

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.



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

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.

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.

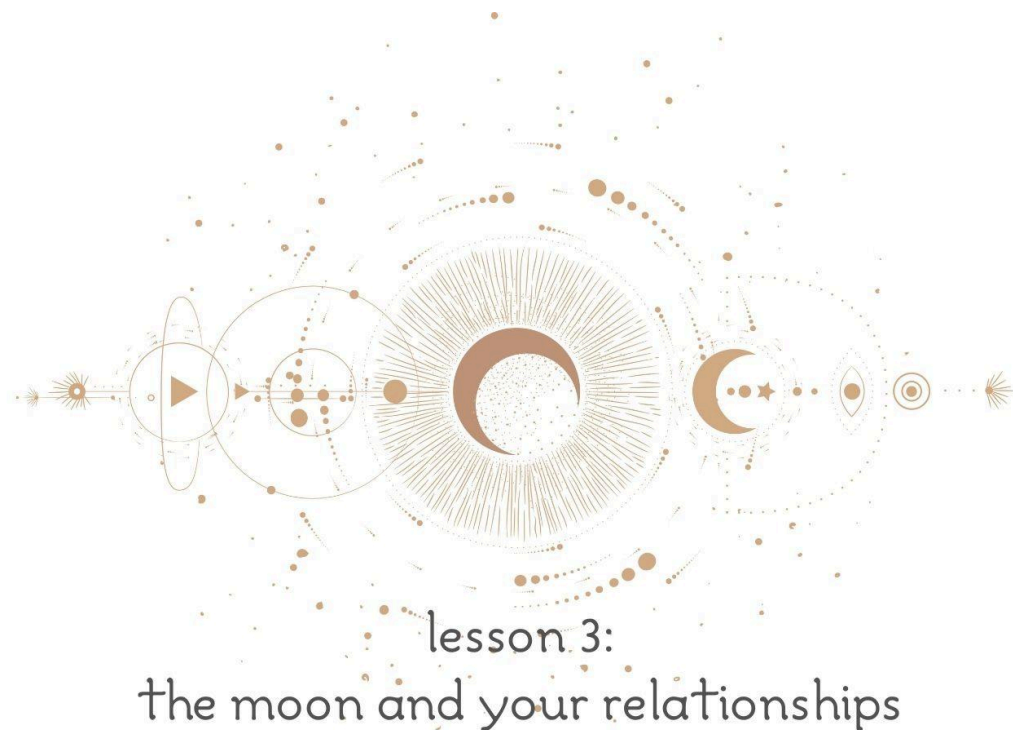
The retrogrades of Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Ceres can also have some impact on relationships when they occur in the relationship signs (except Venus, since it connects to relationships, so its retrograde can impact no matter what sign it's in).

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. 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.

Mars retrograde in the relationship signs can bring lots of fighting with others. 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.

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.



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.

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.



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 either.

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. This is more likely to happen once Saturn is also in Pisces.

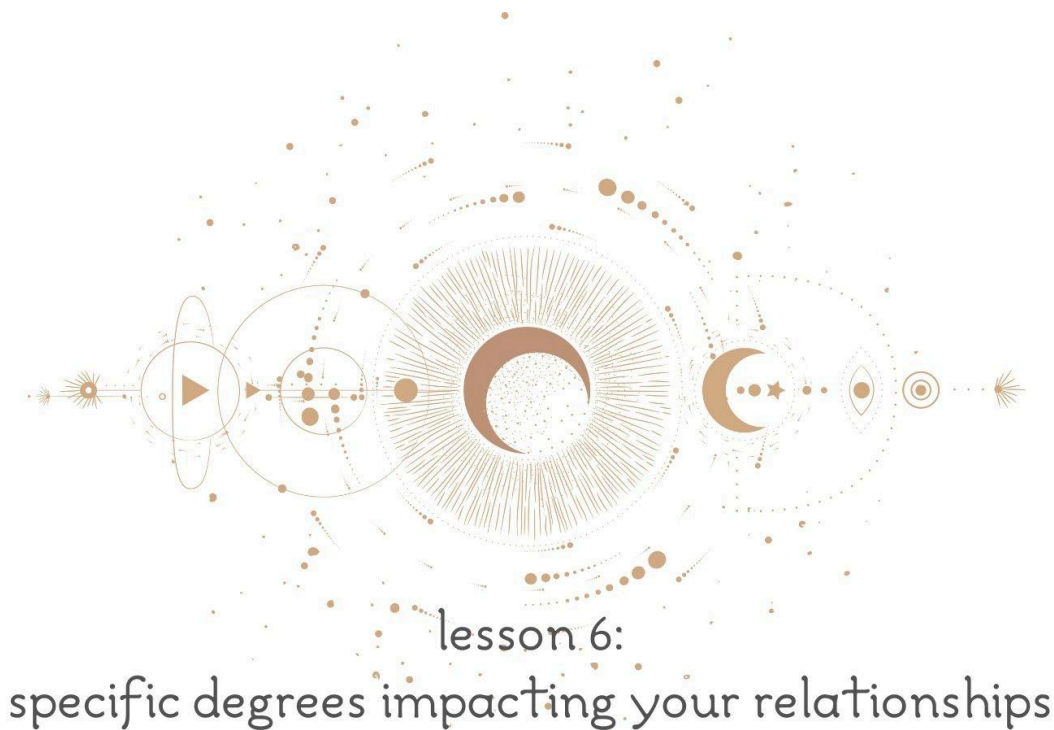
Pluto is the planet of transformation, and has been in Capricorn. This makes us transform the status quo, so anything that has been around for a while and needs to be challenged, gets challenged. That can include your existing relationships if you haven't been transforming them over time. Pluto is moving to Aquarius, the sign ruling our friendships and groups, so we may start to transform what we want and need from friends, the friends we gravitate toward, and how we interact with groups.



lesson 5: transit aspects impacting your relationships

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.



lesson 6: specific degrees impacting your relationships

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.