



Evolutionary Astrology

Pluto and Your Karmic Mission

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I was not sure what to expect from Deva Green's book *Evolutionary Astrology*. Her father's books on Pluto and the *Evolutionary Journey of the Soul* are why I originally became interested in Astrology, specifically because of the focus upon Soul. So, to be fair, she had a big task in writing a similar book on the same subject. My favorite part of her book was the expansion of the four natural evolutionary conditions of the Soul: the *Dimly evolved state*, the *Consensus state*, the *Individuated state*, and the *Spiritual state*. With depth and insight, Deva describes three substages within each state which really grounds the material and makes it so much easier to use. For example, within the individuated state, the first substage is described as living within the consensus state but trying "to compensate for the feeling of being different, of not belonging to the consensus, and countering a sense of alienation by trying to appear normal...In the second substage of the individuated state, the archetype of Uranus is at its highest point of expression, rebellion...the Soul has now thrown off any idea or philosophy that has come before at any level of reality...In the third substage of this state, the Soul now has a true and unique gift that is meant to be used to help the consensus evolve".¹

The problem for me was getting to the actual material of note, which starts on page 86. I must admit that during the first part of the book I gave up at least a half dozen times. The repetitive text, the excessive use of words restating the same idea in multiple different ways, and the lack of charts to illustrate the points of discussion, made it difficult to connect with the material. Later in the book, when discussing numerous astrological scenarios about Pluto, the Pluto polarity point, and the nodal axis, there are chart references for a couple of well-known people, making these concepts easier to understand. However, consistent use of charts to reinforce the discussion points would have added clarity when describing various chart comparisons and scenarios. If a revision of this book is considered in the future, I would strongly suggest incorporating more chart illustrations to help anchor the ideas.

While the material on the four evolutionary conditions of the Soul is valuable and useful, I wonder how many people give up on reading this book before they get to that point. One final note, I found that much of the book appeared to be a restatement of Jeffrey Wolf Green's work and, therefore, there was no new thinking or ideas other than some of Deva's examples. If it is the evolution of the Soul one is interested in, I would recommend going to the original source to begin with. Overall, I found Deva Green's book to be a challenging read. [DT]

¹ Deva Green, *Evolutionary Astrology*, p.88/89