Earlier this month I published an article for The Mountain Astrologer which outlined the conjunction of Venus with the Sun on June 5.

Below is a skyshot of the lunar eclipse of December 2011. The Transit of Venus is happening in the same place - within one of the oldest constellations known to humans: Taurus the Bull. Here is a great video and also an article by my dear colleague Adam Gainsburg illustrating this process.

Clearly human in proportions, evidence of human recognition of the constellation Orion the great hunter in the sky dates back long before the origins of so-called "civilization." A European researcher has interpreted carvings in a 32,500-year-old ivory tablet as a pattern of the same stars that we see in the sky today in the constellation Orion.
Evidence for astronomical knowledge of the constellation Taurus can be seen in the ancient caves of Lascaux, France. The #18 Lascaux auroch with the two associated sets of dots represents the constellation Taurus. This idea was firmly set out by the American astronomer Frank Edge in his 35-page booklet "Aurochs in the Sky" (1995) and later article "Taurus in Lascaux" (1997) from studies in this area in 1991. Frank Edge holds that at least one of the Great Bull images (#18) in the "Hall of Bulls" in the Lascaux cave can be identified as celestial by the simple comparison of the associated dot markings with two particular star groupings as they were viewed on the horizon circa 15,000 B.C. Specifically that a group of 6 dots painted above the shoulder of auroch #18 represents the Pleiades open star cluster, and that another group of V-shaped dots painted on the auroch's face represents the Hyades open star cluster. (notice the similarities to the modern star map on the first page)

The domestication of cattle did not occur until the Neolithic era, several thousands of years after the painting in Lascaux were made, so the Lascaux painting were definitely made by hunters. This caused them to be dismissed as merely attempts at "sympathetic magic" with the object of the hunt. However closer inspection leads some scholars to see the Lascaux paintings as an early proto-Zodiac.
It is important to remember that for the painters at Lascaux, hunting was an up close and personal, bloody affair. Later, after cattle were domesticated, humans began to lose touch with the primal bloody ritual of the hunt. In an attempt to re-connect with this primal life-affirming energy, religions sprang up where the blood of a transformed saviour was seen to wash away sins and granting eternal life. The first of these was Mithraism, with its Tauroctony, or ritual slaying of a bull. Some see Mithraism evolving into Christianity, where the blood of the Lamb, or Christ, replaces the blood of the Bull.

In any event, we can see that the constellation activated by this Transit of Venus are awakening some of the most primal images in our psyches. It would be good to re-frame the energy of blood sacrifice into some other form of give-away ceremony, perhaps similar to the potlatch of the native american tradition. The idea is not to simply exchange gifts, but to sacrifice something important to ourselves for ego purification and in order to allow room for personal growth in the future. It is in this same spirit that I offer the Goddess Astrology Podcast for Free. It is my offering to the collective as an attempt to honor the Sacred Feminine for granting me the Dream/Vision whereby I became an astrologer.
The Transit of Venus—which happens at her GEOcentric South node and HELIOfcentric North Node in Gemini establishes a new “seed moment” where the foundation or wellspring of Venusian energies for the next 19 months is established (and indeed for the World a foundation for the next 105 years till the next Transit of Venus)

This suggests that on a material, physical or personality level (Geocentric) we have to first “breathe out” release or let something go (South Node) and then on a spiritual level (Heliocentric) we have to awaken to “breathe in” and allow something new into our lives.
If we look at this process in terms of Systems Theory, we can perhaps make a little more sense of the chaos. As living organisms people are open systems: they cannot survive without continuously exchanging matter and energy with their environment. This interaction has two components: input, that which enters the system from the outside, and output, that which leaves the system for the environment. The output of a system is in general a direct or indirect result from the input. What comes out, needs to have found a way in first. However, the output is in general quite different from the input: the system (person) is not just a passive tube, but an active processor. For example, the food, drink and oxygen we take in, leave our body as urine, excrements and carbon dioxide. The transformation of input into output by the system is usually called throughput.

Wherever Venus' Nodes are in your chart are areas of life that are going to undergo some change, or at least have your attention more than usual for the next 19 months or so.

Since it is the sign where Helio N Node of Venus occurs now, the house Gemini falls will be an area where some new spiritual awareness of a heart centered way of being is trying to enter your life. This is the input into the system. The input of an eclipse is basically just added psychic energy which stirs the pot and makes any energetic blockages in the organism more apparent.

The throughput is our own personal responsibility to maintain awareness of these blockages as they come up, and to begin the internal processing work required to remove these. If our throughput processing is even minimally successful, the output will be an ability to let go of blockages and live with greater ease within the areas of life denoted by Venus' South Node in Sagittarius, and thus a more healthy and enhanced expression of both houses on the Gemini-Sagittarius axis.

Besides the horoscopes, here's an excellent article on the basic themes of the Gemini-Sagittarius axis.
**Soul Sign Horoscopes:**

As the Sybils of Gemini/Sagittarius, the Transit of Venus speaks through a particular pair of Oracles -to particular areas of your life. Consider the guidance below for your Sun Sign, your Ascendant Sign and/or your Moon Sign. Opposing houses are closely related, so it is helpful to consider the pair of houses as a unit through which input is being transformed to output.

**Gemini: 1st House—>7th House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to Self/Other.

- The 1st house is your Persona; it is who we are as social individuals. Venus' North Node in the 1st house denote a period of personal development and growth in terms of the social masks you wear.
- The 7th house is how we relate to other individuals. When you change, this also changes how you relate to others and vice versa. Venus' helio South Node in the 7th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of how you project your Shadow onto other people.

**Taurus: 2nd House—>8th House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to resources.

- The 2nd house is our personal resources; our possessions, our skills, our talents, and our possessions. Venus' helio North Node in the 2nd house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of what your personal resources are and how you utilize them.
- The 8th house is the house of other people's resources, so both joint finances and intimacy. Venus' helio South Node in the 8th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your responsibilities to others: both physical and emotional. It could also be an indication of a time to explore what truly belongs to all of us, the collective unconscious, via occult activities.

**Aries: 3rd House—>9th House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to communications

- The 3rd house is our local community, our communication and our personal spiritual practices. Venus' helio North Node in the 3rd house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of how you communicate with others, get around your local environment and engage in personal ritual.
- The 9th house is foreign countries, ideas and philosophies, and religion. Venus' helio South Node in the 9th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your World-View and how it conditions your experiences.

**Pisces: 4th House—>10th House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to balancing your private life with your public life.

- The 4th house is your home, family and ancestral heritage. Venus' helio North Node in the 4th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your roots and the foundations of your life.
- The 10th house is your career and public reputation. Venus' helio South Node in the 10th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of the demands of your career or public life and building a solid reputation.
**Aquarius: 5th House—>11th House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to individual expression and group participation.

- The 5th house is your creative expression, recreation, children, and love affairs. Venus' helio N Node in the 5th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of the creative urge, and romantic partners.
- The 11th house is the house of friendships; this is the house of group participation and shared creativity. Venus' helio S Node in the 11th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your peers and social networks.

**Capricorn: 6th House—>12th House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to routine, both physical and spiritual.

- **Input:** The 6th house is all of the things we do on a daily basis, our daily routines, including our jobs. Venus' helio North Node in the 6th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your routines, skill sets, and your body's physical needs to avoid illness.
- **Output:** The 12th house is our personal unconscious. Venus' helio South Node in the 12th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of needing to spend time alone, exploring your personal unconscious via meditation, journaling, breathwork, shamanic journeying or other spiritual exercise.

**Sagittarius: 7th House → 1st House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to Self/Other.

- **Input:** The 7th house is how we relate to other individuals. When you change, this also changes how you relate to others and vice versa. Venus' helio North Node in the 7th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of others and how you meet your Shadow via other people.
- **Output:** The 1st house is your Persona; it is who we are as social individuals. Venus' helio S Node in the 1st house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in personal development in terms of the social masks you wear.

**Scorpio: 8th House → 2nd House.**
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to resources.

- **Input:** The 8th house is the house of other people's resources, so both joint finances and intimacy. Venus' helio North Node in the 8th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your responsibilities to others: both physical and emotional. It could also be an indication of a time to explore what truly belongs to all of us, the collective unconscious, via occult activities.
- **Output:** The 2nd house is our personal resources; our possessions, our skills, our talents, and our possessions. Venus' helio South Node in the 2nd house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of what your personal resources are and how you utilize them.
Libra: 9th House → 3rd House.
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to communications

- **Input:** The 9th house is foreign countries, ideas and philosophies, and religion. Venus' helio North Node in the 9th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your World-View and how it conditions your experiences.
- **Output:** The 3rd house is our local community, our communication and our personal spiritual practices. Venus' helio South Node in the 3rd house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of how you communicate with others, get around your local environment and engage in personal ritual.

Virgo: 10th House → 4th House.
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to balancing your private life with your public life.

- **Input:** The 10th house is your career and public reputation. Venus' helio North Node in the 10th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of the demands of your career or public life and building a solid reputation.
- **Output:** The 4th house is your home, family and ancestral heritage. Venus' helio South Node in the 4th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your roots and the foundations of your life.

Leo: 11th House → 5th House.
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to individual expression and group participation.

- **Input:** The 11th house is the house of friendships; this is the house of group participation and shared creativity. Venus' helio North Node in the 11th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your peers and social networks.
- **Output:** The 5th house is your creative expression, recreation, children, and love affairs. Venus' helio South node in the 5th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of the creative urge, and romantic partners.

Cancer: 12th House → 6th House.
The throughput process for the next 19 months will be in your relationship to routine, both physical and spiritual.

- **Input:** The 12th house is our personal unconscious. Venus' helio North node in the 12th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of need to spend time alone, exploring your personal unconscious via meditation, journaling, breathwork, shamanic journeying or other spiritual exercise.
- **Output:** The 6th house is all of the things we do on a daily basis, our daily routines, including our jobs. Venus' helio South node in the 6th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your routines, skill sets, and your body's physical needs to avoid illness.