

**SECTION 2 QUESTION 2: ASTEROIDS**

**Donald Trump: 14 June 1946, 10.54am, Queens, New York – USA** , ASC close to 0 Virgo

The addition of the feminine asteroids in recent times, has added the archetypal feminine principle to chart synthesis and delineation. The asteroids represent the re-emergence of powerful feminine symbolism into the consciousness of humanity.

*Examine and discuss the meaning of the asteroid Vesta in the above natal horoscope. Share your insights and hypothesise how the awakening of Vesta's feminine expression in our society affects not only women, but also men. How can humanity in their changing roles actively participate as co-creators of the brave new world emerging in the 21st century?*

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The addition of the feminine asteroids in astrology recent times has paralleled the re-awakening of the aspects of us that stem from the divine feminine in the embodiment of both men and women. It comes with a rediscovery that the divine masculine and divine feminine exists within all of us and is separate from gender. The progress in measures of social equality in a patriarchal society amongst gender and sexuality in recent times is a reflection of this rediscovery; first with movements for equality for women, followed by movements for equality for the LGBT community, and then the recognition of a diversity in gender and sexual identity beyond the conventional categories of cis-man and cis-woman (bisexual, pansexual, transsexual, intersex, queer).

The 4 feminine asteroids in the natal chart represent the feminine aspects that exist in each of us that goes beyond the emotional aspect of us (Moon) and the desire aspect of us (Venus). Up until recent times, patriarchal socialisation has meant that men had to suppress these aspects of themselves and project them onto women, whereas women could outwardly express these aspects so long as they were subjugated to the authority of more masculine expressions of control.

Vesta, one of the four main feminine asteroids in the natal chart, can describe the area where one has a strong sense of focus and commitment. Like the vestal virgins whose lives

required the stoking of the sacred fires for the community under threat of being buried alive, Vesta represent the intense focus required to stoke the sacred fire within us; the 'kundalini' energy, sexual energy, life force or prana.

Vesta therefore describes how we may manage this primal energy of the kundalini through overt sexual expression or the sublimation and transmutation of the sexual energy which can be channelled into some kind of constructive action, such as through tantra, breathing techniques, visualisation and implosive orgasm for men to name a few examples.

Positively, Vesta can represent the channeling of a person's inner fire in a specific way as represented by Vesta's sign, towards a specific area of life as represented by Vesta's house placement. The practice of focus, devotion and commitment through channelling and leveraging our inner fire can show where we can naturally be the most productive and of service to self and/or others. A healthy Vesta also represents healthy sexuality; where sexual energy is neither suppressed, stagnant or squandered. Negatively, Vesta can represent the unfocused misuse of sexual energy and the life force. Vesta's sign can describe how we are likely to misuse that sexual energy and Vesta's house placement describes where we have wasted potential.

Donald Trump, current president of the USA, is an individual who is currently in a position to greatly shape and influence the world at large. As a straight cis-male whose life has been well publicised, an examination of his Vesta in his natal chart along with how he has expressed his Vesta can provide an example of how humanity is adapting to the awareness of the divine feminine in all of us.

Donald Trump has his Vesta in Pisces 8th house. Pisces is suggestive Donald's use of his prana tends to have a high degree of permeability and outward flow. The 8th house is indicative of human experience that involves peak emotional experiences between individuals (e.g. sex, death, occult phenomenon) and issues around merging aspects of

oneself with another (e.g. power, control, management of shared resources). In the case of Donald Trump, this can be in relation to the use of his sexual energies for his sexuality, but also in the way that he manages shared resources e.g. loans, business ventures, the wealth of the USA.

There is also a strong monetary dimension to Trump's Vesta as it's in an out-of-sign opposition to its dispositor, Neptune, in the 2nd House Libra and It's co-ruler, Jupiter, is also stationed in 2nd house Libra. One of Trump's great strengths is his ability to visualise and manifest financial abundance for himself and his enterprises. These is a sense of easy flow of material wealth for Trump, as exemplified by the loan of one million dollars he received from his father<sup>1</sup>. Trump currently estimates his net worth to be 10 billion USD, although Forbes estimates Trump's net worth to be only 3.1 billion USD (Forbes, 2018), perhaps a sign of over-optimism and idealism of his 2nd house Neptune and Jupiter.

One low expression of his Vesta Pisces 8th is that he has the predisposition to allow his sexual energy to diffuse and become squandered on escapism via sexual idealisation (He owned the Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants from 1996 to 2015) as well as sexual misconduct and promiscuity (19 women have accused Trump of sexual misconduct as of December 2017 and was a hot button issue during his election campaign in 2016). This exemplifies the shadow application of Vesta that is typically expressed for men. Patriarchal social conditioning has previously meant that it was not acceptable, especially for men, to explore their feminine expression and only be limited to masculine expression. To explore the notion that we have an energetic body that exists beyond the physical body requires that we come into the more feminine intuitive and feeling aspect of the self. This is because the energetic body cannot be understood with the more masculine expression of conventional scientific methods, only through felt perception. Therefore, the man who is disconnected from the feminine aspect of self will only understand sexual energy through the the physical expression of sex, masturbation and explosive orgasm. A more positive expression of Vesta for Trump would be to get in touch with his sexuality, recognised that it is a powerful force

that can be harnessed for constructive activity, and through whichever sublimation method works best for him (tantra, breathing techniques, implosive orgasm etc) channel that energy to create greater intimacy with his wife or channel it towards more constructive use in his role of managing the USA's resources in his role as president of the USA.

One example of a high manifestation of Trump's Vesta in Pisces 8th is the benevolent and responsible management of shared resources for the USA. However, Trump's history suggests issues with money mismanagement and abuse of power. Examples of this include how he bought his way out of a lawsuit with the justice department when he refused to allow African Americans to rent his apartments in 1973 (July 31st, New York Times), and never filed for personal bankruptcy when his hotel and casino businesses have been declared bankrupt six times between 1991 and 2009 (Kurtz, Howard (April 24, 2011) Newsweek). It was also reported that Trump and his businesses have been involved in more than four thousand state and federal legal actions (USA today, 17th April 2018). A 2016 analysis of Trump's business career by the Economist concluded that his "performance [from 1985 to 2016] has been mediocre with the stock market and property in New York", noticing his successes and bankruptcies (February 20th, 2016 The Economist). This demonstrates a degree of escapism relative to responsibility and focus regarding shared resources - a negative expression of Pisces. For Trump to become more aware of the high side of Pisces by becoming more aware of spirit and in touch with a sense of compassion and empathy to humanity at large. Trump needs to once again come into his felt perception and his emotional response with regards to the consequences of his actions for others. Again, this is only going to be accessible to him to the degree that he can engage with the feminine aspect of himself that is intuitive and deeply feeling as opposed to the masculine self that is logical and highly individuated. This awareness of oneness and connectivity with humanity would make it so that his actions embody a greater degree of compassion and empathy in his role as leader, as well as more of an impetus to focus the vital energies that he has to make a difference in the world that goes beyond his own self interest.

So how can humanity in their changing roles actively participate as co-creators of the brave new world emerging in the 21st century? We are all being asked to come more into balance; to come out of an emphasis on the masculine individuated mind-based polarity and to integrate it with the feminine heart-based polarity to achieve more completeness. Successful navigation for both men and women involves the awareness of our spiritual nature, and that our soul has both masculine and feminine aspects regardless of our physical sex and gender. As society is coming out of a cycle which has emphasised exploration of the masculine polarity, it now appears that both men and women need to re-awaken their own feminine polarity; through felt-perception individuals can become more aware of their connection to their emotional body, energetic body, spirit, and therefore a sense oneness with all beings. This is the journey for all, and as has been seen in the case of Donald Trump, the success he will have will be contingent on his ability to feel connected to others and therefore his capacity to choose to serve the collective and not just himself. This in turn will allow space for both men and women to become more compassionate and empathetic for each other so that we prioritise caretaking each other, humanity and planet itself over becoming too individuated with the resulting separation, dissociation, isolation, loneliness that results in action that doesn't care about the impact that it has on others and what we may call separation or 'evil'.

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