

(December 13, 2025) in re Kelly-The Re-birth of Venus (Classical Wisdom)

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According to Indo-European linguists, there is an early Armenian "*afro-" word for "dawn-goddess." And here is Wikipedia (accessed 12Dec2025) on PIE options:

"Some early comparative mythologists opposed to the idea of a Near Eastern origin argued that Aphrodite originated as an aspect of the Greek dawn goddess Eos[49][50] and that she was therefore ultimately derived from the Proto-Indo-European dawn goddess *Haéusōs (properly Greek Eos, Latin Aurora, Sanskrit Ushas).[49][50] Most modern scholars have now rejected the notion of a purely Indo-European Aphrodite,[7][51][22][52] but it is possible that Aphrodite, originally a Semitic deity, may have been influenced by the Indo-European dawn goddess.[52] Both Aphrodite and Eos were known for their erotic beauty and aggressive sexuality[50] and both had relationships with mortal lovers.[50] Both goddesses were associated with the colors red, white, and gold.[50]"

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