

TRANSIT OF VENUS - DAWN OF THE AQUARIAN AGE v2

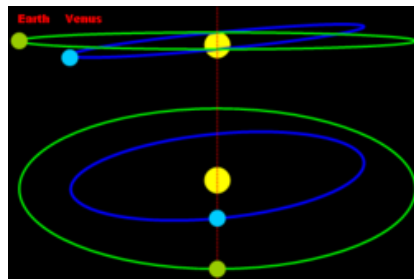
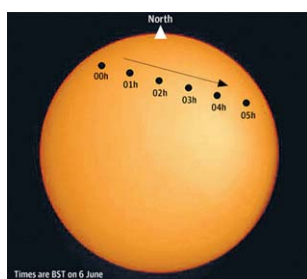
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PART 1 - INTRODUCTION

In 2004 and again in 2012, public attention was drawn to a celestial event called the Transit of Venus. Venus passed directly between the Sun and Earth, becoming visible against the solar orb. Sighting Venus was possible because there was a vertical and horizontal alignment of these three bodies.



Left, Venus moving across the Sun; centre, drawing of transit - Sun, Venus, Earth; right drawing Spirit-Soul-Body:

This event raised a question in the Esoteric Astrology fraternity - "what is its spiritual import?" This article is the author's response. The foundational concept upon which it is based is that the next Transit of Venus is in 2117 and also in that year, "the actual start of the Aquarian Age¹" is predicted. If the latter is correct, then surely in some way the two events are linked.

1. Man is on a Journey from Ignorance to Enlightenment

Humanity is on an evolutionary journey, in consciousness he is progressing from a state of spiritual ignorance to enlightenment. When consciousness is enlightened, there is an alignment between man's mind, his soul and his spiritual nature; so that his entire lower nature is flooded with Divine light, love and wisdom. This makes for a very advanced and spiritual human being. One can begin to see the parallel with the Transit of Venus event and the alignment of Sun-Venus-Earth, or Spirit-Soul-Body.

This evolutionary journey is being driven by spiritual forces and energies that can be identified through the Science of Astrology. There are twelve constellations/ astrological ages and each age is approximately 2150 years long. From age to age, humanity passes under the influence of each of the twelve constellations, which impresses its own particular qualities upon the human psyche, moving man en masse ever closer to enlightenment.

The Aquarian Age – the age the planet and humanity is currently moving towards, is popularly called the "Golden Age" and the "Age of Enlightenment". As humanity passes through the Aquarian influence, humanity - at all different levels of consciousness will be "fertilised" with Aquarian qualities. The concept of Aquarian Age is well known in the west today, and a reason for this is because of the impact of the hugely popular 60's hit song, "The Age of Aquarius". Here are the words:

When the moon is in the seventh house and Jupiter aligns with Mars
Peace will guide the planets and love will steer the stars.
This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius..
Harmony and understanding, sympathy and trust abounding
No more falsehoods or derisions, Golden living dreams of visions
Mystic crystal revelation, and the minds true liberation, Aquarius .. etc.

To the Aquarian Age qualities given in the song, we could add - humanitarian principles, reformation of society for the highest good, group consciousness and initiation (expansion of consciousness), universal brotherhood, world servers and service. These are the qualities that will emerge in human consciousness during the Aquarian Age. The Transits of Venus are preparing man's consciousness to enter the Age of Enlightenment.

2. Mythology and the Relationship between the Age of Aquarius and the Transit of Venus

The myth: Uranus was the 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 and beauty.

An interpretation: Castration of the genitals and foam (semen), represent the birth of the universe and the outflow of the spiritual Monadic Sparks (man's highest aspect) from God (Uranus), into the universe. From the union of spirit-matter and the processes of evolution, the soul or consciousness aspect (Venus), arises. Evolution of consciousness is a process, and in the early stages of development, mind is ignorant and deluded (the foam). Eventually however, consciousness emerges gloriously beautiful.

Venus emerging is symbolic of the 1st "Birth" initiation stage, when people turn to all things spiritual and good, and the inner beauty of the Christ-self emerges into expression. There is a parallel between the emerging of the Christ self, with Venus emerging from the ocean, and with Venus being seen to move across the Sun. After this stage, it is Uranus' task as ruler of the Aquarian Age, to ensure that humanity as a whole takes this birth.

In the Aquarian Age.. The Birth Initiation will condition human thinking and aspiration everywhere. ² Aquarius is the coming expression of the group consciousness which is the first and immediate revelation of the ever present Christ consciousness on a large scale in humanity. ³

Here is the relationship between the Transit of Venus and Age of Aquarius: the Venus Transit symbolises the process required to bring about the inner birth - alignment of spirit-soul-body; and in the interim period leading to the Age of Aquarius, is drawing individuals to follow her lead. Every cycle, sees more and more individuals reach this higher way. But then, having done her work as the forerunner of her Father, Uranus/ Aquarius takes over and draws humanity as a whole to this level. Venus symbolises the individual soul, Aquarius the Universal One Soul. As the morning star and in her transits across the Sun or emerging from the ocean, Venus is the promise of the Aquarian Age.

3. The Significance of Gemini and Sagittarius

It is no accident that the Transit of Venus falls alternately in Gemini then Sagittarius. Sagittarius, Gemini and its spiritual force represented by Venus (the esoteric ruler of Gemini⁴), are very important to the Human Kingdom; they were influential at the birth of the Human Kingdom⁵ and continue to shepherd mankind along the evolutionary path. Venus is the Solar Angel, man's mentor and guardian.

Sagittarius governs human evolution, as the Sun was in that sign when the *Hierarchy* ⁶ began its Approach in order to stimulate [human] life upon our planet. Sagittarius, however, governed the period of the subjective approach. The Sun was in *Leo* when physical plane individualisation took place as a result of the applied stimulation. The Sun was in **Gemini** when this Approach was consummated by the founding of the Hierarchy upon the Earth. ⁷

Another very important point is that the current Pole Star, Polaris, is in Gemini (28 degrees). The North Pole of Earth points to this star (hence it being called the Pole Star), and sages tell us this make Polaris important to humanity's spiritual development. It is called the Star of Direction, rules the Spiritual Centre on Earth - Shamballa, and its function is to direct man back towards his Source. Thus its work is similar to that of Sagittarius, the sign of direction.

Every time the Transit of Venus falls in Gemini, humanity receives an infusion of Gemini inclusiveness, love and wisdom; and the magnetic power of Polaris. Every time the transit falls in Sagittarius, humanity is asked to take a new direction, a higher road that will lead him eventually towards the 1st initiation - birth of the Christ spirit (love and wisdom) in the heart.

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... and leading [man] to the very gate of initiation.. ⁸

In summary, the interplay of force between Gemini and Sagittarius is driving the human race along the Path of Evolution towards the gates of initiation. "Initiation" is simply an expansion of consciousness, one major step closer to enlightenment. The number 243 of the greater cycle reduces to the number 9, which is the number of initiation⁹. There are several initiations on the path to enlightenment.

To the imaginative mind, the two longer cycles of Venus 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. Here is a drawing of the ajna centre, with the OM (sacred word) drawn over the central point.



PART 2: THE EFFECTS OF THE VENUS TRANSIT ON HISTORY

Scientists tell us that the Transits of Venus are among the rarest of predictable astronomical phenomena, predictable because of the regularity of the orbits of the Earth and Venus around the Sun.

When a transit of Venus occurs, a second one often follows eight years later. This is because... the time it takes Earth to orbit the Sun eight times, Venus completes almost exactly thirteen revolutions about the Sun. As a result, Venus and Earth line up in the same positions with respect to the Sun... Occasionally, one of the eight year "double-transits" may disappear... for several centuries because one of them is a near miss. For instance, note the "missing" transits of 1388, 1145, 0902, 0659, 0416, etc.¹⁰

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.¹¹

Chart 1			
243 year cycles	Venus Transit dates, start 0910	Yrs from the last transit	
Complete cycle 1	1032	122	243
	1040	8	
	1153	113	
Complete cycle 2	1275	122	243
	1283	8	
	1396	113	
Complete cycle 3	1518	122	243
	1526	8	
	1631	105	
	1639	8	
Complete cycle 4	1761	122	243
	1769	8	
	1874	105	
	1882	8	
Complete cycle 5	2004	122	243
	2012	8	
	2117	105	
	2125	8	

Chart 2		
Numerical key for each year		
		910 = 1
1032 = 6		1040 = 5
		1153 = 1
1275 = 6		1283 = 5
		1396 = 1
1518 = 6		1526 = 5
1631 = 2		1639 = 1
1761 = 6		1769 = 5
1874 = 2		1882 = 1
2004 = 6		2012 = 5
2117 = 2		2125 = 1

Chart 1, lists the years in which the transits occur¹². Chart 2 shows the numerical value for each transit year. It is fascinating to see that the value for the first transit of each pair, is either a 2 or 6; with 1 or 5 for the second.

- Ray numbers "2" and "6" flow through Pisces¹³, the sign-age that we are leaving. Negative traits of these two rays are: materialism, religious superstition, fanaticism, selfishness, jealousy and cruelty. Some positives we take forward are devotion to the highest, pure and inclusive idealism.
- The 5th Ray flows through Aquarius¹⁴, the sign-age we are entering. Number 5 is preeminently the number of mind and of concrete science, the discriminating ray, and these are qualities we are being asked to develop. We are required to reason our way to enlightenment. By using the enlightened mind to shed the Piscean negatives, we beautify and adorn consciousness. One of the names of the 5th Ray Lord is "The Rose of God".¹⁵
- The number "1" represents new beginnings and Uranus - ruler of Aquarius, grounds the 1st Ray. The years when this number is prominent should predicate major future changes, seeing Uranus initiate a new order of life and conditions

Consequently, the author hypothesises that the second transit is more relevant for the future cycle, and has set up the following charts on the date of the second transit, and for the time that the Sun and Venus are at the same degree (Greenwich, GMT). This latter point is important, because it indicates the exact alignment of Sun-Venus-Earth (esoterically, Spirit-Soul-Body). The Placidus House System is used.

This investigation begins at 0910 and ends at the year 2125. This covers five major transit cycles of 243 years each. Five cycles were chosen because firstly, 5 is Venus' number and the number of mind, which is being developed in this 5th Root Race period in man's evolution. Then secondly, these 5 cycles take us back to the Magna Carta and Renaissance period when the influence of Venus and Uranus is seen for the first time on a collective level.

Major Cycle 1: Dark-Age Venus Transit, 1153

The major evolutionary development in this cycle occurred when the Magna Carta (1215) was signed, laying the foundation upon which the following 14th century Renaissance was built. The Magna Carta became the basis for English citizen's rights, greatly reducing the power the King and allowed for the formation of a powerful parliament. King John I of England was forced to sign it by his powerful Barons.

(Note: in all following charts, the Sun-Venus transit conjunction will be referred to as the SV-Transit Point).

Inner Wheel
VenusTransit-1153
 Event Chart
 23 Nov 1153, Mon
 8:22 pm LMT +0:00
 greenwich, ENG
 51°N29' 000"W00'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node

Middle Wheel
Magna_Carta(SOLAR)
 Natal Chart
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 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node

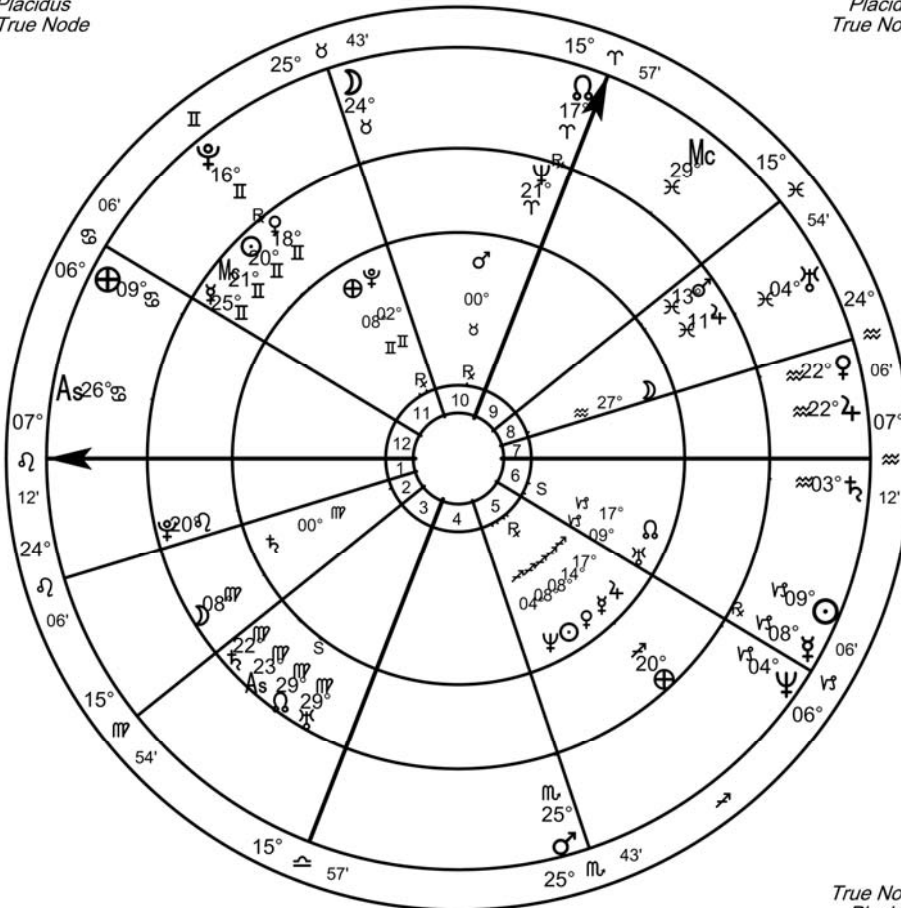


Chart: The 1153 Venus Transit is the inner chart, the Magna Carta Chart in the middle wheel, King John I in the outer wheel.

True Node
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 Tropical
 Geocentric
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 oxford, eng
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 24 Dec 1167, Sun
King_John_1
 Outer Wheel

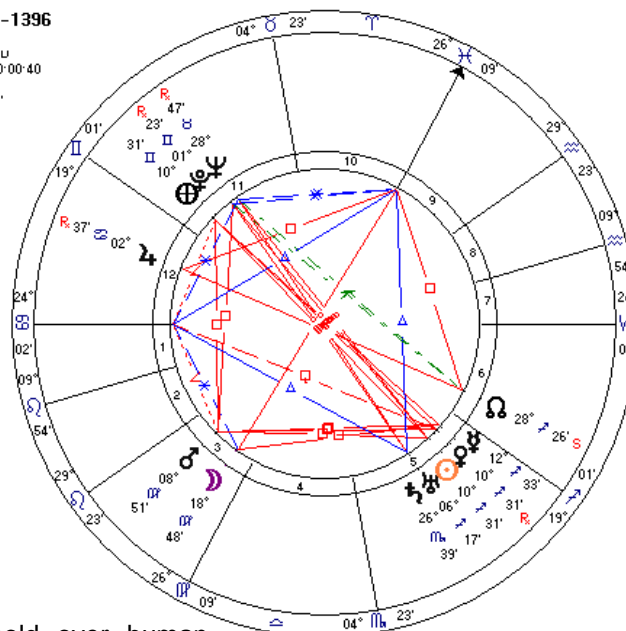
1. The Venus Transit occurs in Sagittarius - a new direction is coming.
2. Royalty and power are emphasised (*Leo - the royal sign is on the SV-Transit Chart Ascendant*).
3. Militant Mars in the 10th house of power and government represents the Barons who forced King John to sign the Magna Carta (*Mars square Ascendant; Sun conjunct Neptune, Opposite Pluto square Saturn*).
4. The 1215 event occurred when Pluto by solar arc, reached the SV-Transit Chart Ascendant, sounding the death knell to royal privilege.
5. The Magna Carta signing occurred with three planets in Gemini - opposite the SV-Transit Point, reinforcing the Gemini-Sagittarius polarity and its evolutionary effect. The Arrow of Death, Pluto, is rising in the 1st house - death to the old order and the birthing of the new. The signing of the Magna Carta was a tremendous step forward for fairness and justice, and upon it the modern legal system is founded. (*Libra is on the IC, containing the seed of the future legal system*).
6. King John was a practical and astute Capricorn Sun man. He knew what he had to do to survive. But the author suspects he was an agent to this event, and supported it - his Aquarius planets trine the Magna Carta's SV-Transit Point.

Major Cycle 2: 1396 (#1, Sagittarius), Birth of the Renaissance

The Renaissance was a cultural movement that profoundly affected European intellectual life... Beginning in Italy, and spreading to the rest of Europe by the 16th century, its influence was felt in literature, philosophy, art, music, politics, science, religion, and other aspects of intellectual inquiry. Renaissance scholars employed the humanist method in study, and searched for realism and human emotion in art. ¹⁶

- Under the numerical resonance of "1", and the directing power of Sagittarius, this transit gave birth to the "Renaissance".
- The SV-Transit Point is in Sagittarius, pointing the way forward until 1639, the period the Renaissance spanned.

**Venus Transit-1396
Event Chart**
23 Nov 1396, Thu
7:01 pm LMT +0:00:40
London, ENG
51°N30' 000°W10'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



Beautification of the mind is the goal (*Venus and Mercury*) and development of intellectual and scientific enquiry (*Venus, Mercury, Uranus*). Uranus was not discovered until later centuries, but still the seed of change was planted, waiting to be given birth through humanity.

The vital creative power contained at this birth, is emphasised as we note the focused energy of all these planets in the 5th house of creativity.

- The power of the Piscean Age and its hold over human consciousness - in this case, keeping man immersed in the ocean of religious superstition, persists. (*Pisces MC*). Those who hold power in the church, stand in stubborn opposition to all things new (*Neptune opposing Uranus*). The power of Mother Church as the Catholic Church is sometimes called, and its cruelty also persists (*Cancer Asc, Mars conjunct Moon*). However this is the tail end of the Spanish Inquisition (*Moon represents the past*). The new order (*Sagittarius planets*) have issued a challenge to those in temporal power (*Mercury square Moon, Uranus square militant Mars*).



- Humanity is emphasised (*Cancer Ascendant*). The masses are slaves and servants, used, abused and sacrificed by those who hold power. This must change. (*Moon in Virgo, 3H; square Pluto/ Sun*)

Individuals of the Renaissance

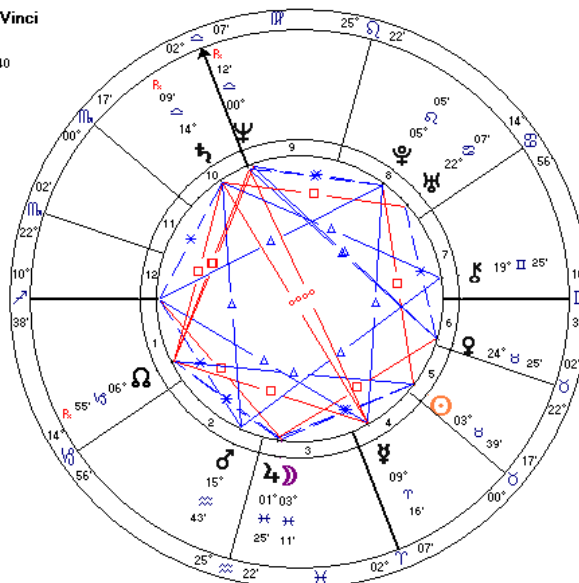
Sandro Botticelli (b. 1445), Nicolaus Copernicus (b. 1473), Desiderius Erasmus (b. 1466), Niccolo Machiavelli (b. 1469), Martin Luther (b. 1483), Leonardo da Vinci (b. 1452), Christopher Columbus (b. 1451).

a. *Botticelli*: he must have been divinely inspired when he painted the Birth of Venus, capturing the spiritual principle Venus symbolises - the flowering of the beauty of the human soul.

b. *Christopher Columbus*: in true explorative Sagittarian style, he set off in his little ship to find the "new world".

c. *Leonardo da Vinci*: he most epitomised the Renaissance period. His Sagittarius ascendant (soul purpose indicator) was conjunct the 1396 Sun-Venus point; his Uranus (fertilisation of spirit from God the Father) conjuncted the Ascendant. He was a primary distributor of the new knowledge that was seeking entry into the mind of man, a man of science, a Uranian "Awakener".

**Leonardo da Vinci
Natal Chart**
14 Apr 1452, Fri
10:00 pm -0:43:40
vinci, italy
43°N47' 010°E55'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



Major Cycle 3a: 1526 (#5, Gemini), the Scientific Revolution

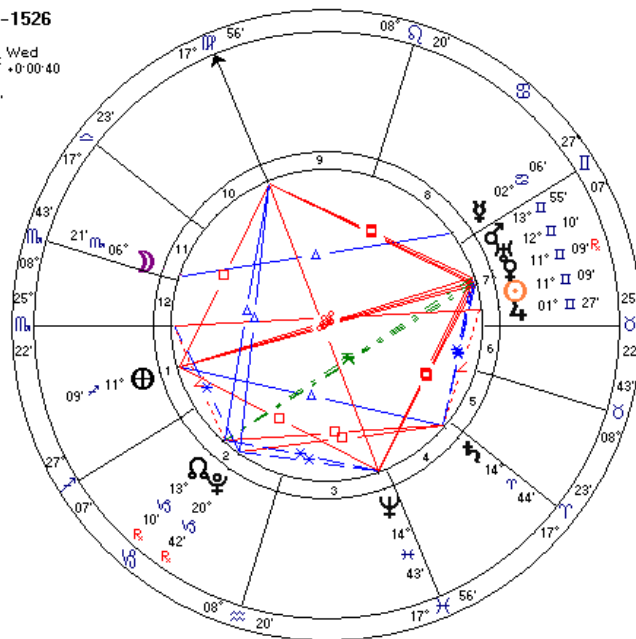
The scientific revolution was the emergence of modern science... when developments in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology (including human anatomy) and chemistry transformed views of society and nature. [It] began in Europe towards the end of the Renaissance era and continued through the late 18th century... The publication in 1543 of Nicolaus Copernicus' 'On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres' is often cited as marking the beginning of the scientific revolution.¹⁷

1. The Renaissance continued into the 16th Century, as the second Venus Transit in the third 243 year cycle began. Under the guiding numerical vibration of "5", the number of science and mind, the Scientific Revolution birthed (15th-16th centuries). Uranus representing science is again conjunct the Venus Transit point, seeding the consciousness of humanity with new thought and science.
2. Mechanical engineering, mining, navigation and the military arts were emphasised, and the fashioning of modern weapons began. (*Scorpio Ascendant ruled by mechanistic and militant Mars*)

Luckily, Mars (ruler of Scorpio) is in Gemini and involved in the transit planet lineup. Thus many conflicts would be settled by negotiation rather than war.

3. With the focus in Gemini, sign of communication, the importance of the spoken and written word came to the fore. The primary challenge to freedom of the human spirit and new thought is still the old Church (*Neptune in Pisces in the 3H of Knowledge, square the Gemini planets, especially Mars*). The battle between religious superstition and science was alight.

**Venus Transit-1526
Event Chart**
23 May 1526 OS, Wed
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London, ENG
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Tropical
Placidus
True Node



Individuals of the Age

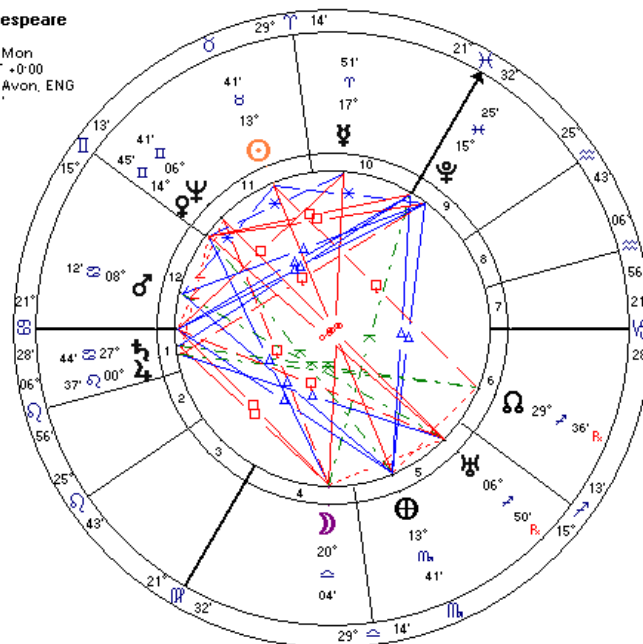
Queen Elizabeth I (b. 1533), Sir Francis Drake (b. 1540), Francis Bacon (b. 1561), William Shakespeare (b. 1564), Johannes Kepler (b.1571) - in 1629 he predicted the Transit of Venus. Galileo Galilei (b. 1564).

a. *Galileo Galilei*: he was a physicist, mathematician, astronomer and philosopher who played a major role in the scientific revolution. He has been called the "father of modern observational astronomy", the "father of modern physics", and "the Father of Modern Science". Galileo's championing of heliocentrism was investigated by the Roman Inquisition in 1615. He was tried, forced to recant and spent the rest of his life under house arrest. This is when he wrote one of his finest works, Two New Sciences.

b. Others that came forward to challenge the might of the Church and to initiate Protestantism were King Henry VIII of England, Martin Luther who posted his Ninety-five theses in 1517, and Queen Elizabeth I.

c. *Shakespeare*: he is the most famous "communicator" of this cycle and the greatest playwright in history. His plays were instilled with moral messages that were designed to help man think about higher issues and to reject harmful behaviour. (*Uranus 7 Sagittarius, conjuncted the Earth in the 1526 chart and triggered the SV-Transit Point*). Shakespeare helped to inspire and awaken man to his higher destiny.

**William Shakespeare
Natal Chart**
24 Apr 1564 OS, Mon
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Stratford-upon-Avon, ENG
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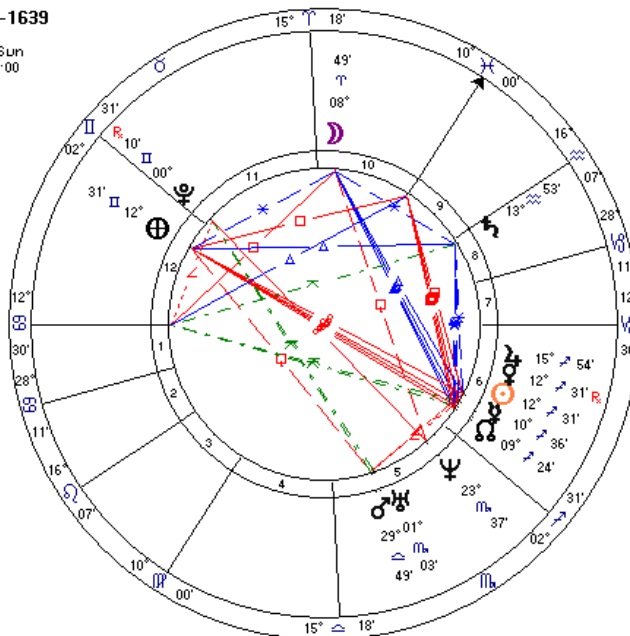


Major Cycle 3b. 1639 (#1), Birth of the Age of Enlightenment or Reason

The Age of Enlightenment or Age of Reason was a cultural movement of intellectuals beginning in late 17th- and 18th-century Europe... Its purpose was to reform society using reason, to challenge ideas grounded in tradition and faith, and to advance knowledge through the scientific method. It promoted scientific thought, skepticism, and intellectual interchange. The Enlightenment was a revolution in human thought.

1. This cycle began under Sagittarius and the guiding numerical vibration of "1", indicating another new birth, a new direction.
2. The masses were emphasised (*Cancer Ascendant, Moon 10H*) and a new beginning (*Moon in Aries*). The whole social structure of society was reborn under the management of enterprising leaders of industry and government (*Saturn in Aquarius 8H*).
3. Trade and industry grew rapidly and England became commercial. Science was used to mechanise industries, iron ore was mined and steel mills made an appearance. The seed for a future industrial revolution was sown (*Mars, ruler of Aries conjunct Uranus; Earth in commercial sign Gemini*). People began to move from the country to towns in their quest for work (*the SV-Transit Point falls in the 6th house of work*). This was an important part of the Spiritual Plan (*Moon trine SV-Transit Point*).
4. Radical change and revolution was afoot and nowhere moreso than in religion whose time of universal control was over. (*Pisces on MC squared by SV-Transit Planets; Neptune - the Church, in military Scorpio opposed by Pluto. Militant and 6th Ray Mars, 'hierarchical ruler'¹⁸, of Sagittarius {representing the might of the Piscean Churches - 6th ray institutions}, conjuncts Uranus and falls in the sign of reason - Libra*).
5. When the quote on the Age of Reason is studied, it is clear that Uranus is implicitly involved. It is the hierarchical or spiritual ruling planet of Aries, whose rays encompass humanity at this time. Very creative and intelligent minds challenged traditional doctrines (*Uranus exalted in Scorpio, 5H*). The dawning of the Age of Reason has been well seeded (*the SV-Transit Point, Jupiter-Venus-Mercury in Sagittarius*); but selfish profit and greed will also come to the fore (lower Jupiter).

**Venus Transit-1639
Event Chart**
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Placidus
True Node



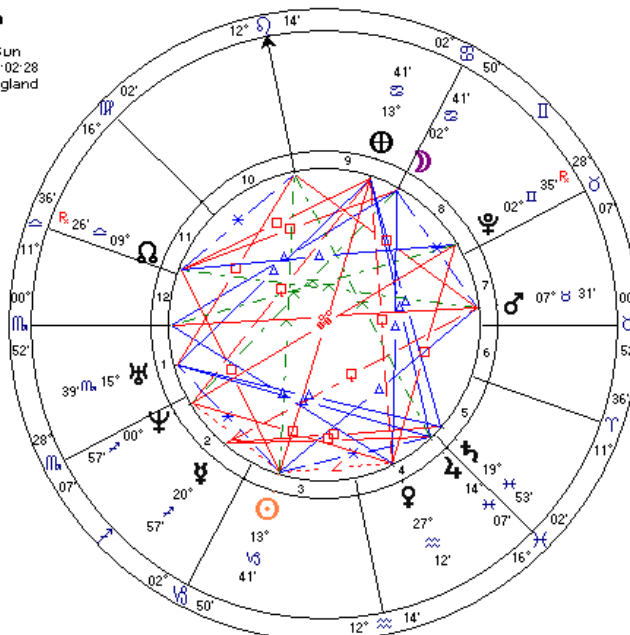
Individuals of the Age

Baruch Spinoza (b. 1632), John Locke (b. 1632), Isaac Newton (b. 1643), philosopher Voltaire (b. 1694).

a. *René Descartes* (b. 1596) French philosopher dubbed the *Father of Modern Philosophy*. He laid the foundation for 17th-century continental rationalism and is known for the philosophical statement "I think, therefore I am". Defying religious dogma, it supposes that man exists because he has a mind and thinks.

b. *Sir Isaac Newton*: an English physicist and mathematician who is widely recognised as one of the most influential scientists of all time and played a key role in the scientific revolution. His book "Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy", first published in 1687, laid the foundations for classical mechanics. Newton - working with his fellow scientists, gave expression to the goal of the transit (*Mercury conjunct the SV-Transit Point; Sun opposite the Ascendant*), awakening man from his slumber.

**Isaac Newton
Male Chart**
4 Jan 1643 NS, Sun
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Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node
Rating: B

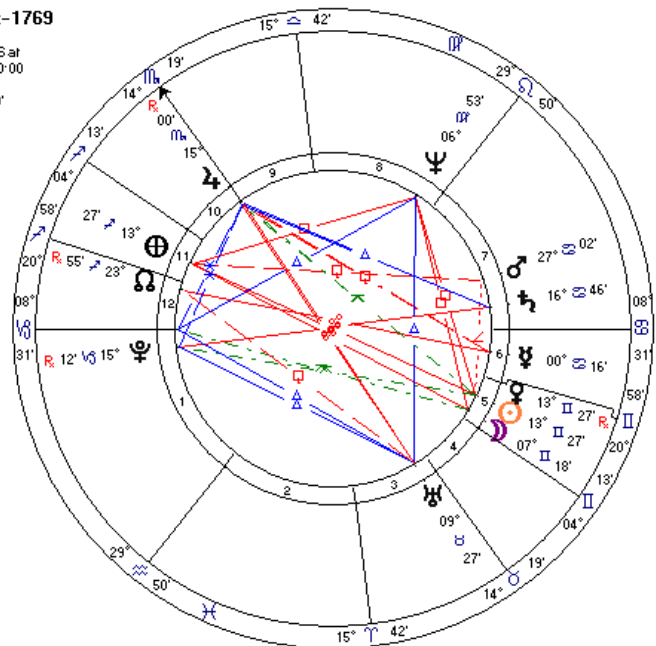


Major Cycle 4a. 1769 (#5, Gemini), Revolution - Industrial and Social, Birth of Capitalism

The Industrial Revolution was the transition to new manufacturing processes.. about 1760-1840. This transition included going from hand production methods to machines, new chemical manufacturing and iron production processes, improved efficiency of water power, the increasing use of steam power and the development of machine tools. It also included the change from wood and other bio-fuels to coal.¹⁹

1. Major economic and social changes are emphasised due to the rise of corporative power, banking and big business. Capitalism was born. (*Capricorn Ascendant, Pluto rising - trine Uranus in Taurus*).
2. The 18th century Industrial Revolution in Britain began. Spear-headed by James Watt, his steam engine (1765) revolutionised industry. Mechanised factories sprang up (*Saturn-Mars trine Jupiter in Scorpio 10H, Scorpio MC*). There was a major cultural shift as thousands migrated to employment in cities. (*Uranus conjunct IC - trine Pluto {opposing Saturn in Cancer} opposing MC*).

Venus Transit-1769
Event Chart
 3 Jun 1769 NS, Sat
 9:57 pm LMT +0:00
 Greenwich
 51°N 29° 00'00"W 00'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node



3. A second notable feature of this age was how the masses were brought together into close proximity and shared experience. Ideas about unfairness were shared and people became disaffected. This was the beginning of "people power" and led to the uprising of the masses against tyranny (*Pluto rising - trine Uranus, opposite Saturn, inconjunct the Sun*). Shortly after the Venus Transit the American War of Independence started (1775-1783) and so did the French Revolution (1787-99). 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.

Individuals of the Age

Jean-Jacques Rousseau (b. 1712), Napoleon Bonaparte (b. 1769), Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809), Karl Marx (b. 1818), Adam Smith (b. 1723). James Watt (b. 1736), Michael Faraday (b. 1791), Charles Darwin (b. 1809), Florence Nightingale (b. 1820).

a. *Adam Smith, the "father of Capitalism"*. His book *The Wealth of Nations* (1776) revolutionised the field of economics. Smith was the outstanding figure of the cycle in this regard. Capitalism was born - "the social system based on individual rights". This places it under the rulership of Uranus, which was discovered shortly after this Transit in 1781. The commercial philosophy that Smith presented made new ideas appealing to the business world, reshaping human consciousness and also physical plane life and living.

b. *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*: philosopher and writer, whose ideas influenced the French Revolution as well as the overall development of modern political, sociological, and educational thought. His ideas were very appealing to downtrodden man and they instigated a backlash against the governing upper class. 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. The ideals of the French Revolution "Liberty, Equality, and Brotherhood" are principles of the Aquarian Age.

c. *James Cook*. Cook went to Tahiti to observe the Transit of Venus, which led to one of the greatest breakthroughs in 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, when the Sun-Venus conjunction occurred in Gemini, but New Zealand is said to have a Gemini ruled soul.²⁰ In a sense, New Zealand is a Venus Transit nation and its people 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.²¹

Major Cycle 4b. 1882 (#1, Sagittarius), Birth of the Information Age

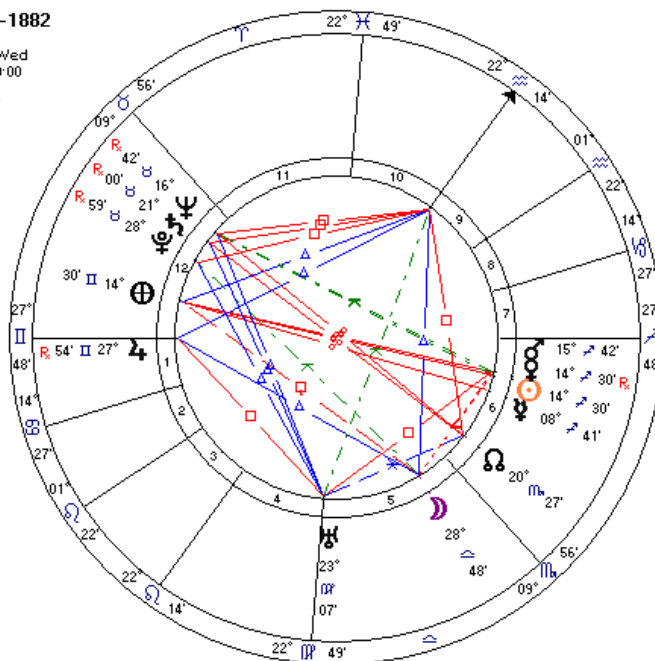
For the first time in the charts studied, Gemini-Sagittarius falls across the Ascendant-Descendant arms of the chart. Now the goals of these two signs can really begin to unfold. Communications and travel are emphasised. Industrialised nations circumnavigated the globe to fossick for raw materials and markets - European Imperialism expanded. Scientists working with information systems gave birth to the Information Age (Computer Age, Digital Age, New Media Age), the shift from traditional industry to an economy based on information computerization. This chart is significant for us today, because until 2004, it governed our destiny.

1. Perhaps the most important goal was educating the masses and bringing about a fairer and just society. The first stage in this process got underway (*Grand trine: Gemini Ascendant conjunct wise Jupiter, trine MC, trine Moon in Libra*). Education would enable the "Information Age" or "global brain" to emerge. Consequently, so did "Messengers", both high and low.

2. Education would lay the groundwork for humanity to lift itself, and move in a new and higher direction. The prime factor behind this shift was the bringing of the Eastern Wisdom Teachings, to the west. Most important was Helena Blavatsky and her book "The Secret Doctrine" (1888). The cycle following marked the birth of several esoteric and mystical organisations such as Christian Science and the Theosophical Society, which was founded by Blavatsky. Since then, Eastern and Western spiritual ideas have merged and contributed to the expansion of the collective human consciousness. Rivalling Blavatsky as a "messenger" was Adolf Hitler who brought a dark message and did what he could to direct humanity back into old evil ways and practices.

3. Aquarius is on the midheaven, the sign-post pointing to the new age.

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Event Chart**
6 Dec 1882 NS, Wed
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51°N29' 000"W00'
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True Node



Individuals of the Age

19C: Queen Victoria (b. 1819), Helena Blavatsky (b. 1831), Thomas Edison (b. 1847), Emily Pankhurst (b. 1858), Franklin Roosevelt (b. 1882), Adolf Hitler (b. 1889), Mohandas Gandhi (b. 1869), (Winston Churchill (b. 1874), Albert Einstein (b. 1879). 20C: Nelson Mandela (b. 1918), Queen Elizabeth II (b. 1926), Mikhail Gorbachev (b. 1931), Oprah Winfrey (b. 1954), Bill Gates (b. 1955), Tim Berners-Lee (b. 1955),

a. *Queen Victoria*. The British Kingdom was a most successful Imperialist nation and this occurred under the guidance of Queen Victoria. Victoria's reign promoted the fertilisation and expansion of British ideas, law, customs and culture as the Empire expanded. This was in line with the higher goal of the Aquarian Age. She was a Gemini-Sagittarius person and very much an agent to give expression to the power of the transit (*Gemini Sun, Moon, Ascendant; Uranus-Neptune in Sagittarius*).

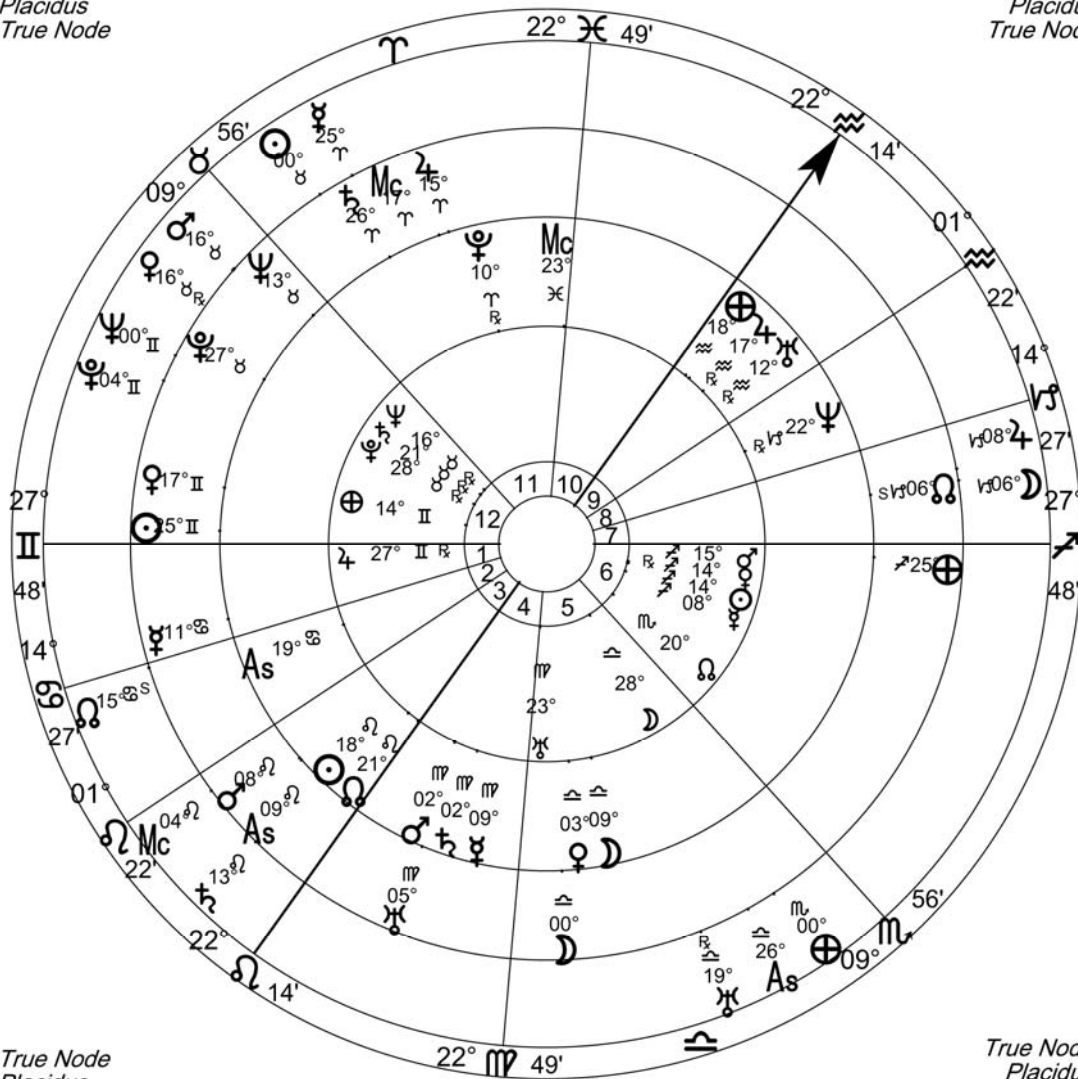
b. *Thomas Edison*. A most notable advancement was the "lighting" of the world, which was triggered by the Edison's light bulb. He epitomised the higher goal of the age. Edison was the modern day Helios, the God who brought light to Earth. Christ said "I am the light of the world". In this regards, mystically we could say that Edison was an agent of Christ, of God. He helped to light the world. (*His Aquarius Sun-Mercury-Neptune conjuncted the SV-Transit Chart midheaven; and his 15 degrees Sagittarius ascendant conjuncted the SV-Transit Point*).

c. Messengers: (1) *Helena Blavatsky*: (*Aquarius Jupiter-Uranus conjunction, conjunct SV-Transit Chart MC in 9H of higher learning; sextile SV-Transit planets*). (2) *Alice Bailey for Master Djwhal Khul*: (*her Sun-Venus conjuncted the SV-Transit Chart Ascendant, reinforcing the power of the Grand Trine*). (3) *Adolf Hitler*: he sought to force his ideas onto humanity with military might and through mass death. He opened an ancient doorway to past racial evil. (*Mars, 16 Taurus, conjuncts the Taurus planets in the Transit Chart 12th House, which represents the ancient past*).

Pluto was discovered on 18 February 1930. A consequence was the most destructive wars known to man (World Wars 1 and 2) that spanned this discovery period. The masses (Pluto) were devastated and displaced (*Pluto inconjunct Moon*) but the wholesale movement and re-integration of myriad races and people would bring about a more balanced humanity.

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Alice Bailey
 Middle Outer Wheel

d. *Nelson Mandela*: fought the evil of Apartheid and won. His revolutionary work freed his people from evil control, revolutionising social and political structures in South Africa. (*Mandela's Sagittarius Ascendant conjuncts the SV-Transit Point degree, Jupiter-Venus conjunction straddles the Ascendant; his Uranus at 26 Aquarius conjuncts the MC*).

e. *Queen Elizabeth II*: she was crowned under a blaze of celestial light when her coronation was held on 2 June 1953. (*The Sun was in Gemini, opposite the SV-Transit Point degree, reinforcing the Gemini-Sagittarius evolutionary emphasis*). Head of the Commonwealth and of hundreds of organisations that work for social welfare and justice, she has carried out her duties in a Venusian manner, with dignity and diplomacy. QE has been a stable factor in a volatile changing world, a bridging and harmonising point, steadying the way as humanity heads into the new and dawning age.

f. *Tim Berners-Lee*, the British computer scientist, best known as the inventor of the World Wide Web which he "gave" to the world. (*His Gemini Sun-Mercury conjuncted the SV-Transit Chart Ascendant, activating the Grand Trine; and his Neptune conjuncted the SV-Transit Moon*).

Major Cycle 5a. 2012 (#5, Gemini) Birth of the Christ Spirit, Initiation

The four previous 243 year cycles were preludes to the new millennium. For the first time in human history, from this 5th transit cycle onwards, the number "2" is foundational in the numbering of the years. Previous to this, number 1 was primary - it was all about the personal self. But now it is about inclusiveness and brotherhood. 2 is an integrative number and is related to the 11th sign Aquarius (1+1=2).

1. The 2102 transit chart heralds brand new beginnings and the awakening of man to higher truths and realities. The Aquarian Age is dawning (*Aries Ascendant, Uranus rising - the spiritual or hierarchical ruler of Aries*).

But first, man must overcome the hold that greed and materialism has upon him, traits that still dominate the world (*Moon in Capricorn, 10th house*). These have to be eliminated (*Pluto - Lord of Death conjunct Moon. These two planets are both indicators of the masses*).

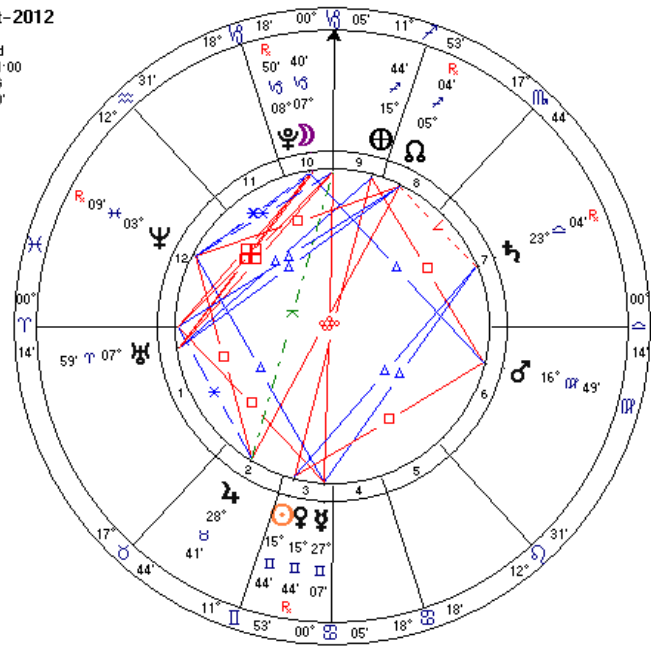
2. Uranus rising indicates new initiatives awaiting introduction, the new systems of rule and supply that are required, if man is to achieve spiritual freedom. This will not be easy. Wars (spiritual, mental and perhaps even physical) will be fought as the soul of man struggles to free itself from the ties that bind. (*Uranus square Pluto; Mars in materialistic Virgo square the SV-Transit Point*).

3. Powerful corporations/ plutocrats/ governments, which bind the soul of man in materialism, must be challenged by New Age revolutionaries and their power bases destroyed (*Uranus square Pluto-Moon 10H*). This will occur by using technology to expose corruption to the world (*Uranus square Pluto-Moon, trine Uranus. "Whistleblowers" such as Edward Snowden and Julian Assange's Wikileaks, are examples*).

4. This 5th cycle is designed to bring humanity to the portal of initiation, inaugurating a new cycle of right-relations (*Capricorn - sign of initiation, on the midheaven; ruler Saturn in Libra, trine SV-Transit Point*).

5. A new spiritual Messenger will come. (*Mercury - messenger, soul ruler of Aries and of the chart, is in Gemini 3rd House*). In 2025, Master Djwhal Khul said that Christ would "return". Some interpret this as being a shift in human consciousness rather than a physical manifestation. The World Teacher of the Piscean Age will return as the new Aquarian Age Teacher. (*In 2025, transit Neptune - Christ, moves from Pisces into Aries, and conjuncts the transit chart Ascendant. The hierarchical ruler of Aries is Uranus, ruler of the Aquarian Age. Simultaneously, transit Uranus - heralding the new, conjuncts natal Jupiter, the Prophet; and trines Earth {the world} in the 9th house of higher learning. Transit Jupiter moves over the SV-Transit Point*).

**Venus Transit-2012
Event Chart**
6 Jun 2012, Wed
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Primary events between 2004 and 2012

The mortgage crisis hit, shaking up the banking industry and world economies. This area needs reforming if fairness and justice is to be established on earth.

Two Negroes gained two of the highest and most powerful political positions in the world, in the most powerful nation. Barack Obama on November 4 2008 was elected President of the USA, and Condoleeza Rice became Secretary of State. Given the extra-ordinary level of racial intolerance in that nation, this was truly a magnificent omen for the unfolding of right human relations in the coming cycle.

In 2012, the British Commonwealth celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's "diamond jubilee" life of service; a celebration of goodness, dignity and decency.

"Whistleblowers" are appearing, notably Julian Assange's Wikileaks and Edward Snowden's revelation of the extent of spying in American agencies. As much as the old-guard may try to muzzle such people, the power of evolution is on their side and what we see now is just the beginning.

Major Cycle 5b. 2117

An Hypothesis: the Age of Aquarius starts in 2117

The next two Venus Transits occur in 2117 and 2125, which brings us to the matter of the start date for the Aquarian Age. When did/ does the Aquarian Age actually start? This is keenly debated and the Master Djwhal Khul is quoted as saying it actually starts in the year 2117.²²

2117 is the year in which the next Transit of Venus happens, and the author believes that these two events are linked. This paper is based on this notion. Charts for different periods during the year were examined. However, the author decided to work with the 2117 Transit Chart - specifically, 11 December 2117 at 3.04AM GMT; to see what it foretold.

1. The North Pole of the planet currently points to Polaris, whose force reaches man via Aquarius. The North Pole point in the chart is at the bottom (IC or *Imum Coeli*, and it is in Aquarius.

In traditional astrology the IC represents one's "roots", the seed upon which the chart - one's life, is founded. In this case, perhaps this seed contains all the gains of the last 2000 odd years. The second transit chart in 2025 has Aquarius on the MC. Perhaps that eight year gap-period is crucial for the birth of the new age.

The IC forms a Kite configuration with the MC, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter. The Kite is a beneficial collection of energies that leads to great achievement, if consequent tension, challenges and conflict are overcome.

2. Libra is on the Ascendant (the Ascendant relates moreso to future development).

Libra governs the period when man reverses his ordinary direction in life, takes the 1st "Birth" initiation, and steps onto the spiritual path. Because the SV-Transit Chart is representative of humanity, the chart indicates the masses taking that step. This is a primary goal of the Age of Aquarius.

But on its own, Libra strives to bring balance in relationships, right human values and justice. So we can expect new laws that will redress many of the injustices both in economics and in human relationships.

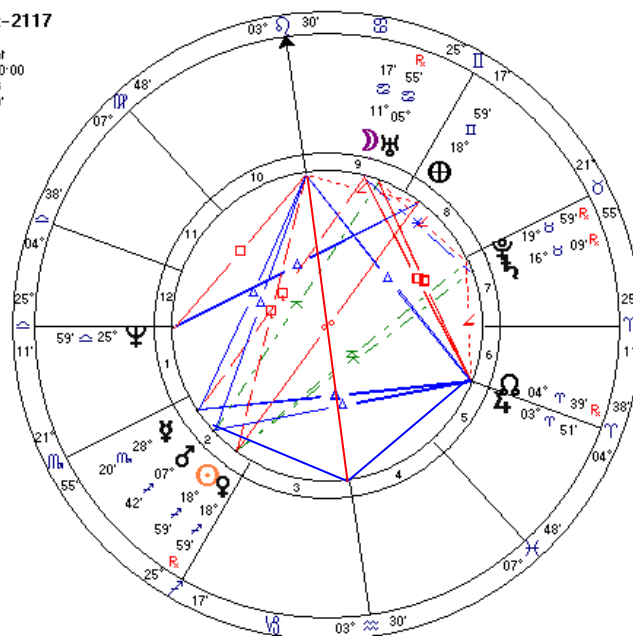
3. Three signs represent the evolution of consciousness from ignorance to enlightenment - Cancer, Leo and Aquarius. These three signs are all represented powerfully in this chart. Leo-Aquarius on the MC-IC axis, and Moon and Uranus the most exalted planets are in Cancer. Additionally, Neptune, the esoteric ruler of Cancer, is on the Ascendant.

<u>Cancer</u>	<u>Leo</u>	<u>Aquarius</u>
Mass awareness	Individual awareness	Group awareness
Instinctual consciousness	Intelligent consciousness	Intuitive consciousness ²³

4. The Moon relates to "the past", so from 2012 to 2117 efforts will be made to educate the masses - particularly children in third world countries. New technologies will revolutionise education and simultaneously, esoteric concepts and courses will permeate higher education. (*The Moon is in Cancer in the 9th house of higher learning/ foreign countries; conjunct Uranus trine Jupiter 5H. Jupiter rules the 3rd house of formal education*). Improving education will help humanity make the transition from Cancer to Leo in consciousness, from ignorance (Cancer) to intelligence (Leo).
5. Another important goal is the mass destruction of greed and materialism - especially in government and other areas that rule and control, and the establishing in man of right-values to live by. It will take more than this cycle to achieve this, but a good start can be made. (*The SV-Transit Point is in the 2nd house of money and values; inconjunct Saturn conjunct Pluto, in Taurus a sign of materialism*).
6. Neptune - the Christ is on the soul-purpose point and since each age comes with its own world teacher, this fits. In the Aquarian Age, the resident Christ is called the Aquarian Christ. (Libra is linked to Aquarius via Uranus, which rules Libra on the esoteric level).

In the Aquarian Age, the Risen Christ is Himself the Water-Carrier... He will appear as the supreme Head of the Spiritual Hierarchy, meeting the need of the thirsty nations of the world — thirsty for truth, for right human relations and for loving understanding.²⁴

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Event Chart**
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Major Cycle 5b. 2125

The 2125 SV-Transit Chart holds much promise.

1. The SV-Transit point falls across the Ascendant-Descendant arm, activating humanity's soul purpose, which is to progress spiritually.
2. Gemini is on the Ascendant, and with planets in Gemini, Aquarius, Sagittarius and Leo, forms a Mystic Square. Positive changes made in the coming 100 year period will lay a solid foundation upon which the Aquarius Age principles and goals will arise.

i. The Earth in Gemini symbolises that the ultimate goal for man is to develop an inclusive consciousness.

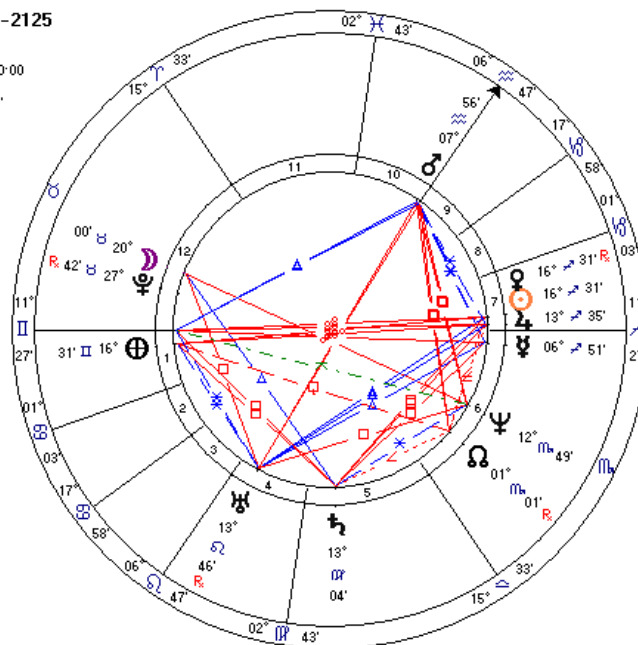
ii. Consequently, a great battle will be fought by those who are Aquarian in consciousness (*Mars-Uranus in Aquarius-Leo*), against the ideas and control of those who are still Piscean (*square Neptune*) and who would keep humanity bound in materialism, delusion and slavery. It will be a fight to the death to free human consciousness. (*Moon in Taurus 12H, conjunct the Arrow of Death – Pluto; opposite Neptune in Scorpio; square Uranus in Leo*).

iii. A new prophet will emerge with a new message (*Jupiter trine Uranus, conjunct Venus and Mercury, opposite the Ascendant*), directing man to follow a new and higher path. (*SV-Point and planets in Sagittarius*).

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. Finally, here is a quote on the Aquarian Age.

The coming in of the Aquarian Age, Christ foresaw and reduced to pictorial form for us, thus preserving for us—down the centuries—a prophetic episode, the interpretation of which is possible of demonstration only in our time and age. Astronomically, we are not yet functioning fully within the influence of Aquarius; we are only just emerging from the Piscean influence, and the full impact of the energies which Aquarius will set loose has not yet been felt. Nevertheless, each year carries us closer to the centre of power, 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. If the word "initiation" signifies the processes of "entering into," then it is indeed true today that humanity is undergoing a true initiation as it enters into the new age of Aquarius; it will then be subjected to those energies and forces which will break down the barriers of separation, and which will blend and fuse the consciousness of all men into that unity which is distinctive of the Christ consciousness.²⁵

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¹ 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. http://www.sevenray.net/sri_journal_v2n4_a1.html

² Destiny of the Nations, Alice Bailey, p149

³ Externalisation of the Hierarchy, Alice Bailey, p155

⁴ Esoteric Astrology, Alice Bailey, p129

⁵ Esoteric Astrology, Alice Bailey, p355

⁶ "The Hierarchy": those advanced spiritual Beings and Angels who guide the spiritual destiny of the human race.

⁷ Esoteric Astrology, Alice Bailey, p64

⁸ Esoteric Astrology, Alice Bailey, p356

⁹ Esoteric Psychology I, Alice Bailey, p347.

¹⁰ <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/transit/catalog/VenusCatalog.html>

¹¹ Ibid

¹² NASA Catalogue of Transits of Venus; <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/transit/catalog/VenusCatalog.html>

¹³ Esoteric Astrology, Alice Bailey, p423

¹⁴ Ibid

¹⁵ Esoteric Psychology II, Alice Bailey, p77

¹⁶ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renaissance>

¹⁷ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_revolution

¹⁸ Esoteric Astrology uses three levels of planet rulers for each sign. This is because the three levels of human consciousness is studied - one planet ruler for each level. Here is a sign-planet rulership chart.

Signs & Rulers: personality - soul - spiritual			
SIGNS	Exoteric - Personality Level Rulers	Esoteric - Soul (group conscious) Rulers	Hierarchy (Universal consciousness) Rulers
Aries	Mars	Mercury	Uranus
Taurus	Venus	Vulcan	Vulcan
Gemini	Mercury	Venus	Earth
Cancer	Moon	Neptune	Neptune
Leo	Sun	Sun v Neptune	Sun v Uranus
Virgo	Mercury	Moon v Vulcan	Jupiter
Libra	Venus	Uranus	Saturn
Scorpio	Mars - Pluto	Mars	Mercury
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Earth	Mars
Capricorn	Saturn	Saturn	Venus
Aquarius	Uranus	Jupiter	Moon v Uranus
Pisces	Jupiter - Nep	Pluto	Pluto

v = veiling

¹⁹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Industrial_Revolution

²⁰ Destiny of the Nations, Alice Bailey, p68

²¹ Letters on Occult Meditation, Alice Bailey, p308

²² http://www.sevenray.net/sri_journal_v2n4_a1.html

²³ Esoteric Astrology, Alice Bailey, p61

²⁴ Destiny of the Nations, Alice Bailey, p150

²⁵ Reappearance of the Christ, Alice Bailey, p448