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**♍** Happy Birthday **Virgo the Virgin!** to all of those born between August 23 - September 23! Key Phrase for Virgo is "I ANALYZE"

The sign of Virgo rules how we process and analyze and digest information (the intestines), mental faculties, and the 6<sup>th</sup> house of the natural zodiac. The 6<sup>th</sup> house is the house of our day-to-day work, being of service to others, small pets, people who work for us as well as our health. Virgo's can be rather discriminating, perfectionist and critical (on the negative side), will easily adhere to routine tasks at hand and are known for their ability to analyze and categorize. This mutable (changeable) earth (grounded) sign is one of the most sensual signs of the zodiac and is rather fond of all that implies. If you want to get the job done on time and right the first time around, hire a Virgo. Virgo's love to help out and being of service to another is their greatest joy. Virgo's greatest desire is to serve and be of service to others.

Virgo's polar opposite (6th house - work, aunts and uncles, people who work for you and small pets) is the mutable, water sign Pisces (12<sup>th</sup> house- hospitals, institutions, unconscious, dream life, charities and compassionate service). The integration of work, service, being practical and detail oriented versus swimming in illusive fantasies, music, the unconscious, dreams are some areas of life for Virgo, also contingent upon other areas of the birth chart. When under stress each sign will operate through the most negative characteristics of their polar opposite....the sign 180 degrees opposite itself. In this case, when under stress, Virgo can become wishy-washy, self sacrificing, indecisive, hypercritical

of self and others and very impractical and disorganized ...just like watery Pisces, ruled by dreamy Neptune. Pisceans often seem selfless and without boundaries to protect them from others who often will take advantage of the self-effacing Virgo/Pisces axis.

525,600 minutes, 525,000 moments so dear.  
525,600 minutes - how do you measure, measure a year?  
In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee.  
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife.  
In 525,600 minutes - how do you measure a year in the life?  
How about love? How about love? How about love? Measure in love.  
Seasons of love.

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525,600 minutes! 525,000 journeys to plan.  
525,600 minutes - how can you measure the life of a woman or man?  
- Seasons of Love - RENT soundtrack

If you have your...

**Moon in Virgo:** Emotionally cautious and discriminating. Sometimes judgmental, usually reserved and organized. "everything in its place". Perfectionism, method and also professionalism is symbolic of this moon's needs. A certain level of emotional detachment is likened to this moon placement.

**Mercury in Virgo:** You have an analytical mind yet can be very creative. Because you like facts, you have a need to hear all sides and collect all the information possible before coming to a decision.

**Venus in Virgo:** Values a partner who is health conscious, refined and loyal. In love you want to be made to feel special and appreciate you for things you do. You are loyal and devoted yet may prefer to give your love to a cause rather than to one individual.

**Mars in Virgo:** The passion of Mars in Virgo should not be underestimated yet they are often simmering under a cool exterior. Determination and perfection for detail in your work is likely.

**Favorite Virgo's:** Astrologer/Writer Lynn Koiner, August 30<sup>th</sup>, Actor Richard Gere, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Astrologer/Psychoanalyst Liz Greene, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Agatha Christie, Murder Mystery Writer, September 15<sup>th</sup>, B.B. King, Blues Guitarist, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Actress Greta Garbo, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Sophia Loren, Actress, September 20<sup>th</sup>☺.

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### **Tarot Card # 9 - The Hermit - Symbolic of Virgo.**

This card represents a person who is a teacher of the true meaning of life and who is also on a spiritual path. The Hermit stands alone and is isolated. He is cloaked in a gray (wisdom) robe, head down, eyes closed, looking within. He holds an illuminated lamp in his right hand held out and up to the sky as if guiding him on a path. The light inside of the lamp is in the shape of a star. In his left hand, a golden staff is held representing intelligence. The Hermit lights the way for others who have lost their way. When this card appears in a reading, perhaps we need to shed light on a situation in order to heal. Since light casts shadows, it also encourages us to deal with contradictions within including those of our shadow self. Virgo will assimilate spiritual knowledge and the desire to serve.

Critical thinking is blended with intuition. Good advice and pure intentions are indicated when this card appears. Introspection, attainment and realizing your purpose is possible.

Negatively, the appearance of The Hermit may imply you are being overly critical or obsessed with details and a need to organize your thoughts.



### **THE HARVEST MOON (Brown Bear)**

In Native American Astrology, those born from August 23- September 22nd are born during the Harvest Moon! Their plant totem is the Violet and their animal totem is the Brown Bear! Their mineral/gemstone is the Amethyst, which is lilac, and their color is regal purple, also the color of the delicate Violet. The amethyst is said to have healing qualities and the ability to protect its wearer.

Those born during this time also belong to the Turtle Elemental Clan. Brown bear people are discriminating and analytical and they usually show good judgment. Bears have the power of Introspection. Bear also symbolizes the receptive energy of the feminine, and utilizes right brain thinking...or intuition.



#### **Vision:**

We gain a vision of what our potential is from our elders and from the Teachings of the Sacred Tree. By trying to live up to that vision and by trying to live like the people we admire, we grow and develop. Our vision of what we can become is like a strong magnet pulling us toward it.



## - The Sacred Tree - Reflections on Native American Spirituality

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### **VESTA - Sacred Virgin as symbol for Virgo**

The Sacred Virgin depicts our lovely Asteroid Goddess Vesta, also known as Hestia by the Greeks, symbol for the sign of Virgo. Vesta was worshipped, as she was the Goddess of the hearth and keeper of the sacred flame. She had a shrine placed at the center of every home, similar to our modern day fireplaces where loved ones gather around; friends and family have the opportunity to bond. She is the brightest of the asteroids and is the only one who can be seen with the naked eye. How fitting for one who is the guardian of the sacred fires. Since Vesta was chosen to guard and protect these sacred flames, she came to symbolize food and shelter, hospitality as well as social contacts. She provided a sanctuary of protection. The Romans utilized her eternal fire and chose the Virgins at the age of 6. They took vows of chastity and celibacy lasting for the duration of their 30 years of service. Virgo = service.

My favorite myth comes from pre-Hellenistic Greece. The sacred flame the priestesses guarded symbolized the Kundalini fires of Indian Yoga practice and the secret powers of sexual alchemy. The woman who tended to these fires were known as Virgins but not because they were sexually chaste but because they remained unmarried and belong to no man. They had no need of being defined or controlled by any man. (don't you love it?? ☺) "Ms. Vesta" was way before her time...perhaps the first woman's rights activist!

Now...these "virgins" actually served as sacred harlots who sexually gave of themselves to strangers! They didn't use their sexuality to attract a man or husband to satisfy their own needs but to serve a higher purpose through the process of fertilization. They provided a "service" by servicing a males sexual needs or the need to bear a child out of wedlock. Since the Vestal Virgins bore Queen-like status, the seeds planted were considered to be a sacred union and male children born from this union were considered to be "Kings". In the book "Asteroid Goddesses" by Demetra George, she suggests how "Latin kings were born of a virgin mother with no known father or to be the son of the God. In fact, many of the Kings of early Rome were the sons of Vestal Virgins".

The location of Vesta in your chart will signify withdrawals; when you have depleted your resources. Focus and illumination are keys. If you have a strong Vesta in your birth chart you may engage in sexual encounters with a variety of partners...most often to avoid long-term commitment. "Strong Vesta points to a variety of possible sexual expressions that include denial, sexual union outside of marriage, promiscuity and prostitution." Does Vesta sound vaguely similar to our modern day prostitutes or our new age Sex Therapists? The archetype is the same. Sacred sex or prostitution? You decide. Whom do you or will you serve?

What can Vesta teach us about our own sexual nature? What lessons can we learn from her? How can we utilize the symbol and mythology of Vesta to transcend our social and cultural taboos around sex, patriarchy and monogamy? Where is Vesta in your birth chart?

"You don't belong to no one...that's a shame.  
You could hide beside me...maybe for a while.  
...and I won't tell no one your name" - Goo Goo Dolls - Name



## SOUL MATES/RELATIONSHIPS:

### The Virgo/Pisces Ascendant/Descendant Relationship Axis (1<sup>st</sup> house/7<sup>th</sup> house)

As mentioned in past issues, knowing your partners 7<sup>th</sup> house cusp (the relationship house) and the ruler of that house will indicate the type of partner you may attract or are attracted to and the method of relating within a relationship.

The Ascendant or Rising sign is the sign rising on the horizon at the time of birth. This is the face we show the world, our "mask" for which our Sun hides behind. This is our outer personality, temperament and disposition as well as our early environment growing up. It is the way others see us and also gives indication of our physical appearance. The ruler of the Ascendant and the aspects (connections to other planets in your birth chart) further delineate and define your appearance.

The Descendant, or 7<sup>th</sup> house cusp, its ruler and the aspects it makes in your birth chart, is symbolic of the type of partner you are attracted to. The 7<sup>th</sup> house is the house of partnerships of all types including marriage and legal contracts yet also considered the house of open enemies or the Defendant in a law suit.

For example, Leo Rising people are self aware, warm and stylish. Their personal appearance is important to them and they seek lots of attention. Their natural enthusiasm, energy and optimism is magnetic. You can recognize a Leo Ascendant by their hair, straight posture and their great big smile. They make good Managers and are natural promoters....even if they are prone to temper tantrums~!

In relationships Virgo rising has cerebral, reserved self image. There is the aura of proper etiquette and Virgo's are usually reserved. In love, this placement would require one to be of service to another. Very often Virgo risings tend to not attract partners who are good for them. Often love relationships are a struggle when one is required to care for another. Sexually Virgo may be prone to seek perfection. Cleanliness is important.

Sometimes in seeking perfection this placement will experiment with bisexuality, homosexuality or even remain sexually chaste.

With Pisces on the Descendant, attraction to a partner who is illusive in some way. He or she can be an alcoholic, a drug user, chronic liar, or one who lives in a dream world. Virgo can have martyr-like tendencies and project the need to "save" his partner from himself. Whatever we do not own and acknowledge in ourselves (Ascendant) we will attract externally (Descendant) to mirror our desires and teach us necessary lessons in relating.

Knowing the date, time and place of birth is important in making the determination of the Ascendant or Rising sign, the sign rising on the horizon at the time of birth, which set up all the other house cusps that are the divisions of the houses or areas of life.

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## IMPORTANT TRANSITS:

### Sun Enters Virgo

August 23, 2007 Happy Birthday Virgo!

### Full Moon

August 28, 2007 04 Pisces 46' Full Moon Lunar Eclipse!  
Culmination of energy from the last New Moon.

September 3, 2007 Happy Labor Day!!

### Venus turns direct 16 Leo conjunct the transiting Moon!

September 8, 2007 Venus turned retrograde at 2 Virgo. Okay, this was a tricky transit. How many of you who are in a committed relationship encounter difficulties? Existing relationships probably underwent a time of testing. If the foundation of your relationship was solid there was no need to worry. Did you reevaluate what you value in your current or future partner? When Venus was retrograde it was not a good time to meet a new or potential partner since Venus is what you are attracted to and what you most value. This held especially true for those who have planets in the sign of Taurus and Libra or if your Descendant (7<sup>th</sup> cusp) in those signs, ruled by Venus. Did any of your exes feel the need to contact you! Mine did! Three of my exes contacted me.. They are "exes" for a reason! This was a time to resolve any

unfinished business between the two of you. Venus turns direct on September 8, 2007 at 16 Leo 35' and frustration in love should be eased with the assistance of our loving Leo Moon..

**Mercury Enters Libra then Scorpio**

September 6, 2007 Mercury in Libra  
September 28, 2007 Mercury enters the intense Scorpio

**Jupiter**

September 1, 2007 10 Sagittarius 52'  
September 30, 2007 14 Sagittarius 05'

**Mars enters Cancer**

September 29, 2007 Mars enters cardinal Cancer

**New Moon**

September 11, 2007 18 Virgo 25' - New Beginnings!  
New Moon Solar Eclipse

**Full Moon**

September 26, 2007 03 Aries 20'  
Culmination of energy from the last New Moon.

**Saturn enters Virgo**

September 2, 2007 Saturn enters Virgo

**Uranus continues retrograde**

June 23, 2007 18 Pisces 41' Rx now at 17 Pisces  
Nov. 24, 2007 14 Pisces 46' Direct

**Neptune continues retrograde**

May 24, 2007 22 Aquarius 02' Rx  
October 31, 2007 19 Aquarius 14' Direct

Neptune is associated with dreams, deception, fantasy, denial, drugs and additions, oceans, the feet, secrets, psychic and clairvoyant abilities and immune system disorders.

**Pluto Direct September 7, 2007**

March 31 2007 28° Sagittarius 58' Rx  
Direct Sept. 07 26° Sagittarius 18' Direct (conjunct Galactic Center)

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Love,

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