

The Full Moon is in Gemini on Friday, November 23, 2018 at 12:39 am. At the Full Moon, the Moon and the Sun sit opposite each other in the sky, in opposing signs. Opposing signs are like flip-sides of a coin. Although we tend to see them as opposites, they're best viewed as complimentary. Each energy works best when balanced by the other.

Full Moons offer us an opportunity to integrate the complimentary energies of the signs at play - in this case, Gemini and Sagittarius. Gemini rules how we think, learn and communicate. Gemini loves to gather information, tell stories, teach, write and talk. Gemini is curious about everything, but can also get lost in details and fail to see the big picture. Distorted Gemini gossips, lies and gets easily distracted by the next interesting thing. The danger for Gemini lies in relying too much on any one fact or believing that any single piece of data reflects a larger pattern. When this happens, Gemini's data amounts to lies and can be used as propaganda.

Sagittarius, on the other hand, is an expansive sign. In Sagittarius, we step back from our small perspective and see things from a distance. Sagittarius loves to learn, travel and gain a broader perspective of things. Sagittarius embraces intuition and faith, helping you expand your belief system so that it comes into greater alignment with higher truths. Distorted Sagittarius can be greedy, gluttonous and moralistic, forcing its beliefs upon others when it thinks it knows the "right" way.

In Gemini, we find entertainment; in Sagittarius, meaning. In their lowest expressions, these two signs can build belief systems based upon lies, distraction or distortions. Those belief systems can then be used to justify all kinds of policies or behaviors that diminish others or aggrandize the ego. They are perpetuated by selective fact-gathering, where only those facts that fit what you already believe are registered.

When these two energies are positively integrated in their highest expression, Gemini curiously gathers facts with an open mind, travelling down many roads and touching many people. Sagittarius then uses all the data Gemini has collected to develop an expansive understanding or inspiring belief system that encompasses everyone and everything. This expansive belief system allows you to move through the mundane busyness of daily life with a sense of purpose and meaning, knowing that each connection you make is part of a grander plan. You can live with faith and allow your intuition to take you where you need to go, so you can meet who you need to meet, gathering and giving gifts of knowledge along the way.

This energy is intensified by the fact that Jupiter and Mercury (the two planets that rule Sagittarius and Gemini) are both aspecting this Full Moon. I expect this to manifest as: (1) a strong desire to cling more strongly to false belief systems, bolstering them with "facts" likely based upon lies or half-truths; or (2) opportunities to be exposed to people or experiences outside your normal box that expand your understanding or alter how you think about things. The Moon is also aspected by Mars, the God of War and the ruler of instinct, will, independence, aggression and anger. The lower expression of Gemini may manifest as more lies about the necessity of war, dominance, winning and control, communicated through the usual channels. There's also the potential, however, to gain a more expansive understanding on that particular topic...to finally see through the lies that keep us in a perpetual state of conflict, defense, competition or attack, arising out the false belief that others are "the enemy."

This Full Moon also completes the 6-month Gemini cycle that began in mid-June with the Gemini New Moon. Think back to what was going on in your life at that time. What intentions were you setting? How have they come to pass? What have you learned since then? How have your everyday experiences or explorations helped you redefine your understanding of life and your place within it?

KEYWORDS:

Curiosity, exploration, gathering, learning, communicating, lies, distraction, writing, busyness, thoughts, perception, hearing, teaching, storytelling, Seeking truth, expansion, intuition, enthusiasm, faith, belief, risk, greed/gluttony, laziness, travel, higher mind, higher education, publishing, Will, assertion, directness, forthrightness, instinct, independence, leadership, expression of anger, defense, confidence, frustration, questing, war.

SYMBOLS FOR THIS CYCLE

FULL MOON on Friday, November 23, 2018 at 12:39 a.m. MOON at 1 degree Gemini, SUN at 1 degree Sagittarius, aspected by JUPITER at 4 degrees Sagittarius, MERCURY at 11 degrees Sagittarius and MARS at 5 degrees Pisces.

MOON - emotions/subconscious

"A GLASS-BOTTOMED BOAT REVEALS UNDERSEA WONDERS."

The revelation of unconscious energies and submerged psychic structures. A NEW DIMENSION OF REALITY is perceived by the earnest inquirer.

SUN - ego/conscious self

"RETIRED ARMY VETERANS GATHER TO REAWAKEN OLD MEMORIES."

The will to reaffirm the value of the struggle upon which civilization and group-achievements are founded. The PERPETUATION of the spirit of struggle for power.

MERCURY - mind/thoughts/learning/communication

"IN THE LEFT SECTION OF AN ARCHAIC TEMPLE, A LAMP BURNS IN A CONTAINER SHAPED LIKE A HUMAN BODY."

The value of the "return to the body" advocated by modern thinkers in order to balance the stress on intellectuality and objective consciousness. RELYING UPON ORGANISMIC RESPONSES in meeting life's challenges.

JUPITER - abundance/religion/spirituality/expansion

"A LITTLE CHILD LEARNING TO WALK WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF HIS PARENTS."

The natural assistance of superior powers during crises of growth. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT.

MARS - will/instinct/defense/independence

"A CHURCH BAZAAR."

The value of giving a spiritual or transcendent sanction to even the most commonplace interchanges between social persons and individual minds. RITUALIZED BENEFICENCE. It stresses the possibility of the "Presence of God" in even the most material human activities.