

INTRODUCTION TO CHIRON

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CHAPTER 1-THE CHIRON PARADIGM

Suddenly everything changed before me.
Reality was opened out in a moment.
I saw the boundless view.
All became dissolved in Light -
united within one joyous love.

Yet the Light cast a shadow,
Grim and terrible,
Which, passing downwards,
Became like restless water,
Chaotically tossing forth spume like smoke.
And I heard an unspeakable lament -
an inarticulate cry of separation.
The Light then uttered a Word,
Which calmed the chaotic waters.

-from *The Hermetica*.

The Brink of a New Paradigm

It has been said that nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come. The greatest advances in the consciousness of the human race have come from just such ideas, presented at the time Humanity was ready to hear them and embrace them. The discovery in 1977 of the 'planet' Chiron represented a threshold of this kind. It represented the beginning of a new paradigm-a new way of seeing ourselves and seeing the world around us-that we will call the Chiron Paradigm.

Chiron's primary themes are wounding and healing, taken in their broadest sense-physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual-and covering the full gamut of life from the physical to the metaphysical and from the terrestrial to the celestial.

What, according to the Chiron Paradigm, is meant by wounding and healing? In everyday terms, our life from birth consists of a series of events, circumstances, and experiences, each of which we perceive and judge in one of three ways: either things are considered more painful than pleasurable (negativity/depression/resentment), more pleasurable than painful ('positivity'/elation/infatuation), or neither more painful nor pleasurable (indifference). The origins of these perceptions of life lie primarily in the physical senses, the nervous system, and the brain's interpretation of the messages of the senses.

I say primarily because we can also look at life from a higher transpersonal perspective, beyond the limitations and modalities of the senses. In fact, according to

the Chiron Paradigm, such a higher perspective is the essence of healing.

In any case, when things in our lives are considered bad, wrong, painful, traumatic, dysfunctional, and/or unjust-whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually-this is what we are calling wounding. The traces left by such experiences (and by our judgments of these experiences) are what we will call wounds. This is the first half of Chiron's nature, as seen in the astrological tapestry.

If this is so, then, in ordinary terms, the healing journey consists of revealing, identifying, and dissolving/resolving the issues associated with our wounds. This is the second half of Chiron's nature. To summarize Chiron's perspective, the whole of life is nothing more or less than a journey of wounding and healing.

From a far broader perspective-astronomical, metaphysical, and spiritual-the Chiron Paradigm asserts that our wounding and healing journey is synonymous with the descent and re-ascent of consciousness through the cosmos. It is synonymous with creation (the Fall, the wounding) and subsequent evolution (the Ascension, the healing). Our everyday lives are but a hologram of this larger cosmic picture. As above, so below.

Chiron asserts that the healing journey-in our everyday lives, as well as in the broader life of Humanity-consists of awakening to the perfection of our lives, no more, no less. It asserts that there lies a gift within every wound, waiting to be discovered. In fact, Chiron itself epitomizes the gift in the wound inasmuch as this dark horse planet's innate gifts and wisdom lie hidden beneath an unsuspecting and seemingly painful exterior.

In order to fully understand and appreciate the preceding assertions, we must expand our vision well beyond the astrological considerations of Chiron, the planet. In this day and age, it is ever more important that astrology moves toward consilience, i.e. toward the cross-disciplinary unification of all knowledge. The survival and credibility of astrology rests upon this. However, before mapping out the grand unified plan of the cosmos and solving the mysteries of life (!), we must begin with our rogue comet friend and his astrological considerations.

Early Studies of Chiron

Such noted astrologers as Erminie Lantero, Zane Stein, Richard Nolle, Melanie Reinhart, and Barbara Hand Clow undertook the early studies of Chiron. In these studies, the theme of wounding (taken, as always, in its broadest sense) was emphasized. Although its partner theme-healing-was broached and it was clear that the healing journey was Chiron's challenge, it was unclear in these early days exactly what the healing journey entailed. In my opinion, the clearest picture was presented by Hand Clow: the healing journey was mirrored in the outward planetary journey from Saturn to Uranus-in the Rainbow Bridge-and healing was considered the process of rejoining our lower earthly nature (mirrored in the inner planets) with our higher celestial nature (mirrored in the outer planets).

True enough! However, in these early studies, our potential healing path was mapped in terms of more traditional and established psychological and archetypal paradigms, leading to many inadequacies and contradictions. Sometimes, new ideas cannot be measured against old contexts, but require an entirely new paradigm. The

difficulties encountered during these early studies were aptly summed up in Reinhart's 1989 Chiron book:

This book [Chiron and the Healing Journey] is in the nature of a mosaic; the long process of researching and writing it has been rather like the experience of trying to piece together a jigsaw for which initially there was no picture, and eventually several different pictures! The reader will find many irreconcilables sitting here side by side, sometimes with no attempt to resolve them. The archetypal nature of Chiron himself is also thus: the opposites of horse and human being are yoked uncomfortably into one form, awaiting the more inclusive synthesis that only a journey into the depths of his own inner nature can bring. Latching on to ready-made philosophies does not necessarily work where Chiron is involved, for this archetypal pattern suggests the need, and brings the opportunity, for each of us to make our own personal and unique quest for the meaning of our lives. During this process, we inevitably come up against many imponderables, paradoxes, and unanswerable questions.

How true! However, over the last decade and a half, a new context into which Chiron's revolutionary ideas can be properly placed has emerged. In short, Chiron's new paradigm is coming into view. With it comes the requirement to turn many consensus views concerning psychology, physiology, spirituality, astrology, metaphysics, mythology, religion, and more on their heads. At the same time, the Chiron Paradigm is gradually reconnecting us to wisdom that was already known in our distant past, but that was subsequently forgotten.

In the early days, Chiron tended to be associated more with wounding and pain and less with its partner theme of healing. To delve into one's natal Chiron brought a certain dread and reluctance. The gift of doing so, though, has been the gradual emergence of a new paradigm of healing—a new understanding of what healing is and how to attain it.

Alongside many other astrologers, my aim over the last decade and more has been to discover and present the balancing half of the equation, i.e. a new paradigm of healing. When both sides of the picture—the wounding and the healing—are seen equally and as equally necessary to our journey, then all contradictions, dilemmas, and paradoxes are resolved; all seemingly unanswerable questions are answered; a larger context emerges; we approach the inclusive synthesis that Reinhart projected. In fact, the Chiron Paradigm asserts that the ongoing process of discovering both sides of any given issue is the healing journey. This is one of Chiron's greatest messages and tools.

Although our healing journey must necessarily begin as a personal and inner journey—by facing our inner darkness and pain—as we heal, a larger picture emerges. We begin to see that our personal journey is mirrored in ever-larger contexts and that these contexts constitute the framework of the cosmogonic cycles of Creation and evolution. We begin to realize that healing is synonymous with the evolution of consciousness—personally, collectively, and cosmically.

The Gift in the Wound

The Chiron Paradigm asserts that the gift is in the wound. Other ways of expressing this are:

There is a blessing in every crisis.
Every cloud has a silver lining.
There are benefits to every negative situation.
Every void has a value.
Every thing and every happening is a service of love.
Through the darkness lies the light.
Beyond the pain, love lies.

Let's look at this from an everyday perspective. When painful, traumatic, adverse, and/or negative experiences befall us, we tend to see the negative sides more than the positive (if we see the positive at all). As we have said, the reason for this lies in the nature of the senses, the nervous system, and the brain. Said another way, in such circumstances, we tend to express the negative and repress the positive. Such is the face of Chiron, as initially seen in the natal chart (in synergy with many other factors, not the least of which is the Moon, as we shall see in the material that follows).

What we do not see at the time are the benefits, blessings, lessons, gifts, and service of these painful and traumatic experiences. We fail to see the balancing sides. The healing journey consists of discovering and embracing these balancing sides. This can take anything from a second to a lifetime. Hindsight is a great gift in this respect. As we discover and uncover the hidden balancing sides, so a larger picture is revealed—a picture that contains our gift. The gift is a piece of the puzzle of the meaning and purpose of our lives.

The Chiron Paradigm also asserts that there is nothing to fix, change, or get rid of in our lives. All is perfect as it is. However, our failure to see this at first (or our out-and-out denial) takes us on the journey of our lives. Along the way, we become the person we are meant to become. That is, we manifest our service to ourselves (in terms of learning our lessons and evolving our consciousness) and to others (in terms of how we contribute to others' lives). Our gradual awakening to, and embracing of, this service is the healing journey, is the evolution of consciousness. In this lies a larger perfection with a capital P.

Such assertions inevitably bring us to the idea of an ordered universe—a universe with a higher plan and purpose. Although one cannot scientifically argue this case (yet!) with those who are so wounded as to deny a higher order or higher power, our personal healing journey will inevitably (and inexorably) awaken us to just such a higher order. This is Chiron's promise. Moreover, herein lies the hope for the eventual unification of science and spirituality/religion. We can expedite this process (if we so wish) by putting Chiron's musings, as seen astrologically, into ever-larger contexts. We will hint at some of these contexts in what follows.

Chiron Astrology

Given the preceding, we arrive at the essence of the argument: Chiron, in the natal chart, points to the place of our greatest wounds—the things we feel are the most missing, wrong, unjust, painful, and/or lacking in our lives. It encompasses all the things that we feel, consciously or unconsciously, should, or should not have happened. It is reflected in all the things in our lives and in ourselves that we feel need changing, 'fixing', or getting rid of or that we would prefer to run away from, avoid, or ignore. In this place, we harbor bottled-up negative emotions, judgments, blame, resentments, injustices, traumatic memories, past life issues, and 'rooms' within us where we either fear to tread or that we would rather avoid, ignore, condemn, or banish altogether.

Hidden within this place of darkness, though, lie all the balancing sides of the equation—the benefits, blessings, lessons, gifts, and service of each and every one of our issues. Through the darkness lies the light. When we try to avoid the darkness, the darkness persists and blocks our way. Inherent within the wound itself lies the healing path. As we approach the wound, so its hidden aspects are illuminated, allowing growth, transformation, healing, and evolution of consciousness. If we understand the principles involved, each person's healing path can be clearly seen in the natal chart.

Perhaps the most striking symbolic example of Chiron's healing process was presented in the animated film, *The Dark Crystal*. Here, the dark and light sides of the psyche are personified in two races of creatures—polar opposites in every way, yin and yang, positive and negative, feminine and masculine, and so forth. The races are rejoined into one 'super-race' of 'light beings' when a broken shard of a magical but fractured crystal is rejoined with the whole of the crystal. The shard is symbolic of the dark, lost, disowned, denied, rejected, and/or condemned pieces of ourselves that seek to be rejoined with the whole of us.

Of all the psychologists of the last hundred years, perhaps Carl G. Jung came closest to understanding this principle of rejoining our light and dark sides (individuation). All that remained was to define the exact nature of the light and dark sides of the psyche. Chiron points the way to just such a definition.

Myths & Themes

Chiron was a centaur—half horse (animal, lower nature) and half man (human, higher nature). The schism between what we perceive as our wounds and their hidden benefits, blessings, lessons, gifts, and service is aptly summarized in the animal (lower) half of the centaur. In the myth, Chiron's leg was wounded, symbolizing the woundedness of our lower nature—a nature that sees one side of the world while repressing, ignoring, denying, disowning, condemning, and/or failing to acknowledge the other balancing sides. Such is the origin of blame.

As we shine a light upon our darkness, though, seeking out the balancing sides, so our lower nature is healed, transformed, unified, whole, and rejoined with our higher human nature. Such was the ultimate destiny of Chiron when immortalized in the constellation of Sagittarius (symbolizing the greater truth, oneness, and love of the galactic core consciousness).

Chiron's message is only understood when we understand and appreciate that

the world we see around us is a world of perceived duality. Everything in existence has an equal and opposite companion, although one side tends to be hidden from us in the beginning. As the great teacher/visionary, G. I. Gurdjieff, put it last century, Every stick has two ends. Modern quantum physics concurs with this view in its conception of matter and anti-matter. Such is the eastern view, too-yin and yang, for example. However, to put it more poetically, we quote from Emerson:

Every excess causes a defect; every defect an excess. Every sweet hath its sour; every evil its good. Every faculty which is a receiver of pleasure has an equal penalty put on its abuse. It is to answer for its moderation with its life. For every grain of wit there is a grain of folly. For everything you have missed, you have gained something else; and for everything you gain, you lose something. If riches increase, they're increased that use them. If the gatherer gathers too much, nature takes out of the man what she puts into his chest; swells the estate, but kills the owner. Nature hates monopolies and exceptions.

Why the world presents a dualistic face is, according to the Chiron Paradigm, all a matter of perception. It is all about consciousness. The astrology chart is, in the final analysis, a Mandala of consciousness. Again, quantum physics can teach us much concerning this topic. However, this is a topic for another book!

Many other mythic, archetypal, and symbolic examples are available, some of which we will explore in the material that follows. Each reveals its secrets in the wake of the Chiron Paradigm. More than this, each mirrors and supports the Chiron Paradigm. Why and how this is so will only become apparent as we draw increasingly wide circles around our topic of study.

Astronomical Features of Chiron

So far, we have presented Chiron's new paradigm without much recourse to astronomical/astrological data. Here follows a short overview of some of Chiron's astronomical/astrological features, showing how each contributes to and illuminates the basis upon which the new paradigm is built. A more detailed study of these features appears in a later chapter.

Chiron's highly elliptical orbit means that it spends considerably more time in Aries than in Libra. In short, it exaggerates Arian traits and minimizes Libran traits. Taking the view from the zodiac of the Mysteries, where the Moon rules Aries and the Sun rules Libra, Aries/Moon represents our dualistic (wounded) lower nature and Libra/Sun represents our potentially unified (healed) higher nature. Thus, Chiron, on the surface, exaggerates woundedness and minimizes healing. (We must be aware, though, that woundedness and healing are, ultimately, a matter of perception. Healing is a journey of consciousness.)

Moreover, Chiron's degree of inclination from the ecliptic (declination) makes it somewhat of a rogue in the larger scheme of things, also giving Chiron an unusual perspective when compared to the other planets (barring Pluto, perhaps). Not only this,

but studies show that extremes in ellipticity and declination give rise to more polarized, more extreme expressions of planetary (and, hence, human) expressions. From this perspective, cometary bodies, like Chiron (and Pluto, presumably), represent the solar system's more extreme emotional expressions.

Furthermore, Chiron, like Pluto, may be more correctly associated with the Kuiper Belt of astronomical objects, most of which orbit well beyond Neptune. Without going into detail here, this association means that Chiron's energetic origin may well lie outside the local Seven-Ray origin of the rest of the solar system. Psychologically, this means that Chiron is 'far from home', isolated, abandoned, a loner, and so on. However, it also offers Chiron an 'extra-solar' perspective and the potential for a reconnection to consciousness outside the 'egg sac' of our solar system (solar magnetosphere).

In addition, like most comets, Chiron tends to 'suck in' light and present an extremely dark surface (even though a comet's tail 'lights up' when it approaches the Sun). This is relevant inasmuch as Chiron, on the surface of things and as previously mentioned, tends to emphasize wounding (darkness) and minimize healing (light).

Finally, although Chiron's orbit is mostly confined between Saturn and Uranus, Chiron periodically crosses the orbit of Saturn, and it periodically intrudes upon Uranus's orbital space, waving a planetary hand toward Jupiter and Neptune, respectively. This implies that Chiron's affairs span a wide scope. Moreover, it means that Chiron has the potential to bridge the affairs of these outer planets-to 'see life from on high', so to speak. Not only this, but it has the capacity to be a bridge between the inner and the outer planets, carrying our worldview from a 'material-centric' perspective to a 'spiritual-centric' one.

Jupiter's association with the Inner Child and with naïve views of the world (pre-Saturnian, pre-responsibility) and Neptune's association (in its higher octave) with unconditional love (post-Uranian, the culmination of the healing journey) are extremely relevant when deciphering Chiron's themes and the way Chiron operates. We will cover many of these aspects in later chapters. The bottom line is that we cannot fully appreciate Chiron's higher messages until we put Chiron into the larger cosmic picture, as these few preceding points have endeavored to do.

By virtue of the aforementioned astronomical features, Chiron is at once disconnected from the rest of the solar system and connected to the higher consciousness that lies further 'up-stream' (outside our solar system) in the larger cosmic picture. Such a dichotomy makes for a very interesting proposition. In short, the answers to Chiron's own wounds lie within its very orbit, so to speak. Again, the gift is in the wound.

The Chiron Cycle

When we examine Chiron's elliptical orbit, its perihelion and aphelion in Libra and Aries, respectively, map this out over time, and then correlate this with human history, we begin to see a definite cycle. Individually, this plays out over 49 to 51-year cycles in our personal lives. The elliptical nature of Chiron's orbit means that this cycle's nodal points (major transits to its natal position in our charts) differ from person to person and from generation to generation. Individually, this traces the waxing and waning of

our inclination and ability to address and deal with our wounds and issues. Taken collectively, this cycle traces the waxing and waning of Humanity's collective interest in, and pursuit of, spiritual matters (wounding and healing, taken in its broadest sense).

Moreover, when this is placed against the background of the ebbing and flowing of major aspects between the outer planets (including Chiron), we begin to understand why and how Chiron was discovered when it was. The tumultuous years of the 1960s constituted the fulcrum point. Although beyond the scope of this book, the details of this fascinating historical and astrological drama can be found online at <http://www.martinlass.com/library.htm#issues>.

Chiron's Musings in Relation to Body and Mind

Although we will not cover it in this book, it is important to know that the Chiron Paradigm in relation to body and mind asserts that our physiology is a perfect mirror of our consciousness. In short, in the same way that Chiron in the astrology chart mirrors our issues and wounds, all our wounds and issues can be seen upon our countenance in the form of various states of health and disease, function and dysfunction, in our tensions and relaxations, in our excesses and deficiencies, and in our postures and expressions. Such is the holographic nature of the body/mind. The body/mind, like the astrology chart, is a Mandala of consciousness.

Put concisely, lop-sided (unbalanced, wounded) consciousness (in the form of exaggerations and minimizations in our perceptions of the experiences of our lives, i.e. when we exaggerate Aries/Moon dualities and minimize Libra/Sun unity) creates lop-sided physiology (in the form of hypo- (inhibition) and hyper- (activation) reactions of the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems and the immune system in general).

Conversely, as we heal our consciousness-i.e. as we seek out the balancing sides of our wounds and issues and bring unity to our consciousness-so this is reflected in the healing of the body. This view is vindicated when working with the healing side of Chiron in the natal chart. Moreover, there is now ample medical and scientific evidence to support the connection between our emotional and mental states and our body's health and disease. In fact, the latest research has discovered a connection between our emotional and mental states and the activation and inhibition of our genes, manifesting in the expression or repression of various states of disease and health.

In the end, we will see that everything is about consciousness and consciousness is all there is.

Moreover, if we examine the extremes of mental and emotional disorders in our society, we can see our own predicament as in a mirror, brought into sharp relief, as though looking through in a powerful microscope. Chiron in the astrology chart certainly illuminates such extremes, having definite connections to mental and emotional dysfunction and to violent crime, as well as to almost mystical states of illumination.

According to the Chiron Paradigm, we each have elements of every mental and emotional disease/dysfunction ever discovered and labeled. Such are the elements of our woundedness. Fragmented mental and emotional processes are the symptoms of

fragmented consciousness-the dualistic consciousness of our lower nature, of our terrestrial nature. Again, such is the woundedness of the horse half of the centaur, Chiron.

As we bring our consciousness into greater unity-by seeking the balancing sides of our issues and wounds-we reconnect with our higher human nature, with our celestial nature. This is ultimately reflected in the body/mind. However, such healing goes beyond the illusion of the physical (material) world we call reality and reconnects us with the truth of the energetic (spiritual) world that I will call actuality. Again, although this goes beyond the scope of this book, there is physics to support such an assertion.

Thus, the secret to healing-whether physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual-is to bring the darkneses of our psyche into the light and reintegrate them with the whole of us. As we do so, we become increasingly balanced-physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. As we approach balanced consciousness, we gradually awaken to the perfection of our lives and, thus, to the larger plan and purpose of existence. As we have said previously, this is Chiron's promise.

Chiron's Musings in Relation to the Cosmic Plan

Must we wait for healing in order to gain a glimpse of the larger plan and purpose of existence? Yes and no. Yes, inasmuch as personal experience can never be replaced by second-hand or anecdotal evidence, even when such evidence is scientifically based; no, inasmuch as the larger plan and purpose of existence can be seen anywhere and everywhere we look. We simply need the key. Chiron hints at this key.

If we expand our view of wounding and healing from the orbit of Chiron, past the body and mind, and out into the starry cosmos, we can witness a universal law, known in ancient times and only just being rediscovered. This is the law of the One and the Many.

In short, we are, individually and collectively, consciousness as light, descended from oneness (pre-Big Bang), into manyness (the creation, the Fall, the wounding). Our path then takes us from manyness back toward oneness (evolution of consciousness, Ascension, the healing). This cyclic movement from oneness to manyness and back to oneness can be seen in all aspects of nature as well as in innumerable ancient texts, myths, spiritual teachings, and so forth. The cycle is also called the cosmogonic cycle.

The story of our descent and re-ascent-our cosmogonic journey of wounding and healing-can be seen in astronomy, the physics of light, the nature of time and space, in music, in astrology (in the zodiac of the Mysteries), in mythologies, in religions, in metaphysics, and more.

The essence of the story is that all is astronomy. And, all astronomy is a dance of light (taking light in its broadest scientific sense to mean all energy in the cosmos, whether in the form of free intangible energy, i.e. spirit, or frozen tangible energy, i.e. matter). All is light, not just in the metaphysical sense, but in the scientific sense, too. Moreover, all is consciousness.

In these last statements lies the key to deciphering Chiron's musings. Our metaphysical/spiritual journey can be traced physically and energetically in the starry

heavens as well as in the physics of light thereof. In this lies the original gift of astrology.

Astrology was designed as a key that joined the two sides—the physical with the metaphysical and the celestial with the terrestrial—but it has degenerated over the centuries. Moreover, like astrology, all mythologies and religions were attempts by wise beings in antiquity to put the great cosmogonic story into a form that humanity would not and could not forget. (What better place to put it than in the skies above us?) All mythologies and religious parables are analogies of astronomical events, analogies of the descent and re-ascent of consciousness as light, analogies of our metaphysical and cosmic journey of wounding and healing. However, over time, the stories have been distorted, perverted, lost, altered, misinterpreted, and/or forgotten.

Nonetheless, the key still exists. If we examine the myths and religions of such diverse places as Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Polynesian, North America, South America, Great Britain, and so on, we will see the same Story written before us. The myth of Chiron is but one example of this great Story of Life—and one that is relatively intact.

In Conclusion

Everywhere we look, we can see evidence of the Story of Life—our personal and cosmic journey of wounding and healing. The Chiron myth and Chiron's astrological considerations are but two examples amidst a myriad of examples. Everything in existence is a hologram of a greater picture of existence.

Moreover, every aspect of each of our individual lives represents a holographic piece of yet larger puzzles: the puzzle of our personal life as a whole as well as that of the greater life of Humanity. When we deny, disown, fail to acknowledge, ignore, try to escape from, condemn, and/or try to banish certain parts of ourselves, we are wounded; we are in denial of the larger plan and purpose of the cosmos. Such are the wounds that Chiron mirrors through our natal charts.

However, when we walk willingly into our darkness, shining a light, so to speak, we gradually recover the lost pieces of our lives. Such is the healing journey that Chiron also mirrors through our natal charts. Gradually, we become whole once more, reconnect with our higher celestial nature, and take our rightful place as co-creators of this magnificent universe.

Most importantly, Chiron's higher message is that everything is about perception. Seeing one side of things (duality) is wounding. Seeing all sides of things (unity) is healing. As we heal, so the world around us changes, not because we have set out to change it, fix it, or get rid of the things we do not like, but because we see things differently. In short, as we heal, we increasingly see things from the eyes of love. This is the ultimate gift in the wound. Surely, this is a journey worth pursuing.

CHART DETAILS

Oprah Winfrey - Natal Chart
Jan 29 1954, 7:51 pm, +6:00
Kosciusko Mississippi, 33°N03'27", 089°W35'15"
Geocentric Tropical Zodiac
Koch Houses, True Node

CHART POINTS

CHIRON

CHIRON IN CAPRICORN

The Wound:

The wound of feeling unrecognized, unappreciated, unnoticed, unacknowledged, unheard, and/or 'passed over'. The feeling that there is no structure in life--that it is disorganized, chaotic, and too ephemeral. A deep-seated fear of loss or absence of concrete and tangible realities. A fear of losing control or being out of control. A fear that we cannot or will not find or know our place--our vocation and function--in the larger plan.

The Search:

The search for order, control, vocation, and/or mastery. Richard Nolle says, "The desire to conquer time." (Nolle, Richard. Chiron, The New Planet in Your Horoscope: The Key to Your Quest. American Federation of Astrologers, Arizona, 1983.)

The Wound's Expression:

Tendency toward seeking recognition, appreciation, accolade, respect, and/or status. Tendency toward seeking to be heard (can manifest as speaking loudly, ignoring others, and/or interrupting others); alternately, hiding our worthiness to be recognized, appreciated, respected, and so forth, and/or keeping silent whilst others are being heard. Tendencies toward seeking to create structure and organization in our lives and the lives of those around us, avoidance of anything we cannot touch, smell, see, hear, or taste, and/or compulsively needing to be in control of every aspect of our lives and, sometimes, of others' lives.

Lastly, with this placement, we may trip from vocation to vocation, trying our best to find our place, to feel useful, to feel appreciated, and to be recognized for our station. We are like a jigsaw piece trying to find its place in the puzzle.

Escaping the Wound:

Tendency toward trying to attain recognition, acceptance, accolade, and so forth, by associating ourselves with others whom we feel have these things; i.e. infatuating and 'chasing' people of power, fame, and money. Tendencies toward becoming 'anally' attentive to order, structure, and organization and/or trying to control others. Alternately, placing ourselves under the control of others and/or external organizations in order to bring order and structure to our lives--e.g. enlisting for military service. Tendency toward talking constantly, or, alternately, hiding in the shadow of others.

The Healing Path:

The need for recognition, appreciation, acceptance, respect, status, and accolade gives us an insatiable drive to excel in eyes of others. This gives us a motivating force to fulfill our goals. Ultimately, the things for which we receive the most recognition, appreciation, acceptance, respect, status, and accolade will be in alignment with our divine design.

What we truly seek is to love ourselves--to recognize, appreciate, accept, and respect ourselves--as we are, exactly as we have been divinely designed to be.

Furthermore, if others are not listening to us, it is because we are not listening to us--not listening to our inner voice (conscience), and/or our inner inspiration. The more we learn to listen to our inner voice/inspiration--the voice of our soul/spirit--the more others will listen, hearing the truth and Wisdom we have to offer.

The chaos that we feel and fear is within us and is a measure of our fragmented consciousness. We innately seek to bring order to our consciousness, and we begin by trying, unconsciously or consciously, to bring order, control, and organization to the outside world. In the process, we are learning to create and maintain our creations.

The need for control, order, and organization ultimately stems from the innate knowledge that we are destined to become co-creators. To create and sustain a creation requires utmost control. It requires the clarity of mind that comes from ordered thinking and disciplined application and organization of all available resources.

The Gift:

The recognition, acknowledgment, and appreciation of who we are, exactly as we are, exactly as we have been divinely designed to be.

The recognition, acknowledgment, and appreciation of the wisdom of our inner voice/inspiration; and the gift of sharing our wisdom and understanding with others.

The development of the abilities to organize, create order, manage ourselves, and manage things and other people. The discovery of our vocation, in line with our divine design--our life's path/purpose/calling/destiny. Training as a potential (and inevitable) co-creator. An appreciation of the nature and gift of the material world as a training ground for co-creators.

The inner peace of orderly consciousness.

Notable People with Chiron in Capricorn:

Ron Howard, Patty Hearst, Zane Stein (Chiron astrologer), Tony Blair, Jimmy Connors, Kevin Costner, Joan Crawford, Marlene Dietrich, Walt Disney, Jeanne Dixon, Chris Evert, Cary Grant, James Ingram, Chaka Khan, Annie Lennox, Christopher Reeve, Roseanne, David O. Selznick, John Travolta, Denzel Washington, Johnny Weismuller, Oscar Wilde, Oprah Winfrey.

CHIRON IN THE 5TH HOUSE

Our woundedness is most likely to be played out in the arena of creativity, the Inner Child, sexuality, romance, self-expression, self-determination, and the ability to shine or not.

Example 1. Chiron in Gemini in the 5th house, say, may express as a wound of feeling stupid or ignorant when it comes to creative matters. Alternatively, it might be a

feeling of inability to communicate what is inside of us or to bring this to a wider audience.

Example 2. Chiron in Virgo in the 5th house, say, might be the wound of feeling a deep dissatisfaction and/or self-criticism with any of our creative efforts and/or our efforts to be outwardly open and expressive. This, in turn, may be directed toward our children in the form of hypercriticism and nit picking, causing them to fear expressing themselves or showing their own creativity.

ASPECTS OF CHIRON

CONJUNCTION THE NORTH NODE Orb 0°17' Applying

Chiron conjunct, parallel, contra-parallel, or occulting the North Node aligns our life's path/purpose/calling/destiny with the healing journey, per se. This aspect confers, more than any other, a calling to heal--others and ourselves. We have been "chosen," so to speak, to be an emissary for Chiron's messages to the planet; we are here to do Chiron's work. Moreover, Chiron represents one of our life's primary planetary guides. This aspect can also be a tacit indication of considerable work already done on healing and evolution of consciousness in past lives.

The conjunction of Chiron and North Node is worthy of our special attention, because there is a historical significance every time it occurs.

Put simply, every time this conjunction occurs, a new "batch" of healers of a particular "flavor" pass their final exams, so to speak, "graduate," and are "let loose" upon the world to begin their mission of assisting Humanity's healing and evolution of consciousness. (Note that, in this instance, we are not referring to persons born during these conjunctions, but those of relevant age and inclination who were activated by these conjunctions. Those born during these conjunctions will, in the future, carry on the work of those activated during these times.)

For example, the conjunction of February 1969 was in Aries. During the 1960s, Chiron approached aphelion--its most distant point, always occurring in the sign of Aries--representing the most acute inner expression of our woundedness. The 1960s was the beginning of a revolution of consciousness--the beginning of new cycle of emphasis on spiritual and healing matters.

The Chiron-North Node conjunction of 1969 in Aries represented the graduation/activation of healers who marked the beginning of the so-called New Age--the beginning of the prelude to the Age of Aquarius. These people were the advance party, so to speak, whose task it was to take new and bold steps into uncharted territory. The territory was personal healing.

The next conjunction of the North Node and Chiron occurred in July 1984 in Gemini, representing the graduation/activation of healers whose task it was to be messengers of healing. Their messages came not only from their personal experiences, but also from channeled sources--from the higher consciousnesses of spirit guides, discarnate entities, and energetic "aliens." Their overall message was simple: "You have the power and capacity to become citizens of the galaxy, as you were meant to be. You can heal yourselves, because you are divine and limitless. It's only a matter of choosing to embrace your destiny."

The next Chiron-Node conjunction occurred in Libra in 1996, in the year of Chiron's perihelion and perigee--its closest point to the Sun and Earth, respectively, and its point of greatest expression of healing. The new "graduates" were people who had lived through and healed co-dependency, abandonment, deprivation, relationship failure, aloneness, alienation, and separation. Their task was to help others through similar issues and wounds. Their ultimate message was that separation is a lie--that, in truth, we are all connected to one another, whether we see it or not. Healing is seeing this truth, embracing it, and living it.

Their mission was to help us reestablish a balance (in our minds and hearts) between self and other, knowing that relationship is a mirror that gives us the opportunity to heal and evolve in consciousness. And it begins with us--taking responsibility in relationships rather than continuing to ascribe blame.

The next Chiron-North Node conjunction takes place in 2008 in Aquarius. The new "graduates" will be called upon to heal the wounds of separation, alienation, distance, isolation, and so forth, brought about by the Age of Technology. Paradoxically, technology and communications-- the Internet, email, on-line shopping, chat-rooms, cable TV, satellite TV, and so forth--that have made the world a smaller place have also made us feel more alone, cut-off, impersonal, and distant from each other. Healers of the year 2008 will most certainly be called upon to assist us in dealing with these issues.

In summary, each time Chiron conjuncts the North Node, it represents a fulcrum point--the peak of a cycle within larger cycles such as the Chiron Cycle--for the outward expression of healing, particularly through individuals with an inner calling to assist in Humanity's healing and evolution of consciousness.

The example natal chart delineation presented in Chapter Twelve of the book has this aspect.

An occultation of Chiron and the North Node would be one of the marks of an extraordinary healer (e.g. Albert Schweitzer).

Noted persons who share this aspect include Albert Schweitzer, Oprah Winfrey and Jimi Hendrix.

OPPOSITION THE SOUTH NODE Orb 0°17' Applying
(See Chiron conjunct North Node)

ASPECTS OF MARS

SEXTILE CHIRON Orb 0°17' Separating

Chiron-sextile-Mars offers the potential to use the driving force of our wounds and issues, consciously and intentionally, as motivation for our life's path/purpose/calling/destiny and/or healing and evolution of consciousness--for others and/or for us.

As with all sextile aspects, though, we must activate this potential, consciously and intentionally, with our wish for, and efforts toward, our healing and evolution of consciousness. Otherwise, this aspect remains mostly benign.

When combined with other significant Chiron aspects, this aspect is a welcome addition to the chart of a potential healer.

ASPECTS OF URANUS

OPPOSITION CHIRON Orb 3°21' Separating

Chiron-opposition-Uranus shines a light--a challenge, in a sense--upon our wounds and issues. By illuminating these, we are given the ultimate opportunity to deal with our wounds and issues as they come to the fore.

This aspect is the most active of the Chiron-Uranus aspects barring the conjunction. Initially, it causes us to run away from our wound and issues. In doing so, we bump into Uranus, who tries to show us a higher perspective on these wounds and issues. When Uranus's truth--the vastness and brightness of its perspective--becomes too confronting and/or painful to handle, challenging us beyond our comfortable and consensual beliefs, ideals, and values, we retreat again to Chiron and our woundedness. Here, having gleaned a little higher understanding and perspective from our Uranus adventure, we may find new ways of attending to and dealing with our wounds and issues. When things become too confronting and/or painful again, we run away again and find ourselves bumping into Uranus once more. On goes the tick-tocking journey of healing and evolution of consciousness! The universe certainly had a sense of humor when it invented this aspect! It reminds one of rats in a cage!

If we are unable to deal with the wounds and pain that arise, nor able to deal with the expanded perspectives offered by Uranus, then we find ourselves stuck in a kind of nightmare of constant running. Consequently, we will tend to try anything to "blank out" and not have to deal with our wounds and issues--alcohol, drugs, sleep, work, music, and all other types of escapism and avoidance. If this goes on for too long, though, it is inevitably reflected in our bodies through illness, disease, and general malaise. It seems that there is no escape or avoidance.

This all-or-nothing kind of psychology is the very reason why Chiron-opposition-Uranus (and Chiron-opposition-Pluto, as we shall see later) is an aspect that confers healing ability and/or focus in our lives. We cannot avoid it; we cannot run away from it; it follows us wherever we try to go. This is why the generations of people born between 1952 and 1989 have altered the consciousness of the planet via the healing modalities (taken in their broadest sense). The mid-1960s represented the fulcrum point for a mass movement of consciousness. The late 1970s represented the culmination. The 1990s represented the peak--particularly as this time encompasses not only Chiron's perihelion and perigee, but also Chiron's own half-return.

It is interesting that a statistically significant number of athletes possess this aspect, not the least of which are Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert Lloyd, Kathy McMillan (American track and field champion), and Ed Moses (American athlete, a hurdler who won Olympic gold at Montreal in 1976 and in Los Angeles August 1984). Perhaps they are literally trying to run away from their wounds and issues. This may sound implausible. However, consider that 1) our outer activities mirror our inner state and that 2) one of the means we use to avoid having to sit down and think deeply about

our issues is to stay busy and physically active all the time.

In the whole, this aspect tends to confer healing ability and focus, particularly when combined with other significant Chiron aspects that offer alternate ways of dealing with the opposition.

Other noted people with this aspect include Ji Maharaj (Indian guru who made the 'big time' in the US from 1972 onwards), Nick Campion (British astrologer), Annie Lennox, Bill Gates, Carrie Fisher, Denzel Washington, James Ingram, Shannen Doherty, David the Bubble-Boy (rare disorder of immune deficiency) and Bo Derek.

ASPECTS OF NEPTUNE

SQUARE CHIRON Orb 2°24' Applying

With Chiron square Neptune (1849-50, 1893, 1935-37, 1954-55, 1996-97, and 2042), we initially tend to feel cut off from soul/spirit/divinity/home/source/God. We can feel abandoned by spirit--left in a world without love, compassion, meaning, or connection.

Our reaction to this can take two forms: either we are more impelled to seek out spirit, meaning, connection, and love, or we tend to deny spirit entirely and seek an existentialist and/or atheistic life. In practice, we generally live somewhere between these two extremes, expressing one side while repressing the other.

This aspect bears a lot in common with Chiron in Pisces inasmuch as it makes us feel as though the universe has betrayed and/or abandoned us. In response, we may try to shut the door to our soul. Even in shutting the door, though, our path takes us on a journey--events and circumstances--upon which we will ultimately rediscover the love that lies behind all things. As Chiron says, through the darkness lies the light.

If this aspect forms part of a T-square or other such planetary pattern, the healing path is more easily facilitated. In this case, it would be a welcome addition to the charts of persons wishing to pursue healing as a life's path--for themselves and/or for others--whatever the modality of healing might be.

Noted people who share this aspect include Annie Lennox, Chris Evert Lloyd, John Travolta, Luciano Pavarotti, Patty Hearst, Ron Howard, Tony Blair, Charles Baudelaire (French poet tormented by religion and the struggle between good and evil in man), John Milton (poet), Cardinal Richelieu (French ecclesiastic and politician) and Barbara Stabiner (American psychic).

ASPECTS OF PLUTO

QUINCUNX CHIRON Orb 0°29' Applying

Chiron-quincunx-Pluto (1897, 1903, 1953-54, 1981-85, and 2041-42) creates incessant, nagging, irritating, unsettling, and frustrating feelings that impel us to heal our wounds and issues and transform our consciousness. It impels us to see the hidden blessings, benefits, lessons, and gifts of our wounds and issues--to see the flip sides of people, events, and circumstances that we might otherwise be judging only negatively.

If we fail to attend to the call of this aspect, we will tend to take out our criticisms, negativity, frustration, and irritation upon others. We will tend to seek to fix,

change, harm, and/or destroy others and their lives; or we will unconsciously “stir the pot,” so to speak, seek to upset/disrupt the balance of things, and/or wantonly needle others for no other reason than to discharge our negative feelings. Alternately, we may take it out on ourselves in self-depreciating and self-destructive ways.

On the other hand, if we turn the power of this aspect inward and attend to our wounds and issues, this aspect can be a constant blessing, never failing to provide new material for our spiritual growth. Here, the healing path consists of attending to each wound and issue as it arises. Otherwise, the cumulative effect gradually becomes unbearable.

Overall, this aspect requires us to seek new perspectives, new understandings, and/or new levels of consciousness about the issues behind our wounds (the specific nature of which can be seen, as always, in the sign and house placements of Chiron).

A statistically high number of noted athletes have the aspect, not the least of which are Chris Evert Lloyd and Venus Williams. The nervous energy of this aspect is discharged physically through their sport.

Statistics also show that the unresolved/unhealed nervous energy of this aspect may also be discharged sexually in unusual and non-consensual ways--homosexuality, bestiality, sadomasochism, fetishes, and so forth.

When combined with other significant Chiron aspects, this aspect in a welcome addition to the charts of people wishing to pursue healing as a life's path--for themselves and/or for others.

Other noted persons that share this aspect include Dr. John Demartini, teacher and Healer of whom we have previously spoken, Oprah Winfrey, Paul Joseph Goebbels (Hitler's head of the Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda), Whoopi Goldberg, Bill Gates, Chaka Khan, Tony Blair and David Berkowitz (American homicide, "Son of Sam")

CHIRON CYCLE

Major Lifetime Chiron Transits

TRANSITING CHIRON SEXTILE RADIX CHIRON (7th House to 5th House)

Exact Apr 9 1966, Exact Sep 22 1966, Exact Feb 9 1967

The 1st Sextile

The 1st Chiron-Chiron sextile manifests in a relatively unconscious way. The period in which it can occur ranges from three to about sixteen years old. In short, it represents the appearance in our lives of opportunities and connections to healing/evolutionary possibilities. Although we are primarily unconscious to the nature of our woundedness and to the possibilities that this transit brings, it is as if a window has been opened upon our woundedness--one that offers a potential path of healing.

It may be a person who comes into our lives. It may be the discovery of an interest, perhaps representing a future career path. It may be a place of solace discovered. It is often accompanied by an awakening of creativity, which reflects, unconsciously, our inner secrets. If it occurs later--say, in the early teens--it can be an awakening to the world, its mysteries, its joys, and its sorrows. This was certainly the case for me at the age of fifteen-sixteen.

Due to the early nature of this transit for some, it can be difficult to pinpoint the exact events and circumstances to which it corresponds. What we can say, though, with relative certainty, is that the later it occurs, the more a sense of woundedness mounts within us, impelling us to seek a healing and/or spiritual path.

In many ways, the 1st Chiron-Chiron sextile sets the path of healing and evolution of consciousness that we will subsequently follow (albeit unconsciously until the Chiron-Chiron opposition). During this transit, our values, arising from our wounds/voids, will be expressed, manifested, and cemented. This is a time of outward expression/manifestation of our divine design, although this expression is still embryonic and may be difficult to see at the time.

TRANSITING CHIRON SQUARE RADIX CHIRON (8th House to 5th House)

Exact Jun 13 1974, Exact Sep 11 1974, Exact Apr 8 1975, Exact Dec 23 1975, Exact Jan 15 1976

The 1st Square

The 1st Chiron-Chiron square represents the time in our lives when we are first made conscious of our specific woundedness. This transit can occur as early as age five and as late as twenty-three. Although we are made conscious of our woundedness during this time, we are, for the most part, unable to deal with it, grasp its deeper meaning, or soothe its effect upon us. It is, in a sense, a reaffirmation and deeper etching of our original wounds. These wounds drive us on the evolutionary path toward our ultimate healing and toward the expression and manifestation of our divine design. The deeper the wounds (voids), the greater the gifts (values). Core wounds create core values.

During this time, our woundedness surfaces (the nature of which is set out by

Chiron's sign and house placement at our birth and its aspects to other planets). That which we feel to be missing in our lives is brought into painful awareness. We may be missing a sense of connectedness or a feeling of love. We may have a deep need for security. We may have lost our faith or trust. We may have a deep need for companionship, and so on and so forth.

Whatever the case may be, the 1st Chiron-Chiron square represents an impasse of healing, at the same time as an illumination of our inner woundedness, a glimpse at our inner fragmentation, and, at times, a glimpse at our dark side. Akin to Saturn, this square impels us to make an inner resolve, although we generally cannot carry out our resolve until the transit has passed. The resolve is invariably in the nature of a healing wish, whatever the form may take, even if the native does not equate this inner resolve with healing at all.

TRANSITING CHIRON TRINE RADIX CHIRON (9th House to 5th House)

Exact May 27 1982, Exact Dec 18 1982, Exact Mar 15 1983

The 1st Trine

The 1st Chiron-Chiron trine represents a time when we are highly likely to meet opportunities for healing and evolution of consciousness to a degree not previously encountered. We may meet teachers, mentors, or companions--spiritual or otherwise. We may encounter healers, whatever the modality. We may simply be inspired at the time to pursue healing and/or spiritual matters. During this time, answers seem to be forthcoming and pathways open, allowing us to resolve some of our issues and heal some of our woundedness. Such healing/resolution can be either externally driven or internally pursued.

It can also be a time when we begin to sense with greater clarity what we may be here to do. That is, we may begin to sense our divine design. We probably will not yet be able to put this into words, though; this generally comes much later, closer to the 2nd Chiron-Chiron trine.

This transit can occur as early as age seven. Obviously, the earlier the transit occurs, the more likely the healing/resolution is to be externally driven rather than internally pursued.

The exact nature of the opportunities this transit brings will be mirrored in the other planets transiting natal Chiron during this time (and the aspects these make to transiting Chiron), as well as in transiting Chiron's sign and house.

TRANSITING CHIRON QUINCUNX RADIX CHIRON (10th House to 5th House)

Exact Jun 30 1987, Exact Jan 30 1988, Exact Mar 27 1988

The 1st Quincunx

This transit can occur as early as age ten. It represents a time of questions, reassessment, new perspectives, and the assimilation of events, circumstances, and outcomes of the previous trine transit. It can be a perplexing and somewhat unsettling time, but a time that impels us to gain greater clarity--to come to a new level of consciousness concerning the wounds and unresolved issues that plague us. It can be a time of shedding old skins and, in this way, it is akin to Pluto in its effect, albeit far less

intense.

During this time, it is as though we are working our way through an obstacle course, complete with puzzles we must solve and decisions we must make about our next steps.

In addition, during this time, we may recognize allies in those people, things, events, and situations that we previously viewed as our enemies. In other words, we may begin to see the blessings in the crises and the gifts in the wounds; this would represent a new level of consciousness pertaining to these things.

TRANSITING CHIRON OPPOSITION RADIX CHIRON (11th House to 5th House)
Exact Aug 27 1990, Exact Jan 23 1991, Exact May 21 1991

Aside from the Chiron Return, the Chiron-Chiron opposition (or half-Return) is by far the most important and influential of the transits of the Chiron Cycle. It can occur as early as age thirteen and as late as thirty-seven.

This transiting opposition represents the fulcrum point of our (potential) journey of healing and evolution of consciousness. (I say "potential" because we always have a choice to take up the challenge of healing and evolution of consciousness or not.) There are about ten years on either side of this transit when we must consciously awaken to our woundedness, whatever form it takes, and take positive steps toward our healing and evolution of consciousness. If we do, we begin to glimpse, to a greater or lesser degree, the answers to the four basic questions of existence--the questions being, Where do we come from? Where are we going? Who are we? and Why are we here? In short, our divine design becomes clearer.

The opposition transit is a time of intense illumination of our wounds and issues. Unlike the square transits, however, we are certainly able to take positive steps toward healing/resolution during this time. It is perhaps the most acute and most active time of our conscious journey. We could liken it to the birth pangs of spirit.

Anything standing in the way of our integration, our awakening, and the activation of our divine design can and does surface, sometimes in dramatic and cathartic ways. The opposition is akin to Uranus inasmuch as it shines a bright light into the darkness of our unawakened consciousness. It impels us to seek a higher understanding and synthesis of the otherwise dualistic illusions and lopsided perceptions of our lower nature. Beyond our contradictions, paradoxes, and conflicts there is a hidden unity, concordance, and metadox (union of opposites).

The healing journey is about awakening to a larger picture. It is about seeing the connections in, and sensing the perfection and rightness of, those things, people, and events that we previously condemned, disowned, failed to acknowledge, blamed, or otherwise judged negatively. In short, it is a process of seeing the blessings in the crises and of discovering the gifts in the wounds.

If we do not attend to our woundedness or seek resolution of our issues during the ten or so years either side of the fulcrum point of this transit, we enter a mid-life crisis. During this crisis, the meanings of our lives become more distant and seemingly unattainable.

This mid-life crisis is linked with the Uranus-natal Uranus opposition (Uranus

half-Return), occurring roughly between the ages of thirty-eight and forty-four. It represents a time when the work we have done or not done toward our potential healing and evolution of consciousness is paid or not paid. If we have done the work, Uranus can connect us to a higher state of consciousness, linking us with the affairs and consciousness of the outer planets. The balancing and integration of our consciousness, corresponding to the alignment of our chakras, makes it possible for this Uranian activation to take place. Chiron's role in the chakra energy system of the body/mind is to clear the channels, allowing the outer planets' influences and messages to be heard and digested.

If, on the other hand, we have not done the work of healing and evolution of consciousness before this Uranian transit, we may experience a withdrawal from this potential contact with the outer planets--the so-called mid-life crisis.

So we can see the importance of the Chiron half-Return as a prelude to the Uranus half-Return--the importance of attending to our wounds and issues during this time.

TRANSITING CHIRON QUINCUNX RADIX CHIRON (12th House to 5th House)

Exact Jul 17 1993

The 2nd Quincunx

The 2nd Chiron-Chiron quincunx, similar to the 1st, represents a time of assimilation, reassessment, and redefinition of the issues brought up by the previous opposition transit. It is a time when we are impelled to try to make sense of our journey of healing and evolution of consciousness up to the present and to come to a more integrated understanding of it all.

Conclusions we may have come to during the preceding Chiron-Chiron opposition may now seem incomplete or not completely satisfactory. Something still seems to be out of place, but we cannot tell what it is. We are simply being encouraged by this quincunx transit to come to a higher understanding of all that we have been through. We are being encouraged to see more of the big picture, to connect more of the dots, so to speak.

During this time, the odd pieces that do not appear to fit the big picture will plague us, frustrate us, irritate us, unsettle us, and generally intrude upon our peace of mind. We may feel, at times, like an office assistant trying to file a backlog of paperwork in a disorganized filing cabinet.

Nonetheless, this time can be very fruitful if we pursue each disparate piece of the puzzle with a view to understanding its unique place as well as its part in the larger scheme. Ultimately, everything in our lives is connected to this larger scheme. The healing journey consists of discovering how each thing fits and interrelates with all others.

TRANSITING CHIRON TRINE RADIX CHIRON (1st House to 5th House)

Exact Nov 16 1994, Exact Mar 9 1995, Exact Jul 21 1995

The 2nd Trine

The 2nd Chiron-Chiron trine, similar to the 1st, is a time when our vibratory

frequency is aligned to people, places, things, and circumstances that offer great possibilities for our potential healing and evolution of consciousness. During this second trine, though, we are more likely to recognize these opportunities and possibilities more quickly and to consciously pursue them. We are clearer about our path and about ourselves (presuming we have done sufficient inner work on ourselves up until this time).

During this transit, it is highly probably that we will meet guides, teachers, mentors, and other people offering us opportunities for healing and resolution of our wounds and issues--opportunities to evolve.

In a sense, this transit represents an affirmation of our path and of our life's purpose. It is a time when many things will come together in our understanding, naturally and consciously. It can be a time of deep healing, resolution, and connection. This transit, like the trine aspect in general, resonates with Neptune and, as such, awakens us to the possibility and actual experience of unconditional love (being the ultimate result of all healing).

Interestingly, this transit can occur before, after, or during the Uranus half-Return, aforementioned. The two transits are very similar inasmuch as they both bring together the results of all previous work we have done on our healing and evolution of consciousness. The Uranus transit, however, tends to be more upsetting--more dramatic and revolutionary. The 2nd Chiron trine is more harmonious and less confronting, although still revelatory in its effect.

If this Chiron transit precedes the Uranus half-Return, it acts as a prelude, i.e. a taste of things to come. If the two transits take place simultaneously, one adds to the other, the overall effect amplified. If the Chiron transit occurs after the Uranus transit, then it acts as a postlude, affirming and finalizing the effects of the Uranus transit--whether these effects are positive or negative.

TRANSITING CHIRON SQUARE RADIX CHIRON (2nd House to 5th House)

Exact Nov 5 1996

The 2nd Square

The 2nd Chiron-Chiron square, like the preceding trine, can occur before, during, or after the Uranus half-Return. This timing will determine the specific nature of its effect.

In general, this transiting square tends to bring to the fore our unhealed and/or unresolved wounds and issues. Our ability and/or willingness to deal with these during this time are generally limited again. In this way, this transiting square, like the first Chiron-Chiron square, is aligned with the energy of Saturn. However, the degree of limitation will depend on the nature of accompanying transits and aspects, such as the aforementioned Uranus half-Return.

If we have done little in the way of attending to our healing and evolution of consciousness, this square will bring up all kinds of regrets, resentments, painful memories, and core wounds. An inexplicable sense of loss and a feeling of the meaninglessness of our lives often accompany it. We may feel that if we could but turn back time, things might be different. Again, this represents a kind of mid-life crisis.

Chiron's answer to this is to learn to love things just as they are and to endeavor to see the benefits, blessings, lessons, and gifts in them, despite the pain and suffering they seemed to have caused at the time.

If, on the other hand, we have attended to our healing and evolution of consciousness, this transit will still bring up regrets and painful memories. However, we will experience increased ability and willingness to deal with these things as they come up. It is as though we are being given a chance to go deeper into the healing process, to finalize any loose ends, and to resolve any regrets, painful memories, and continuing issues.

If this transiting square occurs after the Uranus opposition, we are generally better equipped to deal with whatever comes up, providing we have done sufficient work in the past. If this square occurs before the Uranus opposition, it is generally more difficult and represents a time when we are being given a chance to clean up our act, so to speak, in preparation for the activating effect of the Uranus transit. If this Chiron square occurs simultaneously with the Uranus opposition, then the depth, intensity, and acuteness of the healing journey are multiplied, but so too is the potential healing result.

TRANSITING CHIRON SEXTILE RADIX CHIRON (3rd House to 5th House)

Exact Nov 16 1998

The 2nd Sextile

The 2nd Chiron-Chiron sextile, like the 1st sextile, represents opportunities for, connections to, and possibilities for, healing and evolution of consciousness. Unlike the 1st sextile, though, we are more conscious and can better recognize these potential pathways.

It is a time, too, when there can be an increase in creativity, creativity being simultaneously one of the keys to healing and one of the results of healing. There can be fruitful meetings, events, and journeys during this time--an exchange of healing energies between us and people, places, and things. This transit, like the sextile aspect in general, is akin to Mercury in its influence.

As with all sextile aspects, though, we must activate it, consciously and intentionally, by our wish for, and efforts toward, our healing and evolution of consciousness. (This applies less to the 1st Chiron-Chiron sextile, though, as we are generally too young to make such conscious and intentional efforts.)

TRANSITING CHIRON CONJUNCTION RADIX CHIRON (5th House)

Exact Feb 28 2004, Exact Jul 9 2004, Exact Dec 8 2004

This is called the "Chiron Return". It's when Chiron has completed a full cycle of the zodiac and returned to its natal position in our charts--represents the culmination of the cycle of healing and evolution of consciousness up to the age of 50-51.

Its effect will lie somewhere between two extremes, depending on our overall level of attention to, and conscious work on, the healing and evolution of consciousness in our lives to date. In all cases, our original wounds and their attendant issues will surface again. Whether we respond with love or with fear, guilt, remorse, anger, and/or

resentment will depend on our previous work.

If we have not attended to our wounds and issues during our lives and have not worked toward healing and higher consciousness, ultimately aspiring to unconditional love, we will be thrust back into the thicket of our woundedness. In this case, our core wounds and issues will surface again, demanding attention, healing, and resolution. In a sense, we are required to repeat a grade of school.

However, the likelihood of truly beginning in-depth work on our subsequent healing and evolution of consciousness definitely diminishes with time. This is due to our age, to the general level of crystallization of our personality, and to associated emotional habits, masks, protective mechanisms, and ingrained escape tactics. This is not to say that it is impossible. It simply becomes more difficult over time and we become less inclined to bother with it.

In this case, the Chiron Return can be, paradoxically, a time we hardly notice due to the success of our long-standing patterns of avoidance and evasion. Conversely, it can be a time of monumental regret. The Chiron Return can open the Pandora's Box of our core wounds and long-standing unresolved issues. Unable to deal with or answer the tortured callings that arise from our fragmented consciousness, we go into crisis or, alternatively, even deeper into retreat. Only in the final moments of death, maybe many years later, will we have an opportunity to feel healing and sense the truth of the love around us and in us. It is only then that the stranglehold of our personality mechanisms finally relaxes with the weakening of our physical vehicle. I venture to suggest that, if you are reading this book and have gotten this far into it, you will not have to fear the aforementioned scenario!

If, however, we have attended, to a greater or lesser degree, to our wounds and issues during our lives, the best we can look forward to is a deep sense of completion and peace during this transit. Although our core wounds and issues will arise again during this time, our previous work will help us to appreciate and finally love these wounds/voids and to recognize that they have given us our core values and, ultimately, our divine design. In short, we would not be the people we are today without having gone through what we have gone through. This can be a time of great gratitude for our lives and for what we have been given for our healing and evolution of consciousness.

It will also be a time when we can move into another octave of our journey. The cycle repeats, but on another finer energetic level. We are given an opportunity to move to deeper levels of healing and higher levels of consciousness, forever expanding to the limits of the solar system and, simultaneously, approaching the focused consciousness of the Sun. Increasingly, love is our guide rather than fear and guilt.

In truth, the effect of the Chiron Return lies somewhere between these aforementioned extremes. Some issues--those we have fully worked through--we will transcend, moving into a new energetic level of healing and into a new cycle. Others we will have to recapitulate in the next Chiron Cycle, striving for more understanding, higher consciousness pertaining to the issues themselves, and deeper healing of old wounds. Still other issues will be deeper wounds, only recently uncovered by the previous cycle and representing our fresh lessons.

The Uranus half-Return and the Chiron Return work hand in hand to align us with, and connect us to, the outer planets Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. It can be a spiritual coming-of-age, if we are ready. If we are not, then the destructive/recycling forces of Pluto will accelerate our decay, seeking to spade us in, so to speak, in preparation for our physical death and for our rebirth into a new cycle, i.e. into a new incarnation.

12-MONTH CHIRON TRANSITS REPORT

Chiron Transiting Natal Planets

TRANSITING CHIRON SQUARE RADIX MIDHEAVEN (6th House to 10th House)

Entering Apr 4 2012, Exact Apr 24 2012, Leaving May 28 2012
Entering Jun 26 2012, Exact Aug 1 2012, Leaving Aug 23 2012

Chiron will bring up our Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues around vocation and/or our public persona. It will tend to put the brakes on in these areas of our lives. It will impel us to think more deeply about those things in our lives that have been holding us back from fully activating and expressing these areas.

TRANSITING CHIRON TRINE RADIX SATURN (6th House to 2nd House)

Entering Apr 11 2012, Exact May 4 2012, Exact Jul 21 2012, Leaving Aug 14 2012

Chiron assists in offering increased opportunities, possibilities, meetings, connections and affinities for the Healing and resolution of our Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues around 'father' issues, around authority, responsibility, repressions, limitations, restrictions, seriousness and discipline.

TRANSITING CHIRON OPPOSITION RADIX ASCENDANT (6th House to 1st House)

Entering May 17 2012, Leaving Jul 7 2012

Residual Wounds, regrets, self-depreciation and negative feelings surface 1) around our relationship with others, 2) around our separation from others, 3) around our seemingly scattered psyches, 4) around our state of health (physical, emotional, mental and/or spiritual) and/or 5) around our deep wish and need for companionship. We are encouraged to attend to these issues in a Healing way.

12-MONTH CHIRON TRANSITS REPORT

Planets Transiting Natal Chiron

TRANSITING MARS OPPOSITION RADIX CHIRON (11th House to 5th House)

Entering Sep 7 2011, Exact Sep 8 2011, Leaving Sep 10 2011

Mars calls us to action in the tasks of Healing and the evolution of consciousness, bringing up the most acute aspects of our Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues, challenging us to make a decision to deal with them.

TRANSITING MARS QUINCUNX RADIX CHIRON (12th House to 5th House)

Entering Oct 27 2011, Exact Oct 29 2011, Leaving Oct 31 2011

In general, quincunxing transits tend to impel us to raise our consciousness of the affairs of the natal planet to new levels. They impel us to leave behind our old ways of seeing things, much in the same way as an opposition transit. However, quincunxing transits are not so challenging and confronting. They are more nagging, irritating, frustrating and insistent. In this way, the quincunxing transit, particularly when made by Chiron or the outer planets, is akin to a kind of miniature Pluto transit. It is also akin to the zodiac sign of Virgo.

When Chiron makes a quincunxing transit to a natal planet, it impels us in the aforementioned way to raise our consciousness to new levels around the Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues pertaining to the affairs of the natal planet.

When another planet makes a quincunxing transit to natal Chiron, it impels us in the aforementioned way to raise our consciousness to new levels around our specific Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues, as indicated by natal Chiron.

TRANSITING SATURN SQUARE RADIX CHIRON (2nd House to 5th House)

Entering Nov 3 2011, Exact Nov 11 2011, Leaving Nov 20 2011
Entering May 6 2012, Exact May 22 2012, Exact Jul 28 2012, Leaving Aug 12 2012

Saturn impels us, during this transit, to take stock, accept responsibility, cease blaming, start attending to and working seriously with our Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues, as indicated by natal Chiron. It will tend to create conditions in our lives that will force us to stop and do this. It represents a time to think, reflect, ponder, plan and make resolutions. This is a relatively major transit.

TRANSITING MARS TRINE RADIX CHIRON (1st House to 5th House)

Entering Jan 15 2012, Leaving Feb 1 2012
Entering Jun 18 2012, Exact Jun 20 2012, Leaving Jun 22 2012

Mars opens up increased opportunities, possibilities, meetings, connections and affinities for the Healing and resolution our specific Woundedness, as indicated by natal Chiron. It inspires us to make resolutions and take action towards our journey of Healing and the evolution of consciousness.

TRANSITING JUPITER TRINE RADIX CHIRON (9th House to 5th House)

Entering May 11 2012, Exact May 15 2012, Leaving May 19 2012

Jupiter creates increased opportunities, possibilities, meetings, connections and affinities for the Healing and resolution of our specific Woundedness, as indicated by natal Chiron. It draws our attention to a larger picture of our lives. It seeks to reveal the meaning and purpose behind those things in which we previously saw no meaning and purpose. It seeks to awaken the knowing and wisdom of the Inner Child that knows all is 'right' with the world.

TRANSITING MARS SQUARE RADIX CHIRON (2nd House to 5th House)

Entering Aug 11 2012, Exact Aug 13 2012, Leaving Aug 14 2012

Mars calls us to action by triggering our Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues, as indicated by natal Chiron. We may find ourselves expressing anger at ourselves and at others for thwarting our attempts to get on in life, to get certain things done and to make certain decisions. We will be impelled to understand the ways in which our Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues hold us back and why.

TRANSITING MARS SEXTILE RADIX CHIRON (3rd House to 5th House)

Entering Sep 26 2012, Exact Sep 27 2012, Leaving Sep 29 2012

In general, sextiling transits open possibilities in our lives, like windows of opportunity. Whether we take these opportunities or not is up to us. Otherwise, sextiling transits are relatively benign. For this reason, they can come and go with or without our noticing it.

Chiron making sextiling transits to our natal planets will open possible avenues of Healing and evolution of consciousness for the affairs pertaining to the natal planet being transited.

When other planets make sextiling transits to Chiron, these other planets will open possible avenues of Healing and evolution of consciousness for our specific Wounds, blockages and unresolved issues, as indicated by natal Chiron. Each planet, according to its specific affairs, will offer different possibilities and opportunities, illuminating different aspects of our specific Woundedness.