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**A**pril 2020 sees an abridged version of the newsletter containing an article by David Matthews of the Totnes Astrology Group. Given the changing dynamic of the present situation it has proved difficult to compile a list of events.

The latest additions to the on-line audio lecture archive [www.wessexresearchgroup.org/lectures11.html](http://www.wessexresearchgroup.org/lectures11.html) are *Esoteric Healing* by Linda Dutton and *Cycles of Catastrophe, Atlantis and the Secret Story of Our Planet* by Nigel Blair.

The latest addition to the on-line article archive is the *12 Faces of Mother Earth* by Jay Risdon [www.wessexresearchgroup.org/articles2.html](http://www.wessexresearchgroup.org/articles2.html)

## **Coronavirus – An Astrological Perspective**

**By David Matthews**

As an astrologer I was curious to know what the colossal Capricornian conjunctions of 2020 might represent - well, now I know!

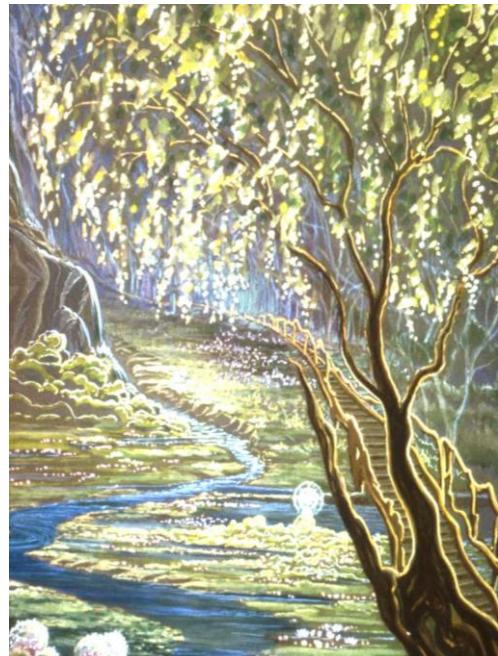
"The stars impel, they do not compel". However, the pattern and meaning at this time is clear.

"The System" rocked and challenged by the emergence of the Coronavirus has responded with authoritarian measures; for example the introduction of "Lockdown" something one might associate with Saturn / Pluto as Jailer-Inquisitor.

In the last few days, as Mars joins Jupiter and Pluto, in late Capricorn (to be precise in the South Node of Saturn itself), we get a reminder / a flavour of past tribulations, uncomfortable memories, the "persona" of past dramas, bought back in the world to play their part again, in this shift of the Ages. Once again we witness the re-assertion of the old feudal, authoritarian fear-based methods, whilst others are compelled to make a necessary stand for Human freedom and dignity in the midst of it all.

Meanwhile (and this an interesting complementary feature), the Lunar North Node in Cancer (representative of family, home, the familiar), now offers sanctuary and retreat, from the (temporary) apparent harshness of the World and the political arena (Capricorn South Node).

"Stay at home!" Yes – but use this time to re-balance / re-align and reconnect ones' self with those things that important.



Let the superficial slip away. I for one am looking forward to the solitary walks or a stroll with a companion through the Devon Lanes.

To save the world by doing nothing and sitting in front of the T.V. is not the worst thing one could be doing at this juncture. The New Moon of 24<sup>th</sup> March is Conjunct Chiron in Aries and the Imperative is for Healing – individually and collectively.

Through and beyond all this let's keep preparing; think and plan afresh for the long term, a New Paradigm and a New Earth is in the making. Saturn now in Aquarius, soon to be joined, for a while by Mars bringing with it tough issues and common concerns to be faced by all.

Later at Winter Solstice 2020, the Jupiter Saturn Conjunction in 0 Degrees Aquarius is the beginning of a very long sequence of conjunctions. Of these, two are in the air signs; Representing-among other things:- Perspective, uplift / flight, fellowship, brotherhood, sisterhood, unity in diversity and the Earth as one country. Perhaps a "Phoenix" type experience too, as we shed the shackles of pollution and the dire effects of unrelenting materialism.

The Full Moon on 8<sup>th</sup> April (another "Super Moon", at Perigee - closer to Earth than usual); then Easter which is both a Goddess and a Christ festival, enables us both as individuals and together celebrate and give thanks for the life we have on this unique and beautiful Earth - the duality of night and day, light and dark, male and female, resolved through the ever present Power of Love something represented by the Heart of the Sun.