

The New Moon is in Sagittarius on Friday, December 7th at 2:18 AM. At the New Moon, the Sun and Moon come into perfect alignment. This alignment opens a bridge between your conscious mind (your ego self) and your unconscious mind (your emotional self). It's an ideal opportunity to set intentions that will have long-reaching effects. Expect any intentions you set at the New Moon to become clearer and more defined under the light of the Full Moon in two weeks, and to fully manifest in your world when the Moon is full in Sagittarius in June, 2019.

Sagittarius is the sign of truth-seeking, expansion, faith, inspiration, religion, risk and travel. Sagittarius is always looking "out there," beyond what's right in front of him. The symbol for Sagittarius is an archer, looking down the shaft of his arrow at some distant target. In Sagittarius, it's easier to see "the big picture." It's also easier to upgrade your belief system, so that it comes into greater alignment with higher truths. Sagittarius can be very large in his understanding and embrace. His gift is one of **expansion**.

This expansive energy can lend the sign a certain restlessness. As there's always more to explore, it's hard for Sagittarius to ever really be satisfied. He's perpetually looking at some distant target, and when he reaches that, he immediately looks to the next target. Despite Sagittarius' ability to embrace higher truths, live in faith and expand, this doesn't necessarily grant him peace. As the gypsy of the zodiac, it's hard for Sagittarius to be still. It's hard for Sagittarius to say "I'm complete and need no more." For that reason, there's a risk of greed and gluttony, or of becoming a perpetual student/seeker with this sign.

When the Moon is here, we're given an opportunity to expand in some way - spiritually, emotionally or materially. It's easier to change the way you think, to upgrade your relationships, increase your income, and to spread goodwill and cheer. Above all, Sagittarius is generous. He'll offer you inspiration and encourage you to reach out to someone in need. In its highest expression, Sagittarius will grant you faith and leave you with a more expanded understanding of God and your place in the universe.

The danger under this influence is in knowing when it's enough. With Sagittarius' benevolent attitude of goodwill for all, we're more likely to over-indulge, over-do and spend too much money when the Moon is here. Sagittarius loves to eat, drink and be merry, and sometimes his gift of expansion shows up quite literally, on your waist and hips!

At this New Moon, the Sun and Moon are conjunct Jupiter (Sagittarius' ruler). Whatever Jupiter touches, it expands, so this is like a double dose of Sagittarius energy. The Moon is also squared by Mars and Neptune, the signs of war/aggression and delusion/altered states of consciousness, respectively. I would expect Sagittarius' gifts to manifest through these two lenses, though precisely how remains to be seen. Sagittarius' gluttony could push us deeper into delusions about the need to aggressively defend ourselves in order to keep what we have

or get more. Positively, it could offer us an expanded understanding of the oneness of all mankind and inspire us to help those who are less fortunate. It makes me think about the refugees at the border. Will Sagittarius and Neptune help us recognize we're all one, encouraging us to generously offer what we have to those most in need, especially now in the season of goodwill to all men? Or will we cling to the delusion (Neptune) that we're being invaded (Mars) and aggressively defend ourselves?

With Sagittarius, there's the potential for getting a "God's-eye view" of things. Watch for delusion, however, masquerading as moral truths.

#### **KEYWORDS:**

Truth, expansion, intuition, enthusiasm, faith, belief, risk, greed/gluttony, laziness, travel, higher mind, higher education, publishing, will, assertion, directness, forthrightness, instinct, independence, leadership, anger, defense, confidence, frustration, war, surrender, karma, going with the flow, mysticism, altered states of consciousness, suffering, addiction, dreams, poetry, the collective unconscious, delusion.

#### **SYMBOLS FOR THIS CYCLE**

NEW MOON on Friday, December 7th at 2:18 a.m. MOON and SUN at 16 Sagittarius, squared by MARS and NEPTUNE at 14 Pisces and conjunct JUPITER at 7 Sagittarius.

MOON - emotions/subconscious

SUN - ego/conscious self

#### **"SEA GULLS FLY AROUND A SHIP IN EXPECTATION OF FOOD."**

*The easily acquired dependence of psychic desires upon the stimulation of social circumstances. Animals drawn into the circle of what human society produces find it easier to depend on man's handouts than to pursue their usually difficult search for sustenance. The sea gulls here symbolize the more wild and normally untamable energies of the human soul, but they too can develop a domesticated dependence upon the by-products of man's adventures within the realm of the unconscious (the sea). Natural instincts feed on the reactions, and often perversions, of the socially conditioned mind-ego. This is a symbol of DEPENDENCE.*

MARS - will/instinct/defense/independence

NEPTUNE - spirituality/addiction/altered states of consciousness

#### **"A LADY WRAPPED IN A LARGE STOLE OF FOX FUR."**

*The use of intelligence and mental subtlety as a protection against storms and trials. In symbolism and mythology the fox is always a clever and subtle animal. It represents the*

*intellect at its early stage of "cunning"; in a broader sense, it also refers to "intelligence," considered as the ability to adapt to any and all life situations. A self-protective way of meeting the inclemency of weather, actual or psychic, which abound as one leads a life consecrated to a vaster Whole; for this very consecration arouses strong enmities. Unnecessary risks are forbidden to the initiate, for the security of the Brotherhood might be endangered. The need for PROTECTIVE SHIELDING is imperative, and glamour can be an effective shield.*

JUPITER - abundance/religion/spirituality/expansion

**"CUPID KNOCKS AT THE DOOR OF A HUMAN HEART."**

*A stirring-up of individual longings for romantic love.*

*Personal initiation through an ideal love. Far from being related to social value, ideal love tends to exalt individual characteristics in that it glorifies what seems able to fill poignant and often unconscious needs. Such a love is a projection of the anima or animus images which in a sense complement the outer character of the one who loves. It is a subjective event which tends to bring to the lover a crisis or emotional chaos. Such a love often turns asocial if not antisocial and is blocked or frowned upon by society. EMOTIONAL REBIRTH.*