

Chapter IV: MOVING ALONG

Thus far I have stressed natal Chiron. But just like any of the major planets, Chiron is also of importance by both transits and progression. As I stated in **Interpreting Chiron**, you can get a good idea of how Chiron acts in transit by reading up on its keywords. Experience has shown, also, that this will work in understanding it by progression, as well. There are a few points that I would like to add here.

TRANSITS

Before you can truly understand what Chiron will do in a transit, you must first study its natal position and look to its natal aspects. While I have seen Chiron produce some type of effect no matter what planet it is transiting, I have found that the most significant events seem to occur when Chiron is making a transiting aspect to a planet or point that was also in aspect to natal Chiron. I find that the most worthwhile course of study to understand Chiron in transit is to make a list as follows:

1. Transiting Chiron in every aspect to natal Chiron. This gives you your Chiron cycle which is uniquely your own. Include not just the hard aspects, but trines and sextiles as well. While the hard aspects may strike you as being the most significant in your life, the soft aspects will also be turning points and will enable you to get a much clearer picture of what your natal Chiron means to you.

2. Next, follow the same procedure for transits of Chiron to those planets that were in aspect to natal Chiron. While some of the dates in the above list will be the same as these, if the planets are natively in close aspect, other dates will now come up if you have any minor aspects to Chiron such as Septiles and Quintiles. Amazing as it may seem, a transit to one of the planets in natal minor aspect to Chiron tends to stimulate the natal minor aspect.

3. Now you can begin to look at transits to the remaining planets and

points in your natal chart. No doubt these will all be important. But it has been my experience that these transits are much more easily understood if you have first studied events found in steps 1 and 2.

Here follows a brief article on Chiron transits which was printed in **THE KEY**, and also in *Mercury Hour*.

For many months now the Association for Studying Chiron [ASC] has been handing out a questionnaire about what has occurred in people's lives under various Chiron transits. While many of these questionnaires have not yet been returned, we have received enough to report some of the preliminary results. We will still be sending them out for quite awhile now, so if you have not received one, or know of someone who would be happy to fill one out—let us know and we will be happy to mail out as many as you need. [And if you have not yet returned yours—PLEASE do so!]

The first thing that we observed is that there are certain events which seem to occur under almost any Chiron aspect, no matter which planet was being transited. On the other hand, certain events are so identified with a particular planet and only show up when Chiron transits that body. For this questionnaire we asked about the transiting conjunction of Chiron to each planet in the natal chart, to the MC, and the ASC. We also asked that people look for squares and oppositions of Chiron to all the personal planets. Finally we asked specifically for Chiron in square and opposition to its natal position. We had two big problems in the responses.

1. Many people who responded have not, as yet, experienced many of the Chiron transits, and so had to leave those sections blank. However, we had enough of each to tabulate.

2. Many people crossed out our questions, and filled in other planets, or other aspects, or progressed aspects. While we appreciated all the data, we ask you to please answer only the questions we have written—if you want to send any other data, please do so on a separate sheet!

These are events that occurred under most, or all, various Chiron transits: Major move or relocation, often very far away; Spouse leaving, or leaving the spouse; Meeting someone who later became the spouse; Mother or father remarrying; Birth of child; Birth of sibling; Death of someone close; Start attending school.

ALSO, health was a major issue under each type of Chiron transit, both one's own health, and an interest in other people's health. However the direction of this health focus varied from aspect to aspect. When it was about a particular health problem, or a particular part of the anatomy, over half of the cases had the focus tied into the aspecting planet, such as Chiron conjunct Venus focusing on tonsils, or Chiron conjunct Jupiter on the Liver.

Aside from the common threads running through all the aspects as mentioned above, each planet did have a number of events repeated among vari-

ous respondents. Here follows [a report on] each area focused on in the questionnaire:

Chiron conjunct Sun: Many reported events which caused major change in their social life; Many reported lessons that came from asserting the self, and the resulting events, or of relying on what they felt were 'sure things', and then events bringing realizations that made them see that they were being quite self-centered; Frequent reports of events that brought feelings of alienation; Many felt that something occurred which really 'put me in my place'; A number of focuses on health and vitality, and health of the heart, both of the self, and of others. More events under this transit were traumatic than pleasant.

Chiron conjunct Moon: Many reported major issues of dealing with femininity in their lives—both their own, and the females in their lives; Major change in habits reported, either as a result of health problems, or what was learned in class or from books; Many changes of residency. Some events under this transit were traumatic, but less often than pleasant or just inconvenient.

Chiron conjunct Ascendant: Quite a few reported their first time in a foreign country, or far away from home; Often a time of many illnesses; Frequent mention of getting something one has wanted for a long time, or taking advantage of an opportunity in spite of opposition from others; Frequent description of an event or series of events which led to greater maturity. Those events which were traumatic were usually related to a death, or a major realization about the negative side of the world and its people.

Chiron conjunct Mercury: Most reported a great deal of focus on new ideas coming in, or having to deal with some sort of communications problems; Many referred to it as being mentally stimulating, or of a time of going to school or of returning to school after an absence; Health problems, often related to nerves or exhaustion; A number reported starting a business.

Chiron conjunct Venus: Many reported changes at their jobs, or change of jobs, or the direction of their career; Some reported traumatic events in their social lives which changed them; Often reported was a major change in attitude toward a loved one, some for the better, some leading to breaking away; Under this aspect more than any other, people reported failing in love, or meeting loves; Also more under this aspect was the reporting of discovery of previously unsuspected talents, or of trying some new artistic endeavor for the first time. Many focuses on the health problems of other people.

Chiron conjunct Mars: Many reported taking some major independent step for the first time; A number reported an event, or series of events, which led to a major change in their attitude toward sex, or their own sexuality; A number reported the beginning of major projects. Very few traumatic events reported.

Chiron conjunct Jupiter: Many reported either becoming more religious, becoming more concerned with spiritual matters, or of becoming disillusioned with the beliefs of their parents; Major events reported which changed attitudes toward life, and which influenced beliefs for whole rest of life; Most people reported positive events, such as increase of popularity or improvement at job or in grades at school.

Chiron conjunct Saturn: Frequent reporting of a change in relationships, or the final end of a relationship, or a relationship becoming a commitment for the first time; Many references to dental problems of various kinds; A number reported a major job change or commitment to permanent job. More problems came to a head under this aspect than under most others.

Chiron conjunct Chiron: Many reports of trips to foreign countries. A number of people reported taking interest in some new field, which soon dominated their lives from that point on; Much focus upon all the worthwhile things people had learned in their lives so far; A number told of having to focus on some crisis that a relative was having; A number focused on some major personal crisis that led to a major healing of some kind.

Chiron conjunct Uranus: A majority reported either a major trip, or a major move, or a major job change; Many reported it was a time of feeling very alone, or very “different.”

Chiron conjunct Neptune: A number reported major changes in religion or in philosophy; Many told of a major disillusionment which brought them, eventually, more in touch with reality; A number reported first experiences with either the occult, psychic or spiritual. When health was mentioned it was almost always a change for the better.

Chiron conjunct Pluto: Most of the reports were about beginning something that entailed hard work, such as a job, or a new school, or going back to school after a long absence; A number reported incidents that showed them just how much power they really had in their life, or how little—and often, how much respect they really had from others; A number told of events that truly showed them how they were different from the opposite sex, or different from their peers.

Chiron conjunct MC: Many referred to some first in their public life, such as the first time giving a lecture, or the first job leading to a worthwhile career; A number reported major conflicts with authority, or with some person in a professional capacity, that led to said authority or professional being ousted from a position, or removed from having any influence over the respondent; A number reported major disappointments which led to rethinking their lifestyle and eventually improving their lives.

Chiron square Sun: A high number of health crises, often leading to exhaustion or depression; Many reported changes in status—getting married,

or separation from mate, or no longer being an only child, or having the first child; Most reported becoming aware of something or someone that changed their lives, such as meeting a spiritual guide, or being informed by a doctor that they must change their lifestyle or their health would worsen.

Chiron square Moon: Most reported changes in their relationship with a woman, or with their own femininity, or having to fend for the self after being supported for awhile; A number of females reported health problems coming to a head in the areas of female anatomy. Overall, the biggest events reported, and most often mentioned, concerned things that drastically altered the daily routine, or that involved having to make a major adjustment to attitudes about everyday life.

Chiron square Mercury: A number reported strong needs to increase communicating, either by writing more letters, writing in general, teaching or lecturing; A surprising number referred to military re-assignment or transfer; A number found a first love at this time, or a love that was 'forbidden.'

Chiron square Venus: Over half the respondents reported events involving love, and usually a major lesson resulting from it, such as discovering they were in a rut, falling for the same type over and over, or that they were too limited in their definition of love; A number reported being more aware of sensory experiences, or getting more involved with art or music; A number told of entering into disciplines to change their lifestyles.

Chiron square Mars: Very few responses to this one. Those who did referred to one of three areas—conflict with authority, major medical work such as surgery, or some major promotion or improvement in status.

Chiron square ASC: A number reported clashes with authority, or major disputes with mates, or separations from mates; Many told of getting involved with people or groups that had entirely different lifestyles; A number reported a major move.

Chiron opposition Sun: Most reported a change in their social life, either by meeting a whole bunch of new people, or by beginning, or ending a major relationship; A number reported major changes in career.

Chiron opposition Moon: The two most common themes were becoming much more aware of their own bodies, either through a change, or a health crisis, and a major change in education in some way, such as entering a graduate degree program.

Chiron opposition ASC: Over half reported the end of a marriage or close relationship; a number reported a new level reached in existing relationships, or a change in attitude about the self as a result of a relationship.

Chiron opposition Mercury: Not enough respondents to get any clear picture.

Chiron square Chiron: There was no consistency as to type of experi-

ences, but almost everyone reported events that changed their lives drastically—and most events were those which forced them to face either a new facet of life, or a larger concept of the world, or a change in how they fitted into life. A number did report feeling very out-of-place in whatever group or position they had at the time, and a strong need to make a change.

Chiron opposition Chiron: A number began school; Many broke a relationship, and/or began a new relationship; A number did a great deal of traveling, often for the first time; A number had a major change in their relationship to the other members or their family.

Chiron conjunct, square or opposition to the ASC/MC midpoint: Most reported a great deal of restlessness; Many told of economic or career crisis causing them to take some extreme action; A number reported changes in relationships; A number reported major crises in sex, either through such events as rape, or loss of virginity, or miscarriage; A number ended major relationships; Many told of deaths, or births.

Before I leave the subject of transits, there are two other points I wish to discuss. First, since the transit of Chiron brings a remarkable opportunity to exert true free will and bring about a major turning point—the more planets that are receiving the Chiron transit—the more parts of oneself that one can bring into the moment of Chiron—and thus the more parts of self one can bring into the decision-making process. Thus the more far-reaching the possibilities, the more doors one can open, and the greater potential for personal evolution toward wholeness. And if three or more bodies are being aspected within a very short span of time, the effect often seems to influence the entire chart with a kind of ‘ripple’ effect—influencing even planets that are not being aspected by the transit.

Second, when Chiron makes a transit at the same time as the transit of another planet, Chiron frequently opens up situations where the other transit becomes more powerful—as though restrictions that might normally keep such a transit in check are removed. This becomes most noticeable with such transits as Mars and Pluto, which can be quite devastating if unchecked.

PROGRESSIONS

When I work with progressions, I use the ‘day- for-year’ method, because I seem to get the best results from it. I am not criticizing any other procedure for moving the planets through time—you are welcome to use whatever works best for you. But, because of my experiences with this method, the following section refers only to this type of progressions.

Because of the location of Chiron’s orbit between Saturn and Uranus, it does not move very much by progression each year. In fact, the most I have seen it travel in any one year is nine minutes of arc—and this is not the normal

rate. Even at this extreme speed, it would take over six years to move but one degree, while at the more typical rate of only a few minutes it might be fifteen or more years for that degree. [Obviously, it is extremely important to get precise positions for one's natal Chiron.]

Using the orbs given in the chapter on aspects, one can see that if Chiron were five degrees away from a conjunction to the Sun, for example, a whole lifetime would be spent before the exact aspect would be reached. And this lifetime would see the influence of Chiron growing stronger and stronger with each passing year. This would be the basic situation with Chiron in any progression if the aspect was applying at birth; getting stronger until it reaches exact culmination.

On the other hand if the Chiron aspect were separating at birth, one would NOT see any gradual tapering off of Chiron's influence. On the contrary, one would see a gradual acceptance and integration of the early influence so that it becomes more and more aligned with the whole self.

When a natal aspect progresses to become exact [culminates], the events represented by the aspect truly become manifest about 15' before the exact event. At its fastest rate, around two years worth of Chiron circumstances. Then the MOST dramatic circumstances seem to occur when it is applying by 5', on until 5' past exact culmination. Again, at its greatest speed, a period of a little over a year.

At the exact progression—there will almost always be one or more events dramatically fitting the nature of the aspected planet—but they will be in context of the entire set of events that have been going on all during the application of Chiron to the event. [Scenario].

Remember, utilize Chiron's keywords to get the best handle on the progressions. Plus, I have found that the concept, STEPPING STONE, seems to fit most progressions of Chiron to natal positions.

Now, as to the influence of a progressed planet reaching natal Chiron, I do not have much more to contribute than what was said in **Interpreting Chiron**. The progressing planet becomes changed—opened up—experiments, trying new things. It seems to remove inhibitions from the progressing body. Also there seems to be a great deal more freedom of choice in the area represented by that planet.