

# The Traveler's Well Newsletter

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## In this Newsletter: Solar Eclipse

Dear Friends, time sure has flown by during this Mercury Retrograde period. We have heard from a lot of you that this has been a very busy transit (Mercury likes to keep busy). But, most of you are feeling busy in a Virgo sort of way, meaning, you are doing a lot of things, but feel like you aren't getting anything done. Fortunately, we don't have much longer to endure this as Mercury turns direct this weekend.



If you are feeling this Virgo sense of overwhelm, the remedy is to make a list of everything you are doing and prioritize the list. If the things you have been doing have a low priority, then you will want to put those things on hold and focus on the things at the top of the list. This is to move away from busy-ness and start getting down to business!

For us, time flew by and we realized that we had not yet written about the Solar Eclipse tomorrow (October 23, 2014). All eclipses provide a burst of energy and I want to share a bit about the characteristics of this Solar Eclipse.

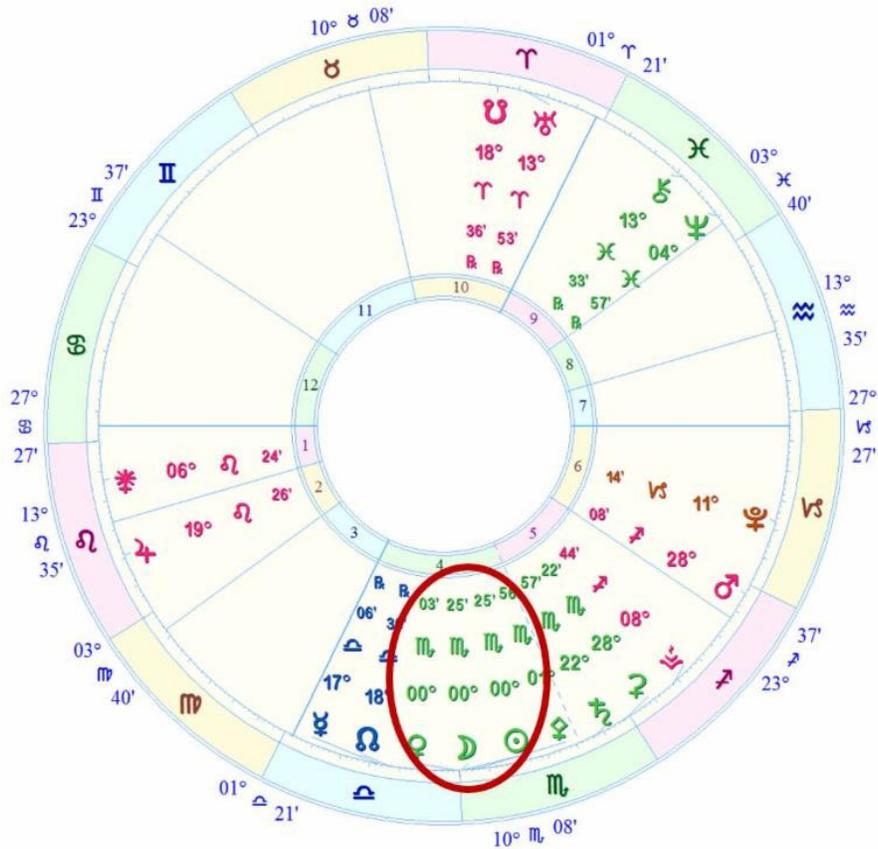
May you continue to enjoy Autumn and the bounty of the harvest!

Blessings and peace,  
Scott and Sappho Wolfram  
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# Solar Eclipse

October 23, 2014

The eclipse season continues with a Solar Eclipse in Scorpio on October 23, 2014.



Solar Eclipse Oct 2014

This Solar Eclipse brings a fascinating energy that has two keys and the energy of this eclipse will be available to us for the next 6 months.

**First**, this eclipse takes place at the very first degree of Scorpio, meaning from 0 degrees 00 minutes to 0 degrees 59 minutes. The first degree of any sign is about beginnings and an exploration of something that is new to us.

**Second**, while every Solar Eclipse has the Moon conjunct the Sun, this eclipse finds Venus also at the same degree of 0 Scorpio.

*This is a time that begins or energizes insights  
that have been gathering in our thought streams.*

*This Solar Eclipse is an invitation to explore your life  
from a new perspective,  
the perspective of Scorpio.*

### **Sight Seeing**

Let's begin by exploring the first and most important theme of this eclipse, which takes place at the first degree of Scorpio. Often, the Sabian Symbol provides a unique insight, and in this case reveals the theme of gathering insights.

***Sabian Symbol  
"a crowded sight-seeing bus on a city street".***

Think about times when you have traveled to a special city or foreign country. Whether you actually took the "sight-seeing bus" or not, your eyes were busy watching the sights of the people and the rhythm of the street, the language and culture, the architecture that was unfolding before your eyes. When we are doing this, we want to absorb everything, which is a very potent trait of Scorpio!

Dane Rudhyar noted the key to this Sabian Symbol as the "widening of experience". This means that the experiences are not simply meant to be a voyeuristic window into the lives of others. We are not meant to be a "Peeping Tom" having fun by watching others live their lives, but to ask how these experiences might have an impact on our own lives. Whether we are traveling for a vacation, or simply going about our tasks in the public space, the experiences around us are meant to impact us, to change our perceptions and perhaps to change the way we live ourselves.

### **Asking Questions**

At its core, this Solar Eclipse wants us to more consciously experience the life that is taking place all around us. For Scorpio, the path to greater awareness comes through the process of asking ourselves questions. Since Scorpio is a

water energy, the best questions will come from an emotional perspective. You may ask, "What do I feel?" "Do I feel a drawn or pulled to explore what I am seeing more deeply?" Take note of the aspects of life where you feel the need to ask more questions, to explore more deeply.

This is important, because Scorpio is never really satisfied with the obvious, surface level observations. Scorpio wants us to explore by looking beneath the surface of our habitual ways of experiencing life. So, once you have identified something that "feels" important, or urgent to you, then we are meant to go deeper. Scorpio wants us to ask "Why?" Why do I feel this way? Might what I am seeing make my life feel more fulfilling? Consider asking the question that feels right to you!

### **Making Choices**

Scorpio is also connected to the process of making choices. In this case, the choices that serve us best will be the choices we make after we have asked the deeper questions, after we have explored our feeling and - most importantly - after we recognize the changes we want to make in a way that honors both our deeper feelings and our conscious mind.

Scorpionic transformation. Then, the changes we ultimately choose to make will make an improvement in our lives. It is the "widening of our experience" that leads us to know ourselves with new clarity and to make choices that honor that new understanding.

### **Venus joins the Party**

With Venus conjunct the Sun and Moon, the goddess of relating is making an appearance at the eclipse party. She wants us to remember, that while we are observing the "sights" around us, that our relationships are a part of the action taking place. We are not alone on this tour bus, but we are traveling with others, the people we have chosen to be a part of our journey, our travels in this life. You could say that Venus' message is simple and very nice. "When you get on your sight-seeing bus, be sure to bring your partner or your friend." Classic Venus!

So, we have two types of relationships that are being

energized.

First, we have our relationship with ourselves. By observing the world around us and asking questions about what we really want for our lives, we have an opportunity to know ourselves better AND become more confident in who we are. As Venus knows best, true confidence is both comfortable and attractive! We must not cover this up.

Second, we have relationships with others. Venus wants to remind us that our close friends, our partners or spouse are the perfect people to explore our observations and feelings about our world with. When we are confident in who we are and we trust our partner and friends to have our best interests at heart, then our conversations can help us make great choices for our lives.

### **Summary**

This Solar Eclipse is an invitation to hop on your own "sight-seeing bus", to see the world in ways that invite us to ask questions, find our deeper passions, and then choose to make the changes or even re-build your life in ways that life is more fulfilling.

For the period of the next few months that are energized by this Solar Eclipse, best wishes for embracing the invitation to do a little sight-seeing, a little soul-searching and confidently choosing how you live your life!



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