

Case study 2: Old lady

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Question

This old, very educated lady asked for a consultation at the advanced age of 96. For a long time, the question preoccupied her as to whether she had "rounded off" her life. She asked me to examine her horoscope for her goals in life and what she had set out to do.

Analysis

With the Sun in Pisces, the Moon in Virgo, Mercury in Aquarius, Venus in Aries, Mars in Libra, and an unaspected Saturn in house 1, one of the most salient life themes of the old lady was to reconcile the very different energies within her, which may be about squaring the circle.

For the Sun in Pisces, which can strongly perceive the desires and expectations of others and is therefore often more in tune with the other than with the self, which likes to help, and is even willing to sacrifice itself for someone or something, this Sun receives a square from both Uranus and Pluto. Again, these are two completely different energies: Uranus urging for individuality, freedom, and detachment, and Pluto calling to become an intense, strong, even powerful, challenging personality (Sun) that does not necessarily avoid entanglements or dependencies (square). The fact that the Sun, Pluto, and the Moon form a T-square should occur here only insofar as the Sun and Moon must first find a way to deal with each other (opposition) so that Pluto as an apex planet can express itself constructively and contribute to the individual's creativity (5th house).

Development Goal Sun

To achieve one of the old lady's life goals, the resolution of the tension from this aspect figure is a prerequisite because the Sun wants to actualize itself in sign, house, and aspects: it wants to materialize into reality.

In Pisces, one of the old lady's goals is to devote herself entirely to a matter, situation, person, or group of persons, to immerse herself, as it were, in what is about to be done. Since Neptune, as dispositor of the Sun, is in house 5, it is also part of utilizing this Pisces-Neptune ability (2nd house) to bring herself and her creativity to the world. With Pluto as the apex planet of the T-square at the cusp of house 5 comes the call to do this both willingly (Sun) and as a result of a need (Moon) vigorously and potently.

Development Goal AC-DC Axis

Another life goal is to bring the AC-DC axis "into vibration." The main task is to understand that it is necessary to take responsibility for oneself and one's concerns and not always to show commitment and a sense of duty towards others. It will be a challenge to allow oneself to be weak occasionally and accept help without having a guilty conscience or feeling like a failure. The unaspected Saturn in house 1 is a theme repetition of this.

Development Goal IC-MC Axis

From the AC-DC axis, the next step leads to the IC-MC axis, Taurus-Scorpio. A central theme of the Taurus-Scorpio axis is "control." Taurus wants to possess materially, preserve, and control these possessions; Scorpio wants to attain emotional possessions, conserve, and direct them. The development goal of the old lady, indicated by the IC-MC axis, can be called letting go of (supposed) security through control (of the material, Taurus), to develop confidence in the course of life to move on uncontrollable terrain (Scorpio) and still not perish. That would mean an immense increase in strength, power, depth, and self-empowerment (Scorpio), and she would not have to rely on the esteem of others. So she could maintain free and less controlled relationships.

With Saturn in house 1, the lady will certainly have had the experience in her childhood and youth of not being loved for her own sake. She will have felt that only by meeting the expectations and desires of those closest to her will she retain their affection. She has most likely carried this behavior into her relationships (not only partnership relationships, but relationships of all kinds), and thus, with her Moon in Virgo, Sun in Pisces, Saturn in 1, and Ascendant in Capricorn, has lived what others wanted or demanded and not what would have been necessary for herself.

Development Goal Moon's Nodes

This thought leads to another goal she wants to realize: the lunar nodes, which often show the quintessence, the summary of the most important life issues. The South Node is in house 2, and the North Node is in house 8, so the axis carries the same theme as the IC-MC axis in Taurus and Scorpio. Venus on the South Node deeply confirms the relationship theme mentioned above.

Adding the interpretation of the nodal axis in Aries and Libra, we find at the South Node conjunct Venus the theme of (strongly suppressed) anger in relationships, which she should bring into a balance, a harmonious relationship (Libra) first towards herself. Later, it will probably have been possible for the old lady to carry this balancing harmony actively (Mars) into committed relationships (8th house) and thus gain access to her intense power (Moon's Node/Mars trine Pluto).

Before that, however, she probably had to examine and work on extended family issues (Lilith in house 12 square lunar nodes axis in clan house 8).

In the consultation, she told me that she was one of the very early psychology students, that she worked in a psychiatric clinic for a long time, and later specialized in couples therapy in her practice.

To "feel the freedom" now and again, she traveled for several months every few years to "wild countries," which were still quite adventurous for women then.

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