

**Saturn in Sagittarius Sept 18th – December 21st 2017 by Margaret Gray
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We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Core Theme: Remembering the Truth of Who We Are



On September 18th Saturn moved into 0° Sagittarius where he will remain until December 2017. Having previously dipped his toe into Sagittarius from Dec 24th 2014 – June 16th 2015, we got a taster of what his journey through this sign might feel like for all of us as individuals and as a collective. It may therefore be helpful to think back to what those 6 months felt like for you.

With so many planetary movements in the sky over the past 4 years in particular, it isn't always easy to decipher which particular energies are impacting us and in which way. Hence it can be useful to clarify the basic nature of the planet – in this case Saturn and the energetic flavouring he takes on in the sign he is currently travelling through.

Saturn, better known as Kronos in mythology, is known as the god of manifestation. He is a very earthy god, who is deeply rooted in the basic laws of the natural world and hence his association with linear time, which is an earthly rather than a divine function. His purpose in our birth chart is to help us fully incarnate as spiritual beings in a human body, within this fairly dense dimension we call Earth. In helping us to be in our body, he enables us to manifest life around us. If we are not fully conscious and present in our body, nothing can come to fruition in our life, regardless of our intention.

By transit, Saturn invites us all as a collective to be very conscious in the arena of the sign he activates on his journey through it. Hence when he travelled through Scorpio, we were all invited to engage with our unconscious and dig up buried truths within our emotional oceanic depths, which we had sought to bury, suppress and/or repress over the years. As well as digging and uncovering, Saturn also requires us to integrate what we discover into our daily human life. As an earthy sign, Saturn's reputation for discomfort and heaviness is connected to his earthy tenacity in keeping us to task until we have completed it or until he moves into the next sign.

In travelling into Sagittarius, Saturn's journey has now moved from the depths of the emotional oceans, to the heights of the spiritual heavens. Here his task is to invite us to remember what 'the truth' is and to find ways to manifest it in our daily life. In his travels through this sign, Saturn we will in all likelihood initially require us to unearth the belief systems we have created as a collective over the millennia in our search for the truth. The ultimate truth we are seeking is the answer to: who am I? The ultimate answer at its most simple is: 'love'.

As mentioned in my previous longer article on the current transits, these questions may help us to work with Saturn in Sagittarius over the next 2 ½ years:

1. What do I believe in?
2. What perceived truths may have a limiting rather than expansive effect on my life?
3. What stories am I telling myself about my life journey that are long outdated?
4. Who do I know I am, when I ask from my heart? What beliefs hinder my knowing that truth? How do I live this truth out in my daily life?

Some tools that may help include the following:

1. Make a map of your current belief systems in every area of your life and where they come from. Turn the more limiting beliefs into their most expansive version. Note how that might change your current life choice
2. Do one thing every day that is based on your most expansive version of yourself

The First and Second Saturn Returns

If you are aged just over 29, now or within the next 2 ½, years, you will experience your first Saturn Return. This marks the threshold crossing into Astrological 'adulthood' as Saturn has now come full circle back to where he was when you were born. Saturn demands incarnation; hence this time is usually marked by some external manifestation in that represents the start of a new 30 year cycle of a new way of being on this planet. The emphasis on finding your individual truth, separately to the truths you were raised with, is likely to be very strong at the moment as you journey far and wide within and

possibly externally too in your search. Resistance to incarnating can result in what may feel like a challenging Saturn transit, whereas the willingness to do the work required is likely to result in a very productive and satisfying Saturn return.

If you are aged 60 now, or within the next 2 ½ years, you will experience your 2nd Saturn Return in Sagittarius. Remembering your experiences during your First Saturn Return can help you to notice how far you have travelled with your beliefs over the past 30 years. Time can offer the gift of wisdom and life experience. It can also offer the challenge of rigid thinking and inflexibility. In moving into the next 30 years gracefully, the key is to use the help of Saturn to demolish and remove any outdated rigid defences in the arena of beliefs and thoughts. In doing so, there will be ample room to allow the truth to emerge during this time, with very little effort.

If you have planets and/or angles in Sagittarius, Gemini, Virgo and/or Pisces you are likely to resonate more strongly with the entrance of Saturn into Sagittarius. Saturn will invite you to take a long honest look at the planets it is awakening, to see if you are living them out in a real way on a daily basis. By the time he moves on from aspecting them, their energy will feel a lot more in keeping with your real self.

The arena of life that you are going to experience this energy most strongly is described by the house/s Saturn is moving through in your chart as well as the opposite house.

You are an explorer, and you represent our species, and the greatest good you can do is to bring back a new idea, because our world is endangered by the absence of good ideas. Our world is in crisis because of the absence of consciousness — Terence McKenna

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