

**Remembrance of Things Present:
A meditation on the evolutionary potential of Pluto and the Nodal axis of the Moon.**

“From your viewpoint in space and time it seems that planets have come and gone, stars collapsed, and when you look outward into space, it appears that you look backward in time.
(Long Pause)

There are great pulsations, however, in existence – pulsations that have nothing to do with time as you understand it, but with intensities...”

Seth, from *The Magical Approach: Seth Speaks About The Art Of Creative Living*.

We are made of atoms that were present as the universe was formed. Shakespeare and the poets were literally right – we are made of the same stuff of the stars. When we look up into the night sky we look up into the same material that we ourselves were born from, we see our past and our heritage. When we look up we see ancient lights, even the sunlight that tans our skin is a light that has ‘aged’ from one point of view before it reaches us. In *The Magical Approach* Seth seems to advocate another twist in our imagination that may help liberate us as Astrologers and Healers, that time is not just a quantitative phenomena, i.e. it may not be a linear something that could be measured with a special type of ruler but instead have a qualitative dimension, an aspect that would be measured in terms of intensity rather than duration. Put simply something that only last a few seconds might be of sufficient intensity to vibrate through space and time for millennia whereas something that took centuries might be easily forgotten. A paradoxical language for sure, but we have felt moments of a heightened or increased quality in time and we all also have known a long dull afternoon to drag on for an age! This paradoxical language of intensity is the domain of Pluto - this is the word of the underworld.

If the stars hold the writing of our past, our stories written in the heavenly motions, then Pluto holds the primary events, the key moments of intensity that have reverberated throughout millennia of our evolution. We may be born time and time again but perhaps like the circle of the zodiac perhaps we just spiral around the same key events/issues. Prior life analysis in the horoscope, an approach illuminated by the Evolutionary School of Jeffrey Wolf Green, is not an attempt to delineate the quantity of prior experiences, their locations or characters (though it may touch upon these) but is instead an attempt to access the quality of the life in the present from the point of view of the deepest impacts such a life has experienced or is experiencing. Such impacts may have happened in a yesterday of 24 hours duration or of 2,400 years duration, this is not the central issue; rather the nature of such an impact is key to entering Pluto’s domain.

As I write Pluto is in Sagittarius. Here an arrow-like intensity is emanating on a collective and transpersonal level. This is the fight for ‘truth’ we see in the world, the violence in the name of one God over another God. Here is also the memory of a more natural connection archetypically to being alive. Sagittarius, with his horse body and arrow fixed to the stars rules the great native cultures of the earth and their vision of a natural order in which mankind took their appointed place as part animal (horse), part man and part visionary or man pierced by the flaming arrow of higher love. Many of these cultures, from the Mayan and Incan to the Native American peoples saw the constellations in the sky has heavenly blueprints for the tribal councils on earth. In Judaic mysticism this vision is of Adam Kadmon a perfect heavenly human made of the twelve tribes of Israel (the signs/archetypes of the zodiac) so that each group of humanity serves a particular part of the great original human in the sky – from head to toes! Scorpio/Pluto always had the genitals and as such represents the generative impulse, the urge to create and the source of the primary intensity.

With Pluto in Sagittarius the natural T-square to Virgo-Pisces is activated on a collective level and we are informed that some of the struggle we all face to find our own truth (Sagittarius) on a sufficiently intense level for us to create from this truth (Pluto) involves a dialogue with the fantasy of perfect standards of truth held within the Virgo-Pisces polarity. Here, as we come to the end of the age of Pisces, an age dominated by the success of monotheistic religion throughout the world, perhaps most aptly symbolized in the figure of Christ, whose symbol was the fish and who was the fisher of men, we encounter the hang-over of this process. We encounter the need to distinguish between man-made laws of religious authority (the church) and then nature of the original message (Christ, the primary event). In this process we encounter the weight of mankind's judgment of the feminine, the emotional body, sexuality and fundamentally mankind's judgment of themselves as wanting in the face of comparison to the perfection of God. This struggle dominates the progress of Pluto in Sagittarius as it seeks to create a vibrational resonance to a past-intensity characterized by natural laws. An example of how this struggle can impact personally may also help us understand this process and also illustrate the point that individual struggles with family or early life-experience may be bound up with the nature of our pre-existing experience as a Soul (in intensity).

In this example Pluto is in the 9th house in Leo, the South Node is in Sagittarius in the 2nd house conjunct Mars in Sagittarius with Moon in Pisces in the 4th house squaring the nodal axis and therefore operating in the nature of a skipped step in the evolutionary growth of the person. Taking the knowledge that in relative terms this is an evolved Soul who encountered extremely traumatic family story which included attempts on his life by his biological mother and all sorts of abuse we can link the intensity of the desire to seek and creatively embody truth (Pluto in Leo in the 9th) with a natural sincerity (South Node Sagittarius) and desire (Mars Sagittarius) with experiences of emotional absence or loss (Moon in Pisces) relative to the emphasized desire to Spiritualize (Pluto 9th, South Node and Mars Sagittarius) that has included a desire to transcend (Pisces) the emotional body or rootedness (Moon and 4th house), or even the ego full stop. In this case extreme abuse within the family becomes an evolutionary necessity (annanke) in order for the Soul to re-experience emotional reality, all within the natural law that if something is blocked or suppressed it actually builds in intensity rather than dissipates.

Here we have the struggle Pluto is initiating collectively encapsulated in one Soul's journey, a Soul that with Uranus conjunct North Node in Gemini in the 8th house clearly desired traumatic experiences (Uranus) in order to propel themselves into a new intensity or initiation of experiences (8th house) in order to reflect and eventually write books, on Evolutionary Astrology to help explicate this process in the world. This is the chart of Jeffery Wolf Green, the same signatures clearly show the anger coming into this life (Mars conjunct South Node) as his life as an Native Indian (South Node Sagittarius in the 2nd house) and that of his family had been (Moon skipped step) destroyed by those who believed they had a more fundamental right to truth and ultimate beliefs (Sagittarius-Pisces) than did he, the white Christian Americans, one of whom he later became and would tear at his own skin in dislike (interestingly mirroring the mother's abuse in an attempted scalding). Here we clearly see the interlocking of stories around key moments, intense psychic events whose implications reverberate throughout lifetimes. We also clearly see that our relationships in our early life (the mainstay of most psychotherapeutic disciplines) mirror our incoming issues as Soul's, for the primary events of Pluto transcend the barriers of life and death and travel with us birth after death after birth...In fact time is perhaps more like a 'amoebas' strip than anything else, a plane or dimension that goes on unendingly but always returns to itself. Therefore at any point in time you could potentially be in relationship with any other point in time – I am suggesting that the connecting medium is Pluto, is intensity of experience or feeling.