

# Musings on Starlight

“What does she want, volcanic Venus,

As she goes fuming around?

What does she want?

She says she wants a lover,

But you don't believe her

She's seething like a volcano

And volcanoes don't want lovers.” *DH Lawrence*

The first week of October bodes well for socializing and entertaining. New romances may be sparked, old flames reignited and existing relationships revived. On the 8<sup>th</sup> the party comes to an end as Venus, the goddess of love and beauty stations retrograde. In the old texts Venus retrograde – especially in Scorpio- was regarded as a time of heightened passion, jealousy and warlike behavior.

In contemporary terms we would say the Venus retrograde period ( 10/8- 11/19) presents a challenging time for relationships- all kinds of relationships- but especially romantic and committed ones. Unresolved issues are likely to surface. When they do pay attention because this transit presents an opportunity to learn more about our approach to intimacy and our personal style of relating - what works, what doesn't and what needs improving.

It is best to take a disciplined approach at this time. If tempers flare or irritations occur look to the cause rather than responding impulsively in the moment.

“Fated” meetings occur under this influence and sometimes old lovers return. Lost objects can resurface.

As is true of retrograde periods in general this forty day period (10/8- 11/19) bodes well for introspection and retrospection rather than action.

Explore and evolve ideas about improving self esteem, personal identity, surroundings and finances. Take action after 11/19.

The Venus retrograde period also bodes well for the evolution spiritual and creative projects. There will be help with discipline and structure. Creativity may be harder to access than usual. Focus on the work that needs to be done.

Keep a clear head about relationships that are initiated during this period as they often do not last long term.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> “life comes at you fast.” Mercury aspects the Uranus/Jupiter conjunction Events and thoughts move quickly under this influence and there can be an overabundance of new and innovative information that can be hard to integrate in the moment. Revelations occur under this influence as well so pay particular attention to synchronicity and guidance. We are living in extraordinary times and information about how to proceed may appear in surprising ways if we are open to it.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> Venus and Mars, the planetary lovers are conjunct in Scorpio. This is a sexy combination – good for love, romance and passionate encounters.

The New Moon is on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The Sun, Moon, Mercury and Saturn are together at this time making this a very good time for setting intentions about relationships of all kinds. Keep intentions serious and very clear.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> Venus will go retrograde – an event which occurs every 18 months. Venus retrograde periods are a retrospective time about love and relationship. Use this as a time to identify issues which need to be resolved to create a better future. Rethink financial goals and possessions. If you would like to redecorate the house or change your wardrobe or your image use this time to brainstorm. Act on any new ideas after 11/19.

In general Venus governs what we value. Look back at what you have truly valued in the past. Make sure to forge a life that includes those things in the future.

The 14<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> is a good time for new ideas and inspiration. Pay attention to information that comes through dreams or meditation.

There is plenty of energy on the 20 with Mars and Jupiter together. Just watch for overdoing or overextending.

The Full Moon is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 29 Aries and the Sun enters Scorpio on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Energy abounds on the 24 and 28.

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