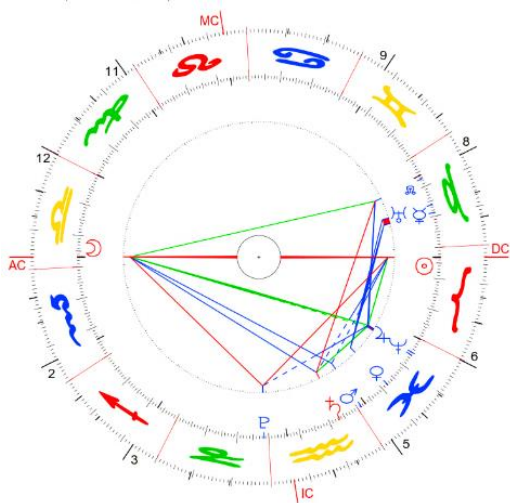




Aries Full Moon Festival

16th April 2022 – *the day of safeguarding*

Personality: *And the Word said, let form again be sought.*

Soul: *I come forth and from the plane of mind I rule.*



The Easter Festival in Aries

Welcome to this online full moon meeting which marks the beginning of this spiritually significant time of the year. The three Full Moon festivals of Aries, Taurus and Gemini are zodiacal gateways through which the forces of restoration, illumination and reconstruction pour into the world.

Again, we are at the start of the spiritual year influenced by *the call* and attraction of the warmth and light of springtime. The Aries full moon marks the beginning of the first of the three major festivals of light. Easter is a time of the energetic movement of the vitality of rising sap which again overcomes the force of gravity by the power and resurgence of new life. Everywhere in the northern hemisphere the earth is being taken over and transformed by the growing green mantle of nature. Easter, springtime, is a time where we experience this upsurging vigour which assists us in lifting ourselves out of that which is full of darkness into that which is full of light.

And here we have the true meaning of the word resurrection associated with Easter. “Out of the tomb of worldliness and selfishness and the grave cloths of materialism, ignorance and error, the eternal Christ is coming forth. Resurrection is not an isolated catastrophic act; it is a perpetual process and an ever-active principle. The divine spirit is always rising within humanity. The stone is always being rolled away from the tomb in order that the divine life may come forth in power and glory.” E.W. Lewis

The element of Aries is Fire - cosmic fire - producing the burning grounds which purify. Aries is a sign which constitutes both a *birthplace of ideas* and a *field of much endeavour and striving*, where the impulse of the spirit in overcoming can be triumphant, and intention and Will are further developed.

Aries has been called the purveyor of Fire to our Solar System, *electric fire*, and the dynamic nature of God. The fiery processes of war and strife, brought about by the influence of Mars, the God of War, provide rigorous purification. This fire also nurtures the spark of the Life of God, the evolutionary determination to progress and achieve, the unfoldment of mind and the germ of Divine Will.

The month of Aries is a good time for beginnings, for initiating projects and for cultivating cooperation with creative activity on all levels; envisioning the goal; idealism and aspiration, which “hold for the disciple the cosmic seed of understanding of the dynamic process of life”; determination; and the-will-to-good.

At the same time to be guarded against are fanaticism, strife, the selfish will, the glamour of power, and superiority.

The opposite sign of Aries is Libra, which is the sign of balance, of weighing values, of making right choices and achieving equilibrium through the gift of expanding consciousness. Consideration of these and the interplay of the energies of both signs offers an insight into the beneficial opportunities lying in the synthesis of their energetic gifts.

The world today reveals how interrelated society is compared to long ago. Today we recognise where the power to destroy the whole planet lies, and it is in the unsteady hands of humanity. There is a realisation of the adequate preparation that must be made before the Christ can reappear, where the good must outweigh evil for catastrophe to be averted.

To some degree the power to 'raise from the dead' exists in all of us, and the inspiration that we draw from Christ and all the other great sons of God can be applied in our lives to turn each moment of the day into one of creative opportunity. The science of social interaction that is currently flowering in the world is a foundation for this and one on which spiritual creativity can flourish. Communication, silent or vocal, when carried out in the ethos of right relationships becomes a spiritual dynamo through which the light of renewal is regenerated. Joy is the touchstone of true creativity and an indicator of the degree of spiritual enrichment that is occurring. It appears like a rainbow when the soul is shining through substance, disappearing as suddenly should the personality stand in the way.

The process of throwing out the old to bring in the new through creative living brings afresh new spiritual enterprises that exist dormant within all of us. Humanity cannot escape the past. It is made from what it was and its early influences. There is a need to take the good and to find forgiveness for the past that does not serve. Humanity has to learn to think, to contemplate and to think deeply, not just to be committed to the getting and spending in the world.

Reincarnation is the gift of constant renewal through which we are given the hope of delivering ourselves from the gloom of the past. Each new life cycle in physical form allows us as individuals, as groups and as humanity to 'forget the things which lie behind and strive towards our higher spiritual possibilities'.

Only by constant watchfulness can unredeemed mental habits be overcome, as the soul seed thought made in Aries affirms: *'I come forth and from the plane of mind I rule'*. This affirmation draws upon the Will and pervades the mental nature with that of the will-to-good whose beneficent force sweeps away all tendencies towards *missing the mark* by making choices that do not serve the wellbeing of humanity, the other three kingdoms of nature and the whole planet. However, despite our temporary failures the spirit within always remains intact and is the guarantee of future reconstruction and renewal. All around us at springtime we see the vitality and regenerating power that the hope of easter tide engenders. We can all prepare for the wonders that lie ahead this month by casting 'the brood mares' of thought behind us and rejoice in the truth apparent at Easter time which is that ***of 'Christ in us the hope and glory'***.

So, let us now ponder for a moment on the current world situation and the changes taking place, before saying together the ancient Indian mantram *the Gayatri*.

*O Thou Who Givest Sustenance to the Universe
From Whom All Things Proceed
To Whom All Things Return.
Unveil to us the face of the true Spiritual Sun
Hidden by a disc of Golden Light
That we may know the Truth and do our Whole Duty
As we journey to Thy Sacred Feet.*

The First Labour – The Capture of the Man-Eating Mares

The Myth

For the first of his Labours, Hercules is instructed to capture wild horses in the land of Diomedes, son of the God of war. So evil and destructive have they become that they are killing all whom they encounter and are devastating the land. Hercules, confident that he can capture them, enlists the help of his friend, Abderis. Together, and with careful planning, they successfully corner and tether the beasts. With delight in his own prowess, Hercules leaves his friend to finish the task of driving the horses through the final gate. Fearful and unable to control the terrifying beasts, Abderis falls victim to them and is killed, the horses escaping to continue their rampages against the populace. Grief-stricken, but wiser, Hercules must repeat the task, his eventual success being purchased at the great price of his initial failure.

The sign Aries is the first sign of the Zodiac, a sign of beginnings and cosmically speaking, the sign of creation. All beginnings start in the mind of the creator, whether it is God or the soul of man. Aries starts the path on which form is taken and dominates, and also begins the life of inner unfoldment and of subjective Being. Re-organisation, re-orientation and regeneration characterise this stage. Each of these characteristics depends upon the state of mind, divine or human, with the same force impelling the journey, but with this force either being pre-occupied with form, or with it being focused on treading the path of liberation.

Three urges characterise this sign - firstly, the urge to begin life restricted by form or, reversing the process, to begin to achieve freedom from form; secondly, the urge to create, including that of the soul when taking a body, or of a human being when engaged in constructive activity, and thirdly, it is the urge to resurrection. Aries is a sign of strong impulses and often of violent fluctuations - a sign of initial failure, but always of ultimate success.

Interpretation of the myth

As the new disciple beginning his work in Aries, Hercules is set the task of capturing wild horses, symbols of intellectual activity. This picture illustrates the unruly activity of the lower or concrete mind, with its harmful ideas and thoughts, contrasting strongly with the constructive and redemptive emanations from the soul or higher consciousness. Hercules has to begin to gain mental control and to learn the potency of thoughts as well as the harm they do when they are uncontrolled. Initially, he fails to realise their power and leaves them in the care of the lower self or personality, symbolised by his friend. The lesson he finally learns is that the soul, with the co-operation of the personality, is needed to guard and control the wild horses of the thought-life.

In The Tracks of Hercules © Lucis Trust

Reflective Consideration of the current situation

Hercules shines a light onto the Way, and highlights not only the challenges but the opportunities that humanity is collectively facing at present as we stand at the Gateway of the Easter Full Moon Festival in Aries. Under the influence of Aries, humanity finds the need to reorientate itself and to engage with the current challenges with renewed vigour, wisdom and vitality. The keynote of Aries is a hope of restoration with its associated livingness of right relations when the soul infused mind is working with and utilizing the fire of ideas and ideals.

Take a moment to align with your centre of stillness and give consideration to one, two or all three of the following questions:

1. We are urged in the ordinariness of the everyday to strive to generate guiding thoughts to help humanity. **What guiding thoughts have occupied your thinking recently?**
2. Questions arise as to why bad things happen to good people; However, these questions can be transmuted creatively into: **How will I respond and what do I intend to do now?**
3. Thought itself contains creative energy and by directing good thoughts into space a constructive act of service on behalf of humanity is undertaken. **What good thoughts are you aware of creating and sharing?**

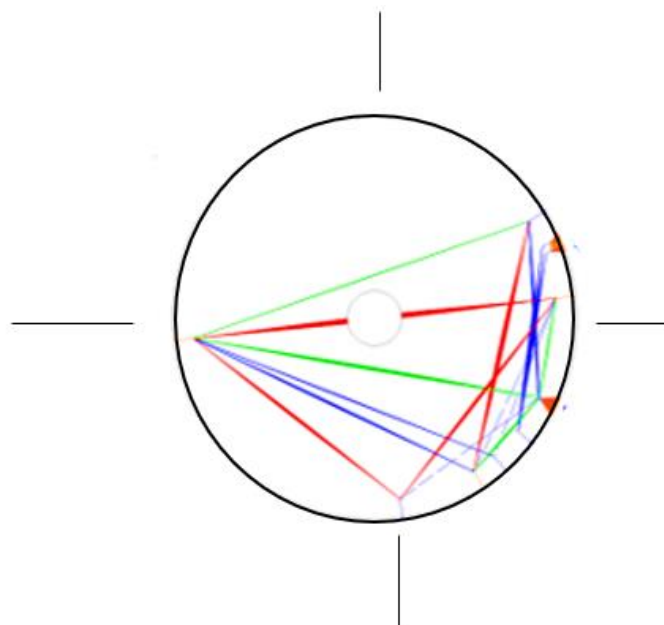
Receptive Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Aries Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Aries Full Moon in 2022 offers a symbol for contemplation of energies not usually or normally contacted at this time.

'Images and words are living things, possessing form, soul [consciousness] and spirit or life.' 'Much that is inexpressible by words may be supplemented by symbols. Thus, in every symbol there will be the element of the inexpressible.' – Aum' © Agni Yoga Society

Take a moment to realign with your centre of stillness, letting go of any previous thoughts, and holding the focused mind silent within the head centre and open to the language of the soul

From this poised silent and steady state of awareness, look at the image created by the aspect patterns for this Aries Full Moon. Consider the colours the shapes and the forms created with the physical eyes.



Now when you are ready close your eyes and look at the image with your inner eye open and receptive to the shapes and patterns. What calls for your attention? Do you notice something is a fresh way?

Now open your eyes and give consideration to the following questions, be sure to record any insights, impressions and thoughts.

1. What form does the image convey?
2. What are the feelings this image gives rise to?
3. What is the life or livingness conveyed by it?

Analysis Aries Full Moon 16.4.2022

The task before the Aspirant, Humanity, in the month of Fiery Aries is to use his/her purified Will-to-Good and power-to-manifest to stimulate the birth in the consciousness of spiritual Ideas from the mind of God. Thereby setting up a *burning ground* in which the old and new ways of being and doing seek and battle to find the restorative vision of a point of synthesis or not. This sign marks the beginning of a new annual cycle of opportunity for evolutionary growth and holds the restorative potential for the right use of Will in the way humanity structures and directs everyday life on the planet.

The dissonance at play between the inner and outer psychological life of the Aspirant Humanity is the underlying theme of the search for security and self-preservation of the status quo. Against this, an ongoing tussle continues which is very strong in the psyche of humanity this month.

The chart indicates that the stress of this conflict is increased by a momentous opportunity, unrecognized by most. The opportunity offered could mark the beginning of an evolutionary breakthrough in awareness, one that would bring relationships onto a more conscious and intelligent footing and start to lay the groundwork for the Aquarian Era of Right Human Relations and Goodwill.

At present there is an overall mutable influence prompting Humanity to awaken to acquiring wisdom by learning through experience. A dynamic figure known as the Megaphone is energetically enhancing this possibility of changes in consciousness via the many ways of engaging with the livingness of everyday relationships.

The conjunction of Neptune & Jupiter in the 5th House and Pisces is worthy of note. Jupiter and Neptune are the two rulers of Pisces, and this is the first time they've come together in their own conjunct sign since March 1856 and is a significant event that won't be repeated until 2188. This conjunction is influentially placed within the complex of aspect patterns and is exerting a worldwide global effect.

Neptune spiritually inspires and focuses the influence of *divine love* which facilitates the destruction of the old below the level of consciousness. Its energetic influence increases the opportunity for change and transformation of the personality by way of imperceptible action and thereby contributes to the evolution of consciousness. The *brood mares* precipitated by the current crises evoke pain and suffering within the collective consciousness which acts as an invocative longing for peace and better times and therefore has a restorative part to play.

Jupiter cultivates a *love of life* which brings forth a positive outlook promoting hope and confidence as everything that is potentially good is perceived within the chaos and muddle of the environment. This energetic influence offers the possibility of recognising the pros and cons within evolving situations. The ability to garner information and harness innate wisdom enables the swift action of choices that grasp opportunity. There is the potential for the right use of words to gain support and help and a potent latent prospect of synthesis and wholeness.

The red Achievement Triangle which is also part of a Provocative Square Aspect has Pluto at the apex and is within the lower shadow section of the chart. Pluto symbolises the desire for transformation, which can be achieved by harnessing and utilising the Will to stimulate growth in understanding and thereby the destruction and transformation of forms which have served their purpose. The influence of Pluto offers a pattern-changing principle bringing about metamorphosis – to individuals, groups, nations, and worldwide.

The action and reaction of these influential energies at play are dependent on who or what is being provoked. There is the potential to stimulate points of vulnerability in others and precipitate disagreements. The individual or group assert themselves in favour of a particular thing against existing resistance. The demarcation of a *battle ground* where provocation is active brings things into the open that would otherwise remain hidden and overlooked, but which continue to be a bone of contention.

The Ambivalent Aspect pattern within this composite can give rise to a dualistic world outlook with a tendency to think in black and white terms. The associated absolutist approach with an either-or attitude gives rise to arguments. The influence of Saturn within this pattern points to an underlying need for security, safety and comfort and this need informs choices and actions taken.

The transformational potential within the psyche of Humanity within this fiery month holds as a possibility the hope and glory of the livingness of the *Christ Consciousness*. The Figure of Projection, also known as God's Finger and its energetic influence here promote a sensitivity akin to antennae gathering necessary data which will be used beneficially to grow flaming thoughts. Provided the Soul is the motivating impulse, the awareness garnered will favour the battle of the new versus the old, crystallised forms. The Moon is alone on the left hemisphere of the chart indicating a 'dominating tension' within the emotions – the wishes, desires, and longings of the personality – which have the ability to move to action once any choice is made.

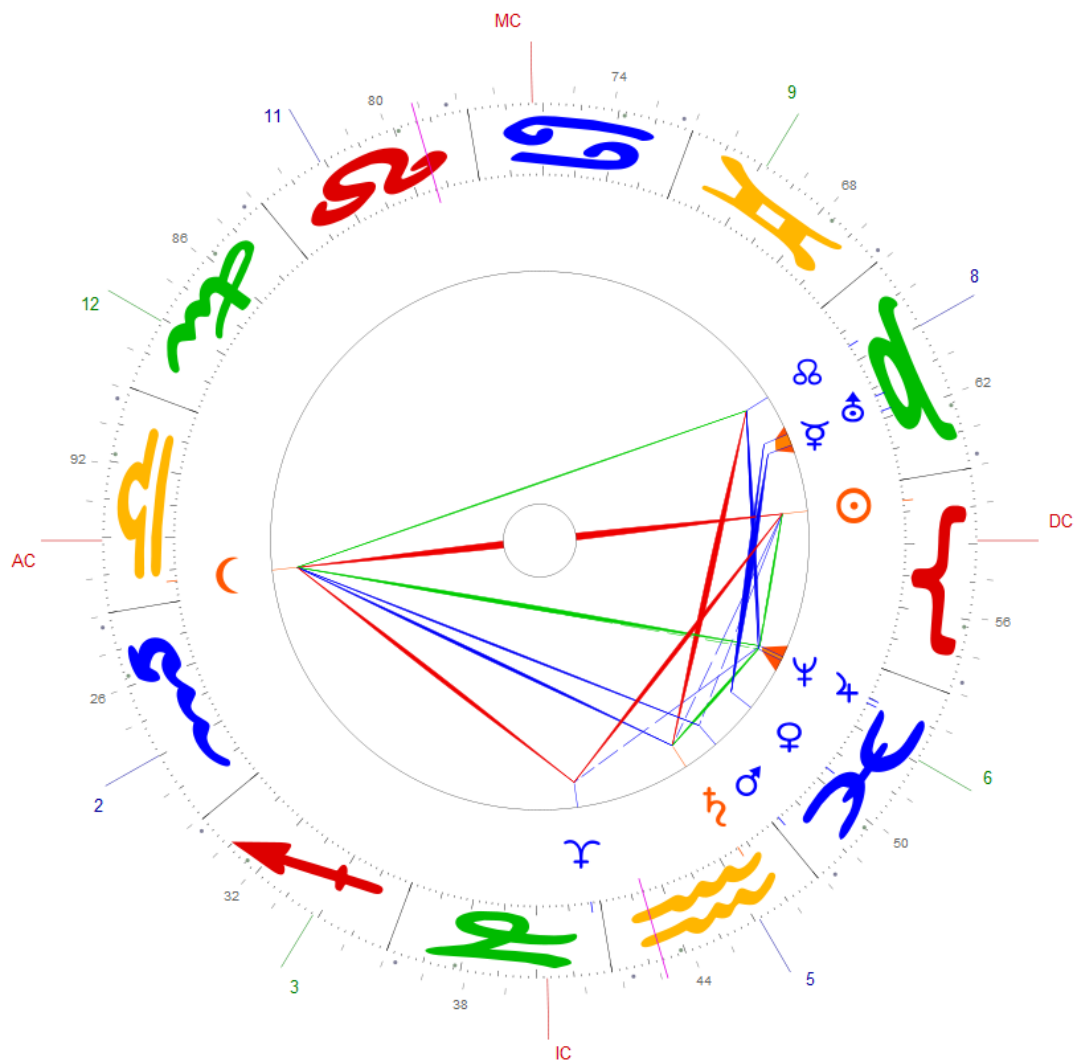
Another aspect pattern to be considered here is that of the Oscilo which is a quadrilateral that has a very sensitive reaction to all types of vibrations coming from people, places, or situations and the environment. The Aspirant Humanity or the disciple is capable of maintaining a stable and steady integrity that enables them to reflect back what is experienced. There is a constant subtle vibration in this individual's or group's manner that is not nervous but is a kind of alert motion like a navigational gyroscope. Periodically there is a return to previously settled matters to check that they are still on task. This individual or group is like the watchdog or supervisor for ongoing projects, developments, and activities.

The linear Sextile – Venus-Mercury-Uranus – potentially favours an optimistic outlook which is achieved through harmony and creativity that avoids fear and conflict through a benevolent way of being. The conjunction of Uranus and Mercury in the 7th House of partnerships within the Zodiacal sign of Taurus would indicate a change in consciousness with respect to Earth resources such as economy, energy, and food.

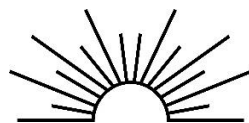
The confluence of energies within this dynamic are generating a realisation of and need to manage the medley of unintended consequences arising from the battle between the Dweller on the Threshold – the inflexible archaic forms of thought, and the Solar Angel – the Soul of the Consciousness of the New Culture and Civilisation. The choice is to stay within the ossifying constraints of the old ways of being or opening to and relating with the call of the new, and as yet unknown, which is forming within the creative reaches of the fiery fields of thought – the Hope and Glory of another step on the Way to the New Era.

'A person is neither a thing nor a process but an opening or a
- clearing through which the Absolute can manifest.'

- Ken Wilber



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