



All About Pluto

Pluto's job is to show us the bigger picture – the cosmic picture. Its purpose is to help us find meaning and realize the fact that we are only on this earth for a short time and we'd better get our true priorities in order. But first it's got to show us some things, get us to face some demons, get us to administer some self-healing. Pluto shows us the truth, even when we try to hide from it. When we experience Pluto lessons, we are usually prompted to get deeply in touch with some aspect of ourselves, to discover the truth of it, to deal with our real motives and accept them and transform ourselves through that self-knowledge. For just as Scorpio is the sign of transformation, so is it's ruling planet the planet of transformation. It's the force that overturns and rejuvenates.

Pluto is the source of our vitality and our madness. It represents a tremendous source of power in us, but in order for us to claim this power we must face, heal, and release the parts of us that have been wounded in life. This wound may be something in your early life that happened to you or perhaps you don't have an explanation for it; it's just a tender and delicate spot in your soul. We must deal with those parts of us that continue to play out those wounded realities, where we are trapped by fear and sorrow. Pluto's location in our chart can tell us where we have a deep wound, where we are still bleeding. This deep wound is often so painful that we bury it with comforting lies and elaborate defense mechanisms, and as we grow up, we become more adept at avoiding that pain, but we also become more entrenched, more trapped, and more afraid of the wound. It can become a black hole, keeping us trapped in our pain and fear. But when we face that wound, when we begin to heal it and claim that power, we find tremendous resources of energy and strength that we never knew we had – power that was previously trapped in defending ourselves from our own pain is now available to us, to transform our lives.

We must remember that with great power comes great responsibility. When we are wrestling with the lessons that Pluto has to teach us, we have the very real capacity to wound ourselves and others around us with that power that is yet unclaimed consciously. Our wounded self uses our power as a defense mechanism, but when that power is not consciously directed, it can cause a lot of damage. Pluto is a strong force, regardless of how you are using it.

When we are playing out the woundedness of our Pluto, wherever it is in our chart it likely to reveal where we experience the greatest power struggles and despair in our lives. Because Pluto represents such a deep part of us, it may not be very obvious how our own woundedness is creating these situations in our lives. To uncover these mysteries, we have to be willing to face and deal with our 'stuff'. Pluto encourages us to heal ourselves and find our purpose, and use our power to fulfill that purpose. When we are true to our Pluto, we are willing to go down into hell to reclaim ourselves, to face our demons, heal our wound, and come back up whole.