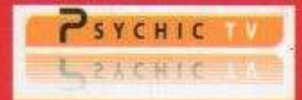


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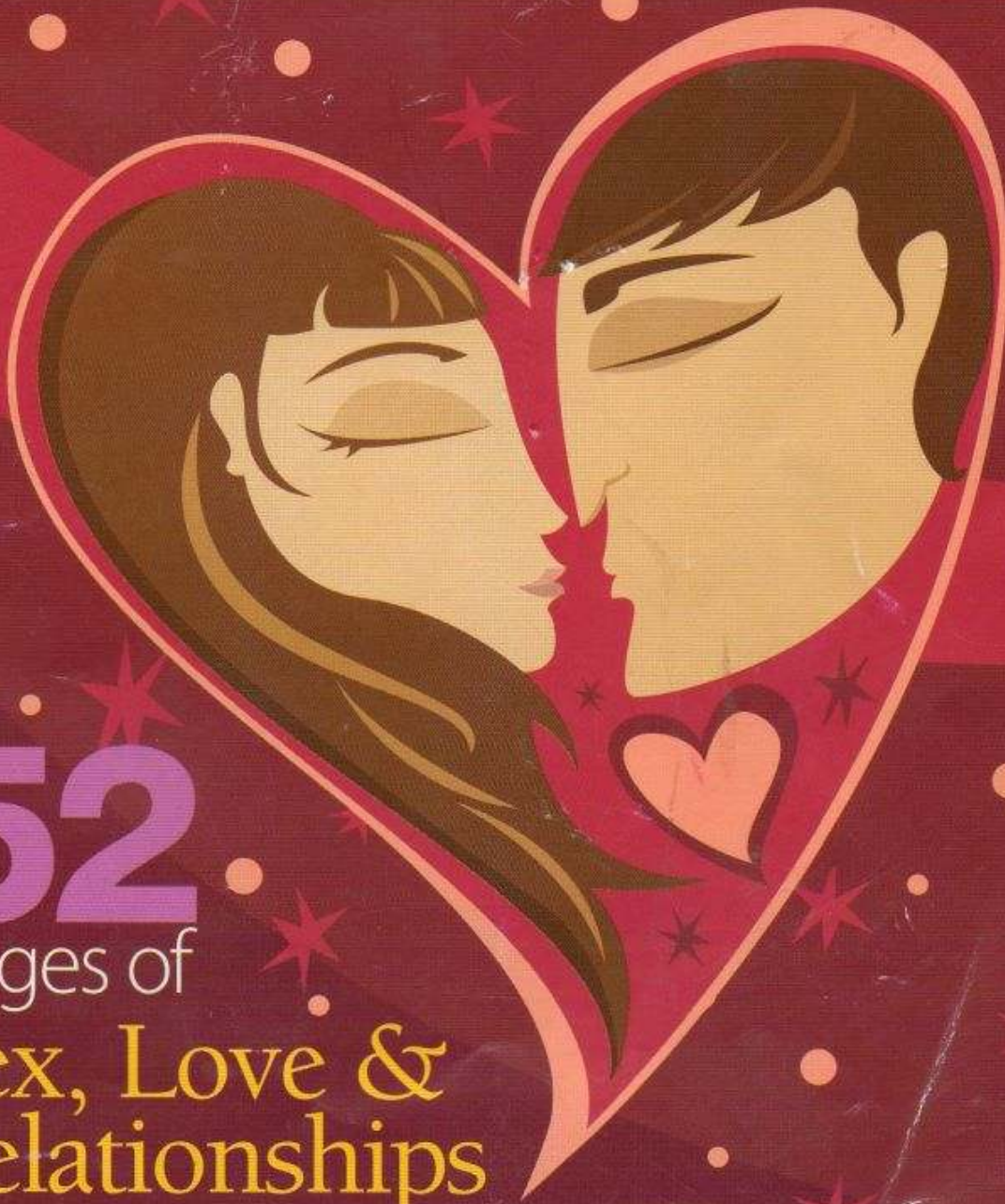
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In astrology, the planet Venus says a lot about the way we approach relationships, what we are looking for and to whom we are attracted. Venus is known as the 'love planet' and rules the 7th house of marriage and partnerships. Our sign plays a very important role in the way we behave in relationships. Venus can also be viewed as our own 'aesthetic DNA' enabling us to create, to a certain degree, the kind of image we present to the world; the choices we make are strongly marked in our Venus sign.

Venus is ultimately associated with the feminine principle – the role of the maiden or of the femme fatale. Jealousy, and the degree to which we may or may not feel threatened when our lover so much as looks at another person, is largely based on how we feel about ourselves, and Venus has a bearing on self-esteem and confidence. Depending on the sign it's in, it will reveal how we react when we feel threatened. If we feel attractive to others, we will feel less threatened, but if we don't feel comfortable in our bodies, the Venus sign will reveal coping strategies.

Whatever our early experiences were, our Venus sign reveals our uniqueness and our attitude and needs towards relationships and marriage. Certain Venus signs – watery Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces – need emotional connection above material wealth, while other Venus placements, such as air signs, need social and intellectual stimulation.

Each Venus sign has a separate way of attracting, which can be unconscious. Sometimes, when a woman is in the presence of attractive males, she may flirt in a certain way which uses the strategies of that sign. Or she may act in a certain way to get what she wants.

Venus takes on average one month to travel through a sign, so all people born in a one-month period will have Venus in the same sign. And your Venus sign will also never be more than two signs away from your sun sign, so if you are a Scorpio sun sign, your Venus will be Libra, Scorpio, or Sagittarius.

Understanding your partner

Knowing your partner's Venus sign can be very helpful to understanding their basic needs. Mutual happiness and aspirations can all be seen in our Venus signs; for example, if your partner has Venus in an earth sign, they are likely to be polite, value tradition and look for tangibility and results in relationships. Obviously we have to be true to ourselves, and be wary of compromising our own needs. However, knowing your Venus sign as well as your partner's gives you the essential clues you look for to keep your relationship alive, happy and healthy.

LOVE STYLES:

VENUS IN FIRE SIGNS **Venus in Aries**

You are impetuous, easily infatuated, then lose interest if bored. Direct and bold, you make your intentions known and are never subtle or shy. This sign can be enthusiastic and expressive about feelings. Venus in this sign makes you courageous and bold; you risk rejection and take chances. You present a challenge and act cocky or hard to get sometimes. Competitive, you love to be chased and then to be caught. You live with passion and love to be swept away with desire.

Being spontaneous, energetic and fun-loving, you demand love at first sight, instant attraction and instant arousal – you expect nothing less. Even on a first date you have trouble resisting temptation to declare eternal love. As a partner you are passionate, demanding and quick to put lovers on a pedestal. New partners can become the focus of your life early in the relationship.

Venus in Leo

You are dramatic, show flair and make grand gestures. You're romantic and love to send flowers or read poetry. Very regal, you have an aristocratic air and noble bearing. You can be

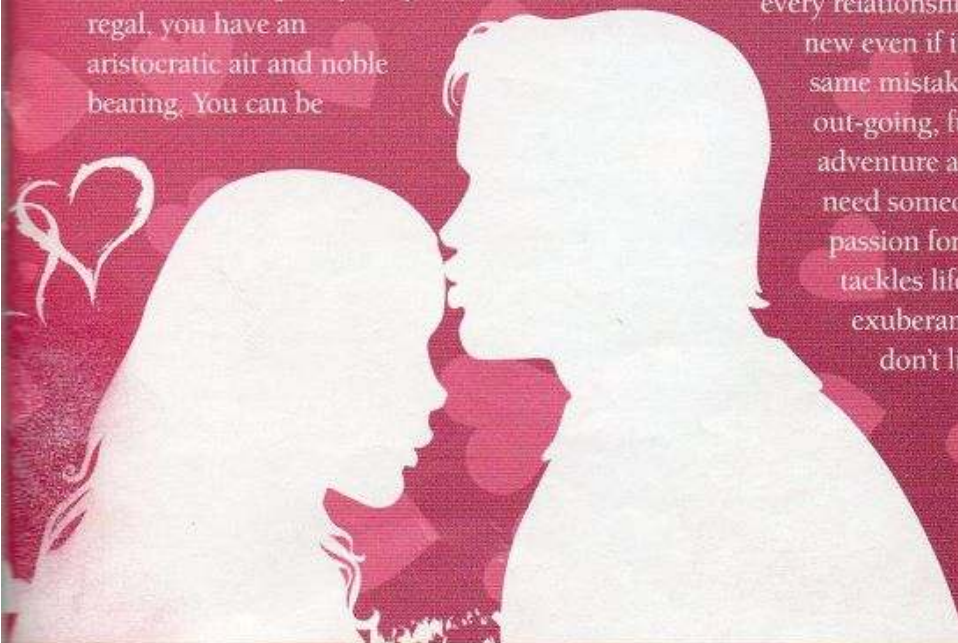
gloriously generous and give gifts freely, which makes you feel worthy. An entertainer, you show talent and seeks attention, applause and praise.

For you, the act of love is one long drama played out to an adoring audience. You take centre stage stunningly and if not, you are atypical of your sign. With Venus in Leo you strive to be a one-of-a-kind lover who changes your partner's life forever. No one gives as much as you when the spotlight is shone in your direction. Admiration is high on your priority list, as is a fulfilling sex life. Once smitten there is nothing you wouldn't do for your lover.

Venus in Sagittarius

You have an appetite for variety, new ideas and experiences. On a spiritual level, you love to share your path or be a guide to others. Adventurous, you seem willing to explore new experiences and are care-free, apparently free of restrictions. You are philosophical or humorous – either the thinker or the clown. But you're always up for a laugh and want to be friends first with potential lovers.

For you, the journey of romance, courting and flirting is far more interesting than the destination of responsibilities and reality. You like every relationship to teach you something new even if it's that you don't repeat the same mistakes. Being one of the most out-going, fun Venus signs you love adventure and long distant travel. You need someone who can match your passion for risk and adventure and who tackles life with an open-minded exuberance and optimism, as you don't like being closed in.



VENUS IN AIR SIGNS **Venus in Gemini**

You are a sweet-talker and have a way with words. You can flirt, tease and are witty; you love banter and innuendo, even writing poetry. You're a real raconteur and have endless stories about people, events and experiences. You are a voracious reader, especially of philosophy or any big theories, and you love to give ideas to others. You also love long romantic calls or internet romances. You might even be turned on by phone sex.

Venus in Gemini means you crave excitement and intelligent communication with your lover. You like to flirt (sometimes you over do it), and put lots of energy into the beginning of relationships. You need a lover who shares your sense of care-free fun and lively mind. Others who don't keep up with you will be off your party list for good.

Venus in Libra

You love to please others; you're gracious, charming, considerate and tasteful. Partner-orientated, you like being in a couple and prefer to be alone with your other half more than being around groups of people (so he or she can devote all their attention to you!). With Venus in this sign, you want your partner to be interested in what you have to say.

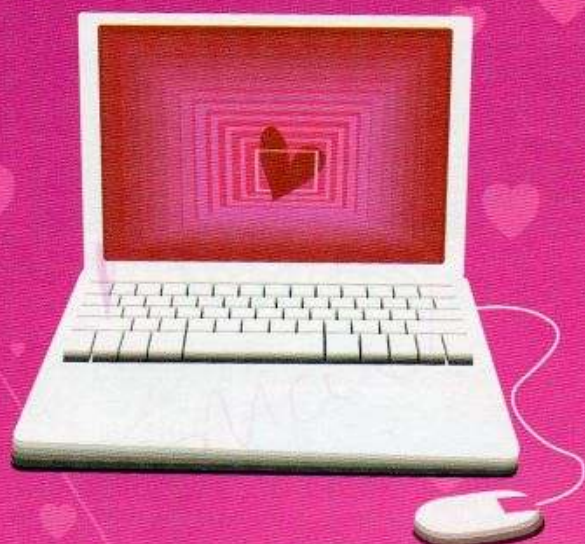
Consideration for others and attention to their needs are your strong points in relationships. You know how to compliment your lover's appearance, talents and their work; you are one of the most supportive partners around. You are also the master of seduction. Your refined elegance means you have good taste – this being one of the most sophisticated Venus positions. You are turned off by coarseness and bad behaviour, especially in public – for you it's all about togetherness and sharing.

Venus in Aquarius

You're original and seem delightfully different – some would say weird and wonderful! Surprising and inventive, you are rather unorthodox at times and set your own style. You're open-minded, a bit rebellious, individualistic, and set your own rules. Venus in this sign encourages you to be yourself. A visionary who sees future trends, you could change the world with your free-spirited nature, although at times you may appear aloof.

With Venus in Aquarius you're a mixture of contradictions. You can be a little kooky as well as an exhibitionist in public, although are rather reserved behind closed doors. In your emotional life you are certainly eccentric – you believe in free love and have a 'live and let live' approach in relationships. Your lover needs to be open-minded, as you may be into group sex.





VENUS LOVE

drawn in by your powerful magnetism. You can come across as a sorcerer, saviour, or slave master. Scorpio in Venus is the most erotic and emotionally powerful of all Venus placements – a real roller coaster ride into the realm of passion and intensity! The faint-hearted might well run before the fun and games begin. But those who surrender to your magnetism are truly in for the time of their life. Partners brave enough to delve into your complex emotional make up will experience a love connection they'll never forget.

VENUS IN WATER SIGNS

Venus in Cancer

You nurture others, and this caters to your emotional needs for mothering. Venus in this sign is protective and makes you feel safe from harm or emotional hurts, offering a secure, safe haven and home base, which in turn you like to provide for others. You have a sentimental nature and are kind, considerate and highly sensitive. You want to know and understand any feelings or fears you have which are rooted in your family's past – uncovering these will help you find your roots.

As a lover, you need to feel deeply bonded to your partner. Your belief is that you are soul mates entwined by understanding, love and companionship. You enjoy looking after your partner and attend to their every need as this makes you feel worthy. You like to reassure your partner of your unwavering devotion, and require the same level of reassurance in return.

Venus in Scorpio

You smoulder – you are full of passion and exude sexual chemistry. Venus in this sign means you attract plenty of attention. You are primal, sultry, dark, probing, and seem to stare into others' souls. You are full of secrets and seem mysterious to those around you, who are

Venus in Pisces

You are full of mystery and come across to others as intriguing and elusive. Although sweet, demure and sensitive – at times vulnerable or coy – you can also be open to secret affairs. With Venus in this sign, you have a higher consciousness – this serves your needs although at times makes you prone to drifting off into fantasy land to escape reality.

This is perhaps the most romantic and sensitive of all Venus signs. In one way or another your dream lover is the chivalrous knight in shining armour, or that dashing young doctor. For you, the world of love must be coloured by fantasy, fairy-tale and of course, there must be a love story with an inevitable happy ending. You have the soul of a poet and don't like too much reality. Most importantly, you need a lover who allows you to be yourself.



VENUS IN EARTH SIGNS ...

Venus in Taurus:

The good provider of both material things and sensual comforts, you are easy going and generally a calm person. You have touchable looks and come across as cuddly and huggable. You are physically responsive and at times hedonistic, as you love sensual pleasures: food and drink, art and music, raunchy sex and romance, sensuous massages and intoxicating aromas – basically anything and everything to arouse your senses. You definitely believe in the pleasure principle and are the most sensual of all the Venus signs. A nature lover, you appreciate plants, animals, woods – generally pleasant scenery. You are honest and truthful, forthright, uncomplicated and dependable.

You need a lot of psychical stimulation and although you are naturally faithful, if you were denied pleasure by your lover for long enough you may seek it elsewhere.

Venus in Virgo:

You are attentive to detail and cater to your needs. Proper and polite, you come across as conservative, clean, perhaps even virginal at times. Adaptable, you are willing to compromise to improve things. You can also be indispensable, and become so helpful and useful that people depend on you. You are clever and witty, logical and analytical, as well as a good listener. You can be discriminating and show good taste, class and manners, but can be critical.

Others may assume that this is the Venus position of the prude, however you are surprisingly sexy and earthy, not to mention a master in the bedroom. Initially you are reserved and cautious in love. You can't help, analysing every aspect of your relationship before you allow yourself to become emotionally involved.

But you like to express your love in a practical way. The truth is everything has to be perfect, and you'd rather be on your own than have a meaningless relationship.

Venus in Capricorn:

You can appear reserved and aloof. Intriguingly inscrutable, a partner could win you over by being reliable, solid and supportive. Good reputations impress you, as do positions of wealth and power. You are mature and self-disciplined, competent, and in control. For others, you can offer attractive practical or material benefits when commitment is involved. You 'play for keeps' so to speak.

Venus in Capricorn means that when it comes to love you expect lots of mutual respect and for everything to be handled just the right way. In fact, you are something of a traditionalist.

You are unlikely to rush into relationships unless assured of long-term success. Naturally cautious, you are not the most forward of people where love is concerned; you view relationships as a contract and if others think that too business-like, then that is their problem.



Compatibility

People with **Venus in air signs** are typically intellectual, creative and articulate. They look for a meeting of minds to stimulate mental intrigue and deep conversation. When combined with earth signs (Virgo, Capricorn, Taurus), you'll have a rational dependable romance. Venus in Libra works well with Venus in Taurus, as you would understand each other's need for cooperation and togetherness. Venus in Virgo and Capricorn may not have that much in common with the other air signs as they are too cautious, and the emphasis on perfection would be too dull for light-hearted air signs. This would be particularly so for Venus in Gemini, although Venus in Aquarius might be up for a liaison with an earthly person, out of intrigue, but in the long-term it probably wouldn't last.

Those with **Venus in fire signs** are typically warm, spontaneous and enthusiastic. They look for exciting and passionate relationships. You can tell they are interested in you by their ardent gaze. Two Venus fire signs may find themselves strongly attracted to one another: hot passion and a feeling of merging effortlessly into union – this is the most exciting combination. When combined with water (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces) things get steamy. Fire and water both react intuitively and passionately; however, water sign lovers have the potential to express smothering emotions, which may drown out fiery impulsiveness – particularly Venus in Cancer. Venus in Scorpio would be intriguing, if a tad too intense, but Venus in Pisces lacks enough 'get up and go' for Venus fire signs.

People with **Venus in water signs** are typically

emotional, sensitive and intense.

They look for an emotional connection with a partner. Water signs are good at giving you loving touches and gestures. When combined with Venus air signs, they may share a love of poetry and music but for different reasons. Air signs have trouble connecting on a 'gut level' – they are more excited by the social and intellectual interaction; Venus in Aquarius may be far too aloof while a Gemini Venus sign doesn't have the staying power. Venus in Libra has the most depth of understanding of all three air signs and would get along well with Venus in Pisces, as they both understand the 'love principle'.

Those with **Venus in earth signs** are typically stable, practical and tactile. They look for relationships they can depend on to create tangible results. Each earth sign could easily have a relationship with a fellow Venus earth sign. Earth signs are polite and proper until they get you into the bedroom, where you'll see a different side to this Venus placement – and you'll be in for a sexual surprise, too! When combined with Venus fire signs, passion is high and so is relationship potential. The least compatible combination would be Venus in Virgo with Venus in Sagittarius, as neither seems to appreciate one another's needs.

Venus in Leo would have a lot in common with Venus in Taurus, as both like to surround themselves with beautiful things. Of the fire signs, Venus in Aries would be the least compatible with Venus in Capricorn, as the former is far too pushy and up-front.



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