

"What is your soul called to, in this experience?"

Uranus exactly square Pluto. 12.14.12, 9:14 PM Pacific.

This evening, at 9:14 PM Pacific, Pluto and Uranus are in exact square. This is the 6th in a series of 7 of these squares formed since June 24th of 2012.

Briefly, since not everyone knows, in astrology a "square" is formed when, seen from the Earth, 2 planets appear to be 90 degrees apart. If you were pointing to Uranus with your left hand and towards Pluto with your right hand, your arms would be making a 90 degree angle. Whenever you hear an astrologer talking about a square, that's what's happening.

If you're not an astrologer, it might blow your mind to learn about how much thought has gone into the angles formed by the planets as they orbit the Sun. Astrologers are the original "geeks" and for thousands of years have been geeking out on the nearly infinite permutations possible in a system that looks from the Earth to bodies in orbit around the Sun. (Well, Except for the Moon, of course!).

Trippy, to say the least.

Until about 500 years ago, all the best mathematicians, philosophers and otherwise generally brainiac types were at least somewhat "into" astrology. Trust me when I say there is a ton of material on different ways to think about every imaginable facet of planetary motion.

As is the case with any system of thought, there is a visible course of ideas running through time - there is refinement and variation, but nonetheless a general theme. For instance, with the "square," the idea is that there is a kind of clash between the planets forming the square. Historically, the word used most to describe the energy of, influence of, action of the square is "evil." A delicious word, to me.

These days the word is "stressful."

I'm pointing this out for a number of reasons... As "outer planets," Pluto and Uranus are very slow moving and so are thought of as influencing generations of people. And geez, it's hard to break all of this down far enough to get into the fun parts! Like, A) of course I know that Pluto is no longer technically a "planet." If you know that I know that, can you "deal" with me calling it that for simplicity's sake?

And so like B) that's not in any way saying that they're not significant at the individual level. Whenever they aspect a personal planet, by birth or transit, they definitely pack a wallop.

It's 8 o'clock. Do you know where your Pluto is?

Let me put it this way.... it would benefit you to know that, and to know if Pluto's current position is somehow interacting with your birth chart. Get in touch with me or any good astrologer to find out.

I started out talking a little bit about the history of astrology because of another aspect of astrology, which is that, due to many factors, not many people who call themselves astrologers are willing to question the foundational ideas of astrology. For one thing, it's just so complex that it takes a long time to get enough of a knowledge base that you can recognize ideas as your own. Another thing has to do with Sun sign astrology and just how generally gullible people are. Which is to say, a good percentage of the people who call themselves astrologers are memorizing books aimed at the general public anyway. There's definitely a tension between the forward momentum of astrological interpretation and the needs of a populace accustomed to getting its ideas from TV.

Oh well, right?

Now, if you are reading this you obviously are a reader - I've written enough down to here to have weeded out the shorter attention spans. So, let's start having some fun.

What I'm interested in is how astrology feels, because, I think that the only reason for a soul to occupy a body is to have feelings. And, we're actually pretty cool and the universe in general is actually pretty cool, so we have given ourselves this system of inquiry into the body experience which is called astrology. Next time you're talking to someone about astrology, especially if they're poo-pooing it, ask them, "What do you think astrology is?"

Astrology is a system of inquiry into the soul's experience of having a body. Pretty much the oldest existing science, too. And yes, it has lost whatever panache it once had back when no king or emperor

would think of doing much without consulting an astrologer. It pretty much sucks that Ronald Reagan was the last known such emperor, but that's a whole nother story. Every good story has a few dumb parts.

When I was born, Pluto and Uranus were only 4 minutes of arc apart in the sky – meaning, basically you could point to both of them with one finger. (They were conjunct). Even a mainstream astrological interpretation of that aspect is going to say something about “being born to blow conventional thought to smithereens” or something like that. And there are 100s of millions of us born during that time, the mid-60s, when that conjunction was going down.

When I grow up, I want to be a historical figure whose writings are thought of as helping to recreate social, economic and political thought. Saturn square Sun. Let's have some fun!

One way to look at the relationship between any two planets is that each time they make a conjunction a tone or theme is born, and that this theme has a life-cycle ending at the next conjunction. The theme is a synthesis of the innate energy each planet has interpreted through the energy of the sign they're in. So the mid-60s Pluto/Uranus theme might be the “sudden awakening (Uranus)” of “the deep compulsion (Pluto)” to “serve the Earth (Virgo).”

Because these two planets move so slowly, you really need to be a historian to get into the “life-cycle” way of looking at their relationship. They conjuncted in the early 1850s, then again in the 1960s, and their next conjunction is in 2104.

It might be the very nature of the square for me to say that I am worried about whether or not there will be humans wondering about things like Pluto in 2104. Is it evil to wonder such a thing? Certainly not – it could even be considered perfectly normal. Stressful to wonder such a thing? Definitely. To have been born with an “awakened compulsion to serve the Earth,” and to be alive today with carbon going over 400 ppm... that's got “square” written all over it. To have been born at a time when young people were confronting police and military power and to be alive now in the year Mike Brown and Eric Garner were killed... yeah that's the square (although also much more about the Chiron cycle but if you want to talk about that send me an email and we'll make an appointment).

So here I am “born to blow conventional thought to smithereens,” and in about 13 hours Uranus is exactly 90 degrees off of Pluto, and I'm 1200 words in to this and you, gentle reader, are starting to go “WTF?” right?

How does one born to think for themselves, think about astrology – that's really the question here. How do you get from “Pluto square Uranus” to inquiring into the body experience of having a soul?

Well, like this:

I visualize my left arm pointing to Uranus and my right arm pointing to Pluto and I close my eyes and “feel” their energy running up my arms and somehow blending in my heart. You know what's really cool? You can use an app to figure out about where they are in the sky, relative to you. For most of you reading this, they'll be “under the Earth” at 9:14 PM Pacific. Holy opportunities for metaphysical discourse, Batman!

(So the “body experience of a soul” with a 6th house Mars in Gemini is spinnny like that. It's 9 o'clock; do you know where your Mars is?)

Obviously, what I'm getting from my visualization is a LOT of juice! Not linear! Blast shields advised!

What about you? What do you get from it?

Trust me when I say that astrology is that personal. The only thing that matters is what you, gentle reader, and you alone, get from it.

I can hope that the Pluto/Uranus square, today's astrological headline news, is significant of a dramatic shift in our civilization. But unless millions of us take to the streets to make that happen, this square will go down in history as symptomatic of a time of stress and darkness.

Of the many subtleties and permutations in “how” to work with astrological energy, I am most frequently blown away by using “degree symbols.” Shall I explain? It's like this: historically, people have said words like “Virgo” or “Saturn” or “Square” and, although untold volumes have been written on each of the concepts associated with those words, but no one really knows what exactly those words “mean” in an

astrological sense. Hence the separation of Astronomy and Astrology – which is whatever but this is not the time for that.

Anyway....

One of the great delights of a soul having a body experience is the “feeling” of concepts. Oh they can be juicy, right? And if I could do nothing else with this article than to get one person who is currently thinking of astrological terms as “definitions” to think of them as “concepts,” then I would be very happy indeed.

Concepts, in fact, that are still evolving.

I am so into the conceptual experience that I prefer to think of the 360 degrees of the zodiac in much the same way most people think of the 12 signs. In other words, instead of thinking of “Virgo,” I think of Virgo as having 30 degrees, each of which is a concept as important and juicy as “Virgo” itself.

I can't hand you a box of Virgo any more than I can hand you a box of “square.”

But I CAN help you have the body experience of astrology. Helping to tune you into your own experience is what I do in readings and I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to have a reading during this culminating period in history. It helps you, as a soul consciously attuned to the body experience, to be a better citizen. Such an old-fashioned word, citizen.

In articles like this what I'm working on is an offering that is general enough to be true for everyone. I hope it helps you tune into the collective experience and is fun at the same time.

And maybe the experience will awaken in you a desire to employ me as a coach for your soul's body experience. You can become good at it just like an athlete becomes good at a sport.

As a warm-up, please try this:

If you have Google skymap or something like that, find Uranus and Pluto and get your arms pointed towards them and close your eyes and open your heart and see what you feel. Astrology is living in you, it has been for your whole life. Have you thought of that? If you are happy accepting other people's definitions of your experience that's up to you. What I'm all about is helping you figure out your own experience.

So you're standing there, with your left arm pointing at Uranus and your right arm pointing to Pluto and your eyes are closed and you're feeling this whole experience of being alive right now. Protesters are marching all over America. In Peru, a weak agreement to start limiting carbon emissions has been reached, even while fracking technology (or political machinations, or whatever...) has brought oil prices down to \$60/barrel or something. Things are VERY crazy, very critical. We're very much on the brink as a species. And some goofball is trying to say that Uranus in Aries is about some kind of hooaha yummy thing straight out of an SNL parody?

Hitler's rise to power coincided with the last trip Uranus took through Aries. Now we've got cops killing kids left and right. What in God's name is this “body experience” supposed to be about? Some kind of helpless witnessing of the recurrent rise of Fascism? You know, I have a really hard time with people who don't want to admit that this is what's going on.

Our souls come in here to BE here. At times, like now, that is an experience of dire circumstances. Archetypal, mythic, heroic. The frequency of our times, of our species, of our planet – can you please not turn away?

We are here at the 6th of the 7 squares. 6 of 7. Whatever you think this aspect is about, it's 86% done.

From John Sandbach's Pleiadian series of zodiac degree symbols, here are the 13th degrees of Aries, where Uranus is restlessly jiggling his knee, and of Capricorn, where Pluto broods.*

Do not read these as literal or concrete. Think of them as sensible to your gut instead of your mind. Way

more Zen than Webster's. Like looking at art. Evocative.

Running up your left arm and into your heart is this energy, Aries 13: "A crowd of people senses of sudden shift in group karma."

Running up your right arm and into your heart is this energy, Capricorn 13: "A flame talking to a poet."

Inspiration and shifting currents. It is good. What is your soul called to, in this experience?

May you listen to that call.

With Love.

Thank you,

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