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Dear Friends, the summer is keeping us quite busy here in Munich where we are enjoying the bounty of our Farmer's Market and the beauty of the mountains! We hope that you are enjoying your summer as well!

Today, we are looking at a profile of our new soccer coach here in Munich who recently made a big splash in Portland, Oregon on a US tour. This exploration highlights what can happen when negative energies collide for a person in space and time so to speak. The 'what, where and when' of our birth chart:



- Illuminates the key themes for our journey in this lifetime (or the **What** in our life).
- Identifies specific dates of important events that support our unfolding journey (or the **When** in our life).
- Pinpoints important locations on our path (or the **Where** in life).

Finally, I have recorded a meditation for the Full Moon today (Sunday, August 10, 2014) for anyone who wants to spend a few quiet moments contemplating the liberating energies of Sister Moon for the month ahead!

We send love and light out to the universe! With so much negative news, the world needs us all to share our highest and best and to project love into the universe!

Blessings and peace,
Scott and Sappho Wolfram
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The What, Where and When of Astrology

Coach Pep Guardiola

It was supposed to be a publicity tour of the United States for FC Bayern, which is Munich Germany's soccer team. The team's tour of the USA would be highlighted by a "friendly" or exhibition game against the soccer stars from the USA, the MLS All Stars on August 6, 2014 in Portland, Oregon. If you have seen the headlines or any of the YouTube videos, it seems like the publicity tour turned into a 'bad publicity tour' for FC Bayern and, specifically, the coach Pep Guardiola (Coach Pep).

So, in this article, I want to look at the WHAT, WHEN and WHERE surrounding Coach Pep and recent events in his life, which is a great example of what can go wrong for a person when challenging energies combine.

WHAT

The What on our journey in this lifetime is illuminated by the themes in our birth chart

WHERE

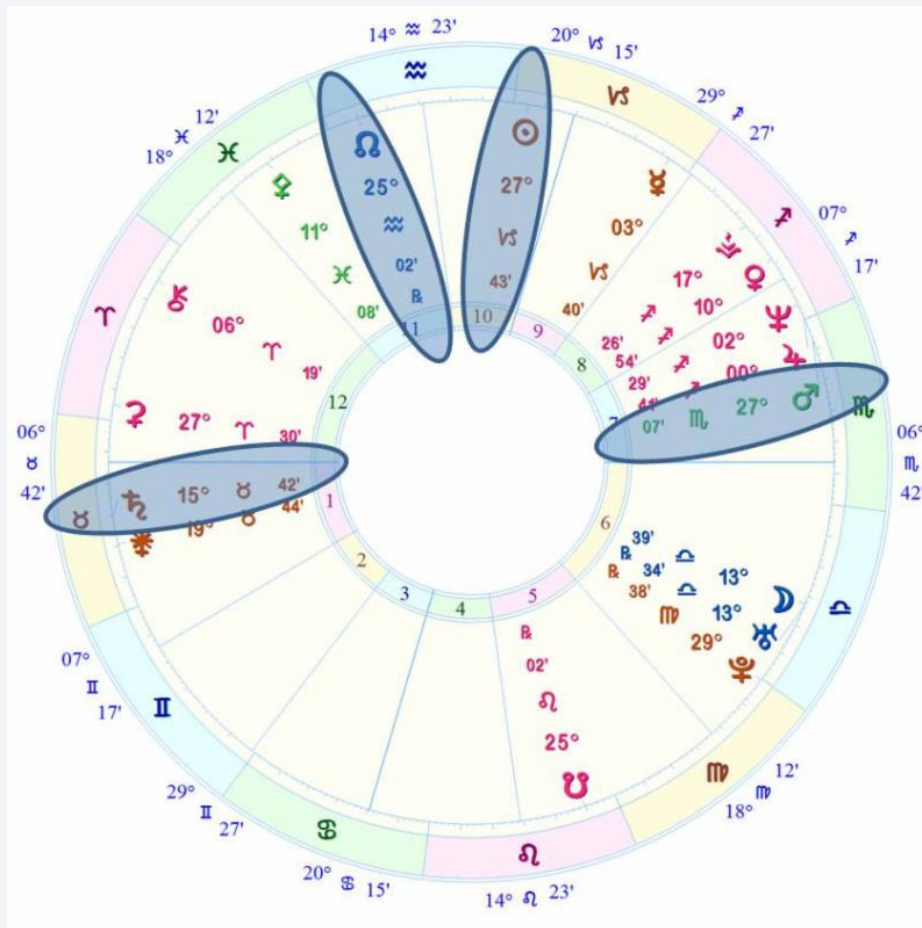
The Where in our life is highlighted as we map the planetary energies from the birth chart across the globe

WHEN

The When in our life is forecasted as the movements on the planets in the sky make aspects to the planets in our birth chart

Who is Pep Guardiola - The What in his chart = Core themes in Life

For this article, I am focusing on aspects in Coach Pep's birth chart that represent aspects of his life journey as a soccer coach. Coach Pep is a very famous and successful soccer coach who gained notoriety as the successful coach of FC Barcelona in Spain. With the beloved and very famous player Lionel Messi, FC Barcelona is one of the most well-known and successful soccer teams in the world. FC Barcelona was most recently coached by Coach Pep.



Josep "Pep" Guardiola
Jan 18, 1971; Barcelona, Spain; 12:30 PM

First, the first major theme to look at today in Coach Pep's birth chart is related to the following:

- Mars in Scorpio 7th House: He was born to be a competitor, a warrior and has had significant success as a player. Mars can be strong and confident or Mars can be aggressive or angry, especially when Mars is in the sign of Scorpio because both Mars (and Aries) and Scorpio (and Pluto) are overall malefic, challenging energies. Mars does not favor soft, friendly relationships and Pep demonstrates this as he seems to be fighting everything with everyone. Living in Munich, we want to like our coach, but his Mars energies make him hard to like in many regards. Further, with Mars in Scorpio, Coach Pep has issues of trust and betrayal. In summary,

this is not a great energy to have in the house of relationships. All astrological energies have a positive and negative expression and we see Coach Pep more often leaning toward the negative expression of this theme in his birth chart.

- The Sun in Capricorn 10th House: He "shines" through his capacity as an authority (Capricorn, 10th House) and through his career (10th House). So, we see someone who wants to project a strong, authoritarian image. In this regard, we will call him Coach (General) Guardiola and he fully projects this authoritarian image.

Coach Pep was very successful as a coach in Barcelona, Spain. In polite modern terms, being a soccer player is like being a warrior and being a coach is like being a general (Pep was both). Being on the soccer field is like being on the battle field - just a bit more polite. So, we see that Coach Pep has embodied these themes from his birth chart in his everyday life.

Second, Coach Pep is also known for developing a new and now controversial style of play labeled as tiki-taka. This style of new and inventive play lead Barcelona to many trophies, but then it sort of stopped working as teams figured out this style of play, but Coach Pep, as you would expect, is strongly defending this style of play, which he invented. In Coach Pep's birth chart he has:

- Aquarius North Node in the 11th House: His dharma and highest potential (North Node) indicates that he needs to follow his own unique path and not let anyone limit or restrict him in pursuit of his goals (Aquarius).
- Taurus Saturn in the 1st House (and, don't forget Capricorn Sun in his 10th House): He will stubbornly defend himself with the authority of a general. He is in charge and will not waiver on his path.

Together, these two themes in Coach Pep's birth chart define part of the WHAT in his life as being a warrior and a general who will demand that his course of action is the only course of action.

The What, When & Where in Coach Pep's Chart

Here are three examples of how astrological transits have impacted key turning points and actions in Coach Pep's life, combining the what, where and when of his birth chart.

Event 1: Resignation from FC Barcelona - The What Colliding with The When

After much success at FC Barcelona, Coach Pep faced a sudden event. After stunning loss for FC Barcelona in a major tournament, Coach Pep faced much criticism in the press. As you can imagine, criticism is not something he would take lightly (Capricorn Sun in the 10th House and Taurus Saturn in the 1st House).

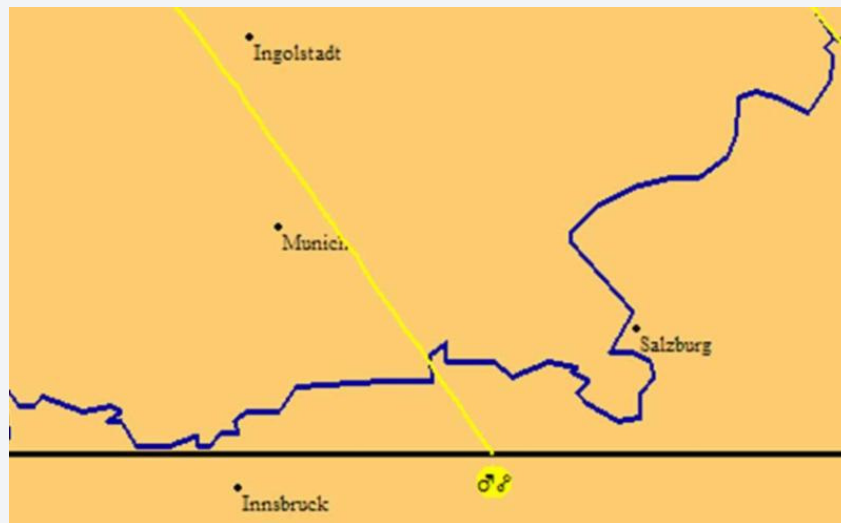
On April 27, 2012, he suddenly resigned from FC Barcelona. Here are the transits that occurred at this time:

- During April 2012 (exact on March 25), Coach Pep had transiting Saturn square his natal Sun. He was being tested in a big way as we each are when we have this transit occurring in our chart.
- The day prior, Coach Pep had transiting Uranus conjunct his natal Chiron in the sign of Aries in the 12th house. Transits of Uranus indicate the potential for sudden events in our life. In this case, this means a sudden event (Uranus) related to Coach Pep being wounded (Chiron) for his unique style of play (Uranus).
- At the same time, transiting Sun had just crossed his Ascendant and moved into his 1st house (Mars/Aries and action). Pep took action to remain in control of his life through his resignation.

In this case, we have transits that triggered events related to a core theme in his birth chart of being stubborn (Saturn in Taurus) in the face of criticism, with criticism being something difficult for a person with a Capricorn 10th House Sun to accept as they see themselves as the only authority.

Event 2: Putting Up a Fence - What, When and Where all Colliding

When Coach Pep arrived in July 2013 as the new coach in Munich for FC Bayern, these same themes in his birth chart were quickly revealed. In prior years in Munich, fans could come to the teams practice field and watch the team practice by looking over the chain link fence that surrounded the field. In July 2013, Coach Pep had a new fence put up, a fence that was 30 feet high and with a grey mesh that made it impossible to see the field. For the first time, fans could no longer view the teams practice sessions.



Mars Descendent (impacting relationships)

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The aspect of WHERE & WHAT

- Coach Pep has Astro*Carto*Graphy Mars Descendant absolutely exact at Munich. When Coach (General) Guardiola had the "No Viewing" fence put up, he was "protecting" his team from unfriendly eyes. This is something you might expect from a person with Mars in Scorpio in the 7th house where Scorpio wants to keep things hidden (part of the What in his life). He wants to protect and hide his secrets in an attempt to avoid betrayal from fans and the press. So, here we have the Mars Descendent energy (the Where) reinforcing the Scorpio Mars in 7th House (the What).

The aspect of WHEN also collided with the WHERE & WHAT - The timing of Coach Pep's arrival in Munich also played a key role as transiting Saturn was conjunct his Descendant or 7th house. So, the When is applying additional pressure on the What and Where. For anyone experiencing this transit, it often marks a low point in relationships. For Coach Pep, this would naturally be a time when trusting others and building new relationships would be particularly difficult, yet, that is just what a new coach needs to do.

When we combine the what, where and when, the new coach did not feel he could trust the team's most loyal fans, those would come to see not only the teams games, but also their practices. As a good coach and general, he took immediate steps to protect his team, even though there was no enemy to be found. This is a classic negative expression of Mars in Scorpio. He did this publicly and can only imagine how challenging it was for him during this time as he privately connected with player's and team management.

Event 3: The Bad Publicity US Tour - Bringing it All Together AGAIN....

So, let's look at the recent 'bad' publicity tour for FC Bayern of the United States. FC Bayern is a well-respected and well known team in soccer, but probably not as well-known as Barcelona, Real Madrid or Manchester United. Germany just won the World Cup of Soccer in Brazil and the German team is comprised mostly of players from FC Bayern (the wealthiest team in Germany).

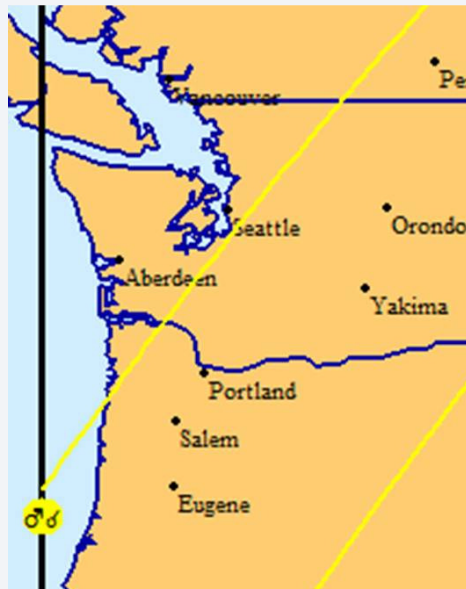
At last week's 'friendly' with the MLS All Stars, FC Bayern was expected to win (based on the recent success of Germany in the World Cup). However, the MLS All Stars defeated FC Bayern 2 to 1 in Portland and this is where the 'bad' publicity began. You might have seen some news headlines or even You Tube videos about this. Soccer is known as the beautiful game and it is supposed to be a civilized game. Everyone shakes hands and makes up at the end of every game. Also, players should help one another up and make nice (even after a dirty tackle). That's just the way soccer is supposed to be played. Well, the game in Portland last week got a bit rough, with one Bayern player needing to be helped off the field after a rough "tackle". 'Friendly' or exhibition games are not supposed to be rough games.

As you can imagine, Coach (General) Pep naturally got more than a bit angry and this is where astrology and astrology of location comes in - in particular, with the planet Mars.

The Where - While Pep has one nasty astrology of location Mars energy at Munich, he has two Mars energies that cross over Portland. When a US President has Mars energies at a particular location, this is where they most often are drawn into war. When a soccer coach has Mars energies at a particular location, this is where a "friendly" definitely becomes an "un-friendly".



Mars Midheaven



Mars Ascendant

At Portland, Coach General Guardiola has Astro*Carto*Graphy Mars Ascendant (where he becomes a warrior) and Geodetic Mars Midheaven (where he becomes famous for his actions as a warrior). Put both of these energies at the same location and, as you might guess, Pep is a warrior who isn't really interested in being "friendly". Why? Because in Portland, with two powerful Mars energies, he is a warrior and war will ensue. Notions like "make love - not war" are not really possible for him in Portland because his Mars energies are too strong. In Portland, Coach Pep becomes the embodiment of Mars. He is first, second and third a Warrior! Now, FC Bayern did not play the rough game, according to Guardiola, the MLS All Stars played too rough - so, in a sense, war was brought to him.

The When - Transits also played a role in the event. On the day of the game, transiting Mars was conjunct the cusp of his 7th house. At his best, Mars energizes confident action. However, transits of Mars often reveal events that lead to moments of anger and sometimes aggressive or inappropriate behavior. With transiting Mars on his Descendant, this was a time when the battle would come to him and energize his anger! At the end of the game, he was seen chastising the referees with a finger waggle. Then he refused to acknowledge or shake hands with MLS coach Caleb Porter and instructed his entire training staff to avoid shaking his hand. This might not sound like much, but it is a big No-No in soccer.

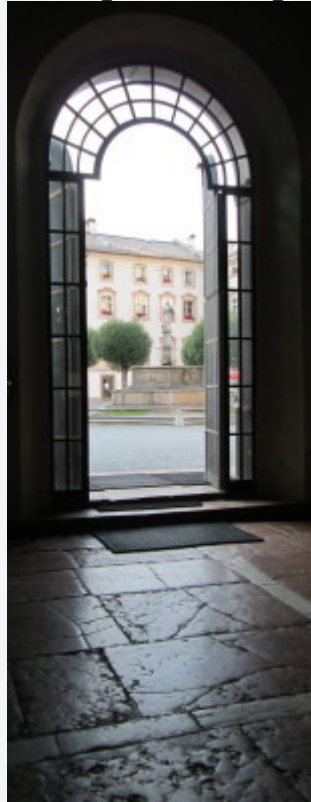
In putting the pieces together, we look at the three key questions where astrology provides key insights. What? Where? When?

- WHAT - In Guardiola's birth chart, His 7th house Mars tells us that he is a warrior by nature.
- WHEN - Transiting Mars conjunct his Descendant and 7th house tells us that August 6, 2014 was a time when he would be drawn into battle.
- WHERE - His Astro*Carto*Graphy Mars Ascendant and Geodetic Mars Midheaven identifies Portland as a place where he will be drawn into battle.

In conclusion

The beauty of astrology is contained in its complexity and the ability for astrology to illuminate aspects of our soul's journey in this lifetime that bring us to a greater understanding of who we are and the journey we are on. The goal is to live the highest and best expression of the themes in our birth chart, to use all transits to move us forward on our journey and to experience locations that support this harmonious movement!

Sending love and light!



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