

THE PLUTO IN LEO GENERATION

COMING INTO THEIR POWER DURING THE TRANSITING PLUTO IN SCORPIO SQUARE

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How many times have you heard someone say over the last few years, "life seems to be speeding up" or "I feel all this accelerated growth in my life" or "I am going through changes in my marriage or job that I do not have any control over". If you are between the ages of 35 and 54 now, you are part of the Pluto in Leo generation feeling the effects of two significant astrological realities: 1) Pluto at perihelion - transiting more rapidly through the signs than any time since the 1740's, thus speeding up and intensifying the need for personal and planetary change; and 2) your transiting Pluto square to its natal position happening during your late 30's to middle 40's, much younger than previous generations, causing you to face yourself and surrender or lose touch with your heart and soul in life.

As we witness the struggle for power between the waning Pluto in Cancer generation (souls born between 1913 and 1938 approximately) and the waxing Pluto in Leo generation (souls born between 1938 and 1957 approximately) play itself out in this year's presidential election, the Bush vs. Clinton battle symbolizes a much larger transition taking place in our world. The Pluto in Cancer generation found that service to country (World War II) led to power and respect in corporate and governmental spheres (Capricorn polarity), and it also saw the end (Pluto) of the extended family ideal (Cancer) as millions of Americans moved west after the war and broke up generations of clannish family circles. Yet, this generation seems incapable of true leadership and vision because of its attachment to the past (Cancer), tradition (Capricorn polarity) and the unhealthy concentration of wealth in the hands of the privileged few (Capricorn polarity). The Pluto in Leo generation is the most self-centered group of souls to come along since the 1690's and early 1700's. To be yourself, know yourself and express yourself is the output of this generation, with its emphasis on youthful values, identity security, excessive materialism and the need for style and flair in every department of life. The Aquarian polarity of this generation will have to find its power in taking its self-awareness (Leo) and dedicating it to the needs of humanity and society (Aquarius). The Aquarian ideal of the redistribution of wealth lies in the hands of this generation (Leo-Aquarius polarity), as does the vision and leadership (Leo) to bring it about. If it does not come to pass during the 1992 elections, with the possibility of the status quo (Capricorn polarity) retaining power, then surely in the 1996 elections with Uranus transiting in Aquarius, the needed changes will take place. The significance of the transiting Pluto square to its natal position is now much greater than before, simply because it happens at a much younger age. It also suggests that the transfer of power and leadership from one generation to another will happen earlier than usual. Consider the following Pluto history:

If you were born in 1810, your natal Pluto was at 14° Pisces. Your transiting Pluto square at 14° Gemini was in 1897, age 87.
If you were born in 1820, your natal Pluto was at 26° Pisces. Your transiting Pluto square at 26° Gemini was in 1909, age 89.
If you were born in 1830, your natal Pluto was at 07° Aries. Your transiting Pluto square at 07° Cancer was in 1919, age 89.
If you were born in 1840, your natal Pluto was at 18° Aries. Your transiting Pluto square at 18° Cancer was in 1928, age 88.
If you were born in 1850, your natal Pluto was at 28° Aries. Your transiting Pluto square at 28° Cancer was in 1936, age 86.
If you were born in 1860, your natal Pluto was at 08° Taurus. Your transiting Pluto square at 08° Leo was in 1943, age 83.
If you were born in 1870, your natal Pluto was at 17° Taurus. Your transiting Pluto square at 17° Leo was in 1949, age 79.
If you were born in 1880, your natal Pluto was at 27° Taurus. Your transiting Pluto square at 27° Leo was in 1955, age 75.
If you were born in 1890, your natal Pluto was at 07° Gemini. Your transiting Pluto square at 07° Virgo was in 1960, age 70.
If you were born in 1900, your natal Pluto was at 17° Gemini. Your transiting Pluto square at 17° Virgo was in 1965, age 65.
If you were born in 1910, your natal Pluto was at 27° Gemini. Your transiting Pluto square at 27° Virgo was in 1969, age 59.
If you were born in 1920, your natal Pluto was at 08° Cancer. Your transiting Pluto square at 08° Libra was in 1974, age 54.
If you were born in 1930, your natal Pluto was at 20° Cancer. Your transiting Pluto square at 20° Libra was in 1979, age 49.
If you were born in 1940, your natal Pluto was at 04° Leo. Your transiting Pluto square at 04° Scorpio was in 1985, age 45.
If you were born in 1950, your natal Pluto was at 19° Leo. Your transiting Pluto square at 19° Scorpio was in 1990, age 40.
If you were born in 1960, your natal Pluto was at 07° Virgo. Your transiting Pluto square at 07° Sagittarius will be in 1998, age 38.
If you were born in 1970, your natal Pluto was at 29° Virgo. Your transiting Pluto square at 29° Sagittarius will be in 2008, age 38.
If you were born in 1980, your natal Pluto was at 22° Libra. Your transiting Pluto square at 22° Capricorn will be in 2020, age 40.
If you were born in 1990, your natal Pluto was at 17° Scorpio. Your transiting Pluto square at 17° Aquarius will be in 2035, age 45.

What used to be a later life transit (after the second Saturn return and retirement) up until the end of the 1960's, now over the last twenty years has been occurring earlier and earlier until our Pluto in Virgo younger brothers and sisters will experience it at age 35-37 between 1998 and 2008. The majority of the Pluto in Leo generation has

experienced it or will be experiencing it between the ages of 39 and 46, during the already difficult time of the astrological cycles of Uranus opposing Uranus, Neptune squaring Neptune, Jupiter opposing Jupiter and Saturn opposing Saturn by transit - the famous and sometimes dreaded mid-life crisis transits.

What does this all mean? Let us try to understand what the transiting Pluto square means for us as individuals, and as part of our generation.

1) Plutonian energy is transpersonal, yet it is felt very personally. How is this? Consider the relationship of the individual to society, and you begin to understand the Scorpio•Pluto•8th house archetype. What must I do to discipline myself and control myself because of the impact I have on others? How can I face my emotional turmoil within me, heal and be of compassionate, sympathetic service to others? If I resist the need to change, do I go on controlling others because I fear my vulnerability? Am I driven by compulsions and obsessive thought and feeling patterns that cause me to do destructive things in my life, even when I would choose to do otherwise if I could? If we are to come into our true power as spiritual human beings, we must also participate within our generation, otherwise we drift into a highly subjective and withdrawn emptiness inside that causes a slow death emotionally and spiritually. The Pluto force is not complete until the individual interacts with others in a transformed way.

2) Whatever is buried in the unconscious from the past will surface during a Pluto transit, and require you to come to terms with it; willingly, or dragged kicking and screaming into the depths of your shadow to face your fears during a divorce, lost job, health failure or loss of purpose and meaning in life. If a generation is made up of individuals, then the quality of individual consciousness will determine the overall spiritual elevation of the generation. The more individuals that do their healing work and practice spirituality in their daily life, the better off will our world be.

3) The symbolic death and regeneration of the individual, mercifully delayed until the age of 55 to 85 for our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, is now upon us at the tender age of 39 to 46. Within our marriage or personal relationship, within our career and profession, while our children are still living with us, while we still remember our idealistic and rebellious twenties vividly, we must now go into the shadow self and face Pluto and also answer to all of the other above mentioned daily realities at the same time. No wonder there are divorces, career changes, families ripped apart, cancer, AIDS and other terminal diseases striking down young souls in their 30's and 40's. But, there is another choice: acceptance and surrender to these times and what they demand from us. A person at 39 or 43 can go within and find peace and strength, this is not limited to the retired legions with so much leisure time on their hands. In fact, this is the leadership that is being asked of this generation. Pluto in Leo does have strength of self, and this is precisely why this generation has manifested the intense karma in its lifetime that it has. Fixed fire is security in identity, the right use of self-will and personal warmth. The members of our generation that do their healing work will have these qualities to give and share with others.

19 years worth of souls is much too large of a perspective to work with practically, so let us break the Pluto in Leo generation down into 3 parts containing 4 chapters each. Using the astrological techniques of the decanates and dwads, we now can tune into specific 10° and 2.5° subsegments of this massive quantity of generational brothers and sisters.

<u>NATAL PLUTO</u> <u>IN LEO</u>	<u>DWAD</u>	<u>DECANATE</u>	<u>TRANSITING PLUTO</u> <u>SQUARE IN SCORPIO</u>	<u>DWAD</u>	<u>DECANATE</u>
10/8/37 to 11/25/37	LEO	LEO	11/6/83 to 5/18/84	SCORPIO	SCORPIO
8/4/38 to 2/7/39	00° 00'	00° 00'	8/29/84 to 11/4/84	00° 00'	00° 00'
6/15/39 to 9/20/39	to	to	5/27/85 to 8/26/85	to	to
12/20/39 to 7/26/40	02° 29'	09° 59'		02° 29'	09° 59'
2/26/41 to 6/1/41					
9/21/39 to 12/19/39	VIRGO	LEO	11/5/84 to 5/26/85	SAGITTARIUS	SCORPIO
7/27/40 to 2/25/41	02° 30'	00° 00'	8/27/85 to 11/5/85	02° 30'	00° 00'
6/2/41 to 9/6/41	to	to	6/4/86 to 8/24/86	to	to
1/10/42 to 7/16/42	04° 59'	09° 59'		04° 59'	09° 59'
3/31/43 to 5/6/43					
9/7/41 to 1/9/42	LIBRA	LEO	11/6/85 to 6/3/86	CAPRICORN	SCORPIO
7/17/42 to 3/30/43	05° 00'	00° 00'	8/25/86 to 11/5/86	05° 00'	00° 00'
5/7/43 to 8/23/43	to	to	6/13/87 to 8/22/87	to	to
2/2/44 to 7/1/44	07° 29'	09° 59'		07° 29'	09° 59'

8/24/43 to 2/1/44	SCORPIO	LEO	11/6/86 to 6/12/87	AQUARIUS	SCORPIO
7/2/44 to 10/7/44	07° 30'	00° 00'	8/23/87 to 11/5/87	07° 30'	00° 00'
12/17/44 to 8/7/45	to	to	6/21/88 to 8/18/88	to	to
3/1/46 to 6/12/46	09° 59'	09° 59'		09° 59'	09° 59'
10/8/44 to 12/16/44	SAGITTARIUS	SAGITTARIUS	11/6/87 to 1/28/88	PISCES	PISCES
8/8/45 to 2/28/46	10° 00'	10° 00'	3/3/88 to 6/20/88	10° 00'	10° 00'
6/13/46 to 9/12/46	to	to	8/19/88 to 11/4/88	to	to
1/20/47 to 7/21/47	12° 29'	19° 59'	7/2/89 to 8/13/89	12° 29'	19° 59'
9/13/46 to 1/19/47	CAPRICORN	SAGITTARIUS	1/29/88 to 3/2/88	ARIES	PISCES
7/22/47 to 8/21/48	12° 30'	10° 00'	11/5/88 to 1/22/89	12° 30'	10° 00'
2/21/49 to 6/28/49	to	to	3/15/89 to 7/1/89	to	to
	14° 59'	19° 59'	8/14/89 to 11/4/89	14° 59'	19° 59'
			7/16/90 to 8/5/90		
8/22/48 to 2/20/49	AQUARIUS	SAGITTARIUS	1/23/89 to 3/14/89	TAURUS	PISCES
6/29/49 to 9/24/49	15° 00'	10° 00'	11/5/89 to 1/19/90	15° 00'	10° 00'
1/17/50 to 7/31/50	to	to	3/24/90 to 7/15/90	to	to
4/12/51 to 5/19/51	17° 29'	19° 59'	8/6/90 to 11/5/90	17° 29'	19° 59'
9/25/49 to 1/16/50	PISCES	SAGITTARIUS	1/20/90 to 3/23/90	GEMINI	PISCES
8/1/50 to 4/11/51	17° 30'	10° 00'	11/6/90 to 1/17/91	17° 30'	10° 00'
5/20/51 to 8/29/51	to	to	3/31/91 to 11/5/91	to	to
2/25/52 to 7/4/52	19° 59'	19° 59'		19° 59'	19° 59'
8/30/51 to 2/24/52	ARIES	ARIES	1/18/91 to 3/30/91	CANCER	CANCER
7/5/52 to 9/27/52	20° 00'	20° 00'	11/6/91 to 1/16/92	20° 00'	20° 00'
1/24/53 to 8/2/53	to	to	4/6/92 to 11/5/92	to	to
	22° 29'	29° 59'		22° 29'	29° 59'
9/28/52 to 1/23/53	TAURUS	ARIES	1/17/92 to 4/5/92	LEO	CANCER
8/3/53 to 11/17/53	22° 30'	20° 00'	11/6/92 to 1/15/93	22° 30'	20° 00'
12/7/53 to 8/28/54	to	to	4/12/93 to 11/7/93	to	to
3/11/55 to 7/1/55	24° 59'	29° 59'		24° 59'	29° 59'
11/18/53 to 12/6/53	GEMINI	ARIES	1/16/93 to 4/11/93	VIRGO	CANCER
8/29/54 to 3/10/55	25° 00'	20° 00'	11/8/93 to 1/16/94	25° 00'	20° 00'
7/2/55 to 9/22/55	to	to	4/17/94 to 11/8/94	to	to
2/13/56 to 7/27/56	27° 29'	29° 59'		27° 29'	29° 59'
9/23/55 to 2/12/56	CANCER	ARIES	1/17/94 to 4/16/94	LIBRA	CANCER
7/28/56 to 10/20/56	27° 30'	20° 00'	11/9/94 to 1/17/95	27° 30'	20° 00'
1/16/57 to 8/19/57	to	to	4/22/95 to 11/10/95	to	to
4/12/58 to 6/10/58	29° 59'	29° 59'		29° 59'	29° 59'

Find your birthday in the left hand column, and identify your dwad (2.5° subdivision of the sign Leo) and your decanate (10° subdivision of the sign Leo). Notice the date of your transiting Pluto square in Scorpio, and find your dwad and decanate directly across from your natal data. There will be a continual square (90°) relationship between all dwad signs and decanate signs. With all of Pluto's direct and retrograde motion swings through the years, be sure to be on Virgo patrol in finding your exact date of birth between the start and end dates of each line.

To understand the meaning of a generation passing through its Pluto square by transit, let us analyze the following:

- 1) What is a waxing square?
- 2) What does transiting Pluto mean?
- 3) What does natal Pluto, hit by transit, mean?
- 4) What does my Pluto in Leo decanate mean?
- 5) What does my Pluto in Leo dwad mean?
- 6) What do the square relationships between my natal Pluto in Leo sign/decanate/dwad and my transiting Pluto in Scorpio sign/decanate/dwad mean?

1) In his landmark book, "Pluto, The Evolutionary Journey Of The Soul", Jeffrey Green in Chapter 3 defines every waxing and waning aspect of the 360° cycle. The waxing square is described by Jeffrey as follows, "the individual meaning of the new evolutionary purpose now must be given a new form to operate through in order to be fully actualized or established within the individual". This form, natal Pluto, will be described in answer 3). He goes on to write, "this form or new way must be actualized or established before the individual can move on". From the natural Zodiac ascendant of 0° Aries, the waxing square puts us at 0° Cancer. Therefore, it is a cardinal water dynamic. (See Bil Tierney's book, "Dynamics Of Aspect Analysis", and his first chapter on the principles behind the aspects.) Cancer rules our emotional past, Aries is the principle of action. What happens if we are paralyzed by our past, and can no longer go forward? This is the struggle of the waxing square: to give form to the evolutionary impulses (Aries) which are competing with the familiar emotional comfort zones of the past (Cancer). Out of the fire of the waxing square comes the individual who has made internal, emotional adjustments and can now go forward in life. If I resist this process, I am living in an unreal past vortex that no longer holds meaning in my present life, and I must cope through addiction, fantasy, nostalgia or violence - anything but face the unresolved turmoil within me.

2) In the classic book, "Astrology, Karma & Transformation", Stephen Arroyo describes the transits of Pluto as follows: "brings to the surface and transforms, often ending an old form of life or expression completely". Charles E.O. Carter, in "The Principles Of Astrology", writes of Pluto transits: "A resurrection of things past and half-forgotten". The Pluto in Leo generation's ideals of the 1960's and early 1970's are resurfacing as transiting Pluto in Scorpio "resurrects things past" and wakes us from our Neptune in Capricorn dreamland of greed, romanticization of corporate life, and trying to make money from spirituality and recovery with bullshit New Age rationalizations about abundance and prosperity. The transiting Saturn-Pluto square of 1993, presumably extending our recession for another year, should expose once and for all the no brainer yuppie illusion at the expense of those less fortunate than ourselves. With your job in danger of being lost, and your personal finances coming due (credit card living), perhaps some empathy for the truly poor and needy will surface on a large scale. To the surface; spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically, come the results of Plutonian energy bringing up from the depths that which was buried in the shadow self of our unconscious. Like a boil, Pluto has been compared to the cleansing of toxicity within us. Sometimes eruptive, always thorough, this intense healing energy leaves no stone unturned during its course of cleansing.

3) Natal Pluto, in your birth chart, being hit by transit, joins you to many other souls in your generation going through the same experience. It is important to remember that transits to the outer planets in our birth charts unite us to others our age, even as we are feeling so alone under the influence of these transpersonal energies being unleashed within us. Get out of yourself is the message, and join with others in a wave of energy that we all can participate together in. Arroyo writes of transits to natal Pluto: "...affect one's use of inner powers and resources. Sometimes psychic experiences are evident, and in other cases various compulsive thought and behavior patterns are activated. *Transits to Pluto are often not evident to those who have little awareness of their inner life*". Whether aware of the process happening within, or not aware but watching all of the projected unconscious material manifest externally and blaming others for our misery, it makes no difference to the impersonal karmic hands of Pluto as the clock of our life ticks off the hours, minutes and seconds of our constantly changing reality. Individually, we must first go through the fires of transformation before we can participate in a powerful way within our generation. But, we are all in this together, and the Pluto in Leo pigheaded selfishness, promiscuity and self-obsessions *will* give way to humanitarian concerns and social welfare activism (Aquarius polarity). Just as in the 1950's, growing up while our parents drove around in station wagons like every other materialistic suburban couple did, now 35 years later we have the next generation of suburban fools driving around in Jeep Cherokees and Lexuses, pretending we have no problems in our inner cities as long as their isolated, electronically protected, seemingly secure bubble existences are not threatened. But they are threatened, social and economic unrest are part of the Aquarian evolutionary impulse, and if you have become just like your parent's generation illusion of security, then what has changed? Does anything ever really change? Or is it only reformulated versions of previous human failings?

4) The three natal Pluto in Leo decanates are:

I)	00°00' to 09°59' Leo	Leo decanate	Ruled by the Sun	Fixed
II)	10°00' to 19°59' Leo	Sagittarius decanate	Ruled by Jupiter	Mutable
III)	20°00' to 29°59" Leo	Aries decanate	Ruled by Mars	Cardinal

Decanates of a sign represent the element of the sign (fire) in its entirety. Also, each mode or quality is represented. The planetary rulers of each decanate are said to play an important role.

If you were born during the 1st decanate (Leo) of Pluto in Leo, your contribution to your generation can be:

- To draw attention to the causes of our times (Aquarian polarity) needing effort and support.
- To promote, publicize and dramatize the visions of your generation.
- To inspire confidence and set examples of leadership in and for others.
- To solicit wealthy entertainers to contribute to the pressing social needs of our times.
- To draw on your Solar courage to fight against the misuse of authority and position.
- To draw on your fixed nature to build an inner center to operate from.

If you were born during the 2nd decanate (Sagittarius) of Pluto in Leo, your contribution to your generation can be:

- To provide philosophical aspirations others can look up to.
- To practice tolerance, broad-mindedness and understanding in your life.
- To challenge the superficial, fact and information addicted mass media to explore and understand the issues of our times through deeper study and discussion.
- To work to effect meaningful change in our educational systems (don't wait until transiting Pluto in Sagittarius tears them down).
- To solicit wealthy athletes, making obscene amounts of money, to contribute to their home communities' welfare, giving back to society some of what has been given to them.
- To draw on your Jupiterian optimism and confidence to continually redefine the vision while the struggle goes on.
- To draw on your mutable nature to remain flexible amidst all the changes taking place.

If you were born during the 3rd decanate (Aries) of Pluto in Leo, your contribution to your generation can be:

- To become a person of action within your generation.
- To draw strength from your older brothers and sisters inspiration in the Leo decanate, and to draw meaning from the wisdom and spiritual perspective of the Sagittarius decanate.
- To accept the role as the warrior of your generation, fighting the battles required to overthrow the abuses of power in our society.
- To challenge the theorists and armchair intellectuals to get up off their lazy butts and put their words into action.
- To draw on your Martian vitality and assertion to go into the winds of change with no fear, even to challenge the elder members of your generation when they become too attached to the status quo and have lost perspective of their potential contributions.
- To draw on your cardinal nature to plant seeds of change wherever you go.

5) Within each 10° decanate, there are four 2.5° dwads, each representing one of the four elements:

<u>Fixed Fire Decanate (Leo)</u>	<u>Mutable Fire Decanate (Sagittarius)</u>	<u>Cardinal Fire Decanate (Aries)</u>
00°00' to 02°29' Leo Dwad	10°00' to 12°29' Sagittarius Dwad	20°00' to 22°29' Aries Dwad
02°30' to 04°59' Virgo Dwad	12°30' to 14°59' Capricorn Dwad	22°30' to 24°59' Taurus Dwad
05°00' to 07°29' Libra Dwad	15°00' to 17°29' Aquarius Dwad	25°00' to 27°29' Gemini Dwad
07°30' to 09°59' Scorpio Dwad	17°30' to 19°59' Pisces Dwad	27°30' to 29°59' Cancer Dwad

The fire element dwads (Leo, Sagittarius, Aries) within the decanates are the ones who can inspire, lead and confidently assume positions of high visibility. Their faith and initiative are needed to get the process of generational change into high gear. They must rely on their intuition to lead them on.

The earth element dwads (Virgo, Capricorn, Taurus) within the decanates are the ones who can stabilize others by staying grounded in the here and now, provide the material resources for organizing our efforts, hold up the values of effort and hard work and practice self-discipline as a personal commitment to work for change. They also can supply the endurance necessary to see things through to their completion.

The air element dwads (Libra, Aquarius, Gemini) within the decanates are the ones who can communicate the ideas and principles of the needed generational changes. They can circulate socially, reaching many people, and through talking about the issues of the day, generate intellectual stimulation to the half asleep minds of a pathetic TV/mass media culture. They can provide the detached objectivity to constructively criticize the process as it unfolds.

The water element dwads (Scorpio, Pisces, Cancer) within the decanates are the ones who can nurture, provide sympathetic support, set examples of love, service and compassion and talk about the subtleties they perceive within the generational changes. Drawing on their intuition and depth, they can provide emotional inspiration for others.

6) Let us look at the 12 waxing square relationships in the Zodiac:

In their highly intelligent book, "Astrology, The Divine Science", Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas have a chapter on the crosses and squares. They describe the square relationships as follows:

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| 1) Leo square Scorpio | Display versus Concealment |
| 2) Virgo square Sagittarius | Fact versus Theory |
| 3) Libra square Capricorn | Beauty versus Efficiency |
| 4) Scorpio square Aquarius | Retrenchment versus Reconstruction |
| 5) Sagittarius square Pisces | Authoritative versus Contemplative Knowledge |
| 6) Capricorn square Aries | The State versus the Individual |
| 7) Aquarius square Taurus | Revolution versus Evolution |
| 8) Pisces square Gemini | Intuition versus Logic |
| 9) Aries square Cancer | Activity versus Passivity |
| 10) Taurus square Leo | Income versus Outgo |
| 11) Gemini square Virgo | Variability versus Reliability |
| 12) Cancer square Libra | Content versus Form |

As a whole generation, we are all dealing with the Leo-Scorpio square activated by transiting Pluto. As Pluto moves through the decanates and dwads of Scorpio, we can see the more individualized challenges for each natal Pluto in Leo decanate or dwad. Within this context, we are also dealing with one decanate doubly emphasized (00°00' to 09°59' Leo), and one dwad triply emphasized (00°00' to 02°29' Leo). The remainder of us have a different square relationship between transiting Pluto in Scorpio and our natal Pluto in Leo, as the signs, decanates and dwads illustrate:

By sign: Leo square Scorpio Fixed Fire/Water

The self-centeredness meets the death of the ego through loss, suffering and inner turmoil. Status symbols and displays of materialistic affluence meet the elimination of non-essentials. Egoic separateness meets the realization that we are all one spiritually and emotionally. The gaudy displays of status and affluence meets the realization that to conceal within is true power. Sexual excesses, rampant promiscuity and romantic illusions meet the impersonal karmic hands of death (AIDS) and divorce (loss of attachment). Ego, sex and money attitudes are revealed as the source of true creativity and spirituality, or as the downfall of the higher self into a morass of self-indulgent decadence. The collective compulsive attachment to celebrity and glamour is contrasted by the social violence of the lower tiers of the culture.

By decanate: Leo square Scorpio Fixed Fire/Water

A double emphasis on the "by sign" interpretation

By decanate: Sagittarius square Pisces Mutable Fire/Water

The attempt to talk about spiritual reality meets the awareness that it can only be experienced within. No New Age, recovery or psychotherapist led seminar or retreat will give you what you must find within yourself during the solitude of your meditation, prayer or contemplation. The dogmas of our churches are shown to be man-made exclusionary illusions rather than promoting love, compassion and inner peace. Each time we go to someone professing to have "the answer", we lose another piece of our own intuitive wisdom. If we try to sell and market our perspective of truth, we lose our humility and receptivity to the divine. The desire for worldly success meets the reality of the demands of attending to your inner life.

By decanate: Aries square Cancer Cardinal Fire/Water

The need to take action meets the unresolved emotional issues from the past. Our fearlessness and courage meets our self-protective and preservationist instinct. Spontaneous impulses meet the cautious retreat back into safer territory. The need to individuate meets the family and ancestral karmic programming. The eyes on the future vision fight with the emotional attachments and dependencies of the past. An awareness comes of which traditions hold value and meaning, and which can be left behind.

By dwad: Leo square Scorpio Fixed Fire/Water

A triple emphasis on the "by sign" interpretation.

By dwad: Virgo square Sagittarius Mutable Earth/Fire

The reality of practicing that which is preached. Seeing that the humility of one day at a time is what takes us to the distant shores of philosophical promise. The analyzing and discriminating mind applies itself to the far reaching theories to extract their truths from their fallacies. Paying attention to the details when you don't want to be bothered with the small stuff, or hoping you can delegate it to someone else. Does the way you treat the people who serve you (Waitresses, waiters, sales clerks, gas station attendants, etc.) contradict your lofty spiritual aspirations?

By dwad: Libra square Capricorn Cardinal Air/Earth

Your marriage or personal relationship meets the demands of your career. Your desire to please others meets your ambition to succeed. Your artistic sensibilities meet the practical realities of making a living. The challenge is felt to take your intellectual ideas and do something with them, to build form and structure around the concept. The feeling of being one of the gang meets the pressures of accepting management responsibilities over others. The ideals of social equality meet the impersonal bureaucracy of government attempting to implement them.

By dwad: Scorpio square Aquarius Fixed Water/Air

The pain of going deeply within oneself to face the fear is only worth it when the transformation is used to be of service to others. Your private spiritual awakening must be channeled into collective humanitarian awakenings. The need for privacy and secrecy meets the social obligations of an exposed public person. The possessive and jealous narrowness of your emotional security needs meets the challenge of honoring the individual rights of all people. The illusion of control is shattered by the inherent freedom in everyone.

By dwad: Sagittarius square Pisces Mutable Fire/Water

A double emphasis on the "by decanate" interpretation.

By dwad: Capricorn square Aries Cardinal Earth/Fire

The social and political organizations attempt to discipline the unrestrained egos to contribute to the greatest good. Governmental and corporate structures, with their hollow promises of security, choke the creative life out of the individual. The system and the status quo meet the fiery energies of the freedom loving individual and demand a compromise. Recognition of who I am as myself competes with recognition derived from my association with business, government or social organizations.

By dwad: Aquarius square Taurus Fixed Air/Earth

The evolutionary impulse of the redistribution of wealth meets the entrenched establishments of banking and real estate. The ideals of service to the collective meet the possessive stinginess of what is mine and what is yours. Social and economic revolution, and the temporary personal hardships necessary to achieve the lasting goals of equality, meet the fear of change and the love of comfort, luxury and personal opulence. The cutting edge of technology meets the challenge to market it so it may be of practical service to humanity. What must be changed for the good of the collective meets the needs of the individual's security and predictable continuity in life.

By dwad: Pisces square Gemini Mutable Water/Air

The need for solitude and isolation to pursue personal spiritual growth meets the imperative of participating socially within community. The intuitive higher mind, fed by inspirations received in the quiet of meditation, faces the struggle of articulating the knowing that can only be found within. Problem solving through resolution against a larger spiritual backdrop meets the attempt to apply logic and rational thinking in an effort to find intellectual solutions. The inner reservoir of strength is slowly drained by too much social and mental interaction with others. The inner confusion and irrational thought patterns find healing through the verbalization of the feelings amongst friends.

By dwad: Aries square Cancer Cardinal Fire/Water

A double emphasis on the "by decanate" interpretation.

By dwad: Taurus square Leo Fixed Earth/Fire

Excessive materialism and conspicuous consumption meet the destruction of the character and values through self-indulgent greed. Whatever is taken in must be given back out through generosity of spirit and sharing of resources. The ego security derived from accumulating possessions leads nowhere but into the endless merry-go-round of keeping up with the Jones', living beyond one's means and the spiritual bankruptcy of the materialistic-selfish orientation. Lured into status symbol illusions (silver credit cards, gold credit cards, platinum credit cards, luxury cars, the best neighborhoods, ad nauseam...), one loses touch with one's true identity and security in life.

By dwad: Gemini square Virgo Mutable Air/Earth

The concepts and ideas of change meet the daily practical applications. Thought is real only when it can be put to work. The outward scattering of the mind through conversation, friendships and musing about theories is met with the need to introspect, improve and refine oneself. The attempt to explain everything through reason and intelligence meets the humility of life experience which forces us inward to adjust and examine ourselves. The restless urge to constantly change to avoid boredom meets the reality that we have become unreliable, ungrounded and out of touch with ourselves.

By dwad: Cancer square Libra Cardinal Water/Air

Family of origin wounds reveal themselves in adult relationships. The self-centered inner child meets the demands of sharing and emotional intimacy encountered in partnership. Habits from our early years rub up against the need to compromise and balance self with other. Lack of nurturing from the parents during childhood is seen as the shortage of love to give to the marriage partner. Responding to your own instincts clashes with the co-dependent and people-pleasing tendencies to base your words and actions on how they will be accepted by others.

Each of these waxing square relationships represent an essential principle of growth, "the giving of a new form", that all of us, within this or any other generation, are facing. We must establish this new way of being before we can move on with our life. It also represents a dynamic that we can attempt to master in ourselves, and then share our successes and failures with our generational brothers and sisters. By identifying our decanate and dwad within the Pluto in Leo generation, we can tune into an area of participation that holds individualized meaning for us, as we go through or reflect upon the transiting Pluto square to its natal position in our life.

This generation is now coming into its power, and it has the potential for incredible impact on the world and for effecting positive change during the next 30 years. The Aquarian polarity of this generation is asking for the catharsis of the individual into the collective. What is good for me is no longer good for me if it is not good for you. Doing your own thing is history now, we are challenged to identify the needs of the community and respond to them. When the social and economic revolution comes as Uranus transits through Aquarius from 1996 to 2003, the concerns of the self will be of little use as the concerns of the greater whole will take precedence. This generation has been called upon to assume leadership during difficult times, and all of the college years' social and political activism of the middle to late 1960's, the Eastern spiritual explorations of the Neptune in Sagittarius nomadic 1970's, and the learning of the corporate and money game of the 1980's will jell into a cohesive synthesis that utilizes all the material, social and spiritual knowledge, understanding and wisdom gained over these last 25 years in a dedicated and unified wave of energy that will usher in the 21st century.

This is meant to be a wake up call for a self-centered generation that is at the threshold of its greatest creative experience - the giving of self for the needs of humanity. What the entire Pluto in Leo generation is now set to learn is the nature of group karma versus individual karma. All these years of recovery, psychological self-exploration, dealing with family of origin issues and the wounded inner child have led us to the brink of narcissistic self-absorption at the cost of social and political activism. Our inner cities and their poverty, suffering, drug addiction and crime will not just go away. The excessive and revolting salaries of our cultural superstars - athletes, media celebrities, musicians, actors and actresses, corporate executives - are now becoming a painfully real disgrace as the middle class sinks into a low level mediocrity and the truly poor are beyond description in their daily struggles for survival. The transit of Pluto through Scorpio has wrought gangs, AIDS, childhood sexual abuse revelations, an explosion of penetrating psychological breakthroughs and insights in family systems understanding and treatment of chemical dependency and alcoholism, and the exposure of violence, both sexual and cultural, as a shamelessly marketed commodity to sell TV, movies and commercial goods. If this does not shake our character and sensibilities to the marrow, what will? And how much suffering do we need to witness before we mobilize our generational forces and take action (fire element-Leo) to heal (Pluto) the ills in society that we see all around us (air element-Aquarius polarity)?

It is time for the Pluto in Leo generation to assume power, think in terms of the group rather than the individual, and see that transpersonal growth is not complete until the private psychological and spiritual transformation is used to serve the good of the collective. Seek out the painful trouble spots in your community, go there, and offer yourself in service to the solutions. It will be the best therapy you never paid for. Guaranteed.

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