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Important June Dates

(All times are CST/CDT)

June 8, 10:56 am - New Moon

This New Moon is conjunct asteroid Elpis the goddess of hope. Elpis was the last item left in Pandora's Box that did not escape. Jupiter declared that hope should remain in the jar but we don't know why. It remains a mystery. So here we are at this New Moon. We don't know whether hope is the cause of our suffering or whether it is the one thing we have to alleviate the pain when we have nothing else. Are we wise to have hope, or are we just deluding ourselves? Is this world digging itself deeper and deeper into the grave or is this dark time part of some grand Jupiter plan?

Rigel also has variable effects, a "quick rise in life is promised on account of a strong, inherent willpower, love of action, and a lucky hand in enterprise. A continuous battle to retain an acquired position has to be waged..... If however the native is not cautious or has an attack of weakness, failure and disappointments, a fall from success will follow." It seems with this New Moon, we can't really afford to take our eye off the ball. Where this Moon falls in your chart, be vigilant and keep your distance from agitators. This is also an area where you can have great success for the next month, but humility is called for. And no arrogance if you want to avoid envious stings!

June 16 - Father's Day

A Little Girl Needs Daddy

A little girl needs Daddy
For many, many things:
Like holding her high off the ground
Where the sunlight sings!
Like being the deep music
That tells her all is right
When she awakens frantic with
The terrors of the night.

Like being the great mountain
That rises in her heart
And shows her how she might get home
When all else falls apart.

Like giving her the love
That is her sea and air,
So diving deep or soaring high
She'll always find him there.

~ Author Unknown

June 21, 12:04 am - Litha/Midsummer/Summer Solstice

Litha

Animals/Mythical Creatures - wren, robin, horses, cattle, satyrs, faeries, firebird, dragon, thunderbird

Gemstones - lapis lazuli, diamond, tiger's eye, all green gemstones, especially emerald and jade

Incense/Oil - heliotrope, saffron, orange, frankincense & myrrh, wisteria, cinnamon, mint, rose, lemon, lavender, sandalwood, pine

Colors/Candles - blue, green, gold, yellow and red

Tools/Symbols/Decorations - the Sun, oak, birch & fir branches, sun flowers, lilies, red/maize/yellow or gold flower, love amulets, seashells, summer fruits & flowers, feather/flower door wreath, sun wheel, fire, circles of stone, sun dials and swords/blades, bird feathers, Witches' ladder

Goddesses - Mother Earth, Mother Nature, Venus, Aphrodite, Yemaya, Astarte, Freya, Hathor, Ishtar, all Goddesses of love, passion, beauty and the Sea, and Pregnant, lusty Goddesses, Green Forest Mother; Great One of the Stars, Goddess of the Wells

Gods - Father Sun/Sky, Oak King, Holly King, Arthur, Gods at peak power and strength

Essence - humility, fire, partnership, nourishment, relationships, fertilization, nurturing

Dynamics/Meaning - crowning of the Sun God, death of the Oak King, assumption of the Holly King, end the ordeal of the Green Man

Purpose - rededication to the Lord and Lady, beginning of the harvest, honoring the Sun God, honoring the pregnant Goddess

Rituals/Magick - nature spirit/fey communion, planet healing, divination, love & protection magick. The battle between Oak King, God of the waxing year & Holly King, God of the waning year (can be a ritual play), or act out scenes from the Bard's (an incarnation of Merlin) "A Midsummer Night's Dream," rededication of faith, rites of inspiration

Customs - bonfires, processions, all-night vigil, singing, feasting, celebrating with others, cutting divining rods, dowsing rods & wands, herb gathering, handfastings, weddings, Druidic gathering of mistletoe in oak groves, needfires, leaping between two fires, mistletoe (without berries, use as a protection amulet), women walking naked through gardens to ensure continued fertility, enjoying the seasonal fruits & vegetables, honor the Mother's fullness, richness and abundance, put garlands of St. John-s Wort placed over doors/ windows & a sprig in the car for protection

Foods - honey, fresh vegetables, lemons, oranges, summer fruits, summer squash, pumpnickel bread, ale, carrot drinks, mead

Herbs - anise, mugwort, chamomile, rose, wild rose, oak blossoms, lily, cinquefoil, lavender, fennel, elder, mistletoe, hemp, thyme, larkspur, nettle, wisteria, vervain (verbena), St. John's Wort, heartsease, rue, fern, wormwood, pine, heather, yarrow, oak & holly trees

Element/Gender - fire/male

Threshold - evening/dawn

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June 23, 6:37 pm - Full Moon

Strong Sun Moon

The month of the Summer Solstice celebrates the Strong Sun Moon. It's easy to forget that the Moon glows by borrowed light from the Sun. To celebrate this Full Moon, rejoice in the lushness of midsummer. Make a bonfire or, if that's not possible, use a small cauldron to burn some aromatic herbs (such as lavender, yarrow, vervain) or oak leaves and branches. If you have a fire pit on your patio, you can add herbs to the fire. Honor the life-giving light that the Sun shares with us in the darkness, by way of the Moon's reflection. Use this chant as you light your fire beneath the moonlight:

Moon kissed by midsummer Sun.

Strongest light can now become

Energy for night and day--

Light of life to lead our way.

~ Ember Grant in [Llewellyn's 2013 Witches' Datebook](#)

June 26, 8:08 am to July 20, 1:22 pm - Mercury Retrograde

Mercury is retrograde from June 26 through July 20. He enters the retrograde shadow on June 9 (when he will hit 13 degrees of Cancer, the degree at which he will turn around) and will leave the far side of the shadow August 20 (when he will cross 23 Cancer, the degree at which he stations retrograde).

When the planet that rules communication and transportation goes backward (it's an optical illusion), pay extra attention to anything related to those themes. Messages go astray; misunderstandings and confusion abound; technology malfunctions; traffic snarls; travel gets delayed. Postpone launching major projects, signing major contracts and buying big-ticket items. Double-check fine print, backup your data and allow lots of extra time when you're on the road.

This retrograde, like all of the others this year, has Mercury in a water sign. This element is not naturally comfortable for the winged messenger, who prefers an environment that allows him to move nimbly and quickly. When he's in water, confusion and mistaken thinking will intensify. It will be easy to pick up undercurrents or other people's thoughts and assume that they are yours.

Watch for a rise in expression of emotions, sentimentality, tenderness, touchiness, crabbiness and taking things personally. You may get a second go at exploring how you or someone else felt about recent events.

Because Mercury is making a grand trine to Saturn (structure, rules, commitment, responsibility) and Neptune (illusion, compassion, transcendence) during much of his retrograde, you may experience intense connections without speaking a word. You may have sensations of profound but faceless love and understanding the big picture, without being able to articulate it.

This is an excellent time to investigate and research, finish old business, clean up paperwork and get in touch with people you haven't talked to in a while. Thanks to the sonar properties Mercury has in water, you may effortlessly soak up a lot of useful information -- or catch it as it floats by you. Cast a wide net and explore!

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Herb of the Month

Anise - Element - Air, Planet - Jupiter, Gender - Masculine, Parts Used - Seeds, Magickal Properties - Protection, Psychic enhancement, Sleep, Uses - Wear on your person in a sachet. Used often in Aromatherapy and in dream pillows for a good night's sleep. Burn while meditating.

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Stone of the Month

Jade - Jade is considered one of the most important symbols of purity and serenity. It is also revered as an ancient symbol of love. The Maoris regard Jade as a stone which brings luck, especially specimens that are dark olive-green in color. The ancient Chinese felt that Jade helps to inspire the mind to make quick and precise decisions. The ancient trader would often hold this gem in the palm of his right hand while he engaged in business transactions. Carved into a scarab, Jade is said to bring its owner a long and prosperous life. It is also said that wearing Jade while gardening will improve the health of the plants. Similarly, small pieces of Jade can be buried along the perimeter for this purpose. It is worn for protection during defensive magickal workings.

HEALING: Jade has been called "colic stone," "spleen stone" and "stone of the loins." It is said that by tying jade to the arm, stones in the kidneys can be expelled. The ancient Greeks used this mineral for healing ailments of the eyes. Wearing Jade helps the body to heal itself while working on the underlying, nonphysical problems which cause the disease in the first place.

Rune of the Month

↳ **Laguz** (L: Water, or a leek) – Flow, water, sea, a fertility source, the healing power of renewal; life energy and organic growth; imagination and psychic matters; dreams, fantasies, mysteries, the unknown, the hidden, the deep, and the underworld; success in travel or acquisition, but with the possibility of loss. Laguz Reversed or Merkstave is an indication of a period of confusion in your life. You may be making wrong decisions and poor judgments. Lack of creativity and feelings of being in a rut; fear, circular motion, avoidance, withering; madness, obsession, despair, perversity, sickness, suicide.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Queen of Cauldrons

The Queen of Cauldrons is nurturing, caring, compassionate and sensitive. She is a good wife and a loving mother as she is emotionally secure and can connect on an emotional level with others. She is admired for her fairness and honesty, and is warm-hearted. Often a healer, counselor or psychic, this is a woman who seems to know what is wrong even before you open your mouth. She seems to have exactly the right solution to problems relating to relationships, emotions and feelings. She easily tunes in to what you are feeling and is able to help you make sense of it in a sensitive and compassionate manner. As such, her intuition is very strong and she has a unique talent at being able to pick up on emotional energy.

As with all of the Court Cards, the Queen of Cauldrons can manifest as a person in your life or as a part of yourself. She often appears as a mature female.

No intuition is more powerful than that of the Queen of Cauldrons. She is the pure force of Water, and her connection with the subconscious is rivaled only by the High Priestess. She is often like a mirror, reflecting the hidden depths of others back to them, so they can see their own mysteries for themselves. Thus, the Queen of Cauldrons indicates that you need to trust your intuition and listen to your inner voice. Trust the sensations and the feelings you are getting from your outside environment.

When the Queen of Cauldrons appears in a reading, it suggests that you need to empathize with others and to show true compassion. Focus on the emotional well-being of others rather than relying on rational or logical explanation. You are here to support and to teach others, by drawing upon your own intuition and sense of calm and emotional connectedness. Learn how those in need cope with life's challenges and share your knowledge. Hug someone you care about.

One of the greatest assets of the Queen of Cauldrons is her ability to sense the needs of those around her. Due to her associations with the element of water, the Queen of Cauldrons can be passive and receptive. Her sensitivity draws those who struggle and suffer towards her. In many ways, she is a safe harbor for others. Her ability to connect on a soul level enables her to remedy the broken hearts of others. Her warmth and genuine caring make her a beacon of light. Because she is so responsive to the feelings of others, the Queen of Cauldrons must constantly uphold her boundaries between herself and others. If not properly protected, the Queen of Cauldrons can lose her own sense of self. This is her greatest vulnerability.

The Queen of Cauldrons symbolizes achievements made possible by the use of imagination and creativity. This is a woman who is highly imaginative and artistically gifted, affectionate and romantic in outlook. She is often involved in creative or literary pursuits, and enjoys art, good music, literature and things of beauty. Therefore, you may be more inclined to pursue creative projects, particularly if it acts as a form of self-expression.

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Correspondence of the Month

Insects & Reptiles

Alligator/Crocodile – birth, motherhood, initiation

Ant – stamina, planning, patience

Beetle – resurrection, past lives, enlightenment

Chameleon – patience, goals

Cricket – good luck, travel, communication

Dragonfly – understanding, dreams, change

Frog – transformation, emotions, cleansing

Grasshopper – faith, astral travel

Lizard – guidance, creativity, protection, subtlety

Salamander – Strength, courage

Snake – rebirth, resurrection, initiation, wisdom

Spider – creativity, Wisdom

Turtle – motherhood, longevity, opportunities

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Spell of the Month

Moon Bathing and Purification Rite

You will need a cup, bowl, or chalice of silver. Glass is the best substitute. On the night of a full moon, set the chalice outside or in a window to absorb the moon's lunar rays and energy. Leave it there for a few hours before the ritual.

Place the chalice with water in it, in your non-dominant hand and place your other hand over the top of it. To empower the water, say:

"By the silver light of Lady Moon,
By my hand and will so sure,
By all that is Blessed, true and strong,
I bid you, Cleanse me Pure."

Now, take a moon bath, or anoint yourself with the blessed water. Anoint your feet:

"Silver Mother of the Night,
Bless my feet that they may always walk securely
Upon your sacred path."

Anoint your forehead:

"Mother of all Life,
Be in my spirit, my magick, and my visualizations.
Fill me with your creative energy,
And cleanse me from thoughts unworthy of your child."

For the moon bath, say:

"By the Silver light of Lady Moon,
By my hand and will so sure,
By all that is Blessed, true and strong,
I bid you, Cleanse me Pure.
May both my hands the good works do,
My feet walk firm the path,
My head and heart stay free from harm,
As I take this sacred bath."

Now is the time to meditate on your goals. Allow the water to drain before you leave the bath. As it is draining, imagine all the negativity being sucked away.

"I am free from all unworthy influences,
Fit to meet, greet, and be the Goddess.
As I was in the beginning of time,
I am now, and will always be.
So mote it be!"

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