2016 DYNAMIC EXAM  QUESTION 3

Phoenix was born on 30 July 1983 at 8.23 pm on the Gold Coast, Queensland. His Ascendant is close to 18 Pisces.

Phoenix has booked an appointment with you as he is seeing guidance with regard to his relationships and career. He admits that he has enjoyed being a bachelor, however, has recently met a woman whom he feels he could have a future with. He wants to know what his future looks like with regards to success in his career. He tells you that he enjoys the ability to travel with his work, however, is unsure whether to stay in his present job or move on. Phoenix is also wondering whether he is ready to settle into a committed partnership.

Using a combination of 3 recognised dynamic techniques for the period of 2016 – 2018, how can you assist Phoenix by answering his questions? He is currently living on the Gold Coast. What insights can you give him and how can you creatively guide him to make empowering decisions for himself?
Phoenix is seeking guidance regarding his relationships and career choices. This feeling of confusion may be quite uncomfortable for Phoenix who is accustomed to enjoying his bachelorhood and career, with travel allowing him freedom and flexibility. The natal chart provides Phoenix insight into his strengths, empowering him to continue using them productively. It also provides insights into the unlived aspects of his chart that he may find difficult to access or he may have repressed. During 2016 - 2018, his unconscious feelings are beginning to emerge and asking to be addressed, triggered by progressions, transits and solar arc directions. Solar arc directions can highlight areas of the chart where change is occurring. This is supported by progressions to the natal chart, working on a psychological level to develop consciousness. Transits are stimulating actual and emotional events for Phoenix, challenging him to acknowledge repressed aspects of himself to enable a more authentic way of being. The three dynamic techniques are used together, giving Phoenix insight into his present and also his past. Revisiting his childhood feelings and confronting wounds, can lead to healing and a sense of becoming whole, empowering him to trust his judgement and make decisions that address his inner needs, being true to his core self.

Phoenix’s consultation is regarding relationships and career. It is necessary to understand where Phoenix sees himself with respect to both these areas of his life, to gain an insight into his own perceptions, allowing the astrologer a starting point to address his concerns to work towards moving forward. At the beginning of the consultation, it is important to build a rapport with the client and it may be easier to begin with career, where there may be less emotional investment compared to relationships. Phoenix is confused about which job pathway to choose (Neptune in the 10th) and is seeking guidance. The focus on career is triggered by
his progressed and solar arc directed Sun conjunct natal Venus in the 6th and solar arc directed Mars also in the 6th house of daily work and routine, bringing energy and illuminating the value he places on this area. Looking to the vocational houses of 2, 6 and 10, all have fire signs on the cusp, acknowledging the potential for success. This complements his fire grand trine (Sun in Leo trine Moon in Aries trine Uranus and Jupiter in Sagittarius), where his ego and emotional self are impacted by his career. Phoenix is likely to approach his career with energy, enthusiasm and confidence. He is probably independent and a risk taker, requiring his work to be challenging, where he can showcase his skills and talents in a job he values (Aries on the 2nd house cusp; Venus in the 6th). He enjoys working with others in a competitive, yet diplomatic (Venus Virgo in the 6th) and fun environment (Mars in Leo in 5th), enabling an emotional connection (Moon Aries, Neptune 10th, Pisces Asc), where he is recognised and rewarded (Sun in Leo, Leo on the 6th house cusp). In particular, he would benefit from being involved in analysis and dissemination of information (Mercury Leo in the 6th house; disseminating lunar phase) assisting in serving the needs of others (Neptune 10th). His enjoys the ability to travel, giving him freedom and flexibility, reducing boredom (Uranus Sagittarius conjunct Jupiter Sagittarius; Sagittarius MC; Pluto ruling Scorpio on the 9th house cusp). He is comfortable about being individualistic, bringing new ideas and energy into his work life. The unusual and unexpected experiences from travel gives him a broader view of himself. This wider perspective aids him in searching out the truth to identify and strengthen his own beliefs and philosophies. Phoenix desires the opportunities for change to further seek his own truth. This desire for freedom may result in him having numerous career changes. An understanding of the natal
chart may assist Phoenix in acknowledging what drives him with regards to the career he seeks, empowering him to make choices that honour his true self.

Phoenix is encouraged to use the current transits and solar arc directions to gain further insight into his confusion surrounding his career. There is a push for him to express himself in a more assertive and authentic way, to expand and change his work life (transiting Pluto in Capricorn currently in the 10th house of career opposite natal Mars in Cancer in the 5th; solar arc directed Uranus and Jupiter in the 10th; transiting Uranus in Aries squaring natal Mars in Cancer).

However, there is a feeling of restriction and responsibility, limiting his self-belief, with the push to authenticate, causing confusion (transiting Saturn crossed MC in 2016 into 10th house conjunct Neptune and nodal axis; solar arc directed Neptune square natal Saturn). Phoenix is encouraged to creatively consider his possibilities until he is clear about his intentions and purpose to change. Transiting Saturn will conjunct his natal nodal axis and natal Neptune three times in 2017, providing opportunities to consider how he can honour his natal chart regarding career and work in a more authentic way, using the Saturn energy positively rather than allowing Saturn to cause fear, restriction and trigger the confusion of Neptune.

Phoenix’s admission of enjoying bachelorhood implies he has lived the assumed lifestyle, independent, self-centred and uncommitted in relationships. This can be seen in multiple aspects of his natal chart. An excess of fire, adds to his enthusiasm, lacking the desire to be committed, becoming bored in routine and searching for a new and exciting partner (Venus sq Jup and Uran). This is heightened with the fire grand trine as all the planets can operate easily, making this very comfortable for Phoenix. He may set his standards quite high (Virgo Desc; Venus square Jupiter), enjoying the initial intensity that relationships bring, yet
needing space (Venus square Uranus) and fearful of commitment (Saturn con Pluto in 8th, no planets in the 7th). With his lack of earth and air, the ability to create a relationship that is grounded and real remains elusive and he may find it difficult to reflect on the past to break habitual patterns.

Phoenix is currently questioning his readiness to commit to a partner. The natal 7th and 8th houses regarding intimate relationships gives further insight. Phoenix has no planets in the 7th house, making it difficult for him to access the house of equal relationships and the natural ruler of the 7th house is Libra which is in the restrictive sign of Saturn. Mercury, the ruler of Virgo on his 7th house cusp has hard aspects to his grand trine and Chiron, resulting in sacrifice in this area. Emotional intimacy is encountered in the 8th house, where Pluto and Saturn conjunct, creating a deep emotional drive within Phoenix, which he may find too powerful to express. His Pluto is wanting to exchange intensely, longing to break down boundaries between self and others, attune on a deeper level, and be in a committed relationship. However, with Saturn he harbours the need to remain in control and hold on to his values and possessions. There is the fear of letting go, not merging with another and avoid settling down. With Libra on the 8th house cusp, Phoenix can look to Venus to assist in this, however, Venus has hard aspects, forming a T-square to both Chiron and Uranus conjunct Jupiter. There is the need for love, the need for space, the fear of rejection and the sacrifice of self in a committed relationship. When Phoenix realises the difficulties and contradictions in both his 7th and 8th houses and the natal placements, he can gain a deeper understanding into who he really is, working toward acknowledging these aspects of himself to bring all of them into consciousness.
His focus on relationships is triggered by the current transits and solar arc directions impacting on his natal chart. This is manifesting in his environment and affecting him on an emotional level, where he is feeling confused and seeking guidance. In 2016 and 2017, his solar arc directed Sun conjuncts natal Venus manifesting in a new relationship and the desire to be in love. The solar arc directed Sun is bringing its energy to natal Venus, therefore shining a spotlight on the value he places on relationships. Solar eclipses conjunct and oppose his natal Venus in 2016 and 2017, illuminating this area and marking endings and beginnings. His solar arc directed Venus and Mercury are both currently in the 7th until 2019, allowing him to use these planets’ energies to embrace relationships with the desire to communicate and connect with another. This is supported by progressed Venus conjuncting his natal Mercury throughout this time. In a committed relationship he can develop his sensitivity and perception, along with his ability to dissolve the boundary with himself and others (Pisces Asc, Moon in 1st). This may allow Phoenix to feel special and passionate (Sun in Leo in the 5th, Mars in Cancer in the 5th, Moon in Aries in the 1st) as he can shine in the eyes of others (Neptune in the 10th), living and further developing these aspects of himself.

Phoenix feels he can see a future in a relationship and is seemingly more sensitive. Transiting Neptune in Pisces in the 12th house is currently opposite his natal Venus in the 6th house until early 2017, dissolving boundaries, urging him to be with another and questioning the value he places on relationships. This is supported with transiting Jupiter currently moving through his 7th house and into his 8th house. This continues into 2017 and 2108 with transiting Uranus in the 2nd house of values opposite his Pluto conjunct Saturn in the 8th. Solar arc directed Saturn and Pluto both move into Sagittarius in 2016 and 2017, strongly impacting
on his natal Uranus and Jupiter in Sagittarius. This heightens Phoenix’s experience of the need for change, to seek the truth in the search for inner meaning. There is a further push to consider change to the value and importance he places on relationships. The transits and solar arc directions can assist Phoenix in acknowledging why he is feeling the way he is. Has he been ignoring the demands of Saturn and Pluto and living a life without true meaning? It is an opportune time for him to embrace the desire to transform and delve inwards to evaluate his belief systems with the urge to change, resulting in a better understanding of himself to gain fulfilment. On a deeper level, if and when Phoenix embraces an equal and intimate relationship, it allows his partner to bring the unconscious qualities of himself into consciousness, which have been otherwise ignored by his ego. The recognition of unlived aspects of self in others, enables these qualities to be integrated into consciousness. Allowing oneself to merge with another, is sacrificing part of self, to be reborn as one and becoming more whole and authentic in the process.

The Saturnian fear of letting go is actually the fear of being overwhelmed by repressed feelings that remain in the unconscious from childhood, particularly unresolved anger and rage (Mars square Saturn conjunct Pluto). Phoenix’s natal chart indicates a somewhat difficult childhood (hard aspects to Chiron in the 3rd; Chiron as the tail of the kite of his fire grand trine) with wounding and sacrifice on a number of fronts. He may have felt he was not accepted for who he was (Chiron opposite Uranus) nor appreciated by his parents (Sun square Saturn), impacting on his self-image (Chiron square Venus). Phoenix’s father appears to have been a hard worker (Mars square Saturn) with little time for him, leading to feelings of marginalisation (Sun square Saturn). With father being unavailable, Phoenix
appears to have developed a strong link with mother (Moon in the 1st; Cancer on the 5th house cusp). However, his mother may have had to sacrifice herself for the family, resulting in her being the martyr or victim (Neptune in 10th). He may have idealised his mother (Nep 10th) and unconsciously feels he can never live up to her expectations. This impacts his indecisiveness regarding career choice (10th house) as it is influenced by the experiences of mother (Neptune in the 10th ruling Pisces Asc; Moon in the 1st). This lack of deep emotional contact in childhood and suppressed rage in the home from emotionally disconnected parents (Saturn conjunct Pluto in the 8th), was probably perceived as hostile and fearful (Mars square Saturn in the 8th) by Phoenix. This buried infantile rage and repressed true self (Mars sq Pluto; Sun wide square Pluto), becomes unconscious and Phoenix carries these lunar memories and therefore guilt (Pluto conjunct Saturn in the 8th) when he experiences happiness. This guilt restricts him and enforces isolation from a deeply desired adult relationship (Pluto conjunct Saturn in the 8th).

I would ask Phoenix about his memory and experience of his childhood and how he thinks this may have impacted on him as an adult. These unconscious experiences are now erupting into consciousness and are demanding to be addressed. Earlier this year, his progressed Moon crossed the IC, bringing up deep issues of security. These difficult aspects continue with the progressed Moon currently opposing his natal Neptune, square his natal Moon in late 2017 and conjunct his Mars in 2018, brings up further repressed feelings from the past with regards to his parents. A lunar cycle ago, in 1989 - 1990, the progressed Moon was in the same position. It would be worthwhile asking Phoenix what happened at this time and see if there are any similarities to his current situation or any feelings resurfacing. The progressed Moon carries the emotional experiences, particularly
with regards to the family, especially mother. To re-visit these feelings, may be painful, yet to find some acknowledgement and acceptance integrates them into consciousness and allows them to be used in a new and constructive way. It is important for him to realise his feelings are his own and to nurture himself, bringing emotional maturation, the path to soul growth and a more authentic way of being.

Phoenix has many positive aspects in his chart which he has successfully used throughout his personal and professional life. He is developing his own quest for meaning by travelling, broadening his identity and contributing to soul growth. He is encouraged to continue using his strengths and current push for introversion to explore the depths of unconsciousness (Saturn conjunct Pluto), triggered by transformational transits and progressions and highlighted by solar arc directions. These unconscious feelings stem from childhood, demanding to be acknowledged and integrated into consciousness, where they can be used constructively. Understanding this and cooperating makes for an easier path, to detach from desire and live a life of freedom where nothing is controlling him. Healing occurs through individuation, to trust and nurture himself and find his own inner authority, empowered to make his own decisions to authentically build, understand, accept and express the true self in all facets of life.

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