

Eclipse of the Heart: The Astrology of Love, Sexuality and Freedom

Sovereignty vs Commitment: Pluto and the Challenge of Evolution

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I offer this article as support for further integration of the learning material for this segment. This article summarizes and re-articulates the content from both videos in its own flow and rhythm. Evolutionary stages are not expounded upon here to the same detail as in the first video. All charts examples from videos are included.

Introduction to Pluto and the Evolutionary Stages of the Soul

Throughout the entire evolutionary journey (Pluto) there is a constant: we are here in a body on this Earth. This is the Venus (Taurus) polarity to Pluto. We ground here, we ground in this present moment. Venus, the Taurus side of it, corresponds to gardens. We always come back to the garden we are tending. Gardens are a great analogy for the ground of our evolutionary journey: we are planting seeds and tending to those seeds. We may wander off for a while, forgetting this moment, forgetting the fertile ground of our own soul growth – but we are inevitably reminded to return to the garden, to return to our path.

Our path, when we return to it, it is not characterized by a particular thing or practice we need to do. It has nothing to do with any particular. It is qualified by the **feeling of returning to the fertile ground** that is always awaiting our attention. Sometimes this means weeding, sometimes it means watering, sometimes it means planting, sometimes harvesting, sometimes tilling the ground. Sometimes it means doing nothing at all. In fact, stillness, which implies a quality of contentment and being with, allowing, is the foundation of all growth. This present moment is Neptune, which is the higher octave of Venus. Neptune says now is the answer, now is the destination.

And yet the impulse to evolution brings us back to simply the inevitable journey that we have to take. The conscious ego has no say in this. Our personal preferences are irrelevant when it comes to the evolutionary impulse. It's an entirely impersonal force. On this journey we learn to tend to it, we learn to cooperate. Your garden is your garden, try you might to change your lot, but you cannot. Freewill does not mean we can change the curriculum it means we can elect to cooperate with it or not.

What is Evolution?

Consider that Neptune is the ultimate reality. Neptune represents Love, Truth, God, Source. The caterpillar is IT, the chrysalis is IT, the butterfly is IT. Wherever you look for love, truth is exactly where you will find it. This is what Neptune represents: that the only reality is now. Then, beyond Neptune we have Pluto. What does Pluto represent? First, it's a general understanding that the further you go in orbit from the Sun the more cosmic in consciousness the planet becomes. Pluto is not contradictory to love or the eternity of this present moment, it's just an entirely other dimension to reality. Pluto says evolution. It says the caterpillar is a form, it's a particular manifestation of consciousness, and consciousness has to evolve. Pluto says that evolution is an imperative, an essential, a foundational truth to existence.

It's the evolutionary impulse that brings us into these lives, these bodies, these lifetimes. It's what impels us forward to have experiences and try out all the crazy human things we keep on doing.

What are we gaining from all of this? What's the point of evolution? The point of it is itself. Evolution is the ongoing process of generating new desires and exhausting old ones. As this goes, the self-identity of the soul; who it thinks it is, changes to become more and more inclusive of its eternal self. Meaning, less defined by the structures of time and space as the ultimate indicator of one's identity and more identified with the unchanging source.

Introduction to Evolutionary Stages

First and foremost, when I meet a soul – whether it is for a reading or just to drink tea with, I am NOT thinking of their evolutionary stage. These teachings, in my view, are useful in providing us the understanding of evolutionary stages of development – they are not useful in terms of putting people in boxes. There's the journey, and when we meet someone where they are at we resonate with them in a wholistic way, not in our labels and classifications.

It is simply an observable reality that among the human population there are different stages of evolution. When I speak about a stage of evolution I refer to an entire paradigm that reflects the gravity of one's consciousness. It's an observed reality that approx. 70% of the souls on this planet are orienting to reality from a place of fitting in, belonging, being a part of the mainstream. This reflects in their beliefs, values, what is most important to them. Their individuality still exists, their various expressions of genius, creativity, behaviors and psychological dynamics all exist in the rainbow diversity that it exists in any evolutionary stage. We can have souls in a consensus stage of evolution who are more emotionally mature than souls in the spiritual stage of evolution. This and all kinds of possibilities. It's important that we separate character, behavior and specific karmic context from the overall paradigm/stage of a person's current evolutionary growth.

Evolution of the soul is always grounded and crystalized by a conscious ego structure that, so long as incarnation is happening here on earth, will fully create a structural reality that will allow it to play out and live fully within its current level of evolution. The caterpillar has its entire existence. There are worlds available only at that stage. However, when the soul finds itself at an evolutionary juncture, it's possible that EVERYTHING about the soul's world will be breaking down. If not everything, then in the very least the crystalized structures that were useful and relevant for that stage will begin to break a part. We'll speak more about this as I delve more fully into the Pluto teachings.

The Saturn and Moon in the context of Pluto

structural reality of our lives is Saturn. And so, we set up shop wherever we are and strengthen our identity structure. This takes self-knowledge, wisdom, time. We land fully at every stage of our lives. We do this so that we can live it. There's no rushing this, and in fact if we rush it then we'll find ourselves having issues with Saturn.

This is a great injunction to introduce a basic context for planetary relationships. Saturn is the world we will be crystalizing for ourselves. Within this world we will grow emotionally and shape our own sense of identity: that's the Moon and the nodes of the Moon. The lunar function is how we identify ourselves. It is how we emotionally integrate all of our experiences so that it can inform our sense of self. Who am I, how do I picture myself from within myself. The identity, Moon, is the filter through which we see our entire reality. Our filter is of course relevant for our evolutionary stage; the degree of truth that we are ready for, able to emotionally integrate into our identity structure along our journey at any given point in time. I won't go in depth into this here, but this is why understanding the nodes of the Moon is so important: we can't know ourselves (Moon) beyond our willingness/ capacity to evolve at any given

time. Thus, we are bound by the self-image and way of knowing ourselves that resonates with where we are in our evolution.

As evolutionary timing kicks in, the conscious ego, the identity, feels threatened. It's unsafe for ANY ego structure. And the ego looks upon it's life and where it has found acceptance, where it has found stability; where its ground is and will be afraid of breaking that down as well. That's Saturn.

Another perspective on Saturn and the Moon relative to Pluto: Consider that the soul's evolutionary intention gives birth to its very existence in human form. The mother, the body, the family it comes into. The conscious ego is not in control of ANY of that. So much of the structural reality that we come into in this life is the conditioning that serves as the relevant template for the soul's ongoing evolutionary growth. And, as any soul matures, it can become self-reflective and begin to create new conditions in its life that feel more relevant to its current understanding of its evolutionary needs – but this is not something that is possible when the soul is just in baby form. This can help us to understand that the soul naturally resonates with the limitations and parameters that it chooses to participate in to set the stage for its own evolutionary growth. Evolution is a thorough process and it wants us to be fully immersed in every stage – to really be it.

To come back to the caterpillar analogy, but to anthropomorphize it a bit, the caterpillar knows its life, knows its world. Where the food comes from, how to be a functioning and responsible member of the community, ways to act that allows it to get along. If they have a family or own a car or have a job they will be showing up for this reality to live in it and paly it out.

The danger for any ego structure is when it says "This is how it should be. Always has been and always will be." This outlook is MORE common in consensus stages of evolution where identity is more oriented towards me/mine time and space. Conscious identity has a more narrow reference point for reality, and so it is looking upon a more limited context. In consensus stages of evolution this will be one's more immediate culture, religion, way of thinking about reality, approved and accepted political views. Generally, if a soul is still growing and evolving within a consensus paradigm it will not find it necessary or relevant to expose itself to perspectives that are beyond its threshold of integration. Again Saturn: that would potentially be dangerous and destabilizing – and quite frankly irrelevant (imagine a caterpillar trying to learn how to fly). In most cases what cannot be integrated will just be ignored – or if there is a slimmer of evolutionary transition happening, then the soul will notice it and possibly become somewhat interested in it, feel uncomfortable and ignore it, or defend their current view, argue against it etc. This is true at all stages of evolution.

Back to Pluto

The soul is the program for the entire reality we come into. So if we are in a consensus stage and we find ourselves constantly exposed to alternative points of views, or our son is gay, or our wife introduces the idea of an open marriage, or the president we believed in was proven to have acted in unethical ways that is completely shocking to us and we start to notice we feel differently than all our friends, then it's likely we are in an evolutionary transition. This can happen in all kinds of ways. When evolution is knocking on the door it means that the existing identity and the structural reality of our lives will have to go with it. It can be small shifts, not necessarily huge caterpillar to butterfly type shifts. Nevertheless death is involved in some way. Death of what is known, it literally has to die: it is no longer alive and vibrant, and until it is gone we cannot really understand what is next.

This is true at all stages of evolution and this is what Pluto is all about. We can read Pluto in the chart as signifying where/how evolution is happening for the soul. This means this is where the soul will, throughout their life in various degrees be playing out desires/ obsessions/ fixations/ deep unconscious needs that impels the soul into this life. The soul will be attracting experiences, including its own genetics, that will trigger the necessary evolution. The soul will be exhausting old desires, ways of being as they are no longer necessary. The soul will be generating new desires relevant to its own evolutionary growth. Jeffrey Wolf Green articulated this in explaining that there are two basic ways that evolution happens. Cataclysmic and slow and uniform.

Cataclysmic means everything is falling apart. This is more extreme, intense and difficult. This can be like an earthquake, or it can be like a pressure from deep within you – something you can't quite get to the surface of. For example, an addiction to a person/place/thing – being stuck in it and knowing you need to get out, but not knowing how. This creates an intensity of focus which ultimately resonates a greater intensity of life experience to support the shift. Addiction is not necessarily a part of evolution, though on some level we are all addicted to the identity we know, though we will let go of it with relative degrees of resistance.

Uniform and slow evolution can happen in two ways too. One is we simply become interested or oriented towards new experiences – consciously or not. Like being drawn to a workshop, or a book. Or our child exposes us to things, that perhaps we didn't consciously want to know about, but it shapes our consciousness and sets us down a new path of growth. There can also be sudden experiences of evolution that are non-cataclysmic such as realizing one day that you are done with this and that it's time to just set up a chrysalis and transition. Or that it's time to write your book, be a teacher, let go of the relationship, pursue the new one.

Evolution is the law – how it happens can occur in all kinds of ways. It's important to remember that the only consistent truth here is evolution, but the modality of it is incredibly varied and can go many ways. As a counterpart to evolution is a thing called involution. Basically, all evolution is followed by involution. Involution is the break down phase: the self-identity and associated world view and world construct the soul has been playing out is coming a part, breaking down. Often a phase of involution will require a deep going within, become quiet and internal so that the death can happen. A great analogy for involution is that of a snake shedding its skin. My friend who lives with a snake told me once that when her snake sheds her skin she becomes temporarily blind during the shedding process. This is a powerful analogy.

What I wish to impart most here is that Pluto is evolution. You see Pluto you will see impermanence. You see Pluto you will see desire. You see Pluto you will see the generation and exhaustion of desire. You see Pluto and you will start to tune into, "What are the evolutionary needs of this soul? What is necessary for their ongoing growth?" And remember it's entirely impersonal. The caterpillar to butterfly phenomenon simply reflects a principal of creation that exempts nothing.

Lastly, when we look at Pluto we will find the core of free will. This is not the freedom to make up the rules, it is the freewill to cooperate or resist evolutionary necessity. Choosing cooperation brings the greatest peace, though it is not necessarily always easy. Nevertheless, as my friend Bradly Naragon once designed on a t-shirt, "Resistance Is Plutile."

Evolution Through the Stages

Along the evolutionary stages of the soul, the bigger transitions are when a soul is moving from one stage to the next. IE individuated to spiritual. We can divide each evolutionary stage into 3 substages: 1st, 2nd and 3rd, each stage representing an entire phase of development. Smaller transitions are when a soul is moving from one sub stage to the next. We can further divide these substages further into more substages etc. In fact, we can look upon the notion of trinity for all things. There is the beginning, the stabilization, the dissolving – and then the space in between all of that. Astrology reflects the same thing: cardinal, fixed, mutable. Cardinal is our entry: We are starting something new, initiating a new life experience. Fixed is our stabilization: I'm here, growing, setting up show, grounding and become centered in my purpose for actualization. Mutable is diffusive: energy is unfocused towards any specific direction or objective, it represents the essence of the element and is inherently transitional by its very nature.

Pluto: Sovereignty Vs Commitment

There's no better planet to look at in astrology than Pluto when it comes to understanding the deepest drive and motivation that fuels our most significant and formative relationships and relationship experiences than Pluto.

Pluto = desire. Desire. This is what brings us into this life. Did you choose your parents? Not in the way that I am choosing to pick my nose. But the total circumstantial reality that I came into (Saturn) is a harmonic match to my inner karma. What is karma? It is nothing other than the structure of my own consciousness. It's not inherently about how I acted/ what I did, it is about what I carry on the inside. When I leave this world and leave this body behind what remains and what defines me? When Ari Moshe is no longer who am I? It's the emotional resonance that carries on. The very edges of my ongoing self-realization. So, I will then create a new limited container through which more will unravel.

The complexity of each soul's inner karmic reality is not to be taken lightly. A skilled soul-focused astrologer can see this, and help others to see this too. This is what Jeff Green exemplified, he is the greatest soul-astrologer I have ever known of.

Androgyny

The soul is androgynous. This is so important to understand. The moment desire is born, duality is created. This entire existence is the resolving of dualities. We come into partnership with what is not us and dance with it for a while, but it too will leave just as much as it at some point came.

The androgynous nature of the soul points to a very important notion: that we are each inherently whole and complete within ourselves. When you take sex away from who we are, when there is no matching polarity to our nature, then there is also nothing to find, nothing lacking that we otherwise need from the outside.

However, identity will always position itself within polarities and will need to explore that for its continued growth. It then follows that every soul on this planet, even if they identify as non gender binary, will find itself drawn to and repelled by something in the outer world.

This relationship between our inherent sovereignty and the impulse to get involved with and give ourselves to what is outside of us is the very tension and potency of the evolutionary journey of the soul.

Pluto represents two opposite psychologies:

1. Desire for total commitment, merging
2. Fear of entrapment

What do these represent?

I'm going to introduce this by speaking to the relationship between Mars and Pluto. You might know that traditionally Mars was the co-ruler of Aries and Scorpio. In Evolutionary Astrology we look upon Mars as the lower octave of Pluto.

Mars is conscious choices. I am saying yes to something, saying no to something else. With my will, as I shape greater self-knowledge and awareness of where I am going, I am paving a road with my choices. As we mature we become more self-aware of where we are going, the affects of our actions, what works what doesn't work. When we look at Mars we need freedom and independence. If that is impeded upon then we will feel that we do not have the freedom we need to make the choices we need to make. Freedom implies a certain degree of strength and stamina that a soul feels within itself that says "I can do this. I can choose what I need to do. I can act, hopefully consciously and responsibly, but sometimes it will be instinctively and forcefully when necessary."

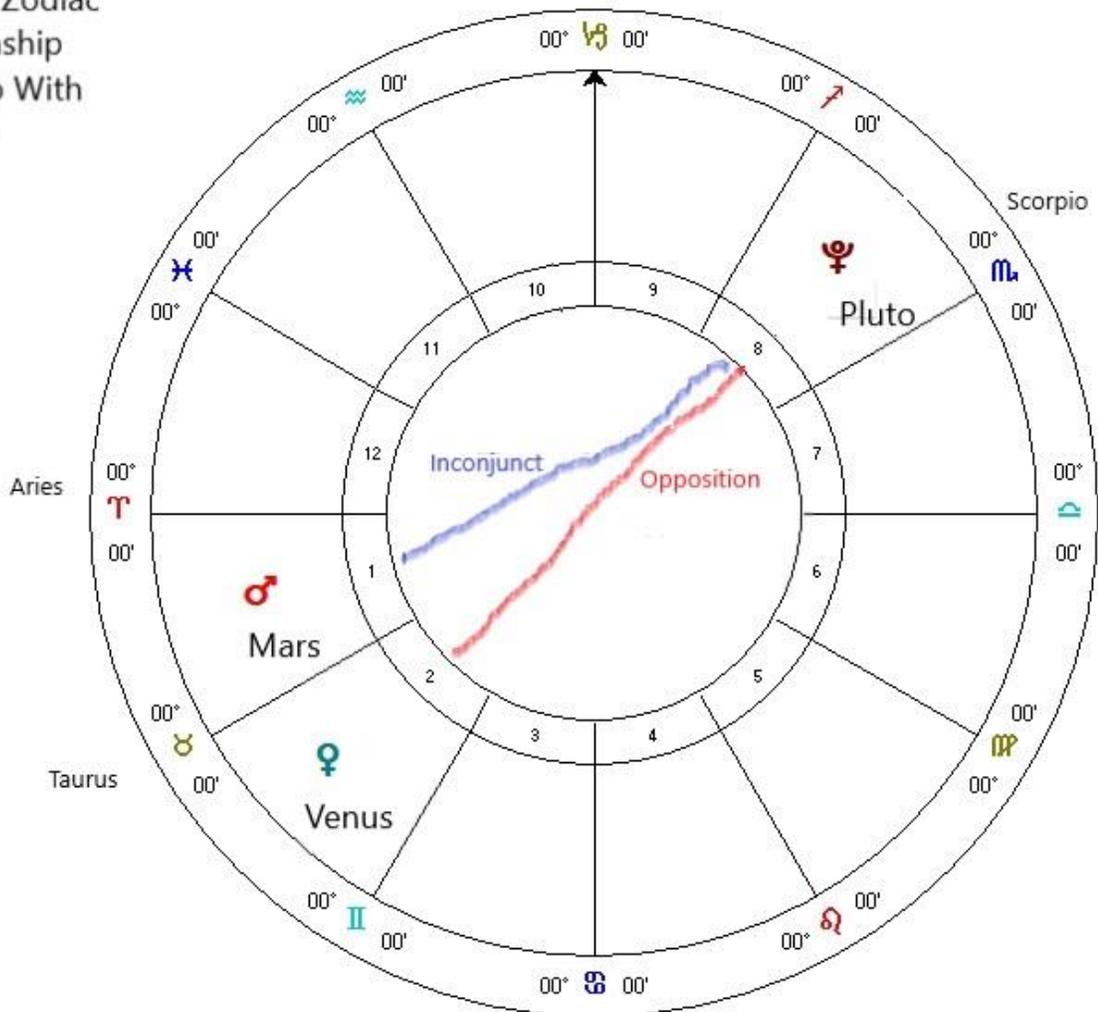
Pluto as I have said is also about choice, but different than Mars level choice – it's the notion of choosing to cooperate or resist with evolutionary necessity. Pluto is evolutionary necessity. So, to use the caterpillar, it's the Mars function that provides the fuel in the caterpillar ego structure to go and do the work necessary to build the chrysalis. It's choosing and acting in a certain direction. In our own lives we have an urge towards something and we go there. We are attracted to someone and we pursue that. Then what happens...?

"Holy shit what did I Just get myself into?!?!!" is what happens. Mars takes us down the path and then we find ourselves committing to it and at that point there's no going back, we will forever be changed. And that is actually scary. This is the relationship between Mars and Pluto: Mars takes us on the journey and is the leading edge of our path with respect to our soul's evolutionary intentions for the current lifetime: Pluto.

This points to the complex we all experience between sovereignty and commitment. With Mars we need the freedom to act, and that freedom points to the inherent freedom of the soul: inherently unbound, not limited or stuck to anything. And then we merge ourselves with life experience and find ourselves immersed in a reality with commitment, merging, emotional dependency, needs, fears – where our emotional center becomes dependent upon the outside. This is the other dimension of Pluto: we are merging with the outside so that we can find it on the inside.

Look at this chart here. Here we see the natural zodiac relationship between Pluto, Venus and Mars via their respective signs of Scorpio, Taurus and Aries.

Natural Zodiac
Relationship
Of Pluto With
Mars &
Venus



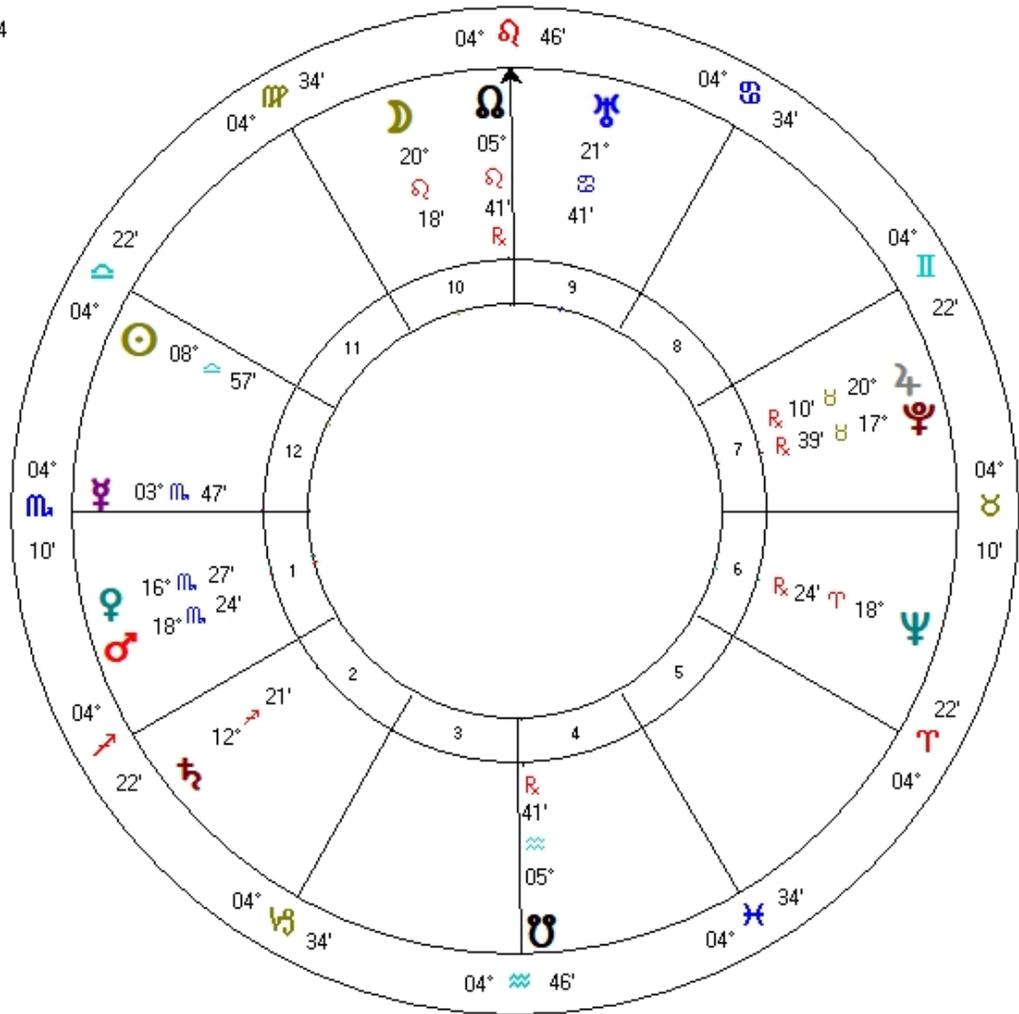
The aspect, which is the geometric relationship between any two points on the chart, between Aries and Scorpio is an inconjunct. Inconjuncts are either 150 or 210 degrees. Inconjunct represents a crisis aspect: where two energies that seemingly are not in communication with each other need to somehow get along. The intention is to simply go with it and not try to resolve the seeming paradox. In this case we are looking at the relationship between freedom of movement (Aries), and our deepest fears, needs, psychological motivations (Scorpio). It also speaks to the psychology of commitment vs entrapment.

The other relationship depicted here is Pluto and Venus: Scorpio and Taurus. This is basically the tantric axis of the natal chart. Both sexuality, but different facets of it. Taurus is the inner world, body, senses – self as reference point. Scorpio is outward seeking. To integrate the two means to know it's all inside. This is difficult for any Pluto position: to go inside and let go of the strong attraction or repulsion to the outer as being the outer. It can get lost in the obsession with outer: it's reactions, desires, hunches, distrusts, obsessions etc.

Chart Examples

As I show you these charts keep in mind that we all contain these archetypes. These charts are simply a more direct archetypal example to demonstrate these teachings.

Mohandas Gandhi
Male Chart
 Oct 2 1869 NS, Sat
 7:45 am LMT -4:38:24
 Porbandar, India
 21°N38' 069°E36'
Geocentric
Tropical
Foshygy
True Node
 Rating: B



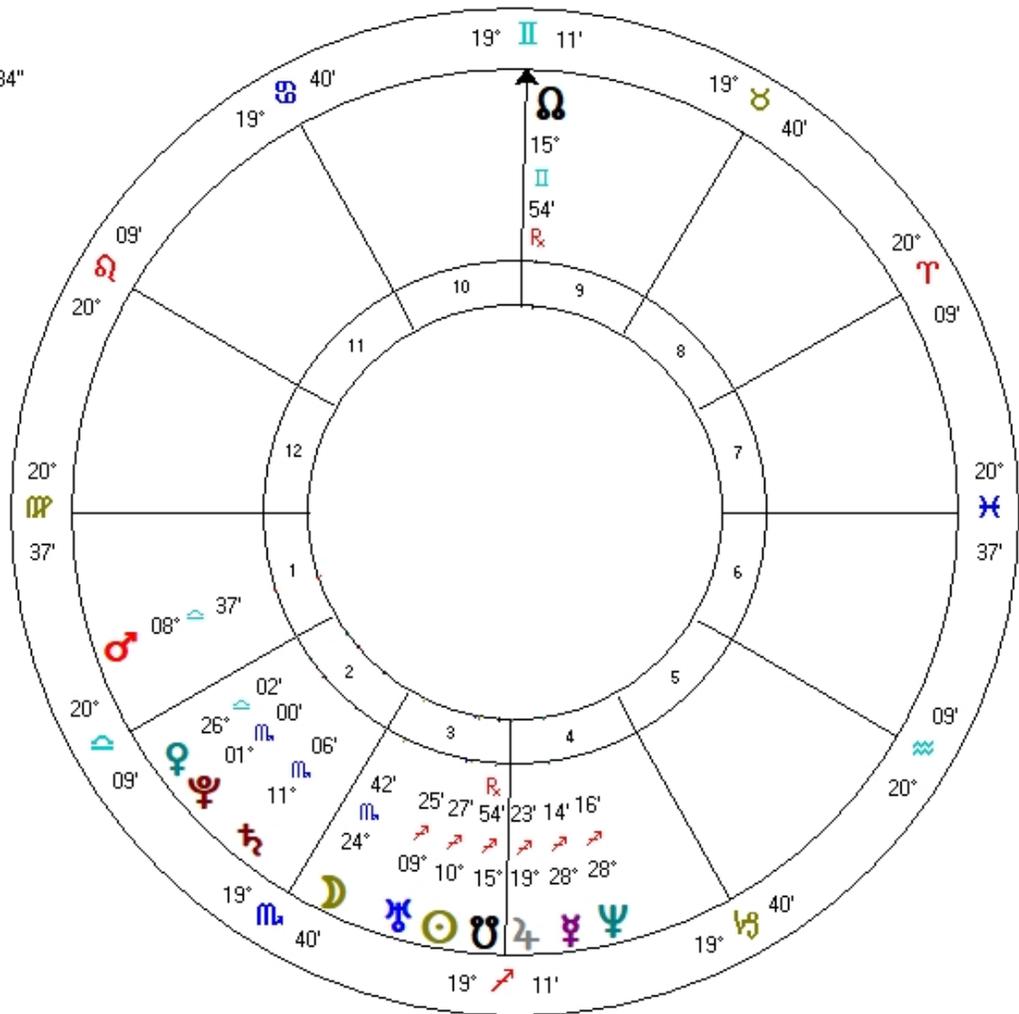
Gandhi. Mars and Venus in Scorpio in the 1st house. So his chart contains these archetypes all together.

The Aries archetype (1st house and Mars) is combined with the Scorpio archetype (Scorpio). In past lives this soul was actually entrapped by his own sexual desires. This is a clear correlation with this Mars and Venus in Scorpio (obsession) in the 1st (instincts, masculine drive) and opposite Pluto in Taurus in the 7th house: commodifying/using (Taurus) other people according to personal pleasure needs. He has in fact been obsessed with sex and I would posit from this chart that he has been involved in very carnal and base desire and passion in past lives. What was his whole M.O in his lifetime? Transmutation of base desire. I've read that in his life as Gandhi there was a time when he used to lie with two naked women next to him to charge his energy but he wouldn't act on it. Arousing desire but containing it on the inside.

While Gandhi was by no means a tantric kind of person, this idea actually points to an important facet of the Pluto and Venus relationship. Remember that they are opposite archetypes. Life and death. Desire which keeps the wheel turning, and total internalization.

The body don't know that other people exist. If we are bound by anger or lust – in our minds this might be associated with an object, however in our bodies there is no notion of that at all. Our bodies are simply experiencing the chemical response, it's processing everything we feel. It is our psychological fixations that impel a continual investment with the outer, but the body only knows itself. Knowing this while immersed in the Pluto world of desire is a powerful practice. This enables us to abide more fully on the inside, knowing that the outer is neither the cause nor the resolution to our inner reality.

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Natal Chart
 Dec 3 1983, Sat
 0:23 am EST +5:00
 long branch, nj
 40°N18'15" 073°W59'34"
Geocentric
Tropical
Fosphory
True Node
 Rating: B



My own chart for example. Pluto with Venus in Libra in the 2nd. Here we have the Venus Taurus archetype combined with the Pluto archetype. Libra is in there also, so we are really combining

everything Venus with everything Scorpio. 2nd house Pluto with Venus on the one hand is self-value self-esteem, self-love – and a very strong survival, procreate, sexual nature – and yet Pluto is about evolution. Thus, this speaks to an evolutionary process linked to my own survival, self-esteem, self-worth. I would define this as finding worth and value in my soul. Libra in the picture means I have come to value myself according to how pleasing and loved I am – and thus getting into relationships where my own soul sovereignty, Pluto, is compromised in order to meet the needs of other people (Libra) thus taking away from the inherent sense of self-reliance and stability of my own soul: 2nd house. This has often happened by playing the role of a counselor to other people – in a way that was not balanced or ultimately healthy for either party.

Venus in Libra needs to feel loved and appreciated for exactly who they are – that's a core relationship need. Here there would be a lot of compromises which would impact my self esteem on a permeating level. I'm learning on my own soul journey that as I stabilize in my own scent so to speak (2nd house, Venus) those who resonate with me truly show up just where I am. I cannot speak strongly enough about the power of attraction when we are stable in our own energetic field. And that's the point of these signatures. Relationships that harmonize with my existing stability and self-value – not relationships that determine it.

The emotional scale of Pluto

In a moment I want to offer some more general chart examples to exemplify this dynamic of commitment vs freedom and ultimately how we are impelled on this journey to find that place where both occur in the same place within us. When evolution is our bottom line we commit because that's how we choose to use our freedom. We will also separate when we know its time. Scorpio and Pluto develop this amazing capacity to navigate the world of life and death and remain stable. Before we look at more charts please consider the follow teachings. I call this the emotional scale of Pluto. These are all emotional states that resonate with this archetype as the soul learns to cooperate and embody the wisdom that comes with living in harmony with the impermanence of reality.

These states are by no means a strictly linear one. We can experience them at any point in our life and move through various stages at the same time. I am presenting them in a linear fashion to exemplify these teachings in a clear way.

1. Attachment and security. This corresponds to the experience of things being stable and remaining the same. If we're looking at the 2nd house this can be wealth or possessions. If we're looking at the 7th house it can be a relationship that provides for a sense of being loved and wanted. Or in the 8th house someone you are deeply bound with on a permeating psychic emotional level. If it's the 4th house we will have the feeling of being cared for, wanted, provided for. If the 10th house then we will have social status, being respected. 11th house being a part of the group, valuing one's intelligent contribution to the world. 9th house one's cosmological understanding of reality is sound and they may have all the answers, perhaps with students and on and on.
2. Loss. This can bring up our greatest fears and insecurities. If it's a cataclysmic process then we can find ourselves feeling jaded and distrustful. We can feel victimized and taken advantage of. Vengeful, jealous, vindictive, cynical. In this phase there can be a closing up to the flow of evolution. Self-identity has been hurt because what was possessed and needed for security is no longer available – and so it's no longer safe to trust, to open up, to be vulnerable. This can also be a situation where the soul is used/abused and that which they were merged with also took

their power, their own life force. This has created an entanglement that actually depletes energy. An example of this can be an abusive relationship where one person is stuck in the relationship and depending on the other person to feel wanted, all the while being constantly abused and disempowered by way of the relationship. It can also be in the situation of addiction – to a person, or a substance. It's become a dependency and the life force energy has become hooked to a particular experience. This is the most intense form of entrapment. In general, this phase is natural for all souls on some level and has the potential to take us in two directions:

3. Opening up deeper to the soul. Marrying, merging with our inner experience. This is the Taurus polarity to the Scorpio/Pluto archetype. Embodying and containing our own transmutational process. In this turning inward we feel the emotions, the wanting, the anger, the pain of separation, of being hurt, used, abandoned, of wanting, of resisting. This ultimately gives us more energy and power as we realize that we can dance with our shadow, we can in fact dance and form a relationship with these darker stronger emotions. It's literally like compost fertilizing ground for new creation. We realize ultimately that we are stronger than we thought, more resilient and capable of navigating and moving through darkness and ultimately come out stronger than we thought possible.
4. Or on the other hand we can close up even more and try to hold onto what is no longer. This is the path of the dark side. It basically requires the persistent choice to resist evolutionary necessity and NOT look inside. This path requires the use of FORCE, which in the way I'm speaking of it here means fighting against the flow of evolution and finding ways to manipulate to hold on to the conditions one is identified with. Take a 9th house Pluto soul who was proved wrong, that they don't have the ultimate knowledge – and they are a teacher. If they are identified with knowing, if that is a fixation then they will naturally find themselves lying, exaggerating facts, twisting information to make it appear that they know or to give the appearance of whatever they believe they should be, even if they are not. They will need to sell their truth so that others believe them. If 7th house it can be finding ways to "give" according to their deep psychological understanding of how to hook their partner – be it romantic, familiar or business, in order to maintain a dependency.
 - a. In all these ways it's easy to get hooked in dependency upon or having others become dependent upon us. An expression of God given sovereignty, which is a right for all souls is to choose to get involved in something. Ultimately, at higher levels of understanding we realize that WE are in fact the ones who have chosen every ounce of what has manifested in our lives. This is a high-level realization and means we can take full responsibility for our own inner life, our own inner point of attraction. Though this knowledge should be used and taught with care as it's simply the case for most of us, especially when we are children and we are just incarnating into the stage we on a soul level set up, that we can't and even shouldn't yet know that we are behind all of it. It's not always about that. So on this path a soul can get stuck in a loop of darkness.
5. Power. This power is the power to circulate one's emotional energy and transmute it from crude to refined. I want to speak to one particular phenomena that naturally occurs for all souls during this process. Darkness comes up as it's being integrated. As we step further into our own soul sovereignty it's common for old addictions, temptations, patterns of instigations from the astral or physical world to enter our field. These things only happen when we are on the verge of evolution, and their gift is ultimately to reflect exactly the shadow places we are now to

integrate to become more whole and stronger in ourselves. Ultimately the highest use of evil is to show us the very exact places where we are right now invited to claim our power. Evil requires fear and the giving away of our power in order to thrive. One good definition of evil is that it does not have its own independent existence, it is not original to creation, although we can say it for certain does exist. Love is original, evil is derivative: its existence is only contrived on the denial of what is true, on the denial of love. Thus, it requires the persistent denial of truth to thrive. The greatest fear of evil is to realize it has nothing to stand on. In the same way this is true for all self-identities. We play it out for a while – but ultimately, we realize there is no basis for it, nothing for it to stand upon other than the value that we gave it. Only Love is real and this is something that we keep on learning at greater and greater levels of refinement and understanding.

6. Sharing. The soul at this stage has the ability to share themselves. To be present with people in all kinds of dark phases, to hold a clear knowing of the truth in the midst of the process of evolution. It's like a butterfly that has compassion and understanding for the process the caterpillar must be in.

Ultimately, the Pluto archetype represents where the soul can be deeply present, available, clear, silent on the inside and thus available and committed through all kinds of changes and struggles in other people's lives. Pluto is where we may have the potential to become in service to the soul: helping other people to die, to transition, to let go and become psychologically self-aware, to help others cooperate with evolution. Wherever we have Pluto in our charts is where we have that potential. For myself, I have become a very powerful and deep listener: Pluto conjunct Venus. And my focus seems to be on helping people to claim their own self-value and self-love: 2nd house.

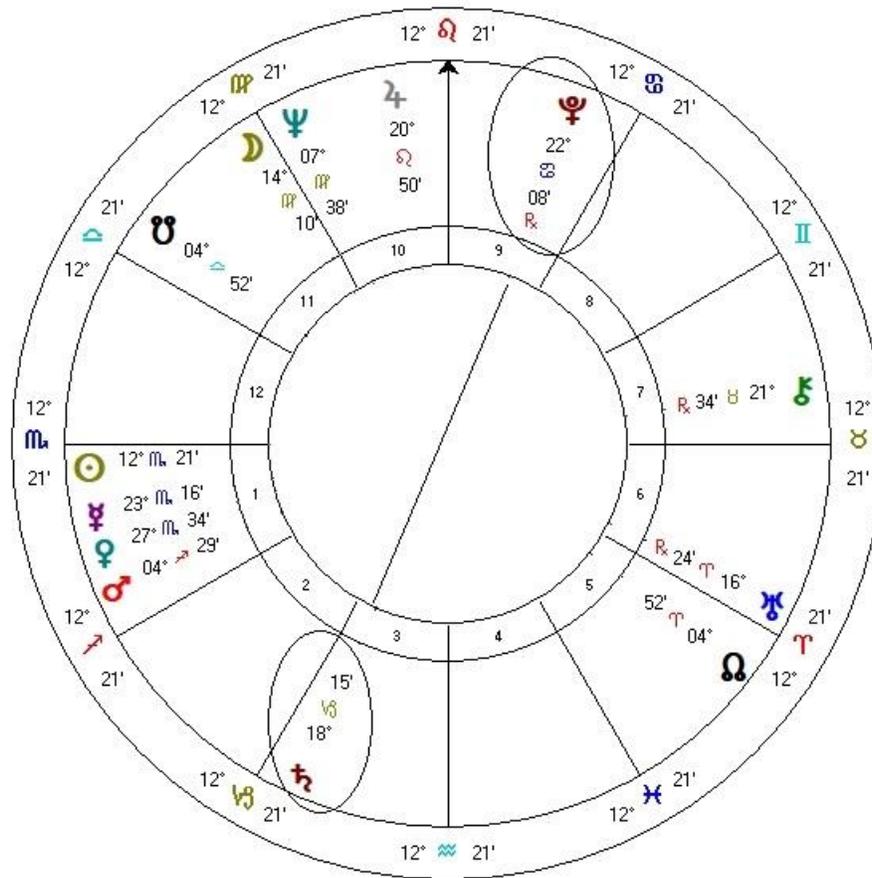
Chart examples part 2

In these charts I will exemplify a more full rainbow spectrum of the psychology of Pluto as it plays out in our relationships.

Tina and Ike Turner.

Note Ike's birthtime is not known, so in this case I give him a noon birthtime and place his Sun on the first house (this is called "Sun on first" house system). This gives us a general sense of his chart dynamics without the houses of course. Let's look at his chart first.

Ike Turner
Natal Chart
 Nov 5 1931, Thu
 12:00 pm CST +6:00
 clarksdale, ms
 34°N12°090°W34°15"
Geocentric
Tropical
Sun on 1st
True Node



From Wikipedia, Ike Turner:

Turner claimed that he was first introduced to cocaine around 1960, when he was given some to try by "two very famous people I'd been working with in Las Vegas at the same hotel".^[69] By 1970, Turner was heavily addicted to the drug, buying it in large quantities. He claimed that, in the early seventies, he spent \$56,000 a month (US\$352,891 in 2017 dollars^[32]) buying cocaine (although not all for his personal use). In a 2001 interview with Caroline Graham of *The Mail on Sunday*, Turner estimated that he had spent \$11 million on cocaine. In 1986, he acknowledged that he had been addicted to cocaine for 15 years.^{[9][11][93]} By 1974, his heavy usage meant he had worn a large hole through his nasal septum.^[51] This hole caused him pain, which he relieved with further use of cocaine. He then began freebasing crack cocaine.^[69] While in prison in 1991, Turner managed to break his dependency on cocaine. He remained clean for ten years, with the help of family members. However, in 2004, while trying to help rescue a crack addict acquaintance from his addiction, Turner entered a crack house, smelled cocaine fumes, and had a relapse.^[69]

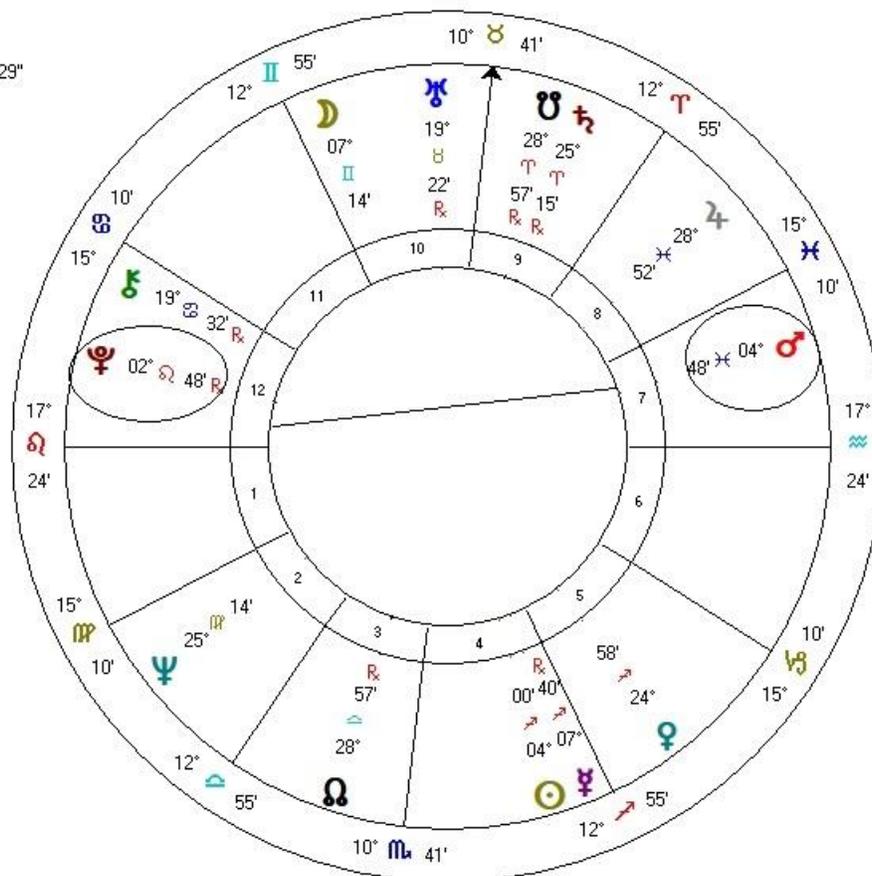
Ike Turner would later admit in an interview with *Spin*, "yeah, I hit her, but I didn't hit her more than the average guy beats his wife... if she says I abused her, maybe I did."^[128] He worded this slightly differently in his memoirs, *Taking Back My Name* (1999), writing: "Sure, I've slapped Tina.... There have been times when I punched her to the ground without thinking. But I have never beat her."

Just to note he has Venus in Scorpio, and that placement can lead to very obsessive behavior in relationships. This Venus is ruled by Pluto in Cancer: the dark side of Pluto in Cancer is possessing and controlling women. The feminine is held entirely on the outside with little relationship to the inner. In this case Saturn in Capricorn is opposite this Cancer: this speaks to an obsession with success and making it – which has resulted in the control and abandonment of and also from the feminine. Clearly he admits his abusive behavior but hasn't fully come to terms with it, he hasn't taken full responsibility. Likewise, he seemed to struggle with addiction for his entire life. There was a deep part of him struggling to heal and we want to respect his journey and not invade his psychic space – clearly though this is still unresolved at least when he left this incarnation. As far as I know, he does not seem to have come to terms entirely with his abuse of power and obsession with status.

The evolutionary requirements of Venus in Scorpio can be very deep, not necessarily to be taken lightly. Here we are linking relationship needs to evolutionary necessity. This means the soul will need to develop the willingness to grow, which means sometimes letting go of the addiction/ security that comes in relationships. In my video I speak a bit more about his need for social status and respectability, which was ultimately stripped from him: Pluto (stripped away) Saturn (Social status, respectability of family name).

Now lets look at Tina.

Tina Turner
Natal Chart
 Nov 26 1939, Sun
 10:10 pm +6:00
 Nutbush, Tennessee
 35°N 41°53' W 89°W 24'29"
Geocentric
Tropical
Foerhyer
True Node
 Rating: AA



From Wikipedia, Tina Turner:

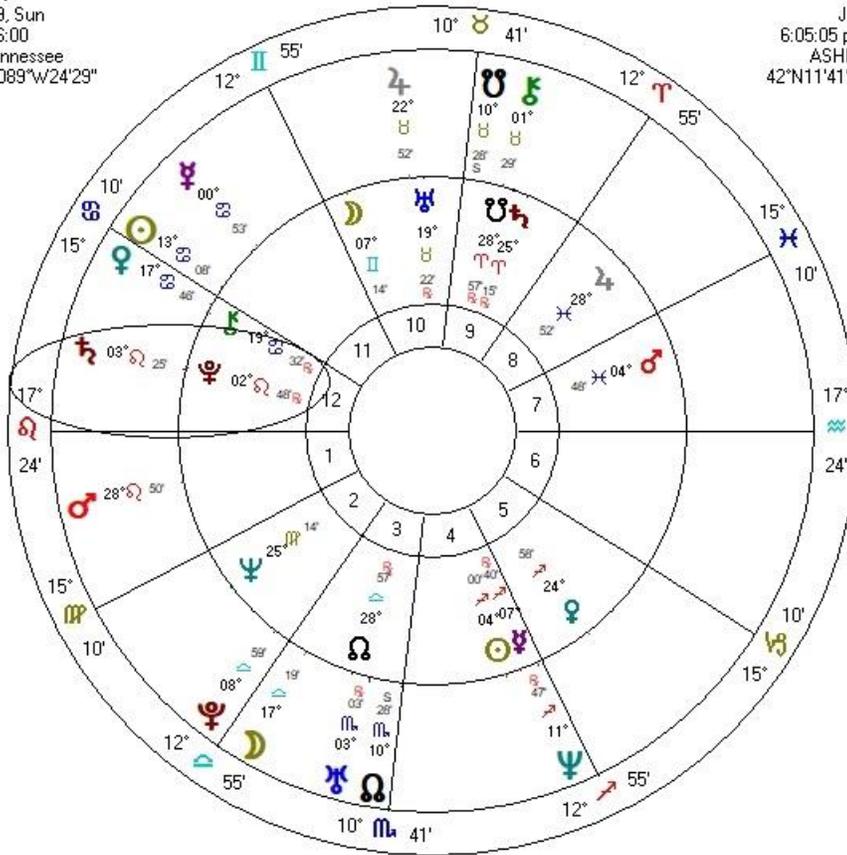
Before a show in Los Angeles, in 1968, Tina tried to commit [suicide](#) by swallowing 50 [Valiums](#) after being assaulted by Ike.^[35] After a final fight with Ike in Dallas in early July 1976, Tina filed for divorce on July 27.^[132] In the final divorce decree, Tina took responsibility for missed concert dates as well as an IRS lien and requested to be allowed to retain use of her [stage name](#) as a means to find work as a performer.^[133] In the settlement, Tina gave Ike her share of their studio, publishing companies, four cars, and real estate — a gift worth close to \$500,000. "My peace of mind was more important," she said. After she left Ike, several promoters lost money and sued to recoup their losses. For almost two years she received food stamps, lived with friends, and played small clubs to pay off debts.^[134]

She joined Ike's band when she was young. When she first saw him she was mesmerized by him and his music. She eventually entered into relationship with him. Note in this chart the inconjunct between Mars and Pluto. This exemplifies the relationship I was speaking to earlier. Mars in Pisces in the 7th: instinctively drawn to a larger than life, god like being. She took the name that he gave her, she completely adopted to his world, no self, no identity. I'm sure with all her Sag in the 4th that had a strong travel lust, this would have felt enthralling and exciting to her. But lets look at that Pluto in Leo in the 12th. This can be hiding one's power and deflecting that of another, or surrendering to the truth and becoming an instrument of light. We can see in her life story how she played out the Pluto in Leo in the 12th; entrapped by a narcissist who took center stage and then separating, choosing her own soul sovereignty.

What did it mean here to separate? It meant going it alone – being without the comfort, dependencies, securities. She needed to venture deep into her own darkness, her own aloneness. Taurus archetype opposite Scorpio. She had to rely on herself and figure it out on her own.

Inner Wheel
Tina Turner
Natal Chart
 Nov 26 1939, Sun
 10:10 pm +6:00
 Nutbush, Tennessee
 35°N41'53" 089°W24'29"
Geocentric
Tropical
Faithful
True Node

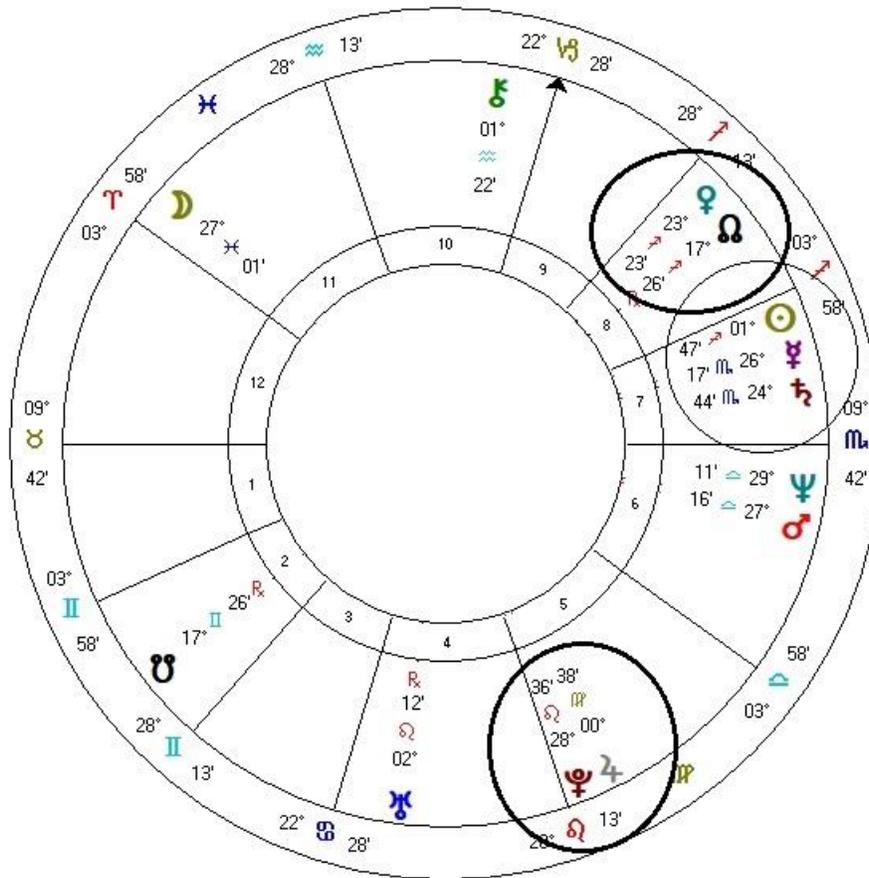
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Natal Chart
 Jul 4 1976, Sun
 6:05:05 pm PDT +7:00
 ASHLAND, Oregon
 42°N11'41" 122°W42'30"
Geocentric
Tropical
Faithful
True Node



We can see during this time in her life Saturn: self-responsibility, building a structural reality relevant to one's own evolutionary needs, was right on her Pluto, transiting in her 12th house. This was taking responsibility for her evolutionary needs at this time – and 12th house: going into the dark, doing what she inwardly knew was right (Saturn) even though she couldn't see what was next. She has said that she turned to a Buddhist mantra from a tradition she is associated with during that time to help her out. 12th house: turning towards spirit. Saturn potentially strengthens anything it touches, though it can be difficult and a lot of work.

This final chart is a friend of mine who has given me permission to speak of her journey and use her chart.

Robin
Natal Chart
 Nov 24 1955, Thu
 3:27 pm EST +5:00
 allentown, pa
 40°N37' 075°W29'
Geocentric
Tropical
Fosphory
True Node
 Rating: AA



Robin was in a marriage for many years. Had 3 children. Just around the time Saturn entered her 7th house she began introspecting upon her marriage and that at a core she did not feel happy. The challenge was she was devastated to be alone. Scorpio in the 7th house, with Saturn there speaks to I need to be with a man. And Pluto rules that 7th house in the 5th house: The need to feel special and loved.

The journey she took lasted several years, and while it continues has reached a place on her journey where she is not paralyzed to the extent that she used to be by the darkness and fear of loss. For years, before she initiated the divorce, she was stuck on her partner showing up for her the way she needed him to. Once she let go of him, she was stuck on a permeating sense of aloneness – and yet she had no where to turn. The chrysalis phase may last years or it may just be a matter of days. In her case it was a good few years.

What is now emerging from this period is a strength to really show up and SEE other people. To share her wisdom and learned understanding that she is special and important from within herself. No longer turning to others to validate that, she can be a soul counselor: Scorpio 7th house, and hear other people and see them, Pluto 5th house, on a deep permeating and transformative level.

It is an entirely new experience for this soul to be putting herself out there in this way and speaking so boldly from her heart. This is indeed her evolutionary direction. She couldn't jump here, she needed to walk the path. She has recently wrote a book, "Hugging Trees in the Dark" which to me is a beautiful expression of her Venus (hugging/touch) trees (Sagittarius) in the dark (8th house). With her Jupiter (expansion, teacher, growth) in the 5th house with Pluto, she is here to teach and share from the depths of her own soul experience.

Here's an excerpt from a recent blog from her website www.robinjillian.com

Courage...may not be what you think

"Are you feeling a bit shaken, may be stirred, may be fearful and doubtful, and completely and utterly, wildly terrified? Good. Keep going" -Victoria Erickson

What is courage.... and how does courage show itself? Is courage the fireman who pulls the baby out of a burning building? Is it the person who bungee jumps off a high bridge? Is it the mother who just found out she has three months to live, and decides that she is going to be a joyful person anyway...staying strong for her children, teaching courage through her intention and demonstration to put love first?

I don't think anyone would argue that these are obvious acts of incredible bravery. Perhaps, we question our own courage and how we show up when faced with life's challenges and our "Dark Nights". What I have observed is that we have been conditioned to recognize courage in certain ways, but there are great acts of courage we exhibit everyday unknowingly. It is helpful to acknowledge in ourselves how we show up to uncertainty and fear, making the choice to live with honesty and integrity with our spirit.

The most difficult journey of all is the journey back to loving yourself, and then you experience what courage really is! How much courage does it take to let go of the life you have known because you hear a calling that it is time to grow and become a new you? How much courage does it take to question your deeply held beliefs that have created shame, guilt, and feelings of unworthiness? How much courage does it take to take responsibility for what you have created in your life and to love and accept yourself, knowing you are deserving of happiness? How much courage does it take to open your heart again after losing a significant relationship? How much courage does it take to stop blaming yourself for not being enough?

With courage, your old stories "die"...you transform...you are reborn and more fully alive than you could have imagined... becoming a person of faith and trust... knowing that life presents to you all that you need to become a greater, more evolved you. You listen to your soul's calling to expand beyond the fears telling you that you can't do it. You accept your shortcomings, and accept yourself as imperfect....that's courage!

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