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The Return of Venus

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SEVEN-PORTAL TRANSIT PATH • OCTOBER 3 – NOVEMBER 13, 2026

14 Tarot Cards • 7 Initiations • 1 Governing Card

From inherited patterns of love and belonging to conscious worth, reciprocal relationships, and infinite possibility.

OCT 3 — Retrograde Stations — 8°29′ Scorpio

OCT 11 — New Moon — 19°14′ Libra

OCT 23 — Venus Star Point — 0°45′ Scorpio

OCT 24 — Mercury Retrograde — 20°59′ Scorpio

OCT 25 — Full Moon — 7°52′ Taurus

NOV 9 — New Moon — 18°03′ Scorpio

NOV 13 — Direct Stations — 22°52′ Libra

I · The Descent — Release

OCTOBER 3, 2026

Venus stations retrograde
8°29′ Scorpio
3rd House



Universal Card
Five of Cups
Mars in Scorpio
1st Decan



Personal Card
Judgement
Pluto
Awakening

Wound → Wisdom

I release the stories that keep me attached to what has already changed. I am free to experience love beyond the limitations of my past.



Burgundy candle • Smoky quartz
Cypress oil

What story about love, belonging, or disappointment am I ready to stop repeating?

II · The Seed — Choose

OCTOBER 11 – 22, 2026

Libra New Moon 19°14′ Libra
Venus retrograde through Scorpio
toward Libra | 3rd → 2nd House



Universal Card
Justice
Libra
Venus



Personal Card
The Hermit
Virgo
Discernment

Obligation → Choice

I choose relationships and commitments that honor my truth. I am free to participate without abandoning myself.



Ivory candle • Lapis lazuli
Frankincense

Where have I confused being needed with being valued?

III · The Revelation — Worth

OCTOBER 23, 2026

Venus Star Point
0°45′ Scorpio
2nd House



Universal Card
Death
Scorpio
Transformation



Personal Card
Strength
Leo
Inner Power

Validation → Inner Value

I am worthy before I give, achieve, explain, or prove anything. My value is inherent in my being.



Gold candle • Rose quartz
Rose oil

What would change if I no longer needed to earn the right to receive love?

IV · The Illumination — Discern

OCTOBER 24, 2026

Mercury retrograde
20°59′ Scorpio
3rd House



Universal Card
Page of Swords
Earth of Air
Inquiry



Personal Card
The High Priestess
Moon
Intuition

Assumption → Understanding

I listen beneath the words. I honor my feelings without allowing old interpretations to determine my present experience.



Pale blue candle • Blue lace agate
Lavender

What am I interpreting through an old emotional experience rather than what is happening now?

V · The Balance — Reciprocity

OCTOBER 25 – 26, 2026

Taurus Full Moon 7°52′ Taurus
Venus 29°31′ Libra (Rx)
opposite Chiron 28°20′ Aries (Rx)
2nd / 8th House Axis



Universal Card
Five of Pentacles
Mercury in Taurus
1st Decan



Personal Card
Wheel of Fortune
Jupiter
Possibility

Scarcity → Possibility

I am the turning point. I release the limitations of the past and open myself to infinite possibilities of love, abundance, and reciprocal connection.



Green & gold candles • Moss agate
Rose oil

What possibilities become available when I stop believing I must sacrifice myself to remain connected?

VI · The Rewriting — Rewrite

NOVEMBER 9, 2026

Scorpio New Moon
18°03′ Scorpio
3rd House



Universal Card
Six of Cups
Sun in Scorpio
2nd Decan



Personal Card
The Moon
Pisces
Emotional Truth

Memory → Creation

I am the author of my own experience. I honor my memories without allowing them to determine my future.



Indigo candle • Labradorite
Rosemary

What story am I ready to tell differently now that I recognize my own worth?

VII · The Return — Receive

NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Venus stations direct
22°52′ Libra
2nd House



Universal Card
Four of Swords
Jupiter in Libra
3rd Decan



Personal Card
The Magician
Mercury
Expression

Proving → Allowing

I receive what honors my value. I express my truth with clarity and rest in the knowledge that I am enough.



Soft pink candle • Green aventurine
Geranium

What am I now willing to receive that I previously believed I had to earn?

EMBODY

THE VENUS JOURNEY

I celebrate the wisdom I have gained,
the patterns I have released, and the new foundation
I am creating for love, beauty, and abundance.
I embody my worth, and I welcome deeper connection,
creative flow, and lasting joy.





THE INITIATORY JOURNEY

Venus retrograde invites us to reconsider how we experience love, value, beauty, pleasure, and relationship. It is not simply a period of looking backward. It is an opportunity to recognize the unconscious agreements that have shaped our experiences and to choose whether those agreements still serve us.

In 2026, Venus begins her retrograde journey in Scorpio, returns to Libra, and eventually stations direct. This movement creates an initiation through two intimately connected questions: What do I value? And how do my relationships reflect that value?

For Sierra, this cycle activates the territory of her second and third houses, bringing personal worth, emotional memory, communication, and relationship agreements into focus. Her natal Scorpio Moon and Pluto, Leo Sun and Venus, Virgo Ascendant, and Cancer Mercury provide the personal architecture through which this collective initiation unfolds.

The path moves through seven portals: RELEASE → CHOOSE → WORTH → DISCERN → RECIPROCITY → REWRITE → RECEIVE. Each portal contains two Tarot correspondences: a Universal Card representing the collective astrological initiation, and a Personal Card expressing its activation of Sierra’s natal chart.

The journey is governed by The Empress III, the Golden Dawn correspondence of Venus, representing the ultimate integration of worth, love, creativity, embodiment, and receptivity.

PORTAL I · RELEASE

The Descent into Emotional Truth

October 3, 2026 — Venus Stations Retrograde

8°29′ Scorpio | Sierra's Third House of Communication, Learning, and Interpretation of Communication, Learning, and Interpretation

UNIVERSAL CARD

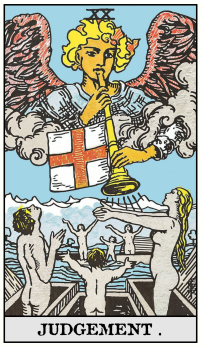
Five of Cups



Mars in Scorpio · Lord of Loss in Pleasure

PERSONAL CARD

Judgement XX



Pluto · Awakening and Renewal

Venus begins her retrograde journey in the first decan of Scorpio, represented by the Five of Cups. This card describes disappointment, grief, attachment, and the tendency to focus on what has been lost rather than what remains possible.

For Sierra, Venus stations approximately 1°16′ from natal Pluto at 7°13′ Scorpio. This activates the Third House of Communication, Learning, and Interpretation, where emotional history, interpretation, communication, and the stories we tell ourselves intersect. Judgement represents the awakening that occurs when a deeply embedded pattern becomes conscious.

The Five of Cups reveals the attachment. Judgement invites liberation from its repetition. Sierra is invited to examine the emotional narratives through which she has interpreted love, disappointment, and belonging. What once felt unchangeable may now be recognized as a story that can be released.

RELEASE

SHADOW → POWER: WOUND → WISDOM

Affirmation: I release the stories that keep me attached to what has already changed. I AM free to experience love beyond the limitations of my past.

RITUAL SUPPORT

Burgundy candle · Smoky quartz · Cypress oil

Ritual Action: Write one emotional story that has repeatedly shaped your relationships. Read it aloud, acknowledge what it taught you, and consciously release its authority over your present experience.

JOURNAL QUESTION

What story about love, belonging, or disappointment am I ready to stop repeating?

PORTAL II · CHOOSE

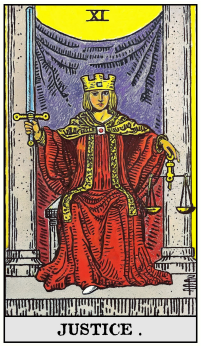
The Return to Conscious Relationship

October 11–22, 2026 — Libra New Moon and Scorpio Descent

October 11 Libra New Moon: 19°14′ Libra, 12:22 PM Pacific (supplied lunar calendar)

UNIVERSAL CARD

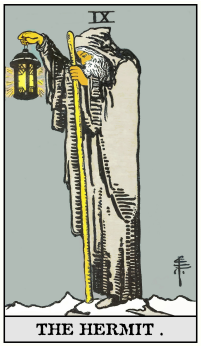
Justice XI



Libra · Justice and Equilibrium

PERSONAL CARD

The Hermit IX



Virgo · The Light of Discernment

The Hermit IX Virgo · Mutable Earth · Mercury

The Libra New Moon introduces the question of conscious relationship into the Venus retrograde journey. Justice represents balance, accountability, reciprocity, and the agreements through which we participate in relationship.

As Venus continues her retrograde descent through Scorpio toward Libra, this lunation invites reconsideration of what constitutes a fair and meaningful exchange. For Sierra, the Hermit represents her Virgo Ascendant at 11°22′.

The Hermit distinguishes authentic personal truth from expectations inherited through family, culture, or past relationships. Justice examines the agreement; the Hermit examines the individual making that agreement. Sierra is invited to recognize that harmony does not require self-abandonment.

CHOOSE

SHADOW → POWER: OBLIGATION → CONSCIOUS CHOICE

Affirmation: I choose relationships and commitments that honor my truth. I AM free to participate without abandoning myself.

RITUAL SUPPORT

Ivory candle · Lapis lazuli · Frankincense

Ritual Action: Create two columns in your journal: What I choose and What I feel obligated to do. Notice where the lists overlap and where they diverge.

JOURNAL QUESTION

Where have I confused being needed with being valued?

PORTAL III · WORTH

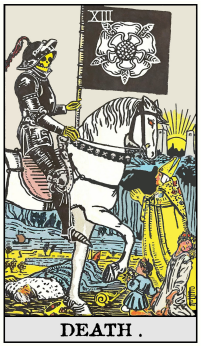
The Venus Star Point — Rebirth of Value

October 23, 2026 — Venus Inferior Conjunction

Approximately 0°45′ Scorpio | Sierra's Second House of Wealth, Resources, and Self-Worth of Wealth, Resources, and Self-Worth

UNIVERSAL CARD

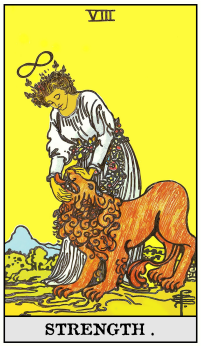
Death XIII



Scorpio · Transformation

PERSONAL CARD

Strength VIII



Leo · Fortitude and Inner Power

At the heart of the retrograde cycle, Venus meets the Sun in an inferior conjunction, traditionally called the Venus Star Point. Symbolically, this is the transition from the evening-star phase toward the morning-star phase: a period of inward transformation and renewal.

Death is not an indication of literal death. It symbolizes the transformation of an identity, attachment, or pattern that has completed its purpose. For Sierra, the Star Point activates her Second House of Wealth, Resources, and Self-Worth of personal worth and forms a square to natal Venus at 5°22′ Leo, within approximately five degrees.

Her natal Sun at 10°46′ Leo reinforces creativity, recognition, personal radiance, and self-expression. Strength represents the Leo initiation: genuine power through conscious self-possession rather than external validation. Death releases an outdated definition of worth; Strength reveals the enduring value beneath it.

WORTH

SHADOW → POWER: VALIDATION → INNER VALUE

Affirmation: I AM worthy before I give, achieve, explain, or prove anything. My value is inherent in my being.

RITUAL SUPPORT

Gold candle · Rose quartz · Rose oil

Ritual Action: Place a mirror on your altar. Light the candle and speak your affirmation while looking directly into your own eyes.

JOURNAL QUESTION

What would change if I no longer needed to earn the right to receive love?

PORTAL IV · DISCERN

Mercury Retrograde — The Stories Beneath the

Feelings

October 24, 2026 — Mercury Stations Retrograde

UNIVERSAL CARD

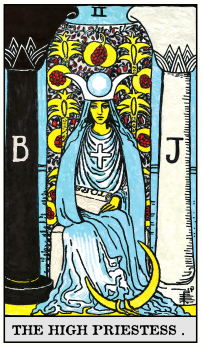
Page of Swords



Earth of Air · The Seeker of Truth

PERSONAL CARD

The High Priestess II



Moon · The Priestess of the Silver Star

Mercury retrograde introduces a second initiatory cycle within the Venus retrograde journey. Mercury governs language, thought, interpretation, and communication. The Page of Swords represents the willingness to observe, question, investigate, and distinguish information from assumption.

For Sierra, Mercury stations approximately 20 arcminutes from her natal Moon at 21°19′ Scorpio. This close conjunction is one of the most personally significant activations of the entire transit path. The High Priestess represents the Moon's intuitive, emotional, and often unconscious knowledge.

The Page of Swords asks for clarity; the High Priestess asks for inward listening. Sierra is invited to recognize that emotional certainty and factual certainty are not always the same thing. Becoming conscious of interpretations attached to feelings creates space for a different response.

DISCERN

SHADOW → POWER: ASSUMPTION → UNDERSTANDING

Affirmation: I listen beneath the words. I honor my feelings without allowing old interpretations to determine my present experience.

RITUAL SUPPORT

Pale blue candle · Blue lace agate · Lavender

Ritual Action: Before responding to an emotionally charged conversation, write three statements: What happened. What I felt. What I assumed it meant.

JOURNAL QUESTION

What am I interpreting through an old emotional experience rather than what is happening now?

PORTAL V · RECIPROCITY

The Anaretic Threshold — From Scarcity to Infinite Possibility

October 25–26, 2026 — Taurus Full Moon and Venus–Chiron Opposition

Full Moon 7°52′ Taurus · Oct 25, 11:34 PM Pacific | Venus Rx 29°31′ Libra · Chiron Rx 28°20′ Aries | Opposition orb 1°11′

UNIVERSAL CARD

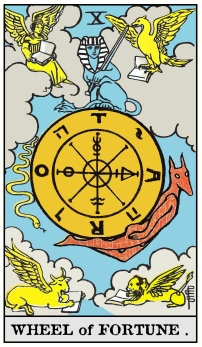
Five of Pentacles



Mercury in Taurus · Lord of Material Trouble

PERSONAL CARD

Wheel of Fortune X



Jupiter · Lord of the Forces of Life

The Taurus Full Moon illuminates personal security, shared resources, emotional trust, and the experience of being supported. For Sierra, it activates the Second House of Wealth, Resources, and Self-Worth / Eighth House of Shared Resources, Intimacy, and Transformation axis, emphasizing personal worth and the resources, intimacy, and commitments shared with others.

The Five of Pentacles represents scarcity and the belief that safety, belonging, or support may be unavailable. At the same time, Venus occupies the final, anaretic degree of Libra, bringing relationship agreements to a point of heightened awareness. Venus at 29°31′ Libra opposes Chiron retrograde at 28°20′ Aries, activating the polarity of individuality and relationship.

The Wheel of Fortune represents Jupiter's principle of expansion, opportunity, and possibility. It is intentionally selected as Sierra's personal interpretive card; an exact natal Jupiter aspect remains unverified. The Five of Pentacles asks, 'What if there isn't enough?' The Wheel asks, 'What if there are infinite possibilities?' The familiar cycle of giving from fear or seeking validation can be interrupted. The Wheel represents conscious participation in what becomes possible.

RECIPROCITY

SHADOW → POWER: SCARCITY → POSSIBILITY

Affirmation: I AM the turning point. I release the limitations of the past and open myself to infinite possibilities of love, abundance, and reciprocal connection.

RITUAL SUPPORT

Green and gold candles · Moss agate · Rose oil

Ritual Action: Place two candles opposite each other for individuality and relationship. Between them, place moss agate as a symbol of conscious reciprocity. Write a new relationship agreement honoring both individuality ASTROTAROT | THE RETURN OF VENUS | SIERRA PUJALS 7 and connection.

JOURNAL QUESTION

What possibilities become available when I stop believing I must sacrifice myself to remain connected?

PORTAL VI · REWRITE

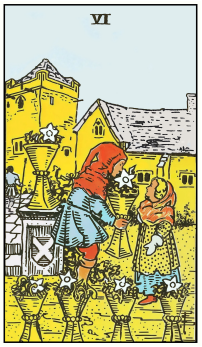
The Scorpio New Moon — Reclaiming the Narrative

November 9, 2026 — Scorpio New Moon

18°03′ Scorpio | 11:01 PM Pacific | Sierra's Third House of Communication, Learning, and Interpretation of Communication, Learning, and Interpretation (supplied lunar calendar)

UNIVERSAL CARD

Six of Cups



Sun in Scorpio · Lord of Pleasure

PERSONAL CARD

The Moon XVIII



Pisces · The Ruler of Flux and Reflux

The Scorpio New Moon offers an opportunity to establish a new relationship with emotional memory. The Six of Cups represents the past, familiarity, tenderness, and emotional experiences through which we develop expectations of love.

For Sierra, this lunation activates her Third House of Communication, Learning, and Interpretation of Communication, Learning, and Interpretation in Scorpio, where natal Moon and Pluto are located. The Moon XVIII represents the unconscious landscape of emotional imagery, projection, memory, and uncertainty. Although the card's Golden Dawn zodiacal correspondence is Pisces, it is selected here as an interpretive expression of Sierra's natal Scorpio Moon.

The Six of Cups remembers; the Moon asks what has been added to the memory through fear, interpretation, or expectation. A memory can remain meaningful without remaining authoritative. The Scorpio New Moon provides a symbolic beginning for a different emotional narrative.

REWRITE

SHADOW → POWER: MEMORY → CONSCIOUS CREATION

Affirmation: I AM the author of my own experience. I honor my memories without allowing them to determine my future.

RITUAL SUPPORT

Indigo candle · Labradorite · Rosemary

Ritual Action: Write a familiar relationship story in the past tense. Then write a second version describing the qualities you now choose to cultivate.

JOURNAL QUESTION

What story am I ready to tell differently now that I recognize my own worth?

PORTAL VII · RECEIVE

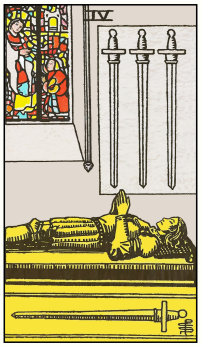
Venus Stations Direct — The Return to Conscious

Expression

November 13, 2026 — Venus Stations Direct

UNIVERSAL CARD

Four of Swords



Jupiter in Libra · Lord of Rest from Strife

PERSONAL CARD

The Magician I



Mercury · The Magus of Power

Venus stations direct in the third decan of Libra, represented by the Four of Swords. This card symbolizes rest, restoration, contemplation, and integration. A planetary station is a turning point, not an instantaneous return to normal speed.

For Sierra, Venus stations approximately 1°24′ from an exact square to natal Mercury at 24°16′ Cancer. The Magician represents Mercury's capacity for conscious communication, intention, and creative expression. The Four of Swords integrates; the Magician expresses.

Together they represent the transition from internal realization to conscious participation. Sierra is invited to communicate from the understanding developed throughout the retrograde journey. Receiving becomes an expression of self-worth rather than a reward for self-sacrifice.

RECEIVE

SHADOW → POWER: PROVING → ALLOWING

Affirmation: I receive what honors my value. I express my truth with clarity and rest in the knowledge that I AM enough.

RITUAL SUPPORT

Soft pink candle · Green aventurine · Geranium

Ritual Action: Write a statement describing what you are now willing to receive in love, friendship, creativity, and material support. Speak it aloud as a conscious declaration.

JOURNAL QUESTION

What am I now willing to receive that I previously believed I had to earn?

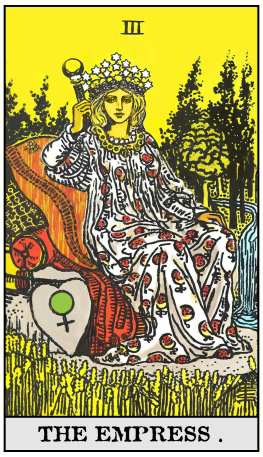
GOVERNING / SEALING CARD · EMBODY

THE EMPRESS III — THE INTEGRATION OF VENUS

Golden Dawn Correspondence: Venus

GOVERNING / SEALING CARD

The Empress III



Venus · Daughter of the Mighty Ones

CELEBRATION CARD

Four of Wands



Venus in Aries · Lord of Perfected Work

The Empress governs the entire seven-portal journey. She represents the capacity to embody love, beauty, pleasure, creativity, fertility of imagination, and the natural abundance of life.

Throughout the retrograde journey, Sierra has encountered the emotional patterns through which her worth and relationships have been defined. She has been invited to release outdated stories, choose consciously, recognize inherent worth, discern emotional truth, embrace reciprocity, rewrite inherited narratives, and become receptive to new possibilities.

The Empress represents the integration of these experiences. She does not seek worth through external approval. She embodies it. She does not require relationships to establish her identity. She participates in them from a conscious understanding of herself.

She does not regard abundance as something that must be earned through sacrifice. She recognizes her capacity to create, nurture, receive, and participate in the unfolding possibilities of life.

EMBODY

SEEKING → BEING

I AM the source of my own worth. I express love freely, choose consciously, and receive without apology. I AM open to infinite possibilities.

CLOSING RITUAL · EMBODIMENT OF THE VENUS JOURNEY

Soft pink and gold candles · Rose quartz · Rose oil · Fresh flowers

Ritual Action: Create a sacred space to celebrate the journey. Place the Empress and Four of Wands together on your altar, with a candle on either side. Anoint your wrists with rose oil, hold the rose quartz, and name aloud the seven qualities you have reclaimed: RELEASE, CHOOSE, WORTH, DISCERN, RECIPROCITY, REWRITE, RECEIVE. Light both candles. Speak the EMBODY affirmation, then offer gratitude for the love, worth, and possibilities you now choose to welcome.

CLOSING JOURNAL PROMPT

How will I continue to embody my worth, express love freely, celebrate what I have learned, and receive the abundance now available to me?