



October Newsletter

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Important October Dates

(All times are CST)

October 7, 1:45 pm - New Moon

New Moons signify rebirth, beginnings, a clean slate, the start of a new cycle. This new moon highlights Sagittarian qualities (idealistic, optimistic, good-humored, opportunistic, intelligent) and 9th house themes (personal growth, spirituality, travel, higher education).

This is a time of optimism and dreams; the moon seeks knowledge. New Moons are times of new beginnings, and this New Moon offers the potential of a brand new understanding of what gives our life meaning. To move in the direction of Sagittarius truth always requires a leap of faith and confidence in what we know. In pursuing this path, there's the danger of becoming insular and overzealous, of refusing to listen at all to other points of view. The utter conviction that serves Sagittarius so well in many situations can sometimes cause problems if we assume our own truth is universal. Navigating the Sagittarius experience requires that we keep feeding our brains with other ideas and perspectives, to keep ourselves flexible and lively. But for the sake of innovation, it's equally important to know when to escape to our own imaginations and retrieve what we find there. This expansion of our sense of what is possible and what is correct is what the Sagittarian New Moon inspires.

October 11 - Columbus Day

"Gold is most excellent; gold constitutes treasure; and he who has it does all he wants in the world, and can even lift souls up to Paradise." -- Christopher Columbus, 1503 letter to the king and queen of Spain.

"Christopher Columbus not only opened the door to a New World, but also set an example for us all by showing what monumental feats can be accomplished through perseverance and faith." -- George H.W. Bush, 1989 speech

October 22, 8:37 pm - Full Moon

Blood Moon

To the Cherokee, October is the Harvest Moon, as this is when people gather and preserve most of their food. To the Choctaw, this is the Blackberry Moon. In warmer regions, late-cropping berries open now and are often dried or preserved for winter use. The Dakota Sioux call this the Moon When Quilting and Beading Is Done. These creative pursuits take many hours, so people favor them when less outdoor work can be done but enough daylight still remains to see fine details.

October closes the harvest season as the last grains and other crops come in. Food storage occupies people's attention. Although modern supermarkets are an option, many benefits come from growing and preserving at least some of your own food. Likewise, magickal artifacts crafted by the user tend to hold more power than purchased ones. This is also a good time to craft sacred and magickal decorations to prepare for winter celebrations.

Rituals often feature the harvest--honoring the fruits of our labors, giving thanks for what we receive and requesting a bountiful yield. Magickally, gather friends for craft workshops to make items for ceremonial use.

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

October 31 – Samhain

Samhain

Animals/Mythical Creatures – bats, cats, dogs, pooka, goblin, medusa, banshee, 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, bonfire, 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), Ceridwen (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), Cernunnos (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

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 a person, a branch is hung, food is cooked with it or it can be worn to bring a tension relieving and 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 in the memory.

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Stone of the Month

Red Jasper - Description: Brick red - sometimes with white / black veins, Red jasper refers to the reddish variation of brecciated jasper. It, as the other jaspers, is a stone of protection. As well as brecciated jasper, red jasper has been used for protection during astral travel for eons; and has been used to assist in dowsing.

Red Jasper is called a stone of fairness and justice because mystical lore claims it will decrease unjustness and helps to aid in unfair situations. It is also told to aid with dream work, and enhance dream recall. It is said that this stone will enhance responsibility, choice and compassion. Metaphysically it is purported to have a stabilizing effect, and can help one take all one's energy and use it in a more balanced manner. It is told to be a stone that helps in all areas of survival, and as well is of course a protective stone.

Red jasper, legend tells us, is said to bring joy into life, acting somewhat like adrenaline, waking up and energizing areas of the body that appear to be sleeping. It is believe to encourage a deep connection with life and of the earth. It inspires a positive, joyful attitude and give the motivation and energy to take creative action. Known to promote beauty and grace. Believe it or not, it can ease the pain of childbirth!!! Protective and especially useful in defensive magick -- use this stone to send negativity directed at you back to the original sender. Increases mental processes and forms a barrier against dangerous desires and whims. Also a great all-around good luck stone.

Rune of the Month

Þ **Thurisaz** (TH: Thorn or a Giant.) – Reactive force, directed force of destruction and defense, conflict. Instinctual will, vital eroticism, regenerative catalyst. A tendency toward change. Catharsis, purging, cleansing fire. Male sexuality, fertilization. (Thorr, the Thunder god, was of Giant stock.) Thurisaz Reversed or Merkstave: Danger, defenselessness, compulsion, betrayal, dullness. Evil, malice, hatred, torment, spite, lies. A bad man or woman. Rape?

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Tarot Card of the Month

Justice - With Libra as its ruling sign, Justice is about cold, objective balance through reason or natural force. This is the card that tells the Querent that they can't keep smoking and drinking without consequences to their health. It is the card that advises cutting out waste and insists that the Querent make adjustments, do whatever is necessary to bring things back into balance: physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually. In a more mundane sense, this card may signal a court case, legal documents, adjustments in a marriage or partnership. The outcome of all of these may not be exactly what the Querent wants, but it will be a scrupulously fair outcome. If the card is reversed, it can indicate bias, obstruction of the law, or legal complications.

One thing to remember about the Justice card is that it is not about punishment, good, bad, right or wrong. It is about adjustment. The sword suggests that sometimes this won't be pleasant. Justice pares things down with that sword so

that the scales end up equal. The message is to do what's necessary, no matter how hard, how disagreeable, in order to gain, or re-gain equilibrium. It is not a nice card, but in its way, it is a very wise card.

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Correspondence of the Month

Mythical Creatures

Centaur – the arts, creative inspiration, divination

Dragon – protection, transformation, spiritual guide, long life, strength against fear

Gargoyle – silence, shadows, freedom

Griffin – spiritual clarity, faith, understanding

Leviathan – influence, foresight, time for meditation

Manticore – embodiment of evil, dark force, powers working against you

Minotaur – defense against harm, protection, power, fertility

Pegasus – inspiration, astral travel, divination, romance

Phoenix – rebirth, reincarnation, new beginnings, courage, adaptation

Unicorn – prosperity, adventure, purity, of gentle nature, mental strength

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Spell of the Month

Astral Projection

The following is a basic instruction for astral projection. Begin by calling your guide or guardian to protect you from harm during this trip. As you do this, you should either hear a voice or see a face in your mind. Speak directly to your guide, and ask it for protection and guidance. Once you are assured of their protection you can proceed with the next step.

RELAXATION

The easiest way to place yourself in a deep state of relaxation is to first begin with your toes. Visualize a soft warm light moving slowly through your toes until it engulfs your feet. As each part of your body becomes submerged in the warm light, allow it to go completely limp. Visualize each body part turning to mist. When you are done relaxing, you should visualize yourself as pure mist. Because you are no longer solid, it will be possible for you to move away from your physical form. If this is your first time, try to stay inside a boundary, such as your home. When traveling to the astral plains, one can encounter many things which only an experienced traveler will know how to handle. Visualize your misty form separating from your physical form. Don't be alarmed if you see a cord that attaches you to your body. This is a line that can bring you back if needed. Only a very experienced traveler should disengage this cord. For the beginner, it is important to leave it attached. The cord will lengthen itself to suit your travels, so drift as much as you like within your set boundaries. When you are ready to return, simply will yourself gradually back to your body. Allow a moment to think earthly thoughts and then open your eyes.

TRAVEL WITH FAMILIARS

For extra protection, it is nice to have your familiar along. The only thing you need to do is communicate your desire to travel to your familiar. Animals travel the astral plains constantly, and are more than happy to accompany you. They often make excellent guides. To communicate your desire, look deep into your familiar's eyes, and concentrate. Stroke them soothingly. Soon they will lay down, and that will be your signal that they are ready to begin. If you are a novice, and your familiar seems unwilling to travel, give them time. Sometimes we doubt our own abilities, and our familiars can sense this. After you have traveled several times on your own, your familiar will most likely be happy to join you.

JOURNAL

It is a good idea to document your travels in a journal. You are the one who will benefit from this. As you travel, make note of everything you see. Upon your return, write every detail in your journal. As you become more experienced at astral travel, this record will be invaluable. It will serve as your future guide.

GIVE THANKS

Always remember to thank your guide or guardian for their protection. It is also nice to say a prayer of thanks to the Cerridwyn. Remember that without the Lord and Lady, we are adrift in a sea of uncertainty.

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