Venus Afflictions (and Cures)

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The Buddha says: “You could search the whole world over and never find anyone as deserving of your love as yourself.”

Afflictions to Venus cause a deep disturbance to the sense of our own worth and value.

Dalai Lama says “Self-hatred is far more extreme than being in a depressed state, it is very, very dangerous.”

Venus afflictions need the assumptions and hesitations challenged and the capacity for freedom and happiness brought forth and celebrated!
Most astrology readings have a conversation about relationships.

An affliction is (broadly) defined as a negative aspect from any planet, OR any aspect from a malefic planet.

We incarnated on planet earth to live our Saturn! Libra, the sign of relationships, is exalted in Saturn. We know relationships are WORK as well as play, and an important component of life.

Virtually every transit in our life is a person or a situation “being” the planet for us to dance with.

We are going to talk about natal afflictions, but you can apply the concepts to transits or progressions too.
Your natal chart describes the transits that your parents were experiencing at the moment you were born.

Thus it reflects THEIR stories expressed as YOUR natal potential.

You incarnated to bring that moment of time to life on earth.

It’s instructive to look at the nature of the afflictions and have the client ask their parents what was going on, as the parents’ story provides context for the client’s Venus affliction.

Check out the NEWS going on in the world Venus is there too!
Next, look at the “age” of the affliction.

Age shows in degrees and minutes. Degrees are years. Divide minutes by 5 to get months.

Lower degrees are more impactful and strong because you are dealing with a “younger” planet and younger person experiencing it.

If your Venus is 4 degrees, 10 minutes, you’re dealing a Venus who is 4 years and 2 months old. She’ll have a very different reaction to Venus situations than an “older” 24 degree Venus.

Is Venus applying or separating ~ gives a different flavor to the affliction.
With that in mind, let’s go forward and look at afflictions.

They exist for a REASON in your chart.

Like everything, see the situation is for a REASON, a SEASON, or a LIFETIME.

All aspects are designed to help you grow.

The chart is a repeating energy system that will be activated every time a planet goes through a sign.

Our job is to offer to assign a helpful and appropriate meaning to the aspects.
Teach clients about the POSITIVE uses of their affliction.

Unless they haven’t had their Saturn return yet, they will be using or encountering that affliction each and every day as the Moon triggers it every three days and the Sun triggers it once a month, not to mention all the other planets.

Make a list of alternative ways to use the energy so they see there are options available.
Venus Moon
Purpose

When you were born, Mom (Moon) was having trouble figuring out how to be both a woman (Venus) and a mother (Moon).

There is a struggle between the Moon and the Goddess of Love.

Squares tend to be harder.

Oppositions usually mean one side was given to someone else ~
The struggle happened between the mother and the client.
Maybe there was another Venus in the story?
Challenge

You have to activate BOTH energies, Moon and Venus, especially in love relationships, or the unused one will go hungry and start causing trouble.

You can’t ignore either side.

Often when child is born, parents’ sex lives go down the drain.

If you have a square, your partner has to have planets landing on both planets, for the relationship to be emotionally satisfying.
Solution

Partner has planets on both Venus and the Moon.

If partner DOESN’T have planets on both, encourage the client to make sure the empty planet is filled with activity.

With empty energy, someone can come in to invite Venus or Moon to stray.

Point out to the client the straying happens because she’s not having the planet’s needs met.

Teach how to how to amplify the empty so that it gets its needs met.
Venus Mars
Purpose

There’s a competitive dynamic introduced into relationships.

Venus, the Warrior version, wants to compete with her on again off again lover, Mars, god of war, aggression and passion.

Venus square Mars suggests that Mars is activated when Venus is excited or turned on. Or vice versa!

Venus oppose Mars suggests an either/or energy ~ think seesaw ~ cooperate OR hold them up with their legs dangling.

Trines and Oppositions too ~ every thing is turned into a competition!!
Challenge

Jealousy or competition with partner.

When Venus exceeds Mars, Mars leaves. “Oscar syndrome”: woman wins an Oscar, and her partner leaves her.

Women with strong Venus-Mars can have trouble finding a partner that they can be more successful than.

Men with Venus-Mars need to be more successful than their partner.
Solution

Healthy competition is okay, just not out of hand.

Make sure that Venus’s desires are met so she doesn’t stray.

Channel Mars appropriately so he’s acting the hero.

Inquire about fighting. If fighting, they’re not having enough sex.

Withholding sex is a bad idea with this combo. Tends to act up badly.

Often there will be some kind of condition for sex, moving, money.

Meet the conditions of the aspect ~ teach it how to work healthy.
Venus Jupiter
Purpose

Jupiter Venus tends to be affliction of over-doing, over-loving, over-attention, over-overness without asking!

Hard to settle down as there are too many choices.

Wants what it wants when it wants it all the time.

Mom and Dad were on the Jupiter ride when you were born.

Jupiter’s excess energy tends to over do Venus who is Jupiter’s “aunt.”

This is often found in teacher-student relationships or relationships with a large age difference.
Challenge

Tends to be, or pull in narcissists or people with few boundaries.

Sense that rules don’t apply to them.

Tends to overdo and work with things that cause the excess to seem normal. People who send a 50 bouquets to apologize because they were 10 minutes late for a date.

They will be a rule breaker and invite you to join them.

Try and take Jupiter Venus and make it work for the good of others.

Jupiter can be a con artist. Jupiter can deceive.
Solution

If it looks too good to be true it probably is.

Instead of focusing all the attention on acquiring Venus, collaborate Venus with the wisdom of Jupiter and be generous.

Teacher-student. Both receive value from relationship.

Avoid dynamic where one person uses Venus acquired with its Jupiter authority or power and seduces with stuff.
Venus Saturn
Purpose

Parents were having financial troubles, authority or work troubles at the time the child was born.

Conflicts around money.

Child raised with conditions and shaming around getting what it wants.

If you do this you get this. No we can’t afford it.

Leads to rejection complex. Often rejects before it starts.
Challenge

Solution is to look and ask what the aspect really wants.

If they do the work of the aspect, they will get what they want.

Talk to them about their Saturn in productive and helpful ways, so Venus is in the mood to reward Saturn.

Goal is to have Saturn is sated and Venus filled.

Work is an important component of this affliction to.
Solution

Solution is always to recognize that the one you ask first may not be the one to give it to you.

Often times they think there’s only one. Ask someone else.

Tend to inhibit themselves around things, so look what the inhibition is and how to work with it productively.

Getting someone to RELEASE responsibility for an area is often easier than getting an irresponsible person to take on responsibility.

Watch MONEY issues. Need to be super clear on this area. Bad finances at the end of Venus/Saturn relationship are very common.
Venus Uranus
Purpose

Love is to be exciting or else it is banished.

Relationship of parents was erratic and unstable, OR finances were wild at the time of birth OR changes past their control.

Venus doesn’t feel “secure” because she doesn’t know when the next surprise will pull the rug from under her feet.

Manifests as falling in love with the inappropriate or unusual who isn’t available. Falling in love with people who aren’t stable or for one reason or another are unavailable.
Challenge

They love the idea of love.

Uranus represents airplanes so they’re willing to hop on planes and fly long distances to meet the beloved.

Unusual ways of making money.

Space needed in relationships.

Find love and desire can be satisfied in quirky ways, with emphasis on areas that other people might find unusual but they find fascinating.
Solution

Encourage them to pick people who are available

Ask the right questions up front.

Define what they’re looking for in a love relationship.

Often an intimate relationship with long distances makes them happy because they love intellectual communication, phone calls, emails, text messages, & skype work.

Encourage them to date other Uranians like astrologers, engineers or computer folks!
Venus Neptune
When they were born, there was a deep emotional story, or mystery or drug/alcohol issue or artistic/religious event going on in the family.

Work on unraveling that story to understand what Neptune does in their relationships.

Neptune gives enormous depth to relationships. Rapture on earth!

Unfortunately it is also otherworldly; trying to bring Neptune down to Earth and form into a beloved is a tricky thing to do.
Challenge

All Beloveds have feet of clay, disillusionment takes place, and Venus wants to roll to head off to other places. She’s had it!

Neptune can take so many shapes, it’s important to understand what the disillusionment was that happened at the age of Neptune.

What did they discover at that time?

Find out what the disillusionment was, because that holds the key for what the person can get trapped on.
Solution

Once they understand their Neptune hook, they can avoid getting trapped on it.

See Neptune when it arrives, they just don’t necessarily acknowledge it. (point out leaks as a clue)

With Venus-Neptune, some astrologers avoid the near occasion of Neptune and put up barricades against it, blocking it.

It’s important for Neptune to play out because his job is to help you see the world and yourself in a different light.
Solution continued

If Neptune in the birth chart involves a betrayal of the parents, then Neptune’s natal potential is based on betrayal and will want to manifest that way.

Paying attention and double-checking things will help. Neptune wants to trick you.

If it was simply that the parents were having an amazing time, then Neptune in your chart represents the seeking of amazing times, which will be what inspires your life.

Very important to understand the initial Neptune charge of the chart to see where he wants to wrap you in the rapture.
Solution continued

The issue with Neptune transits is the quickening pulse of addiction, where you feel addicted to the person.

You need to honor Neptune as addiction.

The challenge is figuring out how to ground Neptune without losing the illusion and dream. You should be able to express the beauty in it.

Helpful if other versions of Neptune are pursued.
Venus Pluto
Purpose

Parents were experiencing some kind of triangle, betrayal, power struggle, that involved money, power or another person. A third!

Third can be person, place or thing.

Once you know what the third thing is, you’re able to see how to use it.

They have to take Pluto and own it.

As long as Pluto is well-behaved, it all works well.

Productive, provocative and sexy. Venus fly trap energy.
Challenge

Name it.

Own it.

Call it out.

Help them understand how to spot Pluto.

Therapy is helpful. All about owning their power.

Age of Pluto important too!
Solution

Can be an intractable aspect which the client doesn’t want to make conscious or change.

Name and help them see the different KINDS of Pluto relationships there are out there.

Keep all triangles open ~ no two against one.

“Power” by Robert Greene for techniques
Venus Chiron
Purpose
Beloved is wounded. Love is wounding. Venus represents love lost and the resulting wound. Identify what the wound is and what the story is.

Often, there’s a wound to the mother through the birth or pregnancy process. Can involve some difficult parts of Chiron’s Myth.

The child comes in carrying the wound to the Venus.

Other times, they watched a person being wounded in the childhood.

They could have felt that they caused it or were the reason it happened even if they weren’t.

Sometimes they WERE the reason or cause (or were blamed as it)!
Challenge

This is one of the harder ones to deal with because every time you go near it it’s like poking an open wound.

Chiron has to heal the wounds, so encourage them to work with it on an ongoing basis.

It’s easier to avoid love than deal with it.

Venus can feel even more afflicted than usual because she’s working with a body that’s half human half beast and sometimes the bestial nature of the centaur comes out and other times the human nature. Healing is a combination of both natures of Chiron.

Because Venus rules money and value, don’t disrespect Venus.
Solution

People often start charitable foundations in the name of a person who was wounded.

Tends to be an inspirational aspect to others.

Encourage them to look for positive Chirons to partner with.
ANNE’S RULES FOR DEALING WITH AFFLICTIONS

1. Figure out the ages of the planets: very different approaches!
2. Look at family history (what was happening at birth)
3. Look at world events
4. Discuss how the affliction has shown up in their life to date
5. Is Venus applying or separating from the affliction?
6. Think of alternative keywords or expressions for the energy
7. Use the energy up in other ways (do other versions)
8. Help the client understand what the affliction is supposed to teach them, so they can figure out the lesson early on and move up to a different form of manifestation.