

## What to Make of the Big Black Hole?

by Sue Kientz

A new celestial superpower is a confirmed reality in our midst! Astronomers aren't very concerned, but rather delighted to have indisputable evidence of this master of our solar system, higher in rank than our dear Sun, several million times more massive, but all astrologers should be aware and piqued! If the Sun for millennia represented Godhead in so many religions, the tiptop of every hierarchy, what does this make its superior, our galaxy's Big Black Hole, Sagittarius A\*?

Pronounced Sagittarius A-Star, this gargantuan black hole inhabiting Milky Way's center was scientifically proven to exist just 13 years ago. Astronomers long suspected a black hole lay at our galaxy's core, but since light cannot escape it, plus stars and other matter lie between us and it, you can't directly see this bizarre natural wonder. It took indirect evidence of stars whipping around in crazy orbits to a common point to convince scientists that Sgr A\* wasn't just a radio source but a theorized black hole. But this raises a dilemma for astrologers, who consider the Sun the signifier of self, personality, the life force of each being. What can outrank or supersede the central self, the incarnate individual?

Consider, the Sun radiates energy, light, life-sustaining necessities that Earth life cannot do without. Sgr A\* sucks in energy, matter, even devours stars that get too close. They seem true opposites. Yet with its galactic center placement, a single supermassive black hole provides stability, cohesiveness, and protection for perhaps millions of star systems.

Most if not all large galaxies have these ravenous holes in their hearts. Milky Way, the galactic clothing that Sgr A\* is adorned with, is an especially dominant galaxy. Besides its immense size, Milky Way has a retinue of smaller (dwarf) galaxies around it, plus it's a gravitational partner to another similarly-sized galaxy, Andromeda, also with dwarf galaxies in tow. Add third-wheel galaxy Triangulum, and these comprise The Local (Galaxy) Group. Milky and Andy will merge together in several billion years, forming a real behemoth.

One idea of what Sgr A\* could mean is pretty dark. If parents typically behave like Suns, generating sustenance for their families, black holes are like big corporate bosses, privately pulling strings, raking

in gobs of money. Black holes perfectly describe Mafia godfathers, protected by bribes, able to skim value from their surrounding communities. Dictators who install puppet regimes in neighboring states are another example of black-hole personalities, as when the USSR installed Tito in Yugoslavia and other leaders in states behind the Iron Curtain, to ensure those governments were tightly controlled.

But these are Plutonian qualities, you say. Pluto describes these character types very well. I agree! Perhaps Pluto foreshadowed our black hole years before we learned the celestial colossus existed. Astrological Pluto still works to represent power and control, that's certain. But this Big Black Hole is out there, and our solar system orbits it. Sgr A\* impacts our existence.

Curiously, there's a possible link between Pluto and the Black Hole. Recall how Saturn's 29.5-year solar orbit remarkably parallels the Moon's 29.5-day synodic orbit, and Jupiter's 12-year solar orbit mirrors Earth's 12-month route around the Sun. Pluto's path takes 248 years to circle the Sun. The estimate for how long our solar system orbits the Black Hole is 220-250 million years. So it's possible our system takes about 248 million years to orbit Sgr A\*. That's Pluto's orbit factored in millions of years, similar to how the orbits of Sun/Jupiter and Moon/Saturn are considered related.

The orbits of Pluto and its ring partners, Orcus and Ixion, all lie in that upper limit, 245-251 years,(1) and indeed reflect key qualities of the Black Hole: Orcus its organizing structure, Pluto its power and control, and Ixion, defiant rule breaking (while Sgr A\* protects and coordinates its celestial charges, it feeds on them too, eating stars and anything else coming near its hoovering maw).

If only we had a founding chart for Sgr A\*! Actually, we do. In 2008, media outlets reported two scholarly papers had convincing evidence that Milky Way harbored a central black hole.(2) The news broke on December 9, as Mercury (25 Sagittarius 25) conjoined Sgr A\* (26 Sagittarius 58) and Pluto (0 Capricorn 26). Two dramatic events bookended the Sgr-A\* story that uncannily depicted humans behaving like black holes: Bernie Madoff's shocking investment scandal, and the death of socialite Sunny von Bülow.

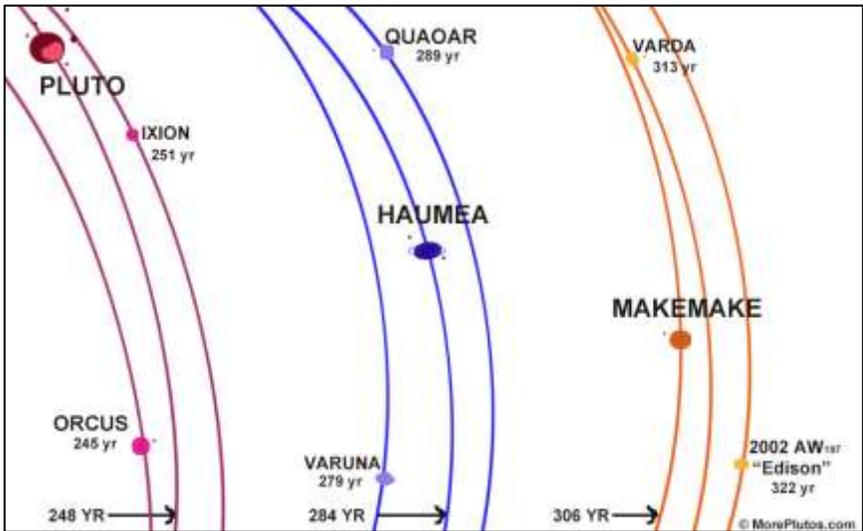


Diagram showing the "rings" in the Kuiper Belt, where the largest Dwarf Planets (Pluto, Haumea, and Makemake) collect in resonant "safe zones," with a couple mid-sized Dwarf Planets orbiting in similar period. These rings were described in a July 2020 eNews article.(1) Artwork by Sue Kientz.

On the morning of December 11, Madoff was arrested at his Manhattan apartment for secretly running a gigantic Ponzi scheme, siphoning billions of dollars from rich investors.(3) Seemingly a benign, ingenious financier and philanthropist, Madoff enticed people into his orbit to fleece them of their assets. The chart of his arrest is near identical with the Black Hole Confirmation chart, and his actions resemble how a black hole sucks value in, never to be seen again. Most exact at his arrest was Mars square Uranus, both semi-square Venus, epitomizing the massive financial ruin (Mars/Venus) caused by one who mistakenly thought he was smarter than everyone else (Mars/Uranus).

A few days earlier on December 6, Sunny von Bülow expired nearly a full Saturn return after an overdose of insulin put her in a coma.(4) A fabulously rich woman, she lay in a top-notch nursing

facility, surrounded 24x7 by nurses, security staff, and daily fresh flowers. Her great wealth maintained her life, although showing no brain activity in all that time, “life” meant lying prone and being fed through a stomach tube. Von Bülow’s death chart resembles the Black Hole Confirmation chart, with a notable Mercury exactly square Saturn. Immobile and insensate amidst vast material accumulation, she lay isolated and incommunicado. Madoff and Von Bülow exemplify the negative extreme of Sgr A\*, both imprisoned and destroyed by runaway selfishness, his for money, hers via drug/alcohol misuse.

This only scratches the event horizon of the Black Hole. More on its Pluto connection, its surprising positive side, deeper analysis of its confirmation chart (especially its Dwarf Planets), will come next issue.

### Notes

1. Pluto and its ring “fellows” are described in a 2020 *eNews* article; see <http://moreplutos.com/articles/Stranger-Rings-of-the-Kuiper-Belt-for-NCGR-News-No343-WebVersion.pdf>
2. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7774287.stm> - 12 p.m. and London used
3. <https://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/WallStreet/feds-charge-50-billion-scam-mans-amazing-crime/story?id=6444781> – 8:30 a.m. used
4. <https://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/07/nyregion/07vonbulow.html> - 2 a.m. used

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