



August Newsletter

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Important August Dates

(All times are CDT)

August 1 – Lammas/Lughnasadh



Lughnashadh

Animals/Mythical Creatures – griffins, basilisks, roosters, calves, centaurs, phoenix

Gemstones – aventurine, citrine, peridot, sardonyx, yellow diamonds and citrine

Incense/Oil – wood aloes, rose, rose hips, rosemary, chamomile, eucalyptus, safflower, corn, passionflower, frankincense, sandalwood

Colors/Candles – red, orange, golden yellow, green, light brown, gold, bronze, gray

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – corn, cornucopias, red, yellow flowers, sheaves of grain (wheat, barley, oats), first fruits/vegetables of garden labor, corn dollies, baskets of bread, spear, cauldron, sickle, scythe, threshing tools, sacred loaf of bread, harvested herbs, bonfires, bilberries, God figures made of bread or cookie dough, phallic symbols

Goddesses – the Mother, Dana (Lugh's wife & queen), Tailtiu (Welsh-Scottish), Demeter (Greek), Ceres (Roman grain goddess honored at Ceresalia), the Barley Mother, Seelu (Cherokee), Corn Mother, Isis (Her birthday is celebrated about this time), Luna (Roman Moon Goddess), other agricultural Goddesses, the waxing Goddess

Gods – Lugh (Celtic, one of the Tuatha De Danaan), John Barleycorn, Arianrhod's golden haired son Lleu (Welsh God of the Sun & Corn where corn includes all grains, not just maize), Dagon (Phoenician Grain God), Tammuz/ Dummuzi (Sumerian), Dionysus, plus all sacrificial Gods who willingly shed blood/give their life that their people/lands may prosper, all vegetation Gods & Tanus (Gaulish Thunder God), Taranis, (Romano-Celtic Thunder God), Tina, (Etruscan-Thunder God), the waning God

Essence – fruitfulness, reaping, prosperity, reverence, purification, transformation, change, The Bread of Life, The Chalice of Plenty, The Ever-flowing Cup, the Groaning Board (Table of Plenty)

Dynamics/Meaning – Lugh's wedding to Mother Earth, Birth of Lugh; Death of Lugh, Celtic Grain Festival

Purpose – honoring the parent deities, first harvest festival, first fruits grains & drink to the Goddess in appreciation of Her bounty, offering loaves of sacred bread in the form of the God (this is where the Gingerbread Man originated!)

Rituals/Magick – astrology, prosperity, generosity, continued success, good fortune, abundance, magickal picnic, meditate & visualize yourself completing a project you've started

Customs – games, the traditional riding of poles/staves, country fairs, breaking bread with friends, making corn dollies, harvesting herbs for charms/rituals, Lughnasadh fire with sacred wood & dried herbs, feasting, competitions, Lammas towers (fire-building team competitions), spear tossing, gathering flowers for crowns, fencing/swordplay, games of skill, martial sports, chariot races, handfastings, trial marriages, dancing 'round a corn mother (doll)

Foods – loaves of homemade wheat, oat, & corn bread, barley cakes, corn, potatoes, summer squash, nuts, acorns, wild berries (any type), apples, rice, pears, berry pies, elderberry wine, crab apples, mead, crab, blackberries, meadowsweet tea, grapes, cider, beer

Herbs – grain, acacia, heather, ginseng, sloe, cornstalks, cyclamen, fenugreek, aloes, frankincense, sunflower, hollyhock, oak leaf, wheat, myrtle

Element/Gender – fire/female

Threshold – noon

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August 7, 1:11 pm – Full Moon, 1:21 pm Lunar Eclipse

During this Lunar Eclipse, we shall be seeking justice in our one-on-one relationships. The cool headed detachment of Aquarius will enable us to look at any perceived victimization by a partner from an elevated perspective. How much of ones feelings are being conditioned by what other people say or from cultural pressures to conform? At this Lunar Eclipse, there is a good blend of passion and courage with which to look at problems openly and honestly. But, at the same time, there needs to be some anonymity during the confessional. Some might find themselves opening up to perfect strangers online much more than face-to-face with someone they know well. Expressing feelings to a sweetheart in the form of a poem or piece of art is also another way to communicate an important message if you feel uncomfortable doing it in person.

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

August 12, 8:00 pm until September 5, 6:29 pm – Mercury Retrograde

During August 2017, Mercury Retrogrades in the house of Virgo. Mercury is the ruler of Virgo and when Mercury goes retrograde in the sign of Virgo, the effects will be felt more. Emotions rule the roost bringing you into untold sufferings in life. You might get into unwanted troubles or arguments. Careers meet with lot of impediments. Communications may go out of control. You are best advised to stay calm and not to react to situations.

August 21, 1:20 pm – New Moon

The Solar Eclipse in August is very important for the American people, as not only does it directly impact their leader, but it will be visible across the whole of the United States. (For the first time since 1979.)

More than 90% of the Sun will be covered in Washington DC, the throne of world power. Like it or not, decisions made in the White House have a huge effect on the rest of the world, even if the President himself is limited in the scope of his own power.

In the case of the Solar Eclipse August 2017 I would say the alignment is quite positive, however, you could say that a Solar Eclipse in of itself is 'negatively aligned' due to the Moon blocking the Sun's power. Therefore this Solar Eclipse could have a malefic effect on leaders or elites who connect with it, as Trump does. It will be interesting to test out this eclipses effect as it plays out over the following 6 months.

This is the time to be brave and reveal those plans (or person) that you have been hiding from the world. If any of your personal planets are aspect to the Solar Eclipse of August 2017, then the time is ripe for showing off those great new ideas. You should generate much interest and have people fawning all over you. You could feel quite the star. However, beware of dropping old loyal friends in favor of arse-licking sycophants. For these kinds of people will drop you like a hot

potato as soon as you are not top dog anymore. This is as true for business as it is for love. You might get flattered into dropping your regular partner for a cute, young gold-digger.

Otherwise, if the brave Lion is honorable in his intentions, the Solar Eclipse of August 2017 could be a great opportunity to honestly air ones grievances and confront long overdue issues that have been festering for a while. Those who have strong connections to this Solar Eclipse should not worry about their enemies and just be themselves. But, avoid vengeance at all costs! If you find something that you are so attuned to that it fulfils your soul, something that gives you happiness from head to toe, then you are not likely to let any personal attacks knock you off center. You will need less approval from others if your heart is motivated by the sheer pleasure of doing what you love.

So for this golden Solar Eclipse, it will be very hard to keep anything in the dark. We will need to be brave enough to be totally, even brutally honest. We will be forced to come clean about any secrets. In love, faint hearts never won a fair maiden, so be prepared to wear your heart on our sleeve. Skulking cowards will not do well under this Solar Eclipse, there will be nowhere to hide.

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Herb of the Month



Hibiscus – Water/Venus; Gender – Feminine; Parts Used – Flowers; Magickal Properties – Lust, Love, Divination, Aphrodisiac; Uses – The flowers can be brewed in a tea and drank to induce lust. They can also be used in love incenses and sachets.

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Stone of the Month

Bloodstone – love confidence, strength, control over your life, luck (fire); Bloodstone is known as "the stone of the warrior." This stone enhances courage and brings understanding of the benefits behind each hard-won victory. It helps us to revitalize and open our hearts, tempering strength with compassion. It is a protective stone, and in ancient times was thought to slow bleeding. This stone is often used by athletes to give them both courage and physical vitality. It is also a prosperity stone, helping to manifest wealth.



Rune of the Month

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Raidho (R: Wagon or chariot.) – Travel, both in physical terms and those of lifestyle direction; A journey, vacation, relocation, evolution, change of place or setting; Seeing a larger perspective; Seeing the right move for you to make and deciding upon it; Personal rhythm, world rhythm, dance of life. Raidho Reversed or Merkstave: Crisis, rigidity, stasis, injustice, irrationality; Disruption, dislocation, demotion, delusion, possibly a death.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The World - The World is the end. The arrival of all the desires you hoped for. It is the beginning and the end, the dream, the hope and wish itself. Positively associated with fulfillment, completion, satisfaction, joy, wholeness, and success. Negatively associated with stagnation, lack of will, impatience, and delays.

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Correspondence of the Month

Elements

Earth – Earth is the element that rules the north and that is most stable and dependable. It represents abundance, prosperity, and wealth, and is creative but in a practical, physical manner. Earth is that which sustains all life and on which the other elements rest. Types of magick: gardening, grounding, magnet, image, stone, tree, knot, binding. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn.

Air – The element of air rules the east and is associated with mental processes and the mind. It is creative and is that which causes magickal intentions to manifest. It is also associated with higher consciousness and wisdom, divination, and purification. Types of magick: divination, concentration, prophecy, visualization, wind magick, karma. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius.

Fire – The element of fire rules the south and is associated with change and passion. It is both physical and spiritual, being related to sexuality and to divinity. Fire magick is quickly manifested and filled with primal energy. Types of magick: candle, storm, time. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.

Water – The element of water rules the west and is associated with the subconscious mind, intuition, and emotions. As the primal substance of life, it is symbolized by the womb and is related to fertility. Types of magick: magick involving the sea, snow or ice, mirror, magnet, rain, cleansing and purification. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.

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Spell of the Month

Spell Binding

Always bind your spells to prevent any backlash.
Here are three simple chants to do so:

For the greater good of all and with harm to none,
This spell is bound, and will not to be undone.
By the power of three times three,
As I will, so mote it be.

"By karmic power number three,
This spell tied and knotted be,
so that its contents stay together,
and can't harm human, beast or weather."

Now's the time of the three times three;
This spell I bound. So mote it be!

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