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## **Venus in Gemini and the Lords of the Flame**

This may come as a surprise to those whose outlook has dimmed to a grim resignation as a result of the relentless Capricornian activations of late 2019 and early 2020: Venus, planet of higher thought and refined values, is set to cast her floral bouquet of beauty and higher understanding over the troubled waters of planetary life for a total of four months in 2020.



Yes, Venus, the classic mythological goddess symbolic of attraction, cohesion, inclusion, unity, love, angelic forces, romance, beauty, harmony, art, culture, refinement, manners, pleasantries, decoration, embellishment, comfort, healing, hospitality, and social grace is poised to make a significant impact on the affairs of planet Earth. In what is sure to be quite a stark contrast to the severity imposed by restrictive Capricorn with its inhibitions and prohibitions, Venus promises now to issue forth and color the scenes of life with pleasing pastel hues, enrapturing windsong fragrance, and the intoxicating poetry of the soul.

Added Venus power comes to us now because Venus is in Gemini, the sign where Venus rules esoterically, from early April through early August 2020. The positioning of Venus in the sign where it rules esoterically for such a long period serves to underline and highlight the influence of this planet. Further, the positioning of Venus in the sign where it rules esoterically is certain to emphasize the higher soul values associated with the planet Venus, for this is the function of the esoteric level of rulership. Indeed, Venus is right now coming forth into the limelight, for not only is she positioned in the sign of her esoteric rulership, but also is she retrograde from mid-May to late June 2020. This retrograde period serves to further emphasize the impact of Venus, keeping her in the sign of her esoteric rulership for a total of four months, quite a contrast to her usual three to four-week stay in any given sign. Thus, from early April through early August of 2020, Venus is signally empowered by residence in the sign of her esoteric rulership to shed the light of her higher understanding in and throughout the world. As a result, all the best of the Venus vibration awaits.

In fact, Venus comes forth now with the definite healing balm of enhanced spiritual understanding, for in this period from early April to early August 2020, Venus is in position to lead the consciousness of Humanity directly to its higher selves, its better angels, its soul. There's good reason why this is so, as explained in esoteric legend depicting the

dramatic origins of Humanity in celestial influence brought directly to Earth from the planet Venus.

According to esoteric legend, the Human Kingdom was established eighteen and a half million years ago on Earth by Great Beings known as the Lords of the Flame, so named because they brought the spark of divine mind to our planet. According to the central esoteric creation legend of the Ageless Wisdom Tradition, these Lords of Flame arrived on Earth by virtue of a consciousness wave which originated in the Venus Scheme of our solar system, transferred to the Venus Chain of our Earth Scheme by vibrational resonance, connected with the Venus Globe of our Earth Chain, and from there, came directly to our planet. This route by which the Lords of Flame arrived on Earth to deliver the spark of mind to animal men was also referred to in a much shortened form by the Tibetan in contexts where he simply stated that the Lords of Flame arrived from the planet Venus. For example, in *Esoteric Psychology I* (419), the Tibetan through Alice Bailey simply stated, “The Lords of mind came from Venus.”

Once on our planet, the Venusian Lords of Mind or Lords of the Flame imparted the spark of divine mind to the animal-men of the time, thus instigating the process known as individualization, or the creation of the truly Human Kingdom. At the same time, the Venusian Lords of the Flame established our Planetary Hierarchy on Earth.<sup>1</sup> Thus, as is evident, Venus has a long history of aiding dramatically in the upliftment of consciousness on Earth.

In 2020, Venus is at it again, working for the upliftment of consciousness on Earth as she makes a long transit of Gemini, the sign in which she esoterically rules. According to the Tibetan, the relationship between Venus, Gemini, and the planet Earth is of particular importance. This importance is based on the fact that in Gemini, Venus rules

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<sup>1</sup> This esoteric chronology has been compiled from Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 229, 386 – 389, 720; *Esoteric Psychology I*, 419; *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, 132.

esoterically, while Earth rules hierarchically. According to the Tibetan, it is this connection which leads to the consciousness of universality on our planet. A consciousness of universality is much needed in planetary affairs today; hence, this four-month immersion in Venusian energies can help to heal the divisiveness and competition which so frequently have characterized human affairs.

Taking a bit of a different tack, the Tibetan also sheds light on the Venus, Gemini, Earth relationship when he explains that Earth and Venus are symbolically linked to the two brothers or twins of Gemini, with Earth related to the twin or brother waning in influence, and Venus related to the twin or brother waxing in influence. These veiled statements refer, of course, to the personality and the soul as symbolized by the two bodies of Gemini. On the discipleship path, the influence of the personality decreases or wanes, while the influence of the soul increases or waxes. Earth as a non-sacred planet represents the personality; Venus as a sacred planet represents the soul. This relationship between the dark and light faces of the Gemini twins, or Earth and Venus, D.K. writes, produces the sorrow and purifying pain experienced during incarnation,<sup>2</sup> as the personality wanes and goes dark, while the soul waxes and grows filled with light.

It is this very type of symbolic and practical soul wisdom which is destined to fill our minds and thoughts with the long transit of Venus through Gemini. Bringing focus to the lessons and issues of this sign, Venus transiting Gemini for four months in 2020 makes us aware of the tension and difference between personality-centered values on one hand and soul-centered values on the other. Fortunately, all of Humanity has an opportunity to glimpse the soul-centered values of Gemini and Venus in 2020. Just as Venus long ago brought the spark of mind, individualization, and the Masters of the Planetary Hierarchy to our planet eighteen and a

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<sup>2</sup> Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 361 – 362.

half million years ago, so in 2020 Venus can bring us an evolutionary opportunity of meaningful proportions.

### **Analysis and Predictions for the Week Ahead**

The week of **May 11 – 17** represents a palpable shift in energies, as a greater diversity of astrological influences enters the picture to mollify and modify the overwhelming presence of Capricorn present for the last few months. Throughout this week, the Moon is in waning phase, decelerating the intensities experienced at last week's Wesak Full Moon. As a result, energies at the mental, emotional, and physical energies begin to drop down and turn within to the introspective mode characteristic of waning Moon.

**Sunday May 10 – Monday May 11** brings the important retrograde station of Saturn at 2 degrees of Aquarius. Whenever Saturn acts by retrograde station, it makes a powerful statement of its archetypal and ray signature. As the agent of karma and the planet of discipleship opportunity, Saturn is a serious task master. He asks and expects much. Therefore the performance bar seems set quite high during this period. From subjective levels, Saturn works on consciousness to stimulate awareness that decisive action must now be taken, if only at the mental level. Decisions and commitments must be made, if discipleship opportunity is to be recognized and seized. These are not carefree energies, but rather energies indicative of deep introspective contemplation. Time as a factor in the planning of planetary service figures centrally.

At the same time, Mercury at 29 degrees of Taurus makes the exact square to Mars at 29 degrees of Aquarius on **Monday May 11**, stimulating rigorous debate, argumentation, vigorous questioning, and general intellectual pressure. Irritation is likely to be a major factor in the mass experience at this time. Urgency enters the picture and inclines us toward

hurry and rush. We do best if we manage to maintain our centers and resist the temptation to join in surrounding agitation. Weather is unstable.

On **May 12**, Mars leaves group-oriented and sometimes contentious Aquarius to enter mystical and often detached Pisces, thus draining the energy out of conflicts recently stirred up around group and social situations. Further, peace-maker Venus makes a retrograde station at 22 degrees of Gemini on **May 12**, saturating the psychic environment with energies of conciliation, conversation, interaction, flexibility, and mobility. Tensions abate as the mind sees from many perspectives.

On **May 14**, Jupiter turns stationary retrograde as well, doing so at 27 degrees of Capricorn. Even though the retrograde station of Jupiter in corporate and governmental Capricorn is sure to stimulate authoritarian aspirations, the retrogrades of the two benefic planets Venus and Jupiter falling so close together in time is certain to generate at least a few positive indications. Money and social liquidity flow, while those on the inner side of life find that there are energies available for projects and progress.

Then, on **May 14**, the Sun at 25 degrees of Taurus makes the exact trine to Pluto at 25 degrees of Capricorn, bringing into focus material solutions for recent concerns. At the same time, there arises a mood of peace, relaxation, confidence, and cessation from recent anxieties.

**Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17** are conditioned by the trine between the Sun at 27 degrees of Taurus and Jupiter at 27 degrees of Capricorn, another assuring earth trine which brings agreeable business arrangements, quiet surroundings, and relief from recent worries. Jobs and funding sources are found. Matters settle out. The physical environment supports life with pleasant circumstances. Nature provides healing and renewal. A sense of rightness emerges even in the midst of lingering world concerns. A way is seen through the challenges of the moment.