



The Rose is an ancient symbol of the Goddess of Love, Aphrodite to the Greeks, Venus to the Romans.



Rose

relaxes compulsive perfectionist impulses that can egg one on to do and redo

This fair Rose.....
perfect in form,
awesome in beauty,
fragrant yet cultured.....
is a breathtaking example of perfection in form.



Its essence
offers one an opportunity
to work with one's own issues around perfectionism.
Perfect dress, perfect lawns, perfect diet, perfect work habits....
all reflect a strong need to avoid criticism
either of self or from others.

The Rose essence
helps to remind us
that we do not achieve perfection
by what we do or how we present ourselves
but rather
by the clarity of spirit that shines through our form.



The unrealistic demands of perfectionism
can begin to harden one's relationships
as self standards begin to be applied to family and friends
and the personality finds itself struggling to live up to self expectations.
This struggle
often only creates more striving
and escalating criticism of self or others.
As these patterns progress
the soul must begin a process of restriction
or face crisis in all areas.



Recognizing that one cannot control
or be perfect in all aspects of everything,
the soul begins to narrow its categories of what is acceptable.
With the same harsh standards applied to self,
what is overwhelming
may become wrong, bad or ugly.

The perfect garden
can only have trimmed and pedicured flower gardens
or no flowers at all
as one may not be able to keep this garden constantly presentable.
Compliance, uniformity, constriction of spirit
ultimately present a form
that is not only struggling with an overly hardened masculine energy
but also with an over-restrictive feminine.



The glorious Rose can be the blessing of relief
that sets one free
by helping one to understand at one's core
that beauty and perfection exist as an innate quality of the Creator
that we can neither improve upon nor damage,
and as we begin to embrace and embody this
we can begin to relax
and unfold our beauty and our talents gracefully,
allowing the true perfection of our spiritual gifts to shine.





Commonly called 'thorns,' the sharp outgrowths of the epidermis on Roses are actually 'prickles.' Typically sickle-shaped hooks, they help the Rose hang onto other vegetation when growing over it.

