

Venus Return Cycles And Virgo/Leo Overtone

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Thank you for this class! I've known I have Venus in Aries for years. Now I know I am Venus in Aries, a Morning Star descending at the 8th Gate of Death by Intent. Overtone is Virgo, changing to Leo when I was 24.

I've found my mother was also Virgo Overtone, with her natal Venus also in Virgo in the Between after Venus direct. She also had Mars conjunct Saturn in Virgo and her Mars-Saturn is conjunct the birth degree of my Virgo Overtone. Having this knowledge now of the Virgo in our relationship gives insight. My strongest and my only close bond in my family was with my mother. I have a very small family--that doesn't necessarily make you closer. My mother was good-hearted and intelligent, I always wanted to please her.



So interesting to contemplate that my mother is Between! That might have not been so easy for her, being of the Silent Generation, born in 1919. Alyne was a tall farm-girl, married a Marine after WW II. She had a different way about her that was open and beautiful, especially after her own first Venus Return in Leo in 1975 at age 56. She had her own life within her marriage.

Her Sacred Work was gardening, mostly flowers. She helped with the founding of Zilker Gardens, a beautiful center in Austin. She died in 2014 and she may still be Between, in fact. I've been wondering how she's doing after death during this Venus Return.

My first 2 Venus Returns were in the Virgo overtone. Both were impactful and not easy. My 3rd Return--the first in Leo--was very impactful, too, but in a completely different, definitely more enjoyable Leo way.

Age 8

We moved to Austin in the middle of my 2nd grade year from the small South Texas town where my mother's family lived. I was skipped to 3rd when I began in January, making me younger than my class for the rest of grade school, had big social impact. At that same time, my father's teenage son came from California to live with us and finish his senior year in Austin.

At first I was excited to have a big brother, but he molested me, which I kept secret for years. These events were deaths and transitions into the Underground. Silent Generation parents, not much communication....I think Venus in Aries and Virgo Overtone is a good little soldier. I kept quiet and tried to do a good job.

Age 16

My dad's job changed and we moved from Austin to Houston the summer before my senior year of high school. There was little talk, support, or concern from my parents. I had the good soldier drill down. Moving

from a small Austin school to a very large Houston school, I made a few friends and was introduced to pot and psychedelics (1968) within a month of starting school.

I was out doing drugs and partying. My parents didn't suspect--my grades were fine. Before the internet, I didn't keep up with most of my Austin friends, left them behind. Another death time, a transition to becoming someone completely other than I was before.

Age 24

First Venus Return in Leo Overtone.. When this Return began in 1975, I was teaching English in the Shah's Iran. I did that for 6 months. Then the school closed unexpectedly and I traveled through Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nepal by bus and train. Sometimes I did feel like I was dying, had some scary experiences.

Stayed in the Himalayas for 7 months, visited Dharamsala--HH the Dalai Lama's home--and lived in a high mountain valley that was the most beautiful place I could imagine. Then I hiked with a motley group over the Tibetan Plateau for 3 weeks to see HH give an initiation in Tibetan. This was such an adventure and such a radical departure into a much broader world than my background had prepared me for, it totally blew me away... This was big death, but Life/Death/Life. Death can be ecstatic.

At each of my returns I can see that there was death undergone, there was a transition. Some were very strong and others less so. But that's true for everyone who consciously participates with the Venus cycle, isn't it? Each time we go through death in the Underworld and emerge from the Underworld in new Life.

Age 64

My 8th Venus return has coincided with Shamanic Astrology entering my life and with Pluto squaring my Venus. What's dying? My old paradigm, for one thing. Not only my astrological paradigm but my view of me.

The old paradigm of me is dying, the one that was never good enough, the one always looking for approval. Thanks to SA for helping me clearly see my Saturn as the relentless inner critic and vision a wiser (Grandmother?) guide. I am loving myself, once and for damn-it-all! Whether it's radical and radiant self-love remains to be seen, but there's no turning back. I love myself! Finally I will embody that transition from Virgo Overtone to Leo.

But then all of humanity is learning self-love, that's why Leo is one of the points of Venus' star at this point in time. Capricorn, Leo, Aries, Scorpio/Libra, and Gemini are the archetypal energies Venus is bringing to us now. It would make sense to go all the way around the Venus Star in ceremony, sounds like a plan

Love to everyone, Nancy