

The Full Moon takes place on Wednesday, October 24th at 12:45 p.m. in the sign of Taurus. At the Full Moon, the Moon and 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 complementary. Each energy works best when balanced by the other.

Full Moons offer us an opportunity to integrate the complementary energies of the signs at play, in this case, Taurus and Scorpio. Taurus is a very material, physical and practical sign. Represented by the bull, Taurus is known to be stubborn, but also highly grounded in real life and the physical senses. Taurus has dominion over love, money, and your values. It's where you explore questions of security and where you develop a sense of self-worth. Taurus asks you to develop the practical skills necessary for building real security in your life (i.e., making money, building a home, etc.). Success here provides the basis for real self-confidence. When Taurus is unbalanced, there's a temptation to tie your worth to how much money you make, to work a job to merely pay the bills and meet practical responsibilities, or to get so pulled down into practical reality, that life simply plods along without meaning or magic.

Scorpio, on the other hand, is attuned to everything beyond, behind and beneath the physical world. As the detective of the zodiac, Scorpio loves to dig deep into the reasons behind what's being observed with the physical senses. Scorpio doesn't accept anything at face-value, but probes to find the truth and the ultimate "why" behind it. Scorpio wants to deeply understand and merge with everything. In Scorpio, we explore questions of power - how to get it, what to do with it, and how it can be abused. Scorpio's searching, searing passion can take you deep into the shadow of your own psyche, into the embrace of a tantric lover, or down into shamanic and esoteric realms to reclaim your soul from death. When Scorpio is unbalanced, it's easy to chase rabbits down holes, and in the process, forget your practical needs and responsibilities. Unbalanced Scorpio is ruled by desire and power, losing touch with the inherent goodness and value of a simple life.

So what does it mean to integrate these two signs? Whereas Taurus is content to build a home, park a rocking chair on the porch, and watch his garden and his children grow, Scorpio *needs* to explore, decipher and understand why that yard even *exists*, what's *really* happening within that space, *why* it's ultimately happening, and how he can get a hold of it. Integrating these two signs means bringing your soul and your passion into your physical world in practical ways. It means melding your esoteric powers with your physical powers, to create a soul-filled, deeply meaningful and passionate life of practical abundance. The challenge is to embrace both sides of the coin. Can you allow your soul to light the way toward building a carefully-constructed, practical life of material abundance? Can you ground your confidence and self-worth in deeper things? Can you fully embrace your personal power and live confidently as an embodied soul?

At the Full Moon, Venus will be conjunct the Sun, further highlighting questions of love and money. The Moon will be conjunct Uranus, the disruptor of the zodiac, who oftentimes brings sudden change or lightning-bolt realizations. All of this is supportively aspected by Saturn, the father-figure, disciplinarian and hard-worker of the zodiac. I expect this combination will provide us all with a little insight into what's *really* been motivating us in questions of love and money. Those insights might come in a Uranian flash and/or in response to something suddenly shifting. With Saturn involved, there might be some tough medicine to swallow, but also the promise of real change if we exert some discipline and put some effort into working with or shifting whatever it is we uncover.

This Full Moon also completes the 6-month Taurus cycle that began in May. Think back to what was going on in your life at that time. What practical intentions were you setting? How have they come to pass? What practical steps have you taken, what skills have you built, and how has your confidence and sense of self-worth grown since then? Don't forget to collect these Taurean gifts.

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SYMBOLS FOR THIS CYCLE

The Full Moon occurs on Wednesday, October 24th at 12:45 pm at 2 degrees Taurus, conjunct Uranus at 1 degree Taurus. The Sun will be at 2 degrees Scorpio, conjunct Venus at 5 degrees Taurus. Both will be aspected by Saturn at 23 degrees Capricorn.

MOON - emotions/subconscious

"AN ELECTRICAL STORM."

The cosmic power able to transform all the implications of natural existence. Back of every natural self-expression stands the tremendous power of the "Soul-field." At certain times, this power compels the natural earth-conditioned personality to accept, perhaps in awe, the spiritual potentialities of its "higher" celestial destiny. This experience of power can both illumine and shatter. The consciousness may be deeply disturbed by THE VISITATION, but the substance of the individual being can be fecundated by the experience.

SUN - ego/conscious self

"A DELICATE BOTTLE OF PERFUME LIES BROKEN, RELEASING ITS FRAGRANCE."

The accidental nature of opportunities that impel one to break away from a past, the remembrance of which is still poignant and cherished. A new and greater realization usually demands the sacrifice of something which has brought loveliness and fragrance to a lesser form of living and feeling. Old feelings are poignantly remembered, even as one moves into a new and wider sphere of experience. Old relationships may be left behind, but the memory of their essential moments lingers on, perhaps strong and nostalgic. To the excitement of novelty answers the memory of the graciousness of the past one has SURRENDERED.

VENUS - values/self-worth/money/love

"A MASSIVE ROCKY SHORE RESISTS THE POUNDING OF THE SEA."

The inertia of all institutionalized procedures. We see in it how binding and resistant a communal way of life can become. In this, there is strength and stability, and these are necessary factors in the social life of man — until new horizons beckon. STABILITY.

SATURN - morality/authority/discipline/order

"A SOLDIER RECEIVING TWO AWARDS FOR BRAVERY IN COMBAT."

The reward offered by society for the fulfillment of individual responsibility. A compensation for a well-done performance — a balancing of accounts. RECOMPENSE.

URANUS - freedom/originality/revolution/change

"A CLEAR MOUNTAIN STREAM."

The pure, uncontaminated and spontaneous manifestation of one's own nature.