



# CHIRON

*“Thoughts on Mastery”*

*“a native american prophecy states that when the planet of healing is discovered in the sky, the ancient sacred warrior teachings will return to the earth...”<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> *Chiron Astrology and Healing*, Martin, Lass

*...in 1977, it happened. Chiron was discovered.*

Have the sacred warrior teachings really returned?

Are we entering another “holy age?”

Are we already in it?....oOo.....how exciting?

*...Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche did write his worshiped, “Sacred Path of the Warrior” around this time. His spiritual warriors were gathering; an army of meditators in full bloom. The Hippie generation was maturing, and the Pluto in Libra children (1972-84 respectively) were emerging. Seeds of change.*

## MYTH:

Chiron is a centaur--an immortal Centaur. Chiro- (also cheiro-) combining form of the hand or hands : chiromancy. It is a word of Greek origin coming from kheir ‘hand.’ Chiron was unique among the rest of his brethren. Centaurs are rumored to be debauchorous creatures: fond of smoke, drink, violence and women. Chiron wasn’t into this way; he was more about teaching heroes how to embrace their destinies. Asclepius, Hercules, Jason (Golden fleece), Achilles, and even Dionysus were said to frequent Chiron’s generous company. Chiron taught them about the sacred mysteries, trained them, loved them, and made sure they were to become the men of full potential.

As far as the myth goes and how it applies to Astrology....there are many versions of this myth, allowing in certain confusion. Some talk about him getting hit in the accidental crossfire of a hydra poisoned arrow by his student Hercules, others speak of him intentionally dropping the arrow on his foot--showing a martyr like quality for the human race. Whatever the version, they all have an ending in common: He sacrifices his life so humankind could have back Prometheus, the bringer of fire and other “godly” gifts. Through this exchange, his immortality is taken away and he turns into the constellation “Centaurus.” (or Sag in another version).

*...Hydra blood has no cure.*

*and so...*

HOW DOES THE MASTER LIVE WITH AN INCURABLE WOUND?  
(a wound the Master cannot find a remedy?)

*...Immortal life, eternal pain, eternal pain, immortal life (ad infinitum)*

*The only way out is Death...but you cannot die!!! ...*

How do you deal with this?  
What is your approach to an incurable wound?  
Would you despair...or be humbled by the experience?

(Sit with this idea for a moment before reading on.)

(let is soak in).....oOo....(imagine an eternity of impotence; an eternity of muteness; an eternity of colored skin in a white world; one without legs)

(sit with it for moment longer)

*...there ya go;  
get an idea?*

An enlightened Master, unable to do anything for himself--destined to suffer forever. What would shine from those eyes? Only pain and suffering? Maybe....possibly so.....but it doesn't have to be. There is always a better way.

## THOUGHTS ON CHIRON

Chiron “the Wounded Healer” is the nickname many give him. It’s nice, but to easy to generalize with. I feel he is not always the “wounded healer,” sometimes he is the “healer” who has yet to be wounded. Maurice Fernandez talks about Chiron as being a memory of “mastery” that we must form a healthy relationship to We must be humbled by this “wound” of Chiron in our charts. But humbled when? Humbled now? At

birth? When we are 80? How can we know this from the chart? How do we condition our interpretation of Chiron when looking at an Astrology chart?

There have been many texts written since 77' on Chiron. This is what is so exciting--the newness of it all; we are still learning about him. I would love to add a few observations of my own to this learning taking place. The main pattern I see repeating through all the charts I study is that Chiron isn't always "wounded." Sometimes, it seems he shows up as the vibrant teacher before the "wound," other times you become him in a gradual fashion--it is even possible to get the "wound" and resurrect out of it. Strange because some say it is incurable. I guess it depends on your definition of "cure" or your relationship to healing. I feel that we will always have to experience the "wound," every time around the wheel, but for some it comes on stronger, earlier, and causes more trouble than for others. There are Chiron placements that are simply too powerful to be an "incurable wound." For the most part, what I am curious about here is knowing how to differentiate between the "master" and the "wound" in the chart. How can we tell if this person is always trying to make peace with Chiron's glorious memories, or if we are destined to create the glorious memories. Lets take a look.

## MASTER WOUNDS?

If Chiron is strongly placed (i.e. conjunct the Ascendant or conjunct an exalted Jupiter) it will manifest in a very different manner than if Chiron were to be found squaring Saturn from the 8<sup>th</sup> house. The *astrological weight*<sup>2</sup> of Chiron seems to tell us when the immortal wound will strike, and how hard. The truth is, there are too many factors to weigh into this existential question in this brief postulation, but I will do my best to illuminate a few charts with interesting examples in an attempt to get you to test these ideas in your own practice.

When looking at Chiron, we first want to measure him up. By sign, house, aspect, and confluence with other charts. Is he conjunct the IC or squaring it? Does Chiron appear strong in all sub charts (i.e. Moon on the Ascendant, or using the Navamasha "the 9<sup>th</sup> subchart in Jyotisha) or not. For example, if Chiron is strong in the Natal chart and both the Sun and Moon charts then you have found a confluent signature greatly enhancing Chiron for this person; they may get off lucky until old age

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<sup>2</sup> google "Ptolemy's chart of Essential Dignities"

sets in. If it is weak in all of them, it won't be able to express itself with the same vigor. The "wound" may show up much earlier in the individual's life and have tremendous influence over their life. For instance, if Chiron were in Aries living in the 6<sup>th</sup> house squaring Mars in the 9<sup>th</sup>, it is a possibility this person could suffer a debilitating wound to the head (probably the right side [9<sup>th</sup> house]) that would go on to affect the way they use their brain throughout the rest of their life. Aries rules the head, 6<sup>th</sup> house is the house of illness, and the square to Mars could be a sudden accident--it would probably be triggered by a potent transit (i.e. Saturn conjunct Chiron in the 6<sup>th</sup>).

A rule of thumb: If strong, the "wound" has yet to happen and even when it does, it won't be such a nightmare; if weak, it could debilitate their lives from the very beginning, or it could just surface earlier and much stronger. "Weighing" planets is like seeing a life meter. It's just potential energy. Exactly how it expresses itself is the trick of "tapping in" to the Archetypes, and getting accurate downloads. Chiron can teach you this meditation.

*...you sit, you wait, you breathe, you meditate, you create a story*

I really enjoy Adam Gainesberg's theory stating that we receive Chiron's blow before 9 month's of age. This is because the fontanel of our skull hasn't completely fused yet, meaning we are still energetically tapped into "god" and this "closing of the fontanel" represents a major trauma in our development. The final separation. We must now discover life here on Earth (Saturn). Adam plays with lots of interesting ideas in his book "**Chiron**," and it is a book I would highly recommend browsing for more Chironic wisdom. He does seem to be speaking of Chiron as the already "wounded" though, just like most who have commented on him thus far. Martin Lass, Barbara Hand Clow, and many others have published their breakthrough ideas on this "temporary" visitor, offering us their tasty insights, descriptions of his influence, and offering many powerful ways of interpretation. (adding to the library)

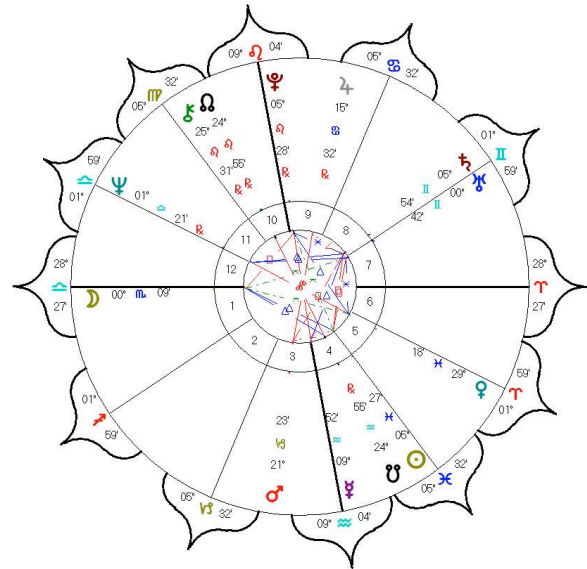
*...But Chiron still hasn't found a home in the Zodiac. It is currently packed. So, lets just pretend Chiron rules Ophiucus: The Healer with a caduceus....*

After looking at zillions of charts, you begin to see patterns, like with anything. Then theories naturally develop. And theories are meant to be played with, not to be

taken too seriously (at least at first). By testing them, we find their potential validity. God bless the Scientific method. Lets play with theory shall we.

... We want to know when; we want to know where; we want to know how! But how?  
Now?

George Harrison  
Natal Chart (17)  
Feb 24 1943 Wed  
11:42pm BST -1.00  
Liverpool, England  
53°N26' 002°W56'  
Geocentric  
Tropical  
Platytyr  
True Node  
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## CHARTS

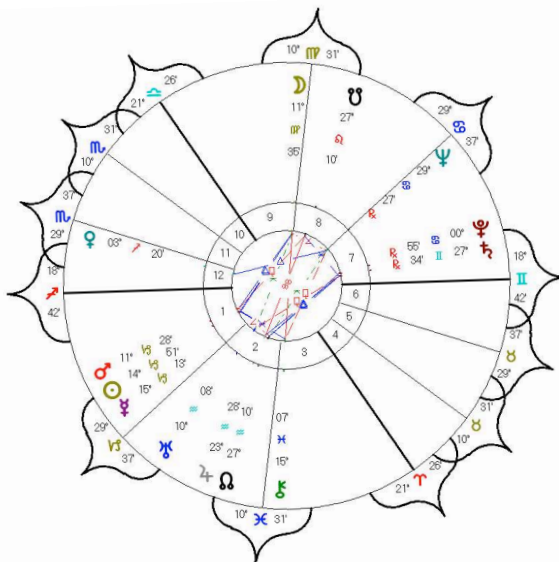
George  
Harrison is a  
good “master”

chart to begin with. He has Chiron on his North Node in Leo in the 10th house. Chiron on the North Node seems to be one of the greatest examples of Chiron as Master. He has his hand outstretched...patiently waiting for you to reach to it. A guide. Chiron is an integral part of who George was to become. It was his destiny to step into a Chiron infused future. What future was that?

THE BEATLES!!! By combining Leo and the 10th house (Capricorn) in this way, we have an incredibly competent artist who is meant to touch the masses (Venus deposits in the 5th in Pisces; Pisces is the collective mind, or the Masses) with his spiritually inspired creativity--all things must pass. Unfortunately, George did die from lung cancer due to his heavy smoking (Saturn in the 8th “death” conjunct Uranus in Gemini [lungs]). Georges career as a musician was the Chiron mastery experience. It was in the shadows, in his karmic repository, where Chiron decided on a tardy bloom. Carcinoma flowers are unfortunate flowers. How can a singer sing without his lungs? Chironic, isn't it? Poor George, poor smokers: pay attention to this lesson.

....This is also present in Miles Davis's chart. He has Chiron at 00 degree's Taurus in the 12<sup>th</sup>. An artist for them all, and for a few. Having any planet at 00 degrees creates a tantalizing auspiciousness. Miles also suffered a similar fate. The lung

Alan Watts  
Natal Chart (7)  
Jan 6 1915, Wed  
6:20 am GMT+0:00  
Crusshurst, England  
51°N26° 00'E04  
Geocentric  
Tropical  
Pluto  
TrueNode



cancer.... but not without completely changing the face of Jazz music. One for rock n' roll, the other for Jazz. Master's fallen...but not until around the window of their Chiron and Saturn returns ( between ages 50 and 60).

Alan Watts is another interesting example of Chiron's brilliant wisdom; We can see the "Inner Bard" clearly in this drunken archer's chart.

His Chiron is in Pisces in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house. It is squaring his Sagittarius Ascendent and opposing his Moon in Virgo--creating a Grand Cross with the angles (Asc/Dsc). Anything squaring these angles can create a touch of an identity crisis: *Alan as a Japanese monk, Alan as a scholar, Alan as a young man, Alan as yugen*. This is a very deep, ungodly wise signature, with the potential for tremendous growth; growth that comes through this squaring chironic work.

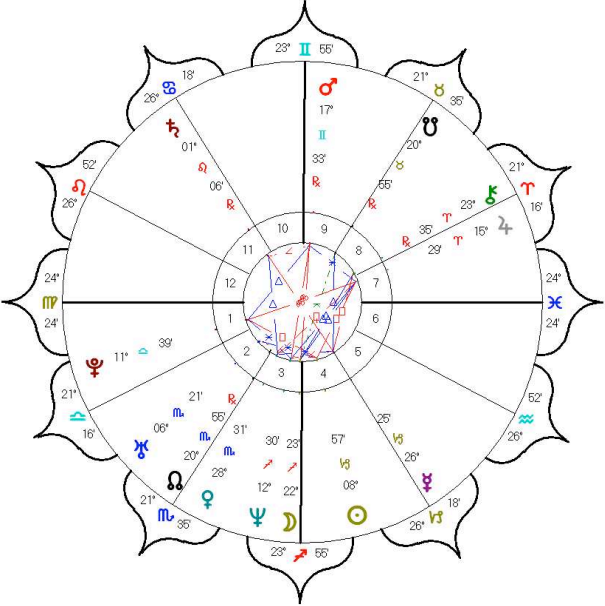
And what is this work? It's learning, teaching, writing, lecturing, and philosophizing. Getting the word out in a playful way (Sag rising with Sun in the first). Alan wrote a book every year or so and lectured exhaustively until his passing. This was his work, this was also his death. The pressure



created by this mutable cross could potentially drive one to drink...and indeed it did. Pisces drink like fishes (Venus 12<sup>th</sup> and Chiron, of course, in Pisces) He left in his sleep upon returning from a challenging European lecture circuit from heart failure. Sad really...Chiron can be so sad. A melancholy with an infinite sadness.

Now, lets turn our attention to a man who is still alive, Tiger Woods. He has Chiron in Aries (the longest constellation it stays in) conjunct Jupiter. His Chiron is in the 8th, Jupiter in the 7th. Now, if we were to interpret his Chiron in the “traditional” manner by saying, “Tiger, you have sex wounds” he may say, “you are right, I think I’m addicted” but still, there is something deeper beneath the collared surface.

**Tiger Woods**  
**Natal Chart (6)**  
 Dec 30 1975, Tue  
 10:50 pm PST+8:00  
 Long Beach, CA  
 33°N46°01' 118°W11°18'  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Piscesus*  
*True Node*  
 Rating: A.



First of all, Jupiter is involved. Jupiter is the great beneficent, gracing every planet he comes in contact with. Aries rules athletics. Not that all those with Chiron/Jupiter are great at sports, but the potential is present. He also has Mars on his MC. Last last straw, allowing you to know he is talented with his body. It is said Mars on the angles creates an Olympian. I shall not disagree. Chiron is also squaring Mercury in the 5th--the ruler of his

**Devendra Banhart - Natal**  
**Male Chart (2)**  
 May 30 1981, Sat  
 12:30 pm MDT+8:00  
 Houston, TX  
 40°N00°54' 105°W16°12'  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Sun on 1st*  
*True Node*

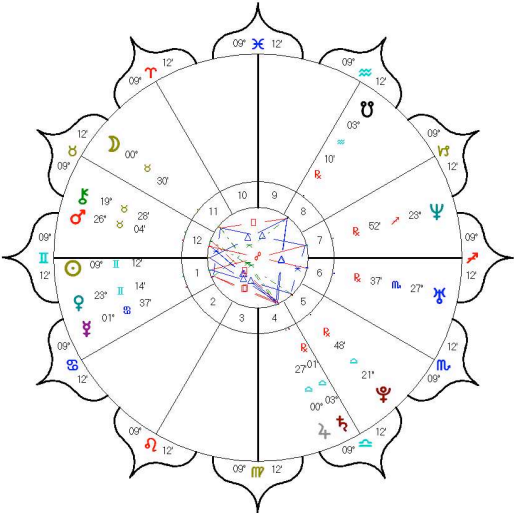




chart. Because of the mixed bag of pro's and con's here, it will take keen observation and questioning to really get to the meat of what is "really going on," but one thing we can deduce is that his Chiron will lend him both physical power (Aries 8th) and sexual potency (Chiron in the 8th). It does not surprise me he is now an admitted sex addict. In Tiger's case the wound manifested earlier because of the 8th house and the square to the ruler of his chart. Not the most auspicious Chiron carpet ride, but perfect for a golfer who loves women.

And another....

Devendra Banhart "the Jesus Manson super freak troubadour"

Though we don't have his exact time of birth, we can still gather many nuggets of wisdom from his Solar chart.

Chiron is conjunct Mars in his 12th house in Taurus. Mars rules both the 11th and the 6th houses, making him somewhat a selfless cat. More focused on community and supporting other peoples work than his own. Taurus rules Music, the Throat, and the Voice--all things he relies on. His voice is like purple velvet translated into sound. He is also the accidental voice of an entire troupe of the beautifully strange, freak folk movement (Mars in the 12th with Taurus Moon in the 11th ). So far, so good with him. He is still rising like the Sun in this chart; a cult icon for too many. A truly talented and chironic character . A healer of sound.

#### CLOSING THOUGHTS:

In my own practice, I have observed Chiron in countless charts showing how his nature depends completely on the strength of his placement in the chart. Because Chiron doesn't fit into the zodiac naturally, he doesn't "officially" rule any sign. This makes things difficult for knowing the "dignities." Some say Chiron rules Virgo because of his selfless bodhisattva like demeanor ; others will say it has to be Scorpio because he is a Shaman; I like him ruling Ophiucus<sup>3</sup>--the 13 sign, like mentioned earlier. Basically, I do not weigh Chiron according to his sign, but more to his relationships with others in the chart. The sign is vital, but not to be computed first. Chiron also has a relatively slow orbit. Remember, he takes about 50 erratic years to orbit the Sun. This

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<sup>3</sup> Ophiucus exists between Scorpio and Sag. Within it, is the center of our galaxy. Around 26 Sag.

means he sticks around in signs for quite some time. Much like Saturn, much like Uranus, they make sure they get the job done.

### इतरोन्ग चिरोनः

*(Chiron on the North Node; the Ascendent (or any other angle); combust the Sun; conjunct a benefic planet; aspecting a "good" planet from a "good" house (1,4,5,7,9,10,); at 00 degrees; or....any other configuration you find auspicious)*

### बदार्क चिरोनः

*(Chiron on the South Node also squaring the Nodes, conjunct Saturn or Mars, in the 3, 6, 8, 12th houses, square the Sun or Moon , or Intercepted.)*

*...Chiron has come into this Solar system, and will go soon--according to some clocks. No different than an avatar, he is a highly concentrated piece of God sent to Earth to teach man about the connection of the Body, the Mind, and the Spirt. He teaches us love and devotion.*

## THE ELECTRIC CADUCEUS

This is a working theory; nothing too concrete (I don't like concrete anyways; its hard and give strawberries). Theories are pure mutable madness. Theories are also like plants; you must spend time with them, you must get to know them, breathe with them, talk with them. This is my intention: to share these "plant" theories. By writing about these findings, hopefully more of you will begin to discover the magical mastery within your astrological practices

Chiron is a key. The symbol used in astrology even looks like a key. He is a link from the "Personal" realm where Saturn sets our limits, into the "Transpersonal" realms (Saturn and beyond) where the exploration never ends. To be intimate with Chiron, is to be intimate with your evolution. Chiron, in the kundali (the natal chart), is the kundalini (the dragon who waits.) Saturn, Uranus and Chiron: the "Electric caduceus."

I know what you are thinking...you want to know if you are the Master. You want to figure out if the 'Master' signature is in your chart. My advice to you: have no attachments--Chiron didn't. Whether you were the "Master" then, or now, or soon to be, matters not. What is important is how you relate to your powers that you have now. What is your relationship to your power? Do you exploit it, or let it sleep?; Do you take

care of it, or let it rot? These are important questions we all need to ask. After all, we are the Masters of our universe. Chiron is only a role model. You are bigger than that. You are surrounded by infinity in this moment, do you realize? The possibilities are endless. Dream dreamer dream, dream on.

*"If you have power, choose not to show your talons."*

--forgotten sage

*...too many have shown their claws prematurely This is unwise. It is wiser to be modest. No need to share your stories so fast, they haven't even settled. Same with Chiron. Keep him to yourself first, learn him, get intimate with him, then share him sweetly.*

It is always wise to check in.

Chiron will teach you more about this. He knows Astrology; he is the Eleusian shaman; the hand that heals and the ride up your spine; he is your crying; he is everything you have ever yearned to become and your dying.

He is Chiron, a fractal of strange divinity.

#### HAIKU FOR CHIRON

*always starry nights*

*Can't be your apprentice?*

*Constellations form.*

ps.....Let me know your findings.

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