The Transit of Venus - Dawn of the Aquarian Age

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This paper began as an interpretation of the spiritual import of the recent transit of Venus across the Sun. But as I delved more deeply, I realised that the Transit of Venus phenomenon is implicitly linked with the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. This is what I found.

The Ideas of Man are turning to Aquarian Age principles

The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul (DK) said that the history of man has been distinguished by various ideas and ideals that dominate man’s thought life and actions for awhile, before being replaced by a new and higher set of ideals and actions. ¹

For instance, the ancient idea of aggression by the most powerful for the sake of possession, dominated human thought and life for thousands of years. In the modern era this was added to and superseded by ideas such as Nazism, Fascism and Communism where the State was important and the individual is not. Arising now on a higher turn of the spiral is the idea of democracy where supposedly the government represents the people. But now man’s thought life is turning to an even greater ideal - that of a spiritual Hierarchy which will govern the people of the world so that all are treated fairly and equally.

The underlying point I am making here is that, the history of humanity is the outer demonstration of the evolution of consciousness, of man’s mind and the thoughts he thinks. These developments are determined by the great Astrological Ages that the world passes through.

The Age of Aquarius

Astrological Ages are determined by the period of almost 2150 years that it takes for the spring equinox ¹ point to retrograde through a constellation. Entering the Aquarian Age means that the equinox point has just ended its movement through Pisces and is about to enter Aquarius. This means that the Sun at the time of the spring equinox will start rising in Aquarius, rather than in Pisces.

Each Age imparts its own quality to mankind. For instance, the aggression and materialism previously mentioned were lower developments of the Age of Pisces. But with the Aquarian Age dawning, man is starting to idealise an age of equal and fair treatment. Thought-life that was selfish and aggressive is evolving into a consciousness of inclusiveness and sharing. This is a natural development, for Aquarius is the water-carrier, and brings the waters of life and abundance (love, sharing, prosperity, wisdom) to all people.

¹ The rising of the Sun when day and night are of equal lengths.
While the vernal equinox is pointing to Aquarius, the celestial North Pole is pointing towards the star Polaris. Polaris is esoterically called “The Star of Direction” 2, it leads the way. Just as it is used by navigators to circumnavigate the globe, so it points the right way for humanity to go. Its force reaches our planet via Aquarius 3. It is the will of God that man should walk the highway of Aquarius and learn to distribute the “waters of life”. Polaris governs the spiritual centre Shamballa. 4

The influence which emanates from the Pole Star (Polaris) reaches our planet via the sign Aquarius. The reasons will be noted if the student bears in mind the significance of water as a symbol of the emotions, which are but a lower manifestation of love-desire. Aquarius is a force centre from which the adept draws the "water of life" and carries it to the multitude. 5

We are told that the Christ of the Piscean Age (known as Lord Maitreya by some) will also be the Christ or spiritual Teacher for the Aquarian Age. 6 His primary goal in the latter age is to bring about the birth of love and wisdom in the hearts and minds of humanity as a whole.

The result of (Christ’s) work with the masses of men will be the presentation of the first initiation— the Birth of the Christ in the cave of the Heart... It will not, in the future, be the experience of the occasional disciple but the general experience of countless thousands towards the close of the Aquarian Age. ROC 86

This is what it is all about and what Venus’ work is all about - the beautification of consciousness and birth of Christ (qualities of love and wisdom) through humanity, during the course of the Aquarian Age.

How the Age of Aquarius is related to the Transit of Venus - Mythology

The relationship of the Transit of Venus to the Age of Aquarius is best explained by Greek mythology and the relationship of Uranus (ruler of Aquarius) and Venus.

Uranus or Father Sky was the son and husband of Gaia, Mother Earth. They had many children, one of whom was Kronos (Saturn). Urged on by Gaia, Kronos castrated Uranus whose severed genitals fell into the sea. From the resultant foam, the full grown Venus arose - goddess of love, beauty and fertility. LH

An esoteric interpretation of the myth.

At its highest, Uranus represents God the Father 7 from whom all life flows. The castration - genitals and foam (semen), represent the birth of the universe and the outflow of the spiritual Monadic Sparks from God the Father (Uranus), into the universe. The ocean is a symbol of Mother Matter or Earth (Gaia), and from the union of spirit and matter, the soul or consciousness aspect (Venus), arises.

Evolution of consciousness is a process. In the early stages of development, Venus/ soul/ consciousness/ mind, is ignorant and deluded (the foam). However, eventually it emerges gloriously beautiful. Representing the wisdom of God riding above and in control of the oceans of the lower worlds, Venus is consciousness perfected, the glorious Son, child of the Mother and the Father.

The agent of this change is the fiery spiritual or electrical force of the universe (Fohat to esotericists), wielded by Uranus. Venus is the daughter of Uranus. She has come as a forerunner of her Father. As the morning star she represents the dawning of her father and of the period in which he will reign - the Aquarian Age. 1 Man has been given a vision of what he is to become - Venus, the role model for spiritual achievement - a consciousness that is gloriously radiant and beautiful. But the agent of change is Uranus, and it figures prominently in the astrology of the Transits.

The hypothesis I am presenting in this paper, is that the continuing cycles of the Transit of Venus from the 10th century onwards, represent cycles of unfoldment of human consciousness and intelligence that are preparing man for the 1st initiation - the birth of the Christ spirit in the cave of the heart. I have chosen the 10th century as a start point, because:

I am hypothesising that the Age of Aquarius astronomically starts in 2117. [See later section]
Each larger cycle of the Transit of Venus lasts 243 years.
The number that is esoterically related to Venus is the number “5”.
Five larger cycles (1215 years) from 2117 gives us the dates 902 and 910 A.D., the 10th century.
The 10th century is a “1” number - new beginnings.

1 Astrologically, Uranus rules Aquarius on both the exoteric and spiritual levels.
TRANSIT OF VENUS

Background of the Transit

Generally, astrologers think of a “Transit of Venus” as the causal effect that Venus has on man, as it cycles around the Sun in its annual orbit. This holds true for the recent event where Venus was seen passing across the Sun. But scientists now are using the term as a reference to this specific event.

A Transit of Venus across the Sun takes place when the planet Venus passes directly between the Sun and Earth, becoming visible against (and hence obscuring a small portion of) the solar disk. During a Transit, Venus can be seen from Earth as a small black disk moving across the face of the Sun.

This “conjunction” of the Sun and Venus when both planets are at the same longitude, is a common occurrence. What sets this Transit apart is that while making the conjunction with the Sun, Venus also passes through the Earth’s orbital plane. This is rare. The effect is that, it is visible on Earth as it moves across the Sun. In layman’s terms and from man’s perspective, there is a vertical and horizontal alignment of these three moving bodies in space.

A Transit occurs when Venus reaches conjunction with the Sun at or near one of its nodes—the longitude where Venus passes through the Earth's orbital plane (the ecliptic)—and appears to pass directly across the Sun.

Scientists tell us that the Transits of Venus are among the rarest of predictable astronomical phenomena.

They occur in a pattern that repeats every 243 years, with pairs of Transits eight years apart separated by long gaps of 121.5 years and 105.5 years.

The Transit and The Trinity

The Bible tells us that man is made in the image of God, and foundational to this understanding is the three persons of the Trinity - God in manifestation is God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

As a reflection of “God”, man has three levels to his nature. Esoterically, these three levels are Spirit, Soul and Body. But for most people, the first two levels are a potential only. The Transit of Venus is a celestial re-enactment or spiritual reminder for man, of the Trinity.

1 The Sun - God the Father
2 Venus - the Son
3 Earth - God the Holy Ghost

Or in esoteric or mystical terms, the three broad levels of consciousness

1 Sun - Spirit
2 Venus - Soul
3 Earth - Body or animal instincts

The Transit is representative also of three planetary centres

1 Shamballa, the Centre where the Will of
2. The Spiritual Hierarchy
3 Humanity

On an individual level, the etheric centres

1 Crown chakra (Sun)
2 Brow or ajna chakra (Venus)
3 Base or throat chakra (Earth)
The Role of the Planets and Signs

1. The Sun - seeding of Spirit

The Sun as the primary celestial symbol of God, contains within itself the three persons of the Trinity. Occultly these are called

- The Central Spiritual Sun - represented by Uranus
- The Heart of the Sun - represented by Neptune
- The physical Sun

The Sun is the heart of solar system, the source of light and life on Earth. Esoterically it is called as “the One Resolver”. All life exists as a result of the activity of the Sun. We live within its radiance and orbit. Then, when the span of the solar cycle is finished, all life is drawn back to or resolved into, this fiery spiritual Source. Uranus is the agent of the spiritual aspect of God. The central, spiritual Sun pours its influences through Uranus.

Uranus represents the power of spiritual force to shatter crystallised patterns that keep the soul bound in time and space. It keeps the soul moving forward in its evolutionary development, though scientific investigation - its characteristics are the scientific mind. The ultimate goal of Uranus the Sky God, is to free the human spirit (Venus), from the binding hold of matter (Gaia).

When the Transit of Venus recurs, a channel is created and the power of the Sun/ Uranus (God) pours through to man. It is a time of spiritual renewal, an opportunity for a few to take initiation, and new developments in science and technology.

2. Venus - another development in the unfoldment of consciousness

In the Sun-Venus-Earth lineup, Venus represents the Soul. The radiant beauty that Venus demonstrates as the morning star is the potential beauty and radiance of the developed human soul. Venus is encouraging man to reach upwards and inwards to his own beauty and worth, to transform and beautify his consciousness so that it becomes soul like.

Venus expresses the 5th Ray of Concrete Mind and Science. The transformation of the lower selfish mind of man into a vessel of beauty is brought about through scientific enquiry and experiment. To this end - and referring back to mythology, Venus the daughter, calls on the assistance of her Father. Uranus represents science, the abstract mind and also the scientific mind. It takes ideas from “the mind of God” and working through Venus the human mind, grounds them on Earth so that conditions for the masses (Earth) are improved.
When we link the mind with Venus’ traditional association with love, then esoterically Venus represents the union of heart and mind. The transformed mind is intelligent-love, the intelligent mind acting through love, pure love-wisdom.

Venus as the morning star is the forerunner of the Age of Aquarius, it represents the dawning of this age of enlightenment (Uranus).

It is Venus - the soul of man, which returns cyclically to Father Sun, Source of Light, for spiritual renewal and replenishment. This, the Transit of Venus symbolises. Fertilised by the Light of God, and seeded with a new creative gift, Venus the soul then goes away from the Father into a new cycle of experience to develop inner beauty. This - these Transit of Venus cycles of experience will continue throughout the Aquarian Age.

Then, Venus as the evening star holds before our eyes the symbol or potential of the closing Age of Aquarius - the enlightened consciousness of man having taken the 1st initiation, demonstrates loving and intelligent brotherhood. The era of intelligent brotherhood is inaugurated under Venus.

3. The Earth - the Human Kingdom - Gaia

In the Trinity metaphor, the Earth represents the body, the personality, or lower animal aspect. The physical body and incarnation on Earth, provides “the sons of man who are also sons of God”, with a renewed opportunity to fight for their spiritual freedom. The Earth is the sphere of experience, the field of action, where the soul of man fights to free itself from the binding ties of materialism.

The point to remember as we factor in the Earth to our study of the esoteric meaning of the Transit of Venus is that it gives us a new opportunity to fight for our spiritual freedom.

4. Gemini and Sagittarius

The Pole Star which points the way that man should go, is in Gemini. It is no accident that the Transit of Venus - and its task of inaugurating the era of intelligent brotherhood, falls alternately in Gemini. Gemini is the sign that Venus rules esoterically.

- Gemini is teaching man to overcome duality within his nature and to build an aligned and lighted consciousness. “I see my other self, and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow.”

- Sagittarius in a sense is a representative of Polaris, the Star of Direction. The keynote of the Archer is aspiration and direction. The soul direction of Sagittarius is “I see the goal, I reach that goal, and then I see another”. Sagittarius guides man to initiation in Capricorn. The 1st initiation - birth of the Christ spirit, is the goal of the Aquarian Age.

DK words it this way:

The hierarchical ruler of Gemini is the Earth itself. The Earth is also the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius, the polar opposite of Gemini. These are the only two constellations ruled by the Earth, and this fact is of major significance. The cosmic line of force from Gemini to Sagittarius and the reverse is subjectively and esoterically related to our Earth, thus guaranteeing its soul development, the unfoldment of form as an expression of that soul, and leading our sorrowful humanity upon this woeful planet inevitably to the very gate of initiation in Capricorn.

In summary, the interplay of force from Gemini to Sagittarius as emphasised by the Transits of Venus, is driving man along the Path of Evolution, to the gates of initiation.
Esoteric Numerology, another Key to understanding

The spiritual goal of the Transit of Venus is seen from another angle, when the science of numerology is applied. Here is the data:

- The overall pattern lasts 243 years.
- There is a pair of Transits (2) that are 8 years apart.
- The Transits last 121.5 years and 105.5 years.

1. The Overall Goal of the Transit of Venus is symbolised by the number “9”

The entire cycle of 243 years represents the overall goal of the Transit. It reduces to the number “9” (2+4+3=9).

Nine is the number of initiation. Sagittarius is the ninth sign. “Initiation” is a term used to describe the expansion of human consciousness into a new and higher way of seeing and being. The overall goal of the Transit is to initiate or enlighten the consciousness of man. This is the goal of the Gemini - Sagittarius polarity.

- The planet related to initiation is Uranus and there are three Uranus cycles around the Sun in the 243 year period. Uranus I believe is closely implicated in the growth and development associated with this Venus Transit. Readers will note the prominence of Uranus in the Transit charts given later.

- The first Uranus cycle is related to the 1st aspect and is the period when new discoveries and initiatives would likely arise. The second cycle of 81 years is related to the 2nd aspect and in this period humanitarian and spiritual concerns would arise. The 3rd cycle is related to the 3rd aspect allowing the mind of man gather new knowledge and use it practically.

2. The training ground, is Human Relationships - “2” and “8”

- The Transit comes in pairs, highlighting the number “2”.

The two transits in the eight year period can be seen to represent two doors. The first door closes the previous cycle of experience. The second transit or door gives birth to the new era of development. “2” is the number of relationships and also of the development and expression of love and wisdom. The 2nd Ray or Divine emanation is that of Love and Wisdom, and it radiates from the “Heart of the Sun”/ the Heart of God.

- The 8 year cycle is a seeding period for the coming century.

During this period all relationships on all levels, professional or personal, will be intensified. The mini goal is that within the eight year period, man makes an intense effort to be more Venusian to others. This means being kinder, more loving, cooperative, diplomatic, and placing higher value on relationships rather than on material benefit. It is an opportunity to tidy up unfinished business from the past, and to establish healthy associations leading into the future. On the international stage this is between Nations, Races and Religions. But we can also apply it in our personal relationships.

- This does not mean that if we have not done this in the eight year period, we have missed the cycle of opportunity. But rather, to give special emphasis to any challenging relationships formed or which were highlighted during this period, and make it our life’s work to beautify and harmonise such relationships. We do this physically, emotionally and mentally if possible. But if this is not possible because for instance the relationship is too toxic or a person has died, then emotionally and mentally.

- “8” is the number of the Christ.

Venus represents the beautification of the mind, so that is a vessel for love. Such a mind or consciousness is said to be filled with the Spirit of Christ. A consciousness which is “Christed” is one that is wise and loving. This is the developmental goal symbolised by the Transit of Venus.

3. The cycles of 105 and 121 years

The number 105 has great occult significance. Venus was responsible for the coming in of mind to Earth, and we are told in occult history, that 105 Kumaras (advanced spiritual beings) were involved.

- One hundred and four Kumaras came from Venus to the Earth; literally the figure is one hundred and five, when the synthesising Unit, the Lord of the World Himself, is counted as one.

So, the cycles of 105 years (the second cycle is 105 years + 16 years (121)), do not appear to be random. Perhaps we can interpret these cycles in the following way.
In the eight year period between the two Transits, the mind (#5) of man is replenished with a gift from God (#1), an inpouring of light and wisdom (#0) [105]. Then he then is given 105 years to bring this seed to fruition. Obviously these numbers are symbolic, and for the earnest student, this development can be worked through in the span of one life. LH

The number 16 is even more deeply occult than 105, and on one level is related to the whole evolutionary process.

In the "interlude of evolution" these (higher) energies are stepped down into forces and are literally sixteen all told—from the angle of manifestation: 7+7+2=16=7. In these numbers the mystery of our evolutionary process lies hid. 31

The significance of this point extends past the purpose of this article. However, a simple interpretation is that, the number 105 is related to the journey from ignorance to enlightenment, and the number 16 to the journey beyond that point. In terms of the Transit, when Venus is in Sagittarius - could this be a period when the doorway to initiation opens up?

4. The two cycles, Venus and the Ajna Centre.

To the imaginative mind, the two longer cycles interspersed with the shorter 8 year cycle, is a heavenly tracing of the ajna etheric centre (associated with higher mind) that is ruled in some systems by Venus. Below is a drawing of the ajna centre, with symbol of the OM (the sacred word) drawn over the central point.
HISTORY AND TRANSITS OF VENUS

Interpreting the Transit of Venus astrology charts

In the following section I use numerology to begin the interpretation. The ruling number of the transit is obtained from the number of the century in which the Transit occurs. I also use astrology, setting the chart up at the exact time of the Sun-Venus conjunction.

I use a Solar Chart that places the conjunction on the ascendant, because:

a. In esoteric astrology the ascendant is the place of “Light” and represents the purpose of the soul. The conjunction of Venus and the Sun represents the alignment of soul and personality. Placing the Sun-Venus-Earth alignment across the ascendant-descendant axis accentuates this goal. Wherever else then planets fall in the equal house chart, are related back to this goal. However, I also include the midheaven (Mc) and ascendant (As) points, and found when experimenting that Placidus charts for each Transit carried the same relevant message.

b. Venus represents the beautification of consciousness which is to take place during the Aquarian Age. Venus rising at dawn represents this goal. Venus on the dawn point of the chart – the ascendant, highlights this goal.

c. Additionally, the Solar Chart which is not tied to time and space is a general type of astrology chart that is suitable for a message that is intended to be for humanity as a whole. It places the Mutable Cross (Gemini and Sagittarius being two points of this cross) on the angles. The Mutable Cross is the path of development for the mass of humanity as a whole.

Venus Transits in 910, 10C (1); 1023, 11C (2); 1153, 12C (3); and 1266, 13C (4).

I will be brief in this section, because the effect of Uranus as the representative of the Aquarian Age did not start to influence the consciousness of humanity as a whole to any great extent until the 14th century Renaissance. However, I begin the cycle of 5 complete cycles of Venus Transits in the 10th century, part of the “Dark Ages”. Of this age Medievalist and historian of technology Lynn White said that

To the modern eye, it is very nearly the darkest of the Dark Ages", but concluded that ". . . if it was dark, it was the darkness of the womb.

Within the “womb” the mind of man was being prepared for following developments. In 12th century European industrial Renaissance was beginning. Uranus was having an early effect.

Europe undergoes the Renaissance of the 12th century. The blast furnace for the smelting of cast iron is imported from China, appearing in Sweden, as early as 1150, and Alexander Neckam is the first European to document the mariner's compass.

But the major development occurred in the 13th century when the Magna Carta was signed. It lay the foundation upon which the following 14th century Renaissance was built.

The Magna Carta (1215) is a document that King John of England was forced to sign. It greatly reduced the power he held as King and allowed for the formation of a powerful parliament. The Magna Carta became the basis for English citizen's rights.

Venus Transit 23 November 1396, 14C (5) - Birth of the Renaissance

- The 14th century relates this period to the number 5 (1+4=5). Esoterically, Venus is related to 5.

It is appropriate that the real flowing of human consciousness took place under the number “5”, in a century that has a synchronous vibration with Venus’ number. Venus’ ray is the 5th ray of Concrete Mind and Science and this Renaissance period (14C-17C) saw a rapid unfoldment of the soul and mind of humanity as a whole. There was a Transit of Venus in 1396 which was the likely originating stimulus for this explosion of human creativity. “5” is the number given to the mind.

Notice the “undiscovered” planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are all involved in the primary configuration. Paramount amongst these is the presence of Uranus (the spiritual potency of God the Father). Although not discovered until later centuries, these planets represent the seeds of new knowledge waiting to be given birth through humanity.

The chart shows the challenge that the new order (Gemini-Sagittarius planets) issued to those in temporal power at that time - the materialistic and militant (Mars) Mother Church (Moon) as the Catholic Church is sometimes called. The Moon is the primary representative of the past.

The moon.. indicates that which is past.. summarises limitation and the present handicaps. It.. shows where the prison of the soul is to be found.
Individuals of the Age

Many famous individuals who represent the qualities that the Renaissance planets signify made their appearance during that period. They were the seeds for the future. One of these was the artist Botticelli (1445-1510) who must have been divinely inspired when he painted the Birth of Venus. He captured the spiritual principle Venus symbolises - the flowering of the beauty of the human soul.

But the artist and scientist who most epitomised this era was Renaissance man Leonardo da Vinci. His Sagittarius ascendant (soul purpose indicator) was conjunct the 1396 Venus-Sun Transit point; his Uranus (fertilisation of spirit from God the Father) was on the Equal House Transit Chart's ascendant. He was a primary distributor of the new knowledge that was seeking entry into the mind of man.
The 16th century relates this period to the number 7 and the activity of the 7th ray which is the manifesting and grounding ray. The next step is to use science in a practical manner.

The Renaissance period continued and the Scientific Revolution (1500-1800) having been initiated in the previous Transit cycle, accelerated. Uranus is still conjunct the Transit point, imbuing the consciousness of humanity with new thought and science. New industries and technologies began to appear.

During 16th century, advancements were made in the theories of mathematics, cosmography, geography and natural history. 16th century inventions related to the fields of engineering, mining, navigation and the military arts were prominent.

The primary challenge to freedom of the human spirit and new thought is still the old Church, as indicated by Neptune in Pisces dominating the chart. The natural consequence was that the battle between religious superstition and science heated up.

A man of science who made a major contribution to the advancement of science was Nicolas Copernicus. Sometime between 1507 and 1515 he first presented a Sun-centered view of the universe. Called the Copernican Revolution, his theory forever changed astronomy, and ultimately changed all of science.

Others came forward in this century, to challenge the might of the Church. Notable were those who initiated Protestantism. King Henry VIII of England who ruled from 1509-1547, Martin Luther who posted his Ninety-five theses in 1517, then Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603).

A positive manifestation of the Neptune prominence was Ferdinand Magellan's circumnavigation of the oceans of the world 1519 -1522. Man was gaining greater knowledge about the world on which he lived and no longer blindly accepted what others told him. Scientific thought was on the rise.
Venus Transit 4 December 1639, 17C (8) - the Enlightenment or Age of Reason

- The 17th century relates this period to the number 8. On a material level, “8” is a double emphasis of the material number “4”. This can either mean a more materialistic approach, or a more reasoned and balanced approach to the affairs of the material world. Esoterically, the number 8 is related to the Christ principle, also called pure wisdom or reason.

Buddhi, or pure reason, the intellect apart from the lower mind, sometimes called the intuition, whose nature is love-wisdom. This is the Christ-life or principle.\(^{37}\)

Jupiter is conjunct the Transit point. Higher Jupiter is another channel of the Christ inclusive love and wisdom (Ray 2). Lower Jupiter represents selfish profit and greed. Both would come to the fore in the coming age.

In this cycle the power of the Roman Church was truly challenged and Protestantism in England was grounded by Queen Elizabeth I. From this Transit period onwards, science flourished and the Age of Reason or Enlightenment (the Christ spirit or number “8”), was born. The obscuration of the power of the old Church is indicated by Neptune’s location in the 12th house.

The Age of Enlightenment was a cultural movement of intellectuals in 18th century Europe and America, whose purpose was to reform society and advance knowledge. It promoted science and intellectual interchange and opposed superstition, intolerance and abuses in church and state. Originating about 1650 to 1700, it was sparked by philosophers Baruch Spinoza (1632–1677), John Locke (1632–1704), Pierre Bayle (1647–1706), physicist Isaac Newton (1643–1727), and philosopher Voltaire (1694–1778). The Enlightenment flourished until about 1800.\(^{38}\)

Trade and industry grew rapidly and England became a more commercial country. Science was used now to mechanise industries, iron ore was mined and steel mills made an appearance. The seed for a future industrial revolution was sown.

Mars (industrial machinery, iron and steel) conjunct Uranus (new technology).

Another notable figure from this period who contributed to the growth of ideas and science was astronomer and astrologer Johannes Kepler. He predicted the 1631 Transit of Venus, the first person recorded as doing so. He is often referred to as a founding father of modern science.

Philosopher Rene Descartes was another notable contributor. His affirmation “I think therefore I am”, supposes that man exists because he has a mind and thinks. It focused attention on the concrete mind and along with presentations from other philosophers of the day, made man think about himself more deeply.
Venus Transit 3 June 1769, 18C (9) - Industrial Revolution and Birth of Capitalism

- The 18th century relates this period to number 9 which on one level represents the end of a cycle and birth of the new. What ended was the old feudal economic system, when Capitalism was born.

Now science was used to create business and make money. Uranus is in the earth sign Taurus, which also is related to business and money. The 18th century Industrial Revolution in Britain began. It was spear-headed by James Watt, whose steam engine (1765) revolutionised industry. Mechanised factories sprang up, and there was a major cultural shift as thousands migrated to employment in cities.

Uranus (radical change) is trine Pluto (transformation of the masses); opposite Saturn-Mars in the 2nd House of money.

1. The Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith (1776), revolutionised economics. Capitalism was born. A simple definition of Capitalism is “the social system based on individual rights”. This places it under the rulership of Uranus which dominates the Transit chart.

Uranus was discovered shortly after this Transit in 1781.

Smith is probably the outstanding figure of the age. His ideas on trade, commerce and profit revolutionised the world as we know it. His Gemini Sun and chart midheaven, conjunct the Transit point, triggering the change. The commercial philosophy (Jupiter in Capricorn) that Smith presented, flows with the Transit Chart Uranus, making the new ideas appealing to the business world of the day.
2. A second notable feature of this age was the uprising of the masses against tyranny. Shortly after the Venus Transit the American War of Independence started (1775-1783) and so did the French Revolution (1787-99).

The person of note in this area was French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau. In 1762 he presented his ideas in *The Social Contract, Or Principles of Political Right*. Rousseau was a major catalyst for change in the world at that time. He was a revolutionary who fought for *Liberty, Equality, and Brotherhood* - principles of the Aquarian Age.

Rousseau's Mars, Mercury, Venus and midheaven point, fall on the Transit point Ascendant; in the Equal House system chart, his Uranus is on its ascendant.

Rousseau was a warrior of the pen who also fought with the sword when no other means would bring about the necessary change. The result was bloody revolution. The aristocracy or rulers had their heads chopped off.

Uranus-Pluto square Mars; Mars is conjunct the Transit’s Sun.

3. Another notable event occurred when Captain James Cook was sent to Tahiti to observe the Transit. But he was not alone. Information that scientists gathered about the Transit produced one of the greatest breakthroughs in the history of science – measuring the size of the solar system.

After the transit, Cook explored New Zealand “discovering” it for the British Empire, in October 1769. The reason this is interesting is because New Zealand was not only discovered in the Transit year - and when the Sun-Venus conjunction occurred in Gemini, but New Zealand is said to have a Gemini ruled soul. This seems to indicate the people of this tiny island nation, would have an important role to play in the preparatory work required for the dawning Aquarian Age - to help seed the mind of man with new enlightened thought. This is confirmed by the master Djwhal Khul (DK), who said that such a “preparatory school” would be founded in New Zealand. This is not surprising because he indicates that a Wisdom School existed before on this land.

The city which arose in New Zealand around the land first seen by Cook, is Gisborne. It is commonly known by New Zealanders as the “first city in the world to see the sun rise - to see the light”. This is because it is close to the dateline. The rising light is associated with the work of Venus.
Venus Transit 6 December 1882, 19C (1) - Expansion of Imperialism, birth of new Spiritual Initiatives

1. The 19th century relates this Transit seed period to the number 1. The 1st ray promotes executive power and on the lower level, feeds the urge to control others. This age was distinguished by the expansion of European Imperialism - the domination of smaller nations by the more powerful European. The larger industrial nations went out into the world to fossick for raw materials and new markets. (Jupiter trine Moon)

2. On the higher level, a new cycle of spiritual growth is highlighted - Uranus dominates the Transit chart, and is in Virgo the sign representing the birth of the spirit of Christ in the heart of man. On the mundane level this indicates new technological inventions and social advances.

The British Kingdom was most successful Imperialist nation. This expansion occurred under the guidance of Queen Victoria (1819-1901). Her Gemini - Sagittarius planets straddled the Transit degree. Her thoughts and aspirations for Britain were in tune with the prevailing astrology trends, to Britain’s advantage.

With her Jupiter in Aquarius conjunct the Transit midheaven (Equal House system) and sextile the Transit point, her reign promoted the fertilisation of “British ideas, law, customs and culture (civilisation)” being taken to distant foreign shores, as the Empire expanded. Jupiter rules Aquarius on the soul level, so this was in line with the higher goal of the Aquarian Age.
Liberalism became the preeminent reform movement in Europe. (Uranus trine Neptune) Liberals propelled the long campaign that abolished Britain’s slave trade in 1807 and slavery itself throughout the British dominions in 1833 with the Slavery Abolition Act 1833. They were behind the “fairer” manner in which New Zealand was founded in 1840 when the Treaty of Waitangi was signed, “ceding” Maori rights to their traditional lands and territories.

**Neptune was discovered on September 23 1846.**

“Let there be Light”

This era is sometimes referred to as the Second Industrial Revolution. For instance, there were leaps in technology, electricity was being used commercially and the telephone and recording equipment were invented.

The most notable change in this era was the “lighting” of the world, which was triggered by the Edison’s light bulb. Thomas Edison in the author’s opinion was the outstanding man of the era as far as new technology and science was concerned. He was an Aquarian and his Sun-Mercury-Neptune conjuncted the Transit midheaven (Equal House chart; while his 15 degrees Sagittarius ascendant sat on the Transit point. He epitomised the higher goal of the age. Edison was the modern day Helios, the God who brought light to Earth. Christ said “I am the light of the world”. In this regards, mystically we could say that Edison was an agent of Christ, of God. He helped to light the world.

Neptune is related to mystical light. This Transit period marked the birth of several esoteric and mystical spiritual organisations such as the Theosophical Society and Christian Science (1775). Helena Blavatsky published her momentous work *The Secret Doctrine* in 1888. The volumes of this work are often referred to as having brought the esoteric wisdom of the East to the West. It revolutionised the spiritual approach for many in the West.

The 1882 Transit was in Sagittarius. Note that Blavatsky’s Sun and other planets are in Sagittarius’ natural 9th house of higher philosophy and wisdom teachings. She had the two rulers of Aquarius - exoteric Uranus and esoteric Jupiter, conjunct in the 3rd house. This axis across the two houses of learning and education symbolises the founding of a new school of learning (Theosophical Society) that would suit both beginners to the Path and the more advanced.
**Venus Transit 6 June 2012, 21C (3) - Birth of the Christ Spirit, Humanity taking the 1st initiation**

- The 21st century relates this period to the number 3 and the activity of the 3rd ray of Active Intelligence. This number underpins rapid expansion and growth. In this century the unfoldment of the lower mind of man as a whole will rapidly accelerate, and there will be the emerging of brilliant intellects. 3 is also related to the financial world, so in this century economic systems that are unfair to the common man will be eliminated. [Pluto is tied in with the Transit configuration]. There was not a transit in the 20th century so the number 2 was not highlighted. However, for the first time from this 3rd Transit period onwards, the number “2” is foundational to the year numbers. Previous to this, number 1 was primary - it was all about personal individual development. But now it is about “you and me”, humanity as a whole. 2 is an integrative number.

**Discovery of Pluto**

One complete Uranus cycle (81 years) before the 2012 Transit, Pluto was discovered on 18 February 1930.

In the following period the atom was split and atomic power unleashed. The two most destructive wars known to man spanned this discovery period, and the masses (Pluto) were devastated and displaced. Uranus would have one complete revolution period to bring about the renewal of the human spirit and rebuilding of human life before the next transit.

In the 2004 Transit chart (which I hypothesise is a summary chart for the previous 100 odd year cycle), the discovery of Pluto is indicated by the fact that it is a powerful part of the Transit configuration.

**Import of the 2012 Chart**

In 2012, Uranus (representing initiation) has returned to Aries, the same position it was in when Pluto was discovered. Pluto has completed a half-cycle and is in Capricorn, the sign of initiation. “Initiation” is highlighted. We are told that humanity as a whole is preparing to take the 1st initiation during the Age of Aquarius which has not yet astronomically started. This is a period of preparation.

The defining test of the 1st initiation is control of the material appetites – specifically as they are related to man’s attachment to money. On the wider level then, unregulated Capitalism [lower Capricorn and also a manifestation of lower “3” which is also related to materialism and money - 1 (spirit), 2 (soul), 3 (matter)], has to be eliminated and a fairer method of economic distribution, initiated. Unregulated Capitalism has been targeted.

Pluto, The Arrow of Death is conjunct the Moon (the “prison of the soul pattern”) in the material sign Capricorn.

These two planets (Pluto and the Moon) are both indicators of the masses and the union on its own indicates the death of materialism and of lower ambition, and major cultural transformation.

They are squared by dominant Uranus in Aries.

Uranus indicates the new initiatives awaiting introduction, the new systems of rule and supply that are required, if man is to achieve spiritual freedom. This will not be easy. Wars (spiritual, mental and perhaps even physical) will be fought as the soul of man struggles to free itself from the ties that bind.
Mars is in the other sign of materialism Virgo, square the Transit points in Gemini-Sagittarius. Here is the battle indicator.

Uranus transits into Gemini in 2025 and in this same year, Neptune (symbol of Christ) moves into Aries. This astronomically is the reason for the prediction that Christ would return around 2025. Some interpret this as being a shift in human consciousness (Uranus in Gemini) rather than a physical manifestation.

In the Transit chart Neptune (the Christ) is trine the Venus Transit point, in the 9th house of the world Teacher.

Queen Elizabeth II, “I Serve”

Queen Elizabeth, her life of service, was celebrated at the 2012 Transit. She was crowned under a blaze of celestial light when her coronation was held on 2 June 1953. The Sun was in Gemini and had returned to the Transit point. Now 60 years later she celebrates her diamond jubilee of her reign under the 2012 Transit. She is the head of the Commonwealth and of hundreds of organisations that work for the upliftment of humanity. She has carried out her duties in a Venusian manner, with dignity and diplomacy. {Her Sun Sign is Taurus, ruled by Venus]. She has been a stable factor in a volatile changing world, a bridging harmonising point, steadying the way as humanity heads into the new and dawning age. It is no accident that the British Commonwealth celebrated Elizabeth’s reign at the Venus Transit period.

Looking further

During the next 100 years, brilliant intellects will emerge and bring about further and vaster changes in communications, education, financial and business systems and social networking. New technology and science will revolutionise and transform the Earth and humanity.

Mercury trine Neptune 9th house

Uranus 10th house trine the Earth, square Pluto

Creator of Facebook Mark Zuckerberg could fit into this category when the international impact that his social network has had on the world is considered. His birth time is not known but he had Uranus in Sagittarius when he was born. Giving him a Gemini Ascendant (7.40am) would be complementary to his personality and achievements, and would link him closely to the 2012 Transit degree. Zuckerberg launched Facebook on February 4 2004. On that day his progressed Sun and Venus were conjunct in Gemini, approaching the Transit point degree.
How to use the Transit of Venus on a Personal Level

The Transits of Venus are over 100 years apart, indicating that the overall effect is intended to be generational. Each transit period coincides with a period of development we call an Age.

1. However, on the personal level, the mid-range degrees of the Gemini and Sagittarius Transits should be located and studied in the Natal Chart - the house positions and any aspects made to those points. The beautification of the mind and soul is tied in with this configuration, especially if any planets tie in with this point. The house in particular, is where one should strive to grow in knowledge and understanding about the affairs and the people associated with that life area.

2. Identify those periods when important transit and progressed planets make contact with the Gemini – Sagittarius points. These are significant times for creative unfoldment.

3. Progress the Natal Chart to June 6 2012 1.08am UT, and study the configurations for any growth opportunities.

4. Join in the growing celebration of the Festival of Humanity - which is also known by some as the Festival of Christ. It falls at the Gemini Full Moon each year. The day of the full moon is also called Great Invocation Day, because on that day, humanity is asked to make a combined appeal to the Great Ones/ God/ the Universal or One Life, to intercede in human affairs and so bring about the greater good. This appeal is made through prayer, meditation, ritual and invocation.

   The Festival of Humanity. It will be held at the time of the Full Moon of Gemini. This will be the festival of the spirit of humanity—aspiring to approach nearer to God.. dedicated to the expression of goodwill... a festival of deep invocation and appeal; it will express a basic aspiration towards fellowship and for human and spiritual unity.  

5. Join in the New World Religion that is associated with the Age of Aquarius.

   The coming in of the Aquarian Age.. the major effect of which will be to induce recognition of man’s essential unity, of the processes of sharing and of cooperation and of the emergence of that new world religion whose keynote will be universality and initiation.

Celebrate the living life of the Risen Christ spirit and of spiritual freedom and love, at the time of the Full Moons.

   The religion of the new age will.. be built around the periods of the Full Moon, wherein certain great Approaches will be made to the world of reality, also around two periods of massed Approaches to be made at the time of the major eclipse of the moon and of the sun during the year. The two major Full Moon Approaches will be those of the Wesak Full Moon and the Full Moon of June—one hitherto consecrated to the Buddha Who embodied the wisdom of God, and the other to the Bodhisattva (known to Christians as the Christ) Who embodied the love of God.
An Hypothesis: the Age of Aquarius starts in 2117

This force from the Pole Star, via Aquarius, is of special power at this time and the day of opportunity is therefore great. It is one of the agencies which make the coming of the Great Lord a possibility. TCF 1263

The onset of this age is keenly debated in the astrology community, and there are very good arguments for this date or that. My primary investigation centred on the following remark made by esotericist Michael Robbins in his talk “The Aquarian Christ” given in 2006, where he gave 2117 as the year.

As for the actual start of the Aquarian Age.. 2117 is the figure given quite definitely by the Tibetan in an unpublished letter to the psychologist Roberto Assagioli. 45

2117 is the year in which the next Transit of Venus happens, and the Transit is linked to the cycles of Uranus, ruler of Aquarius. This seems to be very coincidental. Could the fact that the Transit occurs in that year be part of the astronomical evidence that is needed? I believe so, and I have come up with the date of 17 February 2117 for the astronomical birth of the Age of Aquarius for the reasons I list.

1. Polaris is the Star of Direction and its location is given as 28 degrees Gemini. 46
2. The celestial north pole of Earth is aligned with Polaris.
3. Lining up the north and south poles of the chart, the nadir and midheaven axis, with 28 degrees Gemini - Polaris’ location, aligns the chart with Polaris.
4. In 2117 Uranus, ruler and representative of Aquarius, was in Gemini. Lining it up with the midheaven at 28 Gemini aligns it with Polaris.
5. We are told that the force of Polaris reaches our planet via Aquarius. The alignment in point 4 figuratively creates a channel from Polaris through Aquarius.
6. The Sabian symbol for the 29th degree of Gemini is “The first mockingbird of spring sings from the tree top.” Master astrologer Dane Rudhyar interprets this as “At the threshold of a new cycle of experience. Realization of new potentialities.” 47 This is appropriate for the birth of a new age.
7. The Sun - representing the Personality of Humanity, is in Aquarius. The Age of Aquarius is destined to bring the masses to the portals of the 1st initiation. The Sun trines Uranus which is connected with the Mysteries of Initiation. 48
8. Venus the soul is in Aquarius conjunct the Sun - man the personality. The era of intelligent brotherhood is inaugurated under Venus.
9. Virgo is on the ascendant. It is the sign that represents the birth of the Christ child. 49 This event is also called the 1st initiation, the goal for man in the Aquarian Age.
10. The Sabian symbol for the 29th degree of Virgo is “An archaic manuscript discloses to a scholar, the old mysteries; the “fecundative power of ancient wisdom.” 50 The Aquarian Age will see the restitution of this inner and spiritual guidance on a higher turn of the spiral. 51
11. The Mutable Cross of signs is on the chart angles. The Mutable Cross represents the masses and the Aquarian Age is all about the transformation of consciousness of the masses of humanity.

All the constellations on this Cross mark points of change or are the custodians of those energies which produce the needed periods of re-orientation, preparatory to fresh developments and new activities... The Mutable Cross brings about those conditions which will produce great periods of change in the life of the planet, of a kingdom in nature or of a human being. EA 349

Gemini is at the head of the Cross. An occult statement reads:

He heard the cry of the Mother (Virgo), of the Seeker (Sagittarius), and of the submerged Fish (Pisces). Then, lo, the Cross of change appeared, though Gemini remained the head. EA 349

12. A grand trine configuration is formed between three sacred planets (Uranus, Neptune, Venus) in Aquarius, Libra and Gemini. The aim of the Aquarian Age is to bring the human soul (Venus) into power. This task is primarily entrusted to the Lives who function through these three signs. Uranus and Venus rules these three signs on one level or another.

From the standpoint of our theme (the evolution of consciousness) it must never be forgotten that the aim is to bring the solar Angel (Venus), the Son of Mind into the seat of power. This task is pre-eminently entrusted to the three great Lives Who function through Gemini-Libra-Aquarius.  

13. Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are cosmically related to Sirius, to the Pleiades, and Great Bear. This latter trinity represents the three divine of Deity. You could interpret this as “a moment in time when God was able to walk the Earth amongst men.”

14. Gemini forms a point of entrance for cosmic energy from Sirius. This cosmic centre is related to the spiritual Hierarchy. In the Aquarian Age, the Christ will appear as the supreme Head of the Spiritual Hierarchy. It is he that represents the Water-Carrier who will meet the need of the thirsty nations of the world — thirsty for truth, for right human relations and for loving understanding. It is appropriate that Uranus in Gemini is the most exalted planet in the chart, representing the triumph of the Risen Christ of the Aquarian Age.

15. Finally, out of the imagery formed by the “easy” planet aspects in the chart, a Temple of the Mystery Schools appears. In the Aquarian Age, the candidate to the mysteries will enter the temple, take his place as a creative worker and thus aid in the magical work of the Lord of the Temple.

This concludes this study of the Transits of Venus that ended up being a corollary in a sense to the Age of Aquarius. We live in a wonderful period where the wisdom mysteries are being unveiled before our eyes. Very soon - around 2025, we are told that the World Teacher is due to make another appearance, to found the new religion and principles of the New Age. Most of us will live to see this. We are all very blessed.