

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) and 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). 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 for the rest of 2023:

Leo: July 22nd to August 23rd 2023

Libra: September 23rd to October 23rd 2023

Mercury in the relationship signs for the rest of 2023:

Leo: July 11th to July 28th 2023

Libra: October 4th to 22nd 2023

Venus in the Zodiac signs for the rest of 2023:

Starts in Capricorn

Aquarius - January 2nd 2023

Pisces - January 26th 2023

Aries - February 20th 2023

Taurus - March 16th 2023

Gemini - April 11th 2023

Cancer - May 7th 2023

Leo - June 5th 2023

Virgo - October 8th 2023

Libra - November 8th 2023

Scorpio - December 4th 2023

Sagittarius - December 29th 2023

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 in Leo or Libra for the rest of 2023:

Leo: May 25th to July 10th 2023

Libra: August 27th to October 12th 2023

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 Libra to start 2023, turns retrograde in Libra on February 3rd, exits Libra on March 22nd, and re-enters Libra after the retrograde June 21st to September 15th 2023.

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. Mercury doesn't retrograde in Leo or Libra in 2023.

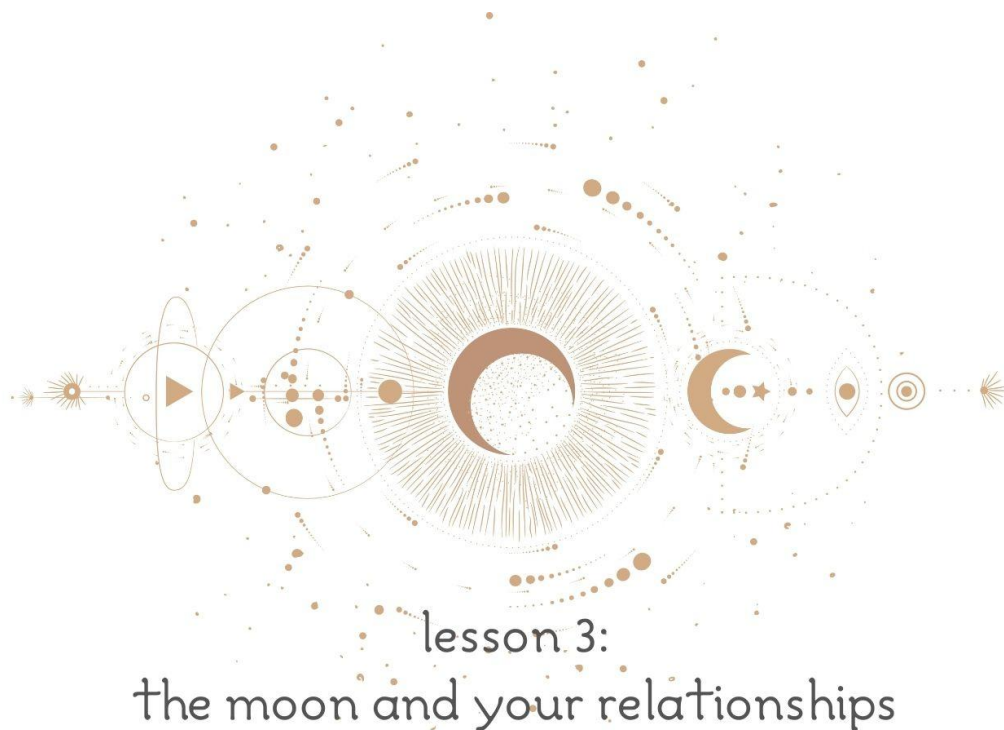
Venus retrograde in any signs can impact relationships overall since Venus rules relationships, and we can struggle with coming together, but it can be good for reconnecting. 2023 comes with Venus retrograde July 22nd to September 3rd, and this occurs entirely in Leo, sign of love, so it's a double shot of impact to our relationships. We can struggle with expressing love openly, and need to find different ways of sharing the love. We can struggle with affection and romance, and likely need to find different ways of showing affection, being romantic, and work on the core blocks that are getting in the way.

Mars retrograde in the relationship signs can bring lots of fighting with others. 2023 began with Mars retrograde in Gemini, which is not a relationship sign, but given that it rules communication, likely stirred 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 in Libra February 3rd to March 22nd 2023, and has a direct impact on our ability to nurture our relationships and the people we're closest to. We likely need to find different ways of connecting, nurturing, and being supported, and of showing how committed we are.

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. Their energy is a lot bigger, and we will have one solar eclipse in Libra in 2023 on October 14th. This is super helpful coming out of the Venus retrograde in Leo and the Ceres retrograde in Libra, giving us two retrogrades directly impacting love, commitment, and relationships, so the Libra solar eclipse offers great beneficial energy to make things right and get more committed.

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 2023.

There will be one lunar eclipse in Scorpio though, and Scorpio is ruler of intimacy, so there may be some focus on intimacy in your relationships with that eclipse (May 5th 2023).

The new and full moons and eclipses in the relationship signs for the rest of 2023:

Full Moon in Leo: February 5th 2023 (just as Ceres retrograde begins)

Full Moon in Libra: April 6th 2023 (after Ceres retrograde leaves Libra)

New Moon in Leo: August 16th 2023 (while Venus is retrograde in Leo)

Solar Eclipse in Libra: October 14th 2023



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 enters Pisces on March 7th 2023. Pisces is ruler of karma and spiritual connections, so this can bring focus on our karmic and spiritual relationships that we need to address, as well as releasing unhealthy karmic relationship baggage.

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 begins to move to Aquarius in 2023 (March 23rd to June 11th), 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.

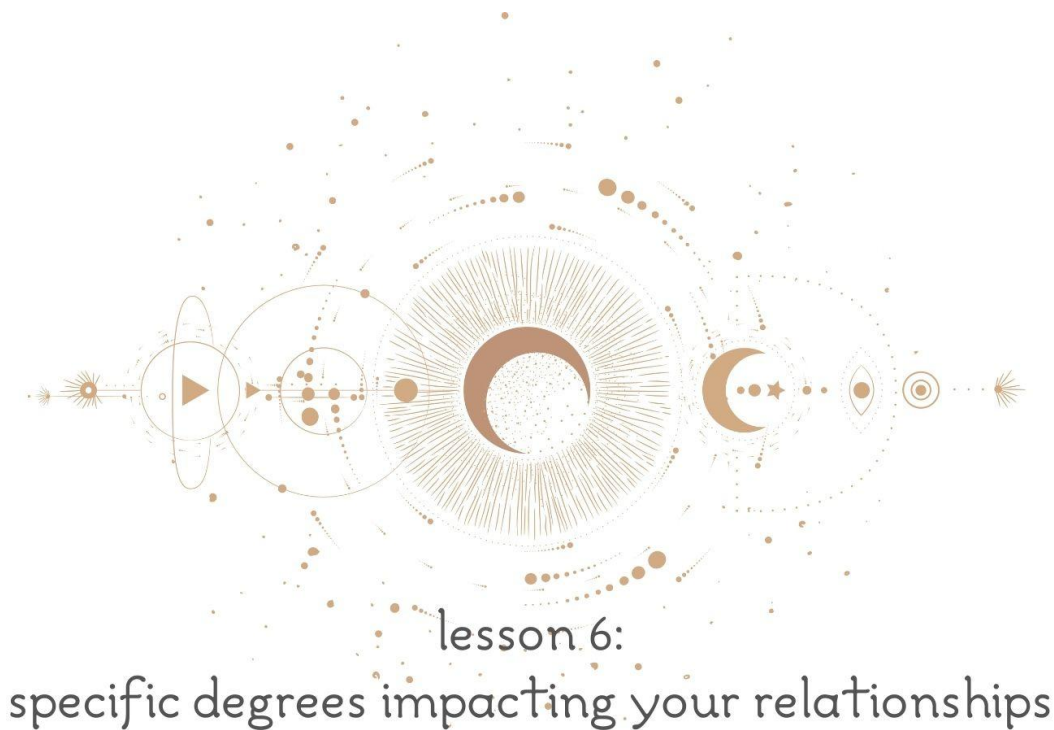
One note about 2023: Venus and Mars will only aspect each other 3 times, earlier in the year, and they won't link up again after that, and will be just out of sync for the rest of 2023. A bit unusual! They will be nearly sextile the second half of September and start of October after Venus retrograde ends in Leo and with Mars in Libra.

Venus-Mars aspects for 2023:

January 9th 2023: Trine with Venus in Aquarius and Mars in Gemini (this occurs the day after Mars retrograde ends so we come out of it with nice energy for connecting)

February 4th 2023: Square with Venus in Pisces and Mars in Gemini

March 11th 2023: Sextile with Venus in Aries and Mars in Gemini



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:

January 2nd 2023 (Capricorn)

January 26th 2023 (Aquarius)
February 19th - 20th 2023 (Pisces)
March 15th - 16th 2023 (Aries)
April 10th - 11th 2023 (Taurus)
May 6th - 7th 2023 (Gemini)
June 4th - 5th 2023 (Cancer)
October 7th - 8th 2023 (Leo)
November 7th - 8th 2023 (Virgo)
December 3rd - 4th 2023 (Libra)
December 28th - 29th 2023 (Scorpio)