I just got this comment from **Zane Stein** on my long-ago Skywriter post about septiles--brilliant! I've never read much of anything at all about the septile, much less anything so cogently thought-through. Pass it along if you like. Donna

Zane Stein commented on <u>Understanding Septiles</u>

I have Sun 26 Gem 09, and Pluto 17 Leo 57 - 51 deg 51 minutes. Because of this I've taken a very personal interest in the aspect and done some exploring. (I'll get back to my own Septile in a moment.)

What I've found in charts with close Septiles, when at least one of the bodies is the Sun, Moon or a personal planet, is that the two parts of the self have a rather strange relationship --- they seem to come into action at the same time, yet there may be no "apparent" connection between them. Or at least, the person is not consciously aware there is a connection between them...and in actuality, there is usually a conscious 'blind spot' about this.

Basically, when one body is activated in the person's life, so is the other. The person may put forth the energy of one of the bodies totally independent of the other, but the other comes into play in their life at the same time. An imperfect analogy could be the two wheels on the front axle of a car. When the right one turns, the left one turns, and visa versa....but it is the bond between them that causes this....and neither wheel is aware that the other one also is turning.

For example, let's say someone has Mars septile Chiron. Whenever Mars is activated, so is Chiron....although the person is not usually consciously aware of this going on. They just cannot use one without the other becoming active. Whenever the Chironic wound is touched.... whenever something

causes the person to feel the pain...the person finds that their fire, their passions, are stirred, although it may be about something that has no apparent connection to what touched their wound. They find they need to take action, or find an outlet for pent up energy. On the other hand, when their Mars is stimulated...when they feel the urge to attack a problem, or to go into battle, or to express their passions, some aspect of their woundedness pops up in some area of their life that they need to deal with; quite frequently, it is something that made them feel 'different' or apart from others in a way that caused them pain.

Now, back to my own aspect. I remember years ago meeting someone for the first time who had read and followed my research and writings on Chiron for years. He was totally surprised to find that I was a Gemini Sun. He told me he was sure that I was a Scorpio, or had strong Scorpio in my chart (I have no major bodies in that sign.) I asked him why, and he replied because I was so focused on Chiron, and so intensely driven to dig up everything I could find about it.

His comments surprised me. I never saw myself as driven. I was just having fun. I read bits from numerous books and articles (Gemini), gathered pieces together (Gemini), looked here, there, and everywhere (Gemini), asked lots of people lots of questions (Gemini). Yet at the same time, here I was, trying to search for the very core, the essence, of Chiron's meaning and would not (no, could

not) stop until I found it (Scorpio). Gemini's, in general, are not known for their stick-to-it-iveness, and are often seen as touching the surface, and then moving on to something else of interest to them. It was this that led me to look more closely at the Pluto aspects in my chart, and to give the Septile a second look.

I looked at some of the times in my life I have consciously invoked Pluto. (Don't let the hype about 'generational planets' blind you....you can invoke the outer bodies in your chart on a personal way.) On a few occasions I felt the need to totally rid myself of something in my life. One illustration: when I was in elementary school, I was so hurt by a girlfriend that I decided I would cut her out of my life completely, and that included blocking everything about her from my mind (to this day I cannot remember her name or even what she looks like, I did it so well.) For some reason, around the same time in my life, I began writing (poetry, short stories), and my report cards in school started showing remarks from the teacher like, "Zane is a smart person but would get better grades if he would stop talking in class all the time." Or at times I've decided something at work really, really needed to be transformed, and set to work to change it. Once I started doing that, it seemed my letter writing to friends and acquaintances snowballed, and I felt motivated to jot down a whole slew of ideas that started coming to mind that had no relation to the change I was working on at the job.

The more I looked, the more examples in my own life showed up, many too personal to share here. But in each case, following my Sun in Gemini motivation has also awakened my Pluto energies, and riding Plutonian energy for transformation or to dig to the core has stir my Gemini Sun into action. So I looked at Septiles in the charts of people I know personally, and found the same thing occurring. Interestingly, when I pointed out what I found..the connection between the bodies in Septile...in almost every case I saw a kind of 'oh wow!' look on their face. It was like they had not been consciously aware of what was happening, but they could see it quite clearly once it was brought to their attention.

I've see the Septile described at times as 'fated'. In many cases, things happen in someone's life that are actually the result of actions they have taken, but if they are not aware of what they have done, they can be quite surprised at the way the universe reacts in response.

All my life I've attracted people into my life that were heavily influenced by Scorpio, or Pluto, or both. I've been plodding away, doing my Gemini stuff, and activating Pluto without intention, and sending out this Plutonian energy that has drawn people to me. Interestingly, in every case where I've gotten into a close relationship with one of these Pluto or Scorpio people I've taken one step closer to becoming conscious of exactly what goes on in my psyche that makes my Pluto and Sun bond together.

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