

Leo Astrology Studio 2020-21

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Hello and welcome to Notes on Love and Courage, the 2020 into 2021 Astrology Studio for Leo and Leo Rising. My name is Eric Francis Coppolino, your astrologer for the next seventy-five minutes or so.

I have long anticipated doing this reading, wondering what might come out. This is such a profoundly transitional time for Leo; both in terms of what you have been through the past three years since that major eclipse in the summer of 2017, and additionally what is happening now, and then finally the major astrology that is upcoming with the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in your 7th house – right on the 7th house cusp.

Let's start with the Great American Eclipse that took place in the summer of 2017, this substantial event that drew a line across the United States – incredibly. I know not all my listeners are American; however, this eclipse was significant. It was in Leo first of all, and second, it was the first eclipse to ever do what it did – to cover the United States from coast to coast*.

That is to say that a shadow traveling at the speed of a jetliner drew a line across the United States, and people gathered on either side of that line and we had, I guess, in a sense, the last moment – and a fleeting transient moment – of unity in the United States, after all of this Trumpism took over.

In the lives of an individual eclipses can be tremendously challenging. And additionally, they can do everything from seeming like they derail your life to accelerating your growth. Sometimes these things seem to happen at the same time. Something that at the moment gives the impression that it's derailing your life actually turns out to be a kind of an evolutionary moment and presents you with an advantage. And

so, it's going to be very important that you do a kind of an audit of your life for the past three years – since August of 2017.

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It's hard to believe it's been three years ago. It seems like longer in some ways and much shorter in other ways, but here we are.

And there were a series of eclipses, by the way, across the Leo-Aquarius axis. When this happens one is usually shaken up a little bit, and there is a sense of karma being activated and there can be the sense of the hand of fate on your shoulder – whether you like what it does, or whether you want it there or not is another story. But there is no question that these years and seasons since the summer of 2017 represent a before-and-after moment for you, and now you are clearly in the 'after' side of the effect of eclipses, and in the before stage of what's about to happen in Aquarius, right in your relationship house or environment house.

Hold that thought. I want to keep giving a little bit more background just to catch you up and hopefully give you the idea that you have been through all this for some relevant reason or purpose.

So after the eclipses were in Leo and Aquarius, they moved into Cancer and Capricorn. Cancer and Capricorn are an extremely sensitive axis in your chart, because the sign Cancer is the one right before your Sun or your rising sign, which in astrology is called the 12th house. And then, Capricorn is in the 6th house opposite the 12th house, and the 6th house is where important matters like health come into play; and your relationship to the work that you do is influenced by events in the 6th house.

And so, between those two things, your health and your relationship to the work that you do, that's a big deal – that 6th house contains a lot of information and a lot of karma. And you have had Pluto working its way through there since early 2008. And then since late 2017, right around the time of the Great American Eclipse, Saturn was in your 6th house, which is a major

indicator of what you need to get clear on, what you need to clear up; and it is also likely to have served as some kind of a serious wake-up call regarding how you take care of yourself and your health.

So, whatever might have been going on – I would strongly encourage you to make sure you have fully taken the lessons on board, that you have learned everything you need to know, and put everything that you need to do into practice; because you have been getting these health cautions and stress cautions over and over again. And you still have time to address the matter, and you still have time to cultivate the positive habits and to let go of the things that you don't need, and essentially, to get organized around the principle of taking care of yourself as the first thing that you do, so that this way you can do everything else. **[8:00]**

So all this 6th house activity is still going on in Capricorn. There is still one more major conjunction of Jupiter and Pluto. That by the way is a series of three that span out across all 2020 – I believe April, June, and November. This represents the spiritual breakthrough associated with all of the trials and challenges in the 6th house. The need to make modifications of your routines and the urgent necessity to do work that is meaningful to you.

I recognize that if many people had to hold their lives to a standard of dharma for their daily work, they would probably agree that they're not really doing that, and also would think that it was damn near impossible to do that. I assure you it is not only not impossible; it is a kind of an urgent necessity in your life at this time that your work be your central thing that keeps you connected to the meaning of your life.

This can take learning. It can require you to make adaptations. There is certainly not much in the way of easy money with this kind of a bar to set – that what you do has to be spiritually relevant and meaningful. Your money must come from spiritually relevant and meaningful activity. But this is not impossible and

it's vitally important to not consider it impossible, to pretend that it's impossible, to pretend that you can get by without doing this. And it is intimately related to your health and your overall motivation. **[10:26]**

Meanwhile, particularly a bit recently through a bunch of 2020 and especially the past few months, there has been a lot of activity going on in the sign Cancer, which is probably the most sensitive angle in your chart because it is the one right before your sign or rising sign. As I mentioned, that is called your twelfth house.

And what you've had brewing around there is another series of eclipses. There were a couple in the 6th also. There has been Mercury retrograde in there. Then on June 21st there was an annular solar eclipse right in the 1st degree of Cancer. That went on simultaneously with a somewhat complicated Mercury retrograde which is still working its way out.

The theme or idea here is that there is unresolved emotional material that you are ready to clean up, to tie up the loose ends and to make your decisions about who and what you are. And I think more than anything not to be driven by unconscious emotions or feelings that you may have, that at the same time you may not acknowledge; and if you do acknowledge them it may be the kind of thing where you keep acknowledging over and over again but then you don't actually make the decisions that you need to make in order to make the changes that you need to make. And the issues just linger around.

Maybe they show up for a while and then they disappear, and that's convenient enough because they're not demanding attention, but then they come back. And so, I would suggest recognizing what those particular matters are that seem to disappear but then seem to unexpectedly reappear in some new form and then you're left having to address them.

In a similar sense the kinds of emotional patterns that leave you to make the same mistakes repeatedly. This is another example of what disappears behind the scenes, what is not always available for healing. To make sure that these things, these ideas are very much available, and you keep them where you can see them and you understand the long trajectory adjustments that you're making and incorporate into your life, the ability to make them on a regular basis. That you work it out a little bit every day, instead of just letting things go by the wayside and having the value that out of sight is not only out of mind but out of necessity. Just because you can't necessarily see it going on at any given time does not mean that it is out of necessity.

And so part of you restructuring your life in support of your wellbeing means being hip to this and being the kind of person who is continuously involved in the resolution of the past, rather than doing, sadly, as most humans do, just heaping the new karma on top of the old karma and living in the middle of that kind of thing.

And I say this all because you want to remove any obstacle to living out your destiny, because your destiny is worth living out. You've got things coming that you are going to want to have room for, and that means having a kind of wide perspective and seeing all that you need to see about yourself and about the world. And then I think that, most significantly, that you essentially be in a constant space of preparation and clearing.

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There's one lingering matter in this whole department that I just noticed in the chart for the moment that I'm working and it's a rather bold reminder – maybe it will mean something to you – it's indicated in the aspect Mercury square Chiron. They're in an exact square. It's only about thirteen minutes apart, it's less than a quarter degree – very close as I'm working right now.

This is the third time this aspect has happened in a short time because of the Mercury retrograde repeating certain aspects,

particularly one to Chiron and the topic here is making sure that... well, first observing, and then you can remediate in some way whether you doubt your own intelligence and the ability to guide your life. Whether you doubt that you are up to the task mentally or emotionally.

You are up to the task, but there are influences that have led you to feel injured in ways that you might be, or that you might be that are not that big, but then they just seem like they're bigger, they just seem like they're more relevant or debilitating. Remind yourself that you possess the capacity to make the changes and the adaptations in your life; that your intelligence, in particular your emotional intelligence, which is a kind of a congruousness of the heart and the mind.

That's emotional intelligence. The consistency, the working with the heart and the mind is one idea that anything you think or feel or do can be reckoned with both and that you're not just emoting or thinking or feeling loving thoughts but rather that you can get them all going at the same time.

But just to finish sharpening the point on this Mercury-Chiron aspect – when that comes up it's very helpful to check for childhood influences that say, basically, you're not smart enough to do this. Adults tell kids this all the time. So-called superiors at work tell people this all the time and many people are made to feel as if they lack some form of the innate capacity to have intelligence, access their intelligence, and make use of your intelligence for your own benefit and for that of your community.

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You have it and whatever this lack of faith and confidence in yourself is – keep it where you can see it. Keep it right out in the open and make sure that you account for the many ways that you have overcome your challenges already, and give yourself credit for those. Give yourself a break from the idea that you're destined to make the same mistakes over and over again. You

are not. It is up to you, and your world is about to change very fast.

In the next segment of this reading I want to begin to introduce some of those ideas, starting with the inner planet retrogrades and then all of this is leading up to the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on your 7th house cusp on December 21st. Before we take the break and I start to look at these inner planet retrogrades and a few other things, I want to place a thought here: the journey that you are going to fully embark on at the end of the year – whatever that is, whatever that means. It could involve a place, a time, work, or relationship, a new project, or a completely new relationship to your environment.

This has already begun because Saturn spent a portion of 2020 – from sometime in March to early July, Saturn visited Aquarius. And so, you got a glimpse of an energetic test of, you got to dip your toe in the water of the kinds of advantages and challenges that you will have in a different form from 2020 out to about 2023 – Saturn makes its journey across your 7th house and Aquarius.

There are going to be some dark stupid things about Saturn in Aquarius. I can tell you with a decent foundation in classical astrology, and much experience and life experience, that Saturn in Aquarius is one of the best things in all of astrology. And woe betide anyone who tries to ruin such a beautiful and positive thing for people. It speaks of your involvement and your investment in your community. It speaks of a practical and realistic, socially conscious approach to all that you do. It speaks to the quality and appropriateness of your relationships and comes with many, many, many other advantages. **[22:29]**

The cautionary side of Saturn in Aquarius, and again I'm a bit ahead of myself here – this is really stuff for the third segment, but I just want to put some ideas in your mind – is that you have to have the right friends. You cannot hang out with the wrong people. By the wrong people I mean the ones who are not socially

conscious and actually responsible, loving, and supportive of who you are.

So this is not just virtue signaling. It's not just feigning how wonderful people are. It's about having the right relationships with the right people, including your most intimate relationships and your partnerships, your business-type partnerships, and the collective realities that you hang out in, because sooner or later the theme of the group manifests in Aquarius.

That is an important element of dharma, is making sure that you are in the right relationships and hanging out with the right groups of people. And there will be, if you just dust for fingerprints and reconstruct the narrative of the past approximately four months – you will see that there were lessons about this that were dropped in.

They are relevant. They matter a lot. You are only at the beginning but this gave you a clue of what you might, say, for example want to make sure that you get a handle on prior to the re-entry of Saturn into your 7th house in December, simultaneous with entry of Jupiter into your 7th house which basically changes everything. And I've got ideas about how to describe that combination of Jupiter and Saturn working together in your 7th house. We'll get to those after I make sure I've covered some of the details on these inner planet retrogrades.

The love part of this reading, Love and Courage, is about having clarity in your 7th house and understanding the beauty of what the Greeks called "agape," unconditional brotherly love. The courage part is that Saturn just demands courage. There is only one way to respond to Saturn, though some would say humility, and I would say that is true, but you have to have courage in your heart to stand face-to-face with the necessities and the realities of life. From the looks of things, you are working out that equation. **[25:38]**

One way to think of everything that has happened since the summer of 2017, possibly before, but let's just use that as a demarcation point – up until late 2020 is as preparation. Preparation for what? Preparation for whatever this next bold, major phase of your life is going to be about in the coming years.

The astrology that describes the very end of 2020 forward out to about 2044, believe it or not, what we get beginning of the end of 2020 commences a 24-year new phase. It is a whole other slice of the orange. You will not recognize your life once you see what was possible that you invoked and were able to engage with, and to get the maximum value out of these forthcoming transits in Aquarius you have to get stuff out of the way.

And one of the ways that the cosmos signifies getting stuff out of the way is through eclipses. We've talked something about that. You've had a series of eclipses in your sign and your opposite sign and in your 12th house – the most sensitive part of almost any chart, and in your 6th house – perhaps the second most sensitive part in any chart. And now in 2020 one of the preparatory measures is a pair of important inner planet retrogrades – particularly Venus and Mars. **[28:30]**

The Venus retrograde which began in May and went through late June is still working itself out. Venus is still crossing the territory where it was retrograde, and that was in Gemini and still is in Gemini, not retrograde anymore.

So while we're there let's contemplate what that was about, because in a sense it's not over. Because first of all the retrograde, though in direct motion you're still in the second shadow phase of that. And where Gemini lands in your chart is in the 11th house.

In the great big chart in the sky called the solar chart, the placement of houses, that is to say the placement of signs relative to one another in many ways fabulously describes some of the most essential character orientations of a person. Where

you have Gemini is on the 11th house. The 11th house is considered by many astrologers to be the best house. It's a visionary house. It is where you find your friends and the benefits of your friends and your friends with benefits.

Additionally, it's where it's signified to find the money from your profession. It's the second of the 10th and anything that's the second of something is involved with the money from that thing. Right? So, the second house from the 1st is your personal money, your assets, your tools, the things that you depend on that you consider wealth. The second of the 7th, that is to say the house after the 7th – the relationship house – is where you have shared resources with other people.

And so, these 2nd-8th pairs exist all throughout the chart and that's a private, intimate form of money that you either saved up, or that you inherited, or that you got through marriage.

The 11th house is the benefit that you gained from your work efforts. That is to say, from professional activities. So, the beauty of the 11th is that is where all of your support comes from. That is where we are supported in life is through the 11th house. And what to remember there is the essential asset value of your friends. **[31:23]**

So then what happened is a Venus retrograde. This is an unusual retrograde because the nodes of Venus – kind of like the lunar nodes – the nodes of Venus are in Gemini and Sagittarius. That means that the previous two times that there was a Venus retrograde in Gemini – that would mean in 2004 and in 2012 there was a transit of Venus. That is to say, Venus went across the Sun.

They were both very famous events and they only happen in pairs like eclipses (usually happen in pairs) separated by eight years every century or so. So we were among the few and the proud and the rare who lived through this transit of Venus and because of telescopes (maybe the last set had telescopes, I don't

know how many before that and they certainly weren't publicly available telescopes.) we all got to see this transit of Venus – whether in photos – I saw one at Avebury Henge in 2004, and so forth.

So, these were momentous Venus retrogrades for you. These were tremendous because they did something that called attention to or shifted your relationship to the wider society.

One of the properties of the 11th is it represents your circle of friends, but that goes right out to where your circle of friends end and the public begins. So, it's kind of like your friends and their friends – like on Facebook.

The line of the 11th house is kind of like just outside of your friend circle because it's like whoever you might meet if you go to a party. It's not the general public. That's a further circle out, where you're encountering all these people that you not only don't know, but that you're never going to meet and you'll probably never hear from. So, the 11th is kind of local and it's where you encounter your personal public.

And so, there is first of all real affability with Gemini there. This is a tremendous advantage that you have. The ability for strong Leo types of people to be confident and conversant in public settings is not all about how bold and brash you are. There's something better going on and that something is your ability to speak people's language.

For example, even go to the 48th annual convention of widget manufacturers, marketers, and distributors and spend enough time listening to people talking about widgets (like half an hour) then for the rest of the weekend you can engage everyone in conversations about widgets. That's a real gift.

It's exactly the kind of skill a salesman or a reporter needs. But you're just using it as part of your workday, social life, and day in day out. It grants you access – always through people and always

because you can speak the language of the people in their own environment well enough to just get by and get along.

Right? You know that if you're in France and you say hello in French, or any language of the country you're in, you're doing much better than if you walk up to people and start speaking to them in English. It's always better to say in their language, "Hi, I'm Judy and I'm from Arkansas and my French is not so good but I will do my best and maybe somebody speaks a little bit of English."

That's the Gemini approach, but you're even funnier and better than just having a little bit of skill; you actually can learn languages very quickly. Particularly if the technical demands are not so intense, but the social requirements are what you're paying attention to.

So, what does Venus retrograde have anything to do with this? I reckon that the events of the spring and summer of 2020 are somehow related to what happened in 2004 and 2012, or more to the point what didn't happen in 2004 and 2012 that finally did manifest. If you look back, you should be able to thread the loops of these eight-year cycles and get a sense of what this was about.

The thing to pay attention to is your social orientation. Now, one thing we can say for sure about your social orientation is that this Venus in Gemini, including that Venus retrograde, has – in many parts of the United States and many other parts of the world – has ended normal social behavior. There are not, for a while anyway, going to be these large groups of people to walk into, and cocktail parties with 50 to 200 people, and opening night meet and greet, unless people are mummified wearing PPE and there is positive airflow in the room. **[37:14]**

We are all living in a new social environment. The social environment and the professional environment for you are very

close together and they all involve the ability to jive and groove with people.

The thing that has happened is that essentially this wild and largely inexplicable response to Covid has pushed many things onto the internet that were either partially there, or mostly there, or not there at all – have all been shoved onto the internet. This has had the effect of leveling the ground.

There are many people whose influence, power, fame and fortune came from the ability to do things in front of audiences for example. And what we have now is a temporary advantage for those who are not necessarily wildly famous previously but who maybe deserve to be much better known than they are.

Those who are able to work the digital realm with acuity have a much greater advantage and those who were more than willing to take some risks and meet people in person and do things like that have an even better acuity. The way to proceed with all of this is without fear and with awareness and understanding and to not live like we are about have neutron bomb go off that's going to kill all the people and leave all the buildings where they were, because that's certainly what it seems like is going on in a lot of places.

Okay, so there is this adaptation (and you probably know exactly what I'm talking about) to the new conditions of the social realm and marking all of the changes and being philosophical and adventurous about mapping out these differences. But the main one is the leveling of the playing field.

The people who were able to command \$25,000 for a speaking engagement now cannot do that. This puts the people who are able to draw an audience to an online event in a much better position. Just to give one concept of that. **[40:05]**

Let's talk about Mars retrograde. That is warming up. That goes between September 9th and November 13th, although it was, I

believe on July 1st that Mars first entered Aries** and then it will be in early January that Mars leaves Aries (as far as I understand that correctly). Mars has about a six-month stay in Aries.

With the inner planets, particularly Venus, Mars and Mercury; I consider the retrograde to be the entire duration of the time when it's retrograde. When it splits a sign, I use a slightly modified formula, but in this case all of Venus retrograde was in Gemini. All of Mars retrograde is going to be in Aries.

These are prolonged experiences of adjusting and adapting. Right? Adjust and adapting. We get a very interesting picture of adjusting and adapting when we consider the 9th house where Mars will be retrograde. This is one of the fire houses in your chart. Not the local firehouse engine company three. But rather a house with fire on that sign and it is one of the spiritual houses.

The 9th is where you seek your spiritual knowledge and fortunes and your wisdom, and where you go to university and study the advanced level of your profession. It used to be the house associated with churches and therefore with matters related to God. Now it's more closely associated with spirituality and also with things exotic and distant.

That includes your sense of belonging in the cosmos. Cosmos being the thing that's supposed exotic and distant, but you personally are present in the immediate reality and it's very exciting that you have Aries on the 9th house.

So the 9th house can include one's God concept. If you've read a book called *A Stranger in a Strange Land*, one of the things that Valentine Michael Smith, who I always think of as an Aries. I mean we don't have any idea of when he was born but in this fantastic science fiction novel from the early 1960s I believe, Valentine Michael Smith – he's from Mars – that's probably why I think of him as an Aries. He's a human born on Mars and he comes back to Earth with all these special powers.

In that book is the expression *thou art God*. That does not mean that you are the omniscient, omnipotent God of all creation but rather that you are your own personal manifestation of the Godhead, of the spiritual fountain that exists within each one of us. And so there's something about the personal religion of Leo not wanting to seek God outside of one's self.

Congratulations! You're like one of the original innovators of this highly useful concept that God is not an old man floating around in the sky, but rather God is a state of mind. God is a connection to prime Source and prime Creator, but without your involvement there is nothing. **[43:40]**

You don't want a minister. You don't want someone to tell you the nature of reality. You want to personally go and experience the nature of reality and let it shape you. And that may mean taking whatever trips you want to take. It may mean going on whatever adventures you want to go on.

However, very notably, worth writing in lipstick on the mirror – your concept of what is spiritual is all that is actually human. It's not about splitting human up in some way and saying, 'well, that part of human is not so spiritual (like for example women and sex according to the Catholics), and this part is really spiritual, like the sky and these pretty words and this special book that is the only book, the Bible. Bible just means book. Okay, that is plainly ridiculous.

Your concept of spiritual is the reality of who you are. That's the spiritual thing through the filter of Leo and it's one of the things that you are here to teach us and help us learn. Which also means, since you teach which you need most to learn, then that's a very handy thing to learn to know and to experience and play with, because when you've got Mars going on and Aries going on – that's a lot about getting the experience that teaches you. Put that in the 9th house and that's about going to place that you need to go and doing that in all earnestness.

Now Mars is going to be retrograde, doing some fancy maneuvers in Aries, and one of the things that is included in that is the recent conjunction getting in place to be retrograde conjunct Chiron. Chiron entered Aries in the spring of 2018 and then over the course of one year transitioned from Pisces, where it had been for about seven years, into Aries – your 9th house.

Barbara Hand Clow very wisely said there are two main facets of Chiron. There is the healing quality of Chiron and then there is the quest quality of Chiron. So you might think about the healing quality of Chiron that is said to be associated with Virgo and the quest quality of Chiron is said to be associated with Sagittarius – the sign of the quest. Right? Virgo is the sign of healing, medical arts and nursing. Okay, that makes sense. There's a real fit there with Chiron.

And then there's the quest, and notably Sagittarius is guarded by the constellation Centaurus. It's also the Galactic Center. It's also center of the Laniakea group of 100,000 galaxies. Sagittarius is a big deal and I think in very beautiful ways Chiron is a representative of Sagittarius and that is what it's doing in your chart right now.

The healing quality always exists. The need to question the past and help make up for necessities in the past that were missing in some way. **[47:17]**

But then there's the quest aspect. I'm going to go find out for myself. I'm not just going to believe what someone says. I'm going to go climb up that volcano and look down in there at the boiling lava and decide for myself if the volcano is a god. If you do that, you're going to have an experience no matter what. You're going to learn something. You may not get an early answer but you're going to advance the cause of that inquiry.

So what Chiron in Aries in the 9th house is saying is, your entire life is a quest to find yourself. Your entire life is an inquiry into the truth and the nature of your reality and the nature of your

relationship to existence. The 9th is always about that but when you start to make it so personal with Aries there's nothing abstract about that. That is to say, particularly now with Chiron, your quest is to discover who you are. And like all things in the 9th that might just mean going a few places and finding out.

When you do that just remember, every stage in the journey is part of the ritual. Even packing your suitcase to go to Delphi, is going to Delphi. The moment you commit, and you open your suitcase and you start putting in your travel toothbrush and your socks, that's part of the quest. That's part of what is called the *theoria*. The journey to the truth and every step along the way of the journey to truth counts.

Now, what is particularly interesting is that there's going to be a Mars retrograde in this area of your chart. And this to me, as far as I can read this is an inquiry into the past (indicated by the retrograde) asking about all the judgments that have been put on you in the past; including about your volition, your willpower, your desire, your motivations, and the dimension of your sexual desire.

Many of these things are treated hellaciously by 9th house type institutions. 9th house institutions are things like the church or the courts, but religion has been particularly evil toward the human element of being human and has always tried to subvert that down to, 'well, you have to be more like god, and god is like this light shining down from the sky,' which is another way of saying, 'you're better off dead.' Better off in heaven means you're better off dead.

But no, you are here to have a human experience. You're here to experiment with reality. You're here to find out the nature of who you are by being who you are and experiencing all facets of being who you are. And though there have been questions heaped upon all of us through religion, now you've got this moment where you can start asking yourself some questions. **[51:01]**

Mars retrograde has only begun in terms of Mars entering Aries and it's got to be hanging out where this retrograde is going to end. Maybe we'll get there in a couple of days. But the presence of Mars stirs the pot of the 9th house. It stirs the pot of this question of, who am I? Right?

So the sign Aries has this kind of keynote phrase, I AM. Mars retrograde in Aries has a key phrase, who am I and who might I be? And put that in the 9th house and you've got who might I be in relationship to existence? Who am I to existence? Not only who is the nature of God, for example. What is the nature of God, or Goddess, or Prime Creator? But who am I in the perception of Prime Creator? That's a very useful question to ask yourself, because from the standpoint of prime creation there's only one of you and without that one of you this universe is not complete in any way. **[52:20]**

I hope I've related the ways in which these two inner planet retrogrades represent this questing quality; in the case of Venus, for who you are in your social environment and your relationship to all of these social assets you have and the way in which you serve your community. And the Mars retrograde in Aries, which has not yet happened; being about where you personally stand in relationship to the much wider social reality of all the gods and goddesses, saints and angels, and Prime Creator. Which is a direct experience.

One thing we can say for sure about Chiron is that it is experiential. It wants to find out for itself. And the 9th house is generally not an experiential house. That's an interesting about the 9th. The 9th is usually something that's theoretical or theological, which I even wonder how the entire field of theology even exists. It seems to be either pure speculation or just a discussion of ethics.

Okay. All preparation, all 12th house activity – preparation, all the 6th house activity – all that Capricorn, still unfolding – preparation; then one day all at once, very quickly in the days

leading up to December 21st the two largest planets, Jupiter and Saturn, comprising approximately 23,000 times the size of the Earth, and probably 1,000 times the mass of Earth***, form a conjunction. Which only happens every 20 years, and that conjunction takes place exactly in the first degree of your 7th house. That's what I would call your event horizon.

The entire horizon line is, it is the physical horizon. In this case it is symbolic because we're talking about the conceptual horizon of you orienting your chart on Leo. Therefore, the first degree of Aquarius is the point of entry into the very horizon-like sign of the 7th house.

And what we get in the 7th house is really two things. One is a study in relationships, and one is a study in the total environment that you perceive, feel, and experience yourself to be living in – is your total environment. You exist in relationship to your environment. And your personal relationships and your partnerships enter your life through your environment in some way. So, the 7th is a vitally important house, and this is where this one-time-only conjunction takes place – this conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. **[56:15]**

Now, if you recall, the year began with the conjunction of Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn, your solar 6th, or 6th if you're Aquarius rising. And that conjunction, along with a few other things has been what has led us into and in many ways through this insane mishegas of what we are still witnessing now.

Right? It is a breakdown of the social order. It is a breakdown of the establishment. And out of that loss of structure is potential. Potential for things to go very badly, but also for potential for things to go quite brilliantly. Particularly in an individual life where you're making your decisions based on your perception of your reality and your ability to stay tuned with your environment.

But to begin with all of this difficult to pin down and follow and make sense of activity in Capricorn in your 6th house is going to

very quickly give way to a huge shift in your environment – things appearing before you that are very large. Of all the planets if they were seen in the scale of what they would like rising, imagine being able to see Jupiter rise, and also notice how big it is. Now add to that watching Saturn rise at the same and notice how big it is.

We're talking about two solar systems. These things have like 60 moons each. They're comparable in many ways to the Sun. Jupiter and Saturn are solar systems. And so, to me this talks about probable selves – borrowing a line, I believe from Seth.

You are going to have your options open and you do not need to leap on this. You do not need to take the first option that presents itself to you.

First of all, I would strongly suggest reviewing this year's spell of Saturn in Aquarius between March and June very carefully. And then I would recommend hanging out in your new environment and not acting before you feel like you've got a sense of your environment, and your surroundings, and who you are and what you're actually doing. But bide your time. Which means abide in your time. Be present for yourself. Start to see these very large sets of options and note them, note the presence of people who appear, and most significantly note the changes in another version of your social environment – which is having Aquarius on the 7th. **[59:43]**

Aquarius on the 7th means that part of your whole ability to relate to other people comes from your ability to exist in a social reality. Thankfully in these times Aquarius also indicates existing within a technological reality and in our lifetimes the majority of socializing has become a digital thing.

But this is not your destination. This can't just be where you go. You need to have human contact, human experience, human understanding and this includes with groups. I don't care how big they are. I'm not quite sure when this is going to be, but bear in

mind that Saturn will take until 2023 or 2024 to clear Aquarius. Jupiter will only take one year and then it will enter Pisces and then you're in another location. You're in another state of being.

What you're working up to in essentially less than one year is a rare opportunity of having both Jupiter and Saturn in your 7th house. And so, the question is what's actually changing? What are you noticing about your reality? What is becoming available?

Now there's an interesting combination of forces that Jupiter and Saturn working together indicate. It can be very helpful to you. You want to use Saturn as a space clearing device to make room for things, to make sure that you're only hanging out with people that you want to hang out with in places that you want to hang out. And that your life is not cluttered with a lot of empty or hollow social experience as tends to be the case with most social experience. They tend to be social and hollow.

Saturn is raising the bar on this. I strongly suggest holding yourself to the standard of your social contacts being meaningful and relevant. So that might mean if parties are legal again someday, you're at a party and the party turns out to be boring, while you're there make sure you find the one person that you need to speak to and hangout with, learn from, and make sure you collect their contact information so that you are using all of your social experiences for a kind of evolutionary growth. But meanwhile be mindful of clearing all that does not belong in your environment and in your life.

Now this can affect and will affect your personal relationships and you want to make sure that you are not pouring energy into personal relationships that do not in some way feed you. This includes professional relationships; make sure that even if you're getting paid in all instances that what you are actually doing is actually relevant in the grand scheme of things. **[1:03:15]**

And then following effort placed into the clearing process, Jupiter takes over and populates your world with new things. And so, if

you don't feel like you don't have enough of something, if you're feeling for example socially bored and your life isn't adequate, rather than add more, subtract more. Clear things out of the way and make room for new experiences to enter. This is how to work the combined qualities of Saturn first, and Jupiter second.

There's no way that you will not be inhabiting a larger and much more interesting world unless you don't want to or you're very resistant to that whole possibility. So clear space and then allow the expansion to happen.

Keep your contacts intimate. In other words, you don't need big places where you don't really know very many people. You need the places to go where you either know people or where you suspect the people that you want to meet are going to be there.

You don't want additional social meaningless contact because you want to leave yourself available and position yourself for where you can meet the people who help you fulfill your mission; however you define your mission, it would be very helpful to coexist with yourself, with the idea that you have a mission and that you are on that mission and that it is a true and serious thing. **[1:05:15]**

Now speaking of missions, let's conclude with at least one other point. That is that along this transitional journey coming out of the Great American Eclipse of 2017, into the spring of 2018, into the spring of 2019, another one of the major events that happened is that Uranus changed signs after seven years of being in Aries and entered Taurus. Taurus is your career house. Taurus is your professional aspiration house and it is also where you seek your sense of a true mission.

One thing that's very likely to be happening is that your sense of a true mission is being radicalized. There many different and exciting things that are happening, and options and possibilities that are open, and in some ways (potentially many ways) your plans have been rearranged, but if you look you will see that

rearranged might come with reinvented. That's really exciting for rearranged to become reinvented at the same time.

And so, the reinvented need not be merely a passive activity. The reinvented is something that you are doing to keep your life growing and changing and to keep yourself interesting.

Taurus tends to want stability at all costs. Taurus tends to be made nervous by change. This is Taurus people and it's where people have Taurus in their chart. Everyone has it somewhere. They prefer to keep it stable. However, that's not going to happen with Uranus in Taurus. There's not that kind of stability available, particularly in your professional affairs and how you present yourself.

But with all the other changes that are going on, you want to be able to hang loose and be able to relate to anybody on their terms. And so one of the ideas that's coming across through Uranus going across the 10th house (which is Taurus) is to be constantly open to reinventing your own ideas and to not get stuck in the past, merely for the sake of fixity, merely for the sake of the false security that might come with keeping things the same and stable for their own sake.

That's not going to work around these parts. And this too is preparation for being open to things being radically different. And Saturn and Jupiter in your 7th is certainly a commentary on things being radically different and you may find yourself in a short time involved in professional activities that you had absolutely no concept you would be involved in. You might not have even known that they existed, and they certainly were not something that you were planning on when you were in high school.

That's the inventive and transformative nature of Uranus. It is a surprise. It takes people by surprise, and wherever there is Uranus a person is full of surprises. And in many ways can exhibit tremendous diversity and also the ability to reach a great many

people through Uranus because Uranus presents that ability of inventing something somewhere for everyone. **[1:09:11]**

You have what you need to do this, but you can't cling to your plans. That's the important thing. Everything is coming with a beautiful, bold, glowing question mark. So rather than sticking to your plans, look at your patterns. Look at what you love to do. Look at the thing that you always come back to year after year, whether or not you're actually able to do that in some kind of a sustained way. Appreciate the fact that you have this kind of guidance. Take the opportunity to do more of the things that you love to do.

In a slightly different vein, the presence of Uranus in the 10th and then also Saturn and Jupiter coming in through the 7th can indicate things that you had not ever considered before, that you never dreamed the world so large.

"The Earth so dark; so long your sleep" – this is Ginsberg.

An Eastern Ballad – by Allen Ginsberg

"I speak of love that comes to mind:
The moon is faithful, although blind;
She moves in thought she cannot speak.
Perfect care has made her bleak.

I never dreamed the sea so deep,
The Earth so dark; so long my sleep,
I have become another child.
I wake to see the world go wild."

That's a piece called "An Eastern Ballad" by Ginsberg that I just happen to know and like.

A few minutes remaining. One thought I would end with, a potentially sensitive subject matter – the nature of your sexual

relationships is something that there is an indicator in your chart that is asking for inquiry.

The combination of factors is Ceres, which represents relationships between mothers and daughters, and also emotional connections that go through food, and also consciousness shifts, liminality, the idea bobbing on the edge of consciousness.

Nessus is a centaur planet. Nessus is, you might say an inquiry into all that's gone wrong in your relationships. But in this case there is a hint that something that went badly wrong for your mother is haunting you, is haunting the marital bed, or the bed of the ritual sex of connubial relationships – whatever form they may take for you, and that's not your problem.

There is something that was passed on, it looks to me through the maternal line, that you've inherited, and that – while it may be annoying – you may not have ever given it a name. What happens in Pisces may never be given a name. What Nessus represents may never be given a name, but it needs to be given a name, not a full identity profile but an exploration, name the concept.

This has to do with some pain that was surrounding your mother. It may be some kind of sexual betrayal. It may be a betrayal by her mother. It may be a combination of a sexual betrayal and one by her mother. And it has compromised your ability to have the kinds of relationships you want, to have the kinds of fun you want, to have the freedom of imagination that you want and that you need.

If there is anything like this troubling you I would just suggest sketching it, giving it a few words, noticing where you've seen similar things like it before, noticing where you see a cycle or a pattern happening, noticing any situations where there is some form of either an enabler interfering or intervening or a rescuer interfering or intervening. You want neither enablers nor rescuers in your life. You don't want to be one. You don't want any

involved and I would strongly suggest being very cautious if you find yourself acting as either an enabler or a rescuer.

I know I'm using terms of art from halfway between psychology to pop psychology but look up these terms. You don't want these things in your life and in your relationships. You want to be free of them and relate to people on adult terms.

That's the nature of the Sun. The nature of the Sun is the ability to relate to people on adult terms. The Sun is the inner adult. It is the healthy, creative, dynamic, independent human ego in the best sense of that word. The adult self, that's true Leo. That's the thing to cultivate by whatever process you might be involved with, whether you think of it as a spiritual process, or a therapeutic process, or whatever else it might be, you strive to be an independent, free-thinking, answerable to yourself, grown up.
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All right, we will go out with some Vision Quest in the Heartbeat Series.

Footnotes:

* The eclipse was not the first ever to cross the U.S. - the path of the June 1918 total solar eclipse path covered from Washington State to Florida.

** Mars entered Aries on June 27.

*** The combined volume of Jupiter and Saturn is actually about 2,000 times that of Earth, and the combined mass is a little over 400 times that of Earth. However, these two planets also hold 92% of the solar system's total planetary mass. (While larger in volume, Jupiter is also much denser than Saturn.)