



April Newsletter

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Important April Dates

(All times are CDT/CST)

April 1 – April Fool's Day

The Fool Tarot Card – The fool is the fearless traveler. He leaps before he looks and speaks before he thinks. Positively associated with innocence, new beginnings, joy, fearlessness, and spontaneity; Negatively associated with thoughtlessness, immaturity, impulsiveness, lack of responsibility and lawlessness.

April 9, 6:14 pm to May 3, 11:33 am – Mercury Retrograde

Mercury Retrograde – Approximately every four months, for a period of about three weeks, Mercury has one of its infamous retrograde periods. Therefore, when Mercury turns retrograde by transit, think in terms of the possibility for communication breakdown. All types of communication have the potential for becoming confused, delayed or misunderstood. There can be confusion, changing of plans, indecisiveness, mail slowdowns, lost letters, transportation problems, electronic equipment breakdowns, and failures in negotiations. For these reasons, it is felt that the Mercury retrograde period is not a good time for signing contracts, scheduling negotiations, or launching new projects. It's a good time for planning and organizing anything that will be finalized after Mercury has returned to direct motion

They are a fine time to draw on knowledge and guidance from deeper levels of consciousness. The three weeks that Mercury is retrograde presents us with an opportunity for carefully considering all the possible ramifications of pending actions and decisions. We are encouraged to take care of unfinished business, especially business put into motion during the months following Mercury's last retrograde period and preceding the current retrograde period.

When a planet is retrograde, its energies are turned inwards. People experience the matters of that planet subjectively, and from within, rather than objectively and from without. This applies to all the planets which do go retrograde, both as transits in the sky and as they are in a natal chart.

In the dance of the planets, retrogrades are times when those planetary energies are regrouping, going over old ground and reemphasizing things which may have not been fully assimilated in the first pass. They are also a cosmic breathing space. The cycles are 'on hold' and we can take time to go within and assimilate the lessons we have learned through transits or aspects which occurred while the planet was direct in motion. They also give us a second chance to try dealing with those energies, if we either ignored their effect or didn't deal with them successfully the first time. They also give the

cosmos a chance to 'rub it in' if we are particularly stubborn about learning a cosmic lesson we need to learn. This applies equally to all planets as they retrograde.

In general, any retrograde planet indicates matters ruled by that planet are secret, hidden and unrevealed. There is more to the matter than meets the eye. People indicated by that planet don't tell all, and further digging may be necessary to get the whole truth, if you are even able to get the whole truth at all. Also, those people may be unavailable or inaccessible, so you can't get to them to ask in the first place. A retrograde planet shows areas where we are holding back, adverse to moving or progressing, and if there is movement, it is often coerced or forced or against our better judgment. A retrograde planet can also show conditions which are rundown, neglected, requiring care or attention; places or people which are poor or deprived or possibly ill or at some disadvantage like handicapped or restricted or disenfranchised. Retrogrades can also positively indicate a change of mind or heart, lost things found, returning to a previous state. It can break an impasse by returning to old matters and forcing a reexamination and reevaluation. It can cause a return of people who left (like a breakup), reuniting of long lost people (the relationship shown by the planet in question), or "going back to the old neighborhood" type scenarios. How long-lasting or permanent these things will be depends upon the people involved, and the planet's aspects to their natal charts.

Because Mercury is the planet of communication and everyday occurrences, its retrogrades cause the most problem in the everyday world. Mercury retrogrades about three times a year for about three weeks at a time. Track the periods of Mercury's retrogrades and see how the world becomes a bit more disorganized and confused. You get bigger traffic jams, more political gaffes, weirder TV and radio transmission problems. This retrograde is the most noticeable and upsetting to the world at large. As with any planetary phenomenon, there are things that are better done when Mercury is direct, and there are also things which can be better accomplished when Mercury is retrograde. Paying attention to these times can help you tune your actions to the cosmos, and be more effective in whatever you do.

April 11, 1:08 am – Full Moon

Named for the boundless wild ground phlox flowers in spring, the Full Pink Moon is a time of gathering and growth. The moon releases the most energy on this night and is an opportunity to increase your positivity. Remain calm tonight, as whatever is happening in your mind, body, and spirit will be amplified.

Join the **Moon Water Challenge** this Full Moon. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MoonWaterChallenge>

April 22 – Earth Day

Gaia Healing Spell

Perform this spell during an eclipse or a waxing moon phase. Arrange sea shells on a secluded beach, in the shape of a circle. If you do not have access to a beach, perform this ritual in a garden or forest using stones, branches or flowers to form the circle.

Kneel at the center facing the ocean. Light a blue candle and an incense of your choice. Raise arms high and recite:

"With smoke and flame this spell's begun.
O Goddess of the stars, moon, and the sun,
Let the healing power begin.
Let the Earth be whole again."

"The Earth is my mother and I am her child.
The earth is my lover, free and wild.
Heal on the outside, heal within.
Land and sea, fire and wind."

"With love sincere,
I chant this prayer to make mankind
Begin to care.
Let every sister and every brother
Heal the wounds of the Great Earth Mother."

"Let the healing power begin,
Let the Earth be whole again.
Heal on the outside, heal within.
Land and sea, fire and wind.
So mote it be!"

April 26, 7:16 am – New Moon

New Moon Check

This is a powerful, simple ritual for manifesting abundance and prosperity in your life using the energy of the New Moon each month.

New Moon checks are created within 24 hours of the New Moon each month. This harnesses the creative potential that occurs during this powerful time.

Be grateful for the prosperity and abundance in your life. Keep yourself open to abundance.

During the powerful time that occurs within 24 hours after the New Moon, use the next check in your checkbook to create your check. If you don't have a checking account, you can always print a fake one from the internet. The ritual is what is important.

Where it says "Pay to" write your name. In the box write "paid in full". Where you would write a dollar amount write "paid in full". If you wish to ask for a certain amount, you can place it in here.

Sign the checks with "The Law of Abundance" and include "thank you" under. You can choose to leave the date blank or you can put a date on it if you wish to see when the abundance will come to you.

Add affirmations to your New Moon Check writing ritual to create even more attraction to abundance:

"I am open to abundance." "I am deserving of prosperity."

"I am open to the ways that abundance may manifest into my life."

"I am thankful for the blessings and prosperity on their way into my life."

"I am thankful for the abundance in my life and I welcome more."

Use crystals that attract abundance and prosperity if you are called. Citrine, green aventurine, tiger's eye, jade, malachite or sunstone are powerful prosperity crystals.

Light a green candle dedicated to prosperity and abundance. This can be your very own dedicated candle you use each month for your New Moon Checks or have some smaller ones that you use each month. You can even anoint it with an abundance oil. Ginger, Patchouli and Bergamot are powerful prosperity drawing oils that can be used to anoint your candle and your New Moon Check!

You can call upon the Goddess of Abundance Lakshmi to be present with you and work your prosperity ritual. Offer a blessing to her and to her showering of golden blessings into your life.

Place your New Moon Check in a safe and sacred place. A dedicated abundance altar would be perfect. Release control of how and when the abundance will flow to you. Be open and let the Universe take care of the details.

If you choose you can "release" this energy on the next Full Moon by burning it in sacred fire, or by any other means that you are able. Be sure to be present with gratitude for the abundance in your life presently and offer deep thanks as your check is being released. Be Open and allow.

May 1 – Beltane (Crossquarter – May 5)

Beltane

Animals/Mythical Creatures – the white cow, goats, giants, rabbits, honey bees, faeries, satyrs, pegasus

Gemstones – emerald, orange carnelian, sapphire, rose quartz, lazuli, sapphire, yellow agate, bloodstone

Incense/Oil – passion flower, frankincense, tuberose, vanilla, lilac, rose

Colors/Candles – red & white (symbolizing God and Goddess), dark green, dark yellow, rainbow spectrum, blue, pastels, all colors

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – maypole & ribbons, flower crowns, fires, bowers, fields, May baskets, white flowers and ribbons, daisy chain, flower chaplet, white wine in clear crystal glass, chalice, butter churn, blackthorn & hawthorn branches, seasonal fruit

Goddesses – May Queen, Flora, Maia, Flower Goddesses, Lady of the Greenwood, Divine Couples, and Goddesses of the Hunt, Aphrodite(Greek) Blodewedd (Welsh), Erzulie (Voodoo), Baubo (Greek)Rhea (Cretean), Prithvi (Hindu)

Gods – May King, Jack in the Green, Horned God (European), Herne (Greek), Green Man, Bel (Celtic), Baal (Phoenician), Gods of the Hunt,

Essence – compassion, youthful play, exuberance, sensuality, pleasure, action

Dynamics/Meaning – sacred marriage of the Lord and the Lady, arrival of the Tuatha de Danann in Ireland

Purpose – fertility festival, celebrate 1st day of Celtic summer, 1st day of the light half of the year

Rituals/Magick – The Great Rite, love, romance & fertility magick, elf & faery power, offerings to elementals, crop blessings, relighting sacred fires, divination, building shrines, fire-calling, honoring house guardians, snake dancing, bathing faces in the morning dew of May to retain their youthful beauty

Customs – maypole erection, dancing around the maypole, bonfires, jumping fire, mating, picking flowers, making flower baskets, frolicking throughout the countryside, archery tournaments, sword dances, feasting, drinking and music, moving the herds to high pasture

Foods – dairy, honey, oats, red fruits, herbal salads, red/pink wine punch, large round oatmeal/barley cakes, sweets

Herbs – almond, angelica, damiana, hawthorn, hibiscus, saffron, ash tree, bluebells, cinquefoil, daisy, frankincense, hawthorn, ivy, lilac, marsh marigold, meadowsweet, primrose, roses, woodruff, yellow cowslip, yarrow

Element/Gender – air/male

Threshold – dawn

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Herb of the Month



Dandelion – Fire/Sun; Gender – Feminine; Parts Used - The whole Herb; Magickal Properties - Sleep Protection, Healing; Uses - The roots are used in dream pillows and sachets; the leaves and flowers are used in a tea for healing

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Stone of the Month

Selenite – Selenite is a stone of mental clarity. This clarity enhances mental flexibility and enables strong decision making abilities. It can affect everyday life as full mental clarity into play to lesson confusion and mental disorientation.

Selenite is also a stone of truth and honesty. This promotes good business practices as well as honesty in other types of relationships.



Selenite is associated with the moon it is named for. This brings associations and energies of the unconscious, instinct, subconscious, and emotional well-being. The moon association also brings water energy to the fore, creating the flexibility and intuition.

Though Selenite is associated with the moon, it is also a sweet angel stone. It is used for contacting and communicating with angels for guidance. It can also be used for finding and working with other spirit guides.

Selenite remove energy blocks, particularly from the physical and etheric bodies. It can also remove energy blocks in the bodies of other crystals and stones. This makes it excellent for enhancing the properties of other stones and for clearing and charging them. It is also an excellent stone for protection grids. Additionally, Selenite is used by some to block or ameliorate EMF radiation.

Selenite is a stone of powerful intuition and psychic awareness through its influence on the third eye chakra. You can access past lives and do past life work and healing with it. It is also beneficial for psychic efforts, especially clairvoyance.

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Meditation and spiritual development are eased and promoted by selenite. Meditations become sparkling clear over time when working with selenite and it brings a clarity to your spiritual understanding of the universe and your place in it.

Selenite can be used to dispel negativity, both on an emotional and an etheric level. This makes it a good stone for protection. This energy combined with its angel associations makes it outstanding for angelic protection. You need only hold the selenite and pray or ask with intent for angels to protect you.

Selenite is a stone of love, which on the surface may seem odd. Its properties of mental flexibility and honesty, help maintain a loving relationship comfortably and with ease. It also brings harmony and inner peace which allow for recognizing love and acting in a loving manner.

Selenite is used in crystal healing for removing blocks to healing, dissolving secondary gain issues, confusion, particularly from alzheimer's disease or dementia, aligning the spine, decreasing epilepsy and seizures. It also promotes flexibility, assists with absorption of calcium and other minerals and vitamins. Selenite is used to promote fertility, increase the libido, and is a protector of pregnancy and motherhood.

Selenite is primarily associated with the Crown and Third Eye chakras. It is also related to the sacral chakra.

Rune of the Month



Berkano (B: Berchta, the birch-goddess.) – Birth, general fertility, both mental and physical and personal growth, liberation; Regenerative power and light of spring, renewal, promise of new beginnings, new growth; Arousal of desire; A love affair or new birth; The prospering of an enterprise or venture. Berkano Reversed or Merkstave: Family problems and or domestic troubles; Anxiety about someone close to you; Carelessness, abandon, loss of control; Blurring of consciousness, deceit, sterility, stagnation.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Chariot - The Chariot symbolizes conflict and victory. It also represents unknown forces pulling you forward quickly. Positively associated with triumph, movement, change, self-belief, assertiveness, and good news. Negatively associated with rage, tyranny, over-inflated ego, selfishness, arrogance, delays, and frustration.

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Correspondence of the Month

Flowers



Rose Acacia – friendship
Amaryllis – beautiful but timid
Blue Bell – constancy
Buttercup – riches; memories of childhood
Camellia – gratitude; perfect loveliness
Carnation – pure and deep love
White Clover – I promise
Four Leaf Clover – be mine
Red Columbine – anxious and trembling
Dahlia – dignity and elegance
Daffodil – unrequited love
Garden Daisy – I share your feelings
Single Field Daisy – I will think of it
Dandelion – oracle; coquetry
Foxglove – insincerity; occupation

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Rose Geranium – I prefer you
Honeysuckle – devoted love; fidelity
Hyacinth – constancy; benevolence
White Jasmine – amiability
Jonquil – desire; affection returned
Lavender – mistrust
Purple Lilac – first emotions of love
White Lily – majesty; purity
Lily of the Valley – return of happiness
Lupine – dejection
Magnolia – love of nature
Marigold – sacred affection
Garden Marigold – grief; chagrin
Mignonette – your qualities surpass your charms
Morning Glory – coquetry; affection
Myrtle – love in absence
Purple Pansy – you occupy my thoughts
Periwinkle – sweet memories
Phlox – our hearts are united
Pimpernel – rendezvous; change
Primrose – modest worth; silent love
Rhododendron – agitation
Rosebud – confession on love
Red Rose – I love you
White Rose – silence
Yellow Rose – infidelity, unfaithfulness
Snapdragon – presumption
Snowball – goodness; thoughts of heaven
Snowdrop – consolation; a friend in adversity
Sunflower – false riches
Sweet Pea – a meeting
Red Tulip – declaration of love
Blue Violet – faithfulness
White Violet – purity; candor; modesty
Zinnia – I mourn your absence

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Spell of the Month

Egg Divination

HOW DOES OOMANCY WORK?

This ancestral divination method consists in placing an egg white in a glass of water and interpreting the forms it creates.

This divinatory art is one of the most ancient but it remains commonly used nowadays.

There are several oomancy techniques, which the oomancer can choose from depending on their preference but also on the regions where oomancy is performed. In fact, this practice was originally most popular in the French and Italian countryside.

Here are two oomancy methods that you can easily try out, if you want to.

1.OOMANCY USING A GLASS

You need:

A glass half full of clear, lukewarm water
A fresh egg.

Here is how to proceed:

Break the egg and separate the yolk. Then, pour the egg white into the glass of water. Add a few coarse salt grains, mix thoroughly and let stand for a few hours. Observe the forms that appear in the glass of water.

2.OOMANCY USING A BOTTLE OF WATER

You need:

A bottle made of clear glass
Water
A fresh egg white

How to proceed:

Fill the bottle with water almost to the top. Put a fresh egg white in it. Then, place the bottle on the ground, preferably in direct contact with the earth (in the backyard, for instance, or simply on a terrace or balcony).

When the morning comes, observe the drawings and forms outlined by the egg white in the bottle and try to interpret them and decipher the deep meaning of what you see.

HOW TO INTERPRET THE MESSAGE FROM THE EGG

Whether you chose to put oomancy into practice using a glass or a bottle, the most delicate part of this divination art resides in interpreting what you see. To grasp the message from the egg:

Focus on the question, event or person that concerns you. Observe the forms (and potentially the color nuances) that appear in the glass or bottle of water.

Reading from an egg white is a bit like reading from coffee grounds. There are no strict rules. Interpreting them usually relies on the form you perceive. It is very subjective, and personal. You will have to let your intuition, your subconscious and first impressions do the talking.

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