

# Musings on Starlight

*An Astrology Forecast for August '07 by Amelia Shea\**

“Love is the great Amen of the universe ....” Novalis

Venus, the goddess of love, harmony and pleasure turned retrograde in the end of July and will continue her retrograde motion throughout the month of August. Under this aspect old lovers sometimes return. Memories of love affairs and happy times past can also resurface. Delays in financial matters, business partnerships and personal liaisons are common. Goals in these areas may need to be adjusted accordingly.

Some people have mentioned that they feel as if Mercury is retrograde now in terms of difficulty with communication or travel. Mercury is not retrograde but Mercury rules the sign of Virgo which Venus is in until the 9<sup>th</sup> of August when she enters Leo. This can create a similar influence.

August starts off under the influence of a fractious Mars Saturn square. Astrologers often refer to this aspect as having the gas and brakes on at the same time. It can be a time of frustration and there is a tendency to overwork. Best to plan for down times. This aspect perfected Tuesday 7/31 and will be in effect through Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Sun will be in Leo until August 23. Given its proximity to Saturn accomplishment is indicated through serious and steady application. Working through setbacks may result in a breakthrough of some kind.

Mercury the planet of communication and travel moves into the sign of Leo on Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>. Mercury in Leo adds optimism and courage. With the Venus retrograde planning as opposed to acting is still indicated.

Jupiter will station direct on August 6 and Mars moves into Gemini on August 7<sup>th</sup>. These influences are present throughout the month of August. With these placements there is a tendency to get distracted, scattered and to act precipitously. It's best to stay focused and proceed with planning and caution instead. With clarity and focus new alternatives may present themselves.

On August 19 Mercury moves into Virgo. This is good for pragmatics, detail work and for getting things done.

There is a Lunar Eclipse at 4 Pisces on August 28. Eclipses are regarded as doorways into the future and are evolutionary in nature. On the Pisces/Virgo axis this eclipse continues the theme of integrating our highest dreams and aspirations into our daily lives and routines. People most affected by this eclipse have important placements in early Pisces, Sagittarius, Gemini and Virgo and also late degrees of Leo, Taurus, Scorpio and Aquarius. Look at your chart to see which house this eclipse is falling in. It will describe the area of life being affected.

Friends – I will be doing brief Astrology consults for \$30 on the Venus retrograde and upcoming eclipse and how they impact individual charts. If you're curious about how it affects your chart and would like to make an app't give me a call at 603 924 0056.

\*All times mentioned are EDT.

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