



January Newsletter

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Important January Dates

(All times are CDT/CST)

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.

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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.

January 1 – New Year's Day

NEW YEAR SPELL JAR

Supplies:

- Jar to hold contents
- Twine to hold the spell together
- Sand and shells for attraction of your intentions
- Egg shells for strength and new beginnings
- Sage to promote wisdom and to overcome grief
- Rosemary to enhance memory and attain youth
- Cloves to attract good luck and prosperity, to keep good friends close, and to prevent gossip
- Basil for wealth, protection, and love
- Mint for wealth, strength, and travel safety
- Lavender to sharpen the mind, to encourage or strengthen pure love
- Allspice for healing, increased energy and determination
- White willow Bark for overall blessings
- Bay Leaves for protection against misfortunes
- Lemon balm for love/anti-depressant
- Rose petals for love, happiness, and protection against the evil eye
- Sea salt for purity
- Optional: Quartz Crystal for overall purity; a list of everything you want to accomplish in the new year; a coin or dollar if you really need to work on your financial situation; tea light; any tokens of luck you may want like a lucky penny, a garden stone with your favorite lucky sigil, etc.

Instructions:

- Optional – Meditate and cast a circle beforehand.
- Take your jar and fill it up with the ingredients you have chosen, make sure you have purified them beforehand. Visualize their use (you can add anything else to your jar that seems useful to you). Make the sea salt and sand your base.
- Light the tea light inside the jar and kindly request from your respective deities their guidance in the New Year:

“(Insert your respective deities here), thank you for the divine guidance you have provided for me this year. Please let the world around me be pure next year as you have since the beginning of time itself. So be it.

- Dip the ends of your twine in the candle wax to “seal loose ends”
- Extinguish the flame by putting the lid on your jar, tie twine around the lid
- Put the completed spell jar in your home, somewhere you will see it throughout the day. Whenever you are feeling that life isn’t quite going your way, light the candle inside the jar and meditate. Refresh every year by either replacing the contents or re-charging it with a blessing.

You can really just use any herbs you happen to have. Don’t be discouraged if you don’t have white willow bark lying around. Use herbs you are familiar with and feel free to write your own dedication if you like. It should be very personal for you.

January 12, 5:34 am – Full Moon

The Cold Moon

January's full moon is known as the Wolf Moon, Cold Moon, or Chaste Moon. Native Americans called this full moon the Wolf Moon as they listened to the wolves howling in the distance while they tried to stay warm.

If you are planning to work with this Full Moon, it is a great time to work with magick relating to protection, both physical and spiritual. It is also a great time to work on developing your inner self and advancing yourself spiritually.

Consider incorporating some of the following into your magick:

Colors: Black and white, silver

Gemstones: Hematite

Trees: Birch, Hazel

Gods: Inanna, Freyja

Herbs: Thistle, nuts and seeds, marjoram

Element: Air

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

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Most of us probably agree that many things in our current society need to change. As you think about how Dr. King challenged the establishment and made lives better for millions of people, consider the causes you can support and ways you can participate in your own peaceful protests.

January 27, 6:07 pm – New Moon

This New Moon is in Aquarius. Aquarius is the sign of the future and the water bearer reflects the idealism of the new life the future promises. This New Moon happening at the beginning of the year makes it an ideal time to plant the seeds of your future harvests. Focus your spell work on the things you want to manifest in the coming month and the coming year.

January 28 – Chinese New Year, Year of the Rooster

Rooster Years are a blend of righteousness, justice and logistical efficiency. Public and private administration jobs, military careers or police jobs are highly favored.

A year of the Rooster is often marked by brilliant success for those who have endured with patience the draining and often solitary creation of a business project.

Many people wish during this particular year to change their professional environment. But these desires of mobility shall not materialize for everyone, for all the Chinese zodiac signs aren't able to handle the stress and be sufficiently creative and organized to overcome the failures they will have to face along their path to success.

The year 2017 is placed under the protection of the fabulous and flamboyant sign of the Fire Rooster, whose virtues of righteousness, perseverance and transparency generously reward those who understand and practice these traits.

February 2 – Imbolc

Imbolc

Animals/Mythical Creatures – firebird, dragon, groundhog, deer, burrowing animals, ewes, robin, sheep, lamb, other creatures waking from hibernation

Gemstones – amethyst, garnet, onyx, turquoise

Incense/Oil – jasmine, rosemary, frankincense, cinnamon, neroli, musk, olive, sweet pea, basil, myrrh, and wisteria, apricot, carnation

Colors/Candles – brown, pink, red, orange, white, lavender, pale yellow, silver

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – white flowers, marigolds, plum blossoms, daffodils, Brigid wheel, Brigid's cross, candles, grain/seed for blessing, red candle in a cauldron full of earth, doll, Bride's Bed; the Bride, broom, milk, birchwood, snowflakes, snow in a crystal container, evergreens, homemade besom of dried broom, orange candle anointed in oil (see above) can be used to symbolize the renewing energy of the Sun's rebirth.

Goddesses – Virgin Goddess, Venus, Diana, Februa, Maiden, Child Goddess, Aradia, Athena, Inanna, Vesta, Gaia, Brigid, Selene (Greek), Branwen (Manx-Welsh)

Gods – young Sun Gods, Pan, Cupid/Eros (Greco-Roman), Dumuzi (Sumerian)

Essence – conception, initiation, insight, inspiration, creativity, mirth, renewal, dedication, breath of life, life-path, wise counsel, plan, prepare

Dynamics/Meaning – first stirring of Mother Earth, lambing, growth of the Sun God, the middle of winter

Purpose – honoring the Virgin Goddess, festival of the Maiden/Light

Rituals/Magick – cleansing; purification, renewal, creative inspiration, purification, initiation, candle work, house & temple blessings, welcoming Brigid, feast of milk & bread

Customs – lighting candles, seeking omens of Spring, storytelling, cleaning house, bonfires, indoor planting, stone collecting, candle kept burning dusk till dawn; hearth re-lighting

Foods – dairy, spicy foods, raisins, pumpkin, sesame & sunflower seeds, poppyseed bread/cake, honey cake, pancakes, waffles, herbal tea

Herbs – angelica, basil, bay, benzoin, celandine, clover, heather, myrrh, all yellow flowers, willow

Element/Gender – earth/female

Threshold – midnight

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Herb of the Month

Sandalwood - Air/Moon; Gender – Feminine; Parts Used - Wood, Resin; Magickal Properties - Protection, Cleansing, Meditations and Healings; Uses - Burn to enhance your meditations and healing wishes; use the wood for a healing wand or tie a piece on a healing wand; burn to cleanse and purify yourself or the home by passing the smoke over your body or through the house; use with other herbs to develop your spirituality.

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Stone of the Month

Hematite – Hematite helps to absorb negative energy and calms in times of stress or worry. Hematite is a very protective stone and is great to carry to help you stay grounded in many situations. Hematite is also good for working with the Root Chakra, helping to transform negative energies into a more positive vibration. Those in relationships can benefit from the cooperation energy coming from Hematite.

Hematite can help find unique gifts and to release self-imposed limitations, while still maintaining a healthy amount of self-control. Hematite aids in the Ascension process, by facilitating the integration of higher spiritual energies into our physical, 3-D existence.

Carry Hematite when in need of balance and equilibrium, or when having difficulty focusing energies. Hematite is also said to be useful in legal situations, and is thought to strengthen self-confidence.

Rune of the Month

Isa (I: Ice.) – A challenge or frustration; Psychological blocks to thought or activity, including grievances; Standstill, or a time to turn inward and wait for what is to come, or to seek clarity. This rune reinforces the runes around it. Isa Merkstave (Isa cannot be reversed, but may lie in opposition): Ego-mania, dullness, blindness, dissipation; Treachery, illusion, deceit, betrayal, guile, stealth, ambush, plots.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Tower - The Tower shows the crumbling of stability and the breaking down of all things. It represents change, upheaval and unwanted change. Positively associated with re-evaluation, necessary change, and a blessing in disguise. Negatively associated with sudden change, downfall, disruption, and disaster.

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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

Star of Love Spell

Supplies:

Paper

Pen or pencil

Pink or red rose petals

Jasmine incense

Red candle

Red crystals, such as garnet, rose quartz or ruby

This spell should be performed on a clear night. Arrange the items on your altar, then light the candle and incense. Think about what qualities are important to you in a mate and write them on the piece of paper. Take the flower petals and crystals outside with you, and look up at the stars. Choose one bright star and focus on its light and energy. Hold up the petals and stones to the star and repeat the following, three times:

“Star of love, burn so bright,
aid me in my spell tonight.
Unite my true love to me,
as I will it, so mote it be”

As you say the words, visualize the light from the star beaming down and filling the things in your hands. After saying the spell, return to your altar and place the flowers and crystals at the base of the candle. Focus on the candle flame, and repeat the words above another three times.

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