

general astrology  
& your  
relationships

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ASTROLOGY

When it comes to predictive astrology, much of the focus is given on the impact of the transit planets (and asteroids and other bodies) on your natal chart. But, that isn't the only thing you can focus on!

Another way to use predictive astrology is to focus on what the transit planets are doing on their own and to each other. This is super helpful if you're someone who doesn't know your time of birth (and maybe can't get it) since you can't create a full natal chart (your houses are missing). Or maybe you don't even know when or where you were born! (does happen) In which case, a natal chart is not going to be an option for you.

You may feel you need to abandon predictive astrology at that point, but this is totally an option for you. Just follow the planets and see what they're doing on their own and to each other.

This basically means you'll follow when they:

- change zodiac signs
- turn retrograde or direct
- are at specific degrees
- make major aspects to the other transit planets and bodies
- along with following new/full moons and eclipses

So let's get started by focusing on what impacts your relationships!

Note that lesson 3 focuses on the Moon, and you can use a Moon sign calendar to track the Moon in the signs. Free online calendars include

Moon Tracks (which lists as a simple table for quick reference; uses Universal Time), Astro-Seek (which gives some extra info about the sign and lunar phase; can also look ahead several years and time zone can be adjusted), and Mystic Medusa (this has a nice calendar layout and includes void-of-course Moon periods [which are times of slow energy]; can also adjust time zone). You can do an online search and find more!



## lesson 1: the relationship zodiac signs

The relationship Zodiac signs are Leo and Libra. Leo connects to the 5th house of love, and Libra is ruled by Venus, planet of love, and connects to the 7th house of committed relationships. When the transit planets are in Leo, this has an impact on love in our lives.

When the transit planets are in Libra, this can impact our ability to commit to others, to prioritize our relationships, and to be more invested in our connections.



## lesson 2: the sun, mercury, venus, mars, and ceres in the relationship signs

The Sun is in each of these signs around the same time each year - it's in Leo late July to mid-August, and it's in Libra late September to mid-October.

Mercury and Venus don't travel very far from the Sun, so they're often in the same sign around the same time as the Sun. Mercury brings mental energy. When Mercury is in Leo, we can come up with plans for love and romance, and are excited by romantic ideas; and when Mercury is in Libra, we can think about how to be more committed and want to connect mentally one-on-one.

Venus brings pleasant energy and help from others. Venus is the planet of love and relationships, so whatever sign Venus is in can impact love and relationships. By sign:

Aries: take initiative in love, new beginnings in relationships

Taurus: take things slow in love, focus on physical connections

Gemini: focus on mental connections with others and communication

Cancer: focus on emotional connections with others and emotional support

Leo: super romantic and want to enjoy love

Virgo: pay closer attention to the little things in love and show love in small ways

Libra: open to committing or re-committing, comfortable with others

Scorpio: focus on deepening bonds of intimacy

Sagittarius: have more adventures in love, get and give some space

Capricorn: be responsible in love, make relationship goals

Aquarius: make changes in love, be open to love in different ways

Pisces: focus on spiritual connections in love, super empathetic and compassionate

The Sun, Mercury, and Venus spend around 3 weeks to 1 month in each sign each year.

The Sun in the relationship signs October 2021 - December 2022:

Libra: September 22nd to October 23rd 2021

Leo: July 22nd to August 22nd 2022

Libra: September 22nd to October 23rd 2022

Mercury in the relationship signs October 2021 - December 2022:

Libra: August 30th to November 5th 2021

Leo: July 19th to August 4th 2022

Libra: August 25th to September 23rd 2022, October 10th to 29th 2022

Venus in the Zodiac signs October 2021 - December 2022:

Scorpio - September 10th 2021

Sagittarius - October 7th 2021

Capricorn - November 5th 2021

Aquarius - March 6th 2022

Pisces - April 5th 2022

Aries - May 2nd 2022

Taurus - May 28th 2022

Gemini - June 22nd 2022

Cancer - July 17th 2022

Leo - August 11th 2022

Virgo - September 5th 2022

Libra - September 29th 2022

Scorpio - October 23rd 2022

Sagittarius - November 16th 2022

Capricorn - December 9th 2022

Mars is the planet of energy and drive and spends about 2 months in each Zodiac sign. When Mars is in the relationship signs we're energized and driven to focus on others and our relationships.

You can strive to be more romantic and have more of a spark when Mars is in Leo. This can be a great time for reconnecting if you're in a relationship, and dating around if you're single. You can strive to be more

committed when Mars is in Libra. You can recommit if in a relationship or take things to the next level, and you can take dating more seriously if single.

Mars tours Libra September 15th to October 30th 2021.

Ceres is the planet of nourishment, and is a dwarf planet argued to rule Taurus. Ceres in the relationship signs can help you to nurture your loved ones and be super generous with Ceres in Leo, and be more helpful and considerate with those you're close to with Ceres in Libra. Ceres is in Leo July 23rd to September 29th 2022, and enters Libra December 18th 2022 to end the year.

The retrogrades of Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Ceres can also have some impact on relationships when they occur in the relationship signs (except Venus, since it connects to relationships, so it's retrograde can impact no matter what sign it's in).

A planet is called retrograde when it appears to be moving backward from our view here on Earth. The Sun and Moon don't retrograde, while Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, and Chiron retrograde for months at a time every year. Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Ceres don't spend as long retrograde, and have a stronger impact on us.

Mercury retrograde in the relationship signs can make it difficult to get along with others, and this can prompt a lot of miscommunications and



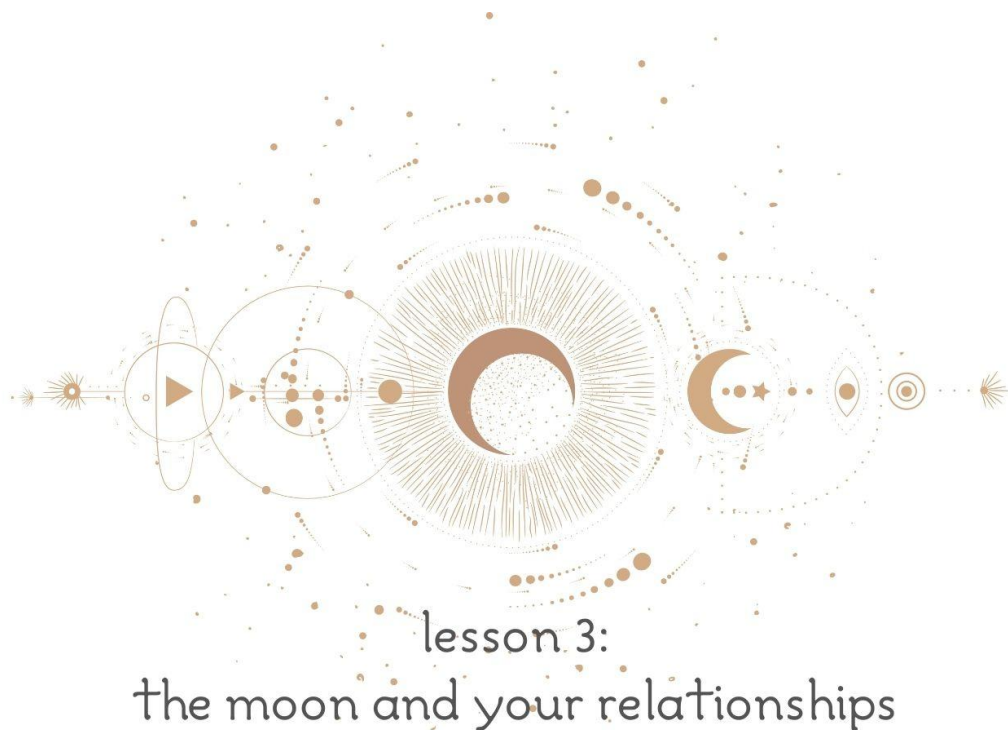
not seeing eye-to-eye. Mercury doesn't retrograde in Leo in 2021 or 2022; Mercury does retrograde in Libra September 27th to October 18th 2021 and September 9th to 23rd 2022.

Venus retrograde in any signs can impact relationships overall since Venus rules relationships, and we can struggle with coming together, but it can be good for reconnecting. 2021 ends and 2022 starts with Venus retrograde in Capricorn, and we may have difficulties with our elders, mentors, and bosses, have trouble with our responsibilities in relationships, and may feel stifled by others. This is in effect December 19th 2021 to January 29th 2022.

Mars retrograde in the relationship signs can bring lots of fighting with others. The next Mars retrograde in 2022 occurs in Gemini, which is not a relationship sign, but given that it rules communication, it might stir up a lot of fighting.

Ceres retrograde in the relationship signs can impact our ability to nurture and support our loved ones and feel nurtured and supported by others, though this can also be the case in any of the other signs. Ceres is retrograde October 8th 2021 to January 14th 2022 in Gemini (October 8th to December 21st 2021) and Taurus (December 21st 2021 - January 14th 2022), so we may need to work on support both mentally and physically.

Retrogrades in the relationship signs are good for reconnecting with others. You can work on strengthening your existing relationships, or pick back up with those from the past. It may not last once the retrograde is over though, so try to make use of it while you can.



### lesson 3: the moon and your relationships

The Moon moves the fastest of all the planets, zipping through the entire Zodiac in less than one month, so every month, the Moon goes through both of these signs. The Moon spends about 2-3 days in each sign. This gives regular energy to focus on your relationships.

With the Moon, it's emotional energy, so this is where emotional focus is on those days. We're emotionally invested in love with the Moon in Leo, and emotionally invested in relationships with the Moon in Libra.

We can also consider new and full moons and eclipses. We have about 12-13 new moons and 12-13 full moons every year. They alternate roughly every two weeks, so we have a new moon, then a full moon

about 2 weeks later, then a new moon about 2 weeks after that, then a full moon about 2 weeks after that, etc.

New moons are associated with new beginnings and are great for starting new projects and pursuing new opportunities. We can focus on new love and re-igniting sparks in Leo, and on new relationships and furthering commitment in Libra. Solar eclipses occur with new moons, but are only 2-4 times each year. Their energy is a lot bigger, but no solar eclipses will occur in Leo in Libra in 2021 or 2022.

Full moons are associated with endings and culminations, and we can reap what we've sown. This can be a time of deepening love in positive relationships or letting go of unhealthy ones in Leo, and to deepen commitment in positive relationships or walk away from unhealthy ones in Libra. Lunar eclipses occur with full moons, but like solar eclipses, are only 2-4 times each year. Their energy is also a lot bigger, but no lunar eclipses will occur in Leo or Libra in 2021 or 2022.

There will be eclipses in Scorpio though, and Scorpio is ruler of intimacy, so there may be some focus on intimacy in your relationships with those eclipses (lunar eclipse May 15th 2022, solar eclipse October 25th 2022).

The new and full moons and eclipses in the relationship signs for October 2021 through December 2022:

New Moon in Libra: October 6th 2021

Full Moon in Leo: February 16th 2022

Full Moon in Libra: April 16th 2022

New Moon in Leo: July 28th 2022

New Moon in Libra: September 25th 2022



## lesson 4: the slower planets and your relationships

Jupiter is the planet of expansion, and this is great for opportunity. When Jupiter is in Leo or Libra, this can bring opportunities for more love in life and more commitment with others. Jupiter won't be in either of these signs for many years though.

Saturn is the planet of restriction and lessons, and in Leo or Libra, this may mean less people in our lives and less connections with others. Unhealthy relationships can break apart. Saturn won't be in either Leo or Libra for many years, and is currently in Aquarius until 2023. Aquarius does rule our friendships, so these are the relationships that Saturn can target, and we have to create healthier, more supportive friendships.

Uranus is the planet of change, and is currently in Taurus, so we've got that energy for a while. This brings changes in slower ways, and we may want to disrupt areas that have been very steady and boring in our lives. Relationships that have become stale can be targeted by Uranus.

Neptune is in the sign it rules, Pisces, which can increase compassion and empathy in a big way, and this can help us to connect more with others. We want to do more for those we care about, and are more willing to make sacrifices, but we also need to make sure we have healthy boundaries.

Pluto is the planet of transformation, and is currently in Capricorn. We've had this energy for a while now, but it'll end in 2023. This makes us transform the status quo, so anything that has been around for a while and needs to be challenged, gets challenged. That can include your existing relationships if you haven't been transforming them over time.



## lesson 5: transit aspects impacting your relationships

In 2021, we've been experiencing Saturn square Uranus. This has had a stronger impact professionally since Saturn rules career and Uranus is in Taurus, ruler of money. But, the aspect is more about changing what has been to bring it forward toward the future, and this can play out in any area of our lives, including in our relationships.

In 2022, there will only be one aspect between any of the slower planets and that's Jupiter conjunct Neptune on April 12th 2022, at 23 degrees Pisces. This opens up imagination, compassion, intuition, and creativity, so in our relationships, this can help with compassion and empathy, and we can find it easier to come together in mid-April. This can also make us want more spiritual connections with others.

Mars is the planet of energy and drive, and Mars in aspect to Venus really turns up the sparks for everyone. Venus is attractive, Mars takes initiative, so they play the tango well, and we tend to really feel it when



they're aspecting each other. Sextiles and trines tend to be easier to handle, while conjunctions, squares, and oppositions tend to be strong and hit hard.

### **Venus-Mars aspects October 2021 to December 2022:**

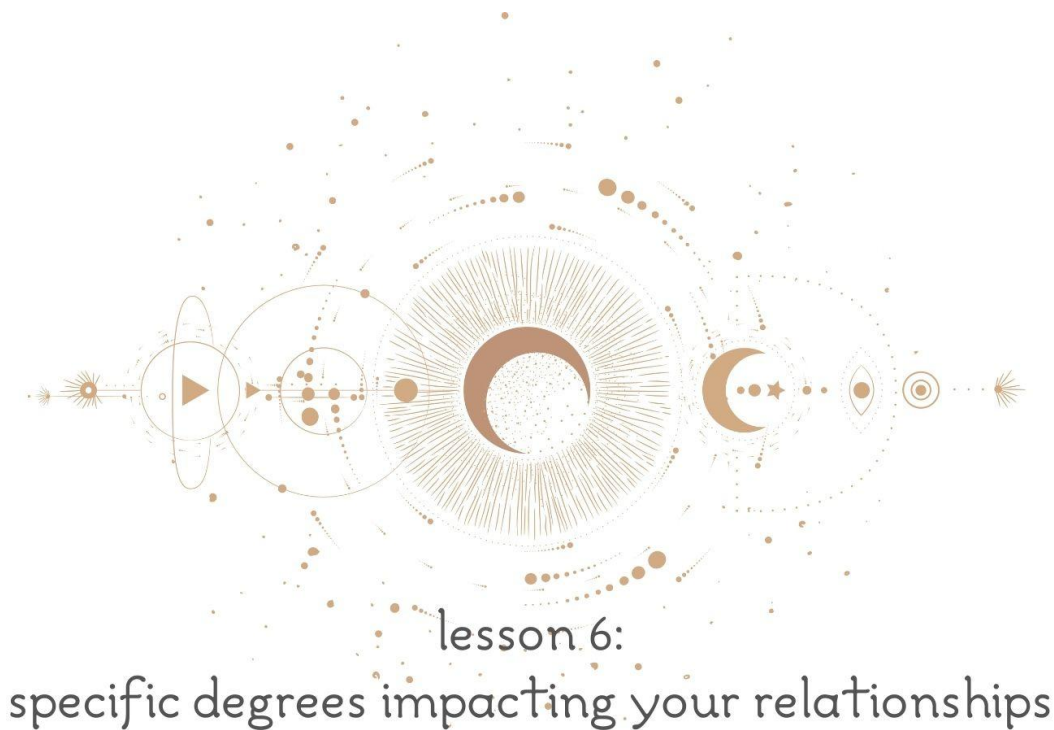
**March 6th 2022:** Conjunction in Aquarius (this actually occurs \*right\* after both Venus and Mars move into Aquarius, and they ride together starting in Capricorn in early February, enter Aquarius, and stay together in Aquarius to late March, so this is suuuuuper strong energy that lasts a little while, a lot longer than usual actually)

**August 2nd 2022:** Sextile with Venus in Cancer and Mars in Taurus

**September 16th 2022:** Square with Venus in Virgo and Mars in Gemini

**October 16th 2022:** Trine with Venus in Libra and Mars in Gemini

**December 1st 2022:** Opposition with Venus in Sagittarius and Mars in Gemini (this is the only aspect they make to each other while Mars is retrograde; Mars retrograde might make this aspect more sensual yet action may not be taken as much, and we may be extra frustrated)



There's a point called the anaretic degree, which is 29 degrees of any sign. It's the very last degree, so it's a time when we feel we have to take action while we still have the chance. We tend to be quite motivated to act when the transit planets are anaretic.

When Venus is anaretic, this has a direct impact on our relationships and abilities to deal with others. Venus is the planet of love and relationships, so it can drive us to take some sort of action involving others and our relationships. We may feel like we absolutely must take action in some way while we still have the chance.

Dates Venus is anaretic:

October 6th - 7th 2021 (Scorpio)

November 4th - 5th 2021 (Sagittarius)

March 4th - 6th 2022 (Capricorn)

April 4th - 5th 2022 (Aquarius)

May 1st - 2nd 2022 (Pisces)

May 27th - 28th 2022 (Aries)

June 22nd 2022 (Taurus)

July 17th 2022 (Gemini)

August 10th - 11th 2022 (Cancer)

September 4th - 5th 2022 (Leo)

September 28th - 29th 2022 (Virgo)

October 22nd - 23rd 2022 (Libra)

November 15th - 16th 2022 (Scorpio)

December 9th 2022 (Sagittarius)