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LOOKING BACK AT VENUS RETROGRADE

A Venusian Comic Tragedy in One Act or
Venus and other Strangers
March 6 - April 17, 2009

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To understand major sky formations, planetary pictures, retrograding planets, eclipses, equinoxes and solstices, look no further than your own chart and how these planets in the sky impact it. You'll find the whole magilla right there, that together with a veritable textbook of astrological examples with you as the protagonist and your life as the story line. CB

A Woman's Voice Heard Reading Aloud:

April 17th morning

Dear Venus,

Thank you for your immersion course in all matters Venusian during these past six weeks. I know the drill.....during a Venus Retrograde, we deal with all areas of relationship, women, work, values, money, love of others, love of self and shopping....and with this cycle we go back to these arenas....back in time, back to unresolved and unfinished business, reflection and reformation, revisions and reunions, often revisiting the actual sites, locations or making furtive catalog returns of impulse midnight acquisitions.....But Venus why didn't you warn me, why didn't you text me that you were going to lay it on so thick?!

(Heard against the soundtrack of the intro to Law & Order - Special Unit Victims for full effect.)

Announcer: In the Relational Justice System, Venusian-based offenses are considered especially convoluted. In the city of Atlanta, one lone astroinvestigator explores her mysterious gaffs and indiscretions. She is a member of an elite squad (of which you may be an honorary member) known as the Special Heart-throbs Division. This is her and, perhaps, your story, as well.

Narrator: As you know, when she shows up in our charts, Venus is a mesmerizing catch-all for all matters of the

heart, but also partnership, money, values, your stuff, your love history, your work history, your values, your goals, your life balance, your spending, your makeovers, what you love, your sense of beauty, women and your relationships with them, including but not exempting, your mother, your sister, your friends, yourself, as well as women in general.

As if that wasn't enough, Venus takes us on a magical mystery tour through the gate, down the marble stairway, past the fountain with the unicorn in tow, to re-visit (are your eye lids growing heavy? I hope so!) re-evaluate in full living color, the full relational spectrum - that is the full Monty of how and why you interact with others, especially in the past.

Wondering what to do on your Venus vacation...here are a few tips, courageous love warrior:

Retrieve the old love letters, pull out the 45s and 78s and listen to the broken-hearted love songs, dust off the ole' resume and look at your job history - in its entirety - next, nix the exes. Prepare to take a walk down Memory Lane revisiting every relation that went awry - good, bad or indifferent, imagining every time you looked at someone cross-eyed or crossed them off your list as misunderstanding or judging, as being unreliable, distasteful, low-life, or having an attitude that just plucks

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THIS MONTH'S EVENT

Thursday, May 21, 2009
7:30 pm



LAST MINUTE CHANGE!!!
General Astrology
Discussion



BRING MULTIPLE COPIES OF YOUR
Natal, Secondary Progressed,
and Solar Arc Charts with Transits

LOCATION

2054 Harobi Drive, near Northlake Mall,
just off Lavista, behind the DeKalb County Library

Letter from the President



Greetings Folks,

Thanks to all who attended Carol Devine's lecture at hour last meeting. I hope you'll start using solar arcs in your work if you haven't already. They do add another interesting dimension to forecasting that cannot be seen by other methods. And they're very easy to use since you just add essentially a degree per year for every planet.

We are blessed with the return of Donna Van Toen for this month's meeting. Please be sure to attend as she shares more of her pearls of wisdom.

Happy Mother's Day this month to all our mothers.

Thanks to you all for your support of MAAS. I'll see you on the 21st.

Sincerely,

Kathryn

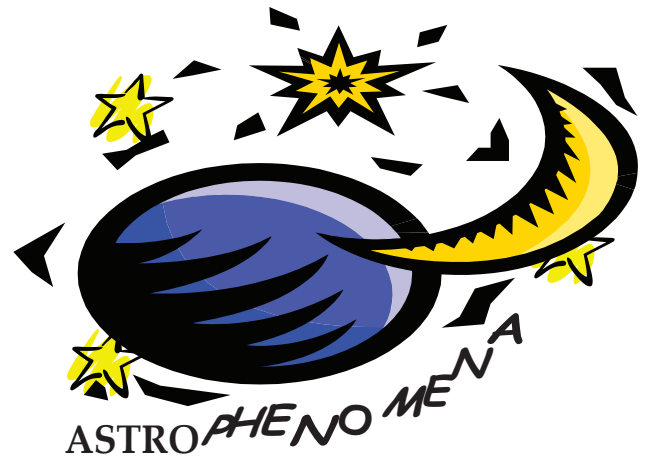


**HAPPY RETURNS
TO THIS MONTH'S
MEMBERS!!!**

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Special thanks to Mary Trapp, Kathy Papoutsis and Kathryn Silverton for their contributions to this month's newsletter. Thanks to Karen Branch for the delicious food at last month's meeting. Make sure they know you appreciate them. Also, please think about how you can contribute to MAAS and your newsletter.

Deadlines for submissions are the first of each month. Submit your entries to <herakles@comcast.net>.



May 16

Saturn Stationary Direct at 10:06 p.m.

May 20

Sun enters Gemini at 5:51 p.m.

May 29

Neptune Stationary Retrograde at 12:30 a.m.

May 30

Mercury Stationary Direct at 9:22 p.m.

May 31

Mars enters Taurus at 5:18 p.m.

June 6

Venus enters Taurus at 5:07 a.m.



LUNATIONS

May 24

New Moon in Gemini 8:11 a.m.

June 7

Full Moon in Sagittarius at 2:12 p.m.

NOTE: From Solar Fire Gold.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 21
"Open Discussion"

Thursday, June 18
Sandy Thurston
"Astrology and Palmistry"

Thursday, July 16
David Beazley
"The Uranian Financial Outlook"

Friday, July 18 Workshop
"Uranian Techniques for Timing Future Events
and the Marketplace"

Contact David at: 727-844-3111
(he's very interesting!)

Thursday, August 20
Julian Venable
To Be Announced

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If you are a member in good standing and a practicing astrologer, we will gladly place a link to your web site from ours. Kindly send your link to Zane Stein, our webmaster, at <centaureanastrology@zanestein.com>.

Are you scratching your head and wondering what to do with all that spare time you'll have during the summer? Interested in a beginning Astrology class? If so, please call (770-931-2577) or email (kls@planetaryperceptions.com) Kathryn to sign up for a beginner's class. We're working on putting one together.

Venus Retrograde

(From the Front Page)

your last nerve.....That's right, prepare to go down the list of everyone who hurt your feelings, made your skin crawl or you never got to really tell them what you thought of them or vice versa. Every single one who got your hackles up. Every boss who did you dirt. Everyone who gave you a dirty look. Now go the other way, and do it **vice versa**.....

That's right. You heard me.

Venus runs the gauntlet. She goes both ways. Where do you find these sad and sordid stories? Yes, your journal, your memory bank, repressed and other, your memento box....Like the movie of the same name, Memento, moving backwards in time, prepare to try to solve the cold case file of your own life - Love, Money, Work, Friends, Outcasts, In-Laws, the whole ball o' wax!

So in like fashion to a past life regression, you may pick Gateway #1, #2, #3 and so forth to delve into these (often) painful and (nearly) always gratifying areas of your past.

Where will you look to find clues to your Venus journey that took place for nearly six weeks (as you receive this article, you may still be recovering from her spell!) Well you look to Venus, herself in your chart (I guess that's a no brainer). You look to where Venus in Aries (which is the sign she's been in for this entire cycle, and where she was back in March and April of 2001 when Venus was last retrograde in Aries) hits your chart. And that gives you another clue: to look to your Venus/Mars relationship - how your love and sex drives integrate or don't; how your female aspect and your male expression enhance you or create turbulence; how you related to men, how you relate to women; how your sex drive functions, or doesn't, as well as the way you balance (or don't) your Yin and his Yang. You also look to Mars (yes, it's all Aries' fault) and also Libra and Taurus (yes, Venus rules their worlds, and yours) and anywhere in the chart you find relationship enigmas and conundrums.

So.....you look to your 7th house and its ruler - the house of marriage, your close inner circle, your contractual relationships (professional colleagues) as well as open enemies. Yes, them too! Also look to the 5th for romance and children, the 2nd for values and work, the midheaven for life purpose and status in the world and what aspects these all play in your Zodiacal soap opera, tragedy, comedy, sit-com or just really interesting saga - Your Past... the fabric that makes you who you are today.

You've loved. You've lost. You've had your feelings hurt

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Venus Retrograde

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and you've hurt a few yourself. Look deep. Leave no stone unturned.

Woman's voice again:

So this is exactly what I did. For one excruciating retrograding period, I did all of the above and then some. I poked and prodded and was poked and prodded back. Every possible relationship misstep or misdemeanor was thrust across my path for experience, reflection, understanding and a full-tilt inventory. It was not always pretty. But somehow I survived, and in fact, by the end, may have even made some shifts on this sentimental journey. Bruised and battered, but surprisingly satisfied by the scope of the love work done during this intense period I was surprised and pleased to see on the afternoon of April 17th, the mailman pulled up to my mail box in a most unusually colored pink mail truck. Gingerly, he placed one elegant envelope in the mail box. The mauve envelope was addressed in the most delicate calligraphic hand with no return address to speak of. When I opened it there was a one page letter in the tissue-lined envelope that appeared almost Victorian in style. And there written for my eyes only (and of which I now am guided to share with you, dear reader) is the following:

The voice of Venus is heard (Meryl Streep?):

April 17th noon

Dear One,

By now we know you have survived your Relationship Intensive – an Outward Bound for the Lovelorn. And we are pleased. While we know that you've had a particularly unnerving time with our energies in reverse, we want to remind you of a few crucial matters. Remember, when you chose to be born with the North Node and Chiron on the 7th house cusp, you elected on the soul level to focus this incarnation on healing and resolving your human relationships. While you have made good headway, there are certainly some sore and blind spots that may have heretofore been overlooked. We recognize that these have confronted you somewhat mercilessly during this period. You invited this intense evolutionary cycle when you went to the healing ceremony in the Blue Ridge Mountains at Delphi and asked to heal any remaining blocks to your success as a person. Many of these you may realize now were 7th or 2nd house matters – my houses. Additionally when you joined that which is known in your realm as Facebook, you immersed yourself in an interpersonal caldron of past, present and future – the good, the bad, and also, the ugly, which we know has been painful, but we trust has been most informative and illuminating, as well.

We are proud of you for taking these matters to heart, and turning inward to redress and resolve them – perhaps once and for all, or at least for a time. We applaud your Happiness List, which includes an extensive list of wrongees and wrongers and for running down this list and chanting for each and everyone's individual happiness. In doing so, you may have shifted these resonances from the core, in this lifetime and in lifetimes' past. And for this, again, we are mightily pleased: as this is certainly part of your primary objective in this incarnation.

We'd also like to quote an excerpt from a speech by Steve Jobs, co-creator of the beautiful and graphically refined Apple computer (yes, we blushing admit we had a hand in this, and our sister Goddess Eve helped coin the name). Here is what he said, and we concur:

You've got to find what you love and that is as true for work as it is for your lovers....For you to have great work, love what you do.... As in all matters of the heart, don't settle....Follow your heart, your gut, your intuition, your destiny, your karma....even when it leads you off the well-worn path and that will make all the difference.

We want to again praise you, dear sister, for your sincere relationship intensive during these past weeks. Your tears have not fallen in vain. Remember, love thyself. Love others like thyself. Remember the Golden Rule. In all things, be true to thyself....and as gentle as humanly possible with others.

We remain, lovingly and in awe of beauty in all its forms, Venus and the Goddesses

p.s. Sorry about no text. Wasn't on our plan.

As the lights begin to fade, we hear: lilting sounds of song, a gurgling brook, sweet bird murmurs, the utterances of lovers, a mother cooing to her baby, the sound of the beating of the human heart.....

Black out.

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Mary Trapp has been seen performing at the Punchline.



What movie star has Zane Stein been hanging out with?