

PETER DEUNOV'S HOROSCOPE:

THE SUPERIOR CONJUNCTION OF VENUS WITH THE SUN*

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Born around the time of a superior conjunction of Venus with the Sun,¹ the Bulgarian spiritual teacher Peter Deunov, also known as Beinsa Douno (1864-1944) taught:

Love stands above nationality. Love stands above any religion. Love itself creates the religious. There are no religions in the divine world. There exists only Love. The atmosphere of the divine world is Love. Therein everything breathes Love.

Religions appear because Love cannot manifest itself on earth.

If you wish to do the will of God, by all means, replace religion with Love. Then everyone who loves you will be priests and ministers in your temple.

The greatest thing in the world is to come to know God as Love. The beauty of our life is in our connection with God, who is Love.

Love contains within itself all conditions, all possibilities, all methods by which the human soul might develop to its fullness.

Only Love can awaken within the soul its hidden potentialities. Science and art cannot be the stimuli for the awakening of the human soul. This is temporary knowledge. The only true work in the world is the science of Love. It is the great object of learning for the soul . . .

When the first ray of Love shines out for you, you will experience within your soul such indescribable bliss, such light, such a mighty impulse in your mind, and such a striving of your will, that all obstacles of the world will begin to melt before you.

A few moments of existence within the Divine Love are infinitely more precious than a thousand years of ordinary human life spent in great pleasures and enjoyments.

In loving, we seek God. We have to love God in order to receive and experience Him. In receiving Him, we experience His wisdom.

It is written in the Scripture: "Thou shalt Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself."

This is the only law that manifests itself in three worlds.

Loving God, you are in the divine world.

Loving yourself, your soul, you are in the spiritual world.

Loving your neighbor, you are in the physical world.

If man adheres to this law, there will be no power in the world that can resist him, no thought that will not be subject to him and that will not help him to attain his ideal.²

These words are key here: “*In receiving Him, we experience His wisdom*”: in other words, we experience Divine Sophia (Wisdom) coming to us from God. Beinsa Douno (who established his center in Sofia) came to teach the Slavic peoples to prepare them for the coming Age of Sophia, to which Daniel Andreev draws attention in his masterpiece *The Rose of the World*.³ In this sense Beinsa Douno’s teaching is truly Sophianic, and his message of Divine Love, symbolized by the superior conjunction of Venus and the Sun at his birth, is wholly in accordance with Sophia’s inspiration leading toward the creation of the new culture of brotherly/sisterly love known as the Rose of the World. Beredene Jocelyn, author of the book *Citizens of the Cosmos*, in which she applies Rudolf Steiner’s cosmic teachings to understanding the human biography, met and studied with Beinsa Douno in the years 1932/1933. She told me that her impression was that just as Rudolf Steiner’s teaching was addressed to Western Europeans with their more scientific way of thinking (hence Rudolf Steiner’s *spiritual science*), so Beinsa Douno’s teaching was for the Slavic people—a teaching addressed more to the heart; one could say, a “Sophia inspired” message of Divine Love.⁴

The words quoted above of the Bulgarian spiritual teacher Peter Deunov, who chose the spiritual name Beinsa Douno, express the highest aspect of the superior conjunction of Venus with the Sun: the mystical experience of Divine Love. At the *superior conjunction* the image is presented to us of Venus reaching up to divine heights. If the zodiacal locations of the inferior and superior conjunctions of Venus with the Sun are plotted, it is evident that the form traced out by Venus in its conjunctions with the Sun during an 8-year period is that of a 5-pointed star (pentagram).⁵ Moreover, the pentagram was central to Beinsa Douno’s teaching as a symbol for the future: he taught that the pentagram will eventually supersede the 4-pointed star (cross). So significant is the pentagram in his spiritual teaching that the particular pentagram symbol that he used was engraved on his grave stone and can be seen to this day when one visits his tomb in Sofia – a definite sign of the significance of Venus in his life, seen as an expression of the superior conjunction of Venus with the Sun at his birth.

* From an article entitled *Sophia and Venus* first published in *Starlight: Newsletter of the Sophia Foundation of North America* (Palo Alto/CA, 2003), pp. 17-20, and in a more extended form in the *Christian Star Calendar 2004* (Sophia Foundation of North America: Palo Alto/CA), pp. 7-14 – available from the Sophia Foundation, e-mail: sophia@sophiafoundation.org website: www.sophiafoundation.org

¹ The Master Peter Deunov (Beinsa Douno) was born at 5:30 AM on June 29, 1864 (Julian calendar) in Nikolaevka, Bulgaria (Longitude 27E38; Latitude 43N19). At superior conjunction Venus is behind the Sun and at inferior conjunction Venus is between the Earth and the Sun. Research shows that there is a great difference between births at inferior and births at superior conjunction, and this horoscope provides us with a striking example of the latter. In the article referred to under *, several examples of both kinds of conjunction are given.

² Beinsa Douno, *The Master Speaks* (Sunrise Press: Los Angeles, 1970), pp. 16-17. Works by Beinsa Douno in English translation are available from Evera Books, e-mail: stevebonn@everabooks.com website: www.everabooks.com

³ Daniel Andreev, *The Rose of the World* (Lindisfarne Press: Gt. Barrington/MA, 1997). Daniel Andreev (1906-1959) has been called “the Russian Dante” on account of his mystical vision of the Celestial Rose (Divine Sophia).

⁴ Peter Dounov (Beinsa Douno), *Panrhythmy: Exchange of Energy Between Man and Nature* (translated from Bulgarian and interpreted by Viola Jordanoff Bowman, privately published, West Palm Beach, Florida, 1979), contains a biographical introduction by Beredene Jocelyn entitled “*The Brotherhood in Bulgaria: Seed for a New Civilization*,” which describes her insights into the relationship between the spiritual teachers Beinsa Douno (1864-1944) and Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925), who were contemporaries.

⁵ Robert Powell, *Hermetic Astrology, vol. I* (Hermetika: Kinsau/Germany, 1987 – distributed by the Sophia Foundation of North America), pp. 58-63, describes the Venus pentagram in detail.