THE NEW MOON IN TAURUS Ursula Stockder

On May 11th, 2021 we will have the new Moon in Taurus, the most feminine sign of all, since it is not only the place where the Moon is exalted, but also the sign Venus/Aphrodite rules, the planet of love and creativity.

Venus/Aphrodite is said to be a goddess of the Middle East, Syria or Phenicia and is therefore related to the Sumerian goddess Ishtar, the Babylon Inanna or Phoenician Astarte and for the Mesoamericans with Quetzalcoatl and Kukulkan for the Maya. All gods of love and war, since Aphrodite represents all what is erotic, a mixture of eroticism, passion, violence and love that is also given in war.

In Roman Greek mythology there are two versions of the birth of Aphrodite; that is why she is known as "the goddess born of the waves" or "born of the semen of God".

Once she left the sea, Aphrodite was taken by the Zephyr winds, first to Kythera and then to Cyprus, where the Hours dressed her and guided her to the dwelling of the Immortals.

We have:

Aphrodite Pandemus (Taurus) - daughter of Dione and Zeus who by her etymological roots Pan and Demus means "the one who belongs to everyone", that of the people, the one who brings us *together*, *the* one we all love, and the one who has the power to unite us through "Love" and for all the worldly and carnal things.

Aphrodite Urania" (Heavenly of Libra), since she comes from the castration of Uranus, daughter of heaven. who presides over the highest form of love – the highest love and love for the most elevated: "the heavenly" She is the one who puts order in Cosmos.



Sacred and Profane Love, Titian, 1515, Borhguese Gallery

Aphrodite resorts to cosmesis (all the ornaments she uses to fix herself and whose name comes from order – cosmos) are her weapons for the war of love. Among these weapons stand out – the creams, "the ointment that grants immortal beauty". It is said that her name comes from "aphros" which is foam, hence to date champagne, bathtubs with foam, take us back to loving celebrations.

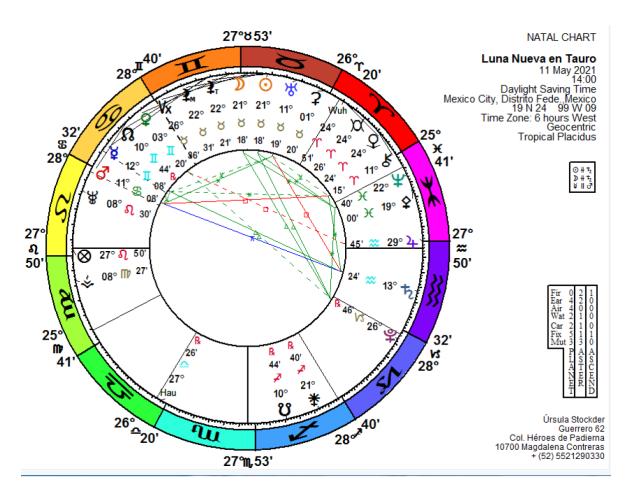
To speak of Aphrodite is to speak of the body, love to the body, of the sacrality of the body. It's honoring the body, not denigrating it and seeing it as what it is, a mystery. Aphrodite's bathroom has three parts that are often repeated: the bathroom as such, the oil, creams and the clean and charming clothes.

In Cyprus there are the Spas of Aphrodite and in Paphos there is a cave where according to the legend and tradition of the country the goddess took her baths because it was fresh water and pure outpouring from the heart of the mountain. This water is attributed miraculous effects, according to which he/she who gets wet with it will gain eternal youth.

The mirror, symbol of Venus has a relationship with the Ankh Cross of the Egyptians which is the symbol of life. The cross or crux ansta represents the masculine in union with the feminine, the truth - the fertile union of the union of man and woman, this is the gift of this deity – Emblem of Life. Venus discovers herself through the mirror, symbol of the woman and the feminine.



Love seeks to conquer **each other's** desire. She wants to be desired and for this she fixes herself just as the combatant prepares to go to war, she prepares for the conquest of love.



This new moon forms a trine with Pluto in Capricorn ruler of its opposite sign Scorpion and planet responsible for deep transformation.

Neptune in Pisces forming a sextile to this New Moon and Pluto is an amazing month to connect with spirituality and transformation.

Venus in the sign of Gemini in conjunction with Mercury, planet of communication, asks us to consider our words and think before speaking.

Mars in Cancer in sextile to Uranus in Taurus, forming a quincunx and a square to Saturn. This combination gives us the necessary tension to generate change and transform both familiar and creative stagnant patterns.

During this New Moon in Taurus, ask yourself ¿what is your spiritual, creative or labor conquest?

ARIES: The time has come to show a little patience, be a little more tolerant with yourself and others, enjoy, give yourself time to contact all the sensory pleasures that life offers you.

TAURO: This is the month to connect with your creativity, love of nature, your body and beauty.

GÉMINIS: Write, sing, be creative with words.

CANCER: Generate the necessary changes in your family environment, set limits and let creativity and harmony return to your home.

LEO: It is time to generate harmony, to seek new ways to express and transmit creativity despite the limitations imposed by Saturn, the planet of karma and discipline.

VIRGO: It's time to make public everything you've worked for. Receive the benefits of the earth and do not lose the balance between the material and the spiritual.

LIBRA: During this New Moon there is the tension between the heavenly love of Venus Urania and the love of the senses of the Venus Pandemus. It is time to call dear Eros, the cupid of love that manages to generate a balance between these two forces.

SCORPIO: Taurus and Scorpio represent the axis of values and is the opportunity to create agreements, deepen and merge into each other through honesty, creativity and passion.

SAGITTARIUS: The time has come to question your beliefs and redefine your sense of life. Be realistic with your future dreams, ideals and your profession of faith.

CAPRICORN: In recent years Capricorns have been one of the signs that have had to delve into the way they think and feel. Take advantage of this New Moon to define and adopt new life postures.

AQUARIUS: It's time to make decisions, structure a realistic work plan, let go of what no longer works, and prioritize your goals and structure them according to a long-term vision.

PISCIS: For this sign this New Moon in Taurus gives you a need to land your spiritual yearnings in the material world.