

The New Moon takes place in the sign of Libra on Monday, October 8th. At the New Moon, the Sun and Moon come into alignment, occupying the same degree of the zodiac. The Moon vanishes from our sight, and we're called to start anew in some way.

Libra is the sign of balance, especially within relationships. In Libra, we learn about fairness, harmony and finding balance within partnership. In its negative expression, Libra struggles with co-dependence and a loss of self within relationship.

The New Moon is aspected by Pluto and Mars, two fiery planets of the zodiac who are well-known for disrupting the peace. Of the two, Pluto may be the more difficult to deal with, as it will be squaring the New Moon. All squares indicate friction, so whatever the God of the Underworld dredges up for you at this New Moon, it's likely to put a strain on the peace and harmony within your relationships. Pluto rules our shadow, and when he brings us lessons, they can be all-consuming. If something isn't working, Pluto will destroy it. But Pluto also rules rebirth and empowerment, so if you're brave enough to face whatever comes to you at this New Moon, you can expect a serious upgrade that, in the end, brings more fire and passion to your relationships.

Mars is aspecting the New Moon in a more supportive way, promising us the energy and courage to drive through whatever this New Moon brings up. The Mars' principle within each of us is perfect for getting things going, though the God of War can be argumentative, disagreeable and impulsive in the way he goes about it. With the God of War and the God of the Underworld clashing over the sign of relationship and harmony, I expect some upsetting of the relational apple cart. Things may be lost or destroyed in the scuffle. Patterns of co-dependence and self-sacrifice may be brought to a head in dramatic fashion. Sometimes, that's what it takes. Once the mess has been cleaned up, it should be easier to build more empowered ways of relating, though we may not see it all come together until this moon cycle comes to completion at the Libra Full Moon in April, 2019.

Keywords:

Relating, learning fairness, harmony and balance through relationship/partnership, justice, art, co-dependence, love, peacemaking, will, assertion, directness, instinct, independence, leadership, expression of anger, defense, confidence, frustration, following your gut, digging to find the truth, abuse of power, empowerment, trust, sexuality, death/rebirth

SYMBOLS FOR THIS CYCLE

MOON and SUN at 16 Libra, aspected by PLUTO at 19 Capricorn and MARS at 10 Aquarius.

MOON - emotions/subconscious

SUN -ego/conscious self

"AFTER A STORM A BOAT LANDING STANDS IN NEED OF RECONSTRUCTION."

The need to keep in operation steady links between the vast Unconscious and the ego-consciousness. The tenuous link between two realms constantly needs REPAIR.

MARS - will/instinct/defense/independence

"A MAN WHO HAD FOR A TIME BECOME THE EMBODIMENT OF A POPULAR IDEAL IS MADE TO REALIZE THAT AS A PERSON HE IS NOT THIS IDEAL."

The need to deal with human beings as persons rather than as screens upon which one projects one's dream and ideal. A critical need for SELF-REVALUATION.

PLUTO - empowerment/ sexuality/abuse of power/truth

"A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD CARRYING A BAG FILLED WITH GROCERIES."

Rising to the occasion when asked to assume social responsibilities ahead of one's normal development. A pattern of ACCELERATED GROWTH, with both positive and negative aspects. Rushing ahead of one's natural development may be damaging; yet we are living in a particularly dynamic period of man's evolution.

What do these symbols mean to you? How are these energies influencing your life?