

Chiron and the Coming Evolution/Revolution

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I've just posted on www.kathleengoodyear.com an article entitled "Chiron and Aquarius," which was published in two parts in E-news from NCGR, a member e-publication of the National Council for Geocosmic Research, a major astrological organization. The article discusses Chiron's archetypal role as evolutionary change agent and mediator between a calcified status quo (Saturn) and creative, revolutionary change (Uranus/Prometheus). I recite the myth, discuss it using examples from Star Wars, and then explore pertinent transits from the '60s to today. (Please read the article before reading the rest of this post.)

After I wrote the article, I read astrologer Bill Herbst's most recent newsletter (which is posted on www.billherbst.com, if you're interested), wherein he discusses major configurations up through 2011. I hadn't focused on it before, but, yes, after Saturn gets done opposing Neptune, he will start opposing Uranus. Talk about fireworks! This is exactly the archetypal confrontation I was talking about in the Chiron article which could easily get out of hand without Chiron's intercession.

Saturn will oppose Uranus five times between November 2008 and July 2010. The first four oppositions will occur in the latter part of Virgo and Pisces— #4 will be in the 28th degree, close to the World Axis (0 degrees of the cardinal signs), and then #5 will be right inside Libra and Aries ON the World Axis.

What's more, the July 2010 opposition (#5) will actually be a grand square with retro Pluto in early Capricorn, Uranus, Jupiter and the asteroid Prometheus in early Aries, Hades about to go into Cancer, Kronos the leader in early Cancer, and Mars in late Virgo approaching Saturn in Libra. If this isn't a recipe for worldwide revolution, I don't know what is.

Interestingly, Mars was also approaching Saturn in early Aquarius during the February 1962 Aquarian get-together I talk about in the article. Chiron activated that point by square when he was discovered in 1977, and the July 2010 Mars-Saturn conjunction will activate it by trine. Mars approaching Saturn



can be like storming the Bastille—he and Uranus/Prometheus can blow holes in the walls.

But we know what happened in the aftermath of the fall of the Bastille. The French Revolution and its near-anarchistic aftermath (Uranus/Prometheus) devolved into Saturnian dictatorship, the Reign of Terror, and Napoleonic Empire. The revolutionaries wanted “Liberty, equality, fraternity, or death!” By and large, they got death.

The 2010 configuration is potentially highly dangerous. Americans (at least the whites) were fortunate overall in the aftermath of their founding revolution. Will we be as fortunate this time?

I’m choosing to believe that we could be and that this and other configurations up to and including 2012 could lead us into a powerful rebirth of democracy, peace, and economic and social justice in both the U.S. and globally. Why the cautious optimism? Because I sense the hand of Chiron at work.

I am in full agreement that major changes to the status quo are required, but I want them to work. We need to grow into our new era—Chiron’s evolutionary change—and this starts with personal healing and transformation right now. We cannot wait. And we need some practice in real democratic self-governance starting on the grassroots level. The Aquarian Age is a time of personal responsibility, not letting (or expecting) Joe Politico to govern for us.

For example, experiments in democratic self-governance are already occurring in parts of Mexico (Oaxaca and the Zapatistas in Chiapas), Brazil (particularly Porto Alegre), and Venezuela (Chavez’ sometime strong-arm tactics notwithstanding). Microcredit is allowing poor villagers in many parts of the world to raise their standards of living and that of their villages in the process. The Open Society Institute, a Soros Foundations Network initiative, is promoting the development of democracy throughout the world, particularly in former communist nations. We need to do more of this here in America.

Democratic self-governance is by no means easy. That is why we need to practice now. The peasants caught up in the French Revolution had no experience with democracy and so were overcome by power-hungry oligarchs within the revolutionary ranks.

In the July 2010 configuration, retro Chiron and retro Neptune in late Aquarius (next to a powerfully creative black hole, Cygnus X-3) will confront Saturn by quincunx, which is even more intense than a square. If by that time



we have grown and healed personally and helped develop viable networks of grassroots self-governance, then Chiron's and Neptune's spiritual sides should have the upper hand—they could effectively remove any vestiges of Saturnian top-down misuse of power and help us evolve into healthy self-governance on larger scales. If we refuse to grow or are frozen in fear, we will automatically align with dysfunctional Saturn, moving the fulcrum of power his way, giving Saturn the potential to use Chiron's and Neptune's retrograde energies to wound and destroy.

2010 is not that far away. We need to be earnest now in our healing and growth on personal and community levels. With Chiron's help, I believe we can be ready for the evolutionary leap into the new era.

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Wow Kathleen! What a POWERFUL blog and Article! With all the chaos going on politically, I'm looking forward to seeing what improvements will be made by 2010. I agree with you that something needs to change universally in order for us to survive and move forward not only for our personal growth but that as a nation and universe.

Thank you for such wonderful insights!

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