



## December Newsletter

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### **Important December Dates**

(All times are CDT/CST)

### **December 14, 7:52 am – Full Moon**

#### The Goose Moon

In December rises the Goose Moon. This is a time of cold quiet nights, when life must subsist on stored energy. Goose's fat and warm feathers epitomize this self-reliance. People fluent in this energy are prudent, capable, and industrious. They balance independence with family loyalty, preferring traditions over fads. Similarly, winter is a time to think back on the past year and value your accomplishments, not to begin new projects that would better wait for spring.

For this ritual of remembrance, you will need a goose quill pen, a bottle of ink, and a piece of good parchment paper. Clasp the quill and connect with the energy of Goose, who holds all good things under sheltering wings. Dip the pen into the ink and write out a list of what you achieved the past year, and good things that happened to you. Don't worry about your handwriting; it is the intent that counts. When you finish, write the date on the back of the paper. Fold up the paper around the quill and seal it closed.

Use this stored energy to remind yourself of what you can do when you are feeling discouraged. It is proof of your year's work.

~ Elizabeth Barrette in Llewellyn's 2016 Witches' Datebook -

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

### **December 19, 4:55 am to January 8, 3:43 am – Mercury Retrograde**

Many of you know the drill: Count on greater misunderstandings, as all communications are more likely to suffer; expect delays and/or undelivered mail or messages. EXPECT to write and rewrite in the present and WISH to rewrite the past. Always get repairs done of any kind before Mercury Retrograde begins or wait until it ends.

Emergencies excepted, Mercury Retrograde is definitely NOT the time to start a new relationship, a new job, or long-term project, let alone a new career. It is not the time enter into binding commitments (marriage, financial, or otherwise) without the absolute expectation of necessary modifications, alternative compromises and/or reversals in the original plan and/or intent. Unless it's an emergency, it is generally not a good idea make or go to medical appointments during Mercury Retrograde.

Interpersonally, communications at all levels are problematic, and we are inclined to think slower and process communications slower! We have to be patient with each other and ourselves. Expect computer issues, not the least of which will likely include slower connections.

EXPECT misleading information, if not deception (especially with Neptune in Pisces), EXPECT missed appointments, traffic problems, the failure to keep one's word because of a promise that could not be kept, misplaced documents, and computer-related problems.

Any Mercury Retrograde cycle is the time to re-think, re-do, re-define, re-organize, re-assess, re-orient, and/or re-plan without taking action on the "new plan" until after Mercury Retrograde ends. It is the time for completions; i.e., cleaning up paperwork, paying old debts, doing what we've promised that hasn't been completed or otherwise handling those matters responsibly.

It is not the time for repairs to machinery or automobiles in particular. Chances are, repairs will have to be made to the repair! It is the time to think more than do; plan what to change and how to move forward after Mercury Retrograde ends. Think of it as an opportunity that comes around 3 or occasionally 4 times in a year.

We are all being forced to loosen our grip on one or more situations in order to prepare for what is coming. The first half of Mercury Retrograde is the time for the greatest reflection and introspection.

During the second half of Mercury Retrograde, people will be especially inclined to just get on with business/life as usual and foolishly so. Added tension stems from a new perspective and the added awareness that we are literally blocked from doing what we feel ready to do to the fullest extent. What we should focus on is physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional well-being, as well as plans for greater fulfillment in our lives after the cycle ends.

## **December 21 – Yule/Winter Solstice**

### Yule

**Animals/Mythical Creatures** – Yule goat (Nordic), reindeer stag, squirrels, Yule cat, Sacred White Buffalo, Kallikantzaroi-ugly chaos monsters (Greek), trolls, phoenix, Yule elf, jule gnome, squirrels, wren/robin

**Gemstones** – cat's eye, ruby, diamond, garnet, bloodstone

**Incense/Oils** – bayberry, cedar, ginger, cinnamon, pine, rosemary, frankincense, myrrh, nutmeg, wintergreen, saffron

**Colors/Candles** – gold, silver, red, green, white

**Tools/Symbols/Decorations** – bayberry candles, evergreens, holly, mistletoe, poinsettia, lights, gifts, Yule log, Yule tree, spinning wheels, wreaths, bells, mother & child images

**Goddesses** – Great Mother, Befana (Strega), Holda (Teutonic), Isis (Egyptian), Triple Goddess, Mary (Christian), Tonazín (Mexican), Lucina (Roman), St. Lucy (Swedish), Bona Dea (Roman), Mother Earth, Eve (Hebrew), Ops (Roman Holy Mother), the Snow Queen, Hertha (German), Frey (Norse)

**Gods** – Sun Child, Saturn (Roman), Cronos (Greek), Horus/Ra (Egyptian), Jesus (Christian-Gnostic), Mithras (Persian), Balder (Norse), Santa Claus/Odin (Teutonic), Holly King, Sol Invicta, Janus (God of Beginnings), Marduk (Babylonian) Old Man Winter

**Essence** – honor, rebirth, transformation, light out of darkness, creative inspiration, the mysteries, new life, regeneration, inner renewal, reflection/introspection

**Dynamics/Meaning** – death of the Holly (winter) King; reign of the Oak (summer) King, begin the ordeal of the Green Man, death & rebirth of the Sun God; night of greatest lunar imbalance; sun's rebirth; shortest day of year

**Purpose** – honor the Triple Goddess, welcome the Sun Child

**Rituals/Magick** – personal renewal, world peace, honoring family & friends, Festival of light, meditation

**Customs** – lights, gift-exchanging, singing, feasting, resolutions, new fires kindled, strengthening family & friend bonds, generosity, Yule log, hanging mistletoe, apple wassailing, burning candles, Yule tree decorating; kissing under mistletoe; needfire at dawn vigil; bell ringing/sleigh-bells; father Yule

**Foods** – nuts, apple, pear, caraway cakes soaked with cider, pork, orange, hibiscus or ginger tea, roasted turkey, nuts, fruitcake, dried fruit, cookies, eggnog, mulled wine

**Herbs** – blessed thistle, evergreen, moss, oak, sage, bay, bayberry, cedar, pine, frankincense, ginger, holly, ivy, juniper, mistletoe, myrrh, pinecones, rosemary, chamomile, cinnamon, valerian, yarrow

**Element/Gender** – earth/male

**Threshold** – dawn

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## **December 25 – Christmas**

Celebrate family and family bonds on this day. Remember your ancestors and elders. Share those memories with others.

## **December 29, 12:53 am – New Moon**

This New Moon is in Capricorn. Capricorn is the sign of success and career. It also falls during Mercury Retrograde, which makes it an ideal time to re-evaluate your career methods and goals. Spend some time meditating about your career on this New Moon.

## **December 31 – New Year's Eve**

This year, why not start a gratitude jar? Any time you feel blessed, write it down on a slip of paper and put it in the jar. Read all of your slips of paper next New Year's Eve. The goal is to remind yourself to be grateful and fill your jar to the brim.

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## Herb of the Month

**Holly** - Fire/Mars; Gender – Masculine; Parts Used - The whole Herb; Magickal Properties – Protection; Uses - The wood is used for all magickal tools, as it will enhance any wish you have. It is a powerful protection in the home, and also is said to heighten masculinity if the fruit and leaves are carried by a man.

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## Stone of the Month

**Snowflake Obsidian** – Snowflake Obsidian is an interesting blend of grounding energies and "reaching for the stars." It is a constant reminder that there is no Light without darkness. As a result, this stone is a strong stimulant for the Spiritual Energy Body. While your feet are firmly planted, it allows you to expand your imagination, stimulate your intuitive senses and connect with what is available to you in the current moment. In the Now!

At the same time, there is a strong connection to earth and root energies. So in terms of supporting being grounded, centered and instilling a sense of balance, this crystal can be an ideal ally. However, the ways this particular crystals relates to negative or shadow energies feels completely different than its contemporaries. Rather than absorbing as a way to clear them, Snowflake Obsidian basically honors or ignores them. It treats those energies as if they are a natural part of our environment, not something to be rid of. It honors that the brightest lights shine in from the contrast of the dark.

Through this unique blend of spiritual and physical energies, this crystal helps you to see the bright spots in any situation. This is not a "Polly-Anna" positive spin. Instead, think of this as bringing a balanced view. Similarly, it assists in lifting self-sabotaging thoughts and helps you connect with resourceful and empowering choices, options and the direction that is most aligned to you.

Because Snowflake Obsidian supports you in connecting with your intuitive senses and activates the imagination, it supports seeing your world more clearly, including a more profound awareness of the synchronicity and seemingly coincidental events that are aligning to support you.

## Rune of the Month



**Othala** (O: Ancestral property.) – Inherited property or possessions, a house, a home; Things that are truly important; Group order, group prosperity; Land of birth, spiritual heritage, experience and fundamental values; Aid in spiritual and physical journeys; Source of safety, increase and abundance. Othala Reversed or Merkstave: Lack of customary order, totalitarianism, slavery, poverty, homelessness; Bad karma, prejudice, clannishness, provincialism; Things that bind us.

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## Tarot Card of the Month

**The Emperor** - The Emperor is a sign of achievement and honor. He represents paternity and strong leadership. Positively associated with achievement, authority, protection, support, trustworthiness, discipline, provider, consolidation, reason, and willpower. Negatively associated with weakness, immaturity, failed ambition, status driven, tyrannical, and an overbearing nature.

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## Correspondence of the Month

### Moon Signs

**Moon in Aries** – spells involving authority, willpower and rebirth

**Moon in Taurus** – spells involving love, real estate, and money

**Moon in Gemini** – spells involving communication, public relations and travel

**Moon in Cancer** – spells involving domestic life and honoring lunar deities

**Moon in Leo** – spells involving power over others, courage, child birth

**Moon in Virgo** – spells involving employment matters, health and intellectual matters

**Moon in Libra** – spells involving court cases, partnerships and artistic matters

**Moon in Scorpio** – spells involving secrets, power and psychic growth

**Moon in Sagittarius** – spells involving publications, sports and the truth

**Moon in Capricorn** – spells involving career, political matters and ambition

**Moon in Aquarius** – spells involving science, freedom, personal expression, problem solving and friendship

**Moon in Pisces** – spells involving music, telepathy and clairvoyance

**Moon Void of Course** – The moon is said to be void of course when it is between astrological signs. You should avoid performing magick spells during a void moon because they may not have the result you desire. Instead, complete old business or perform divination. Avoid doing anything important while the moon is void-of-course. What you do during this period may not work.

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## Spell of the Month

### Yule Log

Materials:

A log

Natural materials such as holly, mistletoe, pine cones, sprays of evergreen, berries, etc.

Some herbs such as cinnamon sticks

Twine or wire (to secure everything to the log)

Secure everything to the log in a way that looks pleasing. Traditionally, a Yule log is burned and a piece of the log saved for kindling the next year's log. This is thought to bring health and prosperity to the household for the entire year. If you don't have a fireplace, or for whatever reason don't want to burn your Yule log, you can place candles on it and make a centerpiece.

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