



Pluto, That Pint Sized Planetary Provocateur!

Perhaps Pluto has small mass syndrome from being demoted from planetary status as it always seems to be spoiling for a fight, especially when it teams up with its friend with the horns, Capricorn. Pluto entered Capricorn in 2008 and will be there until 2024. For the past five months it had been retrograde but went direct September 22nd. On that very day over 400,000 protesters shut down Wall Street for 8 hours to call attention to climate change. There was no more denying that a large number of citizens not only believe in climate change, but believe that it is reaching a critical point from which there may be no turning back. On

the other side of the globe that same day, the pro-democracy, Hong Kong Federation of Students began protesting outside government headquarters. China was able to suppress the news of this burgeoning movement for a time but it couldn't do it for very long. As news and incredible images spread across the globe a small crack became a gaping hole in the picture that China has always tried to paint of a country flourishing economically without democracy and united in Communist principles. A week later the number of protesters had swelled to hundreds of thousands and Occupy Central basically shut down the traffic in Hong Kong's central business district. Check out some amazing [drone footage of the magnitude of this protest](#). Following that, a Pluto, Capricorn Moon conjunction occurred on October 1. That day brought news of the first Ebola case in the US and the immediate financial repercussions as the stock market tumbled.

Is it possible that tiny, far-away Pluto and serious, stately Capricorn do that much rabble rousing? The answer is yes! It's the dark quiet ones you have to watch out for. Pluto is way the heck out there and it takes 248 years to move through all the signs. The last time it was in Capricorn was from 1762-1778. Pluto sends a text that says, "Hey Cap, let's hang out!" and the next thing you know there's tea in the harbor and the largest empire in the world at the time was getting a butt kicking from a rag tag bunch of farmers who were done with taxation without representation and government repression in general.

In the previous cycle which began in 1516 a man named Martin Luther stood up against unfair practices, abuses and indulgences. This time the protests weren't against a government but against the Catholic Church. In 1517 Luther nailed his 95 Theses of dissent to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral igniting the Protestant Reformation. This schism split the church and left it, and the world, forever changed.

Pluto is an outer planet and generally effects big systems like governments, corporations and even religions. It's mind blowing to think about all the monumental changes that have occurred since then from health care reform to a completely new definition of marriage. Those changes affect us all, of course but how does the energy of Pluto play out in our personal, day to day? During the past two cycles most people didn't have the opportunity to live a very expansive life. Unless you were born into nobility, were one of the pioneers settling the west, or were perhaps in military service somewhere, chances were you were born, lived, and died within a 20 mile radius and your life was one dictated by

your race, sex, pedigree, and social standing. Today that's not the case at all. We are living in arguably the most limitless time in history. We, as a global community will be experiencing this cycle's global ramifications but as citizens of the world we can and will see personal paradigm shifts and breakdowns as well. In general, the sweeping changes that Pluto in Capricorn manifests are born out of people looking at oppressive situations that have been tolerated for far too long and saying, "No more."

On a personal scale, Pluto offers us the same opportunity. I tried to think of an example that was less cliché than a butterfly but the only one I could think of to do with bathroom plumbing...so let's just stick with the butterfly. When Pluto was retrograde it was time to wrap ourselves in the quiet cocoon of self-nurturing and self-examination after the planetary pin ball of the Spring's cardinal cross. The deeper inside you dug during that time, the better off you'll be when it's time to spread your wings now that Pluto is direct. If, during that time you came crashing up against an uncomfortable emotional truth you could avert your eyes and quickly brush past, hoping it will do the same but you're better off just walking right up and giving it a sloppy kiss on the mouth because quite frankly, Pluto isn't asking you nicely. So, if for instance what's holding you back is that you don't get what you want at work, dig a little deeper. You come up with, "I don't get what I want at work because I don't ask for what I want." Deeper...I don't ask for what I want because I don't know what I want. Keep on going... I don't know what I want because I'm scared to ask myself what I want. Further down...I'm scared to ask myself what I want because if I know then I'll have to take actions to get it and ultimately be responsible for my own happiness. Well you get the idea. Toss aside the plastic spoon and get out the jack hammer. Yeah you'll need ear protection and the neighbors might be annoyed but Pluto and Capricorn are going to be partying for ten more years, participating in random hookups, trines and conjunctions somewhere at a zodiac sign near you, (reality show material!), so the sooner you get some glow sticks and join the rave, the better off you'll be, so start digging!