The 8th House

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Courage

Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Camus:

“Courage is not the absence of despair. It is, rather, the capacity to move ahead in spite of despair.”

Three types of courage
• Physical courage - the courage to fight
• Moral courage
• Social courage
Nicolae Ceausescu
Natal Chart
5 Feb 1918, 12:00 UT
Sofia, Bulgaria
44°51'00"N 26°18'58"E
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node

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Rollo May in “The courage to create”:

a chief characteristic of the courage needed requires a centeredness within our own being.
Life and Death

• The fear of life and the fear of death are fighting each other constantly. This is a central theme of the 8th house!
• Every planet in 8 or in aspect to the ruler has to deal with this dynamic your whole life.
• Every morning you have to choose again between the two
• The more you have worked on your shadow, the easier the choice will be.
8th house planets need:

- Tension between fear and dedication
- Expressing themselves in accordance with inner needs, no matter what the world says
- A kind of conflict, simply to have the feeling that one really lives
- Wanting to take life as it comes
From guru to prisoner
Choices

• Every 8th house planet can be both creative and destructive.
• The birth chart shows our potential, not the choices we make.
• Everybody has dormant an enormous creativity.
• Everybody has the ability and the power to live life intense, and feeling it in every fiber of the body.
• But every morning we have all over again to make choices, choices whether we move in the direction of the destructive or the creative.
The 8th house asks:

• Accept your inner struggle as a gift instead as pain
• Nobody is guilty of that struggle, nor our parents, nor the world, nor we our self. The struggle simply is part of Life itself.
• Important: know that when things go wrong, you always are able to handle the pain. And: life goes on.
• You never ever need to be afraid of no matter who or what, because you have a deep understanding that your biggest enemy is living within yourself: your shadow.
• With the help of the 8th house you can learn and unmask your shadow.
Planets in the 8th or in aspect to its ruler: general rules for delineation

Take the core meaning of the planet: what does this planet wants?

• There is a deep inner drive to live that energy and a deeply felt need to express that planet.
• At the same time there is fear to express that energy
• There are mechanisms to use that planet to avoid psychological growth; you can use its meaning as a defense. For example:
  – Overcompensating
  – Hiding or avoiding involvement
  – Intense projections on others or the world
  – Power play and provoking others
Planets in the 8th or in aspect to its ruler: general rules for delineation

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- That same planet offers instruments to dive deep in ourselves and unmask our shadow.
- That planet can pave the way to live life as we feel it.
- That planet can help to dig for the hidden talents and bring them in the open; often being a talent himself.
- That planet has a tremendous power and intensity, including creativity, when one dares to live it.
Rulers in the 8th or in aspect to its ruler: general rules for delineation

• Take the core meaning of the house of which the ruler is in the 8th or in aspect is with the ruler of the 8th:
• That area of life will be confronting: we our self are more sensitive to its themes, but our behavior can also be confronting to others,
• We are longing for depth, openness, honesty and respect in the field of this house, but at the same time we are afraid of it.
• We want a firm grip on the issues of that house, or we hide our self to avoid others getting grip on us.
Rulers in the 8th or in aspect to its ruler: general rules for delineation

- Houses connected with the 8th house can also provide defense mechanisms and escape routes.
- These houses can also provide the fields that enable us to come face to face with our self and our deepest issues and questions of life, and where events and experiences have a huge potential for growth.

House rulers in the 8th and in aspect to the ruler of the 8th can be delineated in the same way as planets. But we have to take into account that houses always have to do with interactions with the outer world.