



March Newsletter

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Important March Dates

(All times are CST)

March 14, 2 am - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

March 15, 4:01 pm - New Moon

New Moon in Pisces

With the arrival of the New Moon in Pisces, we've come to the end of another circle on life's creative spiral. What began in the fiery initiation of Aries dissolves in the watery mists of Pisces, disperses back into elemental emotion ... and prepares to rise again. As winter eases its grip and begins to make way for spring, the prevailing energy is that of rest, quiet, serenity, gentleness, and contemplation. This is like the long sigh of satisfaction when a hard job is done ... the drowsy, dreamy, well-earned rest you can relax into and enjoy as you listen to the soft inner whispers of what can be done next time with all this knowledge, experience ... and improved skill.

Religious teachings and wise men down through the ages have recommended deliberate, scheduled periods of rest and drawing inward for spiritual, emotional, and physical restoration ... as a part of maintaining a healthy, rewarding, and productive life. In the cycle of the creative process, this phase is known as "incubation." Something new is being formed, despite the appearance of "nothing happening" in the outer world. Once again, we learn ... appearances can be deceiving. As the last, most sensitive and most malleable of the Water signs, Pisces contains an amazing breadth of spiritual and creative energy. Spiritual as in mystical, loving, tolerant, forgiving, understanding, accepting, and inclusive. Creative as in visionary, inspirational, imaginative, artistic, and the weaver of illusions and dreams. Both skills have the power to heal, encourage, revitalize, uplift, comfort and console those who are weary, exhausted, injured, and lost. If it sounds like Pisces carries a special pocket full of miracles, I wouldn't argue with that for a moment.

The maternal, sympathetic, and supportive care of Cancer and Scorpio's ability to forge improvement and progress out of crisis blend together in Pisces' assurance that Divine Love is an indisputable reality and life not only survives the limits of physical existence but can count on immortality as a promise ... a sacred bond that is never, ever in doubt.

What the other signs call faith and intuition, Pisces calls knowledge ... because it lives in a landscape of expanded reality where infinite possibilities are always available -- pretty much for the asking. In this well-known realm of feeling, intuitive knowing, and subliminal sensation, Divinity's impulse to shape new forms and new experiences makes alchemy ... and magic. As the last step on the continuum of the creative process, Pisces works on several levels -- to bring completion and closure, to tie up loose ends and make way for new beginnings. It takes spiritual wisdom and emotional depth ... and communicates through art things mere words cannot contain. It speaks the language of the heart and soul. It takes desolation and despair -- the wounds of the spirit, as well as the results of emotional and physical havoc ... and restores wholeness and health.

Medicine is the province of Pisces, as is psychotherapy, as are dreams, as is salvation, as are forgiveness and unconditional love. Pisces listens, counsels, accepts, and embraces. In its purest form, Pisces energy is non-judgmental, non-resistant, responsive, vulnerable, accommodating, and undefended. It understands a myriad of paradoxes: that life cannot act against itself -- for being immortal, it cannot die; that nothing real can be threatened and nothing unreal exists; that endings are only beginnings in disguise; that change is constant -- and therefore nothing is ever what it seems. It even contains its own paradox: In its fashion it is the strongest, most resilient of the Zodiac signs -- and yet, in a mundane sense, it can be too fragile for the harshness and brutality of the "real world."

Pisces lives in the world of inner sensations, intuition, metaphor, symbolism, greater meaning, fantasy, impression, illusion, essence, and subliminal images. All are valid sources of knowledge carried on the subtle vibrations of thought and "being-ness" ... and yet as present in the "atmosphere" as anything that can be seen, smelled, tasted, heard, or touched. It works through art forms, meditation, contemplation, visualization, "journeying," dialogues with itself, and dialogues with spirit ... otherwise known as prayer. It focuses inward, into the channels of the subconscious mind -- where phenomenal amounts of power reside -- but contained in a reality that much of the world, or at least much of our society, would prefer to dismiss as unimportant to non-existent.

It thrives in seclusion and isolation that would be unthinkable for the more social signs. It values privacy. It keeps confidences. It treats life with the tender reverence it deserves. It viscerally understands concepts like Fate and Cosmic Justice -- otherwise known as karma. It can be selfless to the point of self-sabotage ... and self-destruction, if such a thing were possible. It dreams -- sometimes to the point of hallucination and psychosis. It preaches tolerance -- and offers it, too. But the balance in Pisces between coherence and chaos is always precarious -- and it can tune into altered states of conscious so completely, it leaves the world of physical reality behind.

When this energy is not well integrated into a personal chart, or when it conflicts with more preferred strategies, the results show themselves in actions and attitudes that are helpless, hypersensitive, unreliable, secretive, deluded, unrealistic, neurotic, overly naive, and inconsistent. The frequent confusion, impracticality, and vagueness of Pisces is as well-known as mother-in-law jokes. In fact some of the qualities just listed can be the milder forms of Pisces dysfunction. The association of insanity with great creative genius has long been noted -- suggesting that at least part of the time they lie on the same continuum. Malfunctioning Pisces energy can be literally suicidal, psychotic, unwilling or unable to face reality, delusional, hysterical, obsessive, paranoid, and treacherous. The dark side of Pisces energy indeed deals with betrayal -- both from within the self and from relationships with trusted others.

The cynical straight line says: No good deed goes unpunished. Pisces, in its eternal willingness to offer itself to others -- to provide whatever is required, occasionally finds itself the victim of unscrupulous exploitation. As we have seen over and over in history, the great spiritual teacher can eventually become the martyr. Perhaps this is why forgiveness is a necessary part of its nature.

With the arrival of the New Moon in Pisces, the theme of life's creative cycle -- and the focus of people in general -- becomes more altruistic and selfless. The flavor of life in Pisces energy tends to be quieter, more thoughtful and reflective. In the cycle of creation, this is intended to be a period of tranquility and peace, of summing up, closure, and gentle acceptance of "what is" ... before beginning to reach for "something more" with the arrival of impetuous and pioneering Aries ... next time.

To push against this tide is usually unproductive and frustrating. The launch of anything not naturally aligned with the peculiar, idealistic energy of Pisces often turns out to be a case of "jumping the gun." It can turn out to be terribly quixotic, visionary, and nourishing ... but it needs more to maintain itself in physical reality.

On an individual level, during this you may find yourself and others being a little more laid-back, unfocused, responsive, sensitive, and accepting. As suggested throughout this article, this can be a very creative and inspirational time. You may find yourself returning a bit more to the artistic, musical, literary, poetic, and spiritual interests that decorate your life. Your capacity for empathy, generosity, and tolerance are emphasized. Your ideals and sentimentality may be more prominent, making you more inclined to view the world through rose-colored glasses.

You may also find yourself day-dreaming and fantasizing more. There is a lack of physical energy that can look like laziness ... but is instead the quieting of outer activity in order to heed the workings of the inner self ... and to let that inner self proceed unhindered. Your night dreams -- if you pay attention to such things -- may become more accessible and informative. It is a time of communing with your spirit and with Spirit itself. It is a time of consuming "soul food" in its purest sense.

There is also emphasis on abstract concerns like artistic endeavors, mystical interests, matters of faith, time spent in seclusion and contemplation, projects that stimulate and require use of the imagination, and ways to offer help to those who are dependent and needy. You may further be concerned with the workings of your subconscious mind and the ways to access its contents through psychotherapy, prayer, meditation, memories, dreams, visualization, fantasy work, art, writing, and methods designed to make the inner world more conscious and accessible. It is a time of summing up and evaluating, a time to both heal and offer healing -- and these quiet, introspective strategies may be some of the more effective methods to accomplish this.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Symbols of St. Patrick's Day

The Shamrock

One traditional symbol of Saint Patrick's Day is the Shamrock. "Shamrock" is the common name for several different kinds of three-leafed clovers native to Ireland. The shamrock was chosen Ireland's national emblem because of the legend that St. Patrick had used it to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity. The Trinity is the idea that God is really three-in-one: The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Patrick demonstrated the meaning of the Three-in-One by picking a shamrock from the grass growing at his feet and showing it to his listeners. He told them that just as the shamrock is one leaf with three parts, God is one entity with three Persons. The Irish have considered shamrocks as good-luck symbols since earliest times, and today people of many other nationalities also believe they bring good luck.

Leprechauns

The name leprechaun comes from the old Irish word "luchorpan" which means "little body." A leprechaun is an Irish fairy who looks like a small, old man about 2 feet tall. He is often dressed like a shoemaker, with a crooked hat and a leather apron. According to legend, leprechauns are aloof and unfriendly. They live alone, and pass the time making shoes. They also have a hidden pot of gold! Treasure hunters can often track down a leprechaun by the sound of his shoemaker's hammer. If the leprechaun is caught, he can be threatened with bodily violence to tell where his treasure is, but the leprechaun's captors must keep their eyes on him every second. If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun - he's known to trick them into looking away - he vanishes and all hopes of finding the treasure are lost.

The Color Green

Believe it or not, the color of St. Patrick was not actually green, but blue! In the 19th century, however, green became used as a symbol for Ireland. In Ireland, there is plentiful rain and mist, so the 'Emerald Isle' really is green all year-round. The beautiful green landscape was probably the inspiration for the national color. Wearing the color green is considered an act of paying tribute to Ireland. It is said that it also brings good luck, especially when worn on St. Patrick's Day. Many long years ago, playful Irish children began the tradition of pinching people who forgot to wear green on St. Patrick's Day and the tradition is still practiced today.

The Harp

The harp is an ancient musical instrument used in Ireland for centuries. It is also a symbol of Ireland. Harpists, who were often blind, occupied an honored place in Irish society. Harpists and bards (or poets) played an important role in the social structure of Ireland. They were supported by chieftans and kings. Although it is not as recognizable as the shamrock, the harp is a widely used symbol. It appears on Irish coins, the presidential flag, state seals, uniforms, and official documents. O'Carolan was one of the most famous harpists, and many Irish melodies inspired by him still survive to this day.

The Celtic Cross

Saint Patrick was familiar with the Irish language and culture, because of his time as a slave there. When Patrick went back to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christianity, he was successful because he didn't try to make the Irish forget their old beliefs. He combined their old beliefs with the new beliefs. One example of this is the Celtic Cross. Saint Patrick added the sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that the new symbol of Christianity would be more natural to the Irish.

The Blarney Stone

The word "Blarney" has come to mean nonsense or smooth flattering talk in almost any language. Tradition says that if you pay a visit to Blarney Castle in County Cork and kiss the Blarney Stone, you'll receive the gift of eloquence and powers of persuasion, a true master of the "gift of gab." The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. The castle was built in 1446 by Cormac Laidhiv McCarthy (Lord of Muskerry) -- its walls are 18 feet thick (necessary to stop attacks by Cromwellians and William III's troops). Thousands of tourists a year still visit the castle. The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly. It's difficult to reach the stone -- it's between the main castle wall and the parapet. Kissers have to lie on their back and bend backward (and downward), holding iron bars for support. The world famous Blarney Stone is situated high up in the battlements of the castle. Follow one of the several long, stone spiral staircases up to the top and enjoy the spectacular views of the lush green Irish countryside, Blarney House and The Village of Blarney. The stone is believed to be half of the Stone of Scone which originally belonged to Scotland. Scottish Kings were crowned over the stone, because it was believed to have special powers. The stone was given to Cormac McCarthy by Robert the Bruce in 1314 in return for his support in the Battle of Bannockburn.

March 20 - Ostara

Ostara

Animals/Mythical Creatures - unicorn, merpeople, pegasus, rabbit/Easter bunny, chicks, swallows, snakes

Gemstones - rose quartz, moonstone, amethyst, aquamarine, bloodstone, red jasper

Incense/Oil - African violet, lotus, jasmine, rose, magnolia, sage lavender, narcissus, ginger, broom, strawberry

Colors/Candles - gold, light green, grass green, robin's egg blue, lemon yellow, pale pink, anything pastel

Tools/Symbols/Decorations - colored eggs, baskets, green clothes, shamrock, equilateral cross, butterfly, cocoons, sprouting plants; violets, lily, spring wildflowers, new clothes, lamb, hare/rabbit

Goddesses - Eostre (Saxon Goddess of Fertility), Ostara (the German Goddess of Fertility), Kore, Maiden, Isis, Astarte (Persia, GrecoRoman), Ishtar (Babylonian), Minerva (Roman), Youthful Goddesses. Faerie Queen, Lady of the Lake (Welsh-Cornish), the Green Goddess

Gods - Hare, Green Man, Youthful Gods, Warrior Gods, Taliesin, Lord of the Greenwood (English), Dagda (Irish), Cernunnos (Greco-Celtic), Pan (Greek), Adonis (Greek)

Essence - strength, birthing, completion, power, love, sexuality, embodiment of spirit, fertility, opening, beginning

Dynamics/Meaning - the God comes of age, sexual union of the Lord & Lady, sprouting, greening, balance of light and dark

Purpose - plant and animal fertility, sowing

Rituals/Magick - spellcrafting, invention, new growth, new projects, seed blessing

Customs - wearing green, new clothes, Celtic bird festival, egg baskets coloring eggs, collecting birds eggs, bird watching, egg hunts, starting new projects, spring planting

Foods - light foods, fish, maple sugar candies, hot crossed buns, sweet breads, hard boiled eggs, honey cakes, seasonal fruits, milk punch, egg drinks

Herbs - acorns, celandine, tansy, cinquefoil, crocus, daffodil, dogwood, Irish moss, ginger, honeysuckle, iris, jasmine, rose, hyssop, linden, strawberry, violets

Element/Gender - air/male

Threshold - dawn

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March 29, 9:25 pm - Full Moon

The Storm Moon

According to the Cherokee, March is the Windy Moon. As winter turns to spring, storms sweep in and high winds damage trees and homes. The Choctaw call this the Big Famine Moon as reserves have been exhausted, but the renewal of life has yet to produce new foods to eat. The Dakota Sioux call this the Moon When Eyes Are Sore from Bright Snow. On the plains, snow still falls, reflecting the strengthening light of the Sun.

March holds the transition between winter and spring, a turbulent time of both hope and danger. Keep a wary eye out for severe weather. On the first warm day, avoid the temptation to run out in light clothes. Instead, dress in layers so you can respond to rapidly changing conditions - you'll catch fewer colds. Watch for the first signs of returning life and rake mulch away from spring flowers as they sprout. Offer food to wildlife as long as it's consumed; put out scraps of fabric or string when birds begin to build nests.

In ritual space, honor the quickening life in the world around you. Use its burgeoning energy to work magick to empower new projects - plant young trees. launch a life-oriented business, or explore educational opportunities.

~ Elizabeth Barrette

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April 1 - All Fool's Day

April Fool's Day Lore

April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day occurs annually on April 1. The day is generally observed by playing a practical joke on a "victim" who soon becomes known as an April Fool. This custom is thought to have started in France during the 16th century but the British are credited with bringing it to the United States.

The commonly accepted origin of April Fool's Day involves changes in the calendar. At one time, the New Year celebration began on March 25 and ended on April 1. However, in 1582, King Charles IX adopted the Gregorian calendar and accepted the beginning of the new year as January 1. Those who refused to acknowledge the new date or simply forgot received foolish gifts and invitations to nonexistent parties. The butt of such a prank was known as a "poisson d'avril" or "April fish."

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Herb of the Month

Thyme - Air/Venus, Gender - Feminine, Parts Used - The whole Herb, Magickal Properties - Clairvoyance, Sleep, Cleansing, Healing and Love, Uses - Use in dream pillows to ward off nightmares, burn or use with other oils for aid in psychic awareness, wear a sprig to ward off severe grief, burn and/or hang a sprig to banish and purify a home or room, use with other herbs for healing and take a cleansing bath before working candle magick

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Stone of the Month

Sugilite - Excellent for Psychic Awareness, magickal powers, and healing. Increases spiritual awareness and connection while creating a balance between physical well-being and spiritual well-being. Perfects spiritual love. Enhances forgiveness while reminding us why we are in the physical plane. Creates a sense of freedom for the owner while protecting and removing despair. Sugilite helps in understanding negative circumstance by showing one what is happening, and how it is out of balance. Excellent tool for mediation exercises to bring the mind and spirit back into attunement.

Sugilite assists in connecting the physical to the spiritual, it aids in understanding the spiritual reasons for the lessons we encounter, as well as bringing loving comfort from the Universe to accept the lessons for what they

truly are. This gemstone will help us to follow our dreams and to become our higher selves. It enhances belief in ourselves, and negates feelings of lack, anger, pain, and other unwanted energies.

Rune of the Month

⚡ **Sowilo** (S: The sun.) - Success, goals achieved, honor. The life-force, health. A time when power will be available to you for positive changes in your life, victory, health, and success. Contact between the higher self and the unconscious. Wholeness, power, elemental force, sword of flame, cleansing fire. Sowilo Merkstave (Sowilo cannot be reversed, but may lie in opposition): False goals, bad counsel, false success, gullibility, loss of goals. Destruction, retribution, justice, casting down of vanity. Wrath of god.

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Tarot Card of the Month

Judgment - For many, the word "judgment" evokes some very unsavory thoughts and images. It's no wonder the term makes some people cringe. For eons, this term has been associated with religious misunderstanding and intolerance. Wars are waged in the name of religion, and Judgment is the battlefield. Ironically, the reason for a religious war can be skinned down to one man's judgment against another man's religion. Further pared, it could be said that one man has judged that the other man should have his religion, not another's.

In the Christian faith, Judgment is associated with the "Judgment day." That day, according to Biblical text, in which all souls will be called and each soul is measured and marked according to virtue and obedience to God. Religion aside, Judgment plays a part in every life in every day. We make judgment calls about how to raise our children. We use good judgment about how we manage our finances. We need judgment to determine what career we want to have.

Now that we've covered the various types of Judgment, let's take a hard look at the card. There is no evidence of fear in the card, and no conveyance of scolding or negativity. This is because the Judgment Tarot card meanings are not about judging against others. It has nothing to do with negative judgments made against our actions or against other people. This card deals with honesty. Nancy Lopez, one of the most accomplished women of the professional golf scene, made a fine point when she said: "Doubt yourself and you doubt everything you see. Judge yourself and you see judges everywhere. But if you listen to the sound of your own voice, you can rise above doubt and judgment. And you can see forever." This is the prime message of the Judgment card. When we put a negative spin on this card, it becomes confusing, confounding and seemingly irrelevant to a reading. However, when we understand that judgment is a natural, God-given gift that we can use in order answer our highest calling - it takes on an entirely new meaning. The Judgment card comes up in a reading when it is time to heed our highest calling. When we are at a crossroads, and it is time to lift ourselves up and transform our lives. It comes at a pivotal time when we must be honest with ourselves, judge what best action should be taken and rise up to the challenges to embrace our best life.

This is an inspiring card. It indicates that higher energies are in motion to assist us in living a new, fresh, wonderful life. Other deck renditions show the angel Gabriel blowing his horn to call up the souls to their higher understanding. This is precisely the message this card bears. It is time to heed the call of resurrection. Now is the time to make a positive difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

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Correspondence of the Month

Stones

Amber - protection, magickal workings, solar energy (fire)

Amethyst - dreams, astral work, relieves stress, imagination, meditation (air) **Aquamarine** - divination, relaxation, protects from drowning, creative imagination, removes blocks energy (water)

Aventurine - prosperity, abundance, fertility, optimism, healing old emotional wounds (earth)

Beryl - scrying, crystal gazing, intellect (air)

Bloodstone - confidence, strength, control over your life, luck (fire)

Blue Lace Agate - feminine energy, peace, soothes headaches, relaxation (water) **Carnelian** - intuitive talents, astral travel, sexual energy, prevent miscarriage (fire)

Chrysocolla - balances emotions, relieves depression, emotional healing (water)

Citrine - healing, increased physical energy, hope, encourages new beginnings (fire) **Emerald** - love, protects against violence, communication (earth)

Fluorite - creativity, mental abilities, meditation, astral travel, confidence, inspiration (air)

Garnet - passion, courage, fertility, prosperity (fire)

Hematite - absorbing and grounding negative energy, healing, balances energy flow (earth)

Jade - long life, prosperity, dragons, good fortune, health and longevity (water)

Jet - protection, divination, Goddess energy (earth)

Labradorite - imagination, releasing inhibitions, self-confidence, communication with spiritual beings (air)

Lapis Lazuli - psychic protection, love, peace of mind (water)

Malachite - good fortune, business success, protection from accidents (water)

Moonstone - lunar energy, psychic matters, clarity of thought (water)

Moss Agate - plant magick, new friends, reveals deceit (earth)

Obsidian - inner strength, protection (earth)

Onyx - protection, hope, endurance, acquiring knowledge (earth)

Peridot - astral work, protection from nightmares, emotional healing, inspiration (earth) **Quartz** - focusing energy for any purpose (air)

Red Jasper - passion, blood magick, protection from nightmares (fire)

Rose Quartz - love, friendship, joy, self-healing (water)

Sodalite - courage, intellect, creativity, protection on journeys (water)

Tiger Eye - protection, balance, mediation, starting new business (earth)

Turquoise - protection from psychic attacks, reconciliation, divination (water)

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Spell of the Month

To Banish a Negative Self-Image

To banish any negative self-images, place the Lovers card from your favorite tarot deck in front of a black candle. Light the candle and concentrate on it. Feel its energy, then, turn your attention to the card. Think about the way you look, and consider all your good points. Realize that they outweigh any bad ones you might have. Remind yourself that no one is perfect. Dwell on the good things as you draw on the candle's energy. Feel good about yourself. Repeat as often as needed.

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