



TRANSCRIPT:

TALKING ASTROLOGY: SATURN, THIS WEEK'S SATURN-NEPTUNE SQUARE, AND THE COSMIC WEATHER

Hi folks.

This week we're going to be talking about some astrology. I've been wanting to have a nice "astro chat" with you guys, and I think this is the week to do it. So I want to talk about Saturn, the relevance of Saturn in the birth chart, and more importantly for this week, I want to get into what's happening on the collective level where **Saturn** is concerned.

As many of you know, Saturn will be in Sagittarius until December 2017, so we want to discuss Saturn in Sagittarius and I want to get into the Saturn-Neptune squares that are happening this year, and of course, this week, Saturn and Neptune will be in exact square. So that's happening this week on the cosmic calendar.

So many people understand the personal significance of planets in their birth chart – things like, you know, "oh my Sun is in Gemini, I have an Aquarius moon, and therefore it probably means I'll get on with this person or I probably *won't* get on with this person." **But today we want to just kind of extend the discourse a little bit to look at astrology in a much more collective sense too.** It's so important to understand the relationship between our individual birth charts and the collective astrological energies that are at play or that are presently operative.

So it's very interesting because lots of people who do intuitive work, lots of readers of Tarot just like myself, they very often actually have a background in astrology, and that would have been like the first symbolic language that they would have spoken before they got into reading the Tarot cards. So I know that's the case definitely with, I think, Theresa Reed, the Tarot Lady, and people like Anthony Louis who is the author of *Tarot Plain and Simple*. So the point is that lots of readers actually come to intuitive work first through the gateway of astrology. So astrology tends to be something that would be very special in our hearts and in our minds because that's our first stop.

So you know, just in terms of my own personal background, I took up my first astrology book at 11. That's when I officially started to study astrology – at 11. And I saw this book on my aunt's shelf – in fact I have it right here in front of me, and at 11 years old I saw this book – it's called *Lifetime Prophecy: An Astrology Guidebook*. It says "22 methods of prophecy, your individual lifetime prophecy, star guide for every day, the good and bad in your horoscope, the zodiac of love, and your health chart."

So it's quite tattered now – I think it was written – let's see here: it was published in 1967 and it was on her shelf and I took it up at 11 years old, and I guess at that point I read it and I knew that...I knew intuitively that there was something within this that just made so much sense. I wasn't quite sure whether the way that it was presented in the book was the best way, but I knew that...I knew intuitively that this astrology made sense and that what was being said actually had a strong basis in what was real. So I definitely intuitively knew that what I was reading about the signs and the planets was true – on some level. Alright?

So it's very interesting because, you know, *what is astrology? What is it really about?* People like me – what is our approach to astrology? **Astrology really is the cosmic weather. But the cosmic weather is not made by outside forces. The cosmic weather is a kind of co-creation of mind between ourselves as creators of our experience and the players in the multiverse. So it's this interesting thing where we make the astrology. It's this wonderful dance of creation between what we do as humans and the broader cosmic collective.** So it's this interaction between what we are doing and what we are influenced by. So it's actually a dance – not that the astrology is made by something outside ourselves.

Astrology is also – in terms of looking at it from a much more frequencial point of view - **astrology can be understood as gravitational, frequencial waves that have a very real effect on the human body physical and the human physical environment.** So there's a very frequencial kind of basis for astrology that is, quite, let's say, "scientific" in that sense although I'm very hesitant to use the word "scientific", but let's just leave it at that for now.

But in terms of let's say a birth chart – astrology is not fatalistic. **It really just gives us a wonderful symbolic kind of blueprint of our energy and the terrain that we are here to navigate in this lifetime.** So when we pull up someone's birth chart, we're seeing [really] their energetic blueprint. Their soul blueprint. And their chart gives us an idea of, or gives us a template of that person's happiness, or the path to that person's happiness, and their highest development and growth. So the birth chart is a wonderful compass of energy, and letting us know what we've come in to accomplish in this lifetime and what energy we are working with as we live our lives.

Now, it's very interesting because I saw this wonderful post from Nikki Gardener over at stateofwildgrace.com, and she was talking about **the idea that planets aren't puppeteers.** So there is a way in which cause and effect tends to be represented in astrology. So people tend to say things like, "oh well, *because* my sun is in Scorpio, I'm a private person. Or the argument happened *because* of a Mars transit, or this happened because of a Moon-Pluto conjunction." So what Nikki over at State of Wild Grace was doing was just you know, interrogating that strict relationship between cause and effect. Because planets are doing something then we are experiencing something.

Well, I definitely wanted to share my perspectives on that. I feel that our birth charts are not *causative* in and of themselves. From a more, let's say, metaphysical perspective, the Pleadians, the P's, often talk about us having to *qualify* for our birth time. **Meaning that there has to be a kind of convergence or alignment between the energy of the soul and what it's here to express and the astrological energies of the time.** So it would seem then therefore that the implication is that the birth chart is reflective of our own unique energetic make up. **So the chart really reflects what we have come in with and therefore we are not a reflection of our chart but the chart really is reflecting us.**

And then the chart and the transits and the progressions are reflections of our own evolutionary cycle. The cycles of our own evolution, development and maturity. So transits and progressions reflect our learning cycle and **this is a curriculum that we have set for ourselves on a soul level.** So that's what comes up to be understood as well...that really if we come in with the energies and the birth chart is just reflecting that, those energies, then also too naturally, **the transits and the progressions are describing how our own energies are evolving, and what our learning really is in terms of how we integrate and assimilate new lessons.**

But in terms of the much more linguistic aspect of this it probably is a challenge for us to get out of the causative paradigm which says "oh because my Moon is conjunct my Pluto , [therefore] I am like this, or because this Mars transit happened then I had an argument with someone else." So it probably is a challenge to come out of that linguistic way of presenting astrology because as humans we are quite, or have become, quite linear. So I guess the best way to go about this is to just keep in mind that even when we say things like "because I have a Moon-Pluto conjunction then so and so and so"....**even when we are saying things in this kind of linear way, what we ought to really do is to just keep in mind [that] even though we are saying it like this, we are coming in with energies, and we are the ones who are causing our charts to be like how it is, and not the other way around.** So it's probably not so easy to come out of that cause and effect linear way of speaking, but at least it's just good to bear in mind that we are not our charts. **Our charts reflect us, and not vice versa.**

So I want to jump into Saturn. A lot of people don't like Saturn. And the question is: what is Saturn here to teach us? What is the significance of Saturn natively in the birth chart, and by transit? Well Saturn, in terms of an evolutionary role – Saturn is really about individual refinement (and collective refinement too), but in the birth chart – **individual refinement through discipline and testing.** In the birth chart **Saturn can often indicate how we experience or meet the energy of fear, and so Saturn's goal is to kind of bring the required discipline and testing – especially in relation to what we fear. So Saturn wants us to move out of that fear and Saturn wants to help us move out of that fear and move into much more personal integrity.**

Saturn wants us to contract, but not in the negative sense. When I say contract, I mean that **Saturn really wants to help us to consolidate our resources and our power.** It really wants us to stand on our own foundation. It wants us to stand on a strong personal foundation of structural integrity. **It doesn't want us to build our castle in the sand.** It wants us to become much more inner-directed, much more self-reliant and to become reliant on the things that are actually worth becoming reliant on. And that has to do with our own inner power. And Saturn wants to prune. It wants to say look, it's time to grow up. And we experience that pruning as delays and frustrations and not being able to get what we want. **But the thing is, as I've been saying – the thing is that we have designed these tests for ourselves. We are the ones who have put into motion the times when Saturn comes in to really test us.** So it's not coming from the outside. It's an experience that we have designed for ourselves at deeper levels. So Saturn transits reflect those times of learning and discipline and testing that we have put into motion for ourselves. So Saturn times can be hard, very out in the cold, "5 of Pentacles" type of times but of course, Saturn transits serve a purpose.

And of course, what I'm really interested in exploring is what [is] Saturn doing in Sagittarius. What is Saturn in Sagittarius reflecting to us about where we are in our own collective evolutionary cycle at the moment. **What kind of things then, does Saturn in Sagittarius allow us to reflect on or come to terms with?** Well, the first interesting thing is that Sagittarius lends this energy of expansion and motion. And Saturn really wants to bring this much more slowing down and contracting energy to the table. So they really are interesting bed fellows. Sagittarius wants experience and wisdom, but Saturn says hey, you know, hold your horses. You're going to get to that wisdom and that experience but you're going to get there with integrity and maturity.

And **Saturn in Sagittarius at this point is really asking us to prune and to mature our personal philosophies and ideals and to build them on a much stronger foundation. It's time to prune beliefs that are not in alignment with who we are. And Saturn in Sagittarius is pruning the beliefs and the belief systems that we have that make up the fabric of our consensus reality.** That's what Saturn is doing in Sagittarius. So Saturn in this placement up until December 2017 will allow us to have a much more grounded and real structure for the expression and experience of our beliefs and knowledge. It wants to prune the things that we believe in, and our systems of belief, and move us toward having much more of a stronger foundation in terms of the things that we are investing our belief in.

And of course I think that one of the things that is going to be in the frying pan where Saturn in Sagittarius is concerned is definitely, let's say university or higher education. **We might see some definite changes and some ways in which people really question the value of university or tertiary education.** So I think that's definitely going to be coming up for us to review by the time Saturn finishes its transit in Sagittarius. So we're just looking at what it is that we collectively believe

and the beliefs that really do make up the fabric of consensus reality. Saturn is going to be coming in to prune those things and people might find themselves really questioning and beginning to disinvest in certain belief systems and then to create ones that definitely are much more in integrity or certainly have a much stronger foundation.

So I think even our religions and people's investment in religions and religious beliefs will definitely be in the frying pan as well.

So of course Saturn is moving into square, in exact square, with Neptune. That's happening I think on June 17. So it's happening this week in terms of the exact square but of course they have been moving into square for months prior. **So what are the Saturn-Neptune squares reflecting to us about our evolutionary cycle?** What kind of things does Saturn-Neptune allow us to come to terms with in a much more collective way? Well the first thing is that **Saturn-Neptune in relationship to each other puts into sharp perspective the imagination and its relationship to reality. So it really brings up into sharp perspective the ways in which we use our imagination as a component of creating physical reality, of creating manifest reality.** So the square here will ask us to examine how it is that the cold, hard reality – quote/unquote, is in fact conditioned by the imagination. So **Saturn-Neptune in relationship is going to ask us to really reflect upon collectively how what is real, what is physical, is in fact conditioned by something that's much more intangible – beliefs, imagination.**

And, because of that, what's coming up - in terms of the collective, is the need right now to separate what's real from what's not real, and the tensions inherent in that. **So the Saturn-Neptune square is going to bring out a lot of that need for us to collectively sift out and sort through what's false and what's illusory from what's real.** What's false and what's illusory is Neptune's domain – Neptune in Pisces, and what's real is under Saturn's domain. So Saturn I think is going to be very intense in terms of disabusing us of what's not real and you know, what's very interesting is that whilst Saturn is doing that, Neptune in Pisces will really be *amplifying* what's not real, so we are really called upon in this time to use discernment. **The use of grounded discernment to really sift out what's real will be very necessary in this time.**

And where do we see this playing out? In the media. What we've been told, or the ways in which the media constructs certain images – we're going to have to be a lot more careful, and a lot more mindful in sorting out what's real from what's illusory. And no doubt, of course, we are in the thick of the United States election, so Saturn and Neptune in square is going to be amplifying that sense of what's illusory and what's real. And we're going to have to be very adept at being able to sort through – especially with the overlay of the media and its images, we're going to have to be able to be adept at sorting out what's false from what's true.

So of course as I've said, **Saturn in Sagittarius really brings to the table our beliefs and our collective ideologies, our collective belief systems. So Neptune in Pisces is going to be bringing lots of confusion to that and is going to be wanting to dissolve these collective ideologies and collective belief systems.** So we could find things very confusing. So Neptune is going to be wanting to be dissolving beliefs that were once held on to – that's Saturn in Sagittarius – and of course, which make up the fabric of reality as we know it. So what is reality, and what is true and what is false about our reality – the Saturn-Neptune squares are going to be putting that into very very sharp perspective and thus we have to be really very grounded in our use of our discernment, especially with the media. Alright?

And in terms of just looking at it from a much more evolutionary perspective, Saturn is asking us to invest in beliefs that have more worth. It's asking us to grow up and to mature especially around what it is that we believe.

And as it comes to mind here I think the P's were sharing that Saturn square Neptune is going to be setting into motion or asking us to reflect upon, or we're going to be seeing in our experience rather, a lot of challenges to the Neptunian, Piscean realm. And what's the Neptunian, Piscean realm? The ocean. And life forms within the ocean. So it's very interesting to think about that as well. How it is that Saturn will bring some challenges for us in terms of how we are going to be experiencing what goes on in our oceans.

So yeah, that's just kind of the cosmic weather there, chatting about Saturn, and Saturn in Sagittarius and of course, the two Saturn-Neptune squares that are happening this week and later down in the year.

So this has been our astro chat. And we really should do it again sometime soon. So let's do that and I'll catch up with you guys later on.

Bye.