



## January Newsletter

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### **Important January Dates**

(All times are CST)

### **January 1 - New Year's Day**

#### The Clean Start Soap Spell

This is a spell you can do over the course of a year, though you could adapt it to a different time period to suit your own circumstances. Begin afresh on the 1st of January, and quite simply each time you get to the last sliver of a bar of soap throughout the year, put it in a drawstring muslin bag on the bathroom shelf. As the year progresses, the muslin bag fills with aromatic slivers that each bring back vivid scent-memories of the past months. Then, towards the end of December (judge this by eye, depending how full the muslin bag is), begin to use the muslin bag to wash yourself in the shower instead of a fresh bar of soap. The idea is that as we approach the end of the year, we are re-visiting and integrating the experiences of the last 12 months. It's pretty effective, as of course scent is a great catalyst to memory. It is also symbolic of washing away the last vestiges of the old to make way for the new. The important thing is to time it so that the last of the soap dissolves away on New Year's Eve. And then of course, a carefully chosen, fresh new bar can be unwrapped on New Year's Day, and the spell begins for another cycle. You could of course choose a different start/end date, your birthday perhaps, or maybe Samhain or some other significant date. You could even choose a different time period than a year, perhaps stretching the process over a period of difficulty (such as medical treatment, a legal battle or time of emotional upheaval) so that you can finally wash it all away as the period comes to a close.

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Another good idea is cleaning the house on New Year's Eve, and mindfully choosing your activities in a New Year's Day spell. It certainly starts the year on a good note!

### **January 9, 1:20 am - Full Moon**

#### The Comforting Crab Moon

The energy of this Full Moon is embodied by the Crab. A creature of land and sea. Crab evokes the complex emotions involved in that most basic support system: one's home and family. While Crabs can be aggressive toward each other, they also work together to feed and protect their families. Crab teaches us the importance of protecting one's sense of self while maintaining the integrity of the home and family.

On this Cancer Full Moon, follow your Crab Within into a safe space for reflection and comfort. Today, as the energies of earth and water combine at the height of Moon's power, prepare a healing bath for yourself. While the warm water is filling the tub, mix 4 tablespoons of sea salt, 2 tablespoons of olive oil and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice. Consider a challenge to the harmony in your home or your family. Reflect on the sources of this challenge and its manifestations as you scrub the salt mixture over your body. Feel the salt draw the toxins from you as it rejuvenates body, mind and spirit. As the water cleanses the salt from your body, visualize healing flowing into this situation and ask for guidance on how you might contribute to that healing.

~ Kristin Madden in [Llewellyn's 2012 Witches' Datebook](#)

### **January 16 - Martin Luther King Day**

#### We All Have a Dream

Martin Luther King was just a man  
for justice and peace he would stand

All he wished  
Is for whites and blacks  
to be equal when we finished

He had a non-violent protest  
To put the people to a special test

So, to racial injustice, to inequality,  
He raised a fist of peace  
and with equal rights,  
America would find release.

He knew his people were very bright,  
he just had to lead them to the light.

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Because Martin Luther King had a Dream  
so no one would have to scream  
for there wouldn't be a dilemma  
like Birmingham or Selma.

He once said that he had a dream  
and that one day it will come true.  
But it will only be a dream  
until there is change in me and you.

~ Author Unknown

### **January 23 - Chinese New Year**

Black Water Dragon gives happiness and success for the family and good people. 2012 Year of the Dragon is favorable for the establishment of family, birth a smart and healthy child. During this period we should be bold and not humble.

Year of the Dragon - Chinese New Year 2012 (according to the Chinese Zodiac). The year of the Dragon begins on January 23, 2012 and ends on February 9, 2013.

The year of the Dragon is the year for great deeds, innovative ideas and big projects. In this year, success in particular, can be expected by people who are dealing with finances. This will be an advantageous time to begin new projects in business and on a social level.

The Year of the Dragon will bring the excitement, and big ups and downs in our lives. Dragon gives happiness and success to all good and honest people. Also, to those who have great talent. Now let's see what we need to do this year to win the sympathy and all the treasures of the Black Water Dragon. Here are some suggestions for the celebration of Chinese New Year.

What to wear to welcome the Year of the Dragon?

We can draw the attention of the patron of this year if our New Year's Eve decorations are in his favorite colors. Some people think it's a black and yellow color combination, while others think that the Dragon likes bright red and intense green colors. Yet, all agree that the black color should be dominant.

The most important thing to remember is that the Dragon loves splendor and grandeur, so be sure to wear vibrant colors. On New Year's Eve, wear the most extravagant hairstyles, which can be decorated with dazzling hair accessories.

What needs to appear on the New Year's table?

It is important that the New Year's table is full of various specialties, and only fresh and natural foods. Dragon will be attracted to rare species of fish, seafood and pumpkin. It is good to celebrate Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon) with foods that are well seasoned with pepper and basil, ginger and cinnamon, cloves and chili, coriander and nutmeg. For happiness in the Year of the Dragon, all foods primarily need to be extremely tasty. On the New Year's table, in accordance with the Dragon, a required decoration is candles.

How to decorate the house to welcome the Year of the Dragon?

As we recognize that the dominant element of the 2012 Year of the Dragon is water, we need to deploy mussels, sea stars, octopus, figurines of fish and dragon figurines through the whole house.

What to do at midnight on New Year's Eve?

A few minutes before midnight, thank the departing Year of the Rabbit and remember many good things that have happened to you in 2011. At midnight, to welcome Chinese New Year, open every door and window to let go of the old year and let the good fortune to come into the house.

2012 Year of the Dragon - What to do?

On New Year's Day, don't talk about the past, look to the future and new beginnings.

On the 5th day of Chinese New Year, include dragons in front of your business, for prosperity, money and good luck.

This year, we should to give love, love and love, and love will return to us. The whole universe will glow of love energy.

And finally, remember that the Dragon is a karmic animal. It returns a positive energy which you gave to others.

## **January 23, 1:39 am - New Moon**

### New Moon Spell

#### Special tools:

- \* cedar or sage smudging wand
- \* white candle

#### Cast the circle

Use the smudging wand to purify the space as you move around the circle.

#### Invocation to the Goddess

(ring bell with arms in Goddess position, arms in a V above your head)

Great Hecate

Queen of the Underworld

Protectress of all Wicca

It is my will on this night of the new moon

to overcome my shadows

and bring about change

I invite you to my circle to assist and protect me in my rite.

#### Invocation to the God

(hold athame with your hands in the God position, crossed over your chest)

Great Anubis,

God of Protection

It is my will on this night of the new moon

to overcome my shadows

to bring about change

I invite you to my circle

to assist me and protect me in my rite.

#### Statement of intent

Dark is the night as I reach this turning point

Here is a time of death, yet a time of rebirth.

Endings and beginnings

Ebbings and flowings

A journey done and a journey yet to start.

As the wheel turns, I see birth, death and rebirth

and I know that every end is a beginning.

## Meditation

Remember a time in your life when you were miserable, depressed and felt like you couldn't go on.

Let the painful memories overtake you, feeling yourself weaken and become frightened. Put yourself back in that pain-filled time in your life.

As you meditate on that time, sink down the floor and curl up in an embryonic position. You are completely obsessed by pain and depression. The shadows around you lengthen and darkness spreads.

Then! Arise!

Light your white candle and hold it high overhead.

Say:

In darkness, there is light!

I feel energy and life returning to me!

I feel my heartbeat strong

I feel the power of the universe and the power of the Goddess and God within me.

Pass the candle over your body, tuning in completely with the light, feeling its power heal and protect you.

Allow its rays to completely penetrate your being, healing and cleansing you. As you are doing this, chant

Let the light cast out all darkness

Cakes and wine

Thank the God and Goddess for their presence

Close the circle

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## Herb of the Month

**Red Clover** - Fire/Sun, Gender - Masculine, Parts Used - Flowery Tops, Magickal Properties - Repelling Negative Influences, Uses - Worn or carried to repel negative energies around you, carried with other appropriate herbs for mental clarity, added with other herbs also for attracting love. Also, said to protect babies in their cribs if hung over them strung together.

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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

 **Mannaz** (M: Man, mankind.) – The Self; the individual or the human race. Your attitude toward others and their attitudes towards you. Friends and enemies, social order. Intelligence, forethought, create, skill, ability. Divine structure, intelligence, awareness. Expect to receive some sort of aid or cooperation now. Mannaz Reversed or Merkstave: Depression, mortality, blindness, self-delusion. Cunning, slyness, manipulation, craftiness, calculation. Expect no help now.

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## Tarot Card of the Month

### The Hierophant

Taurus the Earthly bull may seem an odd sign for a holy man, but it makes sense if you understand that the Hierophant's purpose is to bring the spiritual down to Earth. Where the High Priestess connects to the esoteric with her secret, solitary rites, the Hierophant (or High Priest) leads his flock in shared, communal rituals.

The Hierophant is well suited to be such a leader as, like all Taureans, he strives to create harmony and peace in the midst of crisis. Such rituals, rites and traditions remind the community of their values, their shared identity and the religious structure that gives their lives order and meaning. No matter how chaotic and frightening the times, this can bring tranquility.

The Hierophant's only problem is that, like the Bull, he can be stubborn and hidebound. Also, as he is working for the harmony of the community, the Hierophant is not a card that favors individuality. Harmony cannot be achieved if everyone is marching to their own drummer. The Hierophant is about shared feelings, beliefs and ways. It even can be about blending in or surrendering to tradition and community rather than asserting your uniqueness

The Hierophant card often features religious symbols that elicit strong feelings in both readers and querents. Some find it hard to disassociate the Hierophant from certain organized religions (or branches of a religion), which they view as domineering, irrational, even cruel. So they tend to interpret the Hierophant only by his potential negatives: as hide-bound, literal and stodgy.

It is certainly true, however, that the Hierophant can represent those in the querent's life who preach by the book, or refuse to deviate one iota from old-fashioned ways of doing things. Try to keep in mind, however, that such irascible, orthodox types are usually acting out of fear. They're terrified that any change will weaken the community and its faith. This is ironic as such traditions are meant to erase fear and create peace and harmony, not generate more fear.

Likewise, the Hierophant might well be a warning to the querent, himself, against being too stubborn, too fearful of change, especially in matters of theology, ethics or traditions. The Hierophant could appear as a reminder that the aim of traditions is not to follow them by rote, but to use them to keep alive the spirit and faith of a people.

This is an important message. When things are going very wrong in the world, it is the Hierophant who wades in, quiets the panic, and offers good, practical advice as well as spiritual assurances. He is the teacher, therapist, counselor, advisor, priest or rabbi. He answers questions people would ask of the divine, but also acts as the voice of the community, speaking for the people as well as to them.

The Hierophant symbolizes the community's traditions, ethics and faith, the spirituality that defines and unifies them, generation to generation. "Remember where you came from," this card tells you, "the traditions of your forefathers, the lessons of your faith, and you will know how to survive this crisis." In the most dire times of loss and fear, the Hierophant is there to remind you that you are never alone.

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## Correspondence of the Month

### Colors

**White** – Elemental spirits, Angels, Gods of wisdom, divination and prophecy. Purification and cleaning on all levels, contact with higher self and spiritual helpers, aura-healing, truth seeking, consecration, spiritual enlightenment, protection against negativity, breaking curses, exorcism, meditation, divination, inspiration, and clairvoyance. White can be a replacement for any other color.

**Yellow** – The color of elemental air. Vitality, change, progress, contact, communication, trade, confidence, joy, cheerfulness, learning, knowledge, mental clarity, concentration, speaking, writing and visualization

**Gold** – Represents Sun deities, solar energies, and masculine energy, abundant self confidence, creativity, perfection, financial riches, success in investments, luxury, worldly power, magickal power, overcoming bad habits and addictions.

**Orange** – Represents deities of good luck and good fortune. Charm, kindness, encouragement, stimulation, optimism, success, abundance, prosperity, feast and celebration, achieving business goals, investments, success in legal matters

**Copper or bronze** – Represents love goddesses, love and passion, positive relationships in love, friendship in business, career promotions, successful negotiations

**Red** – The color of elemental fire. It represents deities of love, passion, sexuality and war. Courage, will-power, determination, speed, assertiveness, aggression, masculinity, independence, physical strength, sports, competition, conflicts, health, sexual attraction and potency, love and passion, fertility

**Magenta** – Magnetism, the ability to attract or speed up results, life purpose, life path.

**Pink** – Represents love goddesses, softness and tenderness, romance, caring, nurturing, youth, peace, friendship, femininity, emotional love, emotional healing

**Green** – The color of elemental earth. It represents nature and fertility deities, Mother goddesses, nature, fertility, growth, rejuvenation, recovery, healing, harvest and abundance, prosperity, harmony, balance, peace, hope, home, plants and animals

**Turquoise** – Changes, intellectual and intuitive insights, inventions and originality, renewal, brotherhood, humanity

**Blue** – The color of elemental water. It represents deities of the sea and sky, truth and wisdom. Peace and tranquility, calmness, truth, wisdom, justice, counsel, guidance, understanding and patience, loyalty and honor, sincerity, devotion, healing, femininity, prophetic dreams, protection during sleep, astral projection

**Violet** – It represents elemental spirits, angels, and Gods of divination and prophecy. Psychic abilities, divination, counter-acting negativity and black magick, reversing curses, psychic healing, psychic power, inspiration, meditation, spirituality, spiritual power, astral projection, third eye

**Brown** – Stability, grounding, conservation, protection of household, family and pets, healing animals, finding lost objects, buildings, material increase, to make relationships solid, to increase decisiveness and concentration, to attract help in financial crisis

**Gray** – Neutralizing negative influences, putting a halt to action

**Silver** – It represents moon goddesses, female energy, cycles, rebirth, reincarnation, healing of hormonal imbalances, emotional stability, remove or neutralize negativity, intuition, dreams, psychic abilities and psychic workings

**Black** – It represents deities of the Underworld. Repel and banish evil and negativity, protection, breaking free from bad habits and addictions, deep meditation, opens up deep unconscious levels.

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## **Spell of the Month**

### Love Charm Bag

As with any love magick, spells like this are best done on a Friday.

Small pink charm bag, any material

1 pink candle

4 white candles

Cauldron or fire-proof pot

Catnip and jasmine herbs

Small piece of paper, and pen

Cast your circle in your usual manner. Place the 4 white candles in a circle around your altar, at the 4 directional points, with the cauldron and pink candle in the center. Light each of the white candles, and then the pink one. On the slip of paper, write down some of the important qualities you are looking for in a mate. Place the paper with the herbs in the cauldron, and light them. As they burn, focus on your intent and repeat the chant below three times.

By the power of flame and herb, bring me love  
By the power of flame and words, bring me love  
By the power of flame and candle, bring me love

Let the candles burn out, and put the herb/paper ashes in the pouch. Carry it with you.

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