

Venus in Libra

The sign that Venus occupies shows the language you speak to meet your validation needs: it's how you express and receive love and appreciation. The element of the sign is the dominant language and gives specific guidance about how and why you seek validation. The sign itself is a dialect of that language and provides additional, specific information about how you hope to meet your validation needs.

JOURNAL QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

Read the descriptions below, and then go back and revisit each of the earlier journal questions. Review your answers, and then expand on them, incorporating the new information about the language you speak. Focus on how and why you express Venus.

Venus in Air Signs

With Venus in an Air Sign, you have an Air Validation Checklist. You experience and express validation on the mental and social plane, through words and ideas. Words matter a great deal to you, as do external appearances. You prefer your validation and recognition to be objective, impersonal, rational, and external. This way, validation carries a degree of social acceptance: if one person appreciates you, you can be reasonably certain that others will appreciate you for the same qualities and the same reasons.

Because you have an Air Validation Checklist, emotions have little value for you when it comes to expressing (or perceiving) love and appreciation. The more subjective and personal the validation is, the less likely it is that you will accept or even recognize it. And validation is something that must be expressed and communicated consciously. It won't register if it's too internal or personal, and you're not willing to look beneath the surface appearance, either.

You engage with your Core Values in an objective and abstract way. You're far more comfortable contemplating the *idea* of the qualities of the Divine that you are embodying or experiencing those qualities on a personal level.



Venus in Libra

Venus in Libra values harmonious one-to-one relationships. Recognizing and honoring the presence of The Beloved in others is the ultimate expression of Venus in Libra. You love and appreciate your “Big S” Self through your relationships, because you know the truth that your partners are your mirrors. What matters to you in interpersonal relationships is balance, and you understand that true balance is dynamic. As you and your partner each express yourself fully, this interaction helps define the boundaries of the “Big S” Self for each of you. Your ideal partner in relationship understands that the math of relationships is not $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$, but $1 + 1 = 3$. You receive deposits in your Validation Need Account when your partner respects you as an individual and an equal in the relationship. Conflict or imbalance in the relationship, however, will drain the balance in your Validation Need Account. When you feel rejected, you will do what you can to restore balance and harmony to the relationship. Failing that, you may settle for restoring the *appearance* of balance and harmony. Venus in Libra expresses affection by sharing things of beauty. Words and language are very important to Venus in Libra.

When you are in Right Relationship with Venus in Libra, you encounter The Beloved in every relationship in your life. The qualities that you most value, love, beauty, balance, harmony and order, fill your “little r” reality. You know that every individual you encounter is your mirror, and you see the magnificence of your “Big S” Self reflected back to you everywhere you look. You enjoy experiencing other people’s values and seeing the world through other people’s eyes, yet you stay firmly grounded in your Personal Standards of Integrity and your Core Values. You appreciate that all of your values, particularly balance, harmony and order, are dynamic. It is through the contrast and tension of different contexts that you (and your partners) deepen your connection to The Beloved. Your relationships flow like music; the occasional dissonance is what keeps them interesting, and makes the inevitable resolution even more satisfying. In each relationship you maintain healthy, appropriate boundaries, staying within the confines of “My Business.” You show up as a whole, complete individual, and you expect your partners do to the same.

When you are out of alignment with Venus in Libra, you pursue The Beloved through an endless hall of mirrors. You become so disoriented by what you perceive as outside of you, that you are unable to differentiate between what is *real* and what is *true*. You appreciate on some level that your partners in relationship are your mirrors; however, you are not entirely clear as to which one of you is the reflection. You believe that you value balance, harmony and order, but what you pursue is control and stagnation. Appearances are what matter to you. You believe that as long as everything seems smooth and calm on the surface, all is well, and you will be loved. To avoid conflict, you adopt your partner’s values as your own. The more you deny your “Big S” Self, however, the greater the imbalance in the relationship. You believe that fairness is the same as justice, and this misunderstanding causes you to give up even more of your power as you compromise your Personal Standards of Integrity. You step out of “My Business” and into your partner’s business. You don’t appreciate that when you do this, you can’t achieve balance because you and your partner are sitting on the same side of the seesaw. What you must learn is that the scales of justice are not always fair, but they are always balanced.