

THOUGHTS ON LIBRA

By Judi Thomases

I'll mention a few things that 30 years' worth of seeing clients, plus having a Libran Midheaven and Node, have revealed to me:

- The Libran desire for peace often mandates dealing intimately with unpeaceful (aggressive, competitive, sulky, disruptive, rebellious, passive-resistant) people. Accommodation, i.e., "peace at any price", becomes nothing less than a vital coping strategy. Personally, I've been in three key relationships where my partner has Moon in Aries; and two of my children have strong Aries elements in their horoscopes... in hard aspects to my own, of course. I've also seen a lot of dealings with hard Uranus aspects, hard Mars aspects, and control or leadership issues such as the kind that results from Capricornian squares, first house placements, or other patterns that cause struggle regarding who's in charge, who will direct etc. Not so much a subversive Plutonian power struggle, but more of a cardinal energy issue wherein both parties want to be the one who takes the right action at the desired moment.
- Libra – cardinal, and every bit the executive – always faces the dilemma of being gracious, charming, tactful, and cooperative even while striving for supremacy. This requires a good bit of pretzeling of oneself. Being intellectual, the internal bending and twisting is done with a strong clamp upon the emotions. The words, when they are spoken, have been chewed upon a great deal; the actions likewise have been weighed and considered. Each alternative outcome has been thought through, and therefore a delay – misinterpreted as indecision – is seen prior to the Libran choosing the path of action. In this way, the Libran maintains self-rule and dominance.
- Librans and Sagittarians, though sextile and of a compatible mixture of air and fire, should not try to make a go of it romantically. The Sag urge for freedom conflicts with the Libran urge to partner. There could be commitment issues. It's the Libran who'll suffer here.
- A Libran Node is coming off a warrior (Aries) background. Therefore, a Libran Node person is not originally sweet and loving, nor polished and amiable. The life path will direct her towards these goals, but not without lessons.
- Above all, a Libran needs contrast. Partnership provides that, as does collaboration, teamwork, and marriage. The seventh house, where the wheel finally turns away from Self and towards Other, is the point where self-creation, self-expression, and self-absorption is no longer sufficient. Getting along is! Dependency might be. (I know a Libran 7th house Moon who tried to divorce but couldn't even get to separation!) Living with a different energy than one's own is the requirement. There is often a perceived weakness in the Libra's personality that requires another's assistance and presence. If he/she wanted to be self-sufficient and independent, the Libran natal aspects would not have been chosen in the first place. Libra will always *need* another, and single Librans are a sad story (as are Leos without an audience or entourage). But an unattached Libran will be fine if there's a business partner, or a comedy duo, or a lifelong best buddy... or even a twin. One Libran who remained forever unmarried developed a close and loving tie with her father. A single Libran might even choose a deep bond with God, as in a

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religious life... but the main relationship might be with the authority figure of the institution! Even a terrible (mortal) enemy might become the unattached Libran's main focus point. The thing that counts is Relationship.

- A Libran Node wants to look good and be stylish (Venus). Besides being pleasant-natured, the appearance is important. Saturn in the first can hinder that urge. Over-casual Ascendants (e.g., Sag, Pisces) might also contribute to less-than-fashionable looks. The thrust is to embody beauty, sweetness, and grace. The learning curve will want the façade to harmonize with the evolving interior understanding. "What," the question being asked inside is, "will elucidate the nicest results to bring loveliness and peace into being?"
- Librans are the quintessential "people pleasers". But the urge to compromise is ultimately accomplished as a strength, not a weakness. "The iron fist in the velvet glove" does not easily give in. A masculine sign, for all that charming Venusian approach Libra still does not relent in its pursuit of fairness, justice, and balance. "Any price" and "accommodation" are not words of surrender or flaccidity. Like a drip, drip, drip of honey, the obstacle to fairness and balance will be slowly eroded away until the compromise is decent and livable. Venusian Libra tames even the most stubborn of (Venusian Taurus) bulls!
- Love is a subtle "weapon". Nothing resists true love, else pain ensue. One of the most amazing truths that a Libran Node learns is that the power of love conquers all, and that attack, force, aggression, battle, and anger pale before it. They are weak tools compared to love's might. This is the stuff of all romantic tales. The heart rules. And if the Libran Node can't find romantic love in this lifetime, a beautiful spiritual connection with another will do as well (if not better).
- Loud colors, bad lighting, dissonant sounds, ugly décor, or dirtiness bother Libra's sense of beauty and harmony. If the panorama is unpleasant, the Libran might have to leave the scene. Or will certainly redecorate it!
- Librans like parties. Music, dance, others, pretty clothes, gifts... what's not to like?! Besides the field of law (balanced scales of justice), Librans also excel at party planning, promotion, the hospitality industry, public relations, music, art, and dancing. The generation born with Pluto in Libra spawned "Dancing with the Stars" and "American Idol". A Libran with a Leo rising (performer) is half of a ballroom dance team. The fashion industry is also very big with this group.

The United States is a Libra Midheaven land. We strive for fairness and equality in the eyes of the law. Progressed Mars has gone retrograde in our Libra 10th. We've come to the point that we no longer want to make war, only peace. But our Mars comes from our 7th. It's the other party (enemy) who presses us now. Pluto transiting our first house is pressuring us to find a diplomatic solution. We are undergoing a Saturn return in the Libran 10th. Saturn rules our 2nd, wherein Pluto is domiciled. The pressure is taking the form of a money issue. It's telling us – it's time to grow up! Time to be fiscally responsible! Time to get our finances in order! Pluto is opposing Libra's ruler Venus, in Venus' house, the 7th. We are being pushed to make a choice:

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will we relate to others via Mars in the 7th (aggression, war, enmity), or via Venus there (love, cooperation, harmony)? Progressed Venus is now conjunct our Chiron in the 4th – a time to heal, especially on the homefront. How can we display the loving option if we haven't resolved it first at home base?

A last opinion: With a Libran Midheaven, and Saturn in the Libran 10th, I believe America's ultimate destiny is to establish world peace in much the same way that Emperor Augustus established the 207 years of the *Pax Romana* ("Roman Peace", 27 B.C. – 180 A.D.), the long period during which Roman military might brought peace and prosperity to all the lands it governed and protected. (The spiritual entity Seth, channeled by Jane Roberts, refers to America now being in a parallel time frame as the Roman Empire. Hopefully, we pray, having learned a lot of wisdom since then!) Saturn at the top in Libra is like a good parent figure, the "world cop" who enforces the fair rules and has the authority and might to do so. Humanity needs good government... the prophecies say we'll head into a long period of world prosperity after the tribulations of the "End Times" (2012?)... and America, not China(!), would be the logical candidate for evenhanded enforcer. But until we have our fiscal situation stabilized and healthy, we can't handle that role. With Saturn making its return, and with opposing Pluto forcing reform upon natal items (both planets having involvement with the U.S. H2), could this era be the precursor to that urgent and benign destiny?

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