

Venus - Mercury, and the Governorship of Mind and Love.

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In astrology we are told that Venus represents love.

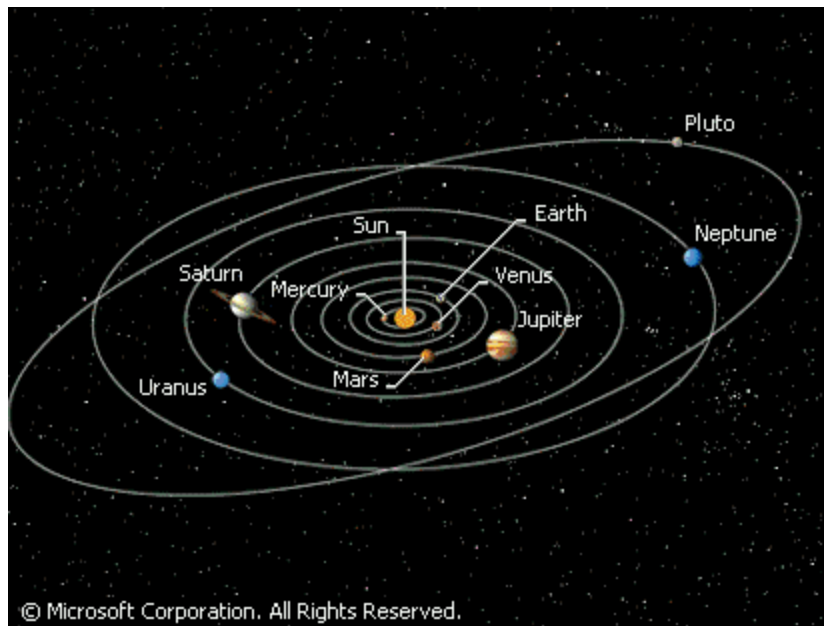
This seems straightforward and fits in with the common goal for humanity which is to develop and express divine love. However, the matter is not so clear when considered from an esoteric angle because then Venus - although still associated with love, is given as a ruler of the mind along with Mercury. This article attempts to throw light upon this subject.



1. Esoteric Overview of the Solar System

Deity has three aspects - Will, Love and Intelligence. In our solar system, the Solar Logos or supreme Lord, develops each of these aspects through three successive solar systems:

1. The first system developed Active Intelligence – or the ability to intelligently manipulate and use the material aspect. This quality is the most developed aspect of the Logos, and this is the reason why it is so strong in mankind today. That system ended many eons ago.
2. **The Logos is currently working through the second solar system - our system, and is in the process of developing the love aspect.**
3. In the next solar system the will aspect will be developed, but that is a long way in the future.



The key to success in this current endeavour hinges upon the love aspect being fully developed and expressed within the lives which are resident in the system, and amongst these Earth's mankind holds a key position for the following reasons.

1. The heart chakra or etheric centre is the organ which receives and distributes the energy of love. It is the 4th of seven major centres in the etheric web.
2. Our solar system is the (4th) heart centre of a great cosmic life called the One About Whom Naught May Be Said¹, and it is called a system of "the 4th order"².
3. Earth is the 4th planetary scheme³ or petal in the solar system,
4. The globe we are currently on is the 4th in a series of seven.
5. Humanity's technical name is the Fourth Creative Hierarchy⁴, it is the 4th kingdom in nature.

An energy flow is created due to the shared vibration of the number "four" at these different levels - or to put it another way, they are on the same wave length and therefore communication between these levels flows

spontaneously. This is the reason why the development of love on Earth will have an extraordinary impact on the higher levels, and is therefore vital to the larger scheme which is in the process of developing cosmic love. We are not only helping humanity to transform itself into a vessel of inclusiveness and kindness when we work on the development of love at a personal level, but we are also assisting the solar system as a whole., and the cosmic system consisting of seven solar systems. It is a fact to ponder, and a reason to be more diligent in our spiritual practises.

2. The Second Ray of Love and Wisdom and access through the Planes

Since this is a solar system created to develop divine love, the ray of love emanating from Deity is the primary energy of our Solar Logos and of our system. Ray 2 is the Love of God at work in the universe. It is that force which ‘gathers in’, the attractive and magnetising principle which draws life and matter together to build forms, so that consciousness can arise through the form. This force emanates from the heart of Deity - it is the love of God in expression, and in ordinary humanity it is the force of desire which draws people together in union – sexually, socially, romantically. It is the potential in man which gives him wisdom, and enables him to step forward as a representative of the Christ, with the power to gather in those who need to be saved, to radiate love, to include, to teach and to heal.

The ray of love enters our solar system through the second plane.

Overview of the seven planes of the solar system:

Our solar system has seven levels of density and consciousness, through which all lives are evolving. The following list gives a brief description.

1. Logocic: The cosmic Ray of Will is anchored here.
2. Monadic Plane: The cosmic Ray of Love and Wisdom enters at this level, and has a natural resonance with planes 4 and 6.
3. Atmic Plane: Spiritual Will. The cosmic Ray of Intelligence is anchored here.
4. Buddhi: the Plane of intuition. The ray of love works primarily through this plane. Note that it is the 4th plane in our system and so has a natural resonance with the heart centre. It is also called the plane of intuition. This is the “ocean of nectar”, the “formless’ world of bliss, which floods consciousness when it is trained to go beyond the level of the mind.

These four higher planes are generally considered to be the spiritual realms, and express divine energies. Man operates actively on the lower three planes.

5. The Mental Plane
6. The Astral or Emotional Plane
7. The Physical Plane.

These are the seven planes of our solar system, and man’s primary task is to develop the spiritual love aspect of his nature - this means to gain access to the Buddhistic Plane, and be a channel for Love and Wisdom.

3. Venus - Ruler of the Plane of Mind

In mythology, Ouranus / Uranus was the first sky god and he mated with Gaia / Mother Earth and fathered Cronos /Saturn. The latter castrated his father Uranus, whose severed genitals fell into the sea. Aphrodite / Venus arose from the resulting foam, gloriously beautiful.

Interpreted esoterically, from the merging of Spirit (Uranus) and matter (Gaia), time and space is created (Saturn). The Monadic seed of Spirit (severed genitals) descends into the ocean of Mother generating form life, from which consciousness or soul arises (Venus). Venus is wisdom-mind, riding above and in control of the oceans of the lower worlds. It is consciousness perfected, the glorious Son, child of the Mother and the Father. Looking at the myth from another angle again, Venus represents the Solar Angels whom we are told, came from



Venus, riding upon a “wave of manasic or mind energy.” They brought the gift of wisdom to animal-man, contained in the egoic lotus.

1. The plane of mind is ruled by Venus.

2. The mechanism giving access to spiritual realms is built on the Mental Plane.

Although the higher vibrational divine energies – and specifically divine love are eternally present, ordinary man is unable to access them because he has not developed the mechanism which allows him to do so. The Mental Plane is the highest of man’s worlds, and is closest to the spiritual realms. Access to the higher must go through this plane.

3. Venus does not distribute Ray 2 of Love and Wisdom – it is carried by Jupiter.

Jupiter and its influences indicate that the way of incarnation is the "beneficent" method of evolutionary unfoldment and that the way of love-wisdom (2nd ray) is the way for humanity to go.⁵

True love is not romantic affection which flows between two individuals – this has more to do with animal and sexual magnetism of the physical bodies which triggers associated emotions and thoughts in the higher bodies – this is Venus working at the human level. True love is a universal essence and is eternally present as fellowship and friendship, inclusive and unconditional love and acceptance – a Jupiterian experience. When one has tapped the level and energy of buddhi (which is a receiving station for the Love of God, then true love is foundational in all relationships.

4. Venus carries and distributes the 5th Ray of Concrete Knowledge⁶, and this ray “is pre-eminently the substance of the mental plane.”

This fifth ray energy is more than purely concrete mind force which acquires knowledge, and this needs to be carefully noted - it also carries an aspect of the love and wisdom ray. Altogether it is characterised by three qualities, and together they enable man to build the mechanism he needs to connect with the higher realms

a. Abstract mind - producing pure thought.

b. Love-wisdom - producing the thinker or the Son of Mind, working through the egoic lotus.

c. Myriads of thought forms generated by activities arising from the mental, emotional and physical levels.

5. The beings who build mind are called Solar Angels

In esoteric history we are told that very advanced beings called Solar Angels came from Venus and brought the gift of mind to primitive animal man.⁷ Working upon the Mental Plane they built

i. The Soul body (egoic lotus) and

ii. The mental unit.

then galvanised them into activity with their fiery essence - SOLAR FIRE or the FIRE OF MIND.

Solar Fire is the Fire of Mind, and this fire is the energy of the Soul.

This is why the Soul is called sometimes the Son of Mind.

It resides on the Plane of Mind and it is made out of the Fire of Mind.

The fire or spark of mind is the correspondence in man to solar fire, and it is this spark of mind in man, manifesting as spiral cyclic activity, which leads to expansion and to his eventual return to the centre of his system, the Monad.

6. The Egoic Lotus - Causal Body

The egoic lotus is the body which provides the link between the lower and higher levels of consciousness. It has nine outer petals enclosing three central inner petals which hide spiritual fire.



The sacrifice petals relay atma or spiritual will to the head centre.

The love petals relay buddhi to the heart centre.

The knowledge petals relay manas or mind to the throat centre.

The egoic lotus develops, that is MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS OR SOUL ASPECT develops, through the experience of incarnation and by spiritual striving. This development is marked by the unfoldment of the petals.

In ordinary man the concrete mind is barely alive - those at this level still have their consciousness focused on the Emotional Plane and only use the mind to give shape to desire. The esoteric student seeks to work on the Mental Plane: first to centre consciousness in the lower mind, then to move it into the Soul.

The Soul which arises from the lotus is the embodiment of the love and wisdom aspect of the Monad - it is the revealer of love to man. This is a vital point, and I repeat: the Soul - the Son of *Mind*, is the primary revealer of Love and Wisdom to Man.

Venus is the MIND⁸ which generates thoughts, feelings, ideas, and perceptions, and stores knowledge and memories

Venus is KNOWLEDGE⁹, all information, facts, truths, and principles learned throughout time

Venus is INTELLIGENCE¹⁰, the ability to learn facts and skills and apply them to achieve goals in life.

Venus is the SOUL¹¹ of man, the evolving intelligence of God, the evolving consciousness.

Venus is the SOLAR ANGEL, who brings mind to man.¹²

Venus rules earthly love and relationships.

Venus is the REVEALER OF DIVINE LOVE. Venus stands for the emergence of the love principle through the directing power of the mind.¹³

Venus reveals the 2nd aspect - consciousness or INTELLIGENT LOVE.¹⁴

4. Mercury - the illuminating light of Intuition

Finally the question is asked by the astrologer, "If Venus represents mind, what does Mercury - the traditional ruler of mind, represent?"

In mythology Mercury (Gk. Hermes) carried messages, and ran errands for the Gods - thus its association with the mind is clear to see. Its work far supersedes its activities amongst the human race, but in regard to man it operates primarily at three levels:

- 1. Mercury is the ruler of the Buddhic Plane, conferring the intuition upon those who raise consciousness to its plane of operation.**
- 2. Mercury is the light of the Soul, illuminating the mind and establishing relations between personality and the Soul. It carries the messages between the soul and the brain - it is therefore the illumined mind, relating soul and personality.**



3. Mercury gives character to the concrete mind - depending upon the sign it is in, it determines how the mind processes information, how thoughtform building occurs, how thoughts are communicated to others.

Mercury is the Messenger of the Gods, the divine intermediary who carries messages with speed and light, revealing divine intention.

Mercury is the INTUITION ¹⁵.

Mercury is the versatile energy of the Soul - intuitive and illuminating, whose activity UNFOLDS the mind and brings about MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION. ¹⁶

Mercury's mission is to dispel illusion and "lead humanity into the light" ¹⁷

**In terms of WISDOM ¹⁸,
Mercury is MIND Wisdom, Venus is LOVE Wisdom ¹⁹.**

In summary, it is obvious that both Venus and Mercury are involved in the unfoldment of consciousness in man, and the development of mind and of communication. But strictly speaking, Venus has more to do with the construction of mind and its utilisation of knowledge to develop the intelligence; while Mercury unfolds the mind, and is the information carrier on all levels. Mercury brings in that quick and intuitive mind which interprets experience, fosters the growth of the intuition and relates the inner spiritual man to the outer human being in such a way that their future unity of purpose, plan and effort is assured. Mercury brings about those changes in mental perception which eventually enable humanity to act as the mediating interpreter between the higher worlds and the three lower kingdoms in nature. ²⁰

¹ Esoteric Astrology, p658

² Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p118

³ Esoteric Psychology II, p91

⁴ Esoteric Astrology, p128

⁵ Esoteric Astrology, p127

⁶ Destiny of the Nations, p75

⁷ Esoteric Astrology, p218

⁸ Esoteric Astrology, p391

⁹ Esoteric Astrology, p 248

¹⁰ Destiny of the Nations, p140

¹¹ Esoteric Astrology, p105

¹² Esoteric Astrology, p105

¹³ Esoteric Astrology, p126

¹⁴ Esoteric Astrology, p173

¹⁵ Esoteric Astrology, p323

¹⁶ Esoteric Astrology, p100

¹⁷ Ibid

¹⁸ Esoteric Astrology, p281

¹⁹ Ibid

²⁰ Esoteric Astrology, p436