

The 60's Today: From There to Here

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This is the long awaited, highly anticipated second part of a two-part article. The first sent two months ago focused on the highly unique planetary picture of the mid 60's, which at its most authentic expression heralded a new age, founded upon a planetary culture steeped in visionary consciousness, social equality and planetary ecology. [Click here to read this fascinating and highly illuminating article.](#)

In today's skies we find a culmination of the celestial seeds planted in that enthralling, turbulent decade, a time that harkened back to an archaic past when the magic and mystery of creation was the spoken language of humankind. To anyone who listened, the universe revealed its secrets. Knowledge then, now, and always is encoded in the stars and in the planets that encircle our earth.

The inquiry is, as ever, who or what are you listening to, the pundits and priests of the media and government, or the intuitive knowing of your deep Self and guides and guardians of the sacred directions? Are you even listening at all? To answer that question, let's take a close look at the heavens and frame our terrestrial reality in terms of the celestial reality and see if we are aligned and attuned to our highest cosmic potentials and possibilities.

The planetary picture highlighting the heavens now is comprised of Saturn, the planet of reality in Leo, opposing Neptune, the planet of unreality and Chiron, the Inner Shaman and Wounded Healer. Right now we are at the tail end of this configuration. It's important to know where we are coming from so we can clearly enter a promising new world that is waiting for those of us are willing and able to be initiated into Spiritual and Earth Mysteries.

Lets start with the opposition. Any opposition whether between two planets or two individuals is a veritable tug of war between the two planetary agencies or two people. It is a polarizing influence that at its worst leads to open conflict and confrontation and at its best brings more understanding of our own faults and weaknesses leading to growth of consciousness within our self. Think of any oppositional situation that you have successfully navigated. Did it not lead to a greater understanding and strengthening of your Self? Thus the opposition serves to make the unconscious, conscious, freeing us from the burden of ignorance and the unceasing, blind repetition of the past.

Turning our attention to the planets involved in this oppositional relationship, we see that Saturn rules consensus reality, the past, government, politics, institutional authority such as found in mainstream religion, corporations, and the economy while Neptune governs transcendence, formless and non-conceptual states of reality, mysticism and has absolutely nothing at all to do with this world. The confrontational and conflictual relationship between

Neptune, the planet of unreality, and Saturn, the planet of reality is leading to a complete dissolution of the world as we know it! This must by now be increasingly obvious to many of us. The influence of Neptune can be completely disorienting and totally confusing.

Is this a problem? It is if you are holding on to old structures. We see this with the neo-conservative religious, nationalistic and political elements found throughout most countries. Anything and everything that does not fit their limited view (Saturn) of the world is reacted to as a threat to their way of life and must be destroyed, an us versus them reflex (the opposition). Neptune has led to misguided, deluded behavior on the part of those who believe they are defenders of the status quo.

However if you are open to receiving guidance from your deeply intuitive nature than a bridge between the old world (unconscious Saturn) and the new world (conscious Saturn) can and will be constructed. The relationship first emerged into the collective consciousness in the mid-60's with the easy going sextile (sixty degree) relationship between Neptune and Saturn. Now however due to the oppositional nature of the relationship, the situation is coming to a head and must be resolved, first within our selves and then out-picturing in our external social structures.

To round this out Neptune rules Buddhism, Hinduism, Christian Mysticism, and also is heavily configured in the natal charts of psychics and artists. On the upside expect new forms (Saturn) of artistic, psychic and spiritual (Neptune) awarenesses to continue to manifest within yourself and in the world at large. Once we get past the personal confusion and cultural dissolution of the negative Saturn/Neptune relationship, we can surrender to the new spiritual, artistic, and psychic forms of that are seeking personal and cultural expression.

Next up is the Chiron/Saturn opposition. In the 60's Saturn and Chiron were together in the skies, though Chiron was not discovered until 1977. With Chiron comes the revival of an Archaic Consciousness (a highly recommended in depth article on Chiron can be downloaded at franciscaulfield.com/Chiron.pdf). The opposition configuration between Chiron and Saturn has been active for the last ten years and is coming to a conclusion.

Chiron is the Inner Shaman and Wounded Healer. While Neptune represents what is beyond this world or the world of Transcendent, timeless reality, Chiron symbolizes the Earth Mysteries and the Sacred Round of Existence. The World Tree and Medicine Wheel exist within you, within everyone. You then have direct access to that which you are seeking. This knowledge is a basic tenet of both Buddhist and Shamanic teachings. Another understanding of Chiron is that it is the Rainbow Bridge between the old world of the outworn past and the new world of an empowered present.

Chiron is crisis as opportunity, beckoning us to go down to the crossroads and get to the crux of the matter to discover your mission and purpose in life. Ultimately through crises, we are forced to open to guidance and direction from the guardians and beings inhabiting these directions. In the last 40 or 50 years, many people have suffered crisis and undergone Chironic initiations into the mysteries of the Medicine Wheel and received guidance and knowledge from the four directions. They are mentors and allies to any and all who are in

the midst of personal crisis and serve as a bridge for those who want to cross from the old world to the new world.

Obviously the world is in a crisis mode verging on ecological and military destruction and has been for some time. In my view this is due to a loss of the Chironic consciousness. The entire planet is undergoing a crisis of identity. However a living knowledge exists within you to be accessed and embraced. The words Chiron and Christ derive from the same root meanings. The cross and crucifixion are symbolic of the Shamanic Initiation into the Christ Consciousness, into a world of radiant Light and Love and a direct revelatory knowing of the mysteries of creation.

Both Chiron and Neptune together in the skies are exerting pressure on Saturn the Lord of Karma and the dweller on the threshold between the visible and the invisible worlds to awaken humankind from its collective sleep of unconsciousness. If not we remain bound to the wheel of karma, tragically bound to repeat the mistakes of an unconscious past. For those of us who master the lessons and energies of Saturn, Neptune and Chiron, the lead of ignorance is transmuted into the gold of consciousness. This is the true challenge and promise that was started in the 60's and is now reaching its conclusion.

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