

Cosmic Views

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Pluto and the Galactic Center

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I just read a little piece in the AFAN Newsletter entitled *Good Heavens!* By Gerald Greenberg. It answered a question that had been in the back of my mind for several months. I had known most of what he wrote already, but did not know one of the things mentioned. We're all familiar with the expectation of the Age of Aquarius coming around any time now. The movement of our solar system around the Galactic Center is the cause of those ages that change every 2000 years or so in a backward direction through the zodiac. Actually, the earth's "wobble" plays a part in it too, but that is not my topic right now.

I had assumed the center of the galaxy was just a point around which our Milky Way Galaxy revolved. But, Mr. Greenberg says that there is a black hole there the size of a large star, but with the mass of four million suns, and is the source of most of the gravitational energy in our galaxy.

Astronomers call the Galactic Center's black hole **Sgr A*** or "Sagittarius A Star."

There is more information about this at this web link:

<http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~ghezgroup/gc/journey/blackHole.shtml>

And for a movie showing the closest stars' orbits around the center, go to:

<http://www.mpe.mpg.de/ir/GC/index.php>

However, astrology looks for meaning in astronomical phenomena, and right now, since Pluto in our solar system is aligning with the Galactic Center at 26 Sagittarius, there should be profound meaning in our evolution. Pluto is the planet we associate with major transformation, whether physical or spiritual. It is the symbol of extremes. And, if a black hole is at the center of the Galaxy providing most of the source of gravitational energy, then surely this alignment is an important pivotal point in our spiritual journey. We are already seeing extremes in our day-to-day events, such as over-the-top excess in oil prices (causing increase everywhere else), extreme weather and geological conditions, and political events. Global warming, too, is finally getting serious attention.

I've noticed extreme reactions in people over things that really don't deserve such dramatic energy. I've experienced it, myself, and we saw a good example of it when the Muslims reacted to some cartoons not long ago. Obviously, like a pressure cooker, we are about to see some lids blow off.

The Galactic Center in the USA Chart

The degree of the Galactic Center is an important midpoint in the USA chart. It falls in the seventh house and is the joint midpoint of two pairs: Sun\Uranus and Venus/Mars. In essence it draws these four together, and the transit of Pluto affects all of them. The seventh sector has to do with partnerships, public perceptions and “open enemies” (as old texts called it.) Boiled down, it amounts to our ability to get along with others. Are we fair, loving and humane? The Sun/Uranus midpoint relates to egocentric individuality. In extreme cases, it can denote an entity that is so independent, there is no concern for the fallout of behavior affecting other people. It is the personification of creative self-expression. Venus and Mars, just as described in the book, *Men are from Mars; Women are from Venus*, symbolize not only the dance between the two sexes, but also negotiation, acting on values, diplomacy—in short, the yin and yang of relationship. We are all on this globe together, and if we don't find a way to get along, the lid blowing off the pressure cooker could be genocide of some sort.

Do you feel “special,” “right,” or “chosen”?

Sagittarius relates to philosophy and religion. The Muslims want to kill “infidels,” and Christian fundamentalists are saying many will be “left behind” when the rapture occurs. Other groups, I'm sure, have similar messages. However, *A Course in Miracles* teaches that there is no order of “specialness,” that we are all **one**, and therefore, if you exclude others from salvation, you are excluding yourself. In fact, even taking on the role of judge over who is and who is not “saved” is to assume a position, or job, that no one has a right to. I don't remember there having been so much written, preached and promulgated about the end of time and judgment day as there is now along with blistering exclusionism.

It might very well be true that we are in a cathartic time, but that does not mean that the solar system cannot be the harbinger of it—the biblical creation story says the luminaries are for “signs”—nor does it mean that anyone who does not believe a certain way (and there are SO many “right” beliefs!) is necessarily doomed to eternal damnation.

Rather, it is most likely a ‘rebirthing’ time. A time to *truly* be born again. Pluto is about death and rebirth, a phoenix rising from the ashes. The Sabian Symbol for the current degree of the Galactic Center is the “Sculptor at his work,” and the key word is “immortality.” A sculptor molds his creation to his liking, and once done, the creation is immortal. Who is to say that we are not being tried by fire (or hurricanes!) now to mold us into better people who will earn immortality? I'm certain, however, that it will not be done by judging your brother to be unworthy.

Eclipses

The Lunar Eclipse of March 14 this year was at 24 of Virgo (square the Galactic Center); the next eclipse to affect it is on September 22nd, and the last to affect this degree is March 19, 2007. None of these eclipses are in Sagittarius or its opposite sign, Gemini, but all are within orb of 90 degrees from the potent point. This adds impact to its importance.

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6-6-6 in HELL, MI

Northeast of Jackson, MI is a little town named Hell. The story goes that when the founder of the town was asked what it should be called, he said, "You can name it 'Hell' for all I care." The name stuck.

In the beginning, it was known for flour and moonshine—great ways to use wheat. Now, it is a tourist attraction, and what better time to take advantage of one's name than the date of June 6, 2006!?! (06-06-06) Many things were priced at \$6.66, and many items were printed with the numbers. It was all in fun, but I thought it would be interesting to see if the town's chart reflected all the attention.

The town was official on October 13, 1841. I first looked to see if the personality fit. It was a practice of the town to avoid taxes on their moonshine by hiding it in a nearby lake in huge barrels attached to ropes with which they would be retrieved. Sure enough, the chart has a deceptive Mercury/Neptune square with Neptune ruling the 8th (taxes). The founder was an entrepreneur who owned all the businesses (miller, saloon owner, general store owner, distiller) and had most of the town on his payroll. Leo, the king, is rising with Aries (pioneer) on the MC and ruler, Mars, in the inventive fifth conjunct Saturn (business). Sun, the chart ruler, opposing Pluto shows absolute control.

Progressing the chart to June 6, 2006 showed some interesting activity. First the progressed Moon was conjoining the progressed MC which is a classic for publicity. There were prizes being given away by radio stations as far away as California for a free trip to Hell on that day.

Neptune, ruler of 9th (distance travel, religion, etc.) and 8th (other people's money, judgements, etc.), was active. Solar arc Neptune was sextile natal Moon, and transiting Neptune was trine the Sun (applying by 2 minutes!!) and sextile Pluto. Solar arc Moon was square fifth house Jupiter—creative, and also abundance. Transiting Pluto conjunct Mars shows all the hard work put into this special day, and progressed ascendant within a degree of the natal Jupiter shows the positive attention the town was getting. Transiting Sun was opposite Jupiter and square natal Venus (fun!) and even the transiting Moon was in Libra, the town's sun sign. Solar arc Mercury was trine the space between the fifth house Mars and Saturn. Solar arc Saturn was trine natal Neptune.

In any chart this would be a very important time for the entity, so it goes to show how important the event was for the town. Best of all, transiting Jupiter was conjoining its natal Mercury which is a positive, uplifting indication of this being a day of fun that would most likely not be marred by pickets and negative people.

**"Great hearts steadily send forth the
secret force that incessantly draws
great events."** ~Ralph Waldo Emerson
Paul McCartney's Divorce

Paul McCartney and his wife announced their separation and impending divorce on May 17, 2006. I don't have his wife's birth data, but his chart is most revealing. The talented musician was born on June 18, 1942 around 2:00 pm in Liverpool, England, and although the time is "from memory" and probably not exact, the data must be pretty accurate since events are right on schedule.

We always begin with the natal chart to see what the natural inclinations of a person are, and Paul's natural inclination is to be very idealistic. He has Neptune rising square the Sun, and Neptune rules the seventh (partnerships), so it is easy for him to see through rose-colored glasses. Further, his Sun/Jupiter conjunction, also involved in this configuration, is an indication of a positive attitude and great generosity. Normally, he sticks with things, shown by Mars conjoining Pluto, but that has been activated by transiting Saturn lately, indicating that he may not feel it's worth the stoicism. A couple of days before the announcement, he was quite emotionally distraught —if not downright angry. The legal financial bite is shown by progressed Venus closing a conjunction to progressed Pluto around a year from now. Venus rules the ninth (law) and the second (his personal wealth).

Over the last few months Pluto has been transiting opposite the Sun and square Neptune and the ascendant, so his illusions are being shattered. Pluto brings in stark reality. I'd conjecture that until Pluto has finished opposing Jupiter in 2008, things will remain unsettled, whether legal or personal, regarding his marriage.

VIRGINIA BEACH ~ June 21st

I'll be in Virginia Beach from June 21st to June 26th. If anyone wants work done, please contact me on my cell phone: 757-581-5263. Those of you who called me in NC can rest assured that reception is better here in Maryland or Virginia Beach!

If you have been wanting to have a small astrology party (called "Astro*Parties"~ see website for details), this is a great time to arrange one. June 24th is already taken, but the other evenings are open.

The next time I'll be in Virginia Beach will be in mid-October when I'll be at the Surfside Inn participating in the "For Purpose" annual intensive and will be taking appointments at the hotel then, as well.

Last Month's Newsletter

I was unable to write last month's Gemini Ingress newsletter, but instead, posted a free E-Book for anyone who wants to download it. Please go to the website to retrieve it. **www.devineadvantage.com**