

ASTROLOGY WITHOUT TEARS – Pluto, The Transformer

Poor Pluto – one of the most powerful forces of our solar system reduced to the status of ‘dwarf planet’. There have been jokes in the Astrological community about people with their Sun sign Scorpio (ruler of Pluto) suddenly losing their power ...

As I mentioned in my previous article on Uranus, the energy of the planet is very much related to what is happening in the world at the time of its discovery. Pluto represents power and dramatic transformation - around 1930 (when Pluto was discovered), fascism and Stalinism was on the rise, as well as major organised crime in the United States and the Depression.

Pluto is the planet of ‘wipe out’. Where Pluto is placed in your birth chart is where your life has (or will be) wiped out so you can start afresh, and look at situations from a new perspective. Death, birth and rebirth are the keywords for this planet.

Pluto is a very slow-moving planet, taking around 248 years to revolve around the Sun, and, due to its erratic orbit, can spend between 12 and 31 years in one sign. Slow-moving planets have the most effect in our lives, causing major changes and shake-ups. Pluto in Libra was the destruction of the marriage and the start of divorce - it destroyed the concept of marriage. We became aware of AIDS when Pluto moved into Scorpio. Pluto is currently in Sagittarius, and will therefore bring out a lot of truths to be discussed.

Pluto is the Roman God of the Underworld – the Greek name is Hades, meaning ‘hidden riches’. UNDERWORLD DEITIES ARE ONES OF INITIATION AND TRANSFORMATION.

Pluto’s story is well known – Pluto/Hades abducts Proserpina/Persephone – her initiation is sudden and violent. Psychologically, Persephone had to go to the Underworld to establish her own identity, and to separate herself from her mother, Ceres/Demeter. When she becomes Queen of the Underworld, she balances Hades, her bright self with his shadow self. Hades is the dark soul of Persephone, just as Persephone is the bright soul of the Underworld, each is necessary. We all need this balance in our lives in order to evolve as spiritual beings.

In this article, I am going to talk about Pluto in the different houses of your Astrological chart – since Pluto is such a slow-moving planet, a lot of people would have it in the same sign, therefore the house placement is more personal. In a natal chart, there are twelve houses in total, each representing a different psychological component of your life.

Pluto in the first house indicates changes regarding your personality and/or appearance. You may be seen as being a powerful person, but you may not feel this way on the inside.

Pluto in the second house could indicate a wipe-out regarding your finances, which may in turn effect your self confidence. You may ‘die’ to an old way of life in order to find what your true gifts and talents really are.

Pluto placed in your third house would indicate a very powerful and intense communicator. You may have been affected by the death of a sibling, or your relationship with your siblings is very intense, and possibly a bit of a power-play.

Pluto in the fourth is a wipe-out of the family, or your views on family life. Many people with this placement have had a falling out with the family, or rebel against traditional family concepts.

Pluto in the fifth house may indicate your life being dramatically transformed through your powerful creative skills, especially with small groups of people. Sometimes this placement can indicate the death of a child.

The sixth house rules health issues and daily work life – Pluto in this house indicates you may be powerful with work colleagues, and your life is transformed by daily work routine. Your challenge is to recognise the power of the relationship between mind and body – this transformation may occur after a life-threatening illness.

The seventh house rules marriage and partnerships – Pluto in this house usually indicates a marriage break-up, death of a partner, or your life will be transformed by an important relationship.

The eighth house is ruled by Pluto, so this placement is very intense – your life may be deeply transformed through sexual relationships, or shared resources (bank accounts, wills, shared knowledge, etc.). You may have deep death, birth and rebirth experiences throughout your life.

Pluto in the ninth house would indicate transformations that come about through seeing the truth in life through higher education and learning.

The tenth house is connected with your career – with Pluto in this house, you would be seen as being a powerful person within your community, and your life is transformed through your career. You may have had a powerful father.

Pluto on the eleventh would indicate deep, intense friendships, and the ability to transform people’s lives through large groups, causes and organisations.

The twelfth house is hidden, therefore if Pluto is in this house, your power may also be hidden. Your personal power will be realised through exposing your deep psychological issues that are holding you back. On the positive, this can be a very deep, spiritual placement.

Transformations will also occur when transiting Pluto is travelling over a major planet / point in your natal chart, or when a major planet aspects your natal Pluto.

Wipe-outs are good for us – they shake up our old systems of belief, our old routines that are not working for us, and old relationships with people that are not positive. Just be aware that if you don’t make these changes willingly, Pluto may take the reins himself and ‘abduct’ you!



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