



WHEN WILL I FIND LOVE?

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So many clients who are unattached and yearning ask the old question, "When will I find love?" It's actually a good astrological question, and can be seen in Western astrology by many different patterns. Let's look at some of them.

Of course, the most obvious item to focus upon is Venus, the planet of love. (For "progressed", think secondary or solar arc.)

VENUS

Progressed Venus conjunct Natal Sun (or vice versa, Progressed Sun conjunct Natal Venus) is usually the best indicator of a year when the universe throws open the doors and love walks into your life, and when you would draw another to you who has affectionate feelings for you. This is a time in life when you would not be meant to be alone. However, the love object may not be a romantic or permanent one. My case studies reveal that, in one instance, this pattern identified the period that a child was adopted by a never-married single parent (the child being the true soul mate), and in another, the pattern pointed to a love affair that put the final nail in a disintegrating marriage and set the individual upon an important life path...but did not result in marriage. In the former situation, the mother also had Progressed Venus entering H7 (another obvious prognosticator) and conjuncting the Natal Part of Fortune therein, and in the latter, the relationship could be seen in retrospect as an important soul agreement though not meant to result in permanence.

Progressed Venus conjunct Progressed Sun (or vice versa, Progressed Sun conjunct Progressed Venus) is very similar in nature, as would be Progressed Venus conjunct ruler of H7. In the latter case, the nature of the planet acting as ruler would greatly influence the type of relationship formed. For example, if Saturn, possibly an older or serious partner; if Mercury, a younger or friendly type. Likewise, Progressed Venus conjunct Sun/ or Moon/Descendant midpoint, Progressed Sun conjunct Venus/Descendant midpoint, or Progressed Ascendant or Descendant conjunct Sun/Venus midpoint would also be good indicators of a period in the life-clock during which a loved one might appear. (My observation is that this quest for love isn't really just about romance, because that's not always lasting. The real issue seems to be about permanence in love – that is, marriage or a long-lasting relationship – so I'll focus upon H7 rather than H5.)

Conversely, Progressed Sun conjunct Venus/Ascendant midpoint might signal a love relationship (depending on the rulerships of the Sun or Venus), but might just as easily indicate a period of comfort, self-love and personal beautification.



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For those who work with declinations, similar indicators would also be seen by Sun/Venus, Venus/Ascendant or Venus/MC parallels.

Of course, should any of these delightful aspects occur at a very young age, their benefits will be pretty much wasted in terms of longterm attachments, but there are stories of youngsters bonding with a friend or neighbor who later becomes their true love...or at least their lifelong buddy.

A Venusian progression to itself – that is, **Progressed Venus conjunct Natal Venus** – can only occur when the Natal Venus is retrograde at birth, and then turns direct during the lifetime, or when a Natal (direct) Venus turns retrograde. And since Venus' retrograde lasts about 43 days (thus, 43 years by progression), being born closest to its stationing would best ensure enough time for this return to occur. Such a period will emphasize the nature of Venus' natal significance at the same time that it brings its Venusian qualities to the forefront. If natively well-aspected, happiness can be brought forward; if afflicted, financial, romantic, or indulgence problems can be emphasized.

OTHER PATTERNS

But besides these obvious involvements of Venus, there are other conducive patterns as well. Slightly less obvious are:

Whenever the angles are involved with Venus or H7, there is a good chance of love appearing in one's life, such as Progressed Ascendant/Descendant strongly aspecting Natal or Progressed Venus or ruler of H7, usually a positive signal for marriage, or Progressed MC strongly aspecting Natal or Progressed Venus or ruler of H7, another great time for love, even if the aspects are hard (because, after all, how hard can a Venus aspect be?). In fact, either of these would be wonderful to schedule a wedding around, as would Progressed ruler of H7 strongly aspecting Natal or Progressed Venus. Even a less obvious aspect, such as Ruler of H7 in a feasible aspect to an angle or a love-connected planet, might predispose to a marriage-type energy.

A **Progressed Venus in major aspect to Natal Neptune** is frequently found at times of romantic events such as weddings, but tends to glamorize the emotions and cloud the reality of the relationship. Such unions will face greater-than-usual trials regarding the longevity of the marriage, but can certainly survive the progression if an effort is made after its passage to deal with the less-than-ideal characteristics of the partner that would then be revealed.

Then there are indicators for relationship that just generally emphasize its potential, such as Progressed Moon into Libra or H7, or Progressed planets into H7, or even the Involvement of the Vertex when found in H7. (The Vertex, normally found in Houses 5-8, by my observation works as a fulcrum around which key events are shaped; thus, if in H7, key partnerships will be accented when the Vertex is activated.) If the natal chart has planets in H7, progressions or outer planet transits to them will certainly accentuate relationships (but such horoscopes will always be dealing with partners – or consequences of the lack thereof – as that was part of the life plan). Venus-Moon patterns often result in an individual's general contentment, but do not necessarily show romantic involvement; sometimes they signal the birth of children.



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In regards to harmony in a relationship once formed, look to **one partner's Progressed Venus tracking another's Progressed Sun**, and vice versa, or both Progressed Venuses tracking each other (a situation not always shown by conjunctions between comparative Venuses in the natal charts, since this occurrence will be determined by the age difference between the two individuals as well as their natal patterns). Of course, the topic of synastry is a separate one, to be applied *after* a relationship has been formed in order to analyze the positive and negative potential between the two horoscopes, and so does not fall into the parameters of this article.

LESS LIKELY TO BE PERMANENT

Finally, there are patterns that might spark love, but offer the least long-term assurance of permanence:

Transiting outer planets conjunct Natal or Progressed Venus or ruler of H7 will play up the qualities of these planets, but can be unpleasant or fleeting just as easily as the opposite, depending upon the meaning of the transiting planet or the natal potential of the transited planet. For example, Uranus over Venus might lend an exciting but impermanent love experience while Saturn could be either restrictive or serious. Neptune would probably cause delusional fantasies about the partner or bring a weak or compromised person into one's life whom one would wish to rescue. And Pluto, of course, would likely offer a powerfully transformative experience that could alter one's approach to sex, love or money forever! Transiting outer planets into H7, on the other hand, would likely highlight the need to deal closely with others, but far less likely, the arrival of love.

A FALSE FEAR

Anyone who trusts in the truths of astrology should discard forever the fear that aging ruins your chances for love. It's a myth. For example, I had a 70-year-old female client, an artist, who found a suitor when her Progressed Sun was sextile her Ascendant while her Progressed Venus was opposite her Moon, and his Progressed Venus was trine his Neptune, crossing his South Node. (The latter pattern shows a love-connection from prior lifetimes.) Once meant to occur (by any of these afore-mentioned patterns), the universe will go to great lengths to put two people together. People will meet "accidentally" or on distant trips to places they will never revisit, or will be introduced by a third party who will never again appear in either of their lives. Coincidence or synchronicity will abound, and the non-astrologer will remain amazed by such "luck," whereas the astrologer will nod knowingly as the Divine Plan is revealed through cosmic mathematics.

When one of these patterns kicks into your chart, you'll watch the door of love open wide in your heart. But it will be up to you to keep its flame kindled thereafter.

One caveat, though: as I said before, Venus symbolizes love, not necessarily between two romantic partners. I have several examples in my files in which one of these patterns brought a soul-mate into the life in the form of a beloved child. Venus can also symbolize pleasure and financial wellbeing. The right match can even bring pleasant financial conditions along with love (such as marrying well), if the horoscope predisposes. But if the natal chart doesn't do so, then positive Venusian aspects will bring other types of love (such as the above-mentioned never-married adopter whose difficult Natal Sagittarius Sun/Moon/Saturn t-square precluded marital possibilities in the incarnation).



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CASE STUDIES

Some case studies of Venusian patterns revealing strong love-based events in my files are as follows:

Forty-six-year-old widow meets second spouse – Progressed Sun semi-sextile progressed Venus, and Progressed Moon into H7.

Seventy-year-old-female is courted – Progressed Sun sextile Ascendant, and Progressed Venus opposite Moon.

Divorced female meets second spouse – He: Progressed Venus conjunct Sun; Her: Transiting Uranus conjunct Venus, and Progressed Moon in Libra. Life-changing affair for female: Progressed Venus conjunct Sun.

First marriage for young eligible bachelor – Progressed Venus sextile Ascendant, and sextile Node; Progressed Moon into H7.

SUMMARY

This table of aspects provides a quick (but by no means complete) summary of possibilities:

Progressed Venus conjunct Sun

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Progressed Venus into H7

Progressed Venus conjunct Part of Fortune

Progressed Venus conjunct Progressed Sun

Progressed Sun conjunct Progressed Venus

Progressed Venus conjunct Ruler of H7

Progressed Venus conjunct Sun/Asc. Midpoint

Progressed Venus conjunct Moon/Asc. Midpoint

Progressed Sun conjunct Venus/Asc. Midpoint

Progressed Asc. conjunct Sun/Venus Midpoint

Sun/Venus Parallel



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Venus/Asc. Parallel

Venus/MC Parallel

Progressed Venus conjunct Natal Venus

Progressed Asc./Dsc Strongly Aspecting Natal or Progressed Venus

Progressed Asc./Dsc Strongly Aspecting Natal or Progressed Ruler of H7

Progressed MC Strongly Aspecting Natal or Progressed Venus

Progressed MC Strongly Aspecting Natal or Progressed Ruler of H7

Progressed Ruler of H7 Strongly Aspecting Natal or Progressed Venus

Progressed Ruler of H7 in a Feasible Aspect to an Angle or Love-Connected Planet

Progressed Venus in a Major Aspect to Natal or Progressed Neptune

Progressed Moon into Libra or H7

Progressed Planets into H7

Involvement of Vtx. in H7

Progressions or Outer Planet Transits to Planets In H7

One's Progressed Venus Tracking Another's Progressed Sun

Both Progressed Venus'es Tracking Each Other

Transiting Outer Planets Conjunct Natal or Progressed Venus

Transiting Outer Planets Conjunct Natal or Progressed Ruler of H7

So for those who are pining away, get out your empherides and start analyzing your love possibilities from amongst all these great energy patterns!

FROM THE SOUL PERSPECTIVE



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Once a soul chooses to come into earthly life, and to play out a plan for that life, there are a number of prior choices that have already been made. In most cases, the soul has agreed to link up with others of its group in order to accomplish its task(s), and thus to have the means to do so in ways that another individual can provide when the task is too hard to accomplish alone. In such cases, the other party will appear at the right time to complete the task or to provide the means to develop its stages. In some instances, this work requires a long-lasting relationship in which the development of love and bonding is the entire point. In others, the task requires a long-lasting tie, but not so much to work on the union itself, but to support each other in the accomplishment of something outside the union. In very many situations, the task does not require permanence, but short-lived intensity within the union, to activate emotions and passions that otherwise would lie fallow. (In such circumstances, the memory of the relationship lingers far past its manifestation.) And finally, in frequent circumstances, there is not the need for longevity as much as the need for love and joining; having accomplished this, the parties are then “free” to move on, and can exercise choice within that lifetime whether or not to do so.

Last but not least, we must also speak of the much rarer choices in which the soul has chosen to walk through an entire lifetime without another’s assistance, for this itself is a plan. In this case, there will be no attachments (although almost certainly a few key meetings that will adjust the path one way or another, once undertaken), and the individual may seem lonely and cast out, but the soul is learning a great lesson and accomplishing a difficult task.

So we would advise seeing the entire panoply of relationship issues from this perspective, and gaining understanding – not of loneliness or happiness – but of inner purpose. You will be surprised by how different a place Earth will seem after doing so!

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"Soul mate," in my understanding, does not necessarily mean the one-and-only truly perfect reflection of the self in another, but rather the Other who agreed before incarnation to travel the life-path with you. In some cases, one can have several soul mates during a single incarnation, especially sequentially, but less often, simultaneously.