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Question:

Rose is a beautiful young woman completing her first year in Environmental Studies at University. She has a belief in Buddhism and a strong interest in karma and past lives. Due to her mother's mental health issues, her father, who she adores, raised Rose and her siblings. Rose took on the role of mother to her younger brothers; washing, cleaning and cooking. Rose has difficulty accepting that some people cannot be helped and as a result is sometimes taken advantage of. She has good friendships but finds it hard getting close to people, as they tend to move out of her life. Her current best friend is moving interstate.

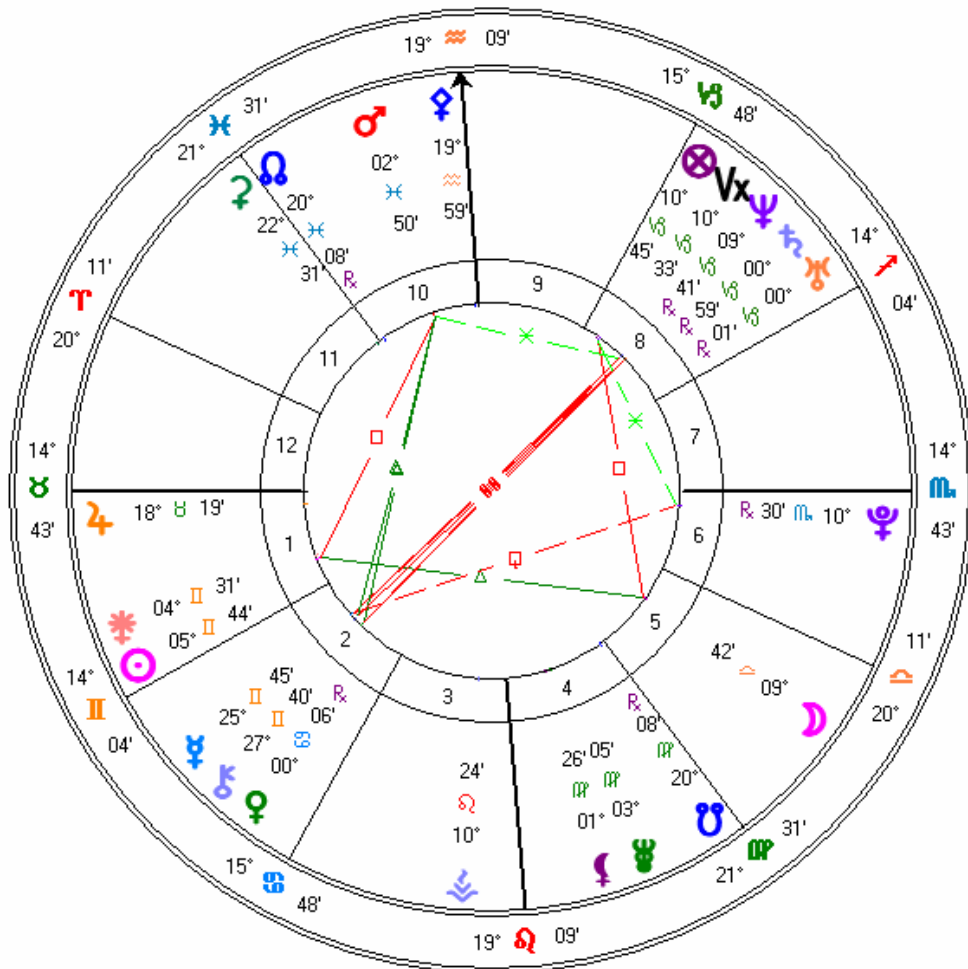
With the Uranus and Pluto ingress over the next few years what are the possible affects and issues that may be raised for Rose by these two outer bodies. Given that Rose will turn 21 years of age in 2009 and will experience the generic cycle of Saturn square Saturn and Uranus square Uranus, how will the above transits influence the inner process of growth and development indicated by this phase of the life cycle?

(Birth data - 27 May 1988, 5:00am: Tenterfield, NSW. Asc near 15 Taurus).

Answer:

“We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Rose
Natal Chart (73)
27 May 1988
5:00 am AEST -10:00
Tenterfield, Australia
29°S03' 152°E01'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



With the Ingress of Pluto into Capricorn in January 2008, we move into a time of **transformation** regarding authority. With Pluto in Sagittarius, we were called upon as a society to **authenticate**

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our belief systems, our ideologies. Transformation in areas of Sagittarian concern - religion, faith, justice, ethics - has occurred with both positive and negative outcomes. As Pluto moves into Capricorn, we see a shift with what has been **dreamt** and **envisioned** (Sagittarius Fire) moving into the realm of **practical application** (Capricorn Earth). In its highest expression, we enter a time of **responsible** (Capricorn) **power** (Pluto). In its darker expression we head into a period of **abuse of power** with issues of **greed, excessive control and tyranny**. Back in 1986, Steven Forrest, in his book 'The Changing Sky', suggested that the movement of Pluto to Capricorn could signal a time when we might see *"the establishment of a serious, practical relationship between ten billion humans and their finite ecosystem"*. This statement is both poignant and hopeful in light of the current state of the planet. With Rose working toward becoming an Environmental Scientist, this new Pluto chapter indicates both great potential for personal impact in her life and powerful opportunities for her to embrace her higher calling - her meaningful destiny.

So how does the Ingress of Pluto affect one on a personal level? We look to the natal chart to understand the personal relevance, most affected areas of life and road to using the energy most advantageously. For Rose, with a natal conjunction of Uranus and Saturn, 2009 - 2010 will be one of great growth and fundamental change. The **freedom versus security conflict** may have always been a challenge for her and at this time she is able to work toward some true balance in regard to this issue. In Rose's case, the Ingress on the 27th January 2008 (at 0 Capricorn) means a conjunction of Pluto with both her natal Saturn and natal Uranus in the house in which Pluto is powerful in its expression - the 8th. Faced bravely and used constructively, this is a time of **breakthrough and change**.

Pluto Transits

As transiting Pluto conjuncts natal Saturn, the central theme is **authentic, powerful maturation**. It is as if Rose is on the brink of making a leap of faith in terms of her **psychological structure** and will come out **profoundly altered** on a fundamental level. Other people in her life may seem to have a great investment in keeping her the 'way she has always been'. Thus, she may go through times of **isolation and loneliness**. Remaining firm in her convictions about what she feels she needs will assist her growth into true adulthood. She will require great **persistence and tenacity** as she moves through this transit and ideally when it is over she will find that these qualities are a much stronger part of her essence than before. During this time she may feel as though 'things' are being taken from her - possessions, money, relationships, security. It is truly a time of testing for Rose. Who is she when the extraneous falls away? Who is the authentic and personally powerful Rose? She is about to find out.

Transiting Pluto conjunct natal Uranus may give her a great desire to **break free** from anything or anyone she feels is holding her back. 'Truth' seems to be all around her now and she may feel incredibly in touch with her true desires and real emotions - not just ones that she feels she 'should' have. **There is great opportunity now for Rose to gain a sense of understanding and wisdom that is beyond her years**. Social programming loses its hold on the psyche through the impact of Uranus and truth, real truth (Pluto), becomes obvious. This has the potential to leave her **changed and deepened**. It is a selfish time for Rose, but necessarily so. Jeffrey Green describes this contact -

"Pluto in aspect to Uranus has and will promote lessons pertaining to the absolute elimination of all emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual attachments that prevent or block growth".

At the time of the Ingress of Pluto, Rose will experience an exact opposition of transiting Pluto to her natal Venus. This could be a time of **explosive confrontations** in her intimate relationships. For Rose, examining and analysing her wounds regarding **relating, trusting** and the **giving and receiving of love** could be a strong theme. This aspect can be quite difficult for anyone who has invested a lot of time and energy into being 'good'. **If Rose has subjugated her own desire nature in order to gain approval of those close to her, this may become shockingly obvious to her now**. She may feel she is not in touch with her own vitality and sensuality and if this is the case may feel compelled to explore and express her truth even if this comes at the expense of harmony in her relationships.

An important element of the 'back story' of the Pluto Ingress for Rose is the exact opposition transiting Pluto makes to her natal Mercury at 25 Sagittarius. This transit may signal an influx of information that she may feel is safer relegated to her unconscious mind. Thus, the challenge on

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offer is to develop the **courage** and **clarity** to really see, hear and communicate (Mercury) the truth (Pluto). She may find that the Universe seems to 'send' her information at this time - someone may mention something casually that strikes a deep chord, the 'right book' seems to fall off the shelf in the bookstore etc. The concepts that Rose seems to be being asked to see and integrate may not sit comfortably with her. She may begin to realise the lies in her life - the ones she has 'bought' from others and the ones she tells herself. If she is courageous she can really use this time of **heightened perception** and **powerful mental ability** to make progress in **rewriting her personal mythology** - moving forward with renewed **authenticity** and **passion**. This helps prepare her for the powerful shifts that will occur with the Ingress of Pluto.

Further rounding out Rose's 'Pluto Story' is an exact sextile of transiting Pluto to natal Mars (at 2 Capricorn). This energy is building now and so contributes to the 'Pluto Ingress season'. It signals her arrival at a **crossroads**. It is a time of developing ways in which to open up to her **passion** and of learning to **release tensions** that are contrary to the expression of her authenticity. Again we find evidence of this being a somewhat selfish time for Rose. It is very important that she works toward being conscious of **where her desires originate**. Does she need/desire something because having/achieving that is going to propel her further along in her spiritual quest? Or does the desire/need spring from some unrealised or denied aspect of her early development? This is the type of questioning that will benefit Rose as she works with powerful Pluto energy. Embracing her own 'Plutonian Self' may help Rose in the area of relationships. The theme of people leaving her life (death, loss and lack of real trust in relationships) may be something she has always and will always, learn from (natal Pluto conjunct the descendant). She may tend to project Plutonian qualities on partners and have suffered from anxious feelings that the other person, be they close friend or lover, was always poised on the brink of destroying the relationship. She may, as a result, have been keeping others at a distance without realising it. People 'leaving her' may be the external expression of her internal psychology and the more in touch she can become with this part of herself - the part that can be possessive, destructive, ruthless and powerful - the less she needs to draw the 'Pluto lessons' of life via the actions of others.

Saturn Transits

On the 30th October 2009, transiting Saturn will make an exact square aspect to Rose's natal Saturn. This is the first exact 'hit' of this square phase of the twenty-nine year cycle of Saturn. When we go through 'Saturnian' times, we are in some way being asked to **evaluate our dreams and visions**. Who do we want to be? What do we want to contribute to our society? We are then called on to 'strike a deal' with **reality**. Saturn represents the real world, structure, authority, boundaries. Often the active times in the cycle of Saturn are experienced as ones of restriction, limitation and hardship. Although at times very challenging, especially on an emotional level, restriction and limitation allow us to **define ourselves**. It is impossible to define oneself without something to 'butt up against' - a boundary. In this way we become more secure, more aware of where we begin and where we end and therefore **more capable of giving our real self to others and to the society in which we live**. When we reach the Saturn square at approximately 21, society is asking that we 'grow up'. Many areas of life are to be questioned now. One's sense of safety and security is to be shaken so it can be reformed. Whatever doesn't 'work' is modified or replaced with whatever does. The more willing an individual is to honestly examine their life and find ways in which to begin to make visions and dreams real in some way, the less 'harsh' external events may prove to be at this time. The square phase signifies a 'crisis of identity' but it is most likely to be a time of **inner turmoil and conflict**. If Rose can further **recognise, establish and stabilise** her emerging mature adult self, she will also be much better prepared to make the most of her Saturn Return at about age twenty-eight. The Saturn Return signals the true end of adolescence and one's contribution (or lack thereof) to the world becomes plainly obvious, with all of the psychological and societal ramifications that go along with this.

Uranus Transits

On the 29th May 2010 Uranus will Ingress into Aries. Uranian energy calls on us to **discover and display our true individuality** without the self-censure that arises from our attachment to the ideas about us held by friends, family and the society in which we live. Uranus urges us to act from a place of **unique right action** born of our original ideas about how we want to go forth in life rather than from the 'second guessing' position that comes from attempting to mould our behaviour to fit the expectations of those around us. Integrated and utilised in a balanced way, Uranian energy supports the development of a **healthy sense of rebellion** - the complete absence

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of any form of 'sheep mentality'. We are challenged to question and reject our internalised social conventions **if they no longer allow us to progress**. Uranus will be very comfortable in the dynamic, pioneering and action oriented sign of Aries. Under this influence we, as a group, may feel **motivated** to move our society forward, embracing new (perhaps unorthodox) ideas, inventions and ways of operating as a society. When the Ingress occurs it will be in Rose's 11th house. She may find herself inspired to 'wear and live' her **beliefs** now even if others don't agree with them. An obvious spirituality, optimism, and broadminded religiosity have probably always been evident in Rose (natal Jupiter conjunct Ascendant) with religious systems of ritual beauty and reverence for the Earth and its creatures (such as Buddhism) appealing greatly (Taurus AC). She is now perhaps even more prepared to express her unique hopes, wishes and belief systems (transiting Uranus in 11th). With Uranus in Aries she may find herself drawn to groups of people who are very dynamic and action oriented in their desire to effect change. She may form new friendships that support her evolving individuality and encourage her to embrace a love of freedom. However, at this time, transiting Uranus will immediately make exact square aspects to Rose's natal Uranus and natal Saturn. With the square to Saturn, she may experience a season of events that challenge (Uranus) her **sense of responsibility, duty and discipline** and her grass roots ideas of how the world 'works' (Saturn). Some duties and tasks, which have previously caused her little or no trouble, suddenly become 'heavy to bear'. She may feel that her growth as an individual is heavily compromised. **Rose is being called upon to examine the restrictions she has accepted in her life and the ideas she has about herself as a responsible adult - and redefine them**. This time ideally results in only the responsibilities, restrictions and self-definitions most **conducive to spiritual growth and maturation** surviving, while all others are blasted away by the Uranian energy. She needs to pay attention to her health and sense of equilibrium at this time. She may experience the tension between desire for freedom and desire for structure, routine and stability physically, in her body.

Transiting Uranus square natal Uranus is, of course, a very important part of the '**Cycle of Individuality**' that is Uranus' journey around the birthchart. In understanding the importance of any 'Uranian time', a powerful idea to keep in mind is that its cycle takes approximately eighty-four years - roughly the length of a human life. Potentially, transiting Uranus will make every possible aspect to the natal planets - just once. The energies available for us to work with at these times are unique, electric and best not 'slept through' - missed through lack of consciousness or avoided because of fear of change. With her Taurus Ascendant and Venus, chart ruler, in the 2nd house, Rose may have a tendency to be over cautious, to play it safe and avoid shaking up the structures and 'material resource springs' of her life. At the time of the waxing square we experience a **conflict between our expanding individuality and our knowledge of the limits imposed by the culture in which we live**. We are ready to realise that **childish rebellion is self-destructive**. **Thus, this is another step in the formation of our maturity**. The 'trick' is to respond with **self-awareness and intelligence** and avoid 'over conforming' to society - thus losing our verve, our spirit. When this happens one takes the concept of 'growing up' to such an extreme that one becomes cynical, rigidly conservative, fearful and lacking in vision or any sense of irreverence. It is equally important to avoid the 'rebel without a cause' syndrome or rather the malady of 'rebellious for the sake of rebelling'. The outright refusal to mature and find a constructive and unique way to participate in one's society can lead a person down a path of isolation, resentment and self-destruction. As she moves into her adulthood, Rose may find much satisfaction in embracing her action oriented (Aries) change agent (Uranus) leanings for the good of the ultimate group (the Planet) in her chosen field of work.

Conclusion

No matter how individualistic the personality type, as human beings we are essentially social and most fulfilled when we find our true place within society. In defining and creating that role for oneself, so that it is both contributive and authentic, one finally begins true adulthood. The Ingresses of Pluto and Uranus, 'Transformor' and 'Progressor' respectively, are key times for Rose in terms of defining who she is as a powerful, unique adult as these movements directly effect such sensitive points in her birthchart. In striving to understand the lessons being put before her and in harnessing the power and clarity available to her at these times, she will no doubt step into the next phase of her life more sure of who she really is.

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