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tical people. But loving hearts belong to the good Venus; not the adventuress who fills mythology with her amours, but the ideal woman who devotes herself to one man, her home and her children.

Venus (or Aphrodite – born from the foam of the sea) is one of the most celebrated deities of antiquity; it is she who presides over the pleasures of love. Mythology tells us that she wore a girdle which enclosed her graces and attractions: the engaging smile, the soft voice, the most persuasive sigh, the expressive silence and the eloquent eyes. These are the chief qualities of Venusians, which lend so much charm to their company.



DISEASES AND REMEDIES OF VENUSIANS

Before studying the diseases and remedies of Venusians, one should be aware of how the type may be modified according to the constitution – Carbonic, Phosphoric or Fluoric.

Carbonic Constitution

Remember that one of the chief characteristics of the Venusian is indolence. The Carbonic

Venusian is gifted with extraordinarily powerful inertia. Nothing troubles or moves him. He lives his own small life: small, because he has no great ambitions; restricted, because he has a horror of effort; nor does he react to comments or expressions of disapproval. The natural resistance due to his Carbonic constitution allows him to bear philosophically any annoyance he may experience, whilst his hatred of conflict reinforces his egotistical desire to avoid all complications.

Phosphoric Constitution

The Phosphoric Venusian is far from being passive or inert. He can enthuse over an ideal, be it artistic or social, though he might not pursue it to completion if this demanded constant effort; and he will certainly take the trouble to use his natural qualities of curiosity and memory. He is a seeker, artistic or literary rather than scientific, an excellent historian or a gifted writer. Very sociable and persuasive, he can be trusted to shine in his chosen circles. Sensitive and sensual, he is always seeking new experiences, and whilst he avoids possessive women, pursues his conquests without thinking

of the ravages that his superficial passion could create around him.

Fluoric Constitution

The Fluoric Venusian also seeks to use his gifts for ends which are not always justifiable. In political life his memory, which is faultless, allows him to recall annoying little incidents which have occurred in the lives of his colleagues. He knows how to use them to good purpose; thus he will triumph, in spite of his natural laziness, not through the authority of his personality but by his power to instil fear.

In daily life the Fluoric Venusian is a twister who seeks to draw profit from the efforts and failings of his contemporaries. Fortune smiles on him and he is successful.



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TRANSMUTATIONS OF THE VENUSIAN

Morbid Predispositions

Physical Disorders

The well-known passivity of Venusians, coupled with their incorrigible laziness, ensures that they lead an unhealthy life. Frequent parties lead to excess, since though they may not be really greedy, they do enjoy good living and frothy sparkling wines. Champagne is their favourite

drink. As a result they often suffer from stomach troubles and gout.

Furthermore, their sexual desires are frequent and powerful. They exhaust themselves and recover slowly. Physical exercise has no place in their lives and they are not given to sport. Finally they are subject to venereal disease, for Venusians, complex beings who are both sensual and lascivious, are not content just to satisfy their appetites, but multiply the occasions for doing so with consequences which may prove disastrous. The Venusian woman suffers from genital disorders which range from simple ovarian congestion to chronic metritis. Her periods are troublesome, usually too long and too abundant, and her labours are painful. In old age the Venusian becomes fat, her neck thickens, her cheeks fill out, her waist expands, walking becomes a torture, and cellulite makes its appearance and develops rapidly. If, when approaching the age of forty, she can resign herself to adopting the airs and graces of an older woman, Venus acquires a new talent – she knows how to age gracefully.

Psychological Disorders

The habitual inertia of Venusians leads to indolence. If they do not try to counteract this, if they give way to their baser instincts, they become lazy and flabby. They indulge in the lowest forms of sexuality without restraint, and will sacrifice everything to satisfy their insatiable lust. We know a young girl of nineteen who had run away from home on numerous occasions. Each time she ended up in an asylum. This poor wretch, who had a very well-balanced sister, was of Fluoric constitution and mentally retarded into the bargain. She was the despair of her mother who, having been widowed early in life, had to work all day and was thus unable to exercise proper supervision over the activities of her child.

The Venusian woman who lacks restraint and modesty is indeed a 'femme fatale'. She does not do evil for its own sake but for the profit she can gain from it. Her overriding egoism does not hesitate to sacrifice her lover to an unworthy