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## *A Month in a Life*

*Below is an analysis of upcoming key configurations. A brief introspection into the nature and intent of these influences is provided for your attention and research.*

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### Saturn Conjunct Venus on the South Node (4° Virgo) October 14, 2007

Saturn gaining prominence as it hits the South Node in Virgo will be joined by Venus through the course of October. Saturn, the Moon and the Nodal Axis are all process regulators in our lives; they are time's determining factors, ruling beginnings and endings of life processes. Naturally this ties them to developmental processes, Consequently, Saturn on the South Node amplifies the transitional aspect of this period; it's a crossroad of some sort and important decisions must be made with respect to a new choice of direction.

With Venus involved, relationship matters will come to the forefront and be subject to redefinition as well. Something will have to develop and transition; some may decide to take the next step in their commitment and marry, others will go in the opposite direction, feeling that development has run its course in the current engagement, instigating a new path through this transit.

Saturn tests the credibility of what it touches. People may feel judged about their choice of partner when it comes to Saturn/Venus contacts. Will the environment take the relationship seriously? Is it morally acceptable? Temptations to deviate from the regular course can be strong because the person may feel the need to move forward with their lives when Saturn is present... Thus attraction outside the arena of commitment can occur... and with that, a strange mixture of delight and guilt. When the relationship is experienced as forbidden or illegitimate for a reason or another, guilt or shame become destructive and can tear it apart.

Since both Saturn and Virgo have high moralistic leanings, the lesson is to really proceed with a clear conscience, no matter how controversial things may appear. Integrity is the most important factor here, and if it is in place, one's action will stand firm against possible external criticism.

The same pressure can apply on financial matters with Venus. Integrity in financial affairs will be tested. Basically beware of credit card internet transactions during this time as fraud may occur. A person may also feel the need to re-evaluate their financial situation as a result of feeling poor. It can bring into consciousness the awareness that one must better manage finances in order to get out of limiting situations. It is time to take one's financial situation more seriously and be more assertive in this regard.



Mercury Retrograde sextile Venus, Trine Mars  
(7° Scorpio – Virgo - Cancer)  
October 17, 2007

This is an interesting triangle between the personal planets in personal signs. It can signify a wonderful opportunity to really plunge into intimate things, like home renovation or having a cosy weekend with family or friends. Mercury retrograde invites a change of plans and inspiration to break from routine; this is perfect for adding some excitement and edge to one's lifestyle.

In other ways, the heavy emotional nature of this configuration combined with analytical Virgo and Mercury is auspicious for visits to the astrologer or psychologist to discuss upcoming November blues. Emotional processing, again and more will get you into the intricacies of your psyche and obsessive mind. Hopefully, you will talk about it and not bottle things up to the point of letting these obsessive/compulsive tendencies explode and surge erratically. As Saturn is not too far away from them all, you may be subjected to a restraining order upon excessively hormonal behaviour! You've been warned...



Jupiter Sextile Neptune Stationary Direct (19° Sagittarius/Aquarius)  
October 30, 2007

The Jupiter/Neptune cycle brings out fascinating occurrences. In the "Educational Room" section of this edition of Major Sky, the upcoming conjunction between them is discussed as it will simultaneously conjunct Chiron. Much to look forward to!

Right here and now, we have the closing sextile becoming exact as Neptune stands retrograde. These two celestial bodies represent the abstract and what lies beyond the everyday humdrum existence. They take us to the great beyond, to the land of "potential," or in other words, to that which is yet to be discovered. Neptune and Jupiter naturally relate to matters of faith and expansion. People born with contact between them usually follow some kind of spiritual path in a serious way. The intangible is very tangible for them

We can therefore tap into something vaster, regarding our personal projects or life in general. It's time to speculate, dare and challenge security, and contemplate greater life options. It's easy to go overboard and pay the consequences of excess during this time, as boundaries are completely blurred. Moreover, stationary Neptune can bring disillusionment to the forefront. Consider that the deeper meaning of these bodies is Truth! The truth is not necessarily an easy thing. We may have to face an inconvenient truth.

Common to Neptune/Jupiter, cultural and religious issues can make the news. Whether it is one insulting the religion of another, or actual important interfaith interactions, we are reminded of the multiplicity of perspective. Moreover, with Aquarius involved, charge between science and religion can boil to the brim. Reason and faith learn to co-exist for the sake of balance. However, it is not a given, and polarization is not uncommon during similar transits. So beware of brainwashing, and narrow rationalizations!

## *Kaleidoscope – The Different Perspectives of Astrology*

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The Dennis Harness (Dayananda) Series – Part I

### **Vedic Astrology**

## **Forecasting with the Vedic Dasha System (Planetary Periods)**

The Vimshottari dasha system was developed by the great sage, Parashara and focuses on the dashas or planetary periods of Vedic Astrology. According to scholar, David Pingree, this system was developed by 700 CE and is introduced in *Parashara's Brihat Hora Shastra*. The Jyotish community tends to date Parashara much earlier than the 700 CE date. I was first introduced to Jyotish and the dasha system in the summer of 1980 by Chakrapani Ullal, the prominent Vedic Astrologer from Kerala, India. During the first session, he made many profound predictions about my life that have come to fruition. At one point during the consultation, he looked deeply into my eyes and said, "I know your mind very well, perhaps better than you"! By the end of our first meeting together he had convinced me of this truth.

The Vimshottari Dasha system is a comprehensive forecasting technique of revealing the developmental life cycle unfoldment throughout one's life. Dasha means a "stage or condition in life." These planetary periods are very helpful in understanding the seasons of our life and planning long term goals. This dynamic assessment technique estimates when positive potentials as well as life challenges that may occur. The dashas are indicators of when certain karmas have matured or ripened.

There are numerous dasha systems. The most popular is the *Vimshottari Dasha or nakshatra dasha* system which lasts for 120 years and is based on the natal nakshatra of the Moon.

Before the ecliptic was divided into the twelve zodiac signs, the ancient Indian astronomers recognized 27 divisions called *nakshatras*. The primary usage of the nakshatras is a fundamental difference between Western and Vedic astrology. One must deeply encounter and explore the *nakshatras* to appreciate the diversity and richness of Vedic astrology.

Each Nakshatra is 13 20' long. For example, if your Vedic natal Moon is Ashwini (0-13 20' Aries), ruled by Ketu; then the dasha you were born into was Ketu, the South Node of the Moon. If your natal Moon is Bharani (13 20' – 26 40' Aries) ruled by Venus, then your beginning dasha was Venus.

*To convert your Tropical Moon position to the Vedic position, subtract roughly 23 degrees from it.*

The amount of years left in the beginning dasha is determined proportionally how far the moon has traveled through the birth nakshatra. The dasha sequence is always the same with the allotted number of years:

**Ketu - 7 years**  
**Venus - 20 years**  
**Sun - 6 years**  
**Moon - 10 years**  
**Mars - 7 years**  
**Rahu - 18 years**  
**Jupiter - 16 years**  
**Saturn - 19 years**  
**Mercury - 17 years**

Remember, where you start in this sequence is based on the exact degree of the natal moon nakshatra and its ruling planet. Exploring your Vedic chart is meaningful to calculate just for the planetary periods alone.

### The Nakshatras (Lunar Mansions)

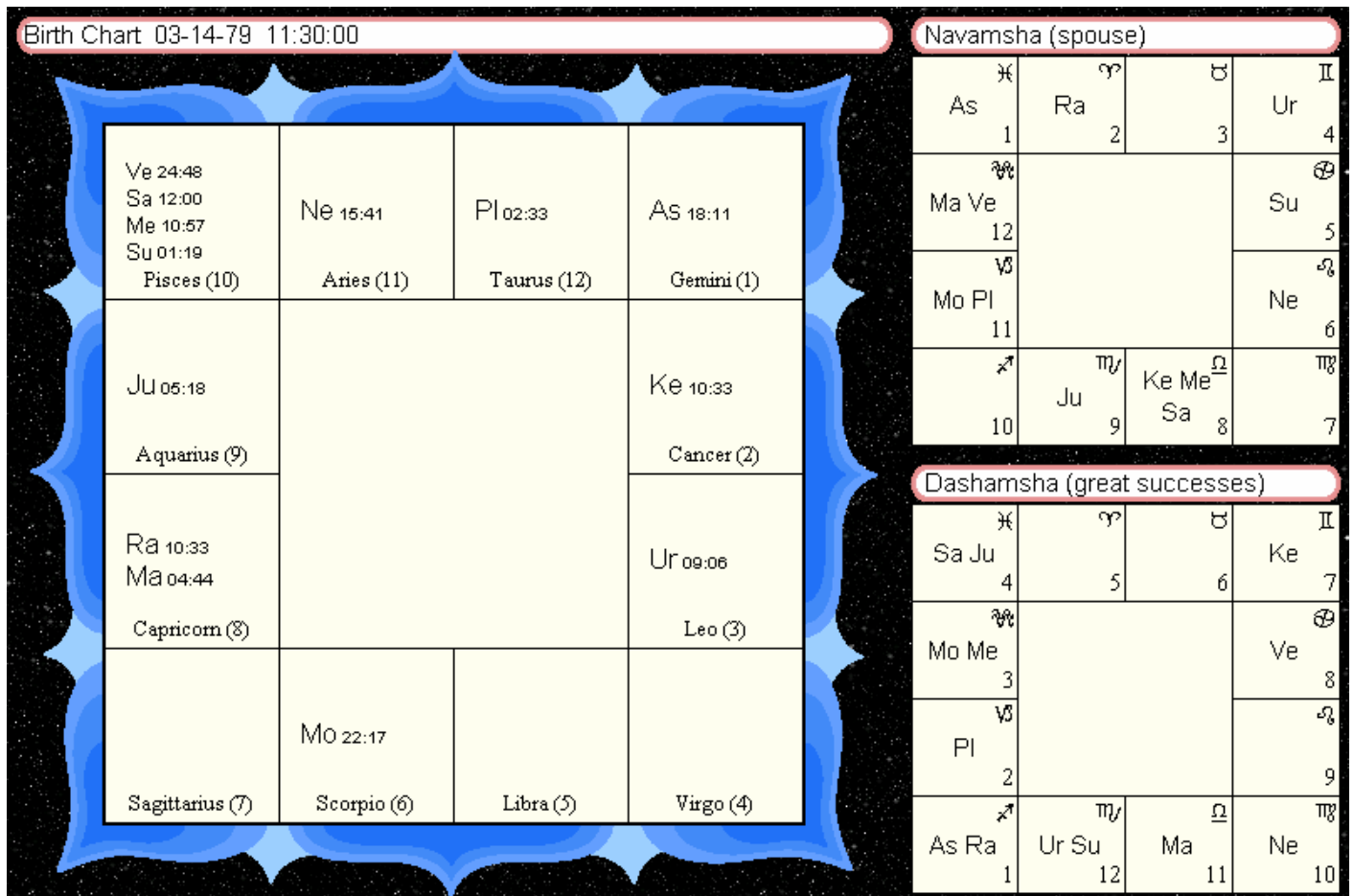
	<u>Nakshatra</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Ruler</u>	<u>Deities</u>	<u>Medical Significations</u>
1	Ashwini	00° 00' to 13° 20' Aries	Ketu (S.N)	Ashwin Kumars, Shiva	Feet, Knees, Fever
2	Bharani	13° 20' to 26° 40' Aries	Venus	Yama	Feet (bottom), Head
3	Krittika	26° 40' Aries to 10° 00' Taurus	Sun	Agni	Upper/Back part of Head
4	Rohini	10° 00' to 23° 20' Taurus	Moon	Brahma, Prajapati	Forehead, lower legs
5	Mrigashira	23° 20' Taurus to 6° 40' Gemini	Mars	Soma	Eyes and Eyebrows
6	Ardra	6° 40' to 20° 00' Gemini	Rahu (N.N)	Rudra	Eyes, Hair, Top of Head
7	Punarvasu	20° 00' Gemini to 3° 20' Cancer	Jupiter	Aditi	Nose, Fingers
8	Pushya	3° 20' to 16° 40' Cancer	Saturn	Brihaspati	Mouth, Facial expression
9	Ashlesha	16° 40' to 29° 59' Cancer	Mercury	Nagas	Ears, Nails & Joints
10	Magha	00° 00' to 13° 20' Leo	Ketu (S.N)	Pitris	Nose, Chin, Lips
11	Purva Phalguni	13° 20' to 26° 40' Leo	Venus	Bhaga	Lips, Right hand, Sex
12	Uttara Phalguni	26° 40' Leo to 10° 00' Virgo	Sun	Arayman	Sex Organs, Left hand
13	Hasta	10° 00' to 23° 20' Virgo	Moon	Savitara	Hands and Fingers

14	<i>Chitra</i>	23° 20' Virgo to 6° 40' Libra	<i>Mars</i>	<i>Tvashtar</i>	<i>Neck and Forehead</i>
15	<i>Swati</i>	6° 40' to 20° 00' Libra	<i>Rahu (N.N)</i>	<i>Vayu, Saraswati</i>	<i>Teeth, Intestines, Chest</i>
16	<i>Vishakha</i>	20° 00' Libra to 3° 20' Scorpio	<i>Jupiter</i>	<i>Indra, Agni</i>	<i>Breasts, Arms</i>
17	<i>Anuradha</i>	3° 20' to 16° 40' Scorpio	<i>Saturn</i>	<i>Mitra, Radha</i>	<i>Stomach, Womb, Bowels</i>
18	<i>Jyeshtha</i>	16° 40' to 29° 59' Scorpio	<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Indra</i>	<i>Neck, Tongue, R Body</i>
19	<i>Mula</i>	00° 00' to 13° 20' Sagittarius	<i>Ketu (S.N)</i>	<i>Nirriti</i>	<i>Feet, Left Side of Body</i>
20	<i>Purva Ashadha</i>	13° 20' to 26° 40' Sagittarius	<i>Venus</i>	<i>Apas, Varuna</i>	<i>Thighs, Back of Trunk</i>
21	<i>Uttara Ashadha</i>	26° 40' Sagittarius to 10° 00' Capricorn	<i>Sun</i>	<i>The Ten Vishvadevas</i>	<i>Waist, Thighs</i>
22	<i>Shravana</i>	10° 00' to 23° 20' Capricorn	<i>Moon</i>	<i>Vishnu, Saraswati</i>	<i>Ears, Sex Organs</i>
23	<i>Dhanishtha</i>	23° 20' Capricorn to 6° 40' Aquarius	<i>Mars</i>	<i>The eight Vasus</i>	<i>Anus, The Back</i>
24	<i>Shatabhisha</i>	6° 40' to 20° 00' Aquarius	<i>Rahu</i>	<i>Varuna</i>	<i>Jaw, Chin, Right Thigh</i>
25	<i>Purva Bhadra</i>	20° 00' Aquarius to 3° 20' Pisces	<i>Jupiter</i>	<i>Aja Ekapada</i>	<i>Ribs, Left Thigh, Feet</i>
26	<i>Uttara Bhadra</i>	3° 20' to 16° 40' Pisces	<i>Saturn</i>	<i>Ahimbudhnya</i>	<i>Soles of the Feet, Shins</i>
27	<i>Revati</i>	16° 40' to 29° 59' Pisces	<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Pushan</i>	<i>Ankles, Abdomen, Groin</i>

For example, Albert Einstein was born with his natal Moon in Scorpio in the nakshatra of Jyeshtha. This nakshatra is ruled by Mercury which became the dasha or planetary period he was born in.

The Transits (or Gochara) are considered secondary to the dashas in forecasting. The transits are often viewed from the Moon as well as the ascendant. For example, Jupiter may be transiting the fifth house from the ascendant and ninth from the Moon which would be considered very auspicious. The current dasha planet can have more effect in its transit, especially if it is strong natally. The transits of the strongest planet in the natal chart and the ruler of the ascendant are always important.

In their brilliant text, *Light on Life*; Defouw and Svoboda give an excellent overview of important factors to keep in mind for dasha (page 311) and natal chart (page 339) analysis.

*Albert Einstein' Vedic Chart***Albert Einstein Life Events Timeline**

(Sub Division of each period is called Bhukti)

**Born in Mercury/Moon**

*Date of Birth: March 14, 1879, 11:30 AM LMT, Ulm, Germany  
(Mercury/Moon)*

Father's Business collapsed - 1880 (Mercury/Moon)

Moved to Zurich (failed school entrance exam) - Fall 1895  
(Ketu/Mercury)

Ended German Citizenship - January 1896 (Ketu/Mercury into  
Venus/Venus)

**Venus Dasha Starts January 1896**

Passed entrance college entrance exam - Summer 1896  
(Venus/Venus)

Started school - October 1896 (Venus/Venus)

Met his first wife, Mileva Maric - Fall 1896 (Venus/Venus)

Injured his hand - June 1899 (Venus/Sun)

Graduated from ETH - August 1900

Given Swiss Citizenship - February 1901

Patent Job opening - December 1901 (started job in June 1902)

Married Mileva Maric - January, 6, 1903 (Venus/Mars)

Writing the Theory of Relativity May 1904 Transiting Jupiter over natal Venus (Venus/Rahu)

Proposed the Theory of Relativity - 1905 (Venus /Rahu)

Solvay Congress - 1911 (Venus/Saturn)

Moved to Berlin - 1914 (Venus/Ketu)

#### **Sun Dasha starts January 1916**

Divorced Mileva Maric - 1919 (Sun/Saturn)

Married his second cousin, Elsa Lowenthal - Fall 1919 (Sun/Saturn)

Experiment conducted during the solar eclipse confirms his Theory of Relativity - November 7, 1919 (Sun/Mercury)

First visit to USA - Spring 1921 (Sun/Venus)

Awarded Nobel Prize of Physics - 1921 (Sun/Venus)

#### **Moon Dasha Starts January 1922**

Einstein's has a breakdown and resigns from University position - Spring to June 1928 (Moon/Mercury) Transiting Saturn over his natal Moon.

Given Honorary Doctorate of Science at Oxford - May 23 1931 (Moon/Venus)

#### **Mars Dasha Starts Januray 1932**

Failure of the World Disarmament Conference - 1932 (Mars/Rahu)



Renounced German Citizenship and emigrated to America - 1933  
(Mars/Jupiter)

His wife Elsa Lowenthal dies - 1936 (Mars/Ketu)

### **Rahu Dasha Starts January 1939**

Horrified of the use of the atomic bomb - August 1945  
(Rahu/Saturn)

Date of Death- April 18, 1955 at the age of 76 (Rahu/Moon)

About the meaning of the deities: <http://www.dennisharness.com/vedicplanetarydeities.html>



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## Interview – Lynn Bell



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The heart of my work is the consultation, and I have been working with clients for over 30 years. Little by little teaching has become almost as important as client work, and usually takes the form of intensive seminars. Lecturing is a slightly different art, and I enjoy speaking to groups, and developing ideas in that way. Recently I have been also presenting astrology to non astrological audiences, teaching for Wisdom University and for Caroline Myss's CMED Institute . I have written three books, and all are a product of many years of reflection and practice.

### Stripped

**Your family status:** I'm involved with someone who lives nearby. He has his children every other week and the intense, less intense rhythm works well for me, as I cherish time alone. I have stayed single and was fairly sure from a very young age that I wouldn't have children.

**Religious background and conditioning?**

My Catholic father took us to church every Sunday while my disbelieving mother stayed home. I had a wednesday afternoon immersion in catechism, so you could say my childhood was catholic lite, with private mystical tendencies, and a strong attraction to the magical and hidden aspects of life.

**Spiritual orientation** - So many streams and currents; Jungian thought, hinduism, sufism, buddhism, christian mysticism, animism, the Findhorn community, soul work, have all been part of my spiritual development, that

it would be hard to isolate any of them- I've met some extraordinary teachers, including Thich Nhat Hanh and my dear friend Caroline Myss. My practise has been more centered in buddhism since the early 90's.

**Do you follow any specific practice?**

Awareness of the present moment, meditation, compassion. Astrology is very much part of my spiritual practice.

**What's the worst thing and then, the best thing about you?**

All my flaws are rising up to the surface, and it is hard to choose which gets top billing!

a combination of emotional greediness and anxiety, laced with criticism.

*Best quality:* generosity of spirit and kindness. Flip sides of each other I suppose.

**What is your greatest fear?**

Moral, spiritual, ethical and physical blindness, and/or the descent into madness.

**What do you most value in people?**

Their extraordinary capacity to awaken and evolve, to love and be kind.

**What makes you angry?**

So many things! Bad drivers, corrupt politicians, those who abuse their authority- hmmm...I'm noticing lots of father projection there. Good fodder for Pluto in Capricorn.

**What is in your pocket/purse right now?** A new slim camera, and since I have just come back from traveling, a wallet that contains Euros, indonesian rupiah, Singapore dollars, US dollars, and British pounds; lipstick, the key to my bicycle, kleenex. A hairbrush, a cell phone, a pair of earrings. A wrench. A pen and reading glasses.

**What is playtime for you?**

As a Gemini almost anything can be play, including work. Travel, wandering around the city on my bicycle, sitting at cafes, cinema, meeting friends at the market...

**Your animal totem?**

Most likely one of the big cats, like jaguar. But I am also drawn to deer.

**Your Chinese sign?**

Metal Rabbit



**What would you define is an important evolutionary lesson for you in this life?**

Trust the universe, trust life, put my attention on giving rather how much I didn't or don't get taken care of.

**Favorite book?** I loved so many it would be a betrayal to single one out. In childhood -Curious George, Pippi Longstocking, a Wrinkle in Time, the Lang FairyTale Series. As a teen, Hawthorne's stories, at University- Shakespeare, Hero with a Thousand Faces. Four Quartets. I could go on and on.

**Favorite astrology book?** Liz Greene's Saturn, Arroyo's Astrology Karma and Transformation, and Rob Hand's Planets in Transits, were all major events





that finally presented esoteric knowledge in a language I recognized and a psychological philosophy I shared.

**Favorite movie?** Sabrina with Audrey Hepburn, My Fair Lady. Izu's Late Spring, Kurosawa's Rashomon, Fellini's La Dolce Vita, Truffaut le 400 Coups.. I could go on. And on.

**Favorite piece of music?** Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> string quartet

**Your favorite place on earth?** If I really have to choose - Paris and Bali

**Favorite planet/spatial object?** Who's going to be jealous now? Jupiter!

## General information about your practice

**Where do you live and practice?** Paris, France. I also teach in London at the Centre for Psychological Astrology. And I am on the road a fair amount, teaching and lecturing.

### Your specialty in Astrology?

I'm a pluralist, and love exploring different aspects of astrology I became known in France for my work on Solar Returns, then began to do research into Family patterns in astrology, both of these became books. I've done a huge amount on the larger cycles and mundane themes, and keep exploring new areas, innumerable psychological themes, I have a passion for the quincunx. The more I know the more I go back to essential questions, What does mutable mean? What is the real nature of the 6<sup>th</sup> house? Do we really grasp the elements, etc.



### How long have you been practicing - How did it start?

I gave my first very amateurish consultation at 21..after an early addiction to dimestore horoscope rolls, starting about age 12. My interest in astrology accelerated around age fifteen, I knew the birthdates of all my classmates, and I found a book on palmistry. I'd been reading anything I could get my hands on- which wasn't much in those days- Linda Goodman, Joseph Goodavage, Bentham's Laws of Scientific Handreading. Eventually I found enough books to teach myself calculation

### Details about your practice?

I look for what wants to be talked about- there is often a goal to a session, although it is largely unconscious, and mysterious to both myself and the person who comes for a consultation. You know when you have reached it however.. Sometimes I can be very technical, at others more poetic. I use a lot of healing metaphor, a lot of language for change. There is a potent and magical reading space that opens up so much it is unlike anything else.

I work with some people on an ongoing basis, others come only once. I only used to work face to face, and living in Paris I have always worked with an

international clientele. Now I do many phone and skype readings. I did my first webcam reading a few years ago.

**How long are your counselling sessions? Your charge?**

In the US I charge \$180 an hour and my sessions are usually 90 minutes.

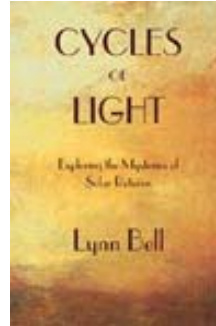
**Your published work?**

**Planetary Threads**

**The Mars Quartet**

**Cycles of Light**

all are published by CPA Press  
London.



I go through periods where I write very little and then a great deal. TMA, the AA journal The ISAR journal, Apollon, Star IQ have all publish my work.

**What are your current projects professionally?**

I've just come back from ten days teaching for Astrology in Bali. I'm about to teach a seminar on the Moon and dependency in London, then preparing talks on Pluto in Capricorn and other subjects for The Australia Conference in January 2008, and later for UAC. I do have an idea for a book, that is ticking along.. too soon to speak about it though. I might actually finally get around to doing a website.

**Your chart**

Reading the answers to these questions should give you some clues to my chart...

I'm a double Gemini with a 12<sup>th</sup> house Sun, and some strong Leo planets.

## *The World*

**Imagine a world with Neptune in Pisces and Pluto in Capricorn.**

Best case scenario: enlightened leadership that takes into account the suffering and connectedness of all living beings planetwide, with a development of healthy structures for the continuing balance of all.

Worst case scenario, New tyrannies arise fed by technologies that give them way too much control over the individual, while the masses follow media induced dogma into a new serfdom. Floating worlds, with small enlightened pockets continue to thrive outside the larger tyrannies, like hermitages protecting the seeds of spiritual wisdom.

**What are your thoughts on the Uranus/Saturn opposition on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2008?**

In many ways this cycle can be seen as a face-off between the needs of the individual and the power of any system to accrue control. I hope it will come with a corrective for the current administration, especially since Pluto enters Capricorn to stay soon after. We need all the help we can get! Andre Barbault links this cycle generally to the crises and development of capitalism, and there can be an upheaval, a grab for freedom that comes at a cost to overly strong concentrations of power. I notice the opposition activates the degree of the sun in the 9/11 chart, perhaps it will free us from the crippling fear injected into America's thinking by the interpretation of that event. Hopeful individuals will begin to take power

back from the corporations, and this will be reflected in the US election results.

## *Your position on the current state of Astrology*

### **Astrology in the Future**

New methods of visualizing the chart, personalized animations should make pop astrology a great deal more fun.. I would love to see some integration of the larger galactic system, Rudhyar wrote of this in the 70's and he's often been prophetic. My guess is that it will come when a new energy source also appears.

### **Are you satisfied with the current developmental flow of astrology?**

I love to watch new creative developments in astrology, the return to ancient techniques is part of this, and there is much exciting material to integrate into current practise. At the same time I am wary of anything that gets too fated or deterministic. Soul centered astrology touches people very deeply as does in depth psychological astrology- there is no real separation as far as I am concerned; I'm eager to find out what the next generation of astrology is bringing to the fore.



### **Are you satisfied with the dynamics and developments within the astrology community on a local and global basis?**

So much great work has been done to link astrologers globally- and I feel grateful to have met so many inspired colleagues and taught on five continents. The internet changes the way people enter the field, and the way they connect, and I hope they will continue to have the pleasure of face time with colleagues. I have noticed that a great deal depends on the consciousness of those who lead these groups, on the degree of openness and generosity as opposed to a jockeying for control. There has recently been a split in the french community, having to do with one form of astrology being 'superior' to the others. We need to be inclusive, rather than exclusive.

### **Suggestions to make the astrology world a better place?**

Keep our shared love for astrology at the center, respect each other, walk away from people who would twist the community into a system of personal interest. Recognize talent, and help astrology find its true value in the world.

## *The Midpoints Workshop*

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## *The Educational Room*

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➔ **Astro - bits**

### **Mars Retrograde**

With Mars turning Retrograde from November 15 until January 29 through Cancer and Gemini, it is important to remind ourselves of the nature of this phenomenon. Mars retrogrades about every 25 months for about 75 days. During this time the rhythm of our life becomes more unpredictable, from high tempos to halts.

Retrograde planets peak in intensity through the middle of the period when they come to oppose the Sun (except for Venus and Mercury which will conjunct the Sun). The nature of retrogrades embodies an opposition quality, which brings reflection, doubt and the need for balance. Issues symbolized by the retrograde planet must be questioned and redefined. This does not necessarily augur gloom and doom as it may sound, but often a change of direction, sometimes an unexpected one.

While Mercury retrograde offsets our control habits, Venus retrograde our relationships, Mars retrograde usually inspires a change in life direction altogether. Our sense of purpose and motivations are questioned and new desires emerge; quite commonly people reinvent themselves during this transit. A new career, relocation, or change of priorities can all contribute to a new sense of identity. Mars retrograde can bring about significant changes, both personally and collectively. For some, the change will gestate during the retrograde period and become a reality as Mars goes forward, for others, the change will be rather immediate and they may see themselves in a completely new setting in the course of the actual phase itself.

Changes are not only external; Mars retrograde can ignite reflection and a need to redefine attitudes and approaches. Sometimes, it is through a crisis such as rejection or failure that this self-reflection arises. The person is somehow forced upon him/herself and has to reassess how to proceed. The house and sign in which Mars is shifting direction can provide clues to the specific issues that need tackling.

In any case, as it is with retrograde periods, it is time to think outside of the box. As counsellors we may encourage our clients to dare to take on projects that are more off-beat and to risk more. Retrograde periods encourage more truthfulness and authenticity, thus pleasing attitudes and conformity do not do well to say the least. If during Mercury Retrograde it is time to check out of time and get out of civilization for a while, during Venus retrograde time to doubt relationships we took for granted and open up to people we didn't, think we could get along with, then during Mars retrograde, investing oneself in projects or causes deemed unreasonable may be very appropriate.

No less important, as Mars goes direct, tremendous energy is released! The station degree must be noted for it will be active prior to the retrograde period itself and become a sensitive spot! For example, in the next cycle, Mars will go direct on the 24<sup>th</sup> degree of Gemini. Mars

recently crossed that degree in late September. If you look back to the day it occurred, you may remember more volatility and charge that day. Mars going direct can provide a sense of freedom and release as the restrained energy is now available for action. However, this can turn sour and destructive as well because excessive reaction and the release of frustration can engender negative scenarios. It is not uncommon for wars to start a month or two following Mars turning direct. Most recently, the 9/11 events followed a Mars turning direct in Sagittarius about 6 weeks prior. The beast is released and God knows if it has assimilated the lessons!

On a personal level, Mars turning direct can infuse one with courage and more determination.

## ➔ A Peek into the Future *MAY 27, 2009*

### **Neptune, Jupiter, Chiron at 26° Aquarius**

Around May 27, 2009 a very interesting phenomenon will occur. Chiron, Jupiter and Neptune will conjunct at 26 degrees of Aquarius! Of all planets and celestial bodies, these three are strongly associated with spiritual development, attuning to truth and healing of the soul. This is consequently a highly auspicious moment for a transformation of values and higher-self inspiration. Note that *Uranus will semi-sextile the trio from 26 degrees Pisces and Mars sextile it from 26 degrees Aries*. Needless to say the Mars and Uranus addition amplifies the whole aspect significantly and adds a transcendental as well as a passionate energy to this configuration.

The last time Jupiter and Neptune conjuncted was on January 10, 1997 at 27 degrees Capricorn (squaring Chiron) and January 19, 1984, exactly 0 degrees Capricorn. This is more or less a 12 to 13 years cycle.

Commonly religious, cultural, racial, and spiritual issues surface during this transit, from racism and religious clashes, to significant developments in these areas, both on personal and collective dimensions.

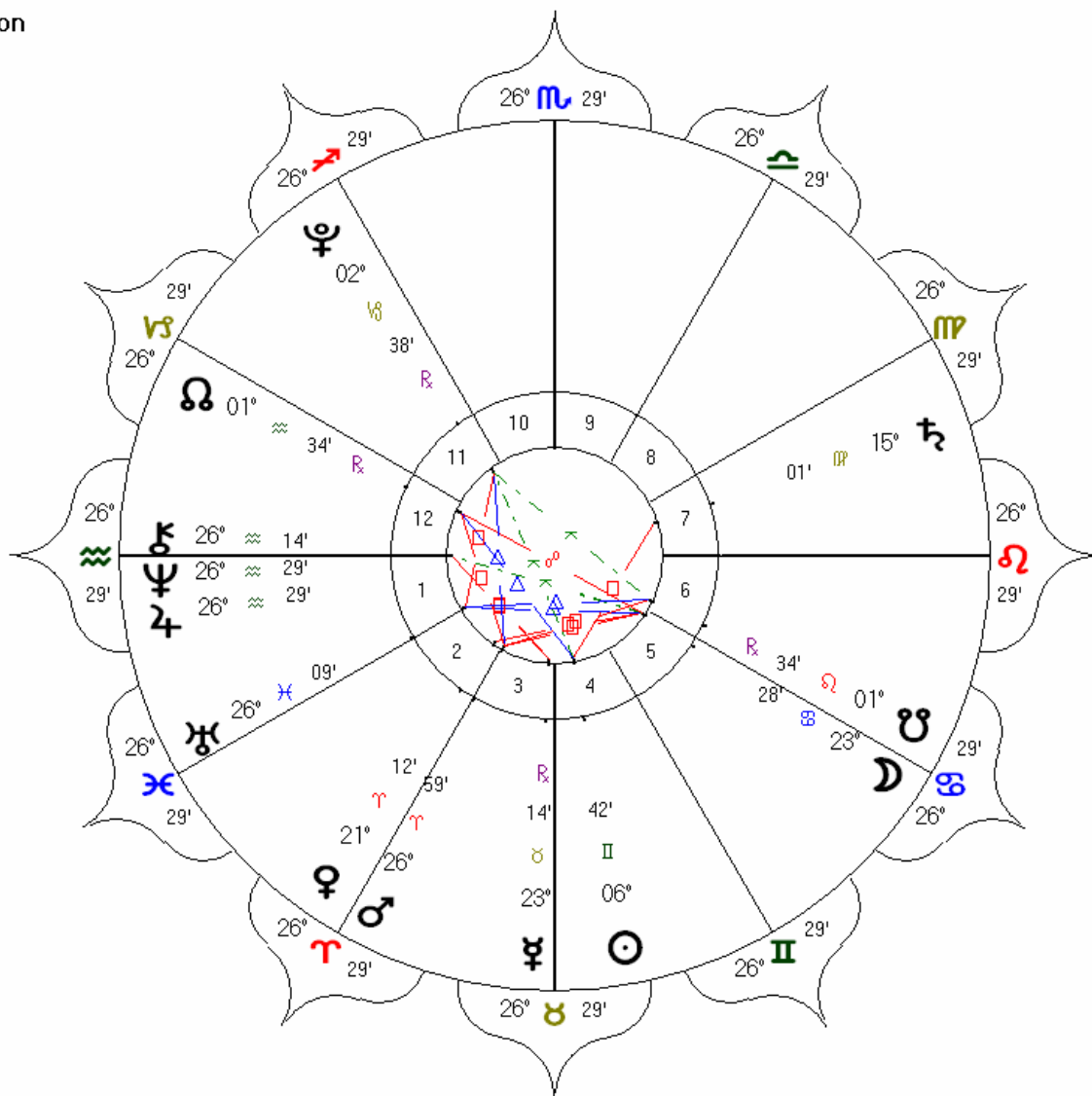
In 2009, the Jupiter/Neptune cycle will gain more prominence, given the addition of "friends" Chiron, Uranus and Mars. In Aquarius, this can promote new discoveries (health related?), new tech products released to the market, intensity on a cultural level: from global multicultural events to severe chasms between cultures. It is however, an immensely creative time where inspiration can abound and the opportunity to have important messages heard by the masses is within reach. Say it, and it will be broadcasted!



## Neptune, Jupiter, Chiron

## Natal Chart [7]

27 May 2009  
 22:00 BST -1:00  
 London, ENG  
 51°N30' 000°W10'  
 Geocentric  
 Tropical  
 Neptune on 1st  
 True Node



## → Transits

**(October 12)**

### Mercury Retrograde (9° Scorpio)

For 3 weeks, an opportunity for time out of time and exploring roads less travelled (hopefully without ending up in a ravine). Mercury in Scorpio inspires a need to get to the core of our automatic mind patterns in order to break unwanted habits and adopt better ones. Put on those x-ray glasses and don't shy away from what you may see...

**(October 23)**

### Sun in Scorpio

Think about the impact you are having through your creativity and your children. Are you a wasteful CO2 producer, or is there more you can do for us to remember you once you transition to the other side? Start giving more and transform sadness into gladness!

**(October 23)**

**Saturn Conjunct the South Node (5° Virgo)**

Enough has been written about this in previous Major Sky issues. This is just a reminder that your life must take a new turn. Focus on worthy goals and leave the past behind. Time is up for play... get to work... and think about your future.

**(November 6)**

**Venus square Pluto (27° Virgo - Sagittarius)**

Expensive jewellery and face lifts may make you more attractive, but without soul and spirit, your cover will be quickly blown. Think about what you are really relinquishing if the opportunity arises for a momentary high in the guise of a romantic tryst! Are you for real or just another superficial "wanna be?"

*Don't Miss...*

*Article by Maurice Fernandez in  
The Mountain Astrologer Magazine  
Oct/Nov 2007 issue*

*Neptune, the 12<sup>th</sup> House and Pisces:  
Career Orientation in the Birth Chart*

*Article by Kari Noren-Hoshal*



## The Astrology of the Near Death Experience

Ask anyone born between 1960 and early 1965 (when Chiron in Pisces opposed Pluto in Virgo) whether they have had a brush with death, or know someone who has, and the answer will be a resounding affirmative. It was during a session with a student of mine that nearly did not live to see her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, that I began my research on the near death experience. The feeling of connectedness that she felt at the moment she thought she might not live, brought back the simultaneously painful and euphoric memory of my own near brush with death at age fifteen. What I discovered as I continued my research both surprised me and made perfect sense. People born in the early 1960s and other time periods when Chiron made close hard aspects to Pluto, Neptune, Uranus or Saturn had either had a brush with death of their own or had a profoundly life-changing experience relating to the death of someone close to them. Additionally, those who had had a near death experience had gone on to make that experience a stepping stone to the development of significant healing and human service.

A *U.S. News and World Report* poll published in 1997 estimated that more than 15 million Americans have had a near death experience (or NDE). An NDE is described as a situation usually evolving from a sudden accident or life threatening illness in which the person becomes aware that their death is imminent. In other studies, more than 30 million Americans have reported having had an out of body experience, or OBE. OBE's are often confused with NDE's. An OBE is an experience of feeling separated from or of floating above the body. While the OBE experience is often reported as having happened when the person was under extreme stress, it is not experienced as a result of a life threatening accident or illness. In children, for example, the OBE is often experienced as a result of wanting to escape from a difficult or unsafe family life.

The term "near-death experience" (NDE) was coined in 1975 in the book *Life After Life* by Raymond Moody, MD. The near death experience can be of several types and levels. The two most common types are near death by accident and near death by sudden, life-threatening disease. Once the individual has lost consciousness or remains conscious but has determined that he or she is definitely going to die, there are a series of common experiences characteristic to the NDE.

Moody's spells out these basic experiences and NDE levels in his book *Life After Life* and other subsequent texts: (paraphrased)

### Level One:

1. Feelings of peace and quiet. Many people describe extremely pleasant and euphoric feelings such as "Pain was gone."
2. The Dark Tunnel. Reports of a black, utterly void, narrow passageway.

3. Out of Body. Often finding oneself viewing one's own physical body from a point outside of it, and feeling disconnected or unfamiliar with his body. Floating, passing through walls, floors, etc.
4. Meeting Others. Awareness of other spiritual beings nearby. Relatives, friends, feelings that they had come to protect or guide one. Sensing guardian spirits.

Level Two:

5. Meeting the Being of Light. There is an encounter with a very bright light of unearthly brilliance that does not hurt the eyes. Light is seen as a Guiding Spirit.
6. The Life Review. Extraordinarily rapid. Vivid and real, incredible in detail, three dimensional and in color.

Level Three:

7. Revelations. Facts about future events and futuristic inventions not yet existing on Earth are revealed.
8. Enhanced psychic skills. Psychic awareness and clairvoyance manifest after the Person returns "to life."
9. The Border. A fence, large body of water or a line is seen. One is warned that if one crosses the border they cannot return to life. Often a choice of whether to live is given. Often one is told "There is something you need to return to do" or "It isn't time yet."

Common to All Levels:

10. The Return. Coming back is often painful. There is a sensation of squeezing back into the body or having difficulty identifying one's own body due to disassociation.
11. Telling Others or not telling others. Feelings of lack of sympathy or credibility from others. Difficulty talking to peers, relatives or ministers.
12. Reorientation. Effects on lives range from depression and reticence to becoming more reflective and concerned with philosophical issues. Sometimes new psychic abilities manifest even when not welcomed.
13. New Views on organized religion and Death. No longer afraid of death. Feeling of having a mission or a lot of work to do.

In the interviews I have conducted with about twenty experiencers of NDEs another characteristic was common:

1. Feeling a heightened intrinsic sense of spirituality. No longer feeling a need to belong to an organized or traditional religion. Feeling that one is able to communicate directly with the Source. Feeling that one can absorb useful spiritual guidance from a variety of spiritual traditions, nature and everyday life.

At present, a number of large scale statistical studies are being conducted by researchers in the U.S. and abroad. I have personally participated in a study conducted by Bruce Greyson, Ph.d of the University of Virginia. This study has been conducted over the past 20 years.

Compiled results below from studies from the 1980s show the percentages of NDEers who experienced varying stages of the NDE experience:

<i>Kenneth Ring Study</i> (102 respondents) 1980	<i>Evergreen Study</i> (49 respondents) 1981	<i>Green &amp; Friedman Study</i> (less than 100 respondents) (year?)
Feelings of Peace	60%	no data
Bodily Separation	37	70.9
Passing Thru Tunnel	23	38.2
Seeing the Light	16	56.4
Entering the Light	10	34.5

### The NDE Deepens the Process of Philosophical Evolution

In my work with the near death experience I have come to understand that the near death experience has the capacity to enhance the self-awareness of philosophical rites of passage as they occur. A person having an NDE in their childhood, early twenties or thirties is thrown into a pondering of questions of life and death at a premature age.

Yvonne Kason, M.D. a near death experiencer and NDE researcher has conducted extensive research on the ways in which NDEs trigger the rise of Kundalini energy. She has described this research in her book *A Farther Shore: How Near Death and Other Extraordinary Experiences Can Change Ordinary Lives*, 1996.

Taking this idea one step further, I believe that kundalini energy is triggered in NDE experiencers, as well as in the general population, as we progress through the rites of passage of the six major outer planet transits that take place between the ages of 28 and 60:

<u>Transit</u>	<u>Corresponding Chakra</u>
the Saturn Return (ages 28-30)	the root chakra
the Pluto Square (ages 36 to 44)	root and solar plexus chakras
the Neptune Square (ages 42-44)	solar plexus and heart chakras
the Uranus Opposition (ages 40-43)	heart and third eye chakras
the Chiron Return (ages 48-51)	third eye and crown chakras
the Second Saturn Return (ages 59 to 60)	crown chakra

Whether aware of their astrological/philosophical significance, or not, all people undergo significant shifts in consciousness as they pass through these important life thresholds.

In the natural process of aging, the planning of the last part of one's life (based upon a realistic confrontation with the idea of death) occurs at around age 50 with the Chiron Return. But what of the person who has experienced an NDE? Since the 1990's the person who has experienced near death between childhood and his mid thirties has support from organizations such as IANDS (International Association for Near Death Studies.) He or she now has a communicative outlet and others with whom to share his story. But he is usually still at a loss for how to integrate this information philosophically, until a much later age.

The person who has experienced an NDE has had his world turned on its ear prematurely. He has come to accept the idea of death through the very vivid memory of his own

experience. He may have experienced an unexpected rise of kundalini energy during the experience and/or the opening of the third eye or the crown chakra.

One of the most common reactions to having an NDE is that there must be a reason why one's life has been spared. The desire to live a life in which we are "giving something back" and helping others is also common. The true, individualized avenue by which the NDE person can help others and "give back" however is not usually revealed until between the ages of 38 and 50. That is, between and including the periods of the Pluto Square, the Uranus Opposition and the Chiron Return.

Typically, the person experiencing an NDE will not fully integrate its philosophical lessons until he or she reaches the age of the Pluto Square or the Uranus Opposition. At these times the corresponding lessons of Pluto and Uranus come to the forefront. At ages 36-44 Pluto is urging us to eliminate a life which lacks personal integrity. At "midlife," ages 42-44, Uranus propels us toward breaking free and individuating toward a life which truly expresses our individual essence.

The bonus for the person who has experienced a relatively high level NDE (where he has progressed to the stage of being absorbed into the light or the life review) is the knowledge that "There is no judgment of one's life beyond one's own judgement." Using the enhanced courage gained from this experience, the NDE'er can then move toward their personal mid-life mission of the Uranus Opposition with heightened awareness and a sense of greater freedom.

In her text *The Liquid Light of Sex: Kundalini, Astrology and the Key Life Transitions*, Barbara Hand Clow mentions the near death experience as being ruled by Chiron because it involves the balancing of clear opposites: life and death, just as Chiron rules the balancing of opposites of the body and mind and the female and male energies. In Hand Clow's view, with each major transit of outer planets (beginning with the Saturn Return,) corresponding chakra systems of the human body are opened up such that the person can live in greater alignment with his mind, body spirit connection. It is interesting to note that Chiron has its orbit between Saturn and Uranus and thus operates as a bridge to connecting Saturn (planet of physical manifestation) with the important soul development properties of the outer planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

When a person experiences a near death experience (NDE), at any age, the depth of awareness of the concept of human evolution is advanced. From my own experience and research, I will go on to propose that if a person has their NDE before the Saturn Return at age 28-30, each of the remaining stages of their evolution from their 30's to their 60's can be experienced with much greater awareness. This is because there has been more time spent in contemplation of these issues prior to their onset. With the sudden and dramatic NDE realization that we are part of the Source and that love is the essence of being, the crown chakra is suddenly opened to Spirit. As a result, this person is now faced with choices: The choice to use this connection for the benefit of others, the choice to do nothing, and the choice to continue along his or her prior path. In most cases that I have studied, in approximately 20 charts, the connection to Source eventually inspires the NDE experiencer to want to live a life that is in alignment with mind, body and spirit and one that includes some kind of humanistic service to others.

## The Significance of Chiron in the analysis of the NDE

Chiron is an asteroid with a wildly erratic orbit that was discovered on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1977. Scientists believe that it originated in the Kuiper Belt of asteroids between the planets Mars and Jupiter. Others propose that it was formed from debris outside our solar system which has temporarily migrated to the Kuiper Belt.

Chiron's orbit varies widely. It takes about 50 years to complete an orbit around the Sun. While it most often orbits between Saturn and Uranus, it has been known to orbit between Jupiter and Saturn and between Uranus and Neptune. Overall, it is a maverick conforming to a widely irregular path. Because of its erratic orbit, Chiron spends an inordinate amount of time in the constellation of Aries and very little time in the constellation of Libra. Thus, people born with Chiron in Aries are the most common type and those born with Chiron in Libra are the least common type.

In the view of Barbara Hand Clow, author of *Chiron: Rainbow Bridge Between the Inner and Outer Planets*, Saturn "rules the body, formation and a completed structuring of the issues of the inner planets" and is in many ways a feminine planet, ruling the sign of Capricorn. Uranus, on the other hand, rules individuation and the spirit, and is a very masculine planet, ruling the sign of Aquarius. Chiron is thus the "bridge" between the opposites, between the body and the spirit, between female and male energies.

In mythology, the god Chiron became known as "the wounded healer". Abandoned by his mother (the sea nymph Philyra) and father (Saturn) at birth, Chiron was adopted by Apollo the god of the sun, the arts and healing. Chiron's tremendous empathy for his patients stemmed from having been abandoned by his parents and soon he became a master of the healing arts.

One way in which Chiron signifies "the wounded healer", is because he learned to heal his life as a result of his own wounding by parental abandonment. In the final chapter of his life, Chiron was wounded by a poison arrow he had created for Hercules. Hercules shot Chiron in the leg with his own arrow during a war. Because Chiron was immortal, he suffered terribly but was not able to die. During this time he continued to heal others and thus we have the second origin of the term "the wounded healer." In the final chapter of the Chiron story, Prometheus stole fire from Zeus for the benefit of humanity. Prometheus was punished by having his liver eaten daily by vultures, while it healed again at night. (Those Greeks were geniuses at concocting excruciating tortures!) Chiron offered to die in exchange for Prometheus's freedom. This wish was granted and man was given use of fire while Chiron descended peacefully into the underworld. Thus, even in his dying, Chiron benefited humanity by helping Prometheus to be freed to bring fire to Mankind.

According to Barbara Hand Clow in her book *The Liquid Light of Sex: Kundalini, Astrology, And the Key Life Transitions*, the naming of the asteroid Chiron after the famous healer centaur, half man and half horse, presents the astrologer with a new way to view the connection between the human body and spirit.

As we contemplate Chiron, we begin to respond to an image of ourselves as *both* animal and human instead of as human only, with the peculiar sense of being separate and superior over the biology of the planet. This realization evokes an intensely sensual and beautiful integrated image of being an earthling. By uniting ourselves with animal powers—a basic

tenet of shamanic wisdom—we heal the separation we feel from other beings on the planet.

Chiron's lessons then, astrologically, have to do with healing and with healing duality in particular. It teaches how to synthesize male and female, human and animal, mind and body, life and death. Chiron heals our connection to spirit, which is graphically demonstrated by the peculiar course it takes between the inner and outer planets.

Thus, the significance of Chiron in astrology is twofold. First, it is the primary celestial object that has an orbit between Saturn and Uranus. In the astrology of the ancient Greeks and Romans, Saturn was the farthest object visible in the sky. Thus, Saturn was known as the outer boundary or the "restrictor" of the solar system that held the other planets in check. When Uranus was discovered in 1781 it expanded our view of the solar system vastly. The discoveries of Neptune and Pluto followed in 1846 and 1930 respectively. Chiron, the next major celestial object to be discovered in 1977 became known as the "bridge" between the inner planets of antiquity and the outer planets of the 1700's forward.

Chiron has a second very strong claim to significance. It is the belief of astrologers such as Zane Stein and Barbara Hand Clow that Chiron is a time transition "bridge" between the Age of Pisces and the Age of Aquarius which many think to begin sometime between 2050 and 2150. Astrologers propose that since Chiron was discovered in 1977, changes in popular thought have moved strongly toward a New Age, holistic and natural way of thinking. Astrologer Barbara Hand Clow has surmised that Chiron is the "bridge" that will help humanity to transition over the next 500 years from the Age of Pisces (in which man created paternalistic religions) to the Age of Aquarius (in which man will discover his own mortal and divine nature as co-creator and healer.) Because it is believed that Chiron will only remain in our solar system for a finite period of time (perhaps only 1000 years) it seems as if it has come for the express purpose of helping us to make the transition between the Ages.

## Correlating Chiron with the Study of Psychic Healing and the Near Death Experience

The discovery of Chiron in 1977 is closely correlated with the beginnings of serious research into the phenomenon of psychic healing and the near death experience. Astrologer Barbara Hand Clow notes that around 1977 "strange breakthroughs in the human connection to the spirit world began to occur."

In the late 1970's, the general cultural phenomena of ESP, visionary breakthrough, and spontaneous channelling surfaced around the world. Historically, there have always been "visionaries," people who had paranormal experiences, or received communications from other dimensions. But this planetary eruption of communications from other realms appears to be a worldwide event which is only now in the beginning stages. (p. xiii *Chiron: Bridge Between the Inner and Outer Planets*)

Medical doctor, Raymond Moody, first published an account of 150 stories he had gathered from people who had had near death experiences in his book *Life After Life* in 1975. The popularity of the bestselling book launched Moody on speaking tours across the country and a further series of bestselling books on the subject entitled *Reflections on Life After Life*, 1977 and *The Light Beyond* 1988 among others.



Three-time near death experimenter, Dannion Brinkley, was nearly killed by lightning in his first experience on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1975. He went on to write about his experience of his first two NDE's in his New York Times bestselling book *Saved By The Light* which was published 1994. A third book *"The Secrets of the Light"* published in 2004 tells the story of Brinkley's third NDE.

Noted near death experience researcher, P.M.H. Atwater, had three near death experiences herself in January and March of 1977. She has written about these in her many books which include, *I Died Three Times in 1977* published in 1980 and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Near Death Experiences* published in 2000.

It is interesting to note this very close time correspondence between the discovery of Chiron on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1977 and the experiences and publishing dates of near death experience protagonists Moody, Brinkley and Atwater.

## Astrological Research

My research in the astrology of the near death experience is still very new. Beginning in June of 2006, I am still in the process of gathering the hundreds of charts needed to show statistically significant evidence of my theory.

In studying dozens of charts of friends, volunteers and famous people who have had near death experiences, I have found similarities in "hard" aspects between Chiron and the planets, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. In these charts, Chiron "the bridge" is often found in opposition to Uranus and Pluto in the charts of those born in the late 1950's and early 1960s. Squares of Chiron and Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are found in the charts of those born between the 1920's and early 1950s.

Because Chiron symbolizes a "bridging of opposites," I think it is very appropriate that we find Chiron in hard aspect to outer planets of people who have experienced significant NDEs, primarily, the Chiron opposition and the Chiron square.

Overall, these hard aspects indicate that the energies of these planets must either be experienced equally (the opposition 180 degrees) or that the energies of these planets will challenge each other in the person's life (the square, 90 degrees.)

The quincunx or 150 degree aspect between Chiron and the planets Saturn, Uranus, Neptune or Pluto is also seen in the charts of people who have had NDE's. Kathryn Brinkley, wife of Dannion, mentioned above, has had two very dramatic NDE's and has a quincunx (albeit widely aspected) between Chiron and Pluto.

At the same time, a trine of 120 degrees, (a "soft" aspect) of Chiron to Pluto is found in the chart of one famous near death experimenter, Dannion Brinkley. I concur with the findings of Martin Lass in his book, *Chiron, Healing Body and Soul*, that the trine between Chiron and Pluto indicates "a person who has been a master healer in past lives and will return again, in this life, to do healing work."

While Brinkley has an almost exact trine with 1 degree of orb, Brinkley ALSO has an exact square (of less than 1 degree of orb) between his Chiron and his Saturn. Lass describes this

person as having “a deep desire to attain mastery of the material world—physically, emotionally, mentally, financially and politically as the only defense against his wounds and issues.” Based on the example of Brinkley’s chart combination of very hard and very soft aspects, and the different types of NDE’s Brinkley has experienced, I am including the Chiron trine in my study.

As an astrologer, I follow the guidelines of evolutionary astrology as conceived by Jeffrey Wolf Green. Porphyry houses are used. Orbs of Pluto and other outer planets, Saturn through Neptune may extend for as many as 12 degrees (6 degrees on each side).

The house placement of Chiron and the other aspected planet is also considered in this study. I am in agreement with astrologer Melanie Reinhart that the person who has a natal placement of Chiron in one of the traditional houses of healing, self or career is most likely to express their Chiron through one of the healing arts.

In her book *Chiron and the Healing Journey* Melanie Reinhart notes the research of astrologer Eve Jackson who compiled a statistical study of Chiron in the charts of 115 healers and therapists in 1985. According to Jackson, the house most frequently occupied by Chiron in the charts of physical, psychological and spiritual healers was the 10<sup>th</sup> house followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup>, and then the 8<sup>th</sup>. A high proportion of those with Chiron in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> were spiritual or psychic healers, or psychotherapists working with the subconscious.

## Chiron Oppositions

Notes NDEers with Chiron in opposition to Uranus are:

Baltimore community activist, Janice Pumphrey, born December 16, 1958, 9:53 a.m. in Washington, D.C.: *Natal Chiron is at about 19 degrees Aquarius in the 1<sup>st</sup> and Uranus at about 16 degrees (retrograde) Leo in the 7<sup>th</sup> house.* Jan is a founding member of the Mill Valley Cultural Arts Umbrella in Baltimore, Maryland. She founded her organization to promote the arts and local businesses as well as to benefit the local ASPCA. Her NDE occurred at age 17 when she was broadsided by a truck running a stop sign. Her leg was shattered and she received serious injuries to her spine and arms.

Noted NDE’ers with Chiron in opposition to Pluto are:

NBC news reporter Bob Woodruff, born August 18, 1961, (time unknown, 12 p.m. is used) in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan: *Chiron is at about 5 degrees Pisces in the 4th and Pluto is at about 7 degrees Virgo in the 10th.* Bob has established the Bob Woodruff Family Fund to aid Iraq veterans with physical and mental rehabilitation. On the *Oprah* show in 2007 Bob gave statistics that while a veteran’s chances of surviving his injuries was only 2.7 to 1 during the Vietnam War, an Iraq War veteran has only a 16 to 1 chance of dying of his injuries. The greater number of survivors due to advances of medicine will require increased funding from private sources for physical and psychological veteran rehabilitation. Woodruff’s near brush with death occurred on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at age 44. A part of his skull was blown off by a bomb which exploded on the tank he was traveling on in Iraq.

Susan Weis, proprietress of Baltimore’s premier New Age bookstore breathe books, was born May 10, 1963, 11:00 p.m. in Baltimore, Maryland : *Chiron is at about 14 degrees Pisces in the*

*2nd and Pluto is at about 10 degrees Virgo in the 8th.* Susan established her Baltimore new age bookstore to offer workshops with world renowned healers and holistic healing authors as well as local authors and practitioners. Susan had her arm nearly detached from her body and life-threatening bone-deep cuts to a leg as a result of cuts from a glass shower door breaking at age 13. From that age forward, Susan turned her love of reading toward philosophical books such as Elizabeth Kubler Ross "On Death and Dying."

## Chiron Squares

Noted NDE'ers with Chiron squaring Saturn are:

Dannion Brinkley, founder of The Twilight Brigade, a nationwide volunteer organization that counsels veterans in hospice care on the issues surrounding death, was born July 20, 1950, 1:32 a.m. in North Augusta, South Carolina. Dannion is a world renowned speaker and the author of several NY Times bestselling books on his three near death experiences including *Saved By the Light* 1995, *At Peace In the Light*, 1996 and *The Secrets of the Light*, 2004. *Dannion has Chiron at 16 degrees 15 minutes Sagittarius in the 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturn at 16 degrees 2 minutes in the 4<sup>th</sup>.* Dannion was hit by lightning while on the phone which resulted in his being clinically dead for 28 minutes in 1975 at age 25; Dannion had near heart failure in 1989 at age 38; Dannion nearly died of a massive brain hemorrhage in 1997 at age 47. Dannion has gone on to become a noted psychic with more than 95 revelations given to him in his first NDE having come to pass since 1978. He is also a noted healer who provides life readings to those seeking medical, spiritual or psychological counseling.

P.M.H. Atwater, researcher of near death experiences and author of many books on the subject including *I Died Three Times in 1977* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Near Death Experience*, was born September 19, 1937, 1:10 a.m. in Twin Falls, Idaho. Ms. Atwater is a preeminent NDE researcher who has had 3 NDE's herself. She has dedicated her life to helping the public better understand the phenomenon of the NDE. *P.M.H. has Chiron at almost 1 degree Cancer in the 12<sup>th</sup> house and Saturn at about 2 degrees Aries in the 9<sup>th</sup> house.* P.M.H. suffered a miscarriage and severe hemorrhaging in 1977 at age 39. She experienced two more NDE's between January and March of 1977 due to explosion of a blood clot in her leg and willing herself dead due to severe depression.

Noted NDE'ers with Chiron squaring Uranus:

George Harrison, Beatle guitarist and "inventor" of the benefit rock concert was born February 24, 1943, 11:44 p.m. in Liverpool, England. Harrison was very spiritual from a young age. In 1968 he learned yoga with his fellow Beatles from Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in India. He also practiced spiritual Kriya Yoga made popular by Paramahansa Yogananda. George Harrison did much to build a bridge between the culture and spirituality of the East and the culture of the West through his music. His famous "Concert For Bangladesh" in 1971 helped raise funds and awareness of the victims of a massive monsoon. He remained a devoted Hindu until his death on November 29, 2001. *George has Chiron at about 26 degrees Leo in the 10<sup>th</sup> house and Uranus at about 1 degree Gemini in the 8<sup>th</sup> house.* He suffered several stabbing wounds in the chest and a punctured lung by an intruder to his London home on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at age 57. This was a strange foreshadowing of his death by lung cancer one year later. Ironically, the lung cancer was discovered as a result of his stabbing.

### Noted NDE'ers with Chiron squaring Neptune:

Paramahansa Yogananda, one of the most well know spiritual leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, was born January 5 1893, 8:38 p.m. in Gorakhpur, India. He was largely responsible for bringing the spirituality of the East to the West. In 1920 he established the Self-Realization Fellowship a vehicle for promoting yoga and meditation worldwide. In 1925 he established the world headquarters of SRF in Los Angeles, California. In 1935 he established a spiritual school in India called the Yogoda Satsanga. In 1946 he published his *Autobiography of a Yogi* about his life and the principles and philosophy of yoga and meditation. It remains one of the bestsellers of spiritual literature to this day. *Yogananda has Chiron in Virgo at about 4 degrees (retrograde) in his 1<sup>st</sup> house. He has Neptune at exactly 9 degrees Gemini (retrograde) in his 10<sup>th</sup> house.* Yogananda experienced several NDEs as a result of several sudden and violent bouts of Asiatic Cholera . His first NDE occurred at about age 8 in about 1901. Yogananda died on March 7, 1952 at age 59.

### Noted NDE'ers with Chiron squaring Pluto:

Pope John Paul II, the "people's pope" was born May 18, 1920, 5:30 p.m. in Wadowice, Poland. This charismatic Pope did much to bring young people from around the globe into the church due to his stunning command of a dozen languages and his constant travel. *Pope John Paul II has his Chiron at about 9 degrees Aries in the 6<sup>th</sup> and his Pluto at about 6 degrees Cancer in the 9<sup>th</sup>.* The pope was the victim of an assassination attempt by Turkish extremist Mehmet Ali Agca on May 13, 1981. The pope was shot in the chest and nearly died at age 60. He later met with Agca in his jail cell in Rome on December 27, 1983 and forgave him for the shooting.. The pope has been quoted numerous times as saying that he felt that his beloved Virgin Mary deflected the bullet that was destined to kill him on that day. The pope died on April 2, 2005 at the age of 84.

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### Noted NDE'ers with Chiron Quincuxing Pluto:

Kathryn Brinkley, wife of Dannion Brinkley was born May 11, 1954, 6:32 p.m. in Cleveland, Ohio. Kathryn has had two near death experiences of her own. Kathryn is a writer and was a journalist for a New Age newspaper in Las Vegas when she met her husband Dannion. The mother of six children by another marriage, Kathryn is credited by Dannion as being instrumental in manifesting the healing centers that he saw in one of his visions on the other

side. The first of these centers for relaxation and healing will be opened in the coming year. *Kathryn has Chiron at about 29 degrees Capricorn (retrograde) in the 9<sup>th</sup> house. She has Pluto at about 23 degrees Leo in the 4<sup>th</sup> house.* Kathryn had her first NDE by near drowning in 1966 at age 12. Her second NDE was due to an allergic reaction to a bee sting in the throat in 1984 7 days before her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Noted NDE'ers with Chiron Trining Pluto:

Dannion Brinkley, founder of The Twilight Brigade, a nationwide volunteer organization that counsels veterans in hospice care on the issues surrounding death, was born July 20, 1950, 1:32 a.m. in North Augusta, South Carolina. *Dannion has Chiron at 16 degrees 15 minutes Sagittarius in the 7<sup>th</sup> and Pluto at 17 degrees and 10 minutes Leo in the 4<sup>th</sup> house.* Dannion was hit by lightning while on the phone which resulted in his being clinically dead for 28 minutes in 1975 at age 25; Dannion had near heart failure in 1989 at age 38; Dannion nearly died of a massive brain hemorrhage in 1997 at age 47. Dannion has gone on to become a noted psychic with more than 95 revelations given to him in his first NDE having come to pass since 1978. He is also a noted healer who provides life readings to those seeking medical, spiritual or psychological counseling.

In my continued research I look forward to analyzing the transits and aspects which occur during the time period surrounding a given NDE. This should prove to be especially interesting in the cases of Dannion and Kathryn Brinkley and P.M.H. Atwater who have experienced multiple near death experiences. I am in the process of interviewing people who have had near death experiences. Please contact me at 410-662-4676 or by email at [karinorenhoshal@aol.com](mailto:karinorenhoshal@aol.com) if you wish to participate in my ongoing study.

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