

Venus Custom Guide



Cultivating Your Authentic Self
& Unique Contribution

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Venus Retrograde in *LEO*

In Leo: June 5, 2023 -thru- October 8, 2023
Retrograde: July 22, 2023 -thru- September 3, 2023

*Time to Review, Reflect & Set Conscious Intentions
for Your Own Core Values & Current Priorities*

**New Venus Cycle ~ LEO Theme
August 2023 – February 2025**



~ LOVE ~

the unifying energetic force that exists in/through all life

~ VALUES ~

what you spend your resources on (time/energy/money)

~ ART & BEAUTY ~

the invisible essence which links all life and transcends language or species

~ CULTURE ~

what humanity collectively creates through thoughts, feelings, words & deeds

Your Invitation to Meet Venus

The Value of Venus Retrograde:

The whole point of any planet going Retrograde is to bring up the issues of its domain, and in Venus' case, the primary issues are: *values, priorities, beauty, love, relationships and resources*. It brings these aspects of life up to the surface for everyone. Essentially, this is getting your attention in a way that prompts you to want to explore more deeply and look at things from a variety of other or new perspectives. Before charting the course of future choices & forward movement, there is a personal review & an individual clearing that must happen for you to acquire more clarity & sure-footedness.

The Current Theme & Questions to Contemplate:

The Sign that the Retrograde falls in represents the 'theme' (aka Overtone) and is where Venus extends her stay for one and all. For example, this one is in **LEO. 2015** was the last time Venus Retrograded in **LEO** (before that, **2007**). So, how have your values and priorities evolved over the last 8-years where your *personal style, authentic nature & self-confidence* are concerned? How would you like to evolve over the next 8-years? Venus energy focuses your attention on what you deeply value or what you give your resources to, which tells the Universe what you truly value. How did you spend your time, energy & resources over the last cycle? How did you *express your creativity & develop your innate sense of self* over the last cycle or two? How will that change over the next cycle of 8-years?

Do You Want to Scratch the Surface?

This is an excellent cycle to consciously co-create with, and you don't even have to know or understand astrology itself. There are many ways to do this, but simple awareness of the cycle is a good start. Beyond that, I have created several Custom Tools to support this process. If you just want to get to know how Venus feels moving through your own life (chart), then I recommend getting your **Personal Venus Activations**. They support you like a custom horoscope that focuses on your **Relationships, Resources & Magnetics**.

Or Do You Want to Go Deeper?

If you'd like to track her cycle by going narrow and deep into what she activates for you *personally*, then I recommend that you get your **Reading + Custom Guide and join the Venus Circle**. It can be quite remarkable to track this cycle as it unfolds over the next 18-months. These tools will give you ongoing support for the entire cycle. It is a potent experience to follow her rhythm like this. Please go to my KarmicTools.com for details and be sure to **join us for the: FREE Intro :: July 13, 2023**

Venus *Retrograde* is About ...

- Reconnecting with All Your 6-Senses
 - Focusing on Your Resources and Definition of Wealth & Abundance
 - Reviewing & Renewing the Sacred Feminine Aspects of Your Nature
- Assessing the Evolution of Your Personal Values & Priorities on All Levels
- Processing & Integrating Energetic Shifts within Your Relationships & Resources
 - Renewing Your Spirit, Faith and Commitment to the Sacred Feminine
- Reawakening Your Way of Living Your Own Life -and- of Living on Earth with Others
 - Assessing the Value & Purpose of All Relationships, Partnerships & Collaborations
- Fortifying & Restoring Your Individual Sense of Self-Value, Self-Worth & Self-Esteem
- Reviving Your Essential Nature & Organically Changing How You Relate with Others
- Revitalizing & Reestablishing Your Magnetics: What You Naturally Magnetize and Naturally Repel
- Reviewing Anything of Value that has been Buried, Suppressed or Neglected in Last 18-mo to 8-years

Important Details of NOW

Enter Shadow: June 5 - July 22, 2023

Introduction/Initiation of New You & New Priorities

Retrograde/Initiation: July 22 - September 3, 2023

Re-View, Re-Evaluate, Re-Vision, Re-Examine Relationships & Finances

Direct/Integration: September 3 - October 6, 2023

Integration of the New You & New Priorities

Exit Shadow: October 6 - 8, 2023

Anchoring the NEW Containers and Grounding NEW 8-year Cycle

June 5 - October 8, 2023 :: Venus in LEO

(Retrograde: July 22, 2023 – Direct: Sept 3, 2023)

Venus Rules:

Values, priorities, resources, relationships, finances, love, art, beauty, culture and, in **LEO**, the lesson of love, self-love & accepting love from others becomes what she is animating & awakening for one and all as she draws our focus to the value of our heart, authentic self & creative self-expression. It is a call from within, to restore self-esteem & self-value, as an individual, within the context of your personal relationships. Your sense of self-worth and self-value may be in need of some attention. You have evolved in the last 8-years (or more). This is a great opportunity to renegotiate the terms of both your personal & professional relationships so that you can determine what is no longer important to/for you, while preparing to go deeper.

New 18-month -to- 8-year Cycle:

Venus Retrogrades every 18-months, which means that your *Values and Priorities* shift on a fairly regular basis. Getting a rhythm to this, internally, will help you flow with your own evolution with less fear or anxiety and more trust in the natural order of things, which includes change. However, she goes back to the same place every 8-years, indicating a need to deepen our dedication in that department (House). Venus' larger 8-year cycle brings monumental shifts around what & who is truly important to you and it activates the lesson associated with the Sign that it falls in. The current Venus soul work is going to be very personal for those with **Leo/Aquarius** and **Taurus/Scorpio** activated in their charts. Things that were important to you 8-years ago are probably not so vital now, and things that were not even on your list of priorities may have moved to the top recently (or soon).

Research, Revisions & Resolutions:

The Retrograde period should afford you time for the Review of your individual self-expression & personal choices in relationships, partnerships & collaborations AND do some clearing & releasing so that you can prepare the way for new creativity and more loving exchanges with others that you work, live or play with on a regular basis. We recently renegotiated our roles & responsibilities & created all new containers for our creativity over the course of the last Venus Cycle in Capricorn. Retrogrades are always good for research, revisions and resolutions. Do your choices in love & community reflect your deepest and true core values? Do you spend your resources of time, energy & money on: Memories or Materials? Education or Elitism? Progress or Postponement?



Relationship Priorities:

If you align your priorities within your Being, as well as within your primary relationships of *now*, then it will make the review in your **LEO Dept** more productive (and less debilitating). When Venus is in **LEO**, it is time to assess your priorities and reestablish the value & strength of your heart, courage & integrity to be your Authentic Self. In relationships, it's time to renegotiate the roles & responsibilities for the passion & vitality of these partnerships that mean the most to you, at this time. You will be assessing what and who is actually worthy of further investment.

Process, Integrate & Prepare:

LEO is all about what you love & care about and that has evolved over the last 8-years and adjustments to your personal creativity, self-expression & what inspires you from within should reflect the upgrade. Taking a time-out to review your own ways of being your Self, expressing your Self and sharing your Self ~ that is what this Retrograde will likely bring to the foreground. **LEO** energy always reveals where you are not shining or sharing your Light with the world. This energy teaches you to stay true to your own heart and to stand in the truth of your own journey. Periodically, we need to rededicate energy & resources to some self-care & refreshing the Inner Light. **LEO** also gets us present to kind of friends & communities we choose and that too should reflect a major upgrade this year. Also, the last **CAPRICORN** Cycle allowed you to cultivate the bones & foundation of your values, now the new **LEO** Cycle will help you express them in all new ways, with all new people.

Sun Energy:

This energy is about Your Annual Rhythm. Sun represents you and your core essential nature, as well as where the *energy* is to get anything done in your life. Your Rising Sign/Degree initiates your personal Solar Year every year. This is the beginning of the Sun illuminating your chart, House-by-House, starting with the First House. So even though your Birthday may be an annual rhythm you are already accustomed to, according to your blueprint (chart) there is another natural rhythm that you can tune-in to as well. Research has shown that you begin to “feel” your own natural shifts as the year unfolds, when you follow the Sun. The value of following this rhythm is to learn how to follow the CHI – the Life Force Energy and the Light. Often, we push the river, wanting to force things to our timeline, but once we tap into our own natural rhythms of ebb & flow, active & passive, giving and receiving, we become much more effective.

Re-Calibrate Your Self-Expression:

Capricorn energy is all about how you make decisions and structure the foundation of your life, what holds it all together. It is the individual 'container' for your life & represents the lessons you learn around your own personal boundaries. It's about being responsible for your thoughts, feelings, words & deeds and understanding how they are all connected to the physical reality of your life. Your outer reality reflects your inner reality. Venus in Capricorn helps you build Inner strength and fortitude that automatically creates Outer order & stability. Capricorn is Ruled by Saturn, which is the last visible planet & speaks to our definition of reality, as well as our physical limits. Saturn is about dedication to the step-by-step process that often accomplishes the long term or big goals that will ultimately support more than just you and yours. If you are consciously participating in life, then this is a potent time for you. However, if you are overwhelmed by decisions you've already postponed overlong or the instability of the basic fundamental aspects of your life (home, work, food, shelter), then it's time to meet your **Inner Engineer** who can help you survey, clear, dedicate, design and ultimately, build the NEW clean foundation to support yourself.

Choices & Decisions:

If you are tracking your own evolution, then you may be feeling that you have stepped into a New Identity (2017), which required you to learn about your New Power (2018), which expanded your New Options & Choices (2020), which led to developing New Containers and a New Purpose (2022), which leads to now, when you get to use the current Venus Retro to explore New Creativity & Self-Expression (2023) that is bubbling with New Values and Priorities. Energy is will soon be available to you in a way that wasn't even possible 18-mos, 8-yrs ago or maybe ever. It is a good time to get clear now so that you can activate a new level of creativity, authenticity & self-expression.

Special Venus Retrograde:

Every **113-130 years**, Venus crosses in front of the Sun twice in 8-years and last time was **2004 & 2012**. I had a special meditation circle in 2004 to celebrate and I actually got to witness it in 2012, on the Big Island, HI. Every time we have this special alignment, it is in Gemini or Sagittarius so it always coincides with an evolution of the collective values & social consciousness, as well as the back-and-forth of valuing the scientific & spiritual. It just so happens that then & now, we also had Gemini/Sag Eclipses permanently re-setting patterns in the social & collective realms, as well as on individual levels as well for those with Mutable Signs activated in their chart.

Realign with the Sacred Feminine:

These alignments create portals through which we, as individuals and a collective, can choose to activate and move through more consciously (or not). The current portal, which is opening again now, in **2023**, is restoring balance between the Masculine and Feminine within and around us. At this time, we should activate our Inner Feminine energy, which knows innately & instinctively how to clear a space with an intention, extend the invitation for all that you need, desire and deserve and then allow Intuition to guide the next move. The Feminine Way of getting things done is no better or worse than the Masculine Way of getting things done, it is just different.

New Upgrades Available:

Consider this 4-month period (**June - October 2023**) a literal & figurative upgrade to how you create & express your Self. It is also an upgrade to your social circle, friends & community. It is time to re-connect with your own heart and all that you truly care about, not just “keeping up with the joneses”.

Essentially, it is time to own your improve your own quality of life, do more of what you really care about and be around people you really love and/or have the most fun with. The Venus Retrograde brings the necessary review of values and priorities where your individual self-worth and ability to be your true Self are all concerned. What is most important to you around being your true Self & your creativity, here & now today? How you expressed your Self and your creativity has likely shifted dramatically **since 2015**, and will shift again **by 2032** so this is a good time to check-in, review and renew this Area of Life (House) ruled by **LEO**.



Relevant Reflections

Last Venus in LEO:

It is a fairly regular occurrence for Venus to move through **LEO** every year or so. The last time was **August 2022**. It's catching it at the Retrograde that makes the current one special. However, the last cycle or two that you can remember, may have some clues, upon reflection, that turn out to be some kind of confirmation of what you are facing and/or reviewing now.

Previous Venus Retrograde in LEO:

2015 / 2007 / 1999 / 1991 (8-year cycles)

This is a larger Cycle to focus on but still may yield some clues. Basically, all cycles eventually repeat themselves, some more often than others. The same **LEO** energy was activated back then, and will be again, however, the *surrounding* planetary support changes ~ the human condition evolves ~ your own personal support systems shapeshift as needed. Look for any pattern in your intimate life. Often these years will coincide with ex-partners circling back or significant past-life connections becoming obvious.

Sign Lesson of LEO: Self-Love, Self-Esteem, Self-Worth, Accepting Love from Others. LEO Issues: Love, Lovers, Sex, Passion, Fun, Vitality, Creativity, Joy, Self-Love and Self-Expression - that's what's back on the table. You should be able to delineate a pattern. Reflect on all that you have experienced around those years. Think about your creativity and self-expression have evolved. Think about how your relationships and resources have evolved. Think of how your friendships & communities have evolved and all that led to *here and now*. Now what? What do you want to create or express over the **next 8 years**? Set an intention to purify your heart's desire and connect to a deeper level of creative self-expression, one that offers you more integrity & authenticity.

Venus Retrogrades every 18-months, which means that our **Values and Priorities** shift, in small ways, on a fairly regular basis, but in huge ways every 8-years. Getting a rhythm to this, internally, will help you flow with your own personal evolution with far *less fear or anxiety* and *much more trust* in the natural order of things, which includes your own natural rhythms and individual evolution.

Below, you will find two lists which are especially good to refer to during the Retro period and great to check-in with throughout the cycle to ensure that you are on track. 'On track' means that you are expressing the **Light** aspects of **Venus in LEO** and minimizing expression of the **Shadow** aspects of **Venus in LEO**.

LIGHT Expression :: Venus in LEO is About . . .

- ◆ Adventure Inspiration Risk & Just for Fun
- ◆ Strongly Value Love, Authenticity & Freedom
- ◆ Self-Creation Sourced in Your Heart & Natural
- ◆ Loving Your Inner Child/Innocent Child's Heart
- ◆ Inner Glow of Self-Worth, Self-Value & Self-Love
- ◆ Love Passionately, Whole-Heartedly & Generously
- ◆ Play Performance Art Story-Telling Theatre Games
- ◆ Courage/Being Willing to Fight for the Greater Good
- ◆ Joy & Generosity of Spirit that Radiates from Within
- ◆ Comfortable w. Your Unique Beauty, Gifts & Talents
- ◆ Leadership that Promotes Love, Light & Truth (in Both Work & Play)

SHADOW Expression :: Can Manifest As . . .

- ◆ EGO = Edging God/Goddess Out
- ◆ Denial of Past Bad Romantic Decisions
- ◆ Being Argumentative/Thinking Others Owe You
- ◆ Seeking Un-Earned Status, Wealth or Reputation
- ◆ Exiled from Others/No Fun, Play, Joy or Relaxation
- ◆ Taking Things Personally, Self-Conscious & Insecure
- ◆ No Self-Discipline/Must Have Others Push/Motivate
- ◆ Wounded Ego Allows Others to Determine Your Worth
- ◆ Playing a Role: Looking the Part but Not Being the Part
- ◆ Need for Validation Appreciation Applause from Others
- ◆ Being Overly Dramatic & Manipulative to Get Your Way
- ◆ False Pride: Trying to Be Perceived as Someone You Are Not