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Important September Dates

(All times are CST/CDT)

September 7 - Labor Day

Many times a day I realize how much my own life is built upon the labors of my fellowmen, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.

~ Albert Einstein

September 12, 1:41 am - New Moon, 1:54 am - Solar Eclipse

Eclipses are dramatic "wild cards" in our horoscopes. They are some of the most dramatic tools that the universe uses to get us to pay attention to areas in our life that need to change. They uproot us, surprise us, and get us moving. They shake us up so that we can move from one level of maturity to another, to a higher plane, very rapidly. Eclipses want us to change, and change we do!

Eclipses always arrive in pairs, coinciding with new moon and full moons, as solar and lunar eclipses, respectively. Solar eclipses tend to create new beginnings and bright new opportunities. Usually, they are exciting, are often very positive, and bring news out of the blue.

Lunar eclipses (such as the one on September 27) are more emotional, for they cause final endings. They often make us aware of the passage of time, and make us sentimental. A full moon lunar eclipse is almost always an emotional time.

September 17, 1:09 pm to October 9, 9:57 am - Mercury Retrograde

Despite some challenges, this Mercury retrograde period is the best in a long time. It favors the peaceful resolution of disputes and the formation of committed relationships. Once Mercury turns direct we should be setting off on a promising journey in the right direction.

This Mercury retrograde should be the best of the three Mercury retrograde phases this year, and quite possible the best of next year's offerings. Although there may be some crises to deal with or ruthlessness from Pluto, everything else points to more harmony in relationships and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

So much of the astrology points to a promising new start, especially in terms of relationships, but also other areas of life. The outcome of the three-week Mercury retrograde phase supports this positive new start as suggested by the September eclipses.

September 23 - Mabon/Fall Equinox

Mabon

Animals/Mythical Creatures - dogs, wolves, stag, blackbird, owl, eagle, birds of prey, salmon & goat, Gnomes, Sphinx, Minotaur, Cyclops, Andamans and Gulons

Gemstones - yellow agate, carnelian, yellow topaz, sapphire, lapis lazuli & amethyst

Incense/Oil - pine, sweetgrass, apple blossom, benzoin, myrrh, frankincense, jasmine, sage wood aloes, black pepper, patchouli, cinnamon, clove, oak moss

Colors/Candles - brown, green, orange, red, deep gold, scarlet, yellow, russet, maroon, all autumn colors, purple, blue violet & indigo

Tools/Symbols/Decorations - Indian corn, red fruits, autumn flowers, red poppies, hazelnuts, garlands, grains especially wheat stalks, and colorful, fallen leaves, acorns, pine & cypress cones, oak sprigs, pomegranate, statue/or figure to represent the Mother Goddess, Mabon wreath, vine, grapes, gourd, cornucopia/horns of plenty, burial cairns, apples, marigolds, harvested crops, burial cairns, rattles, the Mysteries, sun wheel, all harvest symbols

Goddesses - Modron (Welsh), Bona Dea, Land Mother, Aging & Harvest Deities: the Triple Goddess-Mother aspect, Persephone, Demeter/Ceres, Morgan (Welsh- Cornish), Snake Woman (aboriginal), Epona (Celtic-Gaulish), Pamona (Roman), the Muses (Greek)

Gods -Mabon ap Modron (Welsh), Sky Father, Wine Gods, Aging Gods, John Barleycorn , the Wicker-Man, the Corn Man, Thoth (Egyptian), Hermes, Hotei (Japanese), Thor, Dionysus (Roman), Bacchus (Greek) & all wine deities

Essence - beauty, joy; fullness of life, harvest of the year's desires, strength; laughter; power; prosperity, equality, balance, appreciation, harvest, protection, wealth, security, self-confidence, reincarnation

Dynamics/Meaning - death of the God, assumption of the Crone, balance of light and dark; increase of darkness, grape harvest, completion of the harvest

Purpose - second harvest festival, new wine pressing/making preparation for winter and Samhain, rest after labor, Pagan day of Thanksgiving, honoring the spirit world, celebration of wine

Rituals/Magick - Celtic Festival of the Vine, prosperity rituals, introspection, rituals which enact the elderly aspects of both Goddess & God, past life recall

Customs - offerings to land, preparing for cold weather, bringing in harvest, cutting willow wands (Druidic), eating seasonal fruit, leaving apples upon burial cairns & graves as a token of honor, walk wild places & forests, gather seed pods & dried plants, fermenting grapes to make wine, picking ripe produce, stalk bundling; fishing, on the closest full moon (Harvest Moon) harvesting crops by moonlight.

Foods - cornbread, wheat products, bread, grains, berries, nuts, grapes, acorns, seeds, dried fruits, corn, beans, squash, roots (ie onions, carrots, potatoes, etc), hops, sassafras, apples, pomegranates, carrots, onions, potatoes, roast goose or mutton, wine, ale, & cider

Herbs - myrrh, thistle, tobacco, oak leaf, hazel, mums, hops, acorns, marigold, rose, sage, milkweed, Solomon's seal, aster, fern, honeysuckle, benzoin, myrrh, passionflower, pine & cedar, ivy, hazel, hops, cedar

Element/Gender - water/male

Threshold - evening

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September 27, 9:51 pm - Full Moon, 9:47 pm - Lunar Eclipse

Chinese Mooncake Festival

This Full Moon is zhong qiu jie, the Chinese Mooncake festival or Mid-Autumn festival. People eat moon cakes--round pastries filled with red bean paste or other ingredients--during the festival. Moon cakes together with the Full Moon, symbolize happiness and reunion. People tell the story of the moon fairy living in a crystal palace, who comes out to dance on the moon. The legend about the lady lying in the moon dates back centuries, to a day when ten suns appeared at once in the sky. The Emperor ordered a famous archer to shoot down the nine extra suns. Once the task was accomplished, the Goddess of Western Heaven rewarded the archer with a pill that would make him immortal. However, his wife found the pill, took it, and was banished to the moon as a result. Legend says that her beauty is greatest on the day of the moon festival. Families get together to look at the Full Moon, feast, eat moon cakes, and sling moon poems. The holiday is similar to Thanksgiving Day in North American countries, a harvest festival.

This would be an auspicious occasion to get together with friends to feast under the Full Moon. End with a round light-colored cake for dessert.

~ Magenta Griffith in Llewellyn's 2015 Witches' Datebook -

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Herb of the Month

Marigold - Fire/Sun; Gender - Masculine; Parts Used - Flowers; Magickal Properties - Love, Clairvoyance; Uses - Added to other herbs in sachets, amulets and even incense for attracting a new love or adding new life to a present relationship; place above the bed for psychic dreams, or use in dream pillows.

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Stone of the Month

Yellow Agate

Creamy Yellow Agate (energy: receptive, element: sun) Helps to lighten moods when used properly within a spell.

Mustard Yellow Agate (energy: receptive, element: sun) Useful in contacting the creative side of the mind and building an inventive mood.

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 Moon - The Moon is a card of hidden and buried emotions. It casts an eerie light over everything. It represents hard travels and a rough inner journey. Positively associated with imagination, unexpected possibilities, and illumination. Negatively associated with fear, confusion, highly charged emotions, bewilderment, lies, and deceit.

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Correspondence of the Month

Eclipses

Solar Eclipse – Dramatic moments both for their observers as well as for Magick practitioners. In the past, the best advice was not to perform Magick during eclipses. Today, many natural practitioners use the suggestive power of an eclipse to fuel spells involving banishments, including the destruction of disease.

Lunar Eclipse – Choose long-term goals you wish to work on well ahead of these events. Lunar Eclipses represent the perfect union of Sun and Moon, therefore practically any type of Magick is acceptable. Many working practitioners prefer to work with the Dark Goddesses during this time, correcting long-standing problems. Others lean toward the Shining Ones and Fairy Magick. All forms of Magick are acceptable; Moon Magick, omens, psychic ability.

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Spell of the Month

Moon Bathing & Purification Ritual

In the privacy of your bathroom, or if possible, in a large "kiddie pool" in your backyard under a full moon, draw a purification bath. Burn a white candle, or if outside, make a circle of white candles around the bath. Burn incense such as lavender or myrrh and chant the following:

"By the power of my ancestors,
By the power of my descendants,
I let go of old troubles,
I let go of old life.
I am purified from fear,
I am purified from sorrow,
I am purified from my own mistakes.
I am purified like snow.
Blessed be!"

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