

MEANING OF A RARE EVENT:  
VENUS TRANSITS THE FACE OF THE SUN  
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The transit of Venus across the face of the Sun is one of the rarest astronomical events. This coming transit of Venus will take place on June 5-6, 2012 toward sundown, and is the last event of its kind this entire century. The next will take place in December of 2117. Why are Venus and this event so special? The secret to understanding the meaning of Venus transiting the solar sphere is to be found in the planet Earth and the effect of Venus on us. It is us, here on Earth, who see this happening, not the other planets. Because this event is so rare, astrologers have not had that much experience interpreting this, so please bear with me.

The planetary orbits are placed at intervals outward from their center the sun, much like the esoteric chakras run up and down our spine, at least figuratively. If you want to better understand this event, you might have to relax, let your mind rest, and just take it in.

We all live here on Earth, for us the heart and center of our little world. I will put aside my evangelism about heliocentric astrology and the fact that the Sun is the center of all life for us and that even our beloved natal astrology-chart wheel is nothing more than a snapshot of the sun-centered solar system from Earth's view. I will visit that thought another day.

For now I will give a key insight for you to consider as regards the planets in their order out from the Sun: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. That key is this:

The inner is always the key to the outer.

Always take from within. The key to the meaning of any planet is always that planet whose orbit is the next inside. For our Earth, that means Venus, so Venus is the key to life on Earth, forever and ever.

We all know that Venus has to do with love, appreciation, values, and (along with the Moon) also women. Don't forget that we are having a Full-Moon Eclipse around the same time as the Venus transit. Is it not true that for all time the bards, poets, and sages have told us that 'love' is the key to life here on Earth – love, love, love. Another way to say this is that Venus or 'love' is the key to life on Earth.

In other words, if you want to better understand this earthly life (and your natal chart), look at how Venus is configured in your chart because Venus is the next planet inside Earth's orbit. Can't you tell mine is in Leo?

And you can do this with any two planets. Let me give you just one more example, but you can do this with any pair of planets from the Sun out to and including Saturn. As for the metaphysical or outer planets (Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto), well, they dance to a different tune, which could be another blog if some of you ask for it. Here let's look at the planet Saturn.

Saturn represents time (Chronos) and the laws that hold this Earth together. Saturn also can represent the obstacles and obstructions in our life, all that we have to go or pass through to live and know ourselves. And the key to Saturn?

You guessed it, Jupiter. Jupiter is the next planet just inside Saturn's orbit, so knowing Jupiter in your chart will give you the key to handling your particular Saturn. I am not going to go into great elaboration about this here, but just consider a few of the attributes of Jupiter. The word for Jupiter in Sanskrit is "Guru," so Jupiter has to do with guidance, our vocation or life path, literally the way we go through life, continuity – the way or path through which we can continue.

Jupiter is the Key to Saturn because through our Jupiter we can traverse the maze of laws that Saturn presents to us in life. For example, Jupiter is traditionally connected to lawyers, and lawyers handle the law (Saturn). Get it? Jupiter is the Key to Saturn, our guide or guru through the obstacles that time (Saturn) challenges us with. Jupiter is the planet just inside the orbit of Saturn. That is how to use this simple planetary key: the inner is the key to the outer. Now back to Venus and the lunar eclipse.

Venus is one of the few planets we can frequently see in the morning or evening sky because it never gets too far from its eternal companion, the Sun. It goes where the Sun goes. So we see Venus in the sky a lot. However, we don't see Venus against the Sun, as it rarely crosses or transits the Sun. And unless we have very special sunglasses to protect our eyes, we are not going to see this Venus transit at all.

Yet we all will experience this event. This is not an eclipse of the Sun by Venus. The planet Venus is way too small to eclipse our massive Sun, so that is not a realistic factor IMO as some might suggest.

Venus does represent love and also women, so the love of women and the rise of women on an ascending curve would be a fair interpretation IMO. The sleeper of these modern times is the ascendancy of women, not only to power and not only the love of woman, but more importantly women's love and compassion in the world, which includes their love of men.

My own view, which I am sure I will get some flak for, is that the remedy for an excess of the dominant male patriarchal energy is not more aggressive feminism, but just the reverse. It is women remembering that their love, like that which they have for their child, is unconditional. Men have no such capacity, in general. Women have the power to love men unconditionally, and unconditional love is something men are helpless in the face of. They melt.

In other words, the way to handle men is not to rise up and give them a taste of their own medicine, which they well deserve, but rather to love them as only the feminine power can. Women have perhaps forgotten how powerful they are with love. There is no force like love and women can show love where there is none.

In this coming transit of Venus across the face of the Sun, please consider this: Mankind is supposedly more civilized than Mother Nature, and Mother Nature is inexorable in its laws. We don't break the laws of nature; they break us. In fact, if you search through all the world of nature for kindness and compassion, it is not to be found anywhere, with one lone exception, the compassion and unconditional love of a mother for her child. The Tibetan Buddhists have endlessly told us that every sentient being has been our mother in a previous lifetime. This is where unconditional love and compassion can always clearly be seen, a mother with her child.

The power of women is that sleeping force that is now awakening. Remember all bodies, including males, enter the world only through the feminine. The transit of Venus plus the Full Moon eclipse on June 4th herald the love of women but more importantly women's love and

compassion for others, starting with the child and radiating outward. And should women remember their ability to love, the world would change.

That should get you started considering this Venus transit across the face of the Sun.