit one is born. Therefore, it is not recognized by most astrologers as an event that can be worked with, and to

those inexperienced with Chiron, a difference of more than 15 years for the same event does not lend itself to easy interpretation. Yet it is indeed the same transit.

This differential creates a generation gap because parents who experienced the first square at a very young age may have children who experience it much older, and vice versa. The timing of this transit is more consistent between those of skipped generations, (i.e., grandchildren and grandparents) who tend to better understand one another than parents and children for this reason.

Grandparents and grandchildren are usually closer to the same type of Chiron cycle than parents and children. (This may be somewhat skewed as many people born in the 1950s (late baby boomers) waited longer than usual to have children and therefore became parents at a later age than their parents did. To study this, you will need the natal charts involved in front of you.)

Chiron in Capricorn natives are entering their late teens and early 20s and this is a time for active experimentation with life's activities. It is not a time appropriate for heavy supervision, helicopter parenting, or encouraging young people to stay home and do sod-all because life is allegedly so challenging, complicated and dangerous. Rather, find creative ways to engage the many important experiments that will lead to the Saturn return at age 29 or 30.

Jupiter square Chiron and Pluto

— born 1999

In the last year of the prior century was the conjunction of Chiron and Pluto in Sagittarius. Well, technically, 2000 was the last year of the 20th century but that's not what people thought at the time.

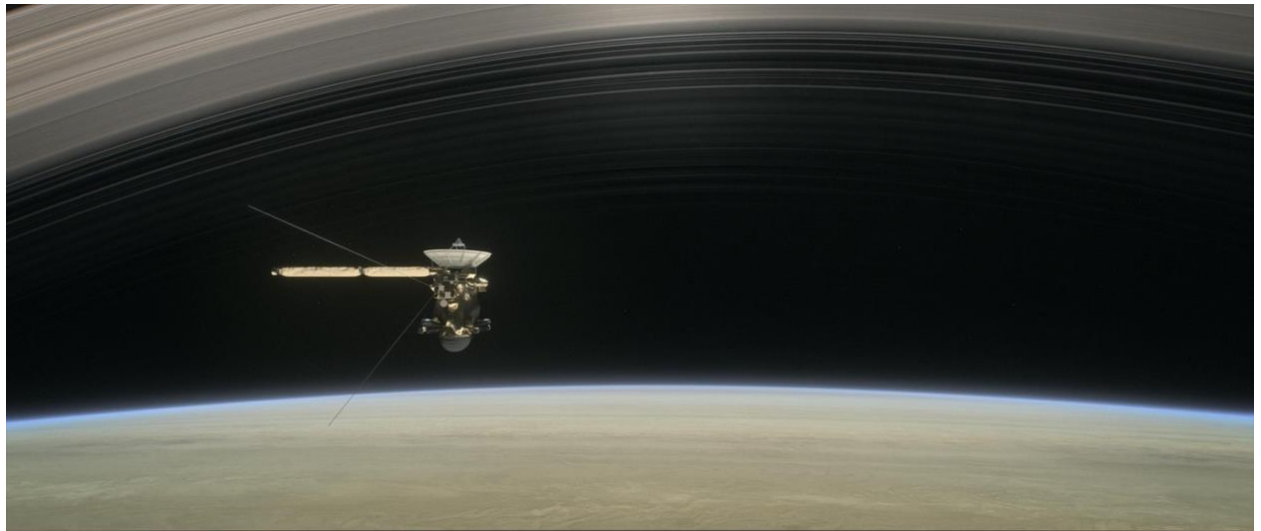
The vibe was an odd mix of exuberance (the pre-9/11 world) and technological anxiety (the Y2K bug was looming: the potential that all devices and infrastructure systems programmed with two-digit year indicators would reset to 1900. There was the nascent **anti-globalization movement** happening, which showed great promise and then went nowhere. Here is a **snapshot of that time in history** as told by Planet Waves.

The Chiron-Pluto conjunction in Sagittarius was exact Dec. 30, 1999, though it was close all year. Through 2021, Jupiter in Pisces makes a square aspect to these Sagittarius placements, in a sense activating them, and merging the qualities of Pisces into those of Sagittarius. If any transit provokes the thirst for spiritual growth, this would be one of the best. Yet it's possible to engage in endless distractions, and our current world seems to eschew anything that seems even meekly difficult, or threatening to the ego.

Chiron and Pluto together in Sagittarius represented a potential that the world did not realize. This is because world managers, in their next act, created the Sept. 11 incident and once again flooded the world with fear, which they branded "terrorism." Indeed: a religion of terror. So the test of this transit is, to what extent can you manifest the potential of your extraordinary placements in Sagittarius?

In what way do you live with a vision, and express your vision? To what extent is your growth a conscious, daily factor in your life? Are you curious about the many possibilities and mysteries the universe holds? Are you interested in learning about other cultures, and actually going to visit them?

Those would be gifts bestowed by Chiron and Pluto in Sagittarius. The transit of Jupiter from Pisces will expand this potential and stoke your curiosity and interest, if you allow it to: if you follow the calling that you hear within. And because this is a square aspect, the within aspect is crucial: the exploration of the world is a metaphor for exploring your inner world. Remember, though, that under the influence of the digital environment, the inner world is becoming more elusive, and many do not know that it exists.



Historical Note: Grand Cross and Total Solar Eclipse of Aug, 11, 1999, Featuring the Cassini Space Probe

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, a **total solar eclipse in Leo** was one of the events that marked the turning of the millennium. Part of a rare grand cross aspect in the fixed signs, included in the pattern was Saturn in Taurus, Mars in Scorpio and Uranus in Aquarius. The North Node was in Leo and the South Node in Aquarius.

Jupiter in Taurus was close by, ahead of the **Jupiter-Saturn conjunction** of May 28, 2000.

The eclipse occurred within hours of the exact opposition of Mars and Saturn. The pattern also included a close T-square between Jupiter in Taurus, Mercury in Leo and Neptune in Aquarius.

You might ask what would happen on such a day. The answer is that the **Cassini Space Probe** flew past the Earth as part of what is called a "slingshot" maneuver to propel it on its way to Jupiter, where flight controllers would perform another slingshot and propel it to its destination,

Saturn. A slingshot maneuver is when a spacecraft is skimmed over the gravity field of another planet, allowing it to pick up some of the larger body's momentum and increase its velocity without the use of additional fuel.

The problem: the craft was loaded with 72 pounds of weapons-grade plutonium-238, part of a radioisotope thermal generator (RTG) that would power the craft for the duration of its 13-year mission on Saturn. Essentially a nuclear battery, NASA claimed that solar panels would not be enough to power the spacecraft and all of its instruments and experiments.

It was scheduled to fly over the Earth at a distance of just 450 miles, traveling at 42,300 miles per hour. If the craft re-entered the Earth's atmosphere, the plutonium would burn up and eventually contaminate the globe. To go with this was a prediction by French astrologer and physician Michele de Nostredame (Nostradamus, 1503-1566):

*The year one thousand nine ninety-nine seven month
From the sky shall come a great King of terror...*

August is the 8th month, though when you factor for the 11-day "leap forward" correction from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, the event would have happened in July. One must admit it is impressive that Michele knew something scary would be up in the sky hundreds of years in advance, and he got it right. Part of the prediction was that the "king of the Mongols" would reign supreme. If you count China, that's triple word score.

A journalism professor and nuclear historian named Karl Grossman at the State University of New York at Westbury led a public awareness campaign that ultimately persuaded NASA to redo its calculation and add a 300-mile margin of safety to the flyby maneuver. Cassini sailed past the Earth at about 730 miles altitude, and went safely on its way to Jupiter, then to Saturn. The flight was designed to utilize the proximity of Jupiter and Saturn in their rare 20-year conjunction to accomplish just this.

Cassini's end involved a series of close passes approaching within the rings, then an entry into Saturn's atmosphere on Sept. 15, 2017 to destroy the spacecraft. Flight engineers decided it would be better to contaminate Saturn with all that plutonium-238 rather than risking it accidentally striking one of Saturn's natural satellites, which are believed to potentially harbor life.

Some of the satellites to the gas giants are thought of as proto-Earths: that is, environments that resembled the very early environment of our own planet – not so long ago, not so far away.

Uranus in the Grand Cross Pattern

— born 1999

In mid-1999 there was a grand cross pattern consisting of Mars, Saturn, Uranus and a total eclipse of the Sun (see article above). Sometimes called a grand square, it's the alignment of four planets all at approximately right angles. This unusual alignment took place in the mid-fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius). Now Uranus is passing through this pattern, creating a diversity of transiting aspects. These include transiting Uranus square natal Uranus, as well as transiting Uranus conjunct natal Saturn.

This is a loud, bold wakeup call, an invitation to have something relevant and exciting to live for. It is an invitation to go beyond the influences of your family, against which you have always rebelled; but now you must be a rebel with a cause, with a clue, and with a vision (thankfully bestowed or shown in potential by your Sagittarius planets).

This compound transit involves both Saturn and Uranus, so there is the part about bringing together innovation, inventiveness and rebellion (Uranus factors), with discipline, focus, structure and accountability (Saturn) — the story of the world, when it works. Just about everything worthwhile that happens utilizes this combination of factors, and we know how rarely that comes to pass.

Uranus moving through this pattern is an invitation to call yourself to attention and get busy. Events at this time will help provoke you out of your known and established life patterns, as well as tuning into what you find exciting and motivating. Young people at this time can be set in their ways due to digital influences, and that same factor can influence them to have a narrow worldview. Open up and see the possibilities. Dare to take some of the adventures you're being invited to experience.

This is not the time for same-old, same-old, or hanging around and wondering what to do. Rise up above the hapless Millennial slumber and shake yourself into consciousness. Pursue what interests you until something truly interesting takes hold and grabs you and your life path. If you want to "have an impact," that is the place to start. You must be fully engaged in what you do, to do it well.

That can take time. Stick with it! Let whatever you discover carry you through to the Saturn return at age 29 (for you, around 2028), when the time arrives to make another shift. Note that your Saturn return will also involve this aspect pattern, with Saturn conjunct itself and square Uranus. The decisions you make now will greatly influence that outcome and help you tap in to your true potential.

Saturn return - first

— born approximately 1990-1993

Perhaps the most important transit in life, the first Saturn return is the line of maturity: that which, at its best, facilitates the adolescent or maturing 20-something becoming a true adult. (For a good working definition of "adult" please see books about [Transactional Analysis](#).) The Saturn return takes place between age 27 (beginning for most people with their progressed lunar return) and around age 31 — though the epicenter is about age 29 or 30.

In astrology, mastering the Saturn principle means internalizing authority rather than projecting it outward; being one's own master of ceremonies rather than relying on someone else; making one's own decisions and taking responsibility for them.

Saturn in the most positive sense is about not needing to be told what to do: getting 10 speeding tickets and having your license suspended before you slow down. Under the Saturn principle, one or two would be enough to give you the idea. You would take over that part of your life, or anything where you got tired of others setting the terms of your existence.

Too much internalizing of authority, however, can cause a guilty conscience and the feeling of always being wrong. The Saturn principle must be applied in a conscious and balanced way. If you have a guilty conscience, start by studying Saturn. It is your prerogative to make your own decisions.

We live in times when Saturn — authority and structure — is mostly projected outward. Between helicopter parenting and the "tell me what to think" approach to government and media so prominent today (particularly in matters related to health), Saturn has fallen on difficult times — even in its own sign of rulership, Aquarius. This need not be. The return of Saturn to its natal position is the point where one must make strides toward having one's act together, particularly regarding work and profession. At minimum these things must be a real priority, with a sense of willing engagement of opportunity and taking responsibility. This is the time when you find the work that you love to come back to every day.

Men in particular need both a professional activity *and* some kind of serious hobby or vocational project. Women need to define their lives in some way other than what relationship they are in, or whom they plan to marry. Having children is not a substitute for the deeper work of finding a creative purpose and mode of expression. That is a big burden to lay on a little baby.

A test of whether this transit has been successfully completed is whether the person likes, loves and draws strength from their work after it's over. Work activity must become relevant, meaningful and satisfying at this time, otherwise it may be a long while before it does. If it has been so far, a career change or evolutionary step is in order at this time. It may be a clean break; it may be a continuation or evolution. Remember what you have learned in the past, and take it with you.

Many will either get married or divorced under the influence of this transit, as another one of its meta-themes is restructuring of one's life and one's priorities.

Saturn brings the sense of time passing; hence, themes of mortality and working within the limits of time will arise in one form or another. There's also a theme of reckoning with one's parents and getting beyond them running your life, which is not exactly on the agenda of many people in this age cohort. I suggest parents encourage this if the topic and the opportunity come up and remember that between 27 and 31, maturing events are necessary and appropriate, even here in the Sibling Society where few seem to grow up. It may not be easy to see your son or daughter go through difficult challenges, though you owe them their independence. Any support you offer must not compromise that primary goal. Let them live their lives. If you are going through your Saturn return, claim your life as your birthright. It is.

This is said to be a difficult time in life; really it is a serious time, where maturity is the focus — so it's great fun if you're into growing up. Those who 'miss' this transit tend to

repeat it over and over again; that is to say, they can live through repeated partial experiences of learning commitment, respect and honoring time — but never quite get it. Later transits, particularly of Saturn, Chiron and Pluto, may provide an opportunity to catch up and learn the value of dedication, particularly to work. As *A Course in Miracles* says, you cannot be fully committed part of the time.

Chiron square Chiron - second

— born approximately 1990

The Chiron second square happens when Chiron completes three-quarters of its 51-year cycle. Previously a midlife transit that could fairly recently take place at age 44, is now happening to people around the time of their Saturn return (approximately age 30-31), which is redoubling the effect of both events. Chiron transits are often profound turning points, and by now you've had several of them. This is the time to make sure your life moves in a constructive and positive direction, and to leave behind what harms you, distracts you, or slows you down.

Those now in their Chiron second square are born with Chiron in Cancer (1988-1991), which is calling for regulation and grounding of the emotions. This natal placement is about deep healing with the maternal side of life, which is about both nourishment and formation of the healthy and functioning ego structure. Mother's role is to teach the child how to conduct oneself within the household (and household relationships) out as far as the (metaphorical) garden wall.

Therefore, these are useful topics to work with prior to or concurrent with the vocational matters described in the Saturn return — those things that take a person beyond the garden wall and into the world. One cannot function in a workplace with others without wholesome in-home habits. Put simply, Chiron in Cancer is about learning to take care of oneself and others; though due to social conditioning, that can be a real challenge for those born in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Looking closely at a chart for 1990, there are numerous planets across the Cancer-Capricorn axis (for example, in July 1990, I count nine different planets, including Chiron, Jupiter and Saturn). This is an exceptionally concentrated natal configuration, and if you are born with it, you will go through times of extreme intensity, followed by relative calm.

The focus on the Cancer-Capricorn axis suggests that family dynamics follow you everywhere, and can show up in any situation. Chiron is now making square aspects to all of these planets, including itself, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, and that is pushing you to pay attention to this family dynamic situation. Consider carefully the kind of parenting you had and how it has influenced you.

Parents of this era thought of themselves as nothing but wonderful. They did only the very best for their children. Baby monitors were in every home. "Baby On Board" signs adorned cars on the highways of the land (don't crash into my kid, crash into something else). Chiron is likely to provoke questions about the real impact of this theory of parenting. It may send you in search of alternatives, and it is likely at this time that you are feeling the calling to find your family of choice: the people you want to be with rather than the ones you seem stuck with. This is an important point of maturity.

Your natal Cancer-Capricorn setup has been under transit from Pluto in Capricorn for many years. Between 2011 and 2018, Uranus was in Aries, which was stirring the pot on this chart configuration. This says that you are in a prolonged period of concentrated experience.

What Chiron is doing for you is shining a light on what is going on inside of this pattern. By that, I mean that oppositions tend to manifest through relationships, while squares can take the action to an internal level. Study how your parents got along, and how they related to other members of your immediate family, and consider how this serves as a setup for your expectations about the world, and about how people will treat you.

It is especially vital to work with the purpose and grounding qualities of Saturn in Aquarius at this time. One element of this is choosing who you want to be with, on your own terms, and not allowing others to dictate your reality for you.

Additionally, this is a critical transit because in our era, it is the last Chiron alignment to itself prior to the Chiron return, which happens at age 50-51 (see description below, though be aware that your Chiron return will take place in Cancer rather than in Aries).

Neptune conjunct Saturn

— born approximately 1993

This transit occurs when transiting Neptune reaches the degree of Saturn in someone's natal chart. Depending on the time in the century, this could happen at any time in life, or never, if Saturn and Neptune are placed far from one another at the time of birth. Neptune's orbit is 165 years, so it does not make one complete cycle in the life of any person. We get relatively few transits from Neptune, and many to Neptune.

For now, transiting Neptune conjunct natal Saturn is happening to those born in 1993. People experiencing this transit now are born with Saturn in Pisces, so they are accustomed to an influence on Saturn similar to that of Neptune.

Saturn in Pisces is considered a challenging placement because Saturn is in a sign traditionally ruled by Jupiter: it wants to flex and expand, and these are not qualities of Saturn. There is a seemingly limiting factor presented by Saturn when Jupiter/Pisces wants to expand and be boundless. What this placement can do is give form, structure and tangibility to whatever Pisces represents in that particular chart. Usually, Pisces is about the ineffable, the artistic, the numinous.

One could read natal Saturn in Pisces as stifling or chilling this process — *or one could see it as providing a utility that gives it strength, form and substance*. This placement suggests you "curb your idealism" and make sure that what you're doing has a practical and tangible application.

We might then add "dream a little" to the credos of Saturn in Pisces, if one is not so idealistic. Its natives might forget to do so; they might forget to imagine what is possible instead of always seeing limits on their imagination. (They might think: great idea but how am I going to do it? Well, you get busy, and it will take time and patience, which are conferred by Saturn and Pisces. Everything worthwhile takes time. The kind

of synthesis implied by Saturn in Pisces requires persistence and conscious use of your abilities over what may seem like very long spans of time.)

Neptune conjunct this particular Saturn can, however, offer a touch of vision, just at the right time: the very idealism that Saturn ordinarily might curb. While it might blur the discipline and focus that Saturn offers, that could be useful. There is the power of synthesis that Saturn-Neptune events have: what I have seen through history is the ability to do what was previously considered impossible.

Who the person is matters; how they relate to authority (that is, in advance of the transit) matters; that is a topic to explore. The message is to keep a handle on your affairs, and to avoid trying to escape from responsibility — avoidance and escape are easy things to do in our times, at least for a while. Practice by making your own decisions. Know when you are doing so and when you are not. (Clue: people making their own decisions with full accountability is rare.)

We may be in the Aquarian Era, though it's also the Peter Pan era, where nobody is really encouraged to mature. Do everything in your power to grow up. You will feel better for it.

Pluto conjunct Neptune

— born approximately 1994-1997

This is a transit that happens to everyone in their late 20s; in our era, though, this will vary by generation due to variances in Pluto's orbit. It is now taking place in Capricorn and may represent deep concerns that the institutions of society are unable to support people. This is an extension of other social structures dissolving around you.

The combination of Neptune and Pluto drives a kind of idealism and obsession that can be mistaken for spiritual motivation, but which can have self-destructive results. This must be monitored carefully, though there is rarely the maturity at this age to do that. It can bring spiritual knowledge that seems to be beyond one's years, or dabbling in entheogens.

Stick to the spiritual side of the equation, even if you are experimenting with mind-expanding substances. Such experiences do not bring wisdom on their own; they need plenty of context to be relevant and indeed, to mitigate the psychological dangers they present. (In previous generations, there was plenty of experimenting with psychoactive substances; however, those kids were not on SSRIs or Ritalin from a very young age. That changes the context of experimenting with drugs as a young adult.)

Saturn grounding (i.e., a mature response to circumstances, and something worthwhile to be involved with) is called for. For everyone having this transit, the Saturn return is on its way, none too soon. The Saturn return may feel like a cold awakening to the Pluto conjunct Neptune transit, as if a limit was reached. That will probably be helpful, especially if you learn how to turn seeming limitations into opportunities.

Pluto conjunct Neptune may help open a window to what is outside your immediate consciousness. When other transits come, that window may close — though as film director David Lynch suggested, it's best to leave it open a little.

Ideally, this transit represents a time where a young adult makes progress finding his or her sense of their soul's existence, and recognizes that it's not about going to India and hooking up with a guru — but rather about one's response to existence wherever they are, and whatever circumstances they may be in.

Historical Note:

Uranus Conjunct Neptune in Capricorn

People born in 1993 are born with Uranus conjunct Neptune in Capricorn, an extremely rare aspect that will happen next in 2165. This aspect has a very wide orb, so it affects neighboring years (roughly 1991-1995). And it is an aspect event where the effects have a long manifestation time. I started studying astrology the year after this conjunction, and one of my early teachers said it would take seven years to manifest (to wit, the stolen election of 2000, a perfect symbol).

Like outer-planet conjunctions, Uranus conjunct Neptune is a before-and-after moment. One thing I noticed is that before this conjunction, it was not considered normal to be "psychic." After this conjunction, it was considered normal and even commonplace. Suddenly kids in junior high school were telepathing one another. Also, many girls started openly identifying as witches and most places, few people seemed to care.

Those born in 1993 experienced transiting Pluto conjunct their natal Neptune in 2017. But due to the conjunction, it was not just Neptune. The transit was really a compound event: *Pluto conjunct natal Uranus and Neptune at the same time*. If that sounds big — having Uranus, Neptune and Pluto in one alignment — that's because it is.

Capricorn is the embodiment of structure in our society and in our lives. It represents all that we expect to be there in the future, because it was there in the past. Yet much that existed in the past, and which always seemed to be there, began to wash away, collapse or dissolve under the influence of this aspect.

These natives are born with extraordinarily potent charts, with Capricorn (the sign of stability, structure and containment) under the influence of two planets radically unlike itself. Uranus conjunct Neptune was a before-and-after event in history, where the world changed irrevocably (much like it did under the influence of Uranus conjunct Pluto in 1965-1966).

Uranus-Neptune is in truth one of the first astrological events that ushers in the digital age, as well as the time of globalism. (Globalism went into full force under Pluto in Sagittarius, which began soon after.) In other articles I have described the involvement of Eris as a key factor in commencing the digital age, and in 1992-1993, Uranus and Neptune were conjunct one another AND square to Eris in Aries.

Anyone wondering why 2016 and 2017 were such a shit show, we have an illustration of that in the Uranus-Neptune conjunction being provoked by a conjunction from transiting Pluto. Talk about stirring the pot; we watched the whole notion of government collapse — in slow motion first, then in rapid motion starting in 2016.

Chiron opposite Chiron - first — born approximately 1996

This is the second of Chiron's quadrature alignments to itself, the first being the square. Oppositions mean something is coming to a peak. It could be a situation, it could be awareness, it could be the trajectory of your life. Age 25 or 26 seems awfully young to have this transit, which was recently happening to people in their mid-40s, but that is Chiron, which keeps its own schedule.

The Chiron opposition is a moment of clarity and potentially a transit that opens the way to maturity on key life issues earlier than might ordinarily happen. In our era, this will be a time of either getting ahead or catching up. Health-related matters must be watched carefully during any Chiron transit, particularly the opposition. This includes the health matters of close partners, given the Aries-Libra connection here.

Those having this transit now were born with Chiron in Libra, and they expect the world to be a place where people are treated fairly and hold one another as equals. If you have Chiron in Libra, you expect people to be sincere or at least meaningfully polite. Any conduct to the contrary could be painful, though it is necessary to rise to the occasion and "become the change you want to see in the world." Those with Chiron in Libra have exceptional reasoning and communication skills. You would be wise to put them to use in service of the better world that you want to create.

We are being fed an image of what that is. Society at this time is experiencing a false conflict between the individual and the collective. There is actually no contradiction between these positions, if they are understood correctly. A true collective is made of reasoning individuals who respect one another.

If this transit comes with a healing crisis, it's likely to involve some shade of this theme. If Libra represents a group, it's most likely the group of two. There is no way to have a majority vote in such a situation without both parties agreeing to what is necessary. People in partnered relationships are likely to be feeling for and reaching for their individuality within the couple. This is a critical evolutionary step: daring to be yourself within a marriage or close personal relationship. However, it is mostly likely the only step that can be taken without fully compromising your integrity.

It is possible that one's partner is stepping up to this transit and that is how it is manifesting. The challenge in that case would be to give one's partner the space to be and express themselves. This calls for confidence and respecting the other as an individual. It is rare to happen, though this transit is a bold invitation to take part in a necessary step in the evolution of human relationships.

Neptune square Saturn and Uranus

— born approximately 1988 concurrently with

Neptune square the Galactic Core

— everyone alive right now

Note, this entry [was developed into a full article](#) in June 2021.

People born in 1988 have a rare conjunction -- Saturn conjunct Uranus. It's not easy to be born with this alignment; it's the mixture of two radically different energies. Fortunately, this conjunction took place very close to the Galactic Core, which is pushing a spiritualizing energy through it, and providing some wider context.

Now, transiting Neptune in Pisces is making a square to this aspect against the natal charts of those born with it.

Let's start with the conjunction: Saturn is structure and form, Uranus is energy, and much of life is about getting these two things to work together. It is one of the ultimate challenges we face here on Earth and the "matter vs. energy" issue takes many forms.

This can be a frustrating conjunction to have because it places raw power and restraint in the same place; or an iconoclastic impulse with the control impulse. To express this aspect requires being a kind of alchemist, and it's easy to see this aspect leading to psychic and psychological instability. It may produce artistic brilliance and also challenges managing oneself in the world.

The Saturn principle of structure, respect, containment and restraint can be overpowered with the rebellious, boundary-crossing influence of Uranus. It may be exceedingly difficult to strike a balance between these things, urgent though it may be.

With this placement, one may feel the law is meant to be broken, or that any infringement of one's freedom is a total imposition of control.

Now place this conjunct the Galactic Core as a vast and wide background. This at least frames the context of the aspect and helps define a purpose. The Galactic Core is a spiritualizing influence if anything is. The center of our galaxy acts as a homing signal. So all these challenges can be in service of a much deeper purpose, and learning how to stay oriented on your personal truth. However, if being spiritual is used as an excuse for not keeping a grip on your life, there may be significant complications.

Presently and for the next few years, Neptune will be making a 90-degree angle to this conjunction, from Pisces.

For the rest of us, Neptune is square the Galactic Core. For you having this transit, it's square the Core and also the two planets I've described. Though it's exponentially more potent for you, to some degree everyone is going through a version of this transit because the Galactic Core is in the same position to within one or two degrees for every person alive.

Here, we have the question of true versus false spiritual guidance. The Galactic Core is the spiritual homing signal. It is about one's innate "sense of God." To place Neptune in a square to that is to surround it in fog and potentially false questions (or to drown it out entirely). One of the obscuring sensations is the feeling of chaos when tuning into what was previously a clear signal, or forgetting what you learn over and over.

This transit represents one of the challenging phases of the spiritual path, which is sorting out truth from counterfeit. Many assume that because something shimmers with light or is in any way related to out-of-body experience, it is therefore spiritual. To believe that is false clarity. Everything you believe must be subjected to a test of truth, and the test of time. Take this as a suggestion any time Neptune is on the scene. Test your beliefs. Question your perceptions.

However, there is a potential problem in that both Neptune and the Galactic Core are famous for dropping below the level of liminality. That's a fancy way of saying "unconscious," but without the image of the fainted person, or the judgment involved when the term is used in the spiritual sense, "oh god, he's so *unconscious!*" (Get out the smelling salts.) Well, really, liminality is about what you *choose* to notice. Liminality is the line where your thoughts bob up and down in your awareness. Think of it as a cork on the surface of water. Part of the cork is always below the surface, and part is always above. The surface is the line of liminality. Follow the cork! Notice what is above the surface and what is below. Question everything. Note that when the cork goes below the surface, if you follow it there, you will notice many other things that are down there, because you brought your awareness down there.

As for the Galactic Core as an influence in consciousness: this manifests most often as fleeing insights that seem perfectly lucid and obvious at the time, and then vanish. Neptune square the Core will emphasize both facets. If you consider yourself a spiritual seeker, healer-in-training or metaphysical student under this transit, carry the dream-catcher known as a notebook and pencil.

(For spiritual and creative pursuits, I still recommend graphite and wood pulp — pencil and paper — as the most dependable and real medium for capturing your thoughts. Add a little discipline, development and five drafts and maybe you've got something.)

Neptune square Neptune

— born approximately 1981

Read a comprehensive [article about Neptune here](#).

The theme of this transit is learning how to be honest with yourself. This is a classic midlife transit that many people struggle with. The reason is that our culture is based in mendacity and not in truth. Lying is convenient. Denial is convenient.

Those having this transit now are born with Neptune in late Sagittarius, one of its most idealistic and — seemingly — spiritual placements. Spirituality is a fantastic ruse for self-deception, and now is the time when this must end and a more deeply rooted personal connection to God, spirit or source takes its place.

Certainly the potential is there. Neptune in Sagittarius could have an easy and natural connection to what is beyond this world. Yet this could also be a fantasy; it could be delusional; and even if the perceptions coming through are 'true' in some objective sense, next comes the exercise of using them well.

Neptune is about liminality: that is, the hazy zone where "conscious" meets "unconscious." It is also about water; this transit is a bath. Is it warm, or is it cold? This is an important midlife transit, with the theme of becoming honest with oneself. That means coming out of denial, which does not necessarily occur as a conscious choice.

Rather, the crisis that this transit provokes demands that one confront the reality of their existence. I have seen many people reckon with the lies they have believed, have been told, have told, and have told themselves: this is what comes up for reckoning at the time of the Neptune square. What one does with the opportunity is another story.

This time is an opportunity for one's spiritual path to emerge as wholly sincere rather than as a means of escape, or something not fully investigated. It's best to keep it simple, to practice sincerity and compassion as a way of life. Living honestly is more challenging in the short and medium run than is living dishonestly.

Therefore, the personal work done at the time of this transit is a long-term investment. This would include a thorough review of all medications, whether psychoactive or not, and the use of all substances. You've been around long enough to know what is going on. The book *Radical Honesty* by Brad Blanton could be the standard text for this transit. So too could *The Book on the Taboo Against Knowing Who You Are* by Alan Watts, or perhaps even *The Wisdom of Insecurity*.

Pluto square Pluto

— born approximately 1981

At this time, Pluto reaches the 90-degree mark from where it started in your chart. Pluto transits push growth full-on. They are some of the most challenging transits in life. They can last a long time. And yet once you get accustomed to what they are offering, you will miss them when they are gone.

Due to variances in Pluto's orbit, the time of this transit varies radically from generation to generation. Recently it happened at around age 35. It's now happening around age 40. In prior generations (depending on the Pluto placement for that era) it could happen as late as age 65.

Pluto square Pluto is now happening concurrently with Neptune square Neptune, so the life theme will be similar as the transits are concurrent. Neptune and Pluto are more similar than many acknowledge. Both have a quality of operating under the radar.

This transit can serve as a safeguard if the Saturn return has not been completed successfully; it's a second chance to restructure one's life in a way that works, both personally and professionally. However, the drive and necessity will now be more closely related to soul-level growth than worldly adulthood. The crisis of meaning will be less about activity and more about profound necessity and urgency, which must be honored.

This is the time to claim your soul, and your original instructions, if you have not done so. If you have, it's time to fully focus on your core purpose as a matter of life or death. Pluto has a way of setting the bottom line. This transit gives you leverage. It is a necessary and helpful step along the way to self-actualization.

Uranian opposition

— born approximately 1977-1979

This is the central midlife transit, sometimes referred to as the midlife crisis. In truth, its purpose is self-reinvention. This is applicable to all of the midlife transits, starting with the Saturn return. However, the Uranian opposition really is the mother of the invention of self by self. Bear in mind that by their early forties, many people are set in their ways. So the less flexible someone is, the more the crisis angle is emphasized. The more flexible, the more the transformation and reinvention angle is emphasized.

The Uranian opposition is the time to release stuck patterns, though this can come with a crisis because prior definitions and structures may not be able to contain the energy that comes with this transit. This can include newfound interest in sexual and creative experiences that are due to the kundalini rise that can come at this time.

A real measure of freedom is called for here. Life must be structured to allow for movement, change, progress and curiosity. At the Saturn return the theme is responsibility and taking a serious interest in adult business. At the Uranian opposition the theme is about being free to do something that is there for its own pleasure and for the sake of exploration.

On the other side of this transit, you may be a different person in ways you never would have imagined possible, or even dreamed of. Yet are you really different, or did you at last emerge as yourself?

This is an excellent time in life to do therapy and healing work. It is called for because rising energy is likely to contact the kinds of blocks and obstructions that need to be cleared so that the person can be free to experience their true talents and desires.

Those experiencing their Uranian opposition are born with Uranus in Scorpio. This placement has a strong drive for sexual experimentation, and the Uranus connection fires up curiosity and the drive for direct experience. Scorpio is one of the two most important signs associated with sexuality (the other being Libra) and Uranus is about exploration, invention, curiosity and rebellion.

It naturally has a touch of kink to it, though as has been pointed out by Barbara Hand Clow, there is a natural tendency toward bisexuality with this placement. In our own time, I would translate that to pansexuality, to the degree of intense curiosity.

Clow described the Uranian opposition transit as "the liquid light of sex," with the concept of energy moving through the chakra system. She proposes that the opposition of Uranus to itself is about a rise in kundalini. In my experience this is true. You cannot create a kundalini rise, though you can prepare for it, by clearing out your energy field, reducing your stress and anxiety, and honoring your feelings, including sexual feelings.

Though we deny this in our society, it is vital to connect sexuality to life force and to allow yourself to transcend blocks as the energy rises through your chakras. Pent up sexual energy and other blockages must now be addressed.

This will necessitate a review of your values and of your personal history, which is natural at this time in your life cycle. Whatever specific events occur, conducting this review is the underlying theme. This is not merely a mental accounting. It's happening on every level, including the one you observe. Astrology is uniquely suited to help you align the seemingly different concepts of existence (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, psychological, which are all imprecise terms of the same thing). It does not matter where you start this process. What matters is that you make the connections.

Important themes of this transit include determining whether you're in the right relationship, and doing work that helps you express your creativity. Anything that does not facilitate your growth could fall apart. You may be inspired to make changes you've wanted to make your whole adult life. Think back to what you were doing when you were about 29 or 30 (your Saturn return) for more information.

This is the time to allow your artistic expression to emerge and even flourish; many people do their best work in their forties. And for many, this is a time of peak sexual sensitivity and power.

Kundalini rises take many forms. They can feel deeply pleasurable, or they can manifest as pain if the energy rises and hits a blockage, which could be in any of the chakras. If you start to experience this, talk to an energy specialist who you know has some tantric experience and who you are certain is sex-positive.

Rising sexual energy (including curiosity about your own sexuality) is often suppressed because it might cause a disruption in a relationship (for example, if you start to awaken and develop a strong attraction to someone other than your partner). While it is possible to resist this kind of surge of power, it's not a good idea and can result in significant injury, to the physical or subtle bodies.

At the time of major Saturn transits, the structure is more important than the energy moving through it. At the time of Uranus transits, the structure must follow and serve the flow of energy. We have a problem in our society right now because so many people have become so rigid under the influence of digital conditions.

Uranus conjunct Chiron

— born approximately 1979

People born around 1979 have Chiron in Taurus (which in total spanned from mid-1976 through mid-1985, **check the ephemeris** for specifics) and are now having Uranus conjunct their natal Chiron. This may manifest as a transit similar to or more intense than the Uranian opposition, which for this astrological cohort is happening at the same time (due to the Uranus-Chiron opposition that lasted for decades). This transit will activate the energy aspect of Chiron.

It may also activate something distinctly physical. Chiron can hold trauma, and in Taurus, this could be to the body and the emotional field. This transit could provoke

whatever pain and injury Chiron is holding. Chiron in Taurus is about trusting your body, and that whole concept is under attack right now.

Chiron represents the holistic principle, and was discovered in 1977, when it was in Taurus. The late 1970s were a time of rapidly rising awareness of the mind-body-spirit concept of what a person is. Now, this is being pulled apart in dangerous ways.

Under this transit, Chiron will serve as a lightning rod to ground the surge of power into your body, which means you may be experiencing unusual shifts or disturbances now that relate to whatever your Chiron placement is about. Therefore, it will help to understand your Chiron, and for that it will be necessary to study your Chiron themes. You can do this by studying its house placement, its aspects, and your past transits.

To the extent that your Chiron represents unresolved or untended injury, you may experience a flareup of whatever that is about, and now would be an excellent time to seek holistic healing. If you are having what seem to be medical issues, make sure that you consider them from the widest perspective, rather than the limited and mechanistic model of Western medicine.

Due to the Chiron in Taurus connection to Uranus, this transit will be about the kundalini and energy aspects of sex as it relates directly to your physical vehicle, not a concept of what you think sex should be about. This transit is therefore likely to shake up your concepts and represent an awakening, however painful it might be — or however pleasurable — or both. Love brings up everything unlike itself — for a while, anyway — and that may be what you are experiencing.

Take it slow. Focus on your awareness. Listen to what your body is telling you.

Pluto opposite Saturn and square Chiron

— born approximately 1975-1976

This one has been going on for a while for some people, and is now peaking for many born in 1975 and 1976. At the time of your birth, there was a square pattern between Saturn and Chiron. Aspects between Saturn and Chiron are a kind of puzzle where you will be looking or feeling for the opening in the structure: a kind of hidden keyhole, or secret way in or out of some sort of containment. These are useful aspects because Chiron provides a necessary means of ingress or egress. The houses involved will tell you more about what is inside, whatever that thing is; consider them carefully.

Chiron was slow and powerful in late Aries — far from the Sun and about to be discovered (that was in November 1977). Saturn was in Cancer, where it holds tremendous power and is evocative of family karma or, in this lifetime, a situation without much nuzzling or comforting. Women thought they were finding their voice in this era, and there was great emphasis on making sure everything was fair and square, which generally was about women and did not apply to children. In family life in many homes, it was an unstable and angry time.

Another provocative influence was Chiron in Aries, which was driving tribalism, identity politics, and a kind of self-focus that fortunately had the occasional practical, helpful manifestation. For example, lots of people went to therapy and took part in group

process. The approaches at the time taught people to wake up to their own actual reality rather than some preconceived or packaged notion of it.

There were a lot of divorces and a lot of single moms. Many places, kids got the short end of the bargain on all this empowerment and "finding myself" stuff. Many of the kids had to hold their feelings inside (Saturn in Cancer), and this provoked both self-quest and an injured sense of one's being: for many, the experience of not belonging (Chiron in Aries).

This condition could go back a long time, with Saturn and Chiron involved. The result now is some deeper truth about who you are that is bottled up by some circumstances or past history. For example, some extreme conditioning by your family pressuring you to be something or someone you are not. And there is always this sense of either trying to get out of a box of some kind, or to find your way in and make a discovery.

From time to time, planets pass through this natal pattern, emphasize the condition involved and turn up the heat and the pressure. Saturn was in the neighborhood in 2018 and 2019. The pattern will come into play again at the time of your Chiron return in 2025-2026 or thereabout.

However, at the moment, Pluto is in the pattern, making an opposition to natal Saturn and a square to natal Chiron. There are no transits like Pluto transits. It's like this force emerges from the invisible realm and takes over. In Capricorn, it's necessary to factor in the massive upheavals now going on in society as being part of what is driving these changes for you. Yet astrology always points to something within yourself, no matter what it may say about the world around you.

When Pluto meets Saturn, it's like the unstoppable force encounters the immovable object. Something has to give, and I suggest that it be you: flex, and offer yourself to the process. Pluto is the evolutionary force that is here to help you penetrate your past conditioning with the full-on power of soul.

Pluto is also making a square to Chiron in Aries. Here is where injury and self-doubt go full shamanic and the wound becomes the power-wound: the thing that ensures that growth proceeds in the direction of progress, strength, healing and the ability to assist others. You may decide there was a reason that your childhood conditions were the way they were; that is, you may notice that even if things were rough, that created conditions without which you could not be yourself today. You would not be you.

Part of the process here would seem to be about forgiving the circumstances of your early childhood and allowing for the fact that your parents were only human. Yes, as a child, you saw them as the incarnations of the gods and goddesses; though in reality, they were just folk, living through what was for many a complicated, chaotic time in social history.

As this transit develops, you are going to go through cascades of changes. With Saturn involved, mind the structure of your life and make sure it serves you. With Chiron involved, stay close to your internal locus of identity. That is the direction of travel, and the nature of your awakening: into yourself and your inner reality.

Chiron return

— born approximately 1970-1973

The Chiron return is the last of the midlife transits and the first of those leading into elderhood. It's the culmination and — in a sense — the assembly point of all major transits that have come before it, particularly involving itself, Saturn and Uranus. Even if you have done your work during these prior transits, you may be surprised how much you have left at the Chiron return, though that is the nature of growth.

Many people experience a health crisis at this time; many leave the planet. Of all the transits, this is the most helpful to engage in a fully conscious way. This does not happen in a minute. Done correctly, the Chiron return becomes a vocation. Also recall that one of the most important themes of Chiron is mentorship. At this time, it will be helpful to work with a more experienced teacher, or with an astrologer who has seen many people through their Chiron return (not all astrologers are interested).

Collective Themes of the Chiron Return

Those having the Chiron return now were born with Chiron conjunct Eris in Aries, which was exact for a short time in the very early 1970s (1971 and 1972, with a margin on either side). This was an aspect of great potential, of mass awakening, and of the collective drive to self-actualization, and some of this actually happened.

Chiron-Eris was an aspect every bit as historically relevant as extremely rare conjunctions in its class: for example, Uranus conjunct Pluto of 1965-1966, or to give another example, Uranus conjunct Neptune in 1993. But because it involves two "minor" planets, it does not get much discussion.

Most of those experiencing it at the time responded in a way that you might call trendy. This was the era of alleged bra-burning as a statement of women's liberation. Did that ever happen except once on TV?

Toward the end of the Vietnam War, the peace movement (which was itself an outgrowth of the earlier Civil Rights movement) fragmented into about 10 competing sects. These included Women's Lib, the ecology movement, the New Age, the health food movement, the gay and lesbian movement, the student movement, the contemporary racial rights movement (as it evolved post-MLK) and many, many others that were seen incorrectly to be mutually exclusive or in some way competitive.

Other social trends at this time included the beginning of a new anti-abortion and anti-feminist movement. Part of the backlash was against the Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade* — the decision that affirmed a woman's right to choose to end a pregnancy.

This backlash in part resulted in the defeat of the elegant **Equal Rights Amendment**. It watered the seeds of what became neoconservatism, and a nascent men's self-awareness movement that was ridiculed in popular culture as tree-hugging.

Additionally, the digital revolution for which Eris in Aries is infamous was well underway, though largely out of sight of the population.

At the time the Chiron-Eris conjunction occurred, there was great potential that was not realized. We could call it the "mind your hypocrisy" aspect. However, the fact that visible events occurred under Chiron conjunct Eris (with neither planet discovered at the time) is a claim to some credibility for the seed impulse that led to whatever distorted social reaction followed.

In other words, deep in the core of the Women's Liberation movement and all of the identity politics splinter movements, there is an element of something positive, even if it was not expressed or realized — and even if it was distorted and abused. It is questionable whether identity politics has developed into anything one could rightly call "progressive."

In my exploration of history, some of the best developments were made in the area of individual and group process therapy. Much of that was based on books that came out in the prior decade. There was an actual therapy movement in the wider culture; as best I can tell, there is not much of one today, and we are at a loss for it.

Individual Themes of the Chiron Return

Remember that Chiron in Aries is not about what you identify with, what button you wear or where you march in the pride parade. Chiron in Aries is about who you actually are. Society is plastering us with identity concepts, and the internet is stripping people of any sense of their inner being; your Chiron return will be about discovering or rediscovering this.

This transit could summon the revolutionary in you, including the overthrow of all that has ever been false within you. You were born with the seed impulse of progress, radical self-actualization and awakening. It is now up to you to manifest it in ways more tangible, durable and honest than the movements of the early 1970s.

The Chiron return is the completion of one cycle associated with Chiron. For you, important dates occur at the age of other Chiron quad transits given in this discussion, specifically 1988 or so (your Chiron first square), 1996 (your Chiron opposition), 2003 (your Chiron second square).

I suggest you also contact us to find out when Chiron crossed your mundane angles (entered your 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses) — those transits fit the picture as well. Write down the events of the transits that you know and see if you can spot a pattern. Meanwhile, looking objectively at your life around the time of your quad alignments will get you quite far in your analysis.

At the Chiron return, all of the unfinished business of prior Chiron transits comes up for resolution and closure. Even if you have done your Chiron work for the past 50 years, you may be surprised what emerges for healing. It's essential that you keep on moving through whatever that may be. Seek trusted professional help, which under any Chiron transit must honor the holistic principle.

Studying the house placement of your natal Chiron is essential to understanding this, as is getting some sense of the quad transits that have come before, so be sure to factor that into your assessment process. (If you have your birth time we can look that up for you.)

Chiron conjunct the Saturn-Eris Conjunction

— born approximately 1967-1968

This is a transit that happens to very few people, all of them born in a narrow time range in the late 1960s. However, many people experience Chiron conjunct Saturn or vice versa. This is an important combination because of Chiron's connection to Saturn: all centaurs are orbit-crossers, and Chiron orbits inside of Saturn's path for a while during each 50-year cycle.

Saturn conjunct Eris was a peak '60s-era aspect that lasted between summer 1967 and spring 1968. The triple conjunction of Mars, Saturn and Eris on March 2, 1968 presaged the loss of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy in the coming weeks and months. This aspect represents the turning point when the peace and love '60s (symbolized by *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*) morphed into **Revolution 9.**)

In this aspect, Saturn seems to be keeping a lid on the aggression, grief and violence of Eris. It is also holding down the progress that Eris represents, which is about independence.

Chiron is now here half a century later to let off some of that pressure. Remember that this is not merely personal or private material involved when an aspect is so closely related to collective events. We are talking about society's karma, a topic in which few have interest in understanding. However, if you are having this transit now, that means it's time to go deeper into what is in truth collective property and not merely your own.

Saturn return - second

— born approximately 1962-1964

When all else fails, there is Saturn. Too often described as the lead balloon, Saturn is really the golden parachute, particularly when in Aquarius. This is a time to consolidate all previous learning and make the decisions necessary to structure your life the way you want it to be.

If the first Saturn return is about claiming your mission, the second is about claiming who you are in your entirety. For some this can involve ending one's professional life and starting anew. For others, it may mean creating some sort of legacy out of those professional years: training apprentices, writing a book, starting a foundation, or doing anything to give your work lasting value. For still others, the start of Saturn's second orbit may mean reframing one's professional activities into a more integrated and original form.

While there are important differences based on stage of life, in many ways this transit bears similarities to the first Saturn return. It involves the structure of one's material existence, relationships and work patterns.

The first Saturn return however is at one end of 'adulthood' (the beginning); the second is at the other end, when more has happened and time is more precious. While the first go-around (if done well) may have rightly involved taking on responsibility, the second

may be about letting go of responsibilities and claiming back one's time. For many (such as in civil service) this is a convenient retirement age.

In any event, the second Saturn return is the time to keep your promises to yourself, and to be real about what you want. Sadly, many people are thrust into survival dramas at this time, and so that will need to be the first thing addressed, following what you might call Saturn's Law of Necessity.

Based on this, I suggest you sort out needs from desires, and do everything that you can to focus on your desires. This may seem out of reach for many, particularly if struggling to support themselves at this time. However, an essential part of the healing process is to shift from necessity to desire.

In this respect, a change of orientation from career to vocation may be in order: this emphasizes the sense of calling, of desire, and of fulfillment of an inner purpose.

This is an important time for estate planning. Saturn is the lord of chronological time, and the second Saturn return may come with various messages that you are not immortal. Part of planning your legacy is planning for the time after you are gone from the planet, and with Saturn in Aquarius, that will inevitably involve plans for taking care of the people who have been supportive and loyal to you.

Historical Note: Uranus Conjunct Pluto in Virgo

In 1965 and 1966, Uranus formed a conjunction to Pluto in Virgo. While the exact conjunction lasted just nine months, the effects spread out for many years. Birth charts as early as 1962 and as late as 1968 have the full effects of this conjunction, which induced nothing less than a revolution in all of the arts and sciences, music, literature, aviation, education, computing technology, philosophy, social movements, and more.

This time span includes the political assassinations of Pres. John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. During this era, tens of thousands of American boys came home from Vietnam in body bags, and millions more were exposed to Agent Orange, along with the citizens of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

In many ways, we carry the mark of this era into every facet of our daily lives, in ways that are both obvious and subtle. However, under the full strength of the aspect, its era was characterized by playwright and theatrical director Andre Gregory as "the last burst of the human being before he was extinguished" and replaced by "all these robots walking around, feeling nothing, thinking nothing."

It was not an idyllic time, though it was a meaningful one, and those who were born during this era carry the conjunction with them as a feature in their natal charts. The question is, what are you doing with it? I have long suspected that the generation with this remarkable astrology has the tendency toward under-achieving. Yet with all your service-driven Virgo, it

was not easy for you to grow up in the shadow of the Pluto in Leo generation, which tended to (apparently) overpower the Pluto in Virgo generation.

The Boomers are slowly exiting the stage, and there is room for the passion, devotion and determination of Pluto in Virgo as a force for reckoning, and for solving the abundant problems our society now faces. Many of these involve technology, your Pluto placement suggests you may be able to work with it in a more relevant, intellectually grounded way than nonstop entertainment. That is a calling; now would be a great time.

Pluto opposite Uranus and square Neptune

— born approximately 1954-1957

There are a diversity of transits happening to charts in this range. At the moment Neptune is particularly strong, though there are a few others I will mention. Aspects involving multiple outer planets, with Neptune among them, almost always carry the theme of true versus false spirituality; of coming out of denial; and more than anything else, of engaging your creativity.

Between 1954 and 1956, Uranus and Neptune were in a long square aspect (90 degrees apart), from Cancer to Libra. In early 1954, Chiron in Capricorn entered the aspect pattern for a while. For the first three years of my career, I made a living reading Uranian opposition and Chiron square Chiron charts for this sub-generation — hundreds of them. People born in the 1950s are more interested in astrology than any other generation I've encountered. They have plenty of aspects to inspire that interest.

This was an extraordinarily powerful historical setup in its day, both socially and personally, representing the peak of the Civil Rights era (normally thought of as happening in the 1960s, the actual civil rights movement was first peaking in the mid-1950s). The world changed, seemingly irrevocably and to the dismay of many. It was a time of surrendering old values in a very short time. The painful Jim Crow era of segregation was coming to an end, or society was at least trying. Many of these gains are being reversed today as we enter a new phase of segregation.

Brown v. Board of Education was decided on May 17, 1954. Rosa Parks' famous ride at the front of the bus was on Dec. 1, 1955. This was also the era of the development of the hydrogen bomb, which was first tested in 1952 and which has a square pattern between Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Mars (and very loosely, Chiron). This was a massive, critical time in world history and its natives are often born with a special sense of destiny.

For you personally, this setup describes your spiritual quest and your search for the solid ground of accurate beliefs and a realistic worldview. It is about your values potentially clashing with those of the immediately prior generation. You 'get it' and quite possibly they do not.

Currently, Pluto is moving through this pattern, provoking deep changes in the lives of those experiencing it, as well as contradictions in society around racial issues. Pluto has been doing so for a few years and is today squaring natal Neptune in Libra in the charts of those born from 1954-1956. This is raising deep questions about relationships and

their nature or commitment. It could be called disillusioning in the sense that it is burning up illusions.

Transiting Pluto in Capricorn is creating a T-square (planets in the shape of a T) between Uranus and Neptune, bringing into contact the three modern planets (as they were known prior to discussions of Chiron and Eris). This is a provocative and life-changing transit, which is occurring during an age range where such transits are fairly rare. That you are having it now is based on the conditions of the year you were born rather than your specific age cohort. No other generation has gone through exactly this.

This transit is happening at the same time as Saturn square Saturn and opposite Jupiter for many in this age group, particularly 1956 births. (Many were born with the natal aspect Jupiter square Saturn in the mix. This creates a kind of 'gotta get it done' urgency that can only resolve with maturity.) You may feel like this is your last chance to accomplish something important. Right now Saturn moving into late Aquarius is helping you realize that potential and will keep reminding you to focus your priorities and do what is the most important.

Use your time efficiently. Know the difference between outer service work in the world and personal growth work for yourself. They can overlap though often they are different. Pay attention to and reflect on that distinction.

Chiron opposite Chiron - second

— born approximately 1945

The healing journey continues as Chiron makes its second opposition to its natal position, which last happened about 50 years ago, in the early 1970s. Look to that time in history for context. It was a very different time in your life and in the world. What were your expectations then and what are they now? What do you think about the person you were at that time, and of the choices that you made?

Additionally, events at the time of your Chiron return at age 50-51 will provide context. This is usually a profound time in personal history.

With this transit, you might ask: is one's healing process ever done? Does one ever stop growing? The answer to that has to be no; as long as you're alive, you learn, grow and heal. One of the rewards of this experience of growth is wisdom. Through much of 1945, Jupiter, Chiron and Neptune were all in Libra, and this would indicate a spiritual gift as well as an aesthetic one.

By the time this transit occurs, most people have made up their minds about who they are and what their purpose is. Your second Chiron opposition is encouraging you to be open-minded about everything, and to be flexible when it comes to making the adjustments and changes that will help you improve your life and fulfill your purpose.

Uranus return

— born approximately 1939

We started with a Sue Wilens quote: The transits come. I called her today. She's having her Uranus return. Weird stuff is happening — not bad, she said, weird. That is the nature of Uranus, the Lord of Strange.

Not everyone makes it to age 84, when this transit occurs. It is therefore not covered in any books that I know of. To have this transit, you have to be something of an old bird, and to appreciate it, to do something interesting with it, you need to be active and engaged — though it's one of those transits that can awaken even those who are pretending to be asleep.

Irrespective of age, the theme here would be total self-reinvention, from within yourself and in the world. Think back to the time of your Uranian opposition at age 42 and consider what you were doing, thinking and feeling then; consider that transit as a before-and-after moment and consider who you became. Try something new and bold; find some new people to hang out with (one theme of Uranus is involvement with groups). In any event, stay busy, or get busy. Spend as much time around young people as you can.

There is a lot of energy released with this transit, and it will need to go somewhere. Therefore, do what you can to stoke your interest in life and express yourself however you can. Get the help of friends to stay active and have new experiences: that is what this transit is all about — friends, and new experiences.

It is also about curiosity and hunger for life. Therefore, do what stokes your curiosity and your appetite for living. Find people who see you: to whom you are not invisible. Participate in the world around you in any way you can — any way whatsoever. ++

Afterword

Transits to the Angles and Personal Points, and a Thought or Two About Progressions

This e-book about transits leaves a few topics unaddressed, principally, transits to the horizon (ascendant and descendant), the meridian (the MC/IC), the Sun, the Moon and personal planets (these are called the *personal points*, and they also include the lunar nodes). I am planning this as the topic of my next work. Prior to that time, check the Planet Waves version of this e-book for an audio recording that covers the territory, at least in enough detail to get you going.

You may be able to infer from reading my descriptions of transits how the personal points might respond to them. The best thing you can do, though, is study times in the past when planets from Jupiter outward have made contact with any of the personal points. You might start with Chiron, the positions of which you may find in this **[printable ephemeris from Serennu](#)**.

If you map out your Chiron transits, particularly to itself, the Sun, the Moon and the angles, you will piece together a sense of how Chiron works for you. Combine this with study of the house and sign placement in your chart, and you will get a very nice 4D concept of Chiron as an active precipitator of change and growth.

Once you are done with Chiron, then plot the transits of Saturn and Uranus and you will understand how your personal points work, which becomes evident when the juice is turned up by a transit.

A Word or 600 About Progressions

Additionally, except in passing, I have not mentioned the topic of progressions. This is another method (actually, many different ones) of *showing that the chart is in motion, and reading the passage of time*. Yet instead of happening in 'real' time; meaning, normal chronological time, progressions are in a scale model of time, generally day-per-year. So for example, your progressions during your 30th year of life are the equivalent of your transits for your 30th day.

This seems strange; it is not supposed to work yet for some reason, it does. I consider this to be a real-life expression of chaos theory and fractals: the mathematics of the seemingly random patterns of nature (this explains much of astrology in eight words).

The thing about progressions is this: you must read very, very tight orbs: one degree applying, one degree exact, one degree separating (to both natal and other progressed planets). Aspects within these parameters are *progressed events*, usually lasting two to three years (except in the case of the Moon, which moves more quickly). You really have to put the chart under a microscope to see these, and it helps to read horary astrology since you have to do the same thing in much the same way to get the pulse on a horary chart: usually, a chart associated with a question.

I have two pretty good articles that cover progressions, and which explain the concept. One is about **Donald Trump's horoscope** the year he was elected president. Forget that you may not like Trump, and learn something from his astrology. In an article from the same era, I discuss the **progressions of Hillary Clinton**, though they are not as dramatic as those of Trump.

Another of the most extraordinary examples of progressions **are those of a young Orson Welles** at the time of the *War of the Worlds* broadcast in 1938. Cast and study these charts (Welles' natal, transits and progressed for that day) and you will have a sense of how progressions feel when they are ringing bells, which they do quite a lot.

If you want to self-study progressions, fortunately that is easy. Remember: don't try to exploit the chart for meaning. Just notice what is happening. Cast the current *quotidian secondary progressions* (Q2 method, same thing, this is a day-per-year approach that advances the angles in a logical way) for every natal chart you look at — every last one — and notice what you see.

Note where the Moon is and how long it's been in its current sign (in progressions, the Moon moves through a sign in about two-and-a-half years). Where is the Sun? (The Sun moves through a sign in about 30 years.) Are there any Moon-Sun contacts, such as a New Moon or Full Moon? Was there one recently or is one coming up?

Remember to use one-degree orbs. Notice how the themes and messages of the progressions rhyme and align with the messages of the transits, and use the comparison as a source of contrast and discussion.

Second, plot your own progressions at the time of major transit events. First cast the transiting planets around your natal chart (write by hand, I do not recommend the use of bi-wheels as you will miss a lot if you don't personally write it in). Then, cast your quotidian secondary progressions (Q2) and see if there are any parallel events, similarities or anything at all interesting that shows up.

Please do not be intimidated by how complex books and certain teachers make it all seem. Remember that you are doing divination, and for that, you only need to be sincere. Take your time. Work in layers, and let your charts slowly reveal their secrets by and by. And remember: they are your charts; astrology is your art.

You are your art.

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