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E-Letter #2

January 6, 2013 : from soul-tending astrologer DALE O'Brien:

*Wishing You a Joyous
Epiphany 2013!*



"Biblical Magi" Byzantine, 565 A.D.

"Christian" or not, Catholic or not, the traditional commemoration of Epiphany, the coming of the three "Magi" with special kingly gifts for baby Jesus, is celebrated by some every January 6th. The interrupted meaning and rituals vary from culture to culture; from feast featuring a "king cake" in New Orleans, to gift-giving in various countries. So, who were these three "kings" who followed a star? Either, they were

simply astrologers, astrologer-kings or, kings who valued astrology. Others, including astrologer Rick Levine, have written extensively about the Epiphany story, but that is not my purpose here.

Every year on this date, I personally celebrate astrology with any amiable fellow astrologers and/or those who appreciate astrology. Whereas the legendary Magi went by names such as Balthazar and Gaspar, my alter ego Epiphany name is "SoBizarre." Often light-hearted parody of "the 3 Wise Guys" has been involved - as in "We three kings disoriented are...." Well anyway, Epiphany seems like an appropriate time to send out my second e-mail. If you are not an astrologer or a student of astrology, don't worry, because what follows won't be "over your head." On the other hand, if you are an astrologer or have studied some astrology, please try to be open to a perspective that you may not have experienced before.

Astrology for Our Time of Transition: Chiron and Neptune in Pisces and Pluto in Capricorn

In my [first e-mail](#) last "moonth", I gave my take, along with what Mayan elders have said, about our transition time into the New Era that we have officially entered as of 12/21/2012. Different dimensions are involved with this change of consciousness, including human interaction with our environment and fellow beings, human and otherwise. *(To be addressed in e-letter # 3)* What probably should be addressed first and foremost at this time is, how to personally deal with the ongoing financial and material dimension of this transition. Mayan astrology gave us remarkable perspective on the transition from one 5,000+ year Age into an Age of indeterminable length. It seems to me that our best answer to the question, "What now?" seems to come from our own astrology, with clues from relevant mythology and corresponding history. To put the "how to" part of dealing with the financial and material dimension into context, please read on. If you don't care about the "Why," skip down to the " * " for the "How".

Chiron in Pisces: Everyday Miracles for "Underdogs" Who Care

The mythology of Chiron is diverse and ancient, much older than the story of Jesus Christ. In fact, Jesus was, mythically speaking, Chiron-like. Both were born of mortal mothers and yet were immortal by way of their Fathers. Both lived a humble youth. Both were wise, ethical teachers and remarkable healers. Both were more respectful of women than their male contemporaries. Both became role models for better human behavior. Neither sought adulation, despite their remarkable accomplishments. Both suffered before death, died, and then soon after rose, or were raised to the sky (or Heaven). Both could be described as shamans. When indigenous people of South America heard missionaries' stories about Jesus Christ, they said that he sounds like he was the greatest shaman of all time. (However, to the exasperation of the missionaries, these people saw no reason to convert to the white man's purportedly Christ-like religion!)

My research of hundreds of charts has led to the conclusion that Chiron in Pisces tends to be expressed in a non-materialistic, compassionate, Christ-like manner, regardless of an individual's religious affiliation, or the lack thereof. Here are just a few examples of well-known individuals: Mother Teresa, anti-landmine-activist Princess Diana, Walt Whitman, Henry David Thoreau, and Kurt Cobain. This is not to say that everyone born when Chiron was in Pisces will express this potential, anymore than every individual member of, say, the Pluto in Leo generation would express appropriate stereotypical behavior. Still, certain generalizations can describe many of such a group. Similarly, if we look at certain historical time periods when Chiron was Pisces, we can gain a sense of the potential of our time. Chiron has been unwavering in Pisces from early February 2012 and will be here until 2025.

The TRUE Spirit of "the Sixties": Chiron in Pisces, 1960 to 1968

Whether one personally lived during 1960 to 1968, or only heard about it as an era, almost all would agree that, above all, what made "the Sixties" unique was the unprecedented cultural influence of singer-songwriter-guitar players, from folk music to "rock" music. In Chiron's mythological story, he played a stringed instrument called a kithara, precursor to the guitar. When he played, it was said that his music was so enchanting that all creatures - humans, animals, plants, trees and "even the rocks" listened enraptured. We could say that Chiron was the first to play "rock music"! Not only was Chiron a remarkable musician, he also taught music to Orpheus (and others, such as Achilles). Orpheus was such an incredible musician that he was able to play his way into and out of the Underworld, which was a seemingly impossible feat.



Chiron instructs young Achilles

Just as Chiron was both musician and musical mentor, "the Sixties" featured both, then young singer-songwriter-guitarists, inspired by musical mentors like Woody Guthrie, Johnny Cash, various African American blues musicians, etc. Unlike apolitical musicians of other eras, charismatic Sixties musicians were essential catalysts to ending the Viet Nam war, inspiring widespread environmental awareness, and much more. Sometimes lyrics and artistry called for careful listening, but other music of the era evoked neo-tribal trance dance. Humor celebrated life, whether in fun songs with a message or life-affirming fantasy and good-hearted joy.

These 1960s musical mentors and their protégés became greatly influential on a generation alienated from their own fathers. This was particularly the case for the young men of the generation. The influential youth "movement" of the time corresponded to Uranus and Pluto in the mutable (movable) sign of Virgo and Chiron in the mutable (movable) sign of Pisces. Prometheus-the-Thief Uranus fomented soulless mind-based technological and impersonal political revolution, but Chiron in Pisces, more importantly, evoked Soul's connection and compassion with humanity and Nature. Inherently non-violent (Chiron in Pisces) Civil Rights and anti-war movements then, correspond to the current inherently non-violent "Occupy" movement, ongoing, despite a lack of significant media attention.

Chiron was not "discovered" until November 1977, and to this day most astrologers know little or nothing about Chiron's affinity with enchanting music played in Nature (think Woodstock and other outdoor festivals). Similarly, most astrologers know little or nothing about his other diverse talents. Mythological Chiron was much more than the clichéd "wounded healer," and is astrologically so much more than a "one trick pony" centaur! Chiron taught and mentored so many diverse, amazing and important individuals. Astronomically, little Chiron has been and can be a catalyst for significant change.

The time before "the Sixties" that Chiron was in Pisces was approximately 1910 to 1918. Before that, Chiron was in Pisces approximately 1860 to 1869. Even before that, Chiron was in Pisces from about 1807 to 1815. Some may notice that Afghanistan and other wars are ongoing now with Chiron in Pisces, before that there was Viet Nam, before that WW I, before that there was the American Civil War, and before that the War of 1812. However, in the interest of objectivity, other wars, including WW II, occurred when Chiron wasn't in Pisces. *So what makes Chiron in Pisces unique?* Most don't know this, but in the Viet Nam war era, during WW I, and during the Civil War, there was a significant anti-war minority. This minority included conscientious objectors, deserters, and soldiers amidst active deadly combat who deliberately aimed their rifles over the heads of the purported enemy because the urge to NOT kill was, in many cases, even greater than the urge for self-preservation.

Two Union officers misunderstood this non-violent orientation during the Civil War. After Chiron left Pisces, they formed the National Rifle Association in hopes of making men more accurate (and deadly) marksmen. Fast-forward to December 2012, Chiron in Pisces, and the aftermath of the massacre of little children and young female teachers and staff. Some now decry senseless violence while the NRA again sees gun use as the solution.

The overwhelmingly non-violent Reverend Minister Martin Luther King's Civil Rights movement occurred while Chiron was in Pisces. Only three days after Chiron left Pisces, MLK was shot dead. It was exactly one year after he had spoken out against the poor American soldiers fighting poor Vietnamese for the sake of rich men profiting from war, themselves, safely out of harm's way. Besides the carnage, suffering and environmental destruction, war indirectly deprives the poor of money for even the most basic human needs.

"I'm Not Preachin', I'm Just Sayin'..."

Within and outside of astrological social circles, I've noticed a growing aversion to any mention of anything about Jesus Christ. Church attendance is way down, as is the number of people who profess any religious affiliation. With stories of pedophile priests, anti-gay and anti-female and anti-erotic supposed "Christians," a pope who recently criticized American nuns for caring for the poor, etc., an increasingly common phrase comes to mind. "Jesus, save me from your followers!" (The quote is sometimes credited to gay wit, Oscar Wilde.) Try to forget the regrettable followers, and consider the Christ story, or what Jungians call the archetypal or Christ "mythos."



Martin Luther King, Jr., et. al. at Pride and Power of Nonviolence Peace March

In each historical case mentioned, when Chiron was in Pisces, a minority catalyzed change away from war and toward compassion for the unfortunate. Unfortunately, such changes for the better did not occur right away, but the Christ-like "Love thy Neighbor as Thyself" sentiment of a caring minority evoked positive change in the majority. Every time Chiron was in Pisces the aggressive invaders surrendered or

gave up. AstroLOGIC tells us American troops will probably be called home by no later than 2025. Along with this altruism, a spiritual belief of some kind, also seems to go along when Chiron is in Pisces. Unlike the many times that people have fought wars over religious differences (often absurdly slight differences), when Chiron is in Pisces there is relatively greater religious tolerance, at least, among the same significant caring minority. Remember, or look at pictures of Civil Rights marches. There was Baptist minister MLK, side-by-side, even arm-in-arm with caring rabbi on one side, caring activist Catholic priest on the other, and tolerance for black Muslims' beliefs. The implication is that when Chiron is in Pisces, caring people can transcend their belief differences for the larger benefit of humanity.

What does this tell us about now, with not only Chiron transiting in Pisces, but Neptune transiting Pisces as well? It seems that significant positive changes can occur IF, at a minimum, a significant minority believes in SOMETHING spiritually AND also deeply feels a sincere sense of caring and connectedness to one's fellow humans. Applying the Mayan New Era Message of "*the Spirit of All Living Things*," this sense of inclusiveness should certainly, also extend to all of Nature, as well, to what Native Americans would call "to all of my relations." In this context, the Spirit of All Living Things includes EVERYONE who is benign; including females, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals, and the non-monogamous, any and all consenting adults. If this sounds "liberal," Chiron in Pisces is inherently "liberal", and tolerant of any and all non-violent beings. There are some who believe that Christ was not celibate, that Mary Magdalene was His lover, and that the apostle John, to name just one, may have been gay. Statistics tell us that one of the apostles probably was. None of these things should matter one way or the other, as the Spirit of All Living Things implies "live and let live".

Historically, each of these eras exhibited a great deal of tragedy and suffering, but never ending entirely in vain. It seems that the best possible outcome of all can come *now*, because now is the first time since Chiron's discovery that Chiron is again in Pisces and this time Neptune is in the same sign (and they are even close together). Further, we have just entered an entire Era most in the spirit of tolerance and inclusion of Chiron in Pisces. *The most wonderful time that humanity has ever known is in the process of becoming!* It seems that this is *THE GREATEST EPIPHANY EVER, YET!*

Belief Evokes Miracles When Chiron is in Pisces --- Thank Goddess!

JANUARY 8 marks the day of probably THE GREATEST AMERICAN MIRACLE, yet, little known outside of New Orleans. I suspect that the reason for the lack of knowledge and national celebration of

this event is that a GODDESS was responsible for the miracle. Ursuline Catholic nuns in New Orleans have the oldest, continually ongoing school for girls in the United States. In the late eighteenth century in France, an Ursuline nun found a small discarded statue of Mary holding the Christ Child. Disregarded, it was supposed to be destroyed. Whoever created that statue put something soulful into its creation. (One mythological story of Chiron told of the soulfulness of a statue he created for a special purpose.) The soulfulness of this particular image of Madonna and child spoke to that particular nun. With Chiron then in Pisces, she used the statue to help her pray to Mary for a miracle. To make a longer story short, her prayer was miraculously answered.

This sister and that statue arrived in New Orleans on December 31, 1810, with Chiron in Pisces. Less than two years later, Chiron still in Pisces, a terrible fire raged through New Orleans' French Quarter, heading directly toward the convent. Although all of the students and most of the nuns had evacuated the convent, the old nun went upstairs and placed the little statue on a windowsill, facing the fire. She prayed to Mary for immediate intercession. She called Mary, as represented by this statue, OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR (meaning bringer of immediately needed urgent help). The fire miraculously turned away from the convent, and was able to be put out by others nearby. Shortly thereafter, Chiron still in Pisces, the evening of January 7 through the early morning of January 8, 1815, the sisters plus friends and family of those defending New Orleans against British invasion prayed in front of the statue to Our Lady of Prompt Succor. A priest conducted an early morning mass January 8. Andrew Jackson was in charge of a greatly outnumbered, inadequately armed, motley crew who were trying to defend New Orleans from British invasion. Some 2,000 of 8,000 British were killed before retreating, yet only less than twenty Americans died in the battle. Perhaps a significant minority of those British soldiers or foreign mercenaries just did not want to kill men much like themselves. Afterwards, Jackson described the victory as a miracle, credited to the prayers of the Ursuline sisters and Our Lady of Prompt Succor.



Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patron Saint of New Orleans

* Chiron in Pisces HOW TO Guide to Financial and Material Miracles

Besides the life-saving apparent miracles in New Orleans about 200 years ago, I've noticed in my own life, and the lives of others that I know, much less dramatic, yet, nonetheless remarkable financial and material "miracles" since Chiron has been in Pisces. Whereas some believe in, or want to believe in, what might be called unlimited "manifestation" consciousness, this time seems to reward less ambitious, not-greedy, prayer. This makes sense in terms of the teachings of the Chironic Christ. He is quoted as referring to two great commandments, love of deity and love of humanity. "His" prayer advice is to humbly ask only for "daily bread" --- that is, to have our most immediate, basic needs be provided for. His "lilies of the field" story similarly implies not worrying about money, and trust in Divine providence. Those who he spoke to were attempting to survive under an onerous tax burden imposed by the Romans. In his Eight Beatitudes talk, he spoke of the coming good fortune of those who had not been so fortunate. There was also a story of miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes, so people need not go hungry. At the wedding feast of Cana, when Jesus turned water into fine wine, at His Mother's request, he seemed to bless the perspective that says we should not just live by bread alone.

The apparent correspondence for us now, and in the near future is that, somehow, anyone who believes will be spared from starvation and homelessness. I have experienced, and have heard wonderful stories, of seemingly minor miracles; residing in houses with unpaid mortgage payments, rent money manifestation, and simple food and other basics "miracles".

Only about 55% at present are, at least for now, free of such basic concerns. Another, approximately 30%, are just a month's pay, or so, away from financial problems; while some 15% of Americans are unemployed or severely under employed. More and more people live in poverty. World economies are in severe crisis. "The system" and "the government" are simply not reliable sources for economic security. Some see the eminent "crash" of world markets. Perhaps, living simply, gratefully and "prayfully" is the new alternative to pragmatism. Smirk skeptically, if you will, at your own risk. Cynicism unquestionably pays no bills. Perhaps Our Lady of Prompt Succor, or other source of prayer, is an option for you to believe in.

A Way to Live, Chiron in Pisces style: Dance Away from the Computer!
"Liberate yourself from mental slavery..." --- Bob Marley

Putting this all together, this seems to be a time of potential unnecessary suffering and death, best countered with hopefulness, despite odds to the contrary. Astrological mindfulness, nonviolence, some form of spirituality (eclectic or otherwise), non-selfish prayer and altruistic openness and volunteerism, even activism. Also, needed is involvement with and appreciation of Nature, joyful humor, the creation and active connection to song and music, dancing and celebrations, and creation and appreciation of the arts. Trust that what is truly needed will be provided for. *Enjoy!*

Coming in E-letter # 3: Our Mythic Time: Environmental Awareness (and more):
The Storm Monster, The Sea Goat, and Two Fishes Connected, Swimming in Different Directions:
The Mythology of the Zodiacal Signs Capricorn and Pisces

*"Arise, my heart, and raise your voice in song, for only the children of darkness fail to join
in the hymns of morn." --- BETWEEN NIGHT and MORN, by Kahil Gibran*

*".... Remember that feeling as a child
When you awoke and morning smiled
It's time its time you felt, felt like that again
Come with me, leave your yesterdays, your yesterdays behind,
and TAKE A GIANT STEP OUTSIDE YOUR MIND!"
---written by Gerry Goffin and Carole King, sung by TAJ MAHAL*

**Wishing You All and All of Creation,
A Very Joyous Epiphany 2013,**



Dale

LAST WORDS

My own historically-based astrology-based general suggestions for how to move through and be with this time of Age transition will continue to be shared through upcoming [ChironSoulJourneyTruth](#) e-messages. As a contributing writer of a piece called "Listen in to Dream" for [PlanetWaves](#), I invite you to LISTEN, available at that site.

I am available (by appointment) for a variety of personal astrological services, including Dream Tending. I'm trained in Dream Tending and have also studied dream with Jeremy Taylor and others. See www.chironsouljourneytruth.com for more information.

The **2013 Business Timing Guide** for January is now available on my [website](#).
And the **2013 Business Timing Guide** for the year is available by calling me.

I know that most of us already spend too much time in front of our devices (our "vices!"), however, this is an exceptional time that many individuals have asked me about. I'm happy to share, and hopefully what I share is worthwhile.

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