

# Venus in Scorpio

**T**he 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.

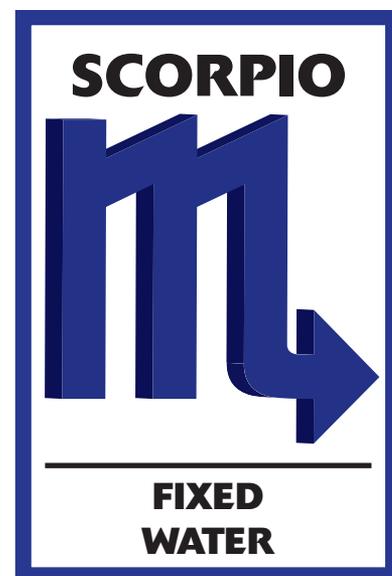
## JOURNAL QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

**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 Water Signs

With Venus in a Water Sign, you have a Water Validation Checklist. You need to experience emotional and energetic connections to receive deposits in your Validation Need Account. Validation is a *feeling*, and you expect it to be subjective, internal, personal, and concrete. Words alone will never make a difference to you. You generally ignore the content and look for validation in the context of the communication. You evaluate the relative health and strength of your interpersonal relationships based on the quality and intensity of the emotional bonds you share with your partners. Any disruptions to these emotional connections will make substantial withdrawals from your Validation Need Account. You will have the most difficulty relating to partners who need to hear the words. As far as you're concerned, love and appreciation can't be adequately conveyed with words. You expect your partners to be able to read between the lines and discover the deeper meaning and your true intentions.

You value authentic emotional experiences, whether or not they are objectively pleasurable. You may not be able to name or describe your Core Values, but you know them when you feel them. Ultimately you seek a profound, subjective experience of connection. The eternal qualities of the Divine that most describe this are love and unity, but you may come to that experience through the doorway of any of the Core Values.



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Venus in Scorpio values deep, powerful, transformational emotional connections. Having the courage to encounter The Beloved completely undefended is the ultimate expression of Venus in Scorpio. You love and appreciate your “Big S” Self through your willingness to feel your feelings, no matter how powerful or painful they may be. What matters to you in interpersonal relationships is absolute emotional honesty. Your ideal partner in relationship is willing to bare his or her soul, and express his or her authentic Self. When you experience these raw, intense and unfiltered emotional connections, you encounter The Beloved and receive deposits in your Validation Need Account. You and your partner see each other for who you truly are, which makes the love and appreciation you share completely authentic and unconditional. These types of connections require trust, and if that trust is betrayed or not reciprocated, it will drain the balance in your Validation Need Account. When rejected, Venus in Scorpio divides her time between reconnecting with her partner and plotting revenge. Venus in Scorpio expresses affection by sharing her core essence with others, and through emotional and physical intimacy.

When you are in Right Relationship with Venus in Scorpio, your connection to The Beloved is profound and intense. Power is a Core Value for you, although you may take it for granted because you are always aware of the power of what you value, whether it's love, beauty, freedom, joy or unity. When you relate to others, you do so completely undefended, so that your authentic “Big S” Self can help dissolve your “little s” self. You know that The Beloved lies within, and the only way to encounter The Beloved is to transcend all of the limitations of the “little s” self with ruthless compassion, cutting away what appears to be real in order to reveal the eternal truth. Sharing this kind of intimacy requires deep levels of trust, as well as healthy, appropriate boundaries. As much as you value intensity, you also have tremendous empathy and awareness for what your partners are feeling. You instinctively know how much you can reveal without crossing a boundary and causing your partner to feel unsafe.

When you are out of alignment with Venus in Scorpio, you believe that you value power, but because you lack a connection to your “Big S” Self, you stay trapped in First Kingdom, where you encounter force. You seek only the most intense, deep emotional experiences, and consider anything less to be inauthentic. You think you are devoted to healing and transformation, but in fact, you are powerfully attached to your wounds, and unwilling to give them up. For you, intimacy is based on you and your partner sharing your deepest, most painful wounds. You mistake the intense rush of energy that you experience in these encounters for healing, but in fact, it keeps your wounds fresh. The pleasure you experience comes from the contrast of the negative vibrations as you move from the depths of shame and grief to the heights of anger. When you share these experiences with a partner, you experience a surge of pride and receive deposits in your Validation Need Account. What you take pride in, however, is being a victim. You identify completely with your “little s” self, and fear that the only way that you can experience love is through sympathy and pity. Without your wounds, you would never be able to experience any intimacy at all. You never recognize that so long as you cling to your story and remain a victim, you cut yourself off from any encounter with The Beloved or experience of actual love.