

JO: So what's in store for Portland or the world in the near future?

AG: There's a death and rebirth of large institutional structure. People will get more accustomed to the unknown and trying to build within the chaos.

JO: What can astrology do for the modern queer? What does sexuality have to do with it?

AG: I do a lecture called The Astrology of Being Queer. I listen to these old fogies at astrology conferences who talk about queer people and I just think "You have no idea." People say "Mars in Leo means you're queer." It's not just about that.

Mars in the chart shows your testosterone. A lot of dykes have masculine-looking energies. For a lot of queers it's an identity struggle. "Who am I really? I'm f\*\*\*\*\*g a girl now, but I don't really identify as gay. I identify as a happy bisexual." The sun sign can play a big part in it.

When I looked into Leslie Feinberg's chart, she has a sun in Virgo. Virgo is all about exactness. Leslie Feinberg is really discerning in identity. When I looked in his chart, Saturn, which is the planet of struggle and oppression and being blocked. Over and over, the identity will be challenged and he or she will have to figure out the intricacies of "Who am I? Am I a man or a woman?"

But then Rupaul had the sun in Uranus. She's saying "I'll be whoever I want to be." That queer person's experience in life is very opening and revolutionary.

A lot of trans guys have intense Mars energy but then you'll get a death and rebirth energy in the soul. There's a planet for that: Pluto. A lot of them get Pluto that comes up to their Mars.

JO: The farther-out planets are a little more generational than personal, right? Is our generation about rebirth?

AG: Yes, rebirth of relationships. So many of our peers are not monogamous, not committed. Pluto-Libra is all about one-on-one exchange, we are reborn over and over. There's something called a composite chart. If we mix energies, are we going to become better people or bring each other down? I always wonder why there isn't an internet dating site where you're matched up based on charts.

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