

Cosmic Views Addendum

I've been perusing several essays lately about the upcoming Saturn/Pluto square, and noticed that almost all of them, in explaining how to interpret it in your own chart, use the houses that are occupied by these two and the houses they are transiting only. In my long experience with astrological interpretation there are two main things I have learned.

One, is that no matter when or where a planet is transiting, it takes the natal house location with it throughout your whole life. In other words, if you have Saturn in the fifth house, then no matter where it transits, the fifth house will be involved. That is pretty much what the other writers say, as well.

But, secondly, what I have NOT found described in much detail—if at all—is the houses that they rule. In fact, in my experience with thousands of charts, the house a transiting planet rules seems to take precedence over the one it occupies. In other words, if Saturn is in your fifth house, but *rules* the tenth (i.e. Capricorn is on the tenth cusp – Capricorn is ruled by Saturn), then the tenth house may very well be more in the drama than the fifth, although both will surely be involved.

So, those of you who are practitioners, students or just like to know, in the upcoming Saturn/Pluto drama, look at where Pluto and Saturn are located in the natal chart, look at where they are transiting (including aspects to other planets) in your chart, *and* pay attention to the houses that they rule. With practice, you'll be able to piece together a rather accurate array of possibilities that will be realistic for you.

The USA Chart, for instance....

First, as a nation, we are having a Saturn return...i.e. it is “returning” to the place it was in 1776 when we were “born.” Notoriously, the two years before the actual return, in which we are now, there is extra stress so that the entity who owns the chart will be able to see where it needs to make adjustments. The more stress there is, the more necessary the adjustments. We are definitely in stress and need to make adjustments. Saturn will not be finished with this return until late August 2011.

Saturn is natally in the tenth house and rules the second. The tenth is the leadership of the country, specifically the president. It is also corporations and those in authority. The second is income, values and the “worthiness” of the entity. We are losing respect, our exports and income are faltering, our personal income is buying less. We are also realizing the stranglehold that debt and corporations (10th) have on us that is costing us dearly now and far into the future. Saturn is now approaching the MC (Mid-heaven), a potent angle of any chart. Literally, it means we cannot go any further. We have reached a pinnacle. In client's charts, I interpret this as no further upward mobility in the career—a leveling off point, where one can accept the status quo or look elsewhere for more challenge. Saturn will be transiting the tenth house where authority figures will have to take responsibility for whatever they have been doing...particularly for second house issues.

Now, looking at Pluto, it is *in* the second! Here is a double statement that this coming time of challenge will be about money, income, productivity and worth. It rules the 12th, which is famous for “behind the scenes” activity, secrets and back room dealings. It’s also the collective subconscious of the country. Things long hidden or submerged—or denied (like racism)—will be coming to the surface, again to bring necessary accountability (Saturn) to all of it.

Pluto is also coming to a “return” to its natal position, which will not take place until 2022. This is the first time since our beginning that Saturn and Pluto are both in the signs they occupied in our birth chart. It’s our first Pluto return; the same forces that pushed us to form a new country free from England are now in play again. We have a new “authority” that is bleeding us dry. Pluto in Capricorn (where it has just entered) means “transformation of authority.” Dying and rebirthing of the forms of leadership (Capricorn) in effect at the time. We are just beginning a process toward this that will last until the mid 2020’s.

Pluto is transiting the first house of the USA chart, but will enter the second house in 2012. This is a *third* indication that money, production and worth are the main focus. Furthermore, Saturn squares the Sun in the natal chart, and the Sun is in the 8th, which is debt, money in which others have an interest. The Sun rules the ninth—foreign countries, legislation and other peoples’ decisions. We can be so “poor” that other people can control us through their financial control. The Ninth house is mainly other peoples’ thinking, and that is why it’s legislation—a group decision about what is “right” (ninth house is ethics and law, as well, since it’s based on this consensus).

Right now, when Pluto and Saturn square (starting November 15 and holding all winter), they will not only be activating the MC of the USA chart, but also will be opposing Venus. Venus *rules* the MC and also rules the sixth. We’ve already stated that the MC, which is the cusp of the tenth, is the president and other authority figures, but the sixth is day-to-day habits and jobs. It’s law enforcement, the military and the health of the nation in general. Generically, Venus is also money. You can easily see why this winter will be hard financially on a lot of people, and there will be pressure (Pluto) to transform leadership.

What to do? Since the legislature and leadership is involved, it is a call to pressure them to make major adjustments. We can start by voting on Tuesday and really giving some thought to who you want representing you. We are going to need strong leadership *in our interests* going forward from here.