



October Newsletter

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Important October Dates

(All times are CDT)

October 10 - Columbus Day

The Things That Haven't Been Done Before

by Edgar A. Guest

The things that haven't been done before,
Those are the things to try;
Columbus dreamed of an unknown shore
At the rim of the far-flung sky,
And his heart was bold and his faith was strong
As he ventured in dangers new,
And he paid no heed to the jeering throng
Or the fears of the doubting crew.

The many will follow the beaten track
With guideposts on the way,
They live and have lived for ages back
With a chart for every day.
Someone has told them it's safe to go
On the road he has traveled o'er,

And all that they ever strive to know
Are the things that were known before.

A few strike out, without map or chart,
Where never a man has been,
From the beaten paths they draw apart
To see what no man has seen.
There are deeds they hunger alone to do;
Though battered and bruised and sore,
They blaze the path for the many, who
Do nothing not done before.

The things that haven't been done before
Are the tasks worth while to-day;
Are you one of the flock that follows, or
Are you one that shall lead the way?
Are you one of the timid souls that quail
At the jeers of a doubting crew,
Or dare you, whether you win or fail,
Strike out for a goal that's new?

October 11, 9:06 pm - Full Moon

The Moon of the Wand-Maker

The Full Moon in Aries represents the divine impulse that inspires creativity. Artistic skills are often a solitary pursuit, as much a matter of self-development as of honing talents. Aries is the sign of the quest, the spark that initiates a personal mission in life. Artists in the Craft may choose to dedicate talents as a form of Sacred Artistry. Wand-makers are excellent examples of the sacred arts because they not only make wands, they charge and dedicate the finished tool, preparing it for service.

While the last three Full Moons have emphasized service and sympathy, this one highlights blazing individuality. Each person has a unique mix of talents and skills, and the coven benefits when those skills are shared.

A solitary may choose to make an altar cloth, a candleholder, or a wand for this Full Moon ritual or decorate a prefabricated item like an athame, a grimoire, or ritual clothing. Consecrate the item by the four elements and dedicate it to magickal use. Likewise, a coven ritual could feature similar activities or handmade ritual items. Members may also announce and dedicate a specific talent or project to a favored deity and ask for blessings.

~ Elizabeth Hazel in [Llewellyn's 2011 Witches' Datebook](#)

October 26, 2:56 pm - New Moon

Scorpio is the sign of passion and intensity, and the Truth that exists where life and death meet. This New Moon offers us an opportunity to face the darkness and discover our own Truth – to strip ourselves of any falseness and pledge to live in that Truth. New Moons begin a new cycle, and in Scorpio the challenge is to confront our emotional fears without becoming enmeshed in the story.

The New Moon is often shown as a sliver of a crescent, but it is actually the darkest point of the lunar cycle. The New Moon occurs when the Moon conjoins the Sun and the solar light completely obscures the lunar, leaving us in darkness. But it is in that darkness that the first rays of light can be seen.

There is a great deal of power in this New Moon that can help to propel us through a difficult transformative period where we may have become stuck under some of the other planetary cycles – if we dive deep enough to find the treasure that lies in the underground of the psyche.

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, 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), 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


Comfrey - Air/Saturn, Gender - Feminine, Parts Used - The Whole Herb, Magickal Properties - Protection, Uses - A strong herb for protection from any type of negativity around you, for traveling, for protection in the astral realms

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Stone of the Month

Jet – Jet is a stone of grounding and balancing, and as it carries a negative electrical charge, is good for drawing power and knowledge to the bearer. Made of burned, then fossilized trees, it helps to tap into the ancient wisdoms and transformative powers of the Earth. It is also helpful in stabilizing finances, and is said to soothe migraines.

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

Death

Basic Card Symbols

Skeletal Death, black robes or armor, sometimes with a scythe or a flag featuring a white rose on a black field. There is often a rising sun. Sometimes there are other figures, the most common being a child.

Basic Tarot Story

Having left the tree from where he hung, the Fool moves carefully through a fallow field, head still clearing from visions. The air is cold and wintry, the trees bare. He knows he has started on his spiritual journey in earnest, but feels strangely empty and profoundly sad, as if he has lost something.

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Before him he sees, rising with the sun, a skeleton in black armor mounted on a white horse. He recognizes it as Death. As it stops before him, he humbly asks, "Have I died?" And the Skeleton answers, "Yes, in a way. You sacrificed your old world, your old self. Both are gone, dead." The Fool cannot keep from weeping. "Forgive me," he says, embarrassed by his tears. "There is nothing to forgive," Death replies. "Mourning is natural and you must deal with your loss before you can accept anything new. Keep in mind, however, that old leaves must wither and fly away from a tree's branches, leaving them bare, before new green leaves can appear."

As Death rides away, the Fool sees the truth in those words. He, too, feels like a skeleton, all that he was stripped away. This, he understands, is how all great transformations start, by removing everything down to bare bone or soil so that something new has room to grow.

Basic Tarot Meaning

Perhaps the most common question asked about Tarot Cards is, "Can the Death card mean a real death?" Yes, it can. The Death card is about endings, and that includes the ending of a life. What everyone seems to forget, however, is that the Death card is not exclusively about the end of a human life. In fact, it's far more likely that the card is telling you that a goldfish or a houseplant will die. Death can mean the "end" of anything: The end of an era, the end of a trip, the closing of a restaurant, the breaking up of a band, the conclusion of a very rough week. Any and all of these as well as a million more possible interpretations can be applied to the Death card. So it is foolish to fear it for the fact that, once in a great while, it will let you know that some sick, elderly relative might not be long for this world.

Even more important to remember: the Death card is less about something dying than about how a person deals with endings.

We might be delighted that something is finally over and done with, like a terrible job we hated. Or we might be heartbroken, like over the loss of that poor goldfish. Either way, we require time to come to terms with the fact that something we were used to is no longer a part of our lives.

With Scorpio as its sign, the Death card is as much about transformation as about loss. Scorpio has three forms: scorpion, serpent, eagle. The Death card indicates this transition from lower to higher to highest. In addition, Scorpio is also about sex. So even as something is taken from us, something new is created. That new thing will not be the same as what was lost, but it will step into that empty space and give us reason to carry on.

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Correspondence of the Month

Herbs

Angelica Root – protection, healing, temperance

Basil – money & riches, protection, love

Chamomile Flowers – healing, prosperity

Cinnamon – protection, healing, love, passion, money

Clove – repelling negative influences

Coriander Seed – love, fertility, protection

Cumin – protection, fidelity, exorcism

Dill Weed – protection, love

Fennel Seed – protection, healing, purification

Flax Seed – money, protection, psychic powers, healing

Frankincense Tears – protection, purification, consecration, exorcism

Mugwort – protection, divination, clairvoyance

Myrrh Gum – high psychic vibrations, spirituality, purification, protection

Oregano – protection, love, warding off colds

Peppermint Leaf – purification, healing sleep, love, prosperity

Rosebuds & Petals – ultimate love, protection

Rosemary Leaf – contentment, love, protection, clear thinking, money

Sage Leaf – healing, purification

Sea Salt – cleansing, casting circles, purification, grounding, protection

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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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