



December Newsletter

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Important December Dates

(All times are CDT)

December 3, 1:34 am to December 22, 7:51 pm – Mercury Retrograde

This Mercury Retrograde occurs just before a potent supermoon Full Moon. In Native American tradition this moon is referred to as the Cold Moon (or Long Nights Moon), because it characteristically signifies the time when winter cold “fastens its grips” and nights become long and dark. The paradox of this “dark night of the soul” of nature, with the brightness of the Full Moon allows us to shine light on our darkness, and find the warmth of clarity during the coldness of winter. Nature’s wisdom speaks in metaphor, and if we can seek, and apply the metaphor of this time a new reality will dawn, just in time for 2018.

The Full Moon in Gemini characteristically carries an open mind, and a curious soul, but can at times be at odds with wants/needs, and desires/dreams. This potent energy of the Moon allows us to “open to receive”, we must remember to protect and shield our openness, because December 3rd also is the beginning of the dreaded Mercury Retrograde.

Mercury is the ruling planet of Gemini, so it being in conjunction with the Gemini Full Moon may bring about some interesting shifts in consciousness. The result of these two energies may be a push/pull of the need to communicate and express your desires, but a hesitation towards action and movement towards your goals – and on the opposite side of the coin you may also feel a pull to be spontaneous and to make moves, but you have to have a plan of action before you act.

Mercury is known as the god of communication, and when he goes into Retrograde, communication on the mental, emotional, and astral planes can sometimes go awry. Journaling insight, and taking note of what is coming to the surface will help make sense of what you’re feeling and receiving. Perception, and emotion is at an all-time high – so try not to give into the “astonishment” of the flood of feelings.

This Retrograde will last from December 2nd, until December 22nd, and (with each Retrograde period) it’s advised during this time to be gentle, breathe, and be very mindful when communicating, and starting new commitments, contracts, or creative projects.

The key during this period is to allow the energy to work for you, not against you, and an important reminder to harness the positive aspects of the Full Moon/Retrograde period is to reflect, but also protect, to examine before acting, and to listen as well as hear.

December 3, 9:47 am – Full Moon

Even though December's Full Moon is an extremely powerful Super Moon, the presence of Mercury retrograde is going to be holding the energy back and slowing down how it is delivered to us. During this time, we may feel like we are taking two steps forward and one step back. We may also feel a bit stuck or stagnant.

It is important to honor this energy however, for it seems that this Full Moon may be helping to bring things to the surface. If there are things that you need to hear or even secrets that need to be revealed, this Full Moon is definitely going to be shining a light so you can see the truth.

This Full Moon is all about illuminating the truth, especially when it comes to how you communicate, and your true motives and intentions. If you or someone you know has been holding back the truth or doing things for the wrong reasons, this Full Moon may force things to rise up to the surface.

The truth is going to be revealed, so be patient and allow things to unfold under the presence of this energy. Whatever truths serve your highest good are going to come to the light, so be open and know that the truth can really set you free.

You may find this energy playing out the most when it comes to your relationships. This includes romantic relationships but also the relationships you have with your coworkers, friends, and family. If there is a truth that needs to come to the surface, this Full Moon is definitely going to be a trigger.

Seeing as Mercury is retrograde, it is going to be really important to think before speaking. When you speak from a truthful place you will have nothing to worry about, but if you speak from a place of ego or defensiveness, things may be trickier to work through. Trust whatever unfolds and know that if a truth is revealed or if some new information does come to the surface, it is only for your highest good. In fact, there is a lot of positive energy surrounding this Full Moon and it seems that it really is going to be helping us to step into our fullest potential.

2017 has carried the theme of new beginnings, and it seems that this Full Moon is really the end point to that energy. The process between the old and the new has definitely been challenging and may have resulted in huge life changes, but this energy is slowly going to be fading.

As the culmination point to all of this energy, use the Full Moon as an opportunity to celebrate just how far you have come and to congratulate yourself for this new beginning. The new beginning delivered to you may or may not have been what you wanted, but no matter what has been sent your way, try to find the gratitude in it all and trust the bigger picture. Everything that is sent your way is a lesson and even though it can sometimes feel unfair or painful, we all have to remember that we are forever beings on a temporary journey. Our lives are just a temporary moment in time

and we are here to learn, grow and live the best we can during the moments we have been given. Use the energy of this Full Moon to celebrate yourself and your life, no matter what new beginning has come your way.

The Gemini Super Full Moon is all about connecting with the truth and that includes the truth of who you really are. You are a timeless, ageless being that lives inside a temporary vessel that is here for a journey of learning how to love yourself more, love the planet more and love one another more.

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December 18, 12:30 am – New Moon

This Full moon could highlight jealous behavior and spiteful revenge, but there is also the option to transcend this poisonous energy and use the spit from the viper as anti-venom. At this December New Moon, you might find you actually become immune to criticism, and are able to carry on so deep down Pluto's mine that you actually hit the gold. This takes a lot of determination and focus, which is just what this Full Moon was made for.

The two New Moon aspects really support research and concentration also. If you are studying for an exam (especially one that is medicine/healing related), the discipline of Moon conjunct Saturn is perfect, while Moon trine Uranus gives an innovative approach to problem-solving. In terms of romance, if you have no work focus then you could be easily distracted by the forbidden fruit of a taboo lover. One bite and you could become quite obsessed by that person, dead or alive! Inter-dimensional relationships are quite possible at this time.

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 Day

“Snowflakes swirl down gently in the deep blue haze beyond the window. The outside world is a dream. Inside, the fireplace is brightly lit, and the Yule log crackles with orange and crimson sparks. There's a steaming mug in your hands, warming your fingers. There's a friend seated across from you in the cozy chair, warming your heart. There is mystery unfolding.”

~ Vera Nazarian

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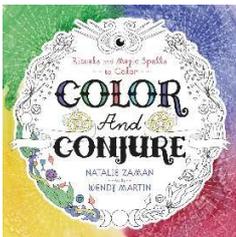
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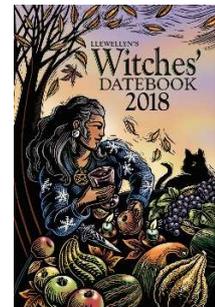
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Herb of the Month

Frankincense – Fire/Sun; Gender – Masculine; Parts Used – Gum (resin); Magickal Properties - Protection, Purification, Consecration, Exorcism; Uses - Burned to raise vibrations, purify, consecrate, protect and exorcise, carried in sachets or charms

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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!

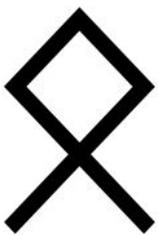


At the same time, there is a strong connection to earth and root energies. So in terms of supporting being grounded, centered and instilling a sense of balance, this crystal can be an ideal ally. However, the ways this particular crystals relates to negative or shadow energies feels completely different 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. What is truly important to one; Group order, group prosperity. Land of birth, spiritual heritage, experience and fundamental values; Aids 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; What a human is bound to.

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Tarot Card of the Month

Three of Cauldrons - It's party time when the Three of Cups appears in a reading. Put your glad rags on and get your hair done because you are going to a celebration of some sort where there will be lots of people you know and some you may not have seen for a long time. It is going to be a great time to chat and catch up with old friends and family members. Depending on surrounding cards, an engagement party, wedding celebration, or plain old family reunion may be indicated. Perhaps it's a christening or graduation. Whatever the cause for such festivities, there will be plenty of food, drink, music and dance. Party-time is here, and for some, possibly too much partying!! With this card there is a tendency to over indulge in the good stuff so go easy on the food and drink. Hangovers and exhaustion accompany this card.



The Three of Cups refers strongly to women's groups or meetings with women. You may be attending a Book Club, School Reunion or just having a Girl's Night in. It suggests that friends and their support figure strongly in your life at the moment and it looks like you are having a good time. This card urges you to find joy in others and to deliberately seek out friendly company. Surround yourself with people who make you happy. Remember to be kind and supportive to your friends too and make an effort to meet up regularly.

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Correspondence of the Month



Day of the Week

Monday – ruled by the Moon, spells involving emotions, the subconscious, domestic issues and feminine issues, a good day for psychic pursuits and dream work

Tuesday – ruled by Mars, spells for self-assertion, more energy, and courage, victory and passion are also indicated, as well as masculine goals in general

Wednesday – ruled by Mercury, spells involving mental issues, communication, education and self-expression, a good day for consulting oracles (tarot, runes), planning magickal work, and writing

Thursday – ruled by Jupiter, spells for prosperity and money, luck and business, a day for political power, influencing people in high places, law and courts

Friday – ruled by Venus, spells for love, friendship, beauty, sensuality, healing, peace and harmony, a good day for spells for artistic ability and creativity generally

Saturday – ruled by Saturn, spells to overcome obstacles, neutralizing harmful energy, binding and banishing, a day for protecting by blocking or pushing away negative forces

Sunday – ruled by the Sun, spells of many kinds may be done on Sunday, the Sun giving energy to them all, but best for healing and success, physical strength, obtaining goals, illumination, and initiating any magickal activity

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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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