

Spring Equinox: March 20, 2009

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The spring equinox has arrived, and it is time to decide what we want to create during the rest of the year. As most of you know, the ancient goddess wisdom-*Goddess Alchemy*-is still available to us now. It teaches us how to use the powers of the four seasons. Many of you have discovered that you can create what you want in your life by utilizing this knowledge. So, now you are anticipating the return of this potency during this spring. I created this website to disseminate this seemingly simple but very potent knowledge, so please review the preceding section-*Seasonality*-if you are a new reader or just have forgotten how to use seasonality. This method is the greatest individual tool that we have; it can overcome any system or control program.

During the last 100,000 years, humans venerated the goddess, the feminine intelligence of Earth/Gaia, by aligning themselves with the seasons. While the patriarchy attained domination during the last 5,125 years, this sacred knowledge was almost lost. Now, during the great awakening, millions are remembering how to co-create with the Divine by using this natural method. As the patriarchy rapidly disintegrates during the end of the Mayan Calendar, you can work directly with the planetary mind by using seasonality as an essential survival skill. Choose three carefully crafted intentions during the Spring Equinox-and this will push you fast-forward into the stream of evolution, since time acceleration is exponential. If you utilized Goddess Alchemy last year, then since December 21, 2008 (Winter Solstice), you have been reflecting on last year's creations to see how they are part of the collective flow.

Some of you may have manifested one or more of your intentions only during the last few months of the '08-'09 solar year-when normally it would have happened earlier in the year. In my case, my third intention manifested only a few weeks ago; this has not happened for me before, and it was like giving birth. I was amazed by how easily my intention pushed me into manifesting my goal-the one I thought I just didn't have the time for, didn't feel like, just plain ignored. Nevertheless, that spring 2008 potency just shoved me over the top during the 2009 winter! I felt good doing something that I was sure was important last spring-but then just couldn't handle during the year. If my final choice hadn't come through, this would have been the first intention during thirty years of this practice that did not work out. I continue to be impressed with the potency of this teaching-and perhaps it is the same for you? [Last spring, I chose to take *Alchemy of Nine Dimensions* to its highest potential level, which I thought involved improving how we teach our Activations. But suddenly instead, I am writing a revision of *Alchemy*, which the publisher is very excited about and will release this summer. As the winter deepened, I realized that *Alchemy* is flawed because Carl Calleman's time-acceleration hypothesis is not included, and it is the essence of the mysterious ninth dimension.]

Have some of you also been late bloomers this year and then were recently prodded by unseen levels of creativity? If so, something new is going on this year. This could be the heavy influence of Chiron/Neptune traveling together in Aquarius, Uranus in Pisces, as well as Pluto's ingress into Capricorn. During this last year, these transformative transits were hard to utilize, and now these powers seem to be releasing by the ingress of many inner planets into Aquarius and Pisces. And, Pluto in Capricorn means we are being prodded to transform our basic operational systems. Therefore, in my interpretation of the 2009 Spring Equinox, we need to watch for the influence of all these planets in Aquarius and Pisces as well as the aspects to Pluto in early Capricorn.

The spring equinox occurs when the Sun goes into Aries every year and we focus on "getting the job done" and making the most of our opportunities. The equinoxes are like a teeter-totter, the playground apparatus that teaches children about balance, geometry, and physics. Weight and distance on the fulcrum is affected by which end of the board is up or down. To achieve balance, weight must be factored with distance. Playing with it reminds you that if you are fat you will sink to the ground if you sit on the end, or if you are thin you must go way out to the end. The secret is, *all the energy and potency exists at the fulcrum point, which is exactly what happens to human potential during the equinoxes.* During the spring equinox we have the greatest potential to birth something new, and during the fall equinox we naturally balance our new creations with the rest of our reality. If you don't balance new creations, you may feel like a boa constrictor that has partially swallowed a goat. Whether you are fat or thin, you still need to balance things.

As the Sun moves into Aries this year, it closely squares Pluto in 3 degrees of Capricorn; therefore, Pluto is the motivator for new creation this year. Thus, each thing we manifest individually is going to become part of the new systems that are coming in. This year many of you will feel yourself creating the greater reality, which will be a profound and encouraging experience. After all, the collective mentality has been afflicted with a severe lack of ardor and connection during most of the Galactic Underworld-AD 1999-2011. [See *The Mayan Code: Time Acceleration and Awakening the World Mind.*] Soon after Jupiter conjuncted Saturn in May 2000 (a Trigon), a dominant and bizarre political program was created by the Bush/Cheney regime that dominated the collective mind until November 4, 2008. During that time, as Bush put it, "Things just happen!" On the day Barack Obama was elected, Saturn opposed Uranus for the first time, and the idea returned that we are here to create our own realities. The Saturn/Uranus oppositions will occur repeatedly through July 2010, and with the assistance of Pluto in Capricorn, they are breaking down the pattern that was imposed in 2000. Whether you like it or not, collective themes-financial renewal, the end of war, the ascendancy of kindness over cruelty-are going to be parts of your personal creations. For example, if you intend love and art, there will be more love and art in the world.

If you are still unclear about what you created from your intentions back in March '08, your new equinox intentions for '09 will not be well formulated. Normally I do not need to harp on clarity just before the spring equinox. However, we need to come to a clear place because all the planets in Aquarius and Pisces have confused most of us, and many of us hate the feeling of Pluto in Capricorn. Everything that you have ever known in your life is going away, and though something entirely new is coming in, you can't see what it is yet. To appraise your '08-'09 creations, let me make it easier: whether you got something you intended, or not, just view what you've been doing as beautiful and desired by Nature. Your works are so much more wondrous than you are able to see right now, so paint them with shimmering light and refracted colors and accept how they have arrived and exist now. You must do this because Pluto in Capricorn rules ethics, truth, practicality, real need, and hard appraisal. *Respect what you have created, since your works are seeds for a new universe that is just coming into form.*

As you honor your '08-'09 creations, consider what you want to create this year, since the Sun going into Aries on March starts to square Pluto-and then goes into an exact square on March 23. *This cardinal square is going to activate power struggles in the collective mind that will be sourced in your very own creative intentions.* I am not suggesting that any of you need to manifest things to aid and abet the collective, since you will do that anyway. For example, if you want to create a financially secure home, then you will be participating in the global housing issue.

As you begin to sense of the influence of the Sun-square-Pluto during the equinox, let me explain all the other aspects. We go right to Mars, which rules Aries, and Mars will be in early Pisces sextiling Pluto. This is interesting, because generally Mars does not do well in Pisces, whose Neptunian quality does not favor action. This suggests that there will be difficulties getting things done this spring; planets in Aquarius and Pisces favor spiritual transformation, not what works in the material world. Mars in Pisces in a close sextile to Pluto, and this tells us to utilize intuition and higher guidance for our actions this spring-which actually fits very well with the spiritual honing we've experienced during the winter. As you work to change difficult and stuck situations, open the gates of change by asking for higher guidance. This potential is fascinating to me because this seems to be how Barack Obama gets things done. Then his spiritual direction flows right through him to the people.

Neptune draws close to Chiron in Aquarius after moving closer and closer all during 2008; and now we are on the verge of a series of five exact conjunctions into 2012. This conjunction of two great spiritual and healing powers encourages us to take the next evolutionary leap-to heal ourselves from being a multi-traumatized species. [See Clow, *Catastrophobia: The Real Truth Behind Earth Changes*]. The two planets will be exactly conjunct in mid-April, when few will be able to resist Neptune's influence in Aquarius. Chiron operates like the perfect homeopathic remedy because it is small and has an elliptical orbit.

Neptune is in Aquarius from 1998 through 2012 (the whole Galactic Underworld), and therefore is the signature aspect of the Mayan Calendar's completion days. Now Chiron is activating it by coming into conjunction-and this will end Earth's quarantine within the universe. [See *Exopolitics* by Alfred Lambremont Webre.] *Our species will begin to re-enter the Universe in stages that will begin this April.*

Mercury in Pisces is close to Uranus, and their exact conjunction is March 24. This is a great clarifier, because Mercury rules our basic mental functions and then Uranus rules our higher minds. When Mercury and Uranus are conjunct, we fuse our basic thoughts with higher mentalities, and this allows us to be instant philosophers. The Mercury/Uranus conjunction will intensify the building Sun/Pluto square, which is exact on March 23. Since Sun-square-Pluto is pushing us into alignment with greater possibilities, we will tend to have amazing illuminations from Mercury/Uranus in Pisces. There may be something you just know, which should be taken very seriously. Of course, the time around the equinox is a great period for contemplating time-acceleration theory, such as brushing up on the importance of Day Six of the Galactic Underworld and the previous Day Sixes of the earlier Underworlds. I've already written about the previous Day Sixes and how we took significant evolutionary leaps during each one, such as during Day Six of the Tribal Underworld when our hominid ancestors separated from apes and chimpanzees. [See my new DVD, *Exponential Evolution: A Day Six Lecture*, c/o www.wiseawakening.com.]

During the equinox, Mercury/Uranus oppose Saturn retrograde in Virgo, which creates a greater awareness about the effects of Saturn opposite Uranus. During the March 10/11 Full Moon in Virgo, the Full Moon was right on the Saturn-opposite-Uranus axis, and the results posted by failing banks were positive; the word was that the banks can not fail. So far, the Saturn/Uranus oppositions have not been chaotic, and they seem to be opening new ways of doing things in a quiet way. The degree of change is very profound, but not violent. Mercury and Uranus in Pisces sextile the Spring Equinox Moon in Capricorn, which suggests the public mood will be very serious. Personal desires to create will be grounded and very intentional. The Moon in Capricorn closely trines Saturn retrograde in Virgo, which adds significant control and opportunity for wisdom and well-planned actions. *This is an exceptional spring equinox for manifestation*, and I, for one, am going to take full advantage of the opportunity this year. Just look at Saturn, the grim reaper, opposing Mercury/Uranus, trining the Moon, and then being in a wide quincunx (150 degrees) to Chiron/Neptune! This means the deep spiritual healing of Chiron/Neptune is encouraging wise old Saturn to loosen up and release old pain. You might want to use it for that reason yourself!

Jupiter is playing an interesting role this spring. Jupiter is in a close quincunx to Saturn, which is exact March 22, and this is a great tool for utilizing Sun-square-Pluto. Quincunxes to outer planets (Saturn) from inner planets (Jupiter) push the outer planet to a greater degree of potential. Jupiter quincunx Saturn is very significant because a Uranus-ruled Jupiter breaks open Saturn's tendency to limit things.

Of course, Saturn is retrograde, and so it is processing events that have been taking place since December 31, 2008, when Saturn retrograded at 22 Virgo. Thus Jupiter is asking Saturn to widen its perspective and allow bigger things to occur, at least in our minds, and this is a great relief for the tight Sun-square-Pluto. This quincunx will also help you to admit if you are wrong about something in your life, and to make changes this spring in new directions.

Venus-retrograde-in-Aries may be a bit of a troublemaker this spring, since Venus is uncomfortable in Aries, and its retrograde motion forces us to take stock of significant relationships in our lives. Venus will be retrograde in Aries until April 17, and many of us will need to come to terms with violence and/or aggression in our personal relationships. I strongly suspect it will inspire a great deal of confusion about being in the military and being involved in continual wars. Venus widely sextiles Jupiter in Aquarius, so perhaps many people will have more and more trouble with spending money on war when their country is bankrupt. In the chart cast for Washington, DC, Venus hovers right on the rising sign, and so I expect to see more and more questions arise about flagrant military spending while Americans are losing their jobs and homes. Venus retrograde may be the aspect that can shift using priceless resources in dubious wars. Venus also sextiles the lunar North Node in Aquarius, which invites Americans to make the connection between their personal needs while resources are wasted in wars. If anybody out there is inclined to do a manifestation for peace this year, the Spring Equinox 2009 chart calls for it.

To complete this examination, I have a simple idea. Think of the lunar North Node/Jupiter/Chiron/Neptune as the disorienting qualities this spring, and allow your confusion to "just be". Think of Mars/Mercury/Uranus in Pisces as the illuminating and dreaming qualities this spring, and allow this powerful knowing force within you to flow. Think of Sun/Venus in Aries as tools for action this spring. Of course, you all have a good feel now for the power of the Sun going into Aries, which opens all fields for quick action. Venus retrograde in Aries is trickier because most of us do not like to face our inner demons, our own proclivities for violence. Yet, facing these things is what will end war and the shocking wastage of precious resources on a planet in such dire straits. If you are sick of your money devaluating, your job opportunities shrinking, and your home being threatened, consider looking to the cause-fear of others-and just stop it; we are all members of the same species.

Some of the other placements in the chart indicate how we will feel in the middle of this great crisis. Mercury is conjunct Venus in Pisces opposing Saturn and the Moon in 12 Virgo, which suggests we will be feeling vulnerable and frustrated, yet also compassionate towards others. Please rest as much as you can. There is not a lot anybody can do when Humpty Dumpty falls off the wall, and the cute little Humpty Dumpty from Texas with pointed ears never even realized he was on a wall-nor how tall it was! It is time to focus on your personal reality and change things right at home. That is why the spring manifestations are so important this year.

Chiron and Neptune are approaching the North Node of the Moon in Aquarius, and so idealism and healing will be valued and emphasized, even though the overall scene will be very tense and distracting all spring. The Moon in Virgo trines Jupiter in Capricorn, and so practical measures feel very natural and soothing this spring. Go chop some wood and dig in the garden! Jupiter closely sextiles Uranus in Pisces, which suggests the changes that do come will be grounded and practical and will reflect our ideals. This sextile may suggest some shifting in the world religions that could be positive. On the day after the equinox, the Aries/Libra Full Moon will tend to detonate a lot of the tensions we can see in the Spring Equinox chart. At this point we can be grateful for the Jupiter/Uranus sextile to help us flow with change, even changes we do not like. It would be smart to watch what is going on very closely on March 20/21 as the harbingers for the whole spring.

During this spring and summer, some remarkable and long-lasting transits to the lunar North Node will be our karmic guides. The more that individuals and societies follow the North Node's agenda day by day, the easier it is to change and transform. *The agenda of the North Node in Aquarius is to choose altruism and let go of ego*, to think of others first instead of always trying to get what you want. During this spring equinox, Chiron (healing issues) and Neptune (awakening spirituality) are both in Aquarius and approaching the North Node, the soul's path. During the spring New Moons, Neptune and Chiron get closer to the North Node and eventually conjunct it. Chiron and Neptune are still close to the North Node during the summer solstice and afterwards.

What could this mean? The North Node in Aquarius is an eighteen-month period (December 2007-August 2009) when people seek the highest ideals for the world. With Chiron on the North Node in Aquarius, we *can* heal trauma from past lives and early childhood, even old unprocessed wounds from the Dark Ages, Great Depression, and Hitler's Germany. That is, we are being challenged this spring to heal the deepest levels of pain that we have ever experienced. Neptune in Aquarius transiting the North Node suggests that our personal healing will come out of a newly awakened global spirituality, the new era of enlightenment prophesized to come with the end of the Mayan Calendar. I believe we will do this.

Whew! What a way to spend the spring! Make good and strong intentions during the equinox, and you will be so busy seeding them and nurturing them into new little plants that you won't even notice what is going on in the big world out there. Your spring work is the time to make reality be what you want it to be. On this sixth anniversary of Bush attacking Iraq, nothing you can come up with will be as bad as that, so create new things with great heart and a humble mind!