March 31, 2017 to November 1, 2018

Venus Synodic Cycle in Aries

Simplified

**Venus Synodic Cycle Duration**: 584 Days

**Cycle Begins**: Heliacal Rise on March 31, 2017

*Heliacal Rise* is defined as first visible appearance in morning sky prior to sunrise (10° from Sun)

If you are experiencing a Venus Return Cycle, this information is vital to helping you participate fully with Venus’ journey in the night sky. Venus will have 3 distinct phases in this 19-month cycle and each phase helps a person understand who they are as a woman or, if a man, the relationship to their inner feminine (as well as what they project out to the feminine, regardless of sexual orientation).

For a woman, every Venus Return cycle, she becomes more the woman she is intended to be in this lifetime (depending on her Venus sign). There is a very ancient myth behind this Venus Cycle that helps a person navigate the cycle effectively and connect with Venus in themselves by literally seeing it in the sky.

**NAVIGATING THE THREE PHASES OF THE VENUS SYNODIC CYCLE:**

**1ST Phase - DESCENT:**

The Venus Synodic Cycle begins with the journey of the Goddess Inanna (who is the pre-cursor to the Roman Goddess Venus) symbolically represented by the planet named Venus in the sky. In this first phase the goddess descends through seven gates before entering the throne room of Ereshkigal, her sister and Queen of the Underworld. *Each gate is represented in the night sky (early morning before sunrise) by a Venus/Moon Conjunction (which means a meeting between Venus and the Moon as we look up in the sky).* Each Gate corresponds to a chakra in the body and mythologically, the goddess Inanna gives up a “vestment” related to each chakra, beginning with her crown.

The dates below are times when a person can work with Venus ceremonially as the goddess crosses through “gates” on her way to the underworld to be transformed and reborn. It is recommended, especially if you find yourself in a Venus Return Cycle, to meditate on the dates below and be open to what comes in. Each of the conjunctions of Venus and the Moon will activate the chakras listed and help you release toxic/unhealthy attachments to that area of yourself.
Look to the East or Southeast prior to sunrise to see the Venus – Moon Conjunctions Listed Below

April 23, 2017
Gate 1 – Crown Chakra – The Gate of Perception (removal of crown)

May 22, 2017
Gate 2 – Third Eye Chakra – The Gate of Perception (removal of necklace)

June 20, 2017
Gate 3 – Throat Chakra – The Gate of Communication (removal of royal staff)

July 20, 2017
Gate 4 – Heart Chakra – The Gate of Compassion (removing her breast plate)

August 18, 2017
Gate 5 – Solar Plexus Chakra – Gate of Personal Power (removal of ring)

September 17, 2017 (with Mars)
Gate 6 – Belly Chakra – The Gate of Creativity (removal of bracelets)

October 17, 2017 (with Mars)
Gate 7 – Root Chakra – The Gate of Manifestation (removal of royal robe)

November 17, 2017
Gate 8 – The Symbolic Death by Intent Gate – Full Surrender to the anima (feminine)

UNDERWORLD PHASE: 11/28/2017 – 2/19/2018
In Shamanic Astrology, it is considered “underworld” energy when a planet/moon cannot be seen due to the glare of the Sun (normally within 10-15 degrees of the Sun). This was how most ancient peoples observed how a planet/deity entered the Underworld.
The Underworld Phase begins **November 28, 2017** when Venus gets within 10° of the Sun. Venus then meets the Sun on January 8, 2018, fully surrendering and embracing the transformation and rebirthing initiation. This phase typically lasts about 75 days, when Venus re-emerges from the Underworld on February 19, 2018.

Venus conjunct Galactic Center 12/22/2017  
Venus conjunct Saturn 12/25/2017

During this phase Venus goes into conjunction with the Sun, mythologically transforming (chrysalis stage) and becoming a higher octave of who she was 8 years prior (the last Capricorn Overtone). On a personal level, the intent is to surrender to yourself, facing the woman that you are, letting it go and open up to what you are intended to become in this lifetime. For a man, it is surrendering to the previously held notions of what is longed for in the feminine in order to find it within your own self — one step toward wholeness.

**ASCENT PHASE 2/19/2018 – 11/1/2018:**  
This is the reverse, in a way of the “Descent Phase”. Venus rises from the Underworld after moving to 10° from the Sun on July 13, 2016. You will see Venus in the evening sky just after sunset. The goddess Inanna reclaims her vestments at each Gate or Venus/Moon conjunction. **Each gate is represented in the night sky (early evening after sunset) by a Venus/Moon Conjunction.** But this time, it begins with the first chakra and ends at the Gate of Ascension (an 8th Gate prior to Venus going Retrograde). This is a process of empowerment of the Feminine Principle.

In the beginning days and weeks of this phase, you can feel more vulnerable after having gone through a rebirthing initiation. The intent is to open up to yourself as you reach in for a higher octave of you as a woman. For a man, it is expanding to realize your own inner relationship with the feminine.

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**Look to the West or Southwest after sunset to see the Venus – Moon Conjunctions Listed Below**
March 18, 2018 (with Mercury)
Gate 1 – Root Chakra – The Gate of Manifestation (return of royal robe)

April 17, 2018
Gate 2 – Belly Chakra – The Gate of Creativity (return of bracelets)

May 17, 2018
Gate 3 – Solar Plexus Chakra – Gate of Personal Power (return of ring)

June 16, 2018
Gate 4 – Heart Chakra – The Gate of Compassion (return of her breast plate)

July 15, 2018
Gate 5 – Throat Chakra – The Gate of Communication (return of royal staff)

August 14, 2018
Gate 6 – Third Eye Chakra – The Gate of Perception (return of necklace)

September 12, 2018
Gate 7 – Crown Chakra – The Gate of Perception (return of crown)

Union with the Anima/Feminine/Goddess

Your Cycle then ends on November 1, 2018