

Heart & Soul Centered Astrology



The Retrograde Series



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Intro to Retrograde

Retrograde (rx) is a natural phenomena for all planetary activity. All planets will at some point appear to move backwards. From an evolutionary perspective, we ask, "what does this represent within consciousness"?

In this series we will explore this question for all the planets. Our learning in this series is rooted in the recognition that everything "up there" reflects what is "in here". Thus we will explore all the various facets of the retrograde journey including:

- Stationing retrograde
- Stationing direct
- Shadow periods
- Relationship with the Sun



WHAT IS RETROGRADE?

Retrograde can be understood in two general ways. One, on a more basic level it implies a process of review, reflection, integration, revision, re-thinking. All kinds of "re" words. Two, on a deeper level it reflects a process of individuation wherein the soul is learning to throw off and deconstruct from conditioned patterns relative to that planetary function. From this perspective, retrograde motion reflects a natural process of accelerated growth and self-awareness. This is true both in transit and in natal charts.

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KARMIC IMPLICATIONS

The individual application of retrograde planets, both in natal charts and transits, always needs to be understood according to individual soul context. In natal charts retrograde often refers to a dynamic wherein the soul is learning to slow down and become self aware relative to any conditioned tendencies to overdue it in the past. Or, in a similar way, to develop more agency and self-awareness relative to that planetary function.

To give an example, consider Mars retrograde. This can either reflect a soul that misused the Mars energy (masculine force) in violent and reactive ways and thus the retrograde reflects a deeper introspection and perhaps caution relative to how one acts upon their own will. Or, on the other hand this can reflect where the soul has not fully inhabited their own self-leadership, perhaps not acting when they needed to. Thus the Mars retrograde might reflect the soul going deeper within to learn to rely on its capacity for self-leadership.

In all cases Mars rx would represent where the soul is developing a profound degree of self-awareness and ultimately the potential for greater mastery/self-knowledge. This is true for all retrograde planets.

There's no way to know what the karmic implications of a retrograde planet are without seeing it in context with the natal chart and the soul's actual reality.

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NATAL VS TRANSIT

Natal rx implies a life long soul intention and thus is a part of the program relative to the soul's individual karmic and evolutionary needs. This is true even if it may change via secondary progressions at a certain point during the lifetime.

In transit, it is similar to natal charts in that the only difference is that transits are transient, whereas natal charts are life long. Thus in transit the retrograde phenomena reflects specific karmic and evolutionary needs that are playing out at a particular time in the soul's journey. They have to be understood according to the house/sign they are moving through, the planetary ruler of the sign and any aspects they are creating with other planets in the natal chart. All relative to a fundamental understanding of the natal chart.

OBLIQUE RETROGRADE

Oblique rx is when a planet that is direct is forming an aspect to a retrograde planet. While the direct planet is not retrograde, it is directly connected to a retrograde function and thus the retrograde archetype applies to it in some way. This is true natively and in transit.

For example, if natal or transiting Mercury retrograde is opposing a soul's natal Venus, even though Venus is not retrograde, the opposition to the Mercury rx will imply retrograde dynamics manifesting relative to one's Venus. As always, what this specifically means needs to be understood by studying the whole context.

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RETROGRADE PATTERNS OF EACH PLANET

<i>Planet</i>	<i>Days in Retrogradation</i>	<i>How long from one Rx to the next?</i>
Mercury	~ 21	~ every 3 months
Venus	41	~ 1 year 6 month
Mars	72	~ 2 years
Jupiter	121	~ 9 months
Saturn	138	~ 7.5 months
Uranus	151	~ 7.25 months
Neptune	158	~ 7 months
Pluto	182.625	~ 6.75 months

Note that the farther out planets all spend more time in retrograde. Pluto is practically retrograde half of the time! This fits with the nature of the outer planets in general: they reflect a more existential soul-level, transpersonal facet of reality. They all spend more time retrograde which itself implies more time going within, accessing the deeper dimension of our being.

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STATIONING RETROGRADE

- Wrapping up, preparing, going within
- Often there can be irritation relative to the need to slow down or not push through in the way one otherwise wanted to
- New information/experience/inner content arising that leads a soul to a new phase of experience
- When a planet stations retrograde that function is highlighted and emphasized for a time. Similar to putting your finger on a pulse. The energy is strong and pronounced.

MOVING RETROGRADE

- Unfolding of necessary karmic developments
- Induction of greater self-awareness and soul-alignment.
- Introspection, individuation, deconditioning from known patterns.
- Meeting the requirements of what is arising as it is preparing the grounds for whatever is most relevant for the soul's path
- Self-doubt is common, often a sense of things not working the way one wants things to. Frustration.

STATIONING DIRECT

- Harvesting of self-knowledge
- Sense of clarity, crystallization of experience
- Fear or overwhelm
- Need to act or integrate what one has learned
- Beginning of a new journey of growth

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ASPECTS TO THE SUN + ASTRONOMICAL TERMS

Retrograde is inexplicably connected to the Sun. For the planets interior to the Earth's orbit (Mercury, Venus) :

- **The superior conjunction.** Astronomically, this happens as Earth and the planet are on opposite sides of the Sun. This is a conjunction with the Sun that occurs as the planet seems to be passing the Sun in its direct motion. It is the midpoint between the last retrograde cycle and the upcoming one.
- **Inferior conjunction.** Astronomically, this happens as Earth and planet are both on the same side of the Sun. This is a conjunction of that planet with the Sun as the planet seems to cross the Sun, moving in the opposite direction. The inferior conjunction is the midpoint of a retrograde cycle.

For the planets exterior to the Earth's orbit:

- **The superior conjunction** is the conjunction between the planet and the Sun. It is always the midpoint between the last retrograde cycle and the next. It occurs when the planet and the Earth are on both sides of the Sun.
- **The inferior conjunction** will express as the opposition between the planet and the Sun. This is always the midpoint of the retrograde cycle. Astronomically, it is when the planet and the Earth are both on the same side of the Sun.

Here's a great wiki page that explains the astronomy of retrograde motion: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apparent_retrograde_motion

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SHADOW PERIOD

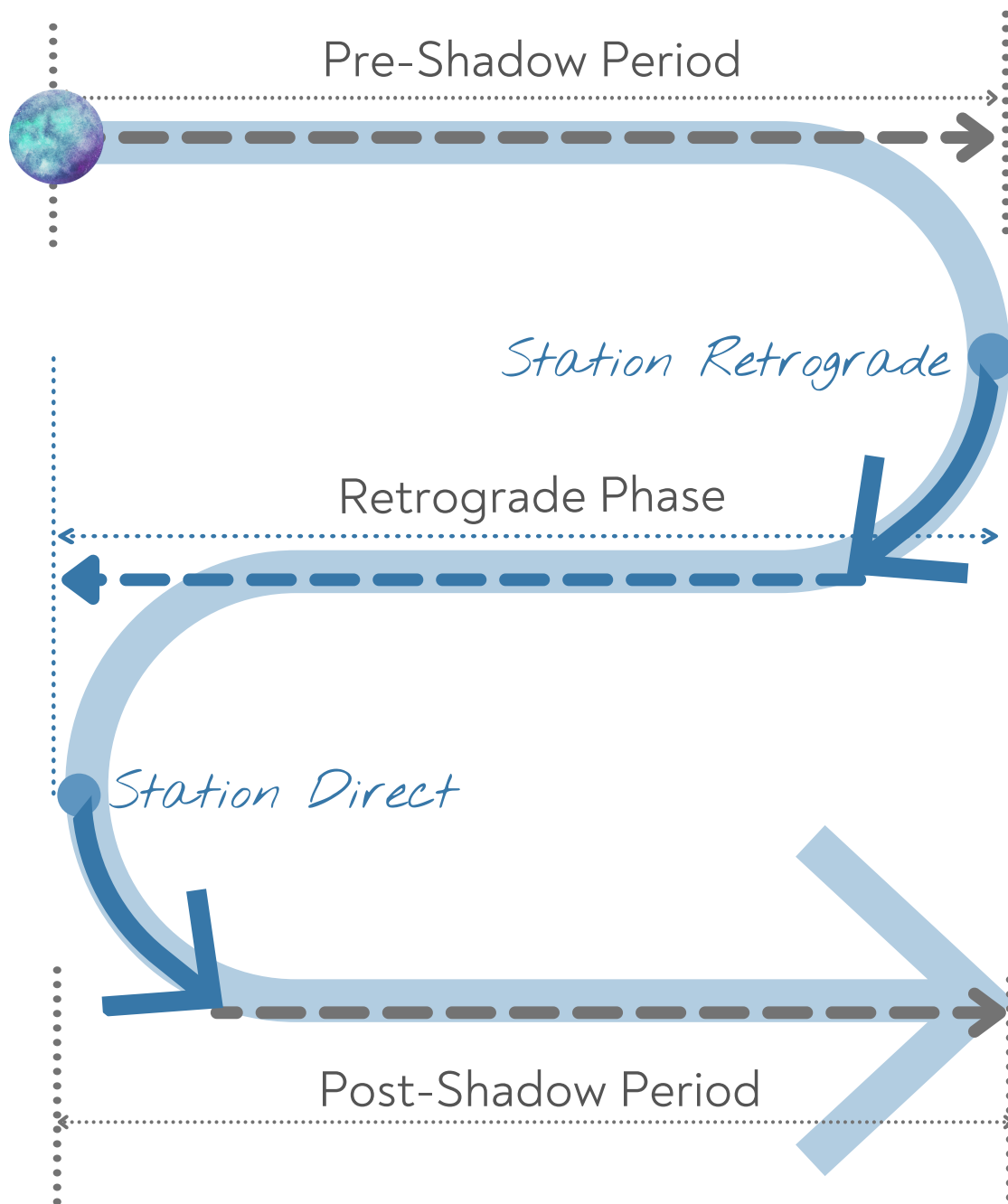
Shadow periods reflect the entirety of a retrograde journey from the degree it will retrograde **back** to, to the degree where it **first** went retrograde. See diagram on next page for visual.

For example, if on January 28th 2022 Venus will retrograde back to 11 degrees Capricorn, then the first time Venus, when direct, passed over 11 degrees Capricorn it can be said to have entered it's shadow period. In this case that is Nov 17 2021.

Further, if Venus will station retrograde at at 26 Capricorn on Dec 18th 2021, then after the retrograde motion is over and Venus is direct again, it can be said to leave its rx shadow when it again passes through 26 Capricorn on March 1 2022.

Thus, while the actual retrograde motion only takes place from Dec 18 2021 till Jan 28th 2022, Venus will be moving back and forth over a particular section of the zodiac all from the way from Nov 17 2021 till March 1 2022.

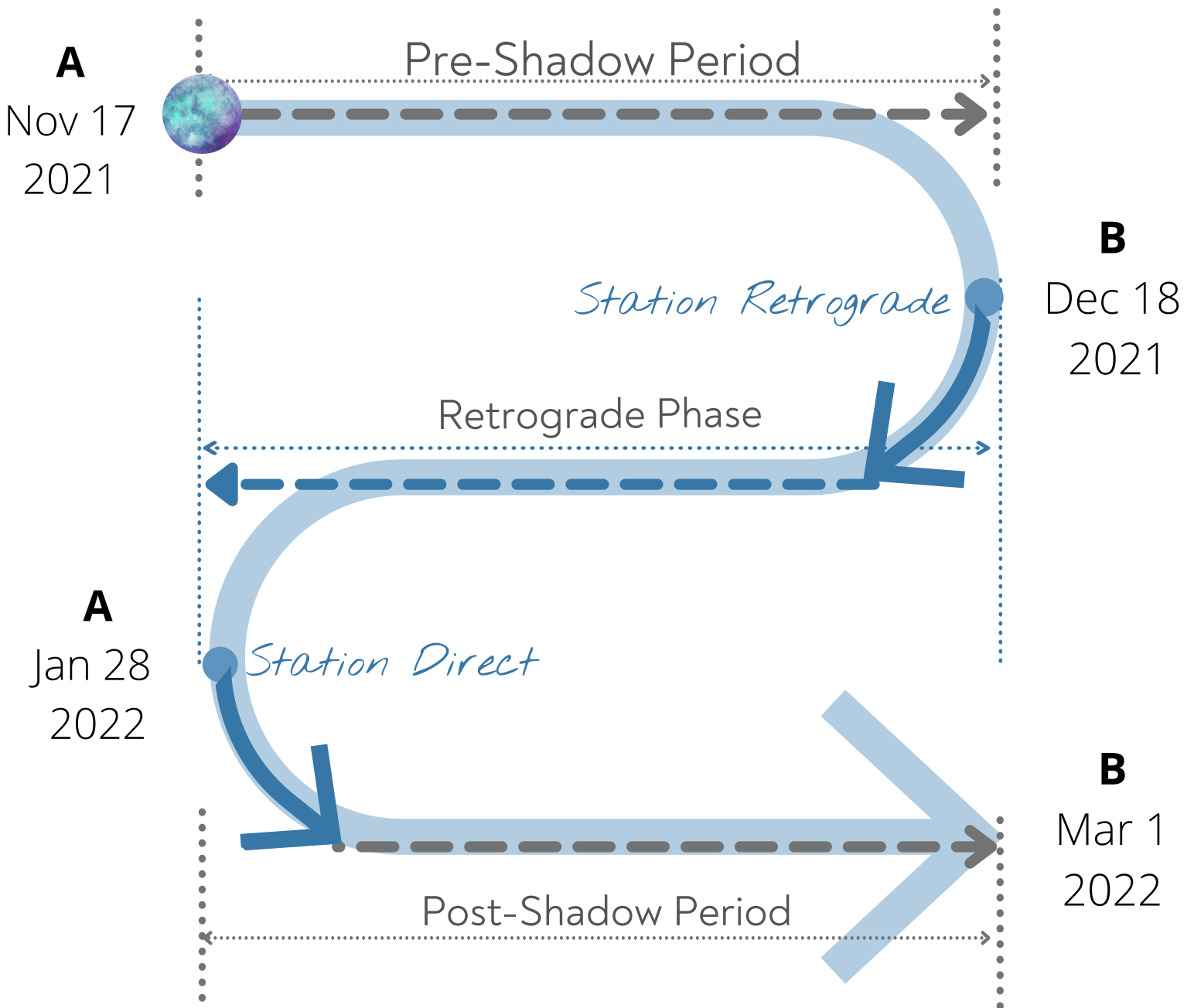
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**Note: Pluto, Neptune and sometimes Uranus will often move over a single point a total of 3 times. (Add two more curves to this diagram)*

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EXAMPLE OF UPCOMING VENUS RETROGRADE



Uranus

Freedom from the known, individuation, individuated unconscious, community, science, higher mind, intelligence of creation, archetypal reality, total past and future of the soul, long-term memory, objective consciousness.



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To resonate with intelligence of creation, to liberate from conditioning, to develop objective consciousness, to embrace one's essential individuality, to heal trauma of the past and excellerate one's own evolutionary growth, to awaken to the soul's innate higher intelligence.

URANUS DIRECT

Reflects the process of ongoing individuation from conditioned mind to unconditioned mind. Uranus in the natal chart and in transit will always point to the essential individuality of the soul as they always are. This will either be suppressed due to trauma, fear of being outcast or persecuted, need to fit in, or accepted. In general the Uranian impulse is related to in 3 ways: total suppression, gradual liberation or full on break from the past.

Uranian dynamics will point to our relationship with groups, community, teams, issues regarding inclusion/exclusion. Issues of conformity vs radicalism, elitism, superiority, paranoia, having no friends, belonging vs not belonging.

Uranus reflects the nature of creative intelligence. As a soul wakes up it accesses a more clear seeing of this innate intelligence of creation.

Uranus

URANUS RETROGRADE INTENT

- Reflection upon one's social associations and conditioned human behavior.
 - Reflection upon how one is living as a human, what is outdated and irrelevant.
 - Induces greater awareness of suppressed subconscious content.
 - Consciousness draws within and retreats from investment in story of outer world. Cultivation of objective consciousness relative to where the metaphor was taken too literally.
 - Potential to accelerate individuation process by way of heightened awareness of not fitting in to the status quo of one's life.
 - Greater self-awareness of any exclusionary patterns.
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URANUS RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- Can manifest as a stress of feeling out of place, stuck, limited by one's life conditions.
 - Can express as a depression and sense of total disconnect/ dissociation from life.
 - Often this will not be fully realized or understood and thus a soul might just be somewhat checked out. Fear of breaking out of the mold.
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KARMIC IMPLICATIONS IN NATAL CHARTS

- Where a soul may have been over identified with group, group mind, constructs of belonging and fitting in. Thus emphasis on being oneself no matter what.
- Issues related to elitism/ being "better than" idealizing one's intelligence. Thus heightened awareness of issues related to inclusion and acceptance of different ways.
- Past trauma leading a soul to completely dissociate from their inherent freedom. Thus the soul deeply called upon to focus more intensely on their own liberation, to free up their individuality.

Uranus

STATIONING RETRO

- Often there might be a sense of impending problems. "Dread of future", not able to see beyond past conditioning.
 - All of this reflects where subconscious content is arising and the conditioned mind might react with fear. It is just a process of liberation not yet understood.
 - Increase feeling of stagnancy in one's life leading to a heightened state of "something's gotta give". This can lead the soul further within.
 - Synchronicities/ coming together of people and elements that portends a process of change or reformulation of circumstances that relate to the soul's individual destiny.
 - Need to trust the innate intelligence of life to lead the way.
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STATIONING DIRECT

- Can reflect a growing sense of freedom and objectivity that enables one to be what they are with less story.
- Sometimes clearer seeing of the condition of one's mind and thus a clearer path to break free.
- Calling to act upon the implications of being oneself, face the inner projections and move forward anyway. Can be resisted due to identification with the status quo. Fear of making changes.

Uranus

CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUN

- Height of creative life force.
 - Calling to liberate and throw off the past "plays" that limit one's own creative actualization.
 - Possibility of arrogance, dissociation, "higher than" dynamics.
 - Need to continually liberate from known constructs to arrive closer to one's essential creative essence. Continual reinvention.
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OPPOSITION WITH THE SUN

- Happens at height of rx cycle.
- Great stress to free mind from whatever limits creative freedom.
- Self doubt is common, feeling of pressure, easy to disconnect, dissociate.
- Potential for powerful breakthroughs and creative change/ innovation/ spiritual awakening via the stress pushing the soul to wake up.

Saturn

Boundaries, structure, time-space, responsibility, parameters of earthly experience, roles, social role, ambition, status, credentials, discipline, mastery, introspection, inner and outer authority, parameters of karmic reality, lessons, one's "right work".



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To condition a reality that is relevant and useful for one's evolutionary purpose, to cultivate responsibility and discipline relative to the work one must do, to develop agency in one's use of time, to self-reflect and decondition from artificial judgment and social constructs, to learn how to operate in society in ways that are necessary for one's evolutionary needs.

SATURN DIRECT

Saturn reflects the limits within the soul's consciousness relative to the soul's unique karmic and evolutionary reality. These limits determine exactly where and how the soul is learning to become self-aware and develop agency. Limitations by their very nature are conditional. All things conditional serve a purpose for a time, including time itself.

With Saturn, the soul is learning to cultivate self-authority and self-responsibility in their use of time and space. Saturn reflects the gradual cultivation of self-mastery and self-knowledge. This can only happen by way of the willingness to learn from mistakes and cultivate alignment and steadiness in one's character over time. Failure and learning essential life lessons through the natural trial and error of living is a part of the journey.

There is often a need to decondition from social constructs and inherited guilt and shame linked to negative self-associations.

Saturn ♄

SATURN RETROGRADE INTENT

- Turning inward relative to inherited social/gender/religious constructs that are not natural.
- Need to determine and differentiate between useful conditioning vs useless conditioning. Throwing off useless conditioning. In that sense, Saturn rx has a very Uranian quality to it.
- Deconditioning relative to assumed/inherited roles and constructs that are not relevant to the life one needs to build.
- Throughout the rx journey, a soul can become more intimate with itself, know it's role in life and take responsibility because of an inner choice to follow their soul directive.
- Need to let go of over concern with status and external approval.
- The retrograde here emphasizes the need to cultivate internal authority. This can set the soul apart from collective and social trends.
- The cultivation of mastery occurs by way of the soul learning to depend on their own inner compass above external confirmation.
- Often a need to become aware of the greater consequences of undisciplined action, and thus a slowing down/deeper turning within.
- Self-knowledge will grow during the rx period, often this will bring essential lessons that are deeply beneficial long term. Rx Saturn can reflect accelerated learning and wisdom due to the willingness to look deeper within.

SATURN RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- Futile resistance to authority.
- Repeated lessons of failure, feeling especially blocked/limited by seeming external forces of control and power.
- Pushing through according to old program, not being willing to think differently.
- Unresolved karmic issues linked to past actions: legal, social, factors that may appear as limiting and constrictive but need to be re-visited.
- Hyper concern with external forms of judgment. Shame projected outwards leading to strong resistance to working on oneself.

Saturn ♄

KARMIC IMPLICATIONS IN NATAL CHARTS

- Karmic dynamics involving judgments, internalized ideas about what is "right", misuse of authority, failure to learn right action/social consequences of one's actions. All this leading to the retrograde in order for the soul to become even more self-aware of their social reality and the long term effects of their choices.
 - Being too concerned with social approval/acceptance leading to "selling one's soul". Retrograde reflects calling for greater awareness of ethics and right action according to inner standard
 - Intention to accelerate discipline and useful action/relationship to time in order to deal with root chakra needs and move on with life. To get out of the struggle and truly learn success.
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STATIONING RETRO

- Calls for self-reflection relative to the existing structures/conditions in one's life. What kind of momentum has been set in motion carrying one forward in life? Is it coming from choice or a state of non self-reflection?
 - Can express as a frustration relative to that which constitutes as foundational and solid no longer manifesting as such. Job security, one's position, status of relationship, meaningful work, sense of alignment with what one is doing in life. The conditioned tendency is to double down according to the known. The invitation is to consider a new way of thinking as Saturn slows down to turn rx.
 - Invites a gesture of openness, to allow for new thoughts to form. Willingness to go slower and embark on a deeper journey of learning alignment.
 - Discipline means seeing oneself as a disciple. Willing to follow better instructions.
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STATIONING DIRECT

- Can reflect a growing sense of positivity linked to the knowledge of what one needs to do, the work that is necessary.
- Constructive choices and commitments that allow for long term growth.
- Calling to trust oneself, to do what is right regardless of social opinion. To walk one's walk.
- Can be experienced as heaviness. Can be resisted due to a sense of not being strong enough/ fearing external judgment. Feeling of a big mountain to climb. Calls for self-trust, self-authority and application of what one has learned.
- Teaching: We are stronger than we might think ourselves to be.

Saturn ♄

CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUN

- Height of self-authority. Strong, courageous.
 - Need to discipline one's creative expression, learn how to grow and strengthen connection to purpose so that it can actualize in society.
 - Possibility of issues with judgment, controlling, rigid, repressed. Can reflect a soul who is overly concerned with status and social opinion. Depression due to hyper focus on "role", or the form.
 - Can reflect unmet need for one's heart to be truly seen, seeking external approval from the projected "father" figure to validate and see one's own inherent specialness.
 - Need to develop self-discipline and connect with a sense of confidence from within, not according to external approval.
 - Learning to strengthen the heart, to work hard in a good way to actualize one's inherent creative gifts.
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OPPOSITION WITH THE SUN

- Happens at height of rx cycle.
 - Great stress to self-actualize while participating in society as a responsible person.
 - Often a strong sense of being limited or blocked by society. Need to creatively express, can express as an arrogance and struggle with external authority.
 - Great potential for mastery, ability to train and strengthen one's purpose with respect to a meaningful and responsible participation in society.
 - Deep self-reflection on one's inherent capacities, one's creative spark, and how to live that with alignment, consistency and integrity.
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Mercury

Linear thought, deductive reasoning, rationality, left brain, logic, communication in all its various forms/expressions, exchange of information, the creation of "data", collection of data, research, curiosity, making connections, continual learning, facts, opinions, short-term memory, perspectives, duality.



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To build upon one's intellectual organization of reality to include an ever more holistic and inclusive comprehension of how life works, to communicate and thus participate in the exchange of knowledge, goods, perspective, and ways of perceiving, to receive and add more layers of knowledge and information about reality, to learn about reality and participate in the feedback loop of communication and exchange.

MERCURY DIRECT

- Mercury reflects the soul's journey in engaging the faculty of thought so as to identify and classify the "facts" of life. This then serves the purpose of the soul-building facts upon facts in order to develop an ever-growing logical ordering of reality.
 - To provide definition for the sensory experiences of life so that there is a basis for understanding interconnection as well as for communication with and about the multi-various dimensions of life experience.
 - Mercury reflects a natural quality of adaptability and flexibility. This enables the soul to be available for all different kinds of communication forms, perspectives, and ways of relating. This allows for the ongoing exchange between different ways of thinking/cultures/ways of perceiving reality.
 - Mercury reflects the idea that there is always something new to learn based upon the notion that no two people perceive in the same way.
 - Mercury corresponds to the idea of "data" and "facts" as well as "opinions" and "points of view." All of these terms share the same quality in that they are all ways of categorizing life experience in a particular way.
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Mercury ♀

MERCURY RETROGRADE INTENT

- To slow down conditioned thought patterns, "look again".
- To establish new channels of perception that allow for new information, perspective, relevant data to emerge.
- To narrow down and streamline the overactive mind to focus on what is useful and actually necessary for the soul's journey.
- To review, go over, refine, practice, edit, deepen in the understanding of a particular area of life.
- To throw off extraneous information/ data collection/ mental distraction.
- To clarify and realign the purpose of the mind which includes all devices, mediums, etc.
- Learning that there's a flow for all things and life doesn't always conform to the linear boxes we decided it should conform to.
- Become very specialized in specific learning.
- Often these souls will create a plethora of mental connections, thought forms that are very specific to a particular area of development.

MERCURY RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- There is often a feeling of frustration/ lines of communication/devices etc not working. Typical "Mercury Rx stuff". Common resistance to the teachings is to try to force the conditioned patterns of order and not slowing down/ allowing for a realignment to occur.
- Rushing things to work out. Trying to force too much information or synthesis before it is ready.
- Miscommunications, events not going as planned, snafu's in every area of life. All of this points to the need to re-adjust one's thinking and develop a more intuitive, open way of seeing reality.
- Information, previous work, areas pertaining to things that have already been put together revealing themselves as having some kind of deficiency or need for further editing or review. This can be met with stress and anxiety.

Mercury



KARMIC IMPLICATIONS IN NATAL CHART

- Often implies dynamics where the soul has either amassed too much information/ taken in too much perspective.
- Or where the soul has been over-dependent on the linear mind as a source of security. This then creates the retrograde as reflecting the soul's intention to narrow its mental activity and throw off what is not relevant.
- Coming to a point in the journey where for whatever reasons the soul is needing to cultivate the mind to become more singly focused only on what is necessary and important to learn.
- For whatever reason, karmic necessity to become self-aware and thus more masterful of how one uses their mind. All kinds of possible karmic issues with Mercury can be implied: duplicity, trickery, stealing, gossip/ meaningless chatter, logical defensiveness, attachment to intellectual security, etc.

STATIONING RETROGRADE

- This is an interesting point. Very often there are plans, details, events, data, etc that will become very awake and relevant for the soul to attend to. Getting everything set in order, last-minute plans, agreement, tending to details.
- The stationing point reflects where consciousness is going inward and preparing for a phase of new developments, reworkings. So there's a natural and intuitive feeling in the days before Mercury stations Rx to get everything in order.
- The plans set in motion before the Rx begins set the stage for a lot of useful develops and realignments to occur during the Rx.

STATIONING DIRECT

- New perspectives, organizations, and synthesis coming together.
- Clarity that enables the soul to act upon and integrate a new framework of information/knowledge of reality. Plans coming together, moving forward with ideas.
- The direct time is generally a very positive time with momentum oriented towards clarity. If the Rx period was engaged with openness to learn and re-wire mental patterns, the stationing direct can be very clarifying and feel as if things are coming together on their own - often in ways not expected.

Mercury ♀

ASTRONOMY OF MERCURY RETROGRADE

Mercury never moves more than about 28 degrees from the Sun. The planets interior to the Earth's orbit have a different astronomy than all the planets exterior to the earth's orbit. We will explore this astronomy once again when we learn about Venus Rx.

4 ESSENTIALS STAGES OF MERCURY

1. **Superior conjunction with the Sun**

- a. This is when Mercury joins the Sun while it is opposite the Earth. From the Earth's point of view, this happens when Mercury is direct and Mercury will be seen to "pass" the Sun.
- b. The superior conjunction is the midpoint from the last retro cycle to the next one (or we can think of it as the midpoint of the direct cycle).
- c. After this conjunction, Mercury gradually becomes visible in the evening after Sunset as an evening star.

2. **Stationing retrograde**

- a. This happens after Mercury had already passed the Sun at the superior conjunction.
- b. At this point, Mercury begins to move backwards towards the Sun

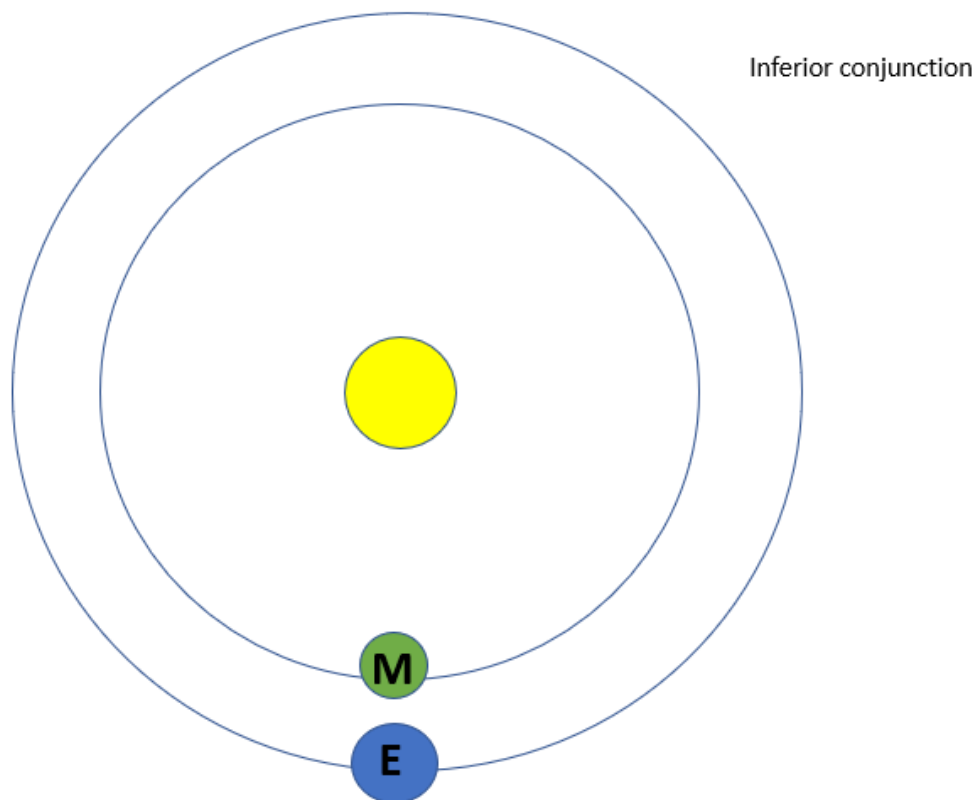
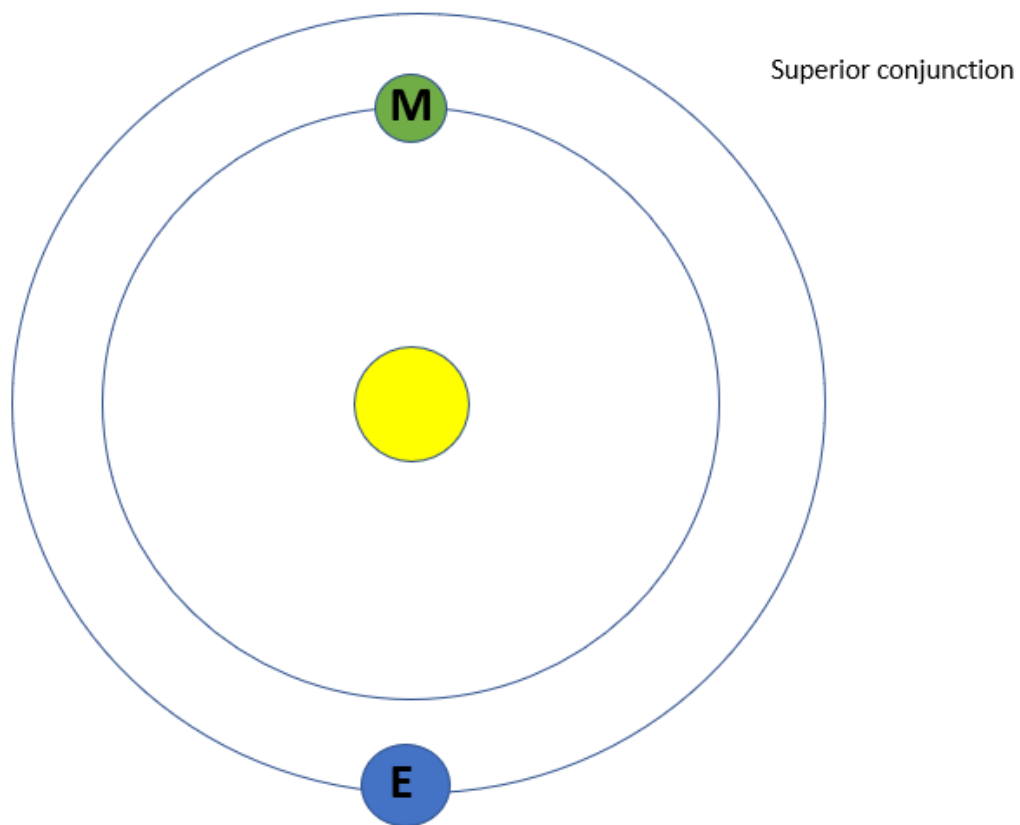
3. **Inferior conjunction with the Sun**

- a. This is when Mercury joins the Sun while it is aligned with the Earth. From the earth's point of view, this happens while Mercury is retro.
- b. This is the midpoint of the retrograde cycle.
- c. After this conjunction, Mercury gradually becomes visible in the morning before sunrise as a morning star.

4. **Stationing direct**

- a. This happens after Mercury had passed the Sun at the inferior conjunction.
- b. At this point, Mercury begins to move forward back towards the Sun for the next superior conjunction.

Mercury ♀



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HOW TO DETERMINE WHICH PHASE MERCURY IS IN

1. Is it before the Sun or after the Sun?
 - a. If it is before the Sun, is it direct or retrograde?
 - i. If direct it is moving towards the superior conjunction
 - ii. If retrograde it is past the midpoint of the retro cycle and moving towards stationing direct.
 - b. If it is after the Sun, is it direct or retrograde?
 - i. If it is direct it is after the superior conjunction and moving towards eventual retrograde
 - ii. If it is retrograde it is still in the first half of the retro cycle and moving towards the inferior conjunction

SUPERIOR CONJUNCTION

- Sharpness, astute, generally quick mind.
- Possibility of being scattered, hands in many buckets, but highly creative
- Multiple interests, capacity to wear many hats. As per all Sun conjunctions, the height of creative capacity. Solar energy linked with Mercury = creative thinking
- The applying and separating conjunction, counting a 10-degree orb on either side, spans about a few weeks. If the conjunction is applying it is after the most recent retrograde and represents freshness of energy and perspective. If it is separating it represents a culmination of creative mental energy. In both cases, there's a natural need for a lot of mental stimulation and creative exploration.

Examples of Superior conjunction:

- *Demetri Martin (multi-medium comedian Sun-Mercury in Gemini),*
- *Freddie Mercury (Talented vocalist, pianist, wrote intricate and complex music: Sun-Mercury in Virgo).*

Mercury ♀

INFERIOR CONJUNCTION

- Internalized thinking, highly creative energy the soul is learning to channel in essential ways.
- Stress to self-actualize one's mental capacities leading the soul to deeply understand what their mind is for, how to use it in ways that are most relevant to evolutionary needs.
- Sometimes can reflect more introverted, inward thinkers or the need to develop such qualities.
- In transit reflects a lot of creative development that can feel chaotic or scattered. It can also reflect a lot of energy/stimulation/things coming together and synthesis that is super relevant to soul essence.

Example of inferior conjunction:

- *Astrid Lindgren. Author of many children's books and in particular the famous Pippi Longstocking (Sun-Mercury Rx in Scorpio squaring planets in Leo Aquarius axis).*

SHADOW PERIOD

This refers to the time period from the day Mercury reaches the degree it will retrograde back to, to its return to the degree where it went retrograde.

The shadow period can be understood as when we enter the field of retrograde energy. Even post retrograde, we are not out of the shadow period until prograde Mercury moves past the degree it stationed retrograde at. Working with shadow is more nuanced in terms of entering and exiting the field of the retrograde period.

Pluto

Evolution, impermanence, change, soul's evolutionary purpose, kundalini energy, sexual connection, desire, commitment, marriage, divorce, entrapment, separation, forces greater than our own control, psychological limitations, greatest fears, willingness to die/release, elimination system, sharing, soul-level resilience, third eye.



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To Evolve, transmutation of consciousness, cooperation with soul-level reason for incarnation, awakening power of one's soul essence, to let go of what's not needed, to give oneself to whatever is next. To orient attention towards evolution.

PLUTO DIRECT

- Pluto is evolutionary necessity and implies cycles of generating desires, playing it out, and exhausting them. Pluto corresponds to the cycles of evolution and involution.
- Pluto reflects the choice to cooperate or resist evolutionary necessity. There is no grey area in-between. Pluto reflects the free will of the soul.
- Pluto corresponds to the gradual purging or elimination of all that is no longer necessary. Elimination of toxins from the body, patterns that are unhealthy, addictions, dependencies and the metaphor/concept of compost and decomposition.
- Gradually, one's sense of power and security becomes linked to what cannot be given or taken, and thus a greater ability to live through life's changes all the while staying whole within oneself.
- The position of Pluto indicates where the greatest amount of change will or can happen in one's life. These changes can take the expression of completely life altering and traumatic experiences that are akin to one's core security network falling away. Or these changes can be gradual, unobtrusive but ultimately permeating and all-encompassing.

Pluto ♀

PLUTO DIRECT CONT...

- Pluto represents where we are impelled into relationship of all kinds in order to find more within. This can be done unconsciously and result in entangled power dynamics based in attachment to power from outside sources. Or it can be done consciously and result in greater self-empowerment without unresolved energetics.
 - Pluto itself rules the concept of “shadow”. Shadow moves with us, we cannot get rid of it. When we ignore our shadow it becomes operative in our life and takes over. When we embrace our shadow we can use it and actually grow spiritually from it.
 - The desires that arise within us are first unconscious, it arises within us before we even understand why they are there. Pluto represents where we learn to embody our desires, take them in so that we can become conscious: thus more empowered in our choice making. What we do not meet within ourselves becomes shadow and rules our lives. In this sense, our shadow or our darkness is a fertile ground from which spiritual growth occurs, but it needs to be met head on.
 - Compulsion, addictions, "selling one's soul" to forces outside of oneself. Psychology of victimization and forces of manipulation.
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PLUTO RX MOVEMENT PATTERNS

- Pluto is rx over 5 months of the year!
- Pluto will generally move over a planet 5 times. Once direct, once rx, another time direct, another time rx and then finally direct. This points to the deep, slow and thorough process of evolution.
- A general period of time that Pluto will move over a single point in a chart is about 18 months in total, about half of which is in retrograde motion

Pluto ♀

PLUTO RETROGRADE INTENT

- Pluto retrograde invites a deeper turning within towards one's soul. Desire is always oriented towards external object experience, which is always associated with time and space, gain and loss. Retrograde serves to bring attention more within.
 - This has the potential to induce greater psychological self-awareness.
 - At the same time, the retrograde process points to a dimension of self-knowledge that is predominately unconscious. The intention here is to weed out distraction, take full responsibility for one's circumstances, allow life to reveal what is inside by way of cooperating with evolutionary necessity. This is challenging in general when Pluto is direct!
 - As per all rx processes, the timing is ripe to reflect and go within. Being an already deeply internal archetype, Pluto retrograde serves to deepen and thus accelerate the evolutionary process by way of consciousness becoming more inwardly oriented.
 - Throwing off external dependencies/ attachments that are not relevant to one's evolutionary growth.
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PLUTO RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- Facing psychological limitations and not knowing how to move beyond them. In transit and in natal chart can point to a strongly internalized state of fear, feeling stuck, disempowered, not connected to one's agency.
- This pressure creates a focus within consciousness that has the potential, by way of evolutionary necessity, to penetrate deeply into the bottom line of one's inner reality.
- Pluto retrograde thus reflects a process wherein the soul can make deeper changes based on a more refined and subtle psychological self-awareness.

Pluto ♀

STATIONING RETROGRADE

- Slowing down and becoming aware of psychological limitations and fears that are underneath the surface of conscious awareness.
 - Content arising pertains to a deeper layer of soul growth.
 - Emergence of psychological content that feels uncomfortable.
 - Profound potential to do the "Pluto work" of evolution because of increased inner focus, if embraced.
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STATIONING DIRECT

- Possibility of psychological clarity and greater capacity to make choices that are relevant to one's evolution.
 - Letting go of what is needed.
 - Capacity to make commitments, to merge and join with others or experiences in ways that affect greater evolutionary growth.
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OPPOSITION WITH THE SUN

- This is one of the most intense and strongest aspects between any two points. The need here is to transmute, or somehow integrate, a significant degree of psychological content. This particular evolutionary station requires that the soul find a way to creatively actualize a purpose that will allow them to process/integrate and ultimately transmute deeper soul-level dynamics.
 - This phase marks a strong tension between light and dark.
 - These souls will often feel they have a special purpose and will learn to focus their creative energies in powerful ways. Otherwise there can be a potent sense of limitation which will manifest as a stress pushing for some kind of release.
 - Need is to create and let go, create and let go.
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Jupiter

Expansion, growth, insight, intuition, knowledge, sincerity, nature, natural, travel, pilgrimage, student/teacher, guru, principals of nature, understanding of the tao, opportunity, promotion, optimism, outlook, beliefs, cosmology/philosophy



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To understand the principles of nature, to follow one's personal path of growth and realization, to follow one's intuition, to be sincere and honest, to cultivate insight and perspective that enables more growth, to share one's knowledge, to align with the natural relationship of teachers and students, to experience reality directly.

JUPITER DIRECT

- Jupiter corresponds to our intuition, how each soul follows a path of unfolding that is relevant to their individual path of self-realization.
- Expansion of consciousness can manifest in any area of life reflecting the possibility of "more". More of anything.
- There is always more to realize.
- Jupiter reflects how the soul will come to understand the principles of nature. Jupiter thus corresponds to being natural and what is natural.
- Jupiter corresponds to sincerity, honesty and authenticity. Reality is authentic. Realization occurs through sincerity.
- Realization of truth is a spontaneous experience. Jupiter reflects the need for spontaneity, freedom and space to explore/have direct experience.
- Jupiter reflects the archetype of "knowledge". Knowledge is different than beliefs. Knowledge is what is known and requires no validation, proving or proof.

Jupiter 4

JUPITER DIRECT CONT

- Optimism enables a soul to recognize that all life experiences offer the possibility for greater realization and growth. Optimism is attuned to the benevolence of life.
 - We are all constantly experiencing deeper dimensions of reality. Evolution implies this. Thus, we all have insight for one another and can all be guided by the insights of those whose own realizations are useful for our own journey.
 - There is a need to "let go in order to receive" so that more insight/experience/knowledge/growth can manifest in our lives. Less is more and there's always more.
 - Experiences may unfold in one's life by creating what seems to be a loss. This is often to create space for the clear path forward.
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JUPITER RETROGRADE INTENT

- To reflect upon existing beliefs about oneself, one's life. To turn inward toward direct experience as opposed to ideas.
 - To cultivate greater self-honesty by way of true honesty.
 - Orient towards inner journey/inner realization as opposed to adopting old realizations, what others may believe. Relying only on direct experience.
 - Shedding exaggeration, self-convincing, need to prove oneself. Becoming simpler, more honest.
 - Re-organization of philosophical outlook/expansion of understanding by way of becoming more open to actually learn and realize. Journey may not feel clear and existing constructs may not work so well. Need to trust the journey.
 - Trust and optimism rooted in a deepening of insight and openness to grow.
 - Opportunity to heal restlessness and self-alienation.
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Jupiter 4

JUPITER RX MOVEMENT PATTERNS

- Retrograde for short of 4 months of the year
 - Stationing retrograde and direct happens as Jupiter and the Sun are in a trine to one another.
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JUPITER RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- Resistance to slowing down, doubling down on self-convincing ideas for the sake of philosophical clarity.
 - Need to be right and already know can obscure the possibility of greater learning.
 - Restlessness by way of seeking too much external guidance: teachers, spiritual concepts, seeking in all kinds of ways.
 - Resistance to looking within and connecting with one's intuition.
 - Exaggeration by way of focusing on what feels stressful/challenging. Not seeing the gifts life is offering.
 - Issues around dishonesty and lying coming to the surface. Resistance in being honest with oneself.
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STATIONING RETROGRADE

- Can have the feeling of getting ready for a new pilgrimage. Can be met with a feeling of resistance.
 - Calling to begin to slow down and tune within. The slowing down can feel like one is moving into an unknown territory. This can feel uncomfortable or be met with openness and trust.
 - Readyng oneself with openness to the path as it will present itself.
 - Listening to one's intuition about the teachings/guidance that is now emerging.
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Jupiter 4

STATIONING DIRECT

- Harvesting and integrating the teachings. Invitation to act upon and take risks/ leaps of faith relative to the insights and realizations that have developed.
 - Starting to cultivate clarity.
 - Can feel scary especially if the path forward is seen as threatening.
 - Becoming more solid in one's intuition, trusting that all is as it is meant to be and the path unfolds now in an essentially good way. Opening to the wide open road.
 - Importance of cultivating optimistic and clear-minded attitude about life
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OPPOSITION WITH THE SUN

- Stresses for self-honesty. Stress for self-actualization while being deeply honest about one's motives, intentions etc.
- Can reflect great potential for insight and realization and the courage to act on it.
- Need to put the truth first and not become dishonest based on a strong need to be someone, get somewhere, prove something etc.
- Learning to be unconcerned with being understood and instead to have the trust and the confidence to be true to oneself and one's path.
- Possibility of higher insights and realizations that essentialize the entire retrograde journey.

Neptune



Truth, totality, creality, consciousness, surrender, disillusionment, reality, dreams, illusion, miracles, prayer, transcendence, Oneness, God, Love, unity consciousness, indisrimination, trust, imagination, dream and dreaming, innocence, co-creation, trust.

EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To surrender to the truth, aligning with the Source to guide and provide meaning for all things, to wake up from the illusion of seperation, to forgive, to realize the truth of love, to follow the transcendent impulse towards greater meaning and purpose.

NEPTUNE DIRECT

- Neptune in our charts reflects where the soul is learning to orient towards what is eternally always true, regardless of circumstance. Thus Neptune reflects the principle of universality and is accessible anywhere, any place, with anyone in any condition.
- The transcendent impulse within all souls means all souls know there is a unifying truth to life, but not all souls "remember" this. Thus Neptune reflects where there is a yearning to remember and reunite with this ultimate unifying truth.
- The yearning/transcendent impulse can be directed towards anything. This is the determinant for what eventually leads to disillusionment; when what we gave meaning to reveals itself as in fact meaningless.
- Meaning is found wherever a soul chooses to look for the ultimate. It is not conditioned by form, and yet it can be found anywhere one looks.

Neptune ♆

NEPTUNE DIRECT CONT

- Surrender reflects the giving over to a principal of truth not of one's own making. This often draws the line between "mundane" and "holy". With Neptune a soul learns that it itself is not responsible to make meaning out of life. Only Love/God/Source/Meaning can do that and is that. A soul learns to allow themselves to become an instrument of divine will.
 - Forgiveness reflects the return of the mind to a state of whole perception, where all otherwise perceived problems or grievances are dissolved in the light of what has always been true. To forgive is to correct false thinking and return to grace.
 - Prayer/direct communion is a medium through which the soul bridges between it's limited awareness of the wholeness, to the wholeness. Neptune reflects the principle of co-creation. What we trust we will relate to as if it were real.
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NEPTUNE RETROGRADE INTENT

- Intent to draw within and liberate from false projections/delusions about meaning and purpose that come from fantasy.
- Deepening of discernment and orientation to what is true and only that.
- Elimination of excessive delusion, naivete, hoping, wishing.
- Facing relationship to ultimate unknown, going within to establish connection with source of meaning.
- Can express as need to come out of hiding or need to retreat more from world due to patterns of martyrdom/savior complex.
- Excellerates internal connection to Godhead within.
- Developing one's immunity, growing out of innocence and openness to face reality as it is.

Neptune ♆

NEPTUNE RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- Doubling down on illusions and projections of reality to the disagreement of what actually is
 - Perpetually yearning to be saved, refusing to form direct relationship to higher meaning on one's own
 - Endless prayer, beseeching, yearning, giving, enabling with not maturation.
 - "why me" complex based on strong sense of doing nothing wrong but constantly being hurt, getting the short end of the stick.
 - Strong addiction to forms of escapism: sex, drugs, television, anything that allows the soul to maintain a constant state of distraction and avoidance of reality.
 - Strong sense of hopelessness and despair.
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STATIONING RETROGRADE

- Existing sources of meaning can feel unclear/ambiguous. Consciousness drawing within to become more anchored in what is true beyond context.
 - Possibility to be feeling a sense of ultimate "wrongness", fear that things aren't good - all of this potentially pointing to the opportunity relax more and open to a space of surrender.
 - Need to slow down and become more reflection/introspective upon sources of ultimate security and meaning.
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OPPOSITION WITH SUN

- Greatest stress for faith.
- Life can feel overwhelmingly unclear, confusing, sense of being engulfed in something greater than oneself, feeling no control, struggles with faith
- Calling to become more grounded and illuminated in connection to the divine. Actualizing purpose through forgiveness
- Greatest point of spiritual inspiration and to be an agent of purpose greater than one's own making. Need to trust the unknown.
- Possibility for profound illumination.
- Possible Messiah complex or sense of feeling profoundly small.

Neptune

STATIONING DIRECT

- Return of faith, inspiration
 - Calling to walk in the dark and demonstrate conviction in the unseen
 - Can reflect a growing sense of hope and trust in greater plan, that all is well.
 - Importance to maintain connection to trust and spiritual discernment
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MOVEMENT PATTERNS

- Neptune stations retrograde and direct at or very very close to a bi-septile aspect to the sun (approximately 102 degrees). The bi-septile is known in part to correspond to fate and events that pertain to a soul's personal destiny.
- Neptune will move over a particular degree 5 times during its retrograde motions. Pluto is the only other planet that behaves in that way.
- Neptune is retrograde a bit over 5 months of the year.

Mars

Initiation, forward movement, choice making, present moment sense of purpose, instinctive drive, will, individuating impulse, freedom, desire, primal, raw, self-leadership



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To initiate life experience, step into life's playing field, to facilitate the deeper soul-level reasons for being here, to learn how to use one's will for the purposes of one's own evolution.

MARS DIRECT

- Mars reflects the need to consciously use one's will in life. It thus speaks to where the soul is initiating experience on a moment to moment basis.
- The Mars impulse reflects a learning curve: becoming more conscious as the soul learns through experiences of cause and effect, action and reaction.
- Each soul needs to know how to say no and how to say yes. This keeps the field clear for forward movement. Mars reflects the need for freedom so that the soul can act upon the desires it deems as necessary.
- Mars is inherently unbalancing in the sense that it reflects how the soul is constantly moving into the next moment, into a state of separation. This movement of separation is a necessary part of playing out and exhausting one's karma.
- Through Mars, the soul learns self-leadership, aware that each action is paving the road for one's path. Ultimately, the choices we make all point back to what it is we truly want. In this sense a soul learns the importance of claiming and refining their will, so that it takes the soul where it truly wants to go.
- The power of leadership and capacity to make momentary choices that will have consequences.

Mars ♂

MARS DIRECT CONT

- Unbalanced sexual/willful energy. Invasion, violence, rape, any kind of self-oriented relationship to instinctual impulses.
- Confrontational, seeing a world of adversity.
- An impulse to fight, unnecessarily so, for one's need for freedom of movement.
- Reactivity coming from identification with false sense of immediacy.
- Early endings, hastiness.
- Need to go or be first, narrow and short sightedness before acting.
- Fear of taking the next step leading to thoughtlessly plunging in.

MARS RETROGRADE INTENT

- To slow down instinctive/reactive impulses. To cultivate more awareness of purpose.
- To develop courage and greater self-leadership in one's actions.
- To develop an introspective, deeper self-awareness of the meaning and purpose of action and the personal will. To understand how to use one's energy in useful ways.
- Reevaluation of otherwise strong urges and desires. Can reflect the need to clean up and master instinctual impulses.
- Taking greater self responsibility for one's own reactions. Seeking deeper wisdom and purpose in the experience of "anger".
- Potential healing of unbalanced masculine energy.

MARS RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- Lack of self-awareness relative to one's impulse responses.
- Overcome by fear/drive need to assert one's will at all costs.
- Feeling that one is not able to act/ assert oneself. Feeling blocked and held back.
- Overwhelming hesitation/self-doubt relative to acting upon one's desires.
- Confusion/uncertainty as to how to express one's desires. Going along with flow.
- Repressed anger.

Mars ♂

STATIONING RETROGRADE

- Slowing down to become aware of personal path in life. Need to become self-reflective.
 - Can feel like life isn't flowing as easily. Obstacles, lack of decisiveness, blocks to clear movement.
 - Invitation is to draw the sword back in, re-evaluate existing plan of action.
 - Or, to apply greater thoughtfulness to existing plan of action.
 - Can reflect a heightened state of aggression/tension/fear in the personal and collective spheres.
 - Individuation from conditioned life direction. Feeling to re-evaluate where one is going and best ways to get there.
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STATIONING DIRECT

- Harvesting knowledge of path forward. Courage to act and make clear choices.
- Commitment to new paths of action that will open the door to new life path.
- Can reflect fear and deep hesitation in moving forward. Need to draw upon courage and self-trust.

Mars ♂

CONJUNCTION WITH SUN

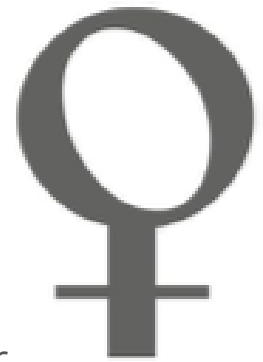
- Surge of confidence, purpose, will.
 - Possibility of overconfidence, reactivity.
 - Getting overboard with ambition, sense of immediacy. Lacking larger perspective.
 - Getting a lot done in a short amount of time. Randomness, new paths emerging, Possible lack of clear direction, but need to move a lot of energy.
 - Possibility of thoughtless decisions that will bare negative results later.
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OPPOSITION WITH THE SUN

- Creative stress for actualizing personal will and desires.
- Immense self-awareness leading the soul to reflect deeply on what it is here for, what they are acting for.
- Need to cultivate courage and confidence, OK with standing out and be a leader.
- Can reflect immaturity and angst of "younger" parts within us, needing to go first and be seen. Need to learn confidence in action without getting overly charged with personal sense of self-importance.

Venus

Embodiment, sensuality, pleasure, survival, values, self-value, inner relationship to self, relationship to others, nature of needs, psychology of inner and outer listening, balance, harmony, grace, beauty, contentment.



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To live in balance and harmony with inner and outer life, to listen, to establish relationship to inner needs, to cultivate resourcefulness and capacity to provide for oneself, to communicate and cultivate relationships that support each soul's essential needs, to communicate.

VENUS DIRECT

- Venus corresponds to the way each soul will listen to their inner reality. It is the soul's relationship to the "inner lover".
- How one listens to oneself determines how one will hear and listen to another. Likewise, one can only be met by another relative to the extent that one is receptive to one's own feelings.
- Venus corresponds to the heart chakra, the place where contradictory realities can be simultaneously held and honored. With Venus, we learn how to be in balance with our inner and outer life, rooted in self-intimacy and receptivity to our feelings and thus to our social and physical environment.
- Venus reflects the way a soul develops an internal orientation to their own life: the capacity to feel and sense what arises on the inside. This allows the soul to determine their needs and how to go about meeting them.

Venus ♀

VENUS DIRECT

- Contentment and satisfaction is an ultimate expression of being alive as it implies a state of non-vigilance and thus the capacity to fully receive and live in this present moment.
 - Venus reflects the fact that relationship is a gift and offers the possibility of growth and support in a way that can only come through relationship. At the same time, a soul is only available to the gifts of relationship to the extent that it is open to its own inner reality. Thus Venus reflects the beautiful unity of inner and outer.
 - Venus is the lower octave of Neptune and, in a way, hints to the truth that everyone we meet on the outside is actually one with our inner reality.
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VENUS RETROGRADE INTENT

- To turn the Venus function within, establish deeper inner connection to self-value and self-worth outside of external dependency.
 - Looking deeply at one's needs and how to be in relationship to outer environment as a way to nurture and meet those needs. Often a need to develop greater connection to "feeling" center.
 - To retreat from dependency upon external object focus (things, sensation, people) and source value from within oneself.
 - Deepening embodiment of pleasure that is more simplified and aligned with one's soul individuality.
 - Going deep into the realm of harmony, listening, and sharing as an extension of a deeper self-value; how to listen to and take responsibility for one's own needs.
 - Developing greater resourcefulness and self-trust to establish life according to one's own inner values, regardless of external comparisons, expectations or projections.
 - Finding greater thresholds of harmony and grace that originate from within one's present moment experience. Opening to sensation as gateway within.
 - The soul will find themselves on a journey of establishing their own values, how they want to live, regardless of how others do it.
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Venus ♀

VENUS RETROGRADE INTENT CONT ...

- Will often speak to the re-meeting of key relationship that carried unresolved lessons around giving and sharing. The intention is to establish harmony through a listening to the soul contract of each relationship and giving according to what is needed.
 - Be it in transit or natally, these relationships will be essential in pointing the soul back to it's own inner reality.
 - There is the possibility of establishing deep relationship with other souls that are rooted in a mutual commitment to inner wholeness. and thus redefine relationship and the nature of giving according to what provides true support. Giving to support one another and thus enhance each soul's journey based on mutual choice, not expectation.
 - Deeper understanding of the power of giving from one's wholeness.
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VENUS RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- (While these are all relevant to Venus in general, these dynamics can be emphasized with Venus rx as the soul is learning to orient more within) :
- Reacting to basic sensations in a way to avoid discomfort and maintain comfort. Overdependence on external gratification as source of value/pleasure.
- Incessant need to satisfy gross sensual urges and thus a lack of embodied relationship to present moment inner experience.
- Hearing another according to one's own way of inwardly relating to one's own self. Thus, challenges with truly hearing another according on the other person's actual reality.
- Commodification of others according to how another makes one feel. Running away from discomfort and towards pleasure without inner relationship to feeling body.
- Laziness, fixed dependency on known resources, possessive of what one has determined as necessary for one's basic survival/needs. Attachment to comfort.
- Numbness, sensual gratification equaling disconnect from feeling body, masturbatory orientation to life.
- Can reflect an over emphasis on giving: people pleasing, concern with how others feel about oneself, all to the neglect of listening to and caring for one's essential needs on one's own.

Venus ♀

STATIONING RETROGRADE

- Need to slow down and reorient towards inner reality. Can feel like existing expectations, agreements, plans within our relationships are calling for re-evaluation. Deeper reflection on one's core values, what one truly needs right now.
 - Need to slow down and deepen into feeling center. Calling to meet unresolved feelings, and enter into the retrograde ceremony space. Deepening of inner listening.
 - A deepening connection to the heart space: longings, unmet needs, dynamics of discomfort with greater curiosity to learn.
 - Invitation to cultivate more openness to "hear" what what one is being asked. Both from within oneself and from outside.
 - Specific people emerging in our lives that reflect core karmic dynamics that will unravel. Can feel uncomfortable or unwanted relative to the karmic necessity to meet the unresolved dynamics arising at the time.
 - Looking at expectations and unhealthy relationship patterns. Beginning to reflect on the true meaning of giving and receiving.
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STATIONING DIRECT

- Possibility of integrating the learnings and make new decisions/clarity relative to our relationships and core needs.
- Potential deepening of self-value and capacity to live in grace and harmony.
- Greater clarity of how all relationships can move into greater balance and harmony. Adjustments and the dance of harmony/balance as needed.
- Re-orientation to give according to what is of greatest value and support for mutual soul growth Understanding that balance between any two nurtures balance within one's soul.

Venus ♀

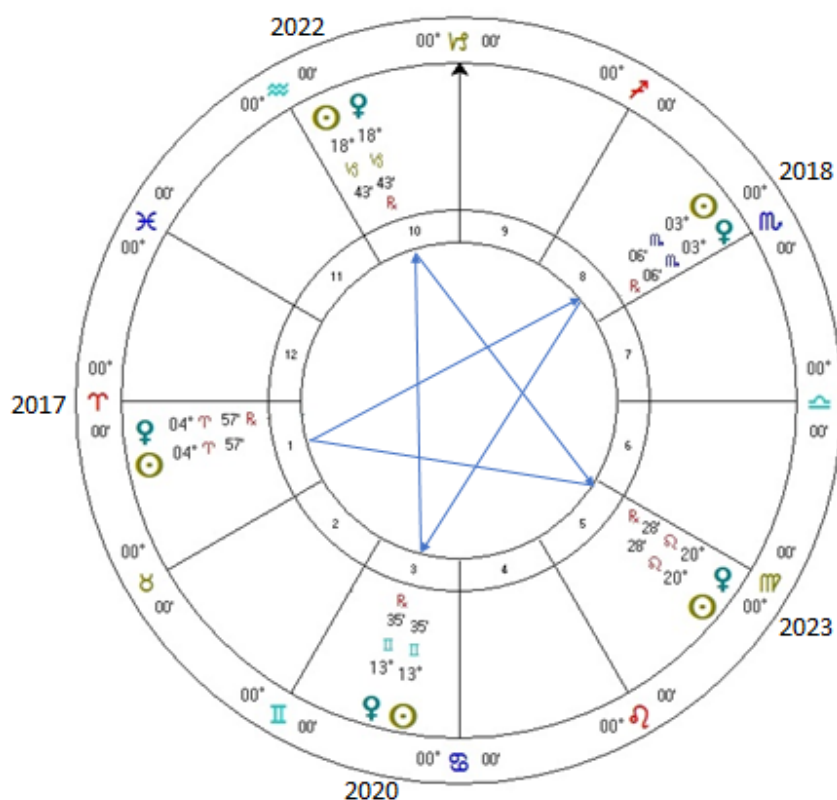
VENUS CYLCE INFO

- Venus will orbit the Sun just about 13 times every 8 earth years. This means that if you are on Earth and your friend Sally is on Venus, Sally will travel around the Sun 13 times, but for you it will only be 8 years. Venus moves more quickly than the Earth, so this is to be expected.
- During the 8 Earth years, Venus will station retrograde 5 times. The height of each retrograde, as it is with Mercury, is marked by the inferior conjunction of Venus with the Sun. The inferior conjunction is the conjunction Venus makes with the Sun during its retrograde cycle.
- In these 8 years, the 5 inferior conjunctions are all spaced *close* to 72 degrees from one another, forming an imperfect but beautiful 5 pointed star.
- Each inferior conjunctions occur really close to where a superior conjunction occurred 4 years prior. Thus the superior conjunctions also form a pentagram like pattern.
- The inferior conjunction marks when Venus is closest to the Earth. These are the petals in the middle of the circle. See the first recommended website below for a visual.

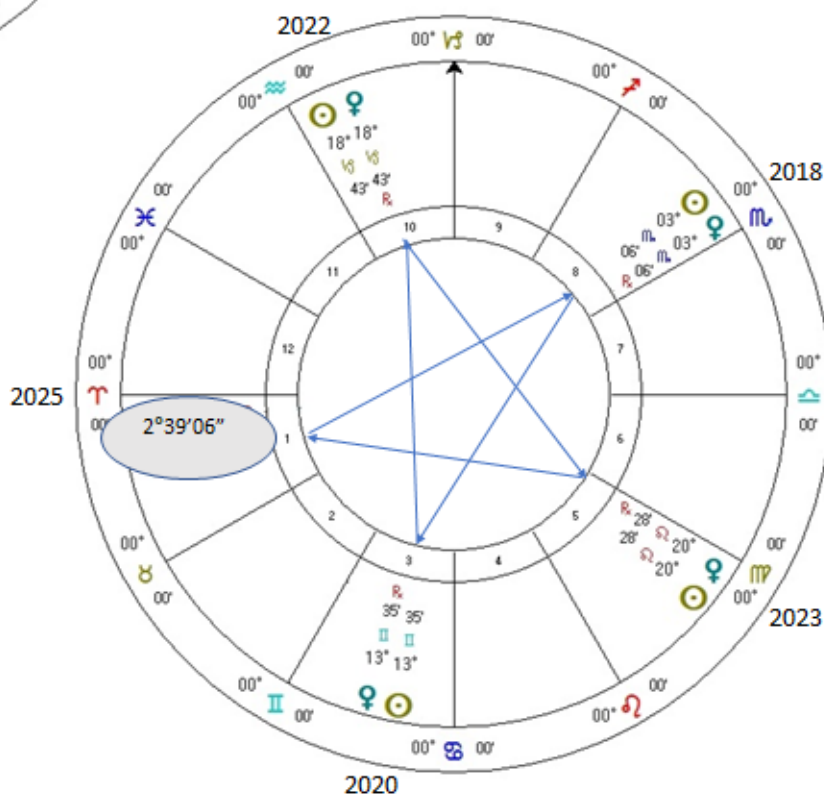
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VENUS CYLCE INFO CONT ...

Here is a map of 5 consecutive inferior conjunctions from 2017 till 2023. Note that the consecutive distance around the zodiac is never quite an exact quintile (72 degrees)



- $18^{\circ}43'08''$ CAP – $04^{\circ}57'13''$ ARIES = $76^{\circ}14'05''$
- $04^{\circ}57'13''$ ARIES – $13^{\circ}35'40''$ GEMINI = $68^{\circ}38'27''$
- $13^{\circ}35'40''$ GEM – $20^{\circ}28'13''$ LEO = $66^{\circ}52'33''$
- $20^{\circ}28'13''$ LEO – $03^{\circ}06'29''$ SCORPIO = $72^{\circ}38'16''$
- $03^{\circ}06'29''$ SCORP – $18^{\circ}43'08''$ CAP = $75^{\circ}36'39''$



Completing the pentagram in Aries in 2025, we return to just about 2 degrees off from where we began in 2017. Note, any of these conjunctions can be a starting point for an 8 year cycle.

Venus ♀

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- <https://johncarlosbaez.wordpress.com/2014/01/04/the-pentagram-of-venus/>
 - Check out the graphics and the references to the Fibonacci numbers
- <https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/five-petals-of-venus/>
 - More well put together graphics.
- <https://www.soulsign.com/product/the-light-of-venus/>
 - Book on Venus cycles from Adam Gainsburg. While I have not studied this material, I deeply respect Adam's work and honor him as my first soul-centered astrology teacher. I understand he has done a lot of teaching on the Venus and Mars cycles.
- Anything by Gemini Brett. <https://geminibrett.com/>

Chiron

Initiation, medicine path, healer, maverik, wounded healer, bodhisattva, compassion, broken open heart, integrating between personal and transpersonal realm, homeopathic, medicine in the pain, incurable wounds, self-healing, masochism, spiritual masochism.



EVOLUTIONARY INTENT

To develop compassion and humility in facing one's condition fully, to uncover one's gifts by way of showing up to give as one is able to, integration of brokenness/hurt into medicine, integration of vulnerability, to become initiated into the higher intelligence of the heart.

CHIRON DIRECT

- "Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack, a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in" - Leonard Cohen, Anthem.
- Chiron reflects the path of self-initiation, a path of deep heart centered self-knowledge that becomes the basis for serving others in a way that can only come through the journey of knowing oneself.
- Medicine is created by way of the soul learning to self-heal. This implies an intimacy with one's condition, setting on a journey to know oneself and heal which makes one available for others in a way of compassion and humility.
- Often there is something that doesn't "go away" or "heal" entirely. This itself becomes the source of a deepening compassion and understanding that can only come from fully embracing and working with one's condition.

Chiron

CHIRON DIRECT CONT

- In doing one's work, the feeling of brokenness emerges and is revealed. This itself becomes a possible source of humility and deeper compassion. It can also become a source of re-wounding experiences. Sometimes both.
 - A soul might "give itself" to painful experiences that are healing for others that will hurt one's own self. Nevertheless, regardless of the hurt, the experiences are necessary to further one's own integration.
 - Chiron is homeopathic in the sense that the cure for the pain is in the pain.
 - Chiron represents where a soul is initiated into a path of healership and service through their own journey of self-healing.
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CHIRON RETROGRADE INTENT

- Pushes the soul deep into the individuating quality of their unique personal human/soul experience.
 - Invitation to become aware of patterns of overcompensation and avoidance.
 - Facing the mess, cultivating the willingness to do the work one needs to do. Brings the soul back to the path.
 - To go within and face one's condition. Orient towards the path of healing.
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CHIRON RETROGRADE CHALLENGES

- Overwhelm, identification with being too lost for the cause,
- Permeating guilt/self-doubt, denial equaling inaccurate perception of ineptitude.
- Overcompensation and perpetuation of wounding experiences for oneself and others.
- Avoidance due to guilt
- Getting involved in what is far beyond one's capacity.
- Denial of one's personal reality and thus perpetuation of hurtful behavior.

Chiron ♄

STATIONING RX INTENT

- Slow down, facing the feeling of messiness, being open to go deeper into medicine making process from within.
 - Going into the dark without a light to guide the way. No solution to the "problem".
 - Can bring up a strong feeling of guilt/ of not being where one wanted to be linked to a sense of brokenness. Invitation to trust this and meet the path more deeply.
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STATIONING DIRECT INTENT

- Calling to integrate the teachings and medicine/understanding to do the work one is here to do.
- Possibility of feeling immense fear/doubt/guilt/uncertainty. Possibility to meet that with greater openness.
- Walking forward even though not feeling ready. Understanding that the wisdom of Chiron is not about "readiness" in any traditional sense.

Chiron ♄

CONJUNCT THE SUN

- Life is focused on the Chiron archetype as path of initiation. Purpose is to actualize one's inherent gifts through the vehicle of one's differentness.
 - Overcoming shyness, incapacity, feeling of "not enough". Can reflect permeating sense of brokenness, but possibility of bringing forth light and inspiration.
 - Heightened sensitivity and awareness of healing, sense of special destiny and purpose to heal and bring forth something new.
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OPPOSITION WITH THE SUN

- Stress between sense of purpose and perception of self-woundedness.
- Pushing the boundaries/extremes of what is possible linked to a need to achieve greater actualization. Powerful lessons in humility, not making oneself more or less than what they are.
- Initiation into healing path by way of learning to open one's heart and stay humble. Walking the path step by step.