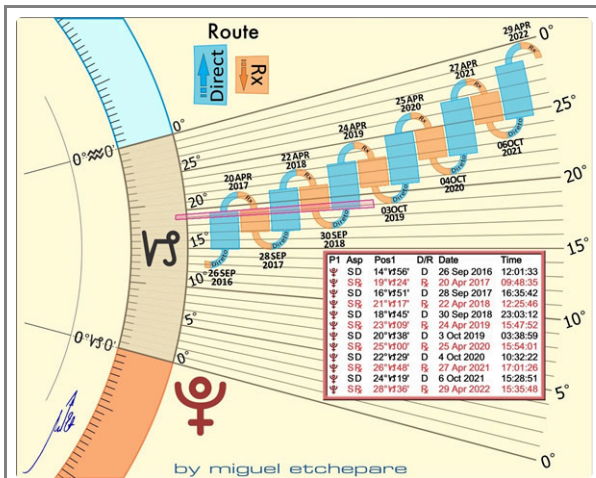


# Pluto: What nobody told you ...

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*Alternating between its retrograde and direct movements, the planet passes five times by certain degrees in the zodiac, sustaining its close conjunction with these degrees over a period of about two years.*



Pluto returned to direct motion on September 28, 2017 at 16:35:42 BR (19:35:42 UT) at 16°51'15" Capricorn and will remain direct until April 22, 2018 at 12:25 BR (15:25 UT).

If you have some birth positions between 16°51' and 21°17', you will know that Pluto will form a perfect aspect with such a birth point during this 7-month period. Pluto - Ruler of Scorpio - does not believe in service and you can be sure that the effects on the house he passes through, the affairs of the planets he touches during his transits, and finally the houses ruled by these planets will be deeply transformed areas of life. Sometimes not a stone will be left standing. Pluto has the gift of turning what you value into ashes. Your range of values will have changed after the end of these transits. The overwhelming intensity of certain dynamics will be remembered for a long time to come, even after the transit has left the orb, and it is possible that the means by which this goal has been achieved only make sense after "the new" has shown its face.

The destruction of some structures - combined with the passage through Capricorn - can initially mean a setback.... because the ruler of a fixed water sign will first

make the dried Capricorn earth malleable before it brings it into its final shape. Although it is not clear at the beginning of these transits, the connection between decomposition and resurrection will become increasingly clear over time. This connection is analogous to the need for the fruit to rot before the new seed can develop. As long as you are not aware of what will germinate, everything often seems to be lost. That is why Pluto carries another secret gift with him, namely to give subtle insights into the future. Remember that the sign of Scorpio is not only the domicile of Pluto, but also the exaltation of Uranus and the fall of the Moon.... and this combination with a special "longing for the future" can make all the difference in going through the hard times in which Pluto fulfils his transforming role.

Knowing where you are and knowing where you could be could mean an encouraging pillar of strength during a significant passage from Pluto. As long as you know about the place to which this 'Cold Sun' is inviting you and you recognize how much this place has already been part of your daring dreams, the necessary transformation can take place in a more fluid way and it will be much easier to let the 'old' die in you and thus make room for what needs to be born.

The ultimate purpose of Pluto's movements is for you to live open-eyed and awake dreams that were born deep in your heart ... while you slept. Without any Neptunian romanticism, Pluto will do and transform what is necessary for the awakening to happen, precisely so that what has been born in your inner hologram, within the scope of dreams, can finally become reality. Loss and damage may eventually mark the period, for Pluto will stir you to the core to do his work ... but these side effects are only the result of your having dreamed high, without having deepened in the implications and adjustments by which your reality should pass so that these dreams come true, with open eyes.

*Free is the one who knows how to become. Learn to become ... and you will be free!*

The subtle awareness of the future - provided by the glimpses of the future in a still germinal state - is a two-handed stimulus that pushes you so much into the reality that you know within yourself to want to see happen, just as it instigates you to co-create this reality in the form of a firm intention, to the point of



making it the North for the Plutonian advance. Without this view of where you are and where you might be, the reigning state of transformation may seem like a storm, into which you will be drawn passively through the circumstances, without clearly understanding where they are leading you.

The good astrologer possesses the means to provide the directing flash, without making evident the totality of the paths to be covered. The insights and discoveries must be your own in order to be genuine, and under no circumstances can they come from substantially external guidelines.

One of the tasks of Pluto and its transits will be to show you the force aimed at critical moments of your existence that you did not know or suspect it to have. To reveal and fulfil the awakening of these potential seeds, some water and some sun may be needed ... but it will be the life-giving power within these seeds that will complete the task ... and this, definitely, is a movement that comes from the inside out, and not from the outside in. Every expansion necessarily passes through contraction. Moreover, just as Scorpio precedes Sagittarius in the zodiac, Pluto is the everlasting lord of transition and change, ruling over the spectrum where the contracting movement reaches its culmination, about to become its opposite!



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Due to the kingdoms for which he is responsible, Pluto's nature is already very ruthless. In most cases, his long transits take place in three phases, during which he first moves in direct motion, then retraces his steps in retrograde motion, before finally securing his path in direct motion in his last attack. In fact, although there are differences in the percentages of course and time, this property is common to all other planets, which, with the exception of the Sun and Moon, become retrograde.

But Pluto keeps a secret that makes him even more relentless in his transitions: In some very narrow sections of the zodiac, Pluto will be present five times, three in direct and two in retrograde motion.

Once Pluto's retrograde phase returns him to his orbit, which extends slightly beyond the point at which he began his immediately preceding retrograde path, he adds another

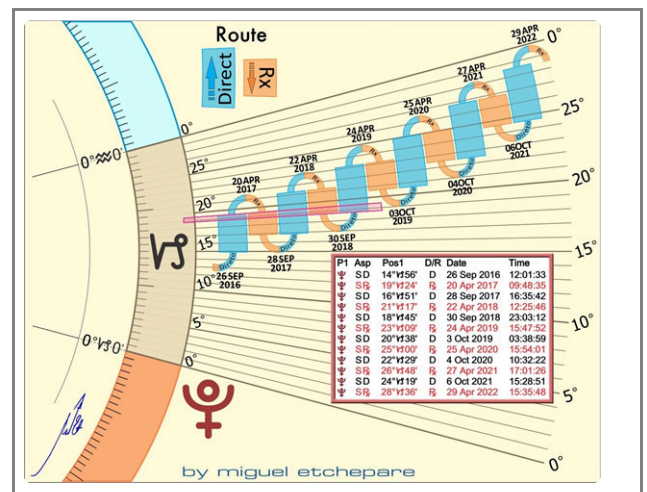
retrograde path, as well as a direct path across this narrow strip, as a counterpart to the 3-stage movement carried out by the other planets, which can become retrograde. The only other planet that shares this peculiarity with Pluto is Neptune.

*This means that Pluto travels five times over the degrees of the range that lies between three direct and two retrograde movements, which makes its close conjunction noticeable for a period of almost two years.*

This purple-colored area corresponds to the degree of Capricorn that results from it:  $18^{\circ}45'22''$  to  $19^{\circ}23'55''$ . In the zodiac it is a very narrow path that does not even pass through a whole degree, but only  $38'33''$ . But if you have a significant point in your birth chart within this range - between  $18^{\circ}45'22''$  and  $19^{\circ}23'55''$  - this means that Pluto will latch in perfectly on 5 different occasions, between February 28, 2017 and November 21, 2018: because Pluto will go through this section of the zodiac between the following dates:

02/28/2017	to	04/20/2017
04/20/2017	to	06/13/2017
12/31/2017	to	01/19/2018
08/07/2018	to	09/30/2018
09/30/2018	to	11/21/2018

This means that on December 31, 2017, the third transition from Pluto to the birth point will begin, and there will be two further stages,



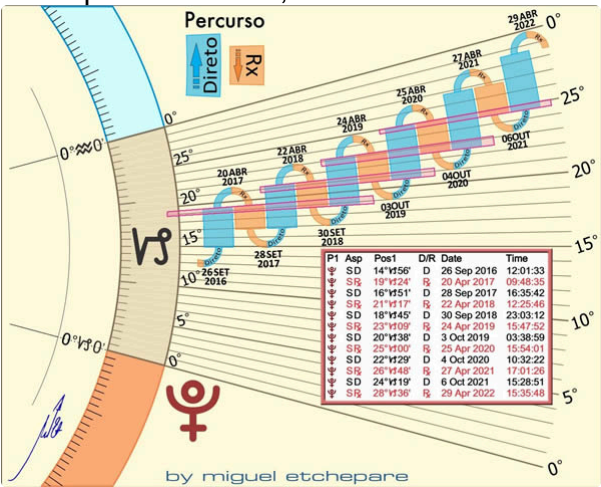
starting on August 7, 2018, retrograde, and another on September 30, 2018, direct. In practice, this means that relentless Pluto now has three more opportunities to deepen the ongoing changes that have grown in importance between late February and late April 2017 and that have deepened further between 20 April and 13 June this year (2018). Before you regret that this is happening in your life, remember that the strategic positioning of important points here was designed in Machiavelli fashion to bring about deeper changes at this stage of your existence. Depending on the birth sign you have within these degrees, the aspect that Pluto is going to make five times in transit at these dates could be one of the following.

The 38 minutes following the degree involved in this position, are subject to this particularity of a fivefold passage of Pluto each time this planet turns direct. This course, which is marked as the beginning of the direct period of Pluto, is identical to that of the end of the second direct period. Look again at the main

Please note the purple highlight in the chart, which shows the zodiacal track traveled by Pluto between the end of the direct period started in September 2016 until the beginning of the direct period started in September 2018.

Position in Natal Chart	°	Sign	The Aspect formed by Pluto will be:	S
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♈ Aries	Square	□
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♉ Taurus	Trine	△
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♊ Gemini	Quincunx	⋈
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♋ Cancer	Opposition	♌
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♌ Leo	Quincunx	⋈
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♍ Virgo	Trine	△
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♎ Libra	Square	□
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♏ Scorpius	Sextile	♌
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♐ Sagittarius	Semi-sextile	♎
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♑ Capricorn	Conjunction	♑
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♒ Aquarius	Semi-sextile	♐
18°45'22" to 19°23'55	of	♓ Pisces	Sextile	♌

chart and table of dates that indicate the transition from Pluto to direct stationary. If you have something in your chart that is positioned in the degree indicated for this transition or still in the 38-minute degree below - areas again highlighted in purple - this means that the Pluto transit with this five-fold particularity will influence this point in your chart.



very small, but perhaps this information reaches the right people who want to learn more about this plutonic secret.

The significance of the periods presented for this exceptional case - in which Pluto will form aspects five times - and the various meanings of the aspects formed can be presented in more detail in a future article.

Having Pluto in transit to a birth point for two years is not for everyone..... Certainly the number of cases involved is