

The New Moon occurs in Leo around 6:00 a.m. this Saturday, August 11th. At every New Moon, the Sun and Moon come into perfect alignment. The Moon rules our emotions and our subconscious. The Sun rules our ego and conscious self. At a New Moon, the Moon and the Sun occupy the same exact degree of the zodiac, giving us an opportunity to bring what we're **subconsciously** creating in our lives into better alignment with what we **consciously** want. New Moons are perfect for setting intentions, and this one especially so because it's also accompanied by an eclipse, which magnifies the energies and creates a powerful gateway for you to step through. You can expect to see the results of whatever intentions you set at this New Moon in the early part of next year, when the Moon will be full in Leo.

Leo rules the heart and is the sign of creativity and authentic self-expression, childlike playfulness and spontaneity, and Christ-like love and compassion. Leo is ruled by the Sun, the brightest light in our solar system. The Sun shines because of what it is. In doing so, it offers light and warmth to the world. The highest expression of Leo's energy comes when you fully embrace your unique light and shine that light unabashedly. Like the Sun, your unique, divine expression is a gift offering light and warmth to all of humanity. We all have something special to offer, and the darkness won't be eradicated until each of us finds that light within and aligns with it so completely, we have no choice but to shine.

Because this energy is so big and so bright, we can easily stumble into ego under Leo's influence. Leo can be fame- or follower-seeking, and oftentimes falls under the lure of ego as a substitute for authentic self-expression. Ego-based performance draws attention in a world that worships ego. At its worst, Leo is attention-grabbing, standing on stage and making loud gestures that mimic authentic self-expression, but fail to offer real light and warmth to others. With Leo, we always have to ask ourselves, "why am I doing this?" If the answer is anything other than "because it's who I am," you've likely fallen into ego territory.

At this New Moon, consider setting an intention around creativity, self-worth, self-expression, ego, spontaneity, or integrity. If you're having trouble finding your unique light, consider what gives you joy. The things you would do out of sheer joy, even if you weren't being paid or praised for doing them, can provide clues to your unique, divine expression.

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Symbols for this Cycle

MOON and SUN at 19 Leo, conjunct MERCURY at 15 Leo and square JUPITER at 15 Scorpio

MOON - emotions/subconscious

SUN - ego/conscious self

"A HOUSEBOAT PARTY"

The enjoyment of temporary freedom from rigidly structured social behavior. Free flow of energies, as an escape from routine activities. FREEDOM FROM SOCIAL RIGIDITY.

MERCURY - mind/learning/communication

"A PAGEANT, WITH ITS SPECTACULAR FLOATS, MOVES ALONG A STREET CROWDED WITH CHEERING PEOPLE"

The more or less sensational release of energies in a form dramatizing the unconscious aspirations of man's primitive and instinctual nature. Individual minds expressing themselves in the process of giving a concrete form to the desires and expectations of the collective crowd. DEMONSTRATION of an ability to sway the multitudes by a dramatic presentation of popularized ideals.

JUPITER - abundance/religion/
spirituality/expansion

"CHILDREN PLAYING AROUND FIVE MOUNDS OF SAND"

Early steps in the development of a mind seeking to be attuned to the higher level of human evolution. The transcendent possibilities of mental evolution, which require interpersonal communion in consciousness. The free spirit of true scientific inquiry is only a foreshadowing of such a type of mind, which demands dedication to mankind as a whole. FUTURE-ORIENTED GROWTH.