

The Portals of November, 2012. Let's stop "Theming"

(In which I introduce the new verb, "Them" – defined as finding people outside of you to blame for your experience of life.)

In this article, I'm addressing the period of time between November 9th and November 15th or so. And for now I'm going to speak to the personal, rather than collective potential.

At the time of this writing, 8 of the 15 astrological energies I use in charting are retrograde. They are; Mercury, Ceres, Pallas, Vesta, Jupiter, Alpha Omega (or Chiron), Uranus, and Neptune. And, long story short, the more sensitive and transformational souls among us are having extremely intense emotional experiences. Some more joyous than others. This is all amplified by the ongoing square between Uranus and Pluto.

I like to think of retrograde energies as a way for us to re-visit themes we've been working with – sort of like having an essay handed back for revision – a chance to do better with whatever themes are most apparent in your process. When you are aware of the timing and degree of the start and finish of retrograde periods for a given planet, if you've been tracking your inner experience, you can sense what it is that these teachers are wanting you to re-visit.

Each of us has our own experience of these, and the truth of them lies within you. Yet we do live in a society that teaches us (falsely) to expect answers. And the easiest answers to swallow are ones which make it okay for us to be "at the mercy of" something outside of us – "oh, Mercury is retrograde and my computer isn't working so I can't get anything done!" – that kind of thing. Or, "so and so is not living in integrity so I am hurt by them," or even more commonly, "THEY are making the experience of my life like this!" (For "they," insert your favorite bogey man – the UN, the conservatives, the liberals, the corporations, the banks, the blah blah blah). We like answers that encourage us to "them."

But really, what is happening is that you are being shown an aspect of yourself which you agreed to experience way before you were born. Nothing can harm you unless you insist upon it being harmful. I'm sorry to be so blunt, but at the deepest level of truth, this is so. And it is so because as a soul, you have Free Will.

And essentially, at this time, with such a melange of retrograde energy, you are being asked to examine from many different perspectives what that means for you. And it takes a great deal of desire to really find that out. Because, what we experience is that our Free Will seems to be taken away.

So, for the umpteenth time, I will share this quote from Carl Jung: "Free Will is the ability to gladly do what I must do." It's not the ability to maintain some kind of goofy New Age smile. It's the ability to say, "I picked this experience – what can I learn from it?"

There are times that are easier and more flowing – but for most of us, because of soul-level choices we made, this is not one of them. So what do you do? As you can, choose gratitude. Give thanks. Edit the story you tell so that it is one in

which you accept the choices you have – they are actually the choices your soul wanted to experience.

And also, we can look forward to the next New Moon, so that we can start the journey again. We do have blessings. There is grace. It's just something you choose to see – or not.

And also, in November of 2012, you can tune into the following releases, or portals, or whatever you want to call them. To really do them justice, you'll have to be willing to see clearly where you are now, before they happen. And then afterwards, to allow the change to become apparent at its own pace for you – though I think these three that I'm about to list will be readily apparent.

The first one, and the big one in my opinion, is Neptune's direct station at 7:59 AM US Pacific Time on November 11th. This occurs in the first degree of the sign of Pisces – which is the seventh degree of the constellation of Aquaria. (As an aside, I'll say that signs have to do with the Earth's relationship to the Sun, and so are more personal, while constellations have to do with the Sun's relationship to the stars – and so are more collective. This article is addressing the personal side of all this).

Since its retrograde station on June 4th, Neptune has been asking us to dig deep into ourselves. All these other retrogrades are supporting that.

Neptune connects you to your deepest self – the one from whom springs your love and creativity, the one in you who cries when your dog dies or laughs when you dance. It is, as Ellias Lonsdale put it, "the one thing we all have in common," which to me is an emotional vulnerability that wishes to be expressed. And I would say that in the experiences you've had over the last 5 months, there is something about them that you can identify as a common theme for all of humanity. What is it that, since June, you've most wanted to express somehow? Can you put it into a poem, can you paint it? How does that reflect what you see happening in our species? These are the kinds of questions I invite you to ask over these next 5 days.

For most of us, this has been a time of "inwardization," meaning that we've settled into ourselves further than we may have ever been. And today, 11/9, Neptune is stationing – meaning that, for those of us standing on the Earth, it appears to be stopped.

Many people I've talked to this week have been talking about their "laziness," in the sense that their physical activity has slowed down. And what I want to say is that dreaming is an activity, just like taking a walk or exercising or doing dishes are. If you are feeling somewhat immobilized, give yourself credit for being so sensitive to astrological energies.

That this stationing is happening in the first degree of Pisces and in November of 2012 has so much significance that I am hard-pressed to express it. What I want to do is just share with you four symbolic representations of this energy. They will speak to you in some way – I invite you to journal your experiences of them so that as you integrate the experience of this station, you derive your own meaning of it. There is a way for you to learn to identify the vibrational sense of this kind of thing. Experience and intention are key. These are from John Sandbach's

Circular Temple Oracle, available on Kindle from Amazon.

The Omega Symbol for Pisces 1 is, ***At sunset, a petrified forest glows with iridescence.***

The Pleiadian Symbol for Pisces 1 is, ***Hundreds of merchants of all sorts of exotic items in a crowded bazaar.***

The Chandra Symbol for Pisces 1 is, ***A field of dandelions.***

The Azoth Symbol for Pisces 1 is, ***Gifts falling from heaven, some being caught in grateful hands, others disappearing just before they hit the ground.***

I sense the petrified forest as being the collective Neptunian commonality, which IS glowing now, about to re-vivify this aspect of ourselves.

I think of the feeling of being in the crowded bazaar – whatever shall I find there? Who are these merchants?

The field of dandelions – all these golden faces, upturned towards the indiscriminating Sun.

And the gifts from heaven – to me these are the experiences of life that I am blessed to participate in.

I invite you to sense your way into these in your own way.

On November 13th, at 2:08 PM US Pacific Time, the Moon is New in the 22nd degree of the sign of Scorpio. New Moons are always a chance to step onto another layer of experience, to leave behind whatever you need or want to leave behind, and to ask for whatever can next be of most benefit to your soul's journey. This one is strengthened, because it is happening 4 degrees and 7 minutes of arc from the North Node – meaning it is a nearly total eclipse of the Sun.

Other astrologers get more into eclipses than I do – for me, unless they are very exactly aligned with the Nodes, they're simply amplified New Moons (or Full Moons if they're Lunar eclipses). But a New Moon in Scorpio 22, even "unplugged," is a great thing – and with the Node so close, and in relation to the Neptune and Alpha Omega direct stations, it does have sort of a wondrous magnitude to it.

One of the things I work with in charts is the "frequency" of the zodiac degrees – each sign has 30 of them, and from 1 to 30 there is a sort of common theme at work within the energy of each sign. A planet in the 22 frequency in any sign offers an especially strong opportunity to transform experience, to see it for what it means through the contrasts of your experience. You will tend to find yourself going in the opposite direction that you wish to be going when the 22 is strong – but realizing that, you can turn yourself around. I invite you to sense how your life is in or out of alignment with your deepest self during the period around this New Moon, and to know that what you recognize is true, even if it's not what you want to see or admit. The four symbols for this amplified Sun/Moon/North Node conjunction are:

Omega: ***A mountain of old shoes***

Pleiadian: ***Lurkers waiting to observe a bird once thought to be mythical***

Chandra: ***A rug woven out of rags***

Azoth: ***A man hears an excited message with clarity and patience***

May this Moon teach you something about who you really are what you are going to do with this person!

The final juicy energy I want to share in this article is the direct station of Alpha Omega, or Chiron, in the 5th degree of Pisces. This happens at 12:35 PM US Pacific Time on November 14th.

Discovered in 1977, this unusual and subtle astrological guide is still being learned. I think of it as a point in the chart through which we can access what really matters to us when all the non-essential wants are stripped away. If you've ever had a near-death experience and found yourself miraculously alive, the way that feels is described by Alpha Omega in your birth chart. What you care about then is something you can decide to emphasize for the rest of your life.

Along with Neptune, Alpha Omega is leading us into the age of Aquaria – teaching us to feel within for the most essential parts of ourselves, to focus on what matters the most to us, to live in a way that is helping all of humanity – and the Earth herself by extension. (For the Bruce Lipton fans who read this, I think we are learning to recognize that we are the Earth's self-receptors – but more on that another time).

For those of you wishing to find the meaning and opportunity in this direct station, here are four symbols for Pisces 5:

Omega: ***Dyers at work with many vats of different colors.***

Pleiadian: ***The feeding of the poor at a soup kitchen.***

Chandra: ***Thousands of gold nuggets glistening at the bottom of a clear stream.***

Azoth: ***A bridge that has been difficult to build is in its final stages of completion.***

So. Even if you don't believe in the bridge, I thank you for working on it.

If you are "*theming*," I invite you to thank those that you *them*, for without a doubt, they are doing what they are doing as part of a long-agreed upon plan. If those that you *them* are some giant untouchable conglomerate, may you be grateful – I sense that within your soul is an activist, dying to be released into taking radical steps to change the world you see into the one you want.

And may you know now that, no matter what it feels like, no matter what the data says, you wanted to be here for this. Or you wouldn't be.

The Earth herself is busy sending you love notes every day.

May this month help you to read them.

With love,

Jon