

Soul Making and the Heart of the Galaxy

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Recently I received the following email from a friend at a local healing center, which is an excellent and timely introduction.

Francis: welcome home! Soooooo, tell me, why is everyone whacked right now? Seriously, everyone coming into the office is in crisis, no one's relationship is right with the world,....what the hell (you know what I really want to say) is up???

My answer was as follows (with added commentary).

As long as you are willing to express the Soul unconditionally in your life, you're fine. If not, if you are living from the perspective of the personality, then you are in major doo doo so to say. The astrological reason for this is the location of Pluto at 27 degrees of Sagittarius at the heart of the Milky Way Galaxy. Everyone on earth is being pulsed and immersed with this Plutonic energy or intelligence.

Another name for Pluto is Siva, the Hindu god of destruction, but it is the destruction of the old, of the personality, of any old defensive mechanisms that prohibit the expression of the Soul in its fullness and the purifying flow of the serpentine Kundalini life energy throughout the subtle pathways of the body.

If you are mired in relationships that are denying that expression, holding on to the old and outworn, then you will experience Pluto/Siva as a ruthless, merciless energy. Power struggles, abandonment and betrayal issues, and possibly violence will surface. We see this acted out on everywhere on the world stage or world soul now. Witness the massive destruction that is taking place due to religious, genocidal and sectarian wars, ruthless aggression, violence, rape of women and the earth and the exploitation and destruction of third world cultures. This is an outer expression of what is taking place in the personal and collective unconscious. We are all conflicted and at war with others and ourselves.

However, if you are engaged in Soul Making and willing to let go and move deeply into your Soul's truth, recover what has been disowned, embrace the shadow, then you will undergo a process of death, regeneration and rebirth, aka the Phoenix experience. The mythological Phoenix willingly immolates itself in a ring of fire, only to rise again regenerate and resplendent with life force. That's the task.

However many people are enamored only of the ascent into the light body, with advanced spiritual practices of detachment and forgiveness, and with material like The Secret. These approaches encourage a major bypass of emotional and psychological issues that must be

addressed directly, through the body, through direct felt knowing experience. C.G. Jung stated that “one will not attain enlightenment by imagining figures of light, but by making the unconscious conscious. So we must make the descent into the underworld, into the shadows, into the mysteries of birth and death, and recover what has been lost, disowned and forgotten.

Another name for Pluto is Dionysius, the Greek god of the dark wood and consort of the goddess. Jung described the face of Dionysius as half male, half female, half light, half dark, half good, half evil, half sane, half insane. Dionysius is the god of ecstatic remembrance, of orgiastic union with the wild, untamed depths of our primal nature. We also see Pluto in the guise of Kali, the Hindu Goddess, sometimes depicted as dark, violent and devouring her own and other times as the maternal, benevolent mother goddess is another name or aspect of Pluto.

Imagine coming face to face with this deity, whereupon you are presented with these oppositional qualities embodied in one being, all in dynamic change. This is not an easy task then, to look Dionysius/Siva/Kali/Pluto in the face with equanimity, but like it or not, believe it or not, that is what is up. Truth is that Pluto/Dionysius/Siva/Kali is the last being you would ever want to meet. Encountering such a being is always a soul changing and overpowering experience. From the viewpoint of the personality, it is ruthless, merciless encounter. From the soul’s perspective it’s sobering, necessary, liberating and enlightening.

The trick with Pluto is to hold the mysteries of life and death, good and evil, light and dark in equanimity. Only the Soul can accomplish such a task. The personality, for good reason, is literally terrified of such an encounter and will be annihilated under the extreme pressures that Pluto brings. Necessarily then, anything that is not of the soul, namely the personality, with its old, corrupted defensive mechanisms, will be completely destroyed.

Truth is nothing is ours anyway. Our friends and family, our health, homes, finances and so on, are all on loan from the universe. Anything that is in the way of Soul growth will be taken from us. In the end, the only thing we have is our truth and if we are not walking and talking our path of truth, then we will be presented with situations that test the limits of our endurance for the purposes of Soul making. One completely surrenders in utter humility to the immense will of creation, thereby attaining release from the prison of the personality. Another name for Pluto is hidden treasure. When you make the journey from the personality to the Soul, then wealth and resources are entrusted to you for the benefit of the world soul.

Pluto rules cellular processes or in other words the processes of transmutation. The alchemy of Pluto is comparable to that of a black hole in astronomy. Through the descent into the dark depths of primordial consciousness and through the immense, intense implosion of consciousness that takes place, the carbon-based body undergoes a transmutation into the Vajra/Diamond Body. The serpent Kundalini, the solar and lunar life force that flows throughout the subtle energy centers and channels is awakened, The indestructible Diamond Body, the crest jewel of creation, is birthed through the transmuting fires of alchemy.

One eventually encounters such beings as the Vajrasattva for example, the primordial Buddha of Diamond or Rainbow light and the central Buddha of the five Dhyani Buddhas, as taught in the Shambhala teachings of Tibetan Buddhism. This development is actually my own ongoing personal experience and it shows up in my healing and meditation work. A few weeks ago, I worked on two women, a mother and a daughter, who both commented on the fact that they could feel the substance and structure of their body changing on a cellular level. This is not so unusual. I feel, sense and experience this aspect of life in many people that I work on though in varying degrees.

Sagittarius, the Archer, rules religion, law, foreign affairs, and the search for truth. It is the sign of the zodiac most associated with the Vision Quest. Sagittarius can be unrealistic, pompous, and deceitful. The trick with Sagittarius is to actually hit the bull's eye. There are only so many arrows in the quiver. Eventually we have to maintain a steady and true aim with our life. That's the task before any and all who are here for the growth of the soul.

That's the haps or part of it anyway. And yes I have seen such craziness because that is a significant part of my life path. *

Further thoughts

* The Plutonic, soul inducing intelligence will be heightened in the life of any individual who has natal planets located around 27 degrees or so of Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius or Pisces. It could show up in other ways too, midpoints, solar arcs, secondary progressions, solar returns. If you are having a hard time now chances that in one way or another, Pluto is powerfully impacting your natal chart, the blueprint of your soul.

* And from my astrological counseling of individuals with significant Plutonic aspects in either the natal and transit charts, there is usually a major situation to resolve, one that arduously tests the resources and sanity of the native. Homicidal and suicidal tendencies are to be expected but it is the personality that needs to die, not the person or the body. That's a good distinction to bear in mind. The truth is that we have to wrestle with forces of life that will defeat our egos so that the sold can forth or we can shrink from the task and live a half assed life. Either way, eventually everyone pays the piper in full. Now is the time and we are the people we have been waiting for.

* Not so coincidentally Dick Cheney has been jokingly referred to by some members of the press as the personification of Darth Vader, who is representative of a negative Plutonic type. Curiously, both Cheney and Bush have horoscopes that show a powerful, though un-evolved relationship with 27 degrees of Sagittarius. No accident then that they are perpetrators of and ultimately foils for the dark side of creation, signified by the destructive aspects of Kali/Siva/ Pluto. The more the dark side dominates, the more the pendulum swings toward the light. And when the light hits conversely the dark gets tougher. And so it goes, balancing the yin and the yang, throughout the aeons of soul existence. Are we having fun yet?

May the force be with you.

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