***The Soul and the Ego***

**Who are we?**
Soul is what we are when we take away all concepts of “me”, “mine”, “time” and “space”. The soul is an individuated aspect of the oneness on a journey to remember itself as of the oneness.

The evolutionary journey of the soul is characterized by a long process of a soul generating new desires to “become” that which it perceives it is not, and then the subsequent exhausting of those desires which is then again replaced by new ones. This continues until the only desire remaining is the desire to return to Source. We can understand two principals from this:

- Unresolved desires for anything but the unchangeable TRUTH/Goddess/Source PROPELLS the soul to continue coming back into this world - like a magnet that is impelled by its very nature.
- The life the soul comes into serves as a template from which it can resolve more of its desires.

The ego, or human identity that the soul creates in any given life is the focusing agent through which the evolutionary journey occurs. In each life, the ego that the soul creates is the result and a reflection of its unresolved desires. Most souls do not know themselves as a soul because of the fixation on their desires.

**Free will and evolutionary necessity**
All souls can desire whatever it is that they want. Such is the nature of free will. However, it is a natural law that nothing but the TRUTH ITSELF provides ultimate fulfillment. Thus gradually, over many lifetimes, the law of “evolutionary necessity” dictates that everything but the Truth will eventually end. This means that free will is always interfacing with the inevitable destiny of creation. Any desire creates karma. Karma is the natural law of cause and effect. Desire for that which is ephemeral creates the dualistic reality of karma.

**The essence of Evolutionary Astrology**
Astrology itself is a science of observation and correlation. When we look at any human being from the point of view of an entity of pure consciousness on a journey of self remembrance, and we correlate our perception of that human being, their unique circumstantial reality, to the planetary positions of their own natal chart, what we find is that the natal chart itself speaks to the unresolved desires of the soul and the karma based on those desires that has lead to the creation of the current life. The natal chart provides context and REASON for why any person's circumstantial reality is the way it is, from the point of view of the soul's ongoing evolutionary journey from life to life.

Thus, based on free will, the natal chart speaks to the personal karmic dynamics that all souls can either perpetuate, or take responsibility for and evolve from. In other words, to either resist or cooperate with evolutionary necessity.

***Evolutionary States of the Soul***

The density of unresolved desire within the soul is what defines the soul’s “evolutionary state”. Each state equals an entire paradigm that must be fully lived and embraced in order for evolution to proceed. There are 3 main states of evolution. Within each state are 3 subdivisions.

1. **Consensus state:** Majority of souls on planet. Defined by consensus values. Associated with Saturn. Key words: conformity, herd mentality.
   - First subdivision: Acclimating to society, self awareness limited to immediate time/space/culture/beliefs and ignorant of much else beyond that.
   - Second subdivision: Fitting in, learning to “get ahead”, growing awareness of larger society within which it lives.
   - Third subdivision: On top of social hierarchy, making rules, deep knowledge of how the world works.

2. **Individuated state:** Defined by growing differentiation from consensus values and actualization of individuality. Associated with Uranus. Key words: liberation, detachment, radicalization, genius.
   - First subdivision: Growing alienation, realization of individuality in contrast to “shoulds” of consensus reality. Confusion, over compensation based on fear is common, opening up of the mind.
   - Second subdivision: Conscious differentiation from society. Fear of being sucked back in. Community, rebellion from authority, great experimentation, blossoming of individuality.
   - Third subdivision: Actualization of innate individuality within society, freedom to be oneself, highly developed individuality, arrogance. Capacity to comprehend universal archetypes/pondering nature of creation. Intelligence.

3. **Spiritual state:** Characterized by the gradual spiritualization of consciousness. Surrender to universal truths. Growing awareness of one’s timeless identity. Associated with Neptune. Key words: humility, naiveté, awakening, disillusionment, service.
   - First subdivision: Individuality is humiliated by growing awareness of Truth. Cultivating desire to purify and align with transcendent truth. Naiveté and confusion about everything is common as many illusions/beliefs about life come to the surface. Spiritual masochism.
   - Second subdivision: Various stages of cosmic consciousness begin to occur. Strong soul awareness, spiritual ego, finger points to self. Light of truth purifies all remaining egocentric desires. Fall from grace.
   - Third subdivision: Absolute devotion and attunement to serve creation. Aligning individual ego with will of Creation, unassuming and humble. Points the finger to God. Soul’s behavior and teachings are consistent, teachings are timeless and universal. Growing influence on the masses.
***4 ways evolution is enacted***

1. The soul recognizes its psychological fixations and wishes to evolve beyond them. This process can be very intense, emotionally consuming, and, at times, confrontational. It creates a deep inner stagnation within the soul and a growing desire to understand oneself. Based on inner stagnation, the soul consciously chooses to form a close relationship to an organization, practice, teaching, teacher, philosophy, etc., that will assist the soul to look deeply within itself and move beyond its limitations.

2. Evolutionary catalyst: Something has to happen, like a sudden loss or traumatic event of some kind to enforce change. This can often be quite cataclysmic and take a long time to integrate. This happens by way of evolutionary necessity when it is simply time for the soul to evolve and has not chosen to do so on its own.

3. A gift or an event that awakens in the soul latent knowledge, skills, or self-awareness that, previous to the gift or event, was not known or accessible to the soul. This produces an empowerment and enables the soul to become that which it otherwise did not think it was, as well as the ability to let go of that which is no longer needed.

4. Steady and gradual evolution: Based on interest and curiosity, the soul develops a relationship with something outside of itself that then has the effect of catalyzing a level of self-awareness that did not exist prior to that relationship. This happens casually, slowly over time, like picking up an interesting book or having a conversation. Little imprints are made within the grove of the soul’s awareness.

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***Core interpretive guidelines of Evolutionary Astrology***

First, determine the Evolutionary state of the soul as well as basic history and social conditioning including family and country of origin and cultural context. No chart can be understood without that context.

Step 1: Pluto by house sign and aspects: Indicates the core evolutionary desires of the soul that have lead to the current life. It points to both a great insecurity based on the soul’s resistance to change, as well as the tendency of the soul to create and attract various circumstances, both cataclysmic and non-cataclysmic, in order to evolve beyond its fixed attachments.

Step 2: The south node of the Moon by house sign and aspects: Symbolizes the nature of the self image that the soul has created that has facilitated the evolutionary journey as implied by Pluto. Describes how the soul has come to know itself. Who it has been.

Step 3: The planetary ruler of the south node of the Moon by house sign and aspects: Planetary ruler has been the facilitator for the development of the ego, it thus provides more definition and context for the nature of the soul’s evolutionary journey in the past.

Now synthesize all of that together! Attempt to see how the desires of Pluto, the soul, have been played out and actualized through the south node and its ruler. Based on that alone correlate these signatures to the soul’s current life. Ask the question “Why?” Why is the soul’s life the way it is? What karmic and evolutionary dynamics of the past has lead to this current life? Pluto, the south node and its ruler symbolize the “trinity of the past”.

Step 4: The polarity point of Pluto: Signifies the core evolutionary purpose of the current life. It catalyzes evolution relative to the natal position of Pluto as it confronts (opposite) the soul’s greatest resistance to change (Pluto).

Step 5: The north node of the Moon by house sign and aspects: Indicates the potential for the soul to develop a more integrated and conscious self awareness. Symbolizes an ever unfolding identity and evolutionary direction for the soul.
Step 6: The planetary ruler of the north node of the Moon by house and sign and aspects: Provides more information for the evolutionary development of the soul as it facilitates the formation of a new identity. Through the north node and its ruler, the Pluto polarity point is defacto activated thus allowing evolution to occur relative to the house and sign position of natal Pluto.

Synthesize steps 4, 5, and 6 together. Attempt to see how the soul’s evolutionary development can occur in this life. What kind of circumstances will the soul necessarily create for itself in order to move beyond its limitations? What lessons are possible for this soul? The Pluto polarity point, the north node and its ruler symbolize the “trinity of the future”.

***EA core symbolism of the 12 Archetypes***

Aries - 1st house - Mars: To become on a moment to moment basis. How the soul consciously act upon its desires.

Taurus - 2nd house - Venus: To internalize and make one’s own. How the soul values and loves its life.


Cancer - 4th house - Moon: To nurture. How the soul adopts to change on a moment to moment basis.

Leo - 5th house - Sun: To self actualize. How the soul creatively actualizes its unique purpose for being here.

Virgo - 6th house - Mercury: To discriminate. How the soul develops self accuracy and attention to detail.

Libra - 7th house - Venus: To listen. How the soul finds balance between all extremes. Initiating relationship with others.

Scorpio - 8th house - Pluto: To evolve. How the soul will either resist or cooperate with evolutionary necessity.

Sagittarius - 9th house - Jupiter: To access the intuition. How the soul will develop its own cosmology of life.

Capricorn - 10th house - Saturn: To build. How the soul applies itself within the karmic parameters of its life.

Aquarius - 11th house - Uranus: To liberate. How the soul liberates from past conditioning and innovates new ways of being.

Pisces - 12th house - Neptune: To surrender. How the soul forms a relationship with the Source of creation.

***Phases and Aspects***

Chart created by Steve Wolfson based on the teachings of Jeffrey Wolf Green

Phases

The elongation in degrees between any two planets signify the particular phase that the two planets are in relative to one another. To determine the phase between any two planets put your finger on the slower moving planet and move in the natural direction of the zodiac (counter clockwise) until you reach the faster moving planet. The elongation between the two planets will imply the phase. The Sun is always treated as the stationary point (i.e. the slower moving planet). When determining the phase between a planet and the lunar nodes, since the mean motion of the nodes is retrograde, start with the planet in question and move backwards (clockwise) until you reach one of the lunar nodes. The elongation between that planet and that node will determine the phase between that planet and that node. What follows are some key words for the 8 astrological phases.

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The evolutionary states of the soul are themselves associated with Saturn (consensus), Uranus (individuated) and Neptune (spiritual). What this means is that according to the soul’s level of evolution (Pluto), the human identity (Moon) that it creates, will serve as the focusing agent through which it will seek to resolve/exhaust its desires.

The self image (Moon) of the soul is very variable. It can range from a gross identification with the body and the total circumstances of its human life (ego linked with Saturn = identity that is defined by time and space: consensus state). Or on the other extreme, the soul can be fully aware of its oneness with source (ego linked with Neptune = Identity that is transcendent of time and space: spiritual state).

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***EA resources appropriate for beginners***

- Pluto the Evolutionary Journey of the Soul by Jeff Green.
- Pluto Vol II: The soul’s Evolution through relationship by Jeffrey Wolf Green
- The Evolutionary Journey of the soul: Essays on Evolutionary Astrology, edited by Deva Green
- Insights into Evolutionary Astrology, edited by Rose Marcus
- Understanding Karmic Complexes by Patricia L. Walsh
- Evolutionary Astrology: A beginners Guide by Ari Moshe Wolfe
- Neptune: The End of Hope. The Beginning of Truth by Maurice Fernandez
- www.schoolofevolutionaryastrology.com

***Note on Patriarchy***

We all live within the context of a particular social climate (Capricorn) that has been in place for a long time. Thus the natal chart symbolizes a history that is a reflection of that social climate. An example of this is that contained within the archetype of Aries is the concept of war however war is a relatively new manifestation and is not necessarily innate to the Aries archetype. As we progress through this time period, approaching the age of Aquarius, the manifestation and associations of the 12 archetypes will gradually change to reflect the new status quo consciousness on this planet; one that is more attuned to natural law, not patriarchal law.

***FAQ’s***

Q: Is Evolutionary Astrology all about Pluto?
A: No. All the planets are incorporated into chart interpretation. What EA provides is a framework for interpreting the entire chart within the context of the soul’s evolutionary journey from life to life.

Q: I feel like I was born consensus state but now it seems I’m in the spiritual state. Is it possible that I evolved that much?
A: Evolution through the states takes time as it is necessary for the soul to fully inhabit and exhaust its desires that relate to paradigm of each evolutionary state. Many souls may come into an environment that does not reflect the soul’s actual evolutionary paradigm such as in the case of a spiritual state soul entering into a consensus family. There is always a reason for that from an evolutionary point of view. It is the role of the Evolutionary Astrologer to understand that reason.

Q: EA teaches that the natal chart is not a reflection of the evolutionary state of the soul. What if a chart is full of Saturn, Capricorn, 10th house signatures? Doesn’t this mean the soul will be highly identified with consensus reality?
A: Not necessarily. The Capricorn archetype symbolizes the structure of consciousness. Thus, for any soul with a strong Capricorn emphasis, that soul will be concerned with the structures that reflect its evolutionary state. In all cases a great degree of emphasis will be placed on ethics, developing an inner knowing of what is right and wrong and aligning with that. In the consensus state that will obviously express itself according to the current time and space of one’s immediate reality. In such a case “right and wrong” would be adhering to the local government and being a good citizen. However in the spiritual state that would express as following the laws (Saturn) of Universal Truth (Spiritual state). Right and wrong will be linked to the Ultimate authority.

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