

The White Moon Gallery Presents:

Aphrodite *Greek (Ἀφροδίτη)*

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Fresco from Pompeii

Aphrodite! Just saying her name bring about thoughts of beauty, love, and sexuality. All of these are wonderful things often downgraded to petty desires, but the ancient Greeks held them all in high esteem and turned to Aphrodite with burnt offerings, prayers, and sacrifices to aid them in these affairs. Aphrodite is about more than the over simplified Love Goddess we tend to see in today's society. Flowers sprang from her footsteps so Aphrodite presides not only over love but fruitfulness and fertility over the Earth, not only the heart and body.

Aphrodite was usually petitioned when women and men wished to find love or simply lovers. Brides would ask Her for a fertile marriage. Mothers would make offerings to Her when their daughters were marrying to ask for the daughter to have a happy and fruitful marriage. (3) All aspects of Love are Aphrodite's domain. As "The Charge of the Goddess" states: "Let My worship be in the heart that rejoices, for behold, all acts of love and

pleasure are My rituals." Aphrodite truly encompasses this sentiment and when Aphrodite is near she comes as a rush of happiness or joy.

One would naturally think of love spells when thinking of Aphrodite. Word to the wise; when performing any type of love spell remember to only ask for the person who is right for you at this time not a particular person. This is very dangerous territory that can make both of you quite unhappy in the end. Leave the decision making to Aphrodite.

If one were to petition Aphrodite for a glimpse into your future dealing with love or fertility and all of its aspects one would scry into water, preferably sea water if available. One could also ask Aphrodite of prophetic dreams of a future lover or fertility prospects.

When performing a spell, asking guidance from, or praying to Aphrodite one should always say "thank you." It is appropriate to do as the Ancient Greeks did and burn frankincense or myrrh (1) or leave Her an offering of flowers. (2)



Aphrodite Rising from the Foam
Oil on Canvas
by: Abes 2011

Ritual to Make an Aphrodite Charm for Love and Peace:

Useful supplies:

Incense: Frankincense or Rose

White, Pink, or Red Candle

Salt Water

Rose Quartz

a Blush or Rose wine

Start by grounding and centering and casting the circle as is your practice.

Light your candle while asking for Aphrodite's presence.

Light your incense for Aphrodite while asking her to accept this incense as your gift to her.

Meditate a moment until you feel her presence all around. She often comes in a wave of happiness or joy seemingly out of nowhere.

Take your rose quartz and cleanse it in the salt water. When it is appropriately cleansed take it out and hold it in your hands. Ask a blessing on the stone from Aphrodite for the purpose of bringing harmony, peace, and love to the carrier. See the Goddess' loving energy enter the stone and fill it with the living properties from Her. She is magnifying the energy the rose quartz already carries.

When this is done bid the Lady thanks and blessings and take a sip of the wine and use the rest as an offering to Her. If you can safely leave the candle and incense burning, do so.

Close circle and ground and center.

(1) Greek Religion: Archaic and Classical (Ancient World) by Walter Burkert

(2) www.theoi.com

(3) <http://www.helium.com/items/1170855-aphrodite-greek-goddesses-greek-mythology-myths-about-love-love-greek>