



November Newsletter

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Important November Dates

(All times are CST)

November 5, 11:58 pm - New Moon

Scorpio is the sign of transformation. Never was this a more timely theme than now.

Throughout the summer, the Cardinal T-square of 2010/2011 heralded new directions for just about everyone. For some of you, the handwriting had been on the wall for many months, even a year. But it was like the difference between planning a long trip and actually setting off on the adventure.

As of last month's New Moon in Libra, October 7 2010, we began to see signs that our new way of living and being were coming into manifest reality. The message was clear. With the New Moon on November 5, the transformation takes place allowing your inner world to align with your external reality and vice versa. It's a constant dance.

As with last month's New Moon, the Sun and Moon make no close aspects with other planets, and all of the planets are contained within the confines of the T-square – that is, between Saturn at 12 degrees Libra and Uranus at 27 degrees Pisces. Although the intensity of the T-square has dropped, we continue to feel its effects unfold, like the blossoming of a flower.

The connection between the New Moon and the cardinal T-square may not be readily apparent, but we need look no further than Pluto, Scorpio's ruler. Pluto was at the apex of the T-square throughout the summer, bearing all the pressure of the conflict. Consistent with the symbolism of Pluto, the tension that many of us felt in the past few months required us to transform in some way, to expand our awareness, broaden our perspective, and consider changes that never would have occurred to us before.

Not only does Pluto rule this New Moon, but he's very close to the lunar North Node, which we often use in astrology for clues about our destiny. Ceres, also connected with cycles of death and transformation, is in a separating conjunction with Pluto. Our transformation as a species is fated. As an individual, your personal transformation includes accepting your "assignment" in this incarnation. If you're still wondering what that might be, be alert for signs around this New Moon.

As conscious awareness evolves, we begin to see glimmers of what some call "past lives." Time as we know it is an illusion of the human brain, probably an evolutionary step to help us function. We may come to realize that we are everywhere at once, but we'll need some way of dealing with this, or we'll go insane.

Being able to see into the Otherworld is a very Scorpio thing. That's probably why there are so many traditions at this time of year that involve communicating with the dead.

As it so happens, Neptune is stationed this week in preparation to return direct on Sunday. Just as Saturn represents time and the limitations that allow us to function on this plane, Neptune represents the dissolution of time and the vast nothingness of the unmanifest. Many of you may have dreams and visions of other lives. Or, you may suddenly find yourself in telepathic link with others.

Speaking of communications, Mercury in Scorpio is in a tight trine with Uranus in Pisces at the New Moon, and Neptune and Uranus are in a sympathetic link (mutual reception). This makes it even more likely that we could receive messages from "somewhere else" or that we'll suddenly pick up on signals from others around us. Or perhaps others who aren't on this plane.

Jupiter is still tracking fairly closely with Uranus and also is slowing down as we approach his return direct. He'll resume forward motion on November 18, the same day that Venus turns direct. She's in the first degree of Scorpio at the New Moon and then returns to her own sign of Libra the next day. If you've been having second thoughts about a relationship, you should wait until Venus is back in Libra and returns direct before making any long-range decisions. You might find that your second thoughts disappear into thin air. But at the very least, you'll gain some clarity.

The Sabian Symbol** for the Sun and Moon at 13°40' Scorpio is *telephone linemen at work*, with the keyword ATTACHMENT. Everything is connected. We're all connected to each other, in this life and in every other life across time and space. "Implicit in the symbolism is a responsibility on the part of all higher life for all lower, and a faithfulness of all lesser things to the requirements of the greater," writes Marc Edmond Jones, who channeled the symbols.

Scorpios and people with strong Scorpio in their charts seem to be plugged into a cosmic energy source. At this New Moon, we may all be Scorpios.

November 7 – Samhain Crossquarter

Samhain

Animals/Mythical Creatures– bats, cats, dogs, pooka, goblin, medusa, beansidhe, harpies

Gemstones –black stones, jet, obsidian, onyx, carnelian

Incense/Oil –frankincense, basil, yarrow, lilac, camphor, clove, wood rose, wormwood, myrrh, patchouli, apple, heliotrope, mint, nutmeg, sage, ylang-ylang

Colors/Candles– black (ward off negativity), orange (good luck), indigo, homemade apple or mint scented herbal candles to light jack-o-lanterns or for altar candles

Tools/Symbols/Decorations– black altar cloth, Halloween items, jack o' lanterns, oak leaves, acorns, straw, balefire, besom, black cat, black crescent moon, cauldron, divination tools, grain, magic mirror, mask, bare branches, animal bones, hazelwood, pictures of ancestors

Goddesses –The Crone, Hecate (Greek), Cerridwen (Welsh-Scottish), Arianrhod (Welsh), Caillech (Irish-Scottish), Baba Yaga (Russian), Al-Ilat (persian), Bast (Egyptian), Persephone (Greek), Hel (Norse), Kali (Hindu), all Death & Otherworld Goddesses

Gods -Horned Hunter (European), Cernnunos (Greco-Celtic), Osiris (Egyptian), Hades (Greek), Gwynn ap Nudd (British), Anubis (Egyptian), Coyote Brother (Native American), Loki (Norse), Dis (Roman), Arawn (Welsh), Sacrificial/Dying/Aging Gods, Death and Otherworld Gods

Essence –magick, plenty; knowledge, the night, death & rebirth, success, protection; rest, new beginning; ancestors; lifting of the veil, mundane laws in abeyance, return, change

Dynamics/Meaning –death & transformation, Wiccan new year, wisdom of The Crone, end of summer, honoring, thinning of the veil between worlds, death of the year, time outside of time, night of the Wild Hunt, begin new projects, end old projects

Purpose –honoring the dead, especially departed ancestors, knowing we will not be forgotten; clear knowledge of our path; guidance, protection, celebrating reincarnation

Rituals/Magick –honoring/consulting ancestors, releasing the old, power, understanding death and rebirth, entering the underworld, divination, dance of the dead, fire calling, past life recall

Customs –ancestor altar, costumes, divination, carving jack o’ lanterns, spirit plate, the Feast of the Dead, feasting, paying debts, fairs, drying winter herbs, masks, bonfires, apple games, tricks, washing clothes

Foods –apple, pumpkin pie, pomegranate, pumpkin, squash, hazelnuts, corn, cranberry muffins, bread, ale, cider and herbal tea

Herbs –allspice, broom, comfrey, dandelion, deadly nightshade, mugwort, catnip, dittany of Crete, ferns, flax, fumitory, mandrake, mullein, dragon’s blood, sage, straw, thistles, oak (leaf), wormwood (burn to protect from roving spirits)

Element/Gender– water/male

Threshold –midnight

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November 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

November 16 - Night of Hecate

As a triple Goddess, Hecate represents Maiden, Mother and Crone; mind, body and spirit; and birth, life and death. As Mistress of the Night, She represents the three stages of the lunar cycle of New, Full and Dark. Hecate symbolizes the dark within us, the part of our psyche we refuse to acknowledge. Many ignore the wisdom, the strength and the truth of Hecate because our fear of the darkness is so strong. Hecate is associated with the dark side of the moon, but this is the true Moon. The Moon has no light of its own, only reflected light from the sun. Dark is the Moon's true color as is Hecate's. Although most see Hecate as the third phase of the moon, She is actually a Triple Goddess in her own right. She is Hecate the maiden, Hecate the Mother, and Hecate the Crone. Hecate can be called upon during any moon phase, as She is the One and the Three. In pronouncing her name, in the Greek language the “H” is silent. So, to properly pronounce her name is "E-CA-TA" or "e-CO-ta."

In Her maiden aspect, she stands for new beginnings. She can also be called upon when you need to look at something in a new, fresher way....a way that you have never looked at it before. You turn to Her when the moon begins to first wax. In Her Mother aspect, is a time to turn to Her when you need nurturing and protection like any mother would give. Turn to Her when the Moon is Full. In Her Crone aspect, it is a time to turn to for protection, wisdom and magick. However, please bear in mind that Hecate is not a Goddess full of

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tenderness and compassion with white lace and linen. She is also more prone to be stern with you if you brought a situation upon yourself. However, Her wrath is swift and just to those who cause harm to a follower of Hers, because those who seek Her, honor Her and do not fear Her are in Her protection and She does not take lightly to those who cause them harm. She does not tolerate nor does She coddle. Turn to another Goddess if you seek this. Her actions are swift and without frills. So, when you do call upon Her, be prepared for Her swift actions and changes because it might not be what you expected.

Hecate teaches us an important lesson, which is that the feminine should be valued for itself, not because it brings sexuality or power, but because deep within it there is an eternal wisdom. Hecate is also the High Priestess, the keeper of the Mysteries. Hecate is not the priestess who seeks the inner knowledge, but High Priestess who has found it and imparts it to others.

Hecate, who sits enthroned before the Veil of the Temple as the High Priestess, the card in the Tarot which is ruled by the Moon. To reach daylight on the other side of the Veil, we must all become at one with the Dark Mother of the night. Whether it be Hecate guarding the home or of the temple, She will avert evil and provides protection.

The Goddess Hecate is also known as the liberator of women, as she sets women free from the bonds created by man. That is why the Christian Church put Hecate down and created her as the Goddess of evil and destruction. During Medieval times, pagans were being tortured based on their belief in the Goddess. Patriarchy reigned and the fear of feminine power caused the Church to demonize Hecate. She was made infamous as the crone; old, wrinkled, ugly, warts protruding from her nose and chin, mysterious, dark and loathsome. Many mistakenly call Her the destroyer, but She is not for if you destroy something, that something is forever gone. You cannot bring something back that has been destroyed. It has been said that the Goddess's service is perfect freedom. She is the liberator because She is manifest in our deepest drives and emotions, which always and inevitably threaten the systems designed to contain them. She is love and anger, which refuse to fit comfortably into the social order. To be "free from slavery" once meant that, within the ritual circle, all were equal, whether they were peasant, serf, or noble in the outside world. Slavery today could be mental and emotional as well as physical: the slavery of fixed perceptions, of conditioned ideas, of blind beliefs, of fear. Witchcraft demands intellectual freedom and the courage to confront our own assumptions. It is not a belief system: it is a constantly self-renewed attitude of joy and wonder to the world. Hecate enforces feminine independence from masculine influences and this deals in all things including the religion known as Wicca. Wicca is heavily influenced by the male God. The Sabbats are centered around the male God. The word Wicca is a male term....a term connected to the Goddess religion.

In today's society, we hide our elderly (or look right through them as if they do not exist) our sick, and our poor so we can pretend to be immune to such human conditions. But Hecate reminds us of the truth. She sees through the facade of societal amenities. She is not deceived by social standing, education or titles and wealth. Instead, She is impressed only by what is in the heart! She is patroness to those of the heart.

Hecate originally was a Thracian and pre-Olympian Goddess. Zeus bowed down to her antiquity by granting to Hecate alone a power shared by Zeus, that of withholding from humanity anything she wished. He also "granted" her the powers of the heavens, on Earth and the underworld.....as if She did not have these powers already! He gave her nothing of that which She did not already have. Of all the Goddesses, she was the most markedly triple and the most complex. She was Goddess of the Wild Hunt. She was to Greeks and Romans, especially the Goddess of the crossroads. Statutes of Her stood there, and food offerings – "Hecate's Supper" – were taken there at dead of night, on the eve of the full Moon. Her annual festival on August 13 was a propitiatory one, to avert the harvest-destroying storms which the Moon is apt to send at around that time. She also haunted graveyards and the scenes of crimes—as a goddess of expiration! and purification.

Hecate is the Darksome Mother, in both the positive and in the negative sense. To those that dare to welcome Her, she brings creative inspiration. She is Hecate Antea, the Sender of Nocturnal Vision, and, typically of a Moon Goddess. She is Hecate Trivia, Goddess of the Crossroads.

One of her symbols is the torch, for the Dark Mother also holds the light which illuminates the Unconscious and reveals its treasures. With Her torches she guides those who are seeking the mysteries. The light from these torches will lead those wishing to understand the mysteries.

In the Tarot, She is the Threes and the High Priestess; Her gems are star sapphire, pearl, moonstone, and crystal; Plants are the yew tree, cypress, opium, poppy, almond, mugwort, hazel, moonwort, civet, camphor, garlic, aloes; Tools are the cauldron, the besom, knives, the key; animals are the dogs and horses. The owl is Her messenger. Her chariot is pulled by dragons. Hecate's colors are silver and black.

Through Hecate's Cauldron, we must look at our true self, the nature of our motives and the results of our actions, because only through Her cauldron can we truly be reborn in becoming a better person than we were before. Only when we look into Her dark cauldron can we see the light.

Hecate, and none but She, is Queen of all living things. It is through Her that all things live or die. She is the laughing maiden, the living mother, and the black hag of death. She is the three and the one. She smiles and the radiance of the moon, whether it be full or dark, is everywhere for there is no power like Her power and no living thing can withstand Her power. For She is anticipation. She is the fulfillment. She is death. Hear her words, children, worship and be glad for if you seek Her, She is with you always. She was with you in the beginning and shall be with you at the end.

Days of Hecate are August 13, which She is honored and prayed to in order to not send fierce thunderstorms and ruin and the crops. November 16 is the Night of Hecate which begins at sunset. This is the night of Hecate's supper and animals were sacrificed in honor of Her.

November 21, 11:27 am - Full Moon

Mourning Moon

In Cherokee tradition, November is the Trading Moon. With the harvest in and necessary foods stocked up, this time before the full force of winter arrives is ideal for visiting and exchanging goods. To the Choctaw, this is the Sassafras Moon. When the mitten-shaped leaves turn orange and drop off, that's a good time to harvest the roots for flavoring beverages. The Dakota Sioux call this the Moon When Horns Are Broken Off. This may refer to the broken antlers that occur when bucks fight over mates.

During November, the earth goes dormant. Many plants die back. People and animals begin relying more on stored food and fat reserves. Several species of large animals have their mating season in late autumn or early winter. Offer suet and other high-nutrient foods to wildlife.

Magickally, work spells relating to animals active at this time, such as deer totems. A piece of deerskin leather or some antler buttons can enhance the connection. Hunting charms are appropriate for people who still hunt some of their own food. Rituals may celebrate animal spirits or the introspective energy of the dormant season.

~ Elizabeth Barrette in [Llewellyn's 2010 Witches' Datebook](#)

November 25 - Thanksgiving

Fruitful Earth Spell

Source: Edain McCoy

Instead of cleaning your plate this Thanksgiving, set aside a portion of your feast. Take the food to a natural area or garden, and bury it or set it out as an offering to the wild animals. As you do this, think about how many creatures do not receive the bounty of Mother Earth each day. Speak this as you contemplate:

“Blessed Mother Earth,
I offer you back the fruit of your womb,
the bounty which sustains and strengthens us all.
Be healed and whole so that you may continue to feed your children.
So mote it be.”

Consider donating money or time to a charity that feeds the hungry year round, not just on holidays.

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Herb of the Month

Anise - Air/Jupiter, Gender - Masculine, Parts Used - Seeds, Magickal Properties - Protection, Psychic enhancement, Sleep, Uses - Wear on your person in a sachet. Used often in Aromatherapy, Used too in dream pillows for a good nights sleep. Burn while meditating

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Stone of the Month

Petrified Wood - Petrified wood is basically fossilized wood that has had it's organic matter replaced by agate, bit by bit, as it decomposes. The wood structure is maintained, but the wood fibers are slowly changed into stone. Sometimes a jasper, quartz, pyrite or even opal can be found fossilized in wood. More often than not its coloring is brown, but it has been found in grey and even green color.

Petrified wood is a stone that is good for grounding and stabilizing one's emotions. It is particularly useful in calming survival-based fears, as it assists one in accessing their practical side for answers, then offering a feelings of safety and security. It is a stone of business success, and a good stone for general protection.

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Can be used to calm down survival based fears, helps to make one feel safe and secure, helps one feel ageless. It also offers "gentle hours in the day," to assist one in keeping pace with the day, keeping the hours from neither hurrying by or moving to slow...you are therefore moving forward in a good and steady way. It helps one feel that all will be right, and to be connected to their spirit in such a way that ones knows that time is not really what it appears, and that there is no such real thing as time...just forever.

During a crisis, a piece of Petrified Wood will give you strength and support, providing insight into cause and effect. You will remember lessons, avoiding repetitive mistakes. Petrified Wood will help you forget petty worries, so that no thought or action is useless. Petrified Wood is an excellent gem for leaders. It has endured the ravaging changes of time and become stronger, as will you if you ask for its help in your leadership role.

Petrified wood stabilizes general health and the body's defenses. It generates calm and encourages contentment. Physically, it is beneficial for the bones, backaches, skin and hair. Petrified wood is also used for past life regressions because of its inherent link with the past.

Healers have used Petrified Wood on atrophied limbs and to relieve paralysis. It can help align your spine or give you more control over bodily functions. Use this stone to strengthen your spiritual and physical backbone. A Petrified Wood Elixir will add thickness and shine to your hair.

Rune of the Month

↑ **Tiwaz** (T: Tyr, the sky god.) – Honor, justice, leadership and authority. Analysis, rationality. Knowing where one's true strengths lie. Willingness to self-sacrifice. Victory and success in any competition or in legal matters. Tiwaz Reversed or Merkstave: One's energy and creative flow are blocked. Mental paralysis, over-analysis, over-sacrifice, injustice, imbalance. Strife, war, conflict, failure in competition. Dwindling passion, difficulties in communication, and possibly separation.

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Tarot Card of the Month

Judgment - Judgment is often a hard card to read; it usually signals just a big change, one that involves leaving something old completely behind and stepping into something completely new. Like closing the door on an old job, and opening the door to a new and very different career. But it's also about making a final decision, to take that plunge into the new career, to forgive your family, to leave an abusive spouse, to make a new life. To heal and renew. It's a very hard card to read, in part because it deals with very hard and final decisions. And it means facing something that most Querents don't want to face. You can't hide any longer, this card says, all the dead have risen and are out in the open. Face what you have to face; make that decision. Change.

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Correspondence of the Month

Animals

Antelope – instinct, survival, be cautious

Bat – mental clarity, insight, adaptation, abolishment of fears

Bear – strength, defense against evil and negativity, stamina, mystery

Beaver – focus, planning, working in unison

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Bison – prosperity, survival, fertility
Bobcat – vigilance, suspicion, solitude
Butterfly – joy, transformation
Cat – independence, protection, spiritual communication, self confidence
Cheetah – swiftness, harmony
Cougar – cunning, freedom, balance
Cow – alert, contentment, love, stubbornness
Coyote – cunning, heightened instinct, preservation, dream guide
Crab – escape, emotions, usefulness
Deer – gentleness, grace, innocence, appreciation
Dingo – companionship, loyalty, truth
Donkey – stubbornness, decisions, opinions
Dog – guidance, loyalty, unconditional companionship, trust
Dolphin – change, wisdom, harmony, communication
Dugong – gentleness, emotions
Echidna – determination, single-minded, legends
Elephant – strength, ancient power, confidence, mental grounding
Emu – shyness, abundance, wisdom
Fox – stealth, wisdom, ability to detect true or underlying intent
Giraffe – communication, intuition
Goat – confidence, independence
Guinea Pig – gentleness, love, responsibility
Gull – messenger, responsibility, friendship
Horse – symbolic of free spirit, stamina, friendship and faith
Jaguar – fearless, physic sight
Kangaroo – safety, protector of the young
Kite – all-seeing, clarity, prophecy
Kiwi – ancient wisdom, truth, understanding
Koala – determination, quiet strength
Leopard – sensitivity, silence, shadows
Lion – concentration, release of stress, relaxation, family strength
Llama – overcoming obstacles, comforting
Lynx – secrets, silence
Mole – knowledge, independence, sensitivity
Monkey – playfulness, energy, resourceful, clever
Octopus – intelligence, barriers
Opossum – sensibility, recovery
Orca – divination, healing, protector
Otter – joy, playfulness, sharing
Panda – connections, balance, adaptability
Panther – astral travel, death, rebirth
Polar Bear – solitude, transformation, dreams
Platypus – ancient, uniqueness
Rabbit – swiftness, gentle of nature, intuitive
Raccoon – creative problem solving, curiosity, bravery, something new ahead
Seahorse – creativity, inspiration, innocence
Seal – protection, harmony, survival
Shark – past knowledge, remorselessness, savior
Sheep – fertility, abundance, confidence
Squirrel – resourcefulness, warning, discovery
Starfish – beauty, regeneration, moon magick

Sting Ray – emotions, understanding differences

Tiger – energy, inner strength, power, mental and spiritual awareness

Weasel – ingenuity, slyness, curiosity, conniving, mistrust

Whale – longevity of life and love, strengthening family bonds, emotional clarity

Wolf – wisdom, spiritual leader, introspective of transformation

Wombat – strength, determination, resourcefulness

Zebra – individuals, clarity

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Spell of the Month

Basic Spell Outline

Ritual Preparation

Choose a time.

Decide the intent.

Choose an aspect of the Divine/deity.

Decide how to raise energy (ie: dance, music, chanting, drumming, etc.)

Choose how to cast and open the circle. There are many methods for doing this. The most common involve invoking the elements and/or one or more deities.

Now cleanse yourself and your magickal space. You can do this with a ritual bath for yourself, or through meditation to still and focus your mind. You can cleanse your space with your magickal broom or with incense or burning herbs.

Cast the Circle

Invocation of the Divine

Statement of purpose: this is simply to tell the Divine why you have called Him/Her to the circle; what you are trying to accomplish.

Magickal Working

Raise energy, through chanting or drumming or however you have chosen to do so. Direct or channel this energy by using candles, herbs, stones or whatever other correspondences you found to fit your specific need. Ground your energy when you have completed the working.

Cakes and Ale

Eat a small piece of bread or cookie and drink a little wine, milk or juice to help restore your energy. This is often a potluck with a group, or simply by yourself.

Thanking the Divine

You can write your own closing "speech" or use one someone else has written.

Opening the Circle

Release any elements and deities who were invoked during your working.

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