HONEY in the HEART:
Emotional Alchemy
of the
Venus Pentangle

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Come hither foam-born
Cyprian goddess, come,
And in golden goblets
pour richest nectar
All mixed in most
ethereal perfection,
Thus to delight us.

—Sappho
Honey Heart UAC 2018
Natal Chart
Saturday, May 26, 2018
2:30:00 PM CDT
Chicago, Illinois

All is well in the Cosmic Dance
INANNA

QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

Diane Wolkstein & Samuel Noah Kramer
Psyche Revived by Cupid’s Kiss
—Antonio Canova, c.1800
VENUS
Goddess
of
Love & Beauty

Heart Intelligence,
Magnetic Attraction,
Relationship
Art & Aesthetics
Values, Money
Self-esteem,
Style, Fashion
Pleasure, Delight, Joy, Harmony
VENUS rules TAURUS - Goddess of Beauty

The Dream, Henri Rousseau, 1910
VENUS rules LIBRA
Goddess of Love

Venus and Mars, Botticelli, 1485
SISTER PLANET TO EARTH

Venus is hot, veiled and volcanic.

**Day= 243 Earth days**
**Year = 225 Earth days**

Sunrise in west
Sun sets in east

260 days as Evening Star
- Hesperus -
260 days as Morning Star
- Lucifer or Phosphorus -
VENUS Phases & Cycles

Phases like the moon

584-day Synodic cycle - from new Venus - new Venus

Disappears twice in a cycle in front of the sun (retrograde) & behind the sun (direct)

5 synodic cycles in 8 years/
5 retrograde periods in 8 years
Venusian Aesthetics

Sacred Geometry
Artistic Harmony
Divine Proportion
Nature’s Design
The Golden Mean

\[ \text{Phi} = 1.618 = 8:5 = 13:8 \]

\[ 365 \text{ (year)} \times 8 = 2920 \]
\[ 584 \text{ (synodic)} \times 5 = 2920 \]

Earth’s orbit of 365 days:
Venus’ orbit of 225 days
\[ = 8:5 = 1.6 \]
Understanding the SYNODIC CYCLE
584 days

Evening star disappears at sunset, merges in Sun, New Venus closest to Earth for around 20 days.

Rises in east as Morning Star for 260 days, 7 lunar cycles ascends, turns direct, gains speed, highest in sky, further from Earth invisible, engulfed in sunlight, merges with sun full Venus 60 days

appears in west as Evening Star, for 260 days, 7 lunar cycles highest, brightest, slows, turns retrograde for 40 days/40 nights descends then sets with Sun
VENUS most brilliant, radiant, elevated as Evening Star
VENUS sets with the Sun invisible for about 20 days moving fastest, closest to Earth
NEW VENUS

VENUS in the Heart of the Sun

Sun Bath The Kiss of Venus

Venus renews herself in the light of the Sun, begins 584-day cycle
The Heart of the Rose
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SUN ROSE

fibrils, spicules, mottles
New Venus R Pentangle

2017-2023
repeating 8-year cycle
2 days earlier, 2 degrees earlier

A New Story each time

New@19 Capr
Jan 9, 2022

New@5 Aries
Mar 25, 2017

New@13 Gem
June 3, 2020

New@3 Scorp
Oct 26, 2018

New@21 Leo
Aug 13, 2023
FULL VENUS direct
at far side of Sun at the same 5 points of pentangle
4 years after New Venus retrograde in front of Sun—
tidal, waves, heartbeat
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Full 2017
New 2017
Full 2021

New 2018
Full 2022

New 2020
Full 2024

Full 2023
New 2023
Full 2027

Full 2026
New 2022
Full 2026
Inanna in the Netherworld
lost in light,
descending into darkness
on the far side of the Sun
Full Venus

exterior conjunction on far side of Sun,
Woman clothed with the Sun radiant, crowned with stars,
exalted in the heavens
Venus holds a mirror

Mirror of the Heart

Self-reflection
Venusian Alchemy in her Secret Garden

The Goddess calls within: “Let's talk!”
Attend to your primary relationship — with your Self, Known only to you and your deeply spiritual Divine Feminine. Exquisite sensitivity of deep inner being

Re-evaluate, re-consider, re-member, enrich, enjoy, satisfy, love, JOY. Magnetics — the Law of Attraction

Explore your Emotional Intelligence Increase your Happiness Quotient

How are you feeling about yourself, and your life? Are you enjoying what you are doing in any moment? Are you delighting in the beauty around you?

What is your level of emotional resonance in any relationship or activity (house)?

There is a Particular Storyline to Each Venus Retrograde
The Interior Heart

“Our deeply personal feelings are so incredibly valuable that we should preserve them, using their energy to find the universal emotion of the universe behind them…

When we see that it is the universal emotion emerging within us, we can follow the emotion of our personal heart into the whole, One Heart.”

—Puran Bair, Living From the Heart
https://iamheart.org/Puran_Bair/column/24expression.html

“Personal Essence develops and matures as more experiences are metabolized… Life becomes rich with the profundity, beauty and joy of essential life.”
—A.H. Almaas

Personal essence=that part of ourselves unconditioned by our life history

Spiritual qualities of your inherent nature come alive with a radiant vibrancy that shines through your personality and presence.
Your Personal Venus Story

Venus Sign = individual quality of your personal essence
Venus House = where Venus dwells & wants to bring out your best
place where you seek satisfaction, feel happy

Aspects- relationships/ dialogues with other planets/
Sabian Symbol image for storyline

What Venus phase were you born in?
Morning or Evening Star?
Was it beneath the horizon, in the Sun’s rays?
Were you born with Venus retrograde?

Which was the first New Venus before your birth?
This is your natal Venus cycle.
Tracking Your Venus Retrograde Pentangle

Which was the first Venus retrograde after your birth? Track this first 8-year cycle through your life, then track all 5 retrogrades*
[Add in the 4-year heartbeat of the Full Venus.]

In what houses do the 5 retrogrades occur? What have you experienced? Can you identify repeating themes? Have these areas of life changed, transformed, improved over time? What personal qualities have been enhanced in each sign? What relationship does each retrograde Venus have to your Venus—to other planets?

Refer to Venus research of Adam Gainsburg, Gary Caton, Daniel Giamario and Cayelin Castell, Arielle Guttman and others

* I have tables available. Sign in my book and I will send them to you.
Answering the Call from the Secret Chamber of Your Heart

What is your heart saying to you, asking of you? Depth of feeling. Call within.
Investigate unacknowledged, unexpressed or unrecognized feelings.
Alchemize unresolved emotional issues.
Change feelings you don’t want to entertain.

“Secret heart, what are you made of?
What are you so afraid of?
Secret heart, why so mysterious?
Why so sacred, why so serious?
This very secret you’re trying to conceal
Is the very same one you’re dying to reveal…”
—“Secret Heart,” Ron Sexsmith

How do retrogrades impact relationships?

Re-evaluation during Venus retrograde
Persons born with Venus retrograde
Progressed Venus changes direction.
Your Progressed VENUS

Where is your progressed Venus? When did it change sign? When will it change sign again? Has it turned retrograde or direct?
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Venus Retrograde Themes in the 5 Signs

What qualities of our personal essence are brought forth in:

**Gemini** - May-June
1988, 1996, 2004 (transit), 2012 (transit),
next: May 13 - June 25, 2020 @5-21 degrees Gemini

Venus is esoteric ruler of Gemini

Connects higher mind with lower mind
New language, open perceptions, heart with head
Weaves inter-hemispheric communications in brain

Delighted, playful, Light-Hearted
VENUS TRANSIT
June 2004 & 2012

previous-
December 1874/1882

next -
December 2117/2125
**Venus Retrograde Themes in the 5 Signs**
What qualities of our personal essence are brought forth in:

**Capricorn** - December - January
1997-8, 2005-6, 2013-14
next: December 19, 2021-January 29, 2022 @11-26 degrees Capricorn

**Crone wisdom, emotional maturity**
Consider satisfaction in accomplishments
What have you gleaned from your experience?
Re-consider responsibilities
The “business” of life & love, reevaluation “the plan”
Elegance & beauty in art, architecture & scientific theory
How are you walking on the Earth?

Chinese Goddess of the West, Max Dashu
**Venus Retrograde Themes in the 5 Signs**
What qualities of our personal essence are brought forth in:

**Leo** - July-September
next: July 23-September 4, 2023, 12-28 degrees Leo

Courage of Lion-Hearted
Fuller Self-expression,
Deepening love of Self,
Personal sense of Sovereignty
*Enhance your inherent creative potential*
Venus Retrograde Themes in the 5 Signs
What qualities of our personal essence are brought forth in:

**ARIES** - March-April (*Pisces*)
next: March 2-April 13, 2025
@ 24 Pisces-11Aries

Fresh ideas & initiatives.
Try new & different. Innovation.
What do you **truly** want?
Are you acting and speaking from your core, your essence, your integrity?

Follow your highest excitement.
Blaze a new trail. Energize!
This Venus Retrograde Story — 26 Pisces - 13 Aries

January 30 — Venus enters circle of influence @ 27 Pisces
The Harvest Moon illumines the sky. Saturn/Chiron influence

February 3 — Venus enters Aries Mars also in Aries
A woman has risen from the sea, embraced by a seal.

February 26 — Halo of Light Solar Eclipse Dreaming a new dream

March 4 — VENUS stations RETROGRADE @ 13 Aries Star Alpheratz
A serpent encircles a man and woman in close embrace.
   “Inanna opens her ears to the great below.”

March 12 — partial lunar eclipse at 22 Pisces-Virgo

March 25 — New Venus @ 5 Aries A white triangle is seen, with golden wings.

March 26 — New Moon @ 8 Aries

April 2 — Venus retrogrades back into Pisces
April 9 — Mercury stations retrograde @ 5 Taurus

April 11 — Full Moon @ 22 Aries-Libra Uranus/Jupiter influence

April 15 — VENUS stations DIRECT @ 27 Pisces Chiron/Saturn influence

April 20 — Mercury retro into Aries, Mars enters Gemini, Pluto stations R

April 26 — New Moon @ 6 Taurus

April 27 — Venus re-enters Aries

May 3 — Mercury stations direct @ 24 Aries

May 17 — Mercury re-enters Taurus

May 18 — VENUS COMPLETES CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE @ 13 Aries
Venus Retrograde Themes in the 5 Signs
What qualities of our personal essence are brought forth in:

Scorpio - October-November (Libra)
next: October 5-November 16, 2018
@25 Libra- 11 Scorpio

“EROS shivers my heart,
Like a wind down the mountain
Which falls on the oaks.”
—Sappho

Re-creative alchemy
stirs our deepest feelings…
EROS emerged from chaos with Gaia
Inherent creative life force, volcanic
Function of erotic to encourage
excellence and evoke the desire,
will and power to pursue it…

How do you feed that longing that is
the source where you come from?
4 Scorpio - A youth holding a lit candle in a devotional ritual gains a sense of the great “OtherWorld”
At the end of the day, the Radiant Star, the Great Light that fills the sky, The Lady of the Evening appears in the heavens. The people in all the lands lift their eyes to her. My Lady looks in sweet wonder from heaven. Inanna, the Lady of the Evening, is radiant. I sing your praises, holy Inanna. The Lady of the Evening is radiant on the horizon.