



# The Power of Pluto

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The length of time a transiting planet takes to move through an area of an astrological chart, or the time spent aspecting a natal planet, greatly affects the overall impact this transit will have on the life or the responses of an individual.

For example; The Sun transits your entire natal chart every year, birthday to birthday. It takes a month to transit each of the 12 signs and depending on your chart (whether you have intercept signs in houses), more or less the same to transit a chart house. This means the Sun will affect an area of life for about a month each year and when it aspects a natal planet, will make contact for just one day.

By contrast, Pluto spends 12 years in Scorpio (the sign it rules) and around 30 years in Taurus (where it is said to be in detriment). So the length of time spent in a sign or transiting a chart house involves years. When it aspects a natal planet, the affect can last several years – definitely a greater impact on the life than that of a fast moving planet.

Pluto takes 248 years to complete one circuit of the Sun or put another way, 248 Earth years equal one Pluto year. Astronomically, Pluto is rocky with a really cold climate (-220 degrees when furthest from the Sun). It has a weak gravity with a methane and nitrogen atmosphere. Pluto has one Moon, called Charon. Charon doesn't orbit Pluto. It has what is called a geostationary orbit which behaves as if Pluto and Charon are connected by a solid pole. Pluto has an elliptical orbit around the Sun and between 1979 and 1999, was actually closer to the Sun than Neptune.

Pluto was discovered in 1930, just after the 1929 Wall Street crash - the world's biggest economic crisis. At this time the psychological processes were being brought into mass consciousness and this planet confronts the deepest and darkest experiences in the human cycle. For the first time in history, man had the power to destroy himself with weapons such as the atomic bomb. As mythological ruler of the underworld, this guy is not to be messed with. Pluto is the modern ruler of the sign Scorpio — a fixed sign with a water element. Fixed water is ice. Not surprisingly, Pluto the planet is made up of a thick ice surface. Where ever Scorpio is in your chart (and we all have the sign somewhere), you will apply a certain reserve, intensity, possibly obsession and / or secrecy to that area of life. Where ever Pluto is stationed in your chart will show where control factors will play out, with the sign showing the way Pluto will go about it.

Most Scorpio Sun signs and Scorpio Ascendant people instinctively know the power of the human emotions. They will avoid conflict and keep their thoughts to themselves. Scorpio Moons have less success in this regard and often hang onto negative thoughts way past their use-by date, initiating pay back when

least expected. All seem to have an understanding of money and the power wealth controls.

With Pluto's link to the natural 8<sup>th</sup> house and Scorpio, comes mediation over death, transformation and re-birth. Pluto has relevance to large sums of money, wealth through big business, hidden resources and mining. It involves power plays – the use, misuse and abuse of and it rules the masses. But there are positives – as it dredges the very depths of life, it brings the gunge to the surface for healing and ultimately, re-birth. It eliminates, transforms and regenerates.

When this planet is transiting a specific area of your natal chart, that area of life is slowly being transformed. It may take years – but when Pluto leaves that area of your life, you will have a completely different concept of what is important and what is not. You will be consciously aware.

Should transit Pluto contact a natal planet for a year or two, expect dramatic and permanent changes not just to the things represented by that planet, but also involving the house (area of life) the aspected planet rules. We must remember with Pluto that in a lifetime, it will likely only cover five or less houses in your chart. These are the areas of life it will work on and transform and the actual planets in these houses are the ones who will take the serious brunt of the exercise. Always with Pluto transits, you must consider first, the natal house position of Pluto and the house ruled by the sign of Scorpio. Next you must consider natal aspects to and from Pluto – then always interpret transits in reference to the natal promise.

Obviously a conjunction from Pluto brings its force to join your natal planet – so expect this part of your world to be strongly focused and exposed in some way. The sextile (60 degree angle) will bring opportunity for transformation. The trine (120 degree) aspect brings an ease of transformation – and those of you with natal Suns in late degrees of Leo or Aries can expect personal transformation through the trine aspect over the next year or so.

The square aspect is harder to handle as issues are forced upon you. There is tension and you must deal with it. The opposition brings awareness in probably not very comfortable circumstances and again you are forced to face and confront parts of life you may prefer to avoid. These issues will however, be important for your conscious growth and there will be no escape. You will have to deal with them – with the expectation of overcoming and being a stronger person for the experience.

With Pluto currently transiting in Sagittarius, all matters to do with philosophies, education and idealism are being transformed. While it is in mutual reception with Jupiter (travelling in the sign of Scorpio until November 2006) there will be greater emphasis on religion, genetic work and medical experiments, power of Governments, overseas debt, laws, moral codes and all that is ethically proper. Not surprisingly, issues such as terrorism and belief systems are to the fore in many parts of the world. Books such as 'The Da Vinci Code', have found their time – while Harry Potter approaches his last chapter with the 7<sup>th</sup> and final book in the series due soon.

As Pluto transits the houses of your astrology chart, you can expect these following issues to be highlighted;

1 <sup>ST</sup> HOUSE	physical environment, appearance, health & vitality
2 <sup>ND</sup> HOUSE	material possessions, financial matters, self- esteem, your values, personal resources
3 <sup>RD</sup> HOUSE	transport, education, communication, brothers, sisters, neighbours, local boundaries, ideas
4 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	home, property, parent/s, ancestry, domestic life

5 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	creativity, children, love affairs, hobbies, sport
6 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	health, diet, work & services, habits / routines
7 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	marriage & partnership, competitors, others
8 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	financial obligation / debt, taxes, shared resources death, wills & legacies, sex
9 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	travel, higher education, foreign matters philosophy, law
10 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	career, reputation, status, authority, public
11 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	friendships, group activities, clubs, social contact
12 <sup>TH</sup> HOUSE	privacy, secrets, behind the scene activities, charity, limitations, institutions, reclusiveness

If Pluto contacts a planet in your chart, these are the issues that will be transformed in some way according to your own chart and the aspect involved;

SUN	ego, inner core of self, individuality
MOON	emotions, domestic situation, mother
MERCURY	thinking, ability to understand, communication
VENUS	relationships, ability to relate to others, what you love and enjoy
MARS	assertiveness, drive, direction in life
JUPITER	expansion, knowledge, faith, growth (physical as well as mental)
SATURN	work, discipline, endurance, responsibilities, father
URANUS	innovation, freedom, social liberation
NEPTUNE	imagination, addiction, compassion, dreams
PLUTO	regeneration, release, transformation, rejuvenation Power, survival, resourcefulness

The action of Pluto is in the house he is transiting – so let's say transit Pluto is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house trine your natal Sun in the 11<sup>th</sup> house. The issues will transform you (Sun) via your place in the group (11<sup>th</sup> house) but the action will manifest as 3<sup>rd</sup> house issues i.e. your everyday knowledge, your ability to communicate, your ideas etc. In some way you will transform your power of communication and because the aspect is a trine, there will be an ease in the manner this comes about.

I have lived through Pluto conjunctions with my Midheaven, Jupiter, Mars, Neptune, North Node, Sun, Mercury and Saturn. These were points of adjustment in my life and as transformation is over a period of time, changes can be and were made accordingly. It was my experience that the events that occurred (to me), had definite connection to the house or area of life ruled by the natal planet affected by the conjunction. What Pluto brings is conscious awareness of certain parts of life that need attention. It then helps release and re-direct energies with greater understanding and responsibility for your own actions.

After 13 years transiting Sagittarius (January 1995 to 2007), Pluto will move into the sign of Capricorn (January 2008 until January 2024). During these 16 years we should expect transformation of physical structures, rules, governments and all manner of authority.

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