

Astrological Ego Checkpoint

Month of transition ends with a delightful surprise

by Diane Oggoian

Beginning in November 2007, the planet Mars has been across from Pluto in the sky, creating a see-saw-like effect of energies represented by these two planets. Mars is the warrior planet which likes a direct assertive outlet for its energies (one of which includes sexuality), while Pluto likes to dive deep into the heart of a matter, looking for the soul food and not caring if it happens to kill off the top layers of whatever issue you've been avoiding in pursuance of the almighty ego.

When Mars and Pluto met in opposition, chances are, you met someone who opposed you and your wants, needs, and desires as well. Maybe it was just a small thorn in your side for the last few months, because the degrees of the opposition didn't ping off other planets in your natal (birth) chart. But if you have been feeling as if someone has been standing with their hand against your head while you wildly flail your arms two inches away from making satisfying contact, you've been under an ego test.

To be fair the test could be reversed and you could be the one holding the power cards while someone else flails. Naughty, naughty.

The good news is that Mars is now turning direct after this long period of slow lumbering efforts. Whatever it is that has been testing your patience and frustrating you, hopefully you have persevered and tempered your ego in the process. We all want what we want when we want it, and if it looks like someone else is standing in our way, no matter how metaphysical we may know we are, we are still human beings with very primal instincts.

My ex-husband's new (young) girlfriend decided during this time that she was now going to be calling the shots on our (always reasonable) co-parenting strategies. She saw his giving ground on certain issues as him being controlled by me. So my ex, with a grin, told me the bad news: there would be no more quid-pro-quo exchange of favors when it came to our son, Jack.

While my ego absolutely screamed about this little upstart and all the reasons why my

ex had to cave in to her demands, I had the benefit of knowing the astrological implications of going off the deep end and hitting her head-on. Instead, I gave in. Okay, no more favors. For almost three months we struggled with having to keep to the "rules." This was very hard because he's a busy person and so am I. We have counted on each other to fill in certain gaps, having known each other for 25 years.

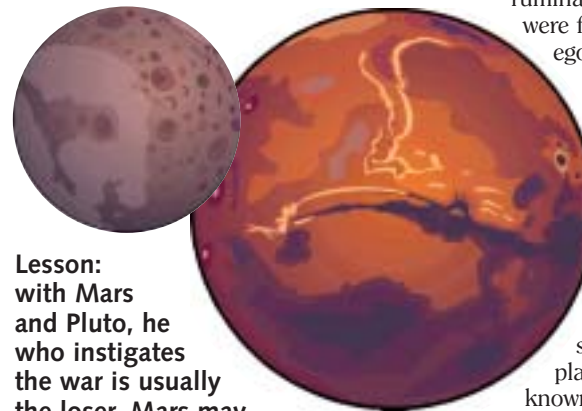
In the end, I got the news yesterday that he and Baby Girl broke up, the demands being too much for my ex to bear.

won't do any good. Pluto doesn't make threats, he makes promises. Oftentimes we don't like the changes Pluto brings on, because it feels like death is at our door. But anyone who has ever done a descent ritual knows that we have to be willing to walk through that door in order to find new life.

Think back over your life during these past few months and find where you felt truly frustrated and thwarted. This is where your ego said one thing, but your soul was on a different course. The delay in your gratification was important. You were given a chance to ruminate on whether or not your choices were for your highest good or just for your ego's needs.

Now that Mars has turned direct and is moving forward again, it will meet opposite Pluto for the last time on March 7, 2008. Therefore February was very important for the outcome of whatever you have been struggling with. Then on March 7, within hours after Mars and Pluto meet, we will be experiencing a New Moon in Pisces, at the same degree as the planet Uranus, the planet full of the most surprising events known to man.

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Lesson: with Mars and Pluto, he who instigates the war is usually the loser. Mars may be the god of war, but Pluto is Lord of the Underworld and when it comes to the soul's descent, necessary, sometimes before ascent is attainable, Pluto rules.

In our natal birthcharts, the planet Mars shows where we want to make war, or where our "little ego" lives; the part that wants to jump up and down and scream when we don't get our way.

Pluto is patient. It knows that death is inevitable, and that jumping up and down






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