



## June Newsletter

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### **Important June Dates**

(All times are CST/CDT)

### **May 18, 8:49 pm until June 11, 5:33 pm - Mercury Retrograde**

The last Mercury retrograde and the first for 2015 was in an air sign, Aquarius, a sign in which Mercury spent an extended amount of time. This retrograde period in May and June will occur in another air sign, this time in Gemini. Mercury will also spend an unusually extended amount of time in the sign, first entering Gemini Thursday, April 30 and not leaving Gemini until July 8th.

The difference will be that we will actually want Mercury to hang around in Gemini, even in spite of its temporary retrograde period from May 18 to June 11. Mercury has been in a bad way for much of 2015 and our synapses are fatigued and dulled from it. Mercury in Gemini will certainly bring them back up to speed. Mercury has essential dignity in Gemini, the sign it naturally rules.

The time from when Mercury enters Gemini April 30 until just before Mercury stations retrograde May 16 should be spent on proactively avoiding such pitfalls during the retrograde period. Get those emails sent, the papers signed, the deals made, the shopping finished, the car problems fixed, the spare keys made. The times when Mercury is direct will make these things a snap, but the retrograde period will be a hot mess. All forms of correspondence will take off like a jet, a flurry of calls and texts, emails and so forth. The retrograde will make everyone scatterbrained and unfocused but will not slow the quickened tempo. Not helping matters any will be the fact that

Mercury will square Neptune in Pisces three times during its extended stay in Gemini. A Mercury-Neptune square is a communication trouble spot of its own. Preventing huge mistakes and misunderstandings during a Neptune square to a retrograde Mercury requires extra vigilance and energy we won't have.

Even though this Mercury retrograde will be as nerve wracking as any (possibly more so at certain times) Mercury is incredibly strong in Gemini, a natural conduit of information. It likes to connect dots, collect data, create new algorithms. If you remain attentive enough, you will begin to detect patterns emerging from previously overlooked info. You may not be able to use this knowledge until Mercury turns direct, however.

Those who feel more talkative than usual may find it hard to know when to shut up, what details to share and what to keep to themselves. There is an unfortunate tendency here for some to indulge in gossip, oversharing, exaggerating, and even telling little white lies. Lots of people can do this unintentionally, unaware of what they're really saying at the time. This is a real downside to Mercury in Gemini, really setting the mind and mouth in motion, but the retrograde combined with the square to Neptune in Pisces blurs factuality. Be careful of "venting" or processing your fleeting thoughts and feelings out loud. Others may not sense that you are thinking out loud and will instead take you at what they think is your word. There is going to be a lot of disappointment and confusion once the retrograde is over, as the stories people were told either shift into something else or fall through altogether.

What Mercury-Neptune lacks in clear linear thinking and communicating, it makes up for in creative, abstract artistic ability. Writers will be inspired during the times when Mercury is direct in Gemini and aspects Neptune, and will find more of a struggle during the retrograde period. Save everything you write as a draft to be reviewed when Mercury is direct. Mercury-Neptune creativity is sometimes more powerfully expressed through visual arts, so those with interests in that field will get more bang for their buck and may find the retrograde period enhances the creative flow more than it takes away from it. Anyone with creative careers or interests of any kind will see Mercury in Gemini squaring Neptune in Pisces as increasing their curiosity to explore and experiment with new ideas.

As with the last retrograde in an air sign, be very cautious and skeptical of social media during the retrograde in Gemini. It will probably calm the inevitable mental chatter if a break from social media is taken. Besides, the emphasis will be on making more immediate connections.

## **June 2, 11:19 am - Full Moon**

### Vat Purnima (India)

In India, this Full Moon is Vat Purnima. It is primarily a woman's holiday, dedicated to the goddess Savitri. She saved her husband from a premature death by convincing the god of death, Yama, to spare him because of her purity and devotion. In imitation of Savitri, women fast all night. After breaking their fast, they bathe together, dress in traditional clothes and jewelry, and then gather fruits, clothes, and other items to give to charity. In some places, women worship a banyan tree, and water the tree; sometimes, they sprinkle red vermilion powder on it. Another practice, called Parikrama, is to wrap cotton threads around the trees' trunks, going around them seven times. Later in the day, they visit the temples and offer prayers to the goddess Savitri and listen to her story. Traditional food also plays an important role in the Vat Purnima festival, because people visit each other and feast. Young people pay their respects to the elders. People wear new clothes and decorate their houses with colorful flowers.

For the full story of Savitri, check out "The Book of the Forest" section of the *Mahabharata*, one of the two major epic works of Hinduism.

~ Magenta Griffith in Llewellyn's 2015 Witches' Datebook -

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

## **June 16, 9:05 am - New Moon**

The Gemini New Moon on June 16 creates a platform for fresh ideas, inspired activity, and reconnecting with old acquaintances as well as connecting with new ones. A New Moon in Gemini entices us to socialize, network and have some serious fun. Ideas, vision and passion are the keywords. This is a time to become a powerful creator through thoughts, words and behavior.

A New Moon also brings us the gift of refining our perceptions. With Neptune the planet of illusions being a key player, we are reminded to see people and situations as they are and cut through the mirage of illusions. There is definite delusion in the air, so focus on what is actually true. Remember, actions speak louder than words, so go by actions and not by talk. Also, it is time to plant our seeds in support of communication, information, writing, travel, and learning. Gemini is the sign of curiosity as well as duality. A New Moon will set the tone for the next two weeks and this one will have a strong theme of movement and activity to it. Those born under Sagittarius, Gemini, Pisces and Virgo will be the most affected.

## **June 21 - Father's Day**

Walk a little slower daddy  
said a little child so small,  
I'm following your footsteps  
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast  
sometimes they are hard to see,  
so walk a little slower daddy,  
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up  
you are what I want to be,  
then I will have a little child  
who will want to follow me.

I would want to lead just right  
and know that I was true,  
so walk a little slower daddy,  
For I must follow you!

## June 21 - Litha/Summer Solstice/Midsummer

### 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, pumpernickel 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 ( verberna), 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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## **We're now on Twitter**

You can get recipes, updates when we add new products, announcements of local events and more. Follow us at <https://twitter.com/WitchSC>

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Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/WitchSuperCenter>

## **Witch SuperCenter June Sale Items**

Magickal Herbs Kit, 75 Herbs - Regular Price \$54.99, Sale Price \$49.99

Witch's Bottle - Regular Price - \$5.99, Sale Price - \$4.99

Magickal Herbs eBook - Regular Price - \$4.99, Sale Price - \$3.99

Herbal Tummy Tea - Regular Price - \$5.99, Sale Price - \$4.99

Cedar Smudge Stick, 7" - Regular Price - \$7.99, Sale Price - \$5.99

To see all of our sale items, visit

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## **New Items at Witch SuperCenter**

Solar Mason Jar Quarter Lights -

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Moon Phase Journal Book of Shadows -

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=952](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=952)

Carved Mangowood w/brass inlay Incense burner for Cones & Sticks -

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=14&products\\_id=953](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=14&products_id=953)

Engraved Charcoal Tong, Pentacle -

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=954](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=954),

Triple Moon -

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## **Herb of the Month**

**Rosemary** - Fire/Mars; Also Fire/Mercury; Gender - Masculine; Parts Used - Leaves and small branches; Magickal Properties - Contentment, Love, Protection, Clear Thinking and Money; Uses - Used primarily for contentment and happiness in the home and person; a branch is hung, food is cooked with it or it can be worn to bring a tension-relieving, contented feeling. This, added to other appropriate herbs is a great boost for money carried in a sachet, talisman or amulet; this is a great guard against negative energies; it can be drunk as a tea to improve mental clarity and aid the memory.

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## Stone of the Month

**Goldstone** - Alternate Names: Stone of Ambition. Goldstone is said to help attain one's goals. Goldstone is also said to help one stay calm and stabilize the emotions. It can be used as an energy generator and can deflect unwanted energies, making it useful as a protection stone. It is often used for long distance healing and revitalizing one's energy field. Goldstone has many of the metaphysical properties of copper and has many of the same healing qualities such as the strengthening the circulatory system, strengthening bones, and easing arthritis pain.

Goldstone is actually a man-made glass with flecks of copper suspended in it, which give it the sparkles. Goldstone was said to be originally created by French monks, and in time the secret was lost. It's been rediscovered or recreated in modern times, though, and goldstone is a popular material because of its beauty as well as its metaphysical properties. Goldstone comes in the original "brown," a blue-purple, and a green. Each color brings its energies to the goldstone as well.

## Rune of the Month



**Eihwaz** (EI: Yew tree.) – Strength, reliability, dependability, trustworthiness; Enlightenment, endurance; Defense, protection; The driving force to acquire, providing motivation and a sense of Purpose; Indicates that you have set your sights on a reasonable target and can achieve your goals; An honest man who can be relied upon; Eihwaz Reversed or Merkstave: Confusion, destruction, dissatisfaction, weakness.

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## Tarot Card of the Month

**The Sun** - Things in general are very likely to be going very well for you. However, even though finances are likely to be in good shape when this card appears, that does not mean that you should lose focus on what is truly important in life, and money is not very high on that list. This is a good time to socialize, to meet new people, and to get out and about.

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## Correspondence of the Month

### Time of Day

**Sunrise** – purification, business, success, study, travel, employment, breaking habits, guilt, jealousy, healing disease, conscious mind

**Noon** – magickal energy, physical energy, strength, protection, money, courage

**Sunset** – breaking addictions, weight loss, banishing, misery, pain, anguish, negative habits

**Night** – beauty, dreams, psychic dreams, awareness, sex, spirituality, purification, love, friendship, peace, releasing stress

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## Spell of the Month

### Star of Love Spell

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 one 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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