

The Hermetic Observatory

I Am the Light
of the World



I Am the Way
the Truth and the Life

One of the "seeds" to be nurtured by the New Group of World Servers during this transition period is the Science and Art of Right [Observation](#). In the Alice A. Bailey's books this seed group is named the **Group of Trained Observers** and its mission is stated thus: "Later, when the new civilization is nearing appearance, these groups will have in them two key persons or points of energy through which the **forces of HERMES** and the **will of the CHRIST** will be focused, and through which They will be enabled to work. When this takes place the task of dissipating world glamour will be much more rapid than it is today. In the meantime groups of disciples can 'NURTURE and CONCEAL,' thus protecting from trouble the germ or seed of the new Aquarian culture and civilization along this particular line of FREEDOM."

The Externalisation of the Hierarchy, p.39

<http://aleph.ngsm.org/THOTh/>

The Venus Synodic Cycle



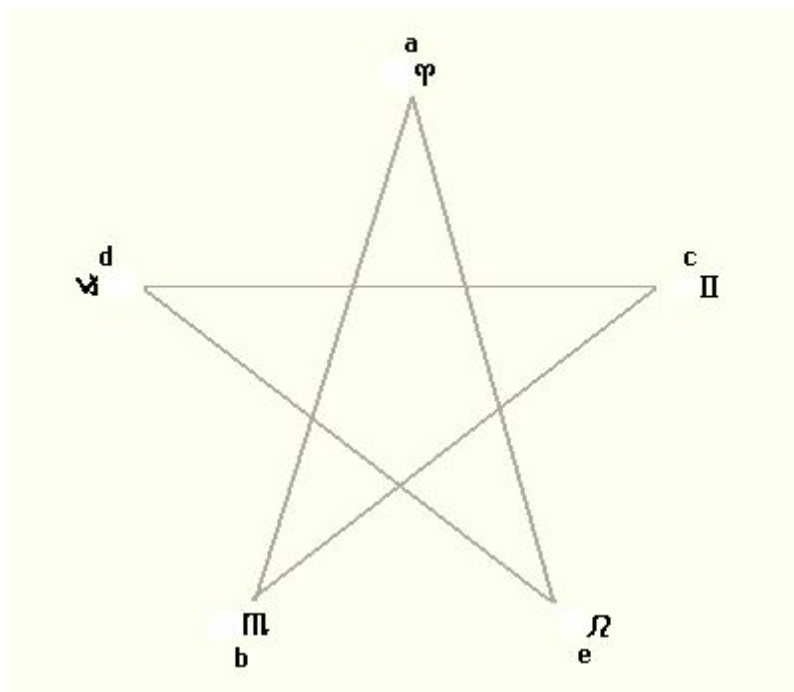
1. The Seed Group of Trained Observers is ruled by Mercury (esoterically) and Venus (exoterically).
2. Mercury (Hermes/Thoth) has a direct bearing on the task of dispelling illusion (Technique of the Presence, Agni Yoga).
3. Venus, with its Luciferic and Hesperian phases, has a direct bearing on the task of dissipating glamour (Technique of the Light, Raja Yoga).

4. The synodic cycle of five alignments between the geocentric positions of Venus and Earth takes about eight years, configuring a Sacred Pentagram in the Zodiac. Because each synodic series actually occurs every 7.997 years, the entire synodic pentagonal series continually drifts westward (precess) around the ecliptic in approximately 2° increments.

**Recent 8-year Pentagonal Configurations
of the Synodic Cycles of Venus**

- 1993-2001
- 2001-2009
- 2009-2017
- 2017-2025
- 2025-2033

5. The precession of the Venus synodic cycle is now occurring within the tropical sign of Aries. It began on April 20, 1929 (29Ar48) and will end on March 20, 2033 (0Ar22). For this cycle, the signs of the tropical zodiac corresponding to the five “New Moon” phases of the Sacred Pentagram are Aries, Scorpio, Gemini, Capricorn and Leo.



Sacred Pentagram

(Inferior “New Moon Phase” Conjunctions: a through e)

Note: The *superior* (“Full Moon phase”) conjunction following the 5th point (e) returns to the same sign of the 3rd point (c), as occurred on June 6, 2016.

6. The launching of the (University of the Seven Rays) Dissipation of Glamour (D.O.G.) service activity during the June 4, 2016 New Moon period (14Ge53) was aligned with the Venus “Full Moon” phase (16Ge36) of the synodic cycle corresponding to the fifth point (Leo) of the 2009-2017 Sacred Pentagram.

7. The next synodic cycle will begin on March 25, 2017 (4Ar57), ending on March 23, 2025, quite close to the Spring Equinox of the Hierarchical Conclave year of 2025. The New Moon in Aries of 2017 will occur on March 27.

Therefore, the March 25, 2017 Earth-Venus synod is a very significant time for the work of the (Sirian) D.O.G. service activity. Furthermore, the transits of Mercury “over-lightening” the Venus synodic cycle should be considered to deepen our understanding of the cycles of opportunity before us.

For instance, the “exact” (within an orb of 1 degree) *triple conjunction* of the geocentric positions of the Sun, Mercury and Venus is a rare event, occurring only seven times (1948, 1969, 1985, 1988, 1989, 2011 and 2027) during the 1929-2033 synodic precession of Venus in Aries. The seventh and final exact triple conjunction within the current Venus synodic precession cycle in Aries will occur on August 11, 2027 (Mercury in 18Le22 ± 07’), having previously conjuncted on August 16, 2011 (Mercury in 23Le50 ± 04’) within the current 2009-2017 Sacred Pentagram.

The 1929-2033 synodic precession of Venus in Aries has framed a sequence of world events that range from the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations of the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 and the Treaty of Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 1968, to the Earth Summit of 1992 (Agenda 21, Rio de Janeiro), the ‘**Maastricht**’ **Treaty on European Union in 1993** and the UN Millennium Development Goals of the Year 2000, just after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

1948: A Woman (Venus) for Right Human Relations (Mercury)



Eleanor Roosevelt. United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

The significance of these planetary alignments should be borne in mind as we plan the service activities of the seed Group of Trained Observers.

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Appendix

4 20 1929 Inferior (Heliocentric) Conj. 9:28 GMT ... 29Ar48

08 15 2015 Venus New Moon Phase 19:22 GMT ... 22Le39

06 06 2016 Venus Full Moon Phase 21:51 GMT ... 16Ge36

(Heliocentric *opposition* of Venus-Earth)

03 25 2017 Venus New Moon Phase 10:17 GMT ... 04Ar57

3 20 2033 Inferior Conj. 16:05 GMT ... 0Ar22

<http://alabe.com/VeCycle-1.pdf>

Recent 8-year Pentagonal Configurations of the Synodic Cycles of Venus Precessing in the Tropical Sign of Aries

1993-2001

2001-2009

2009-2017

2017-2025

2025-2033

When Mercury is at Inferior Conjunction, orbiting between the Earth and the Sun, and when Venus is at Superior Conjunction, passing on the other side of the Sun from Earth's viewpoint, they appear to do the same thing from our biased (geocentric) standpoint. However, they are in fact doing very different things. Venus is really in opposition to the Sun, from an heliocentric (sun-centered) viewpoint, while Mercury is in fact in 'regular' conjunction to the Sun (on the same point of the Ecliptic from Earth). During those particular phases of their orbits Venus and Mercury remain invisible, 'combust' in the Sun's glow (combustion being the term used by traditional western astrologers to define a planet close enough to the Sun to be absorbed in its light).

<https://livingmoonastrology.com/2011/09/04/mercury-and-venus-in-conjunction-to-the-sun-spot-the-difference/>

A Venus cycle begins at the inferior [heliocentric] conjunction, when Venus is exactly between the Sun and the Earth. At the superior conjunction, which is equivalent to the [heliocentric] opposition aspect, Venus is on the far side of the Sun, with the Sun standing exactly between the Earth and Venus.

The **inferior conjunction**, equivalent to the **New Moon phase** of the lunation cycle, occurs when Venus is in **the middle of its retrograde cycle** and **moving quite slowly** across the zodiac. It is then nearest to the Earth and, from our point of view, dark. **Rising before the Sun, Venus appears in the pre-dawn sky about a week after the inferior conjunction**, when the Sun and Venus are about ten degrees apart. As a herald of the new day, **Venus is called Phosphorus and Lucifer, the latter name meaning "light bearer."**

http://www.khaldea.com/planets/venus_type.shtml

Both "**Lucifer**" and "Lucis" come from the same word root, lucis being the Latin generative case meaning of light. ... Theosophy [is] a spiritual tradition which views Lucifer as one of the solar Angels, those advanced Beings Who Theosophy says descended (thus "the fall") from **Venus** to our planet eons ago to bring the principle of mind to what was then animal-man. In the theosophical perspective, the descent of these **solar Angels** was not a fall into sin or disgrace but rather an act of great sacrifice, as is suggested in the name "Lucifer" which means **light-bearer**.

https://www.lucistrust.org/arcane_school/talks_and_articles/the_esoteric_meaning_lucifer

The name "**Lucifer**" comes from the Latin words, **Lux or Lucis (light)** and **ferre (to bring)**; thus Lucifer literally means "light-bearer". It is linked with the planet Venus in **Revelations XXII: 16 when Christ says "I am the bright morning star", which is Venus**, heralding the coming into full light of the Sun—the Son, the Christ. Interestingly the role of "light-bearer" is linked with **Mercury, or Hermes**—the divine messenger for the Gods in Greek and Roman mythology. **In Christianity Mercury's function is served by St. Michael, "the Angel Guardian" of Christ**, according to St. Thomas. The esoteric interrelationship of this Angel Guardian and Christ is further illumined in the statement by the Tibetan teacher with whom Alice Bailey collaborated to write a series of books on the Ageless Wisdom, that "Mercury and the Sun are one".

For **Mercury** is the "Messenger of the Gods" and the fourth ray is the fluid principle which links the Plan and Purpose of divinity, known on the level of buddhi or intuition, which is ruled by Mercury, with the mind or manas, ruled by **Venus** and the fifth ray. "Venus was the custodian of what we call the principle of Mind and brought it as a pure gift to embryonic humanity", we are told in *The Rays and the Initiations*.

https://www.lucistrust.org/arcane_school/talks_and_articles/descent_and_sacrifice

AAB-DK Quotes

R&I: Sanat Kumara is not on the Sirian line but—to speak in symbols, not too deeply veiled—**Lucifer, Son of the Morning**, is closely related, and hence the large number of human beings who will become disciples in the Sirian Lodge. This [416] is the true "Blue Lodge," and to become a candidate in that Lodge, the initiate of the third degree has to become a lowly aspirant, with all the true and full initiations awaiting him "within the sunshine of the major Sun."

DN 23: Humanity.....Active Intelligence.....Planetary throat centre.
The city, standing foursquare.... Self-Consciousness.

Creativity.

Ruler:- **Lucifer**.

Son of the Morning.

The Prodigal Son.

EP-I: In every grouping,—whether in heaven or on earth—there is always evidenced a tendency by some units in the group to revolt, to rebel and to show some form of initiative different to that of the other units in the same grouping. **When our solar universe came into being, we are told in the allegorical language of the ancient scriptures, there "was war in Heaven"; "the sun and his seven brothers" did not function with true unanimity; hence (and herein lies a hint) our Earth is not one of the seven sacred planets.** There is, as we know, the ancient legend of the lost Pleiade, and there are many such stories. Again, in the council chamber of the Most High, there has not always been peace and understanding, but at times, war and disruption; this is made abundantly clear by several of the stories in the Old Testament. **Symbolically [395] speaking, some of the sons of God fell from their high estate, led, at one time, by "Lucifer, Son of the Morning".** This "fall of the angels" was a tremendous event in the history of our planet, but was nevertheless only a passing and interesting phenomenon in the history of the solar system, and a trifling incident in the affairs of the seven constellations, of which our solar system is but one. Pause and consider this statement for a moment, and so readjust your sense of values.

ROC 104: At some also unknown date **Hermes** came and, so the records say, was the first to proclaim Himself as "the Light of the World."

EOH 39: The keynote of this effort to eliminate world glamour was sounded by Christ when He said (following the example of **Hermes**, Who initiated the process of enlightenment for our race, the Aryan), "I am the Light of the World."

EOH 610: Shamballa, the Spiritual Hierarchy, and Humanity (the Father's House, the Kingdom of God, and the world of men) are all striving in one vast movement for an intensification of the Light of the World. This Light will irradiate in a fashion unknown before, not only the Father's House, which is the source of all our planetary light, but also the

spiritual centre from which have come all Those Teachers and World Saviours Who have stood before men and said, as did **Hermes**, the Buddha and the Christ: "I am the Light of the World." This light will now flood the world of men, bringing illumination to men's minds and light into the dark places of human living.

R&I 758: The Great Invocation relates the will of the Father (or of Shamballa), the love of the Hierarchy, and the service of Humanity into one great Triangle of [758] Energies; this triangle will have two major results: the "sealing of the door where evil dwells," and the working out through the Power of God, let loose on earth through the Invocation, of the Plan of Love and Light.

This is no idle dream. From the angle of the human consciousness, the vehicle of Light is, first of all, the great educational systems of the world, with their capacity for improvement and for the extension of science along the lines of the betterment of mankind, and not for its destruction as is so oft the case today; to this must be coupled the steady changing or conversion of scientific attainment, by the enlightenment which wisdom brings; this has in the past safeguarded human aspiration and human progress into light. In the light which enlightenment brings we shall eventually see Light, and the day will come when thousands of the sons of men and countless groups will be able to say **with Hermes and with Christ: "I am (or we are) the light of the world."**

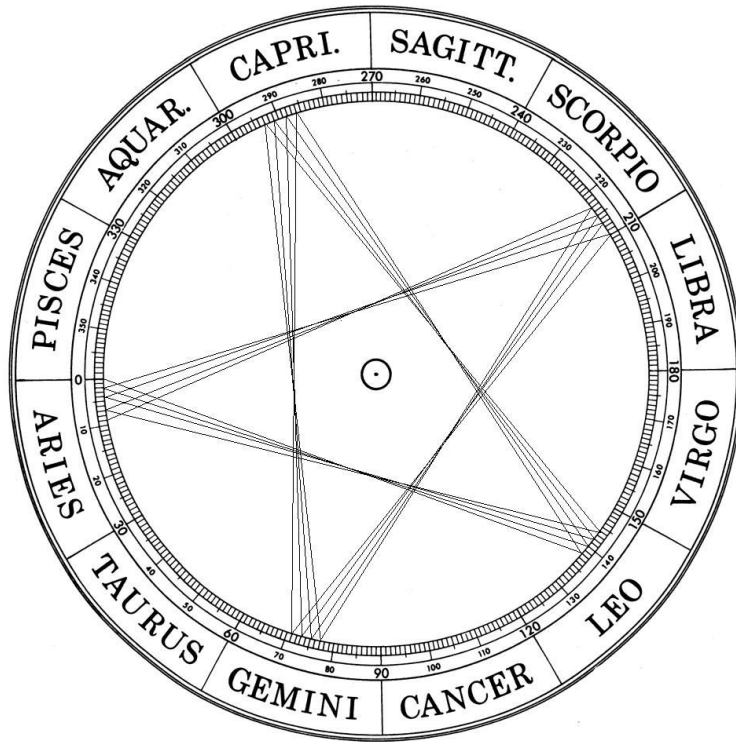
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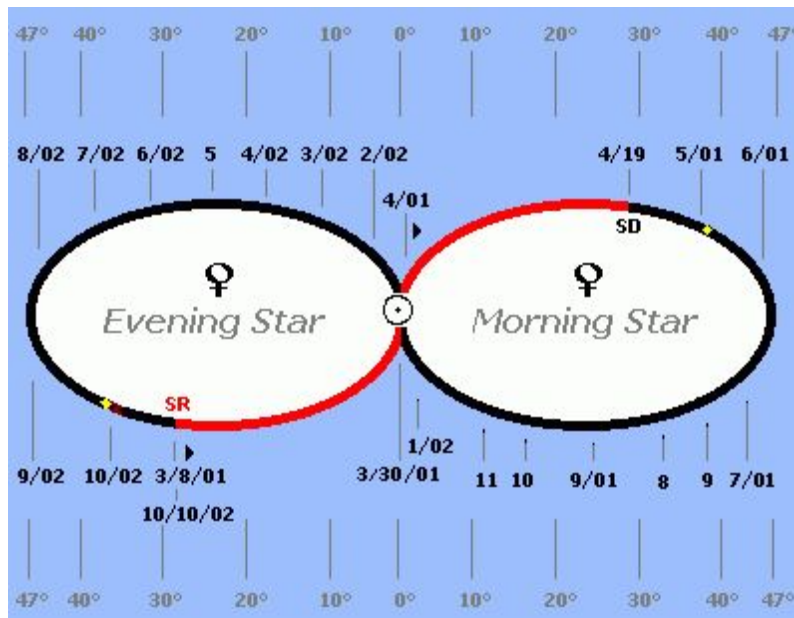
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Venus Retrograde (Inferior or “New Moon”) Conjunctions
2001 to 2033



<http://sevensuns.org/AWE/2009-thevenusdiary.html>

The Lemniscate Cycle of Venus



http://www.khaldea.com/planets/venus_type.shtml