



Venus Star Rising

A New Cosmology for the 21st Century

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Arielle Guttman's book is nothing short of fascinating! When one begins to contemplate how much of life, or one's experience, is reflected through the Venus Star Point there is an immediate pull to dig in and read on.

Part I of this book focuses on aspects of astronomy, geometry, mythology, and astrology in relationship to Venus, emphasizing lesser-known mysteries about the planet. *Part II* reveals the potential significance the Venus Star Points (VSPs) suggest as one reflects on their life experience.

The first section provides a foundation from which to consider one's own Venus Star Point. I suggest you resist the temptation to read about your own star point before finishing the background. Trust me, your full experience of the book will be all the richer for it. Personally, the material seemed to tap into my experiences and knowledge of specific people, life events, and global history, which quickly created a sense of relevance for the Venus Star Point (VSP). There is much to contemplate.

Part II is dedicated to identifying and understanding one's own Venus Star Point. This is a quick and straightforward process that begins with locating a date of birth (or event) in the Table provided. No birth time or location is necessary, making this a widely accessible technique. From there, the bulk of the section is 'cookbook-like' in that it provides basic detail to consider for each of the twelve (12) zodiacal Venus Star Points. In all cases, both the personal and historical realms are considered. Interestingly, within this section, Guttman illustrates the flow of energy from one zodiacal Venus Star Point era to another. This provides a level of cohesion and, though it does create minor repetition, the movement of energy seems almost obvious. The information is clear and not overly technical, so that even a 'non-Astrologer' might gain value from the book.

Part III explores the Venus Star Point pattern and links between people, mainly with respect to committed relationships. Additionally, there are interesting points to consider in terms of family connections. In working with this detail, I found some astonishing links that support and expand upon past analysis gained using other techniques.

Arielle Guttman has produced as complete a volume as one could ask for on such a specialized topic. It is clear, well organized, and easy to follow. I enjoyed exploring this material in detail while applying the concept of the VSP to personal connections and other real-life examples. Taking the time to understand this unique approach has prompted me to add it to my tool kit. Overall, Guttman's research makes a wonderful contribution to the astrological community, and the book is well worth diving into. [JL]

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