

## Venus goes retrograde July 28<sup>th</sup> (3 Vir) - Sep 9<sup>th</sup> (16 Leo)

♀ Venus retrograde creates an opportunity to reflect on relationships and money issues. Venus wants time off from the catwalk of external relationships to focus on purely personal desires including time to resolve some outstanding issues. This introspection gives us time to be closer to our inner desires and motivations, bringing these onto the spotlight of our every day lives. The challenge is to review events or decisions, past or projected and relate them to the present, to help resolve and integrate them. As Venus spends the least time retrograde this heavenly event is worthy of notice.

What is personal fulfilment to you? With honesty and self awareness, look to your strengths and weaknesses, in regard to self-worth, material wealth and your social or love life. Use this time to pamper and spend time with yourself; retreat, recover, renew. Allow change into your relationships, value systems and clothing. Fall in love or risk ending a relationship that really is over for you. Rediscover your passion!

Some serious work is to be done, focussed through experiences that brings back unresolved past stories to hopefully be healed. Find intimate and sexual empowerment through intense interpersonal struggles. This could easily get messy so it is important to own the stuff of your own making and reach for higher wisdom at each step.

Look for solutions that are outside your normal habitual ways and apply these to your insights. Change will be slow for there are strong forces of resistance about.

Venus turns retrograde in the contained sign of Virgo and retreats back into the expressive Leo. Venus in Leo is like a young girl growing up, she is the princess allowed many privileges and is able to roam free of responsibility yet as she enters Virgo responsibility overtakes her and she becomes aware of others and her need to refine her behaviours and focus towards working. The passage from creative freedom to self responsibility is the rather huge step that transpires during this transit.

During this transit Venus is co-joining Saturn another event that speaks of responsibility and becoming an adult. Saturn is also the Lord of Karma and can bring in unfinished business from times past.

Dates	♀ Venus	♄ Saturn	
June 24	16♏35	21♏37	Venus returns to this degree
July 1 0.26am	22♏23	♄22♏23	Conjunction(1)
July 28 3.28am	2♐57R	25♏4	Venus goes Retro
Aug13 5.15am	27♏29R	♄27♏29R	Conjunction(2)
3 Sep		0♐	Saturn enters Virgo
9 Sep 2.15am	16♏35		Venus goes direct
26 Sep		2♐57	Saturn crosses V Retro degree
11 Oct	2♐57		Venus returns to Retro degree
13 Oct 2.15pm	4♐51	♄4♐51	Conjunction(3)

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