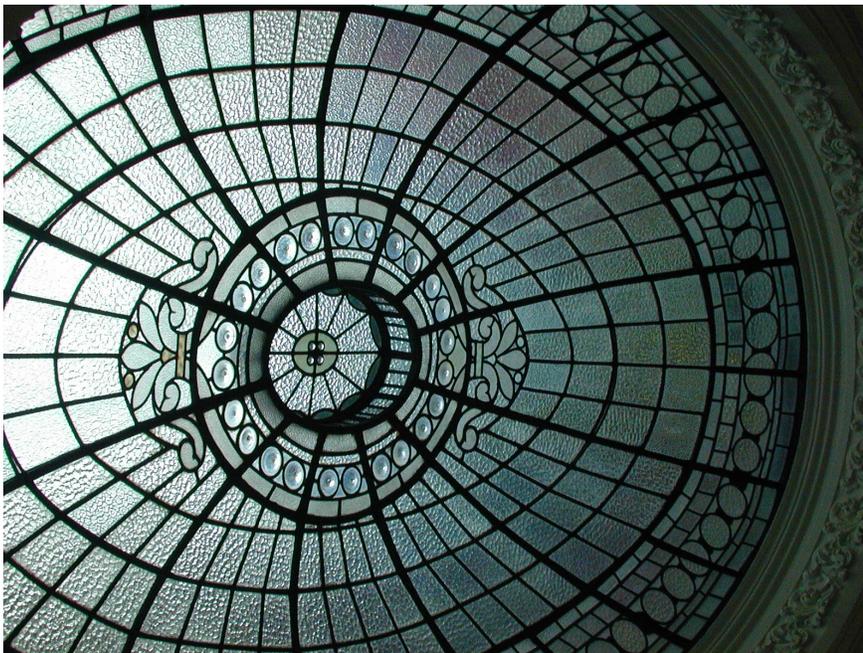


# LONGEVITY CIRCUIT

## DISCERNMENT

*ASTROLOGY AND SELF-DECEPTION*



Ceiling detail of the Glasgow, Scotland, Museum.

Paramahansa Yogananda

“To state that the world is a dream, without trying to attain in meditation actual realization of this truth, may lead one to fanaticism. The wise man understands that even though mortal life is a dream, it contains dream pains. He adopts scientific methods to awaken from the dream.”

From *Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda*

This seems like a good time to talk about discernment. As I've mentioned in the last newsletter, Jupiter and Neptune are conjunct in Aquarius and will be until the end of the year. I wrote: *You could say this is another blessing for the times we live in. As much of the world is experiencing an economic depression in addition to all the conflicts around the globe, this energy brings hopefulness. It enhances one's expectations for the future, brings about a sense of compassion and understanding toward others and raises one's ideals.* But how can we tell if such an optimistic viewpoint is real, or wishful thinking? Neptune is the very planet energy or symbol of such a conundrum. Its symbol is two fishes traveling in opposite directions, yet united through the silver cord. It's a watery energy that resides in the unconscious and indeed, rules the twelfth house of the unknown. I have never found just one word to describe Neptune, as I have for say, Pluto whom I call "The Fascist," and for good reason, or Saturn, "The Teacher." Neptune on the other hand never acts directly, is ephemeral, visionary, deceptive, easily used, makes excuses, wants to lose its ego identity, is trendy, glamorous; in short, Neptune rules everything that is unreal and passing. People with strong Neptune and Pisces in their charts are easily duped, addicted and oblivious! They don't want to know the truth.

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# Autumn Calendar

Here's the planetary line-up: The first day of Fall occurs on Sept.22. Since early in the month Mercury has been retrograde and turns direct on Sept 29th. It went from Libra back into Virgo, its home and will slowly return to Libra in mid-October. This is an especially important time to watch for lack of discernment. Review your thinking and how you communicate. Jupiter is also retrograde in Aquarius and makes a station in mid October at 17° and turning direct remains in Aquarius for the remainder of the year. Uranus turns direct the end of November at 22° Pisces and Neptune goes direct again on November 3 at 23° Aquarius. For most of December all planets will be moving forward, until Mars goes retrograde on the 20th, just before the Winter Solstice.

With Uranus and Neptune dancing in the same degrees but different constellations, that mutual reception that this energy has been doing will probably be felt more acutely. Uranus is everything that Neptune isn't: decisive, absolute, sudden, specific. Traveling through Neptune's sign has softened it somewhat, but certainly in the last couple of years we've had some very dramatic events nevertheless. Conversely, Neptune in Uranus' sign has sharpened it a little, bringing hidden info to the forefront. But though we're sadder and wiser economically, what actual changes are there? This is the strength and evil of Neptune: to go around, but still in the long run moving in the same direction. Neptune rules entropy, the inherent desire of an object to come to rest.

Research shows that recessions are most often associated with the energy of Neptune, this current situation being typical. And

Neptune is in many ways stronger than Uranus. Consider the Grand Canyon, the Neptunian erosion that is stronger than rock, creating such beauty, yes, but also destroying. Similarly with Neptune and Uranus: the new awareness brought by Uranus, is still undermined by Neptune which slowly, but inexorably corrodes decisive change.

With Pluto now moving direct and firmly established in Capricorn, there will be greater energy and opportunity for long term change. But Pluto in Capricorn is harsh, although alchemical. Many people will not like the coming changes and much hard effort will be required to make them palatable, viable and appreciated. No one likes to change; even our

bodies are constantly at work toward homeostasis. Nevertheless the aging process marches on, the constant entropic activity of Neptune. Only the symbol of Pluto, the energy of transformation can alter that: this demoted planet by the scientists merely laughs at words, knowing that the jumping off place to the other world is not

diminished by man made definitions. But what is the transformation? Is it an actual physical one, that we live the long life of Methuselah, or is it that of consciousness, that knows all life is a dream? You see why discernment is so important? And our perceptions are constantly in flux, changing as we change. Next year Jupiter is going to move through Pisces the constellation it co-rules with Neptune and will join forces with Uranus. Perhaps it will be the best and the worst of times, depending on where we are in our own evolution. Don't worry, I'll be writing more about that soon! For now, do some fact finding, research, get honest with yourself as much as you possibly can while the current energies support it. The Senator who yelled to Obama, "You're lying." Serena, who lost her cool, Jaycee who loves her captor! Hey, "Shit Happens!"

"When one beholds  
the entire universe  
as a play of  
Consciousness,  
what else can one  
do but smile?"  
Ammachi

They prefer their dreams and visions to reality. Lest you think I'm down on Pisces, I'm not. Pisces are warmly emotional, have a highly developed sense of beauty, are sacrificial, want to explore the reality beyond the known world, want fusion with the divine. It would be a harsh world, indeed, without Neptune and Pisces. But we're discussing *discernment*. now. Unfortunately, Neptune shows us where we lack discernment, where we dislike looking at the facts, the reality of the physical world.

Here's the problem: In the last issue of *LC* we looked at how changing your mind can change your astrology, We found the truth for this in the scientific awareness of the zero point energy field, the underlying energy that binds everything together. It's a refinement of the Unified Field Theory.

But for this awareness to work, it requires one to have an experience of its truth. As I love to say, "Words are cheap." It's so easy to spout Scripture and platitudes (The one I dislike the most is, "It's all good.") but they are merely empty words without the experience behind it to back them up. This is why we can hear the words of a realized man or woman and be deeply affected, but the same words from someone else leave us cold. Sometimes I think this is why the great Teacher, Ammachi, rarely teaches. She spends most of her time with her students hugging them, giving them an *experience* of love.

So Neptune shows us the area of wishful thinking and neurotic fear. It shows us where we delude ourselves (our cells) into thinking something is true or not. Fortunately there are exceptions. Here is a wonderful story told about Mahatma Gandhi.

He was approached by a woman and her daughter. The mother asked Gandhi to please tell her daughter to stop eating sugar. Gandhi thought about this for a moment and is said to have told the mother, "Come back in two

weeks and I will tell your daughter then." Surely a puzzling response, but the mother did as she was told and two weeks later returned with her daughter. This time Gandhi did tell the daughter to stop eating sugar. "Why did you wait two weeks to tell my daughter to stop eating sugar?" asked the mother. Well it seems Gandhi had never gone without sugar for two weeks himself, and therefore could not tell the daughter to do something he himself had not experienced!

On the next page is Gandhi's chart. You will notice that his Neptune ♃ in the sixth house of daily work habits and ethic makes a positive trine, (120° angle) to Saturn ♄, natively posited in the second house of resources.

Saturn, the teacher, working together with Neptune, the visionary, brings into focus discernment, doing what you say, meaning what you say. Over the years, I've noticed that people with this energy tend to be the least neurotic. There's no "Yes, but.." in their conversation. BTW, Yogananda also had a Neptune trine Saturn. Ammachi has Neptune, Saturn and Mercury conjunct in the twelfth house. She knows the emptiness of words and how easily they can be misconstrued. And Adano had Neptune trine Chiron, the sign of the compassionate teacher.

On the other hand, stressful aspects to Neptune wreak havoc. Here are some examples: Neptune square, inconjunct, or sesquiquadrate the Sun, Moon, Saturn or Mercury are particularly difficult. One's perception's are skewed, facts are bent, illusions are believed. We all have some form of a difficult Neptune, I'm sure, making it imperative to check in with reality from time

Ignorance is ignoring the truth.  
Adano Ley

"God is the atom inside you."

Adano Ley

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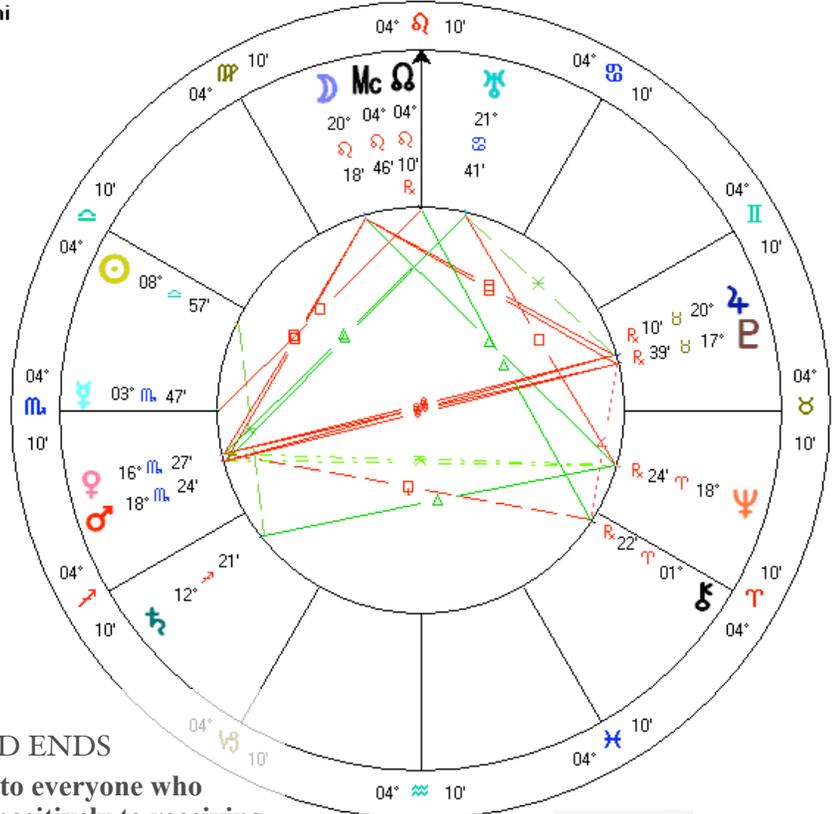
to time, to question oneself. Whoever said, "An unexamined life is not worth living." knew the problems of self-deception.

It helps to help overcome delusion by looking at current Saturn transits. Since Saturn is traveling through the constellation of Virgo right now, being factual and honest with oneself is an imperative. Saturn demands that we overcome ignorance (ignoring the truth), check the facts, research, get paid, impartial, professional help for any negotiation, especially involving money!

With the current energy combining Jupiter with Neptune, both co-rulers of Pisces, it is far easier for us to fool ourselves, to expect too much from life, want something for nothing, to believe and not know, to teach what one has not experienced.

Here's a wonderful quote from Liz Greene concerning the energy of Jupiter and Neptune:  
*"During the early 1970s, when Neptune transited through Jupiter's sign of Sagittarius, an esoteric cult became fashionable in America which promulgated the simple chanting of a mantra, while visualizing one's goals. With utter innocence, it was proclaimed that, if one chanted while picturing say, a new BMW 525i (indicate preferred color), the thought-form would gather energy on the etheric plane and in one way or another, the car would manifest."*

**Mohandas Gandhi**  
**Male Chart**  
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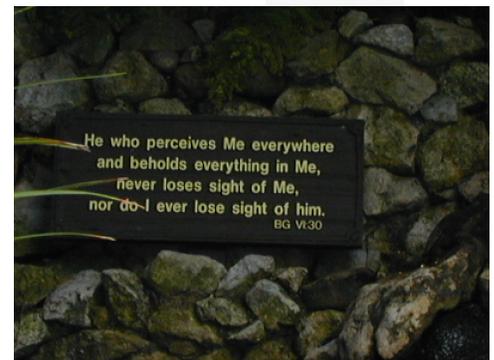


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This energy can also perpetrate self aggrandizement, causing heart break, disappointments and self-undoing. On the positive side, for those who have mature energy, this combination of planet symbols can be visionary, loving, creative, humanitarian and desirous of deep spiritual pursuits.

How does it work in your chart?