



October Newsletter

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Important October Dates

(All times are CDT)

October 4, 1:10 am - Full Moon

The Blood Moon

Traditionally, under the October Full moon, animals were slaughtered, their hides tanned and meat stored. Working late under the light of the Moon, the last of the harvest is gathered. Pause and remember the fertile cycle is coming to an end, the wheel of the year turning like the cycle of life and death. Put yourself and your life in order, letting go of what is unnecessary, for death is upon us. Prepare for the cold dark months ahead. The veil between the worlds is thin. Honor your ancestors, invoking their guidance and protection, then ask their spirits to guide you through the underworld. Light candles and lanterns to invoke justice, balance and inner harmony, and welcome the dark as a place of stability and reflection.

*Harvest Moon, Shedding Moon, Moon of Changing Season,
Life ebbs and flows with infinite reason,
Dementer, Horned God, Lakshmi see,
Memory and karma burn bright within me.*

~ Dallas Jennifer Cobb

October 18, 12:33 am - New Moon

New Moon in Libra

As the New Moon cycle moves into Libra, we wrap up the details of doing work, being of service to others, and generally making ourselves useful, which is the essence of Virgo energy, and we shift the focus to relationships, other people, partnerships and marriage interests. Maybe we think we deserve some companionship and quiet intimate moments as a reward for all the good we accomplished this last month, when helping others through selfless generosity was our primary focus, or maybe we're just looking for someone to help share the load in the future. In any case, forming partnerships is the theme of Libra energy which, with the arrival of this New Moon, is receiving emphasis right now.

Another subtle motif in astrology is that each succeeding sign (and house), as the year's creative process unfolds, represents the "payoff" and "resources" of the one that precedes it. (Each sign builds and "invests itself in" what the next sign will use as "natural resources," the "foundations" upon which that sign builds its own expressions.) Thus, following this metaphor, it seems that the more useful we are on a practical level, the better we are at providing work and services for the benefit of others, the more resources and assets we accrue when it comes to forming the partnerships and relationships we need in our lives.

The converse implication is, ironically, that a significant partnership requires a solid grounding in the ability to work and tend to the routine, mundane duties and details of life which is the essence of service to others.

It is interesting to me to note, that in following this process, we arrive halfway around the circle of the Zodiac with the result of birth, Aries energy, culminating for the individual in the work and service efforts of Virgo energy. And in time, in due course, the result of partnerships is the self-sacrifice and self-dissolution of Pisces energy, before the rebirth of self, back in Aries energy again.

Libra energy feels incomplete when required to stand alone. It needs relationships and partnerships in order to function as intended and constantly seeks them out. Libras are the proverbial souls immortalized Barbra Streisand's famous song, the people who need people. They are absolutely delighted that other people exist, because the opportunity of joining with someone else for the pleasures of companionship, diversity of viewpoints, variety of interests, and the benefits of teamwork seems to them such a much better way of life than that available to the rugged individualists who need no one but themselves.

Libra energy is practically synonymous with joint efforts. It thinks in terms of we instead of you and me. It seeks consensus out of the diverse ideas that come with a variety of contributing sources. Therefore it places special emphasis, not on the aggressive expressions of individual initiative, but on the social virtues of cooperation and compromise. Libra people are arbiters, negotiators, peacemakers, and strategists and have an exceptionally keen regard for matters of justice, fairness, equality, and applications of law. Their natural skills at seeing and even identifying with other viewpoints make them valuable consultants when dealing with disagreements, social and legal contracts, and delegation of workload and personal responsibilities.

Libra energy is, in fact, strongly intellectual as well as refined and cultural in its focus. Libra people are natural writers, thinkers, and artists and will show this orientation over and over again in their everyday lives. They are also marvelous confidantes and consultants with an interest in seeking the win-win situation for all involved whenever possible. They do make superb friends, partners, and spouses, especially as they themselves are interested in these kinds of social arrangements. Libra energy is cultured, charming, tactful, conscientious, invested in achieving balance, and interested in appearances. It seeks harmony, wants choices, is dedicated to seeing both sides of an argument, or as many sides as can be presented, and is very much concerned with presenting a united front, a concurrence that enables Libra to speak in terms of we and us, as if the benefits of strength in numbers are enviable ones indeed.

Libra energy is considerate, polite, well-mannered, diplomatic, sincere, sympathetic, and warm. And obviously these are the tactics it uses to attract others into its personal environment. Libra is Cardinal Air, concerned with initiating action inspired by ideas, opinions, thoughts, and perceptions, using intellectual energy as its fuel. The natural outgrowth of this, of course, is the fondness for options that is such a hallmark of the Libra nature. The "other people" who are so plentiful in the lives of Libras, naturally, furnish them with a nearly inexhaustible supply of these. That, of course, contributes to another quality for which Libra is famous (or infamous, depending on how you feel about such things), that of sitting on the fence endlessly when it comes time to finally make some decisions and plot a course of action. Their wavering and waffling can drive a more active sign mad with the back and forth, first on one hand, and then the other.

But Libra just wants to make sure it has thought of all contingencies, covered all the bases, seen things from every possible point of view and done whatever it can to make sure everybody's happy. The fact that some of the signs plain don't care whether everybody's happy is a true mystery to the Libra soul.

Libras sound like wonderful folks. And for the most part, and in a highly social world, they are. But they also have their down side. 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 overly sensitive, jealous, possessive, manipulative, antagonistic, contrary, exploitive, and emotionally demanding on behalf of self-interests while neglectful of relationship needs and the partner's prerogatives.

The polarity sign for Libra is Aries, Cardinal Fire, and perhaps nowhere do they clash more severely than on this question of when to take action and when to hold back. Aries is built for taking action now, action immediately, action yesterday, if at all possible. Libra wants to wait a little longer to make sure all the votes are cast, all the opinions registered, all the facts are in hand.

The two signs can drive each other wild with these two different outlooks and tactics for taking on the world. But as with all the polarities of the Zodiac, they need each other for balance. Aries needs the occasional tempering of its impatience and tactlessness with Libra's celebrated social skills. Libra needs Aries' elbow, pitchfork, bayonet, cattle prod or whatever it takes, whatever comes to hand to get it moving instead of dithering. And even then the effort can require a mighty shove.

With the arrival of the New Moon in Libra, the theme of life's creative cycle and the focus of people in general becomes more devoted, companionable, compassionate, graceful, and sincere. They value behaviors and methods that are considerate, cooperative, "nice," pleasant, diplomatic, refined, and concerned with the needs of partners and personal relationships. People tend to be concerned with manners, appearances, finesse, polish, elegance, and savoir-faire. They aim for harmony, "culture," courtesy, and social exchanges that are smooth and enjoyable for everyone, at least on the surface.

This energy is known for being fair, tactful, congenial, elegant, cordial, and concerned with justice and "compromise." There is also extra emphasis on companionship, "teamwork," group efforts and activities, "couples," "other people," and marriage. Libra is uncomfortable pulling a load in single harness and they're uncomfortable watching others do so who are actually built to operate better that way.

Under stress, people may be unusually manipulative, blaming, superficial, "unhappy," exploitive and self-centered. They become churlishly insistent that partners supply them with what they need, while losing sight of what nourishes the relationship in the first place and what partners expect in order to keep the pact going at all. They may meddle more freely in the business of others, want "help" and someone to rescue them from life's more unpleasant moments and exploit their partners to their own advantage, all the while denying that this is so.

October 31 - Samhain

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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Herb of the Month

Coriander - Water/Venus, Gender - Masculine. Parts Used - The whole Herb. Magickal Properties - Love, Fertility and Protection. Uses - Carry in a sachet or amulet for fertility, grow in your garden or hang the plant in your home for protection against negative influences and unwanted guests, used with other appropriate herbs to help ease the pain of an ended love affair. Used also in dream protection sachets and pillows

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Stone of the Month

Chrysoprase - Its energy is bright and wholesome, opening the heart chakra, and bringing acceptance and a non-judgmental attitude. It aids in communication, allowing the wearer to speak with compassion and from the heart. It is used in wealth magick and to banish nightmares. It imparts cheerfulness and protects from demonic attack. It balances neurotic patterns and also eases depression and sexual imbalance. It can be used for fertility, calming, balancing and healing for physical/emotional/mental bodies. It helps one see clearly into personal problems and brings out inner talents.

Rune of the Month

↳ **Jera** (J or Y: A year, a good harvest.) - The results of earlier efforts are realized. A time of peace and happiness, fruitful season. It can break through stagnancy. Hopes and expectations of peace and prosperity. The promise of success earned. Life cycle, cyclical pattern of the universe. Everything changes, in its own time. Jera Merkstave (Jera cannot be reversed, but may lie in opposition): Sudden setback, reversals. A major change, repetition, bad timing, poverty, conflict.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Star - Happiness, a feeling of well-being and the rewards of past hard work are likely when the Star appears in a Tarot spread.

The Star is one of the most favorable cards in the tarot deck, and when it appears in a spread, all the other cards tend to pale into insignificance! It represents the goals that are hoped to be achieved. The person for whom the Star appears can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel and they're about to reach their target.

This card brings rewards for special efforts. Even a wish come true. Everything will look so much brighter and more optimistic now, according to this card. Harmony will be restored where there has previously been discord.

The Star is a glowing card suggesting hope, unexpected help, a gift or a promise. After storms there is sometimes a rainbow. Every gray cloud has a silver lining and in the Tarot, it is the Star which brightens the picture.

This is a most positive card, associated with the achievements of ambition and it offers hope for the querent if they are currently low. The influence of The Star is truly beneficial and long-lasting, bringing promises that are sure to be fulfilled.

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Correspondence of the Month

Trees

Alder (Alnus spp.) - This tree is a water lover. The oily water resistant wood has been used extensively for underwater foundations and pilings in Venice and elsewhere. It is used in dairy vessels and the branches in making whistles. It is associated with Bran, as He used His body as a bridge to span dangerous waters. It is used in the construction of bridges. Bran's Head was oracular. Alder indicates protection and oracular powers.

Apple (Malus spp.) - A dense, fine-grained, rosy-colored wood with a slightly sweet smell. The Apple is the earliest cultivated tree. It is associated with choice. At Somerset, an auction was held for single acre plots on two pieces of common land. Plots were marked and matching marks made on the fruit. The apples were then placed in a bag and commoners were allocated land by the distribution of the fruit. All the acres of land were similar, as many times today choices must be made between similar and equally attractive things. Regardless, the choice must be made. In Norse myth, Idunna was the keeper of the 'apples of immortality' which kept the Gods young. The 'fruit-bearing tree' referred to by Tacitus in his description of Norse runic divination may have been the apple. Apple indicates choice, and is useful for love and healing magic.

Ash (Fraxinus spp.) - A strong, straight-grained wood; sometimes has 'olive' streaks or stripes in the grain. The

European variety (*fraxinus excelsior*) was referred to in the Eddas as the species of Yggdrasil - the 'World-Tree'. The first man, named Ask, was created from an ash log. Ash was commonly used to make spears because of its 'springiness' and straight grain. In North America, strips of black ash were split along the grain to make splints for baskets and hoops. It is used in weaver's beams. Women would weave cloth and intermingling threads together in a tight pattern as the microcosm and the macrocosm are united. Ash can be used in spells requiring focus and strength of purpose, and indicates the linking of the inner and outer worlds.

Beech (*Fagus spp.*) - Beech wood is closely grained, very easy to work giving a smooth even surface. At one time Beech tablets were used as writing surfaces because of the above mentioned qualities. Beech and book have the same word origins. Beech is concerned with ancient knowledge as revealed in old objects, places and writings. Beech indicates guidance from the past to gain insight, which protects and provides a solid base upon which all relies.

Birch (*Betula spp.*) - A lovely pale, fine-grained wood. Long associated with fertility and healing magic, birch twigs were used to bestow fertility on cattle and newlyweds, and children's cradles were made from its wood. Birch is one of the first trees to grow on bare soil and thus it births the entire forest. Criminals were at one time birched to drive out evil influences on them, to renew them for the new year. Birch was associated with Thor, probably in recognition of his role as an agricultural and fertility deity. Birch is an incredibly useful tree - nearly every part of it is edible, and it's sap was an important source of sugar to Native Americans and early settlers. The inner bark provides a pain reliever and the leaves are used to treat arthritis. It's bark was used for everything from paper to canoe hulls, and axe handles were also made from Birch. Birch is most useful for fertility and healing spells.

Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) - Blackthorn is a winter tree. The sloe, its fruits ripen and sweeten only after the nip of the frost. White flowers are seen even before the leaves in the spring. It is black barked with vicious thorns and grows in dense thickets. The wood is used in the cudgel shillelagh and Blasting Stick. Its thorns are used to pierce waxen images. Blackthorn indicates strong action of fate or outside influences that must be obeyed.

Elder (*Sambucus spp.*) - The Latin name *sambucus* is derived from a Greek word for a wind instrument made from elder. The pith can easily be removed from the small branches to make a flute. Elder regrows damaged branches with ease and can root rapidly from any part. A tea for purifying the blood can be made from the flowers and wine from the fruit, but in general the tree is poisonous. In Norse mythology, the Goddess Freya chose the black elder as her home. In medieval times it was the abode of witches and it was considered dangerous to sleep under its branches or to cut it down. Sticks of Elder were used as magickal horses by Witches. Elder indicates the end in the beginning and the beginning in the end. Life in Death and Death in Life.

Elm (*Ulmus spp.*) - A slightly fibrous, tan-colored wood with a slight sheen. Elm is often associated with Mother and Earth Goddesses, and was said to be the abode of faeries, explaining Kipling's injunction; "Ailim be the lady's tree; burn it not or cursed ye'll be". Elm wood is valued for it's resistance to splitting, and the inner bark was used for cordage and chair caning. Elm adds stability and grounding to a spell.

Fir (*Abies spp.*) - Fir is a very tall slender tree that grows in mountainous regions on the upper slopes. Fir cones respond to rain by closing and the sun by opening. Fir can see over great distance to the far horizon beyond and below. Fir indicates high views and long sights with clear vision of what is beyond and yet to come.

Hawthorn (*Crataegus oxyacantha*) - A light, hard, apple-like wood. Hawthorn usually doesn't grow much bigger than a shrub, and is popular in England as a hedge plant. The wood from the Hawthorn provides the hottest fire known. Its leaves and blossoms are used to create a tea to aid with anxiety, appetite loss and poor circulation. The Greeks and

Romans saw the hawthorn as symbolic of hope and marriage, but in medieval Europe it was associated with witchcraft and considered to be unlucky. This seeming contradiction is to be expected from a tree with such beautiful blossoms and such deadly-looking thorns. Hawthorn can be used for protection, love and marriage spells.

Hazel (*Corylus avallania*) - Hazel is another food tree. In Celtic tradition, the Salmon of Knowledge is said to eat the 9 nuts of poetic wisdom dropped into its sacred pool from the hazel tree growing beside it. Each nut eaten by the salmon becomes a spot on its skin. The Hazel tree provided shade, protection and baskets. In Europe and North America, hazel is commonly used for 'water-witching' - the art of finding water with a forked stick. Magickally, hazel wood is used to gain knowledge, wisdom and poetic inspiration.

Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) - A beautiful white wood with an almost invisible grain; looks very much like ivory. Holly is associated with the death and rebirth symbolism of winter in both Pagan and Christian lore. In Arthurian legend, Gawain (representing the Oak King of summer) fought the Green Knight, who was armed with a holly club to represent winter. It is one of the three timbers used in the construction of chariot wheel shafts. It was also used in spear shafts. The qualities of a spear shaft are balance and directness, as the spear must be hefted to be thrown the holly indicates directed balance and vigor to fight if the cause is just. Holly may be used in spells having to do with sleep or rest, and to ease the passage of death.

Larch (*Larix europaea*) - A light softwood, very similar to spruce. Larch is one of the few conifers which shed its needles in the winter. It is closely related to the North American tamarack (*larix laricina*). The larch plays an important role in Sami (Lapp) and Siberian mythology where it takes the place of the ash as the World-tree. Their shamans use larch wood to rim their ceremonial drums. The smoke from burning larch is said to ward off evil spirits. Larch may be used for protection and to induce visions.

Maple (*Acer* spp.) - A very hard, pale, fine-grained wood. Although the sugar maple has the highest sugar content in its sap, all maple species can be tapped to make syrup and sugar, making them a vital resource to early North American settlers. In north-eastern North America, the annual 'sugaring-off' usually coincides with the vernal equinox, making it one of the first signs of spring. Maple can bring success and abundance.

Oak (*Quercus* spp.)

Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) - A strong, straight-grained, slightly porous wood with a slight reddish hue. Its energy is a bit lighter and more 'fiery' than the other oaks.

White Oak (*Quercus alba*) - Darker and denser than red oak. Its strength and density have led to its being used in barrel-making and shipbuilding. It is useful for spells requiring strength and solidity.

Brown (English) Oak (*Quercus robur*) - A richly-colored dark brown wood. 'Bog oak' is brown oak which has fallen into a peat bog and been preserved there for hundreds of years until it begins to have the consistency of coal. Brown oak has a very earthy feel, and is useful for grounding.

Oak has been considered sacred by just about every culture that has encountered the tree, but it was held in particular esteem by the Norse and Celts because of its size, longevity, and nutritious acorns. The oak is frequently associated with Gods of thunder and lightening such as Zeus, Thor, and the Lithuanian God Perkunas. This association may be due to the oak's habit of being hit by lightening during storms. Specific oak trees have also been associated with the 'Wild Hunt', which is led by Herne in England and by Wodin in Germany. In general, oak can be used in spells for protection, strength, success and stability; the different varieties will lend their own special 'flavor' to the magic.

Pine (*Pinus* spp.) - The Pine tree is an evergreen, its old title was "the sweetest of woods". Its needles are a valuable source of vitamin C and can loosen a tight chest. The scent of Pine is useful in the alleviation of guilt. The Bach's flower remedies lists it for dealing with feelings of guilt. Pine indicates issues of guilt within you.

Poplar (*Populus* spp.) - The White Poplar flourishes beside rivers, in marshes and in other watery areas. The pith is star shaped. The upper leaves are green, the underside is silver. The wood was used in the making of shields. Leaves move with every puff of wind. It is commonly referred to as the talking, whispering and quivering tree. The Anglo-Saxon rune poem seems to refer to the poplar as being associated with the rune berkano. Heracles wore a crown of poplar leaves when he retrieved Cerberus from Hades, and the upper surface of the leaves was thus darkened from Hades' smoky fumes. In Christian lore, the quaking poplar (aspen) was used to construct Christ's cross, and the leaves of the tree quiver when they remember this fact. The Poplar's ability to resist and to shield, its association with speech, language and the Winds indicates an ability to endure and conquer.

Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) - The Rowan tree (also called Mountain Ash) is long known for aid and protection against enchantment. Sticks of the Rowan were used to carve Runes on. It was also used in the art of metal divining. Rowan spays and crosses were placed over cattle in pens and over homes for protection. Its lovely red berries feed the birds in winter. The berries have a tiny pentagram on them. The pentagram is the ancient symbol of protection. The Rowan tree indicates protection and control of the senses from enchantment and beguiling.

Willow (*Salix babylonica*) - The willow is another water loving tree. Willow bark contains Salicin which is used in the treatment of rheumatic fever and various damp diseases. Her catkins, which appear in early spring before her leaves, attract bees to start the cycle of pollination. In western tradition it is a symbol of mourning and unlucky love. The Latin name for the weeping willow refers to the psalm in which the Hebrews mourn their captivity in Babylon by the willows. Willow indicates cycles, rhythms and the ebb and flux.

Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - A beautifully smooth, gold-colored wood with a wavy grain. All parts of the tree are poisonous except the fleshy covering of the berry, and its medicinal uses include a recently discovered treatment for cancer. Long associated with magick, death, rebirth and the runes, the yew may be the oldest-lived tree in the world. Ancient yews can be found in churchyards all over Britain, where they often pre-date even the oldest churches. There are some convincing arguments for it being the original 'World-tree' of Scandinavian mythology. In Europe, yew wood was used for making bows, while on the northwest coast of North America, the Pacific yew (*Taxus brevifolia*) is used by the Haida and other tribes for making masks and boxes. Yew may be used to enhance magickal and psychic abilities, and to induce visions.

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Spell of the Month

Dark Moon Spell

(To increase intuitive powers.)

*Void of blackness, darkest night,
Ruled by Crone of power and might.
Push my instincts into life
So intuition grows and thrives.
Crone of Darkness, come to me
And let me know all things unseen.*

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