



Chiron In Love

The Astrology of Envy, Rage, Compassion and Wisdom

Liz Greene

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Liz Greene's timing could not have been better for the publication of *Chiron in Love, The Astrology of Envy, Rage, Compassion, and Wisdom*. Greene combined a Chiron seminar originally transcribed in 2005 with three online seminars she did in 2020 as the Covid pandemic was in full swing. Her impetus for publishing the book was seeing "the global outpourings of helplessness, fear, rage, polarization, and an apparently obsessive determination to find scapegoats...tracks of the mythic Centaur's responses to his unmerited poisoned wound".¹ On first glance at the book I did have some doubts about the seminar format, but my interest in Chiron and familiarity with Greene's Saturn, *A New Look at an Old Devil* won out. Any reservations immediately disappeared as I began to read. Other than the questions from the audience, the book reads like many other astrology books, along with chart examples of famous couples. Anyone who is looking for a cookbook though will be disappointed.

Greene makes clear from the beginning that she does not believe the wound represented by Chiron can be entirely healed, but makes the case for partial healing, with a tremendous amount of inner work. What I loved the most about this book is the deep dive Greene does into the nature of Chiron in Part One. The surprise, for me was in Chiron's ancestral lineage and the added meaning it brings to his story. Usually astrologers cover Chiron's father Saturn, but not Chiron's mother, Philyra, her father was Okeanos, "the great cosmic stream that surrounds and supports the universe...out of which everything emerges...Chiron combines Okeanos realm of endless fluid possibilities and the Saturnian world of law, structure, form, and mortality".² Chiron bridges these two seemingly irreconcilable opposites, Saturn and Okeanos, outer and inner, conscious, and unconscious. After reading this part of the book, I could understand much better why some astrologers have associated Chiron with the individuation process.

With the added level of meaning on the nature of Chiron, it made it much easier to comprehend how these dynamics work in relationships. The level to which two people in a relationship have worked with integrating conscious and unconscious aspects of themselves, determines the level to which they will encounter unconscious issues in their relationships. If each person works on their individual issues, the result is "mutual compassion... and the wisdom to recognize suffering as an inevitable dimension of human life and a potential stage in the process of individuation".³ If not, unconscious aspects can be projected upon the partner "through the unleashing of envy, anger, resentment, self-pity, feelings of inadequacy and, at its worst, emotional, and physical abuse".⁴ The old saying 'wherever you go, there you are' comes to mind.

It is not often that I can read an astrology book from cover to cover in a very short period, but this one was not a struggle in the least. Liz Greene goes deep into her exploration of Chiron and its meaning, which is what is required of the individual if one is to consciously work with Chiron. It confirmed for me much of my journey thus far. I highly recommend 'Chiron in Love – The Astrology of Envy, Rage, Compassion and Wisdom' as a must for anyone wanting to understand their own journey, or even wanting to understand the times we are living in a little better, but if you're an astrologer this book is a must. [DT]

¹ Liz Greene, *Chiron in Love*, p.2.

² Greene, *Chiron in Love*, p.23.

³ Greene, *Chiron in Love*, p.72.

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