



## October Newsletter

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### **Important October Dates**

(All times are CDT)

#### **October 4, 12:02 pm to October 25, 2:17 pm - Mercury Retrograde**

This Mercury retrograde is important because Mercury activates the October Solar Eclipse. This means the theme of the Solar Eclipse is intertwined with this retrograde journey. We may have to go through some tough times when our ideas are harshly judged and we have to prove ourselves worthy. Mercury will give us the zeal to make the planet a better place. It should cause an urgency for humanity to clean up the earth. This could be about intellectual rather than physical purifying though of course, we need that too. Once our minds are free of pollution, it will be reflected in our environment. Mercury is about learning, so while it cruises through this intellectually brilliant zone, it will not be able to abide stupidity and will seek to enlighten other minds through dispersing knowledge. Jupiter ruling here will stress the importance of higher learning so we should see some great teachers emerging around this time. During this retrograde journey, Mercury will not make any difficult aspects at all which is a relief.

## **October 8, 9:20 am - Full Moon, 5:55 am Lunar Eclipse**

### Blood Moon

The last crops are harvested and in rural areas, livestock is butchered to prepare for the winter. And for some animals, the hunting season begins. At night the wind rustles the corn shocks and smoke from the season's first fires curl from chimneys.

The Blood Moon is a good time to connect with our ancestors. In October, the Otherworld opens slightly and the Moon lights our way. Try to connect with the owl spirit to aid in your spirit contacts. The owl, a bird of the night associated with the occult, seems to belong to both worlds. The ritual is solemn and simple. Place photos of any family member you wish to contact on your altar (or fireplace, a portal to the other side). Light one black candle and meditate on your loved ones. Then call upon the owl spirit:

*The October night is filled with dark mysterious things,  
The Blood Moon rises and the owl flies on silent wings.  
Briefly the Otherworld opens its door,  
Owl spirit, help me connect with those who've gone before.*

~ James Kambos in Llewellyn's 2014 Witches' Datebook -

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## **October 23, 4:57 am - New Moon, 4:45 - Solar Eclipse**

This Moon could make us feel very driven, but also enable us to glide to the top quite silently. Those connected to this eclipse can use this Moon to do undercover work. People don't notice because of this Moon's amazing ability to construct a psychic cloaking device. This could be useful for healers and mystics trying to release sacred wisdom into the collective without it being criticized by sceptics. This eclipse enables us to be stretched to the limit without snapping. Somehow, our deep faith in love healing all, will get us through the most horrendous suffering. What is extra special about this eclipse is the fact Venus is so close to the Sun and Moon. This means Venus is in the throne of the King and is extremely powerful. Love really does hold the power here and we will need as much of this divine love as possible because this position can give you quite a cross to bear.

Unfortunately though, a fact we cannot ignore is that Venus is in Scorpio, the sign of her detriment. This means she might not be able to let her great love flow without some hindrance. When a planet is in detriment, it means that the planet is more bound by fate than planets in better placements. Therefore this planet needs to consciously work at claiming its free will in order to function authentically. The problem is not many of us are truly able to exercise free will. Most of us are running on negative belief systems instilled in us by, parents, school, society, TV etc., etc.... This is why the Moon has such a strong effect on us. It stimulates our needs, cravings and infantile habits. Eclipses do a great job of changing this habitual programming. Suddenly, we are conscious! However sometimes, this awakening is a painful shock, but it does give us an opportunity to rectify and reboot.

## October 31 - Samhain (Crossquarter November 7)

### 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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Cast Iron Cauldron w/Lid - Regular Price \$21.99, Sale Price \$18.99

Deluxe Wicca Starter Kit w/Money Spell - Regular Price - \$81.99, Sale Price - \$77.99

2015 Witches' Datebook - \$10.99, Sale Price - \$9.99

Pendulum Divination eBook - Regular Price - \$4.99, Sale Price - \$3.99

Divination Herbal Tea - Regular Price - \$5.99, Sale Price - \$4.99

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Chalkboard Pentagram Gift Tags -

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Cedar Triquetra Altar Tile/Yule Ornament -

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## Herb of the Month

**Dragon's Blood** - Fire/Mars; Gender - Masculine; Parts Used - Resin (Gum); Magickal Properties - Energy, Purification and Protection; Uses - A strong banishing resin for ridding strong negative influences and bad habits, also a pinch of the resin under the mattress is said to alleviate impotency(?), add to other herbs and incenses to add a power packed helper; Also used for magickal ink

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## Stone of the Month

**Onyx** - Onyx is thought to increase regeneration, happiness, intuition and one's instincts. It is also told to decrease sexual desire, and to aid in changing bad habits.

The shapes or patterns that onyx holds inside it have led some to suggest that Onyx has a picture in it that tells a story or carries a lesson. Lore tells us that an onyx will retain memory of the physical occurrences surrounding a person. A strong stone to use in psychic work as it tells the story of the wearer.

A strength-giving stone, good for athletes or people under extreme mental and emotional stress. It brings balance to mind or body as well as strength of mind. Onyx is a wonderful stone for those who are flighty by nature, as it will help ground and focus your attention. A strengthening stone that can help you approach a lesson or task with greater self-confidence. It is highly recommended that Onyx be used in conjunction with pearls and diamonds to increase their own metaphysical qualities.

Onyx must be laid directly on the body or worn over a long period of time as its power develops quite slowly. It is known to be particularly helpful with skin ailments, healing infected wounds as well as fungal infections, inflammation and even sunburn. Pat the affected skin with onyx water several times during the day and cover with an onyx water compress at night.

Due to the fact that onyx needs time to develop its full power, it should be discharged once a week under running water, and if used for a long period of time, it should be placed in the earth overnight once a month. This will regenerate it to help keep its energy strong.

## Rune of the Month



**Othala** (O: Ancestral property.) - Inherited property or possessions, a house, a home; what is truly important to you; group order, group prosperity; land of birth, spiritual heritage, experience and fundamental values; aid in spiritual and physical journeys; source of safety, increase and abundance. Othala Reversed or Merkstave: Lack of customary order, totalitarianism, slavery, poverty, homelessness; bad karma, prejudice, clannishness, provincialism; what a man has born

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## Tarot Card of the Month

**Eight of Wands** - A lot of things may be up in the air for you when the Eight of Wands appears. You may be frustrated and tired of waiting. This card is an indicator to be patient a while longer. You may have already done all you can do, and decisions now must be made by other people.

When this card appears, nothing seems to be moving ahead. Don't try to force things, as that is likely to backfire on you. Speaking metaphorically, sometimes our actions are all in the wrist, all you can do is put your best out there and see where it lands. You've put your best out there. Now wait.

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## Correspondence of the Month

### Insects and Reptiles

**Alligator/Crocodile** – birth, motherhood, initiation

**Ant** – stamina, planning, patience

**Beetle** – resurrection, past lives, enlightenment

**Chameleon** – patience, goals

**Cricket** – good luck, travel, communication

**Dragonfly** – understanding, dreams, change

**Frog** – transformation, emotions, cleansing

**Grasshopper** – faith, astral travel

**Lizard** – guidance, creativity, protection, subtlety

**Salamander** – Strength, courage

**Snake** – rebirth, resurrection, initiation, wisdom

**Spider** – creativity, Wisdom

**Turtle** – motherhood, longevity, opportunities

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## Spell of the Month

### Scrying

Scrying is the name given to the ancient technique of gazing into an object such as a crystal ball (or skull) for the purposes of divination. Although some people can achieve visions from gazing into flames or even a shallow bowl of water or black ink, the clear quartz crystal ball is the most common method. Anyone can learn to scry. It is all a matter of practice. If you meditate it will be much easier. If you ask a question - and place lots of energy in the answer - it will manifest faster for you. The amount of time you use for scrying can vary from a few minutes to a half hour or more. You usually scry

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alone but more than one person can scry into the same surface at the same time for information. Though some people go through rituals before they scry - it isn't necessary. If you wish to ask your spirit guides for guidance go ahead. Some people say a little prayer and ask for the correct information to appear. If you are using an object - crystal - mirror - just be sure it is clean. Scrying can be done with a number of different surfaces which include:

Water in a dark bowl - or small pool

Mirrors

Crystals, Crystal Ball Gazing

Tea Leaves, Coffee grinds

Embers in a fire at night

A dimly lit / or candle lit room , looking into the eyes of another person who sits across from you

During scrying, gaze steadily into the scrying surface (feel free to blink or allow your point of focus to wander a bit; this is not a method of self-inflicted torture). Eventually, you should be able to pick out shapes or images in the scrying surface; these may appear as crude sketches, or occasionally with the clarity of a photograph. You will actually see these images with your eyes. Once this happens, images may begin to form in your mind and may no longer be projected onto the scrying surface. When this happens, allow your attention to focus on these mental images.

From this point forward, the scrying surface is irrelevant; do not be distracted by it. As the images become clearer, you will find that you know things about what you are seeing and background information will come to the surface of your mind. Pay attention to what you know about the images you are seeing. Surfaces which provide a random, high contrast visual texture, such as black tea leaves in a white cup or orange sparks in a black ember, are particularly good for the first stage of the scrying process. However, the vividness of the visual images formed in this way may tend to pull your attention back from the purely mental images that should follow, thus disrupting the natural flow of ideas. Smooth, neutral surfaces, like the surface of a dish of black water, a crystal ball, or a black mirror, provide relatively few visual cues to get you started, but if you can make the transition to mental imagery quickly, the visual surface will obligingly fade into the background.

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