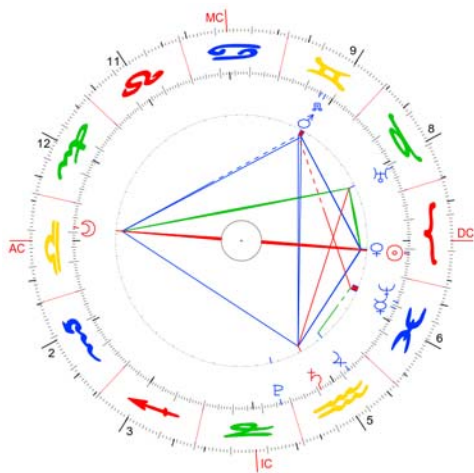




Aries Full Moon Festival

28th March 2021 – *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. Simultaneously and unanimously worldwide there is a growing network of meditating groups who are anchoring these subjective energies, and creatively and constructively building the foundations of the new age as a service which will be victorious.

Aries represents the beginning of each recurring annual cycle, the dawn of the year, the return of the Sun, that recapturing of the essence of *springtime* in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the responding ascending life force and its vitality offers the zest for freedom from the confinement of the form nature.

Aries is a transmitter of the first ray of divine Will and this is the moment in each year when we experience an upwelling of enthusiasm for vigorous effort from the touch of this '*power that maketh all things new*'. It is then that we sense the very nature of the Will, the '*power that enables*', when we are interiorly motivated and impelled to undertake a new cycle of endeavour. That moment is springtime in the human heart and is a moment of resurrection offered in Aries.

The keynote that underlies the tests experienced in Aries is hope. The journey into incarnation and matter brings the World Aspirant, Humanity, into relationship with the world of illusion that is created by thought. Uncontrolled thoughts give rise to wrong thinking, wrong speech and erroneous ideas. This accumulation of mental detritus gives rise to what is known as the *brood mares* and these uncontrolled thoughts block out the light and wisdom of the soul. These wild horses have a devastating effect on the emotions and therefore on the psychological and physical well-being of each one of us. By gaining mental control we come home to our innate wisdom and our authentic spiritual Self which is inherently *group conscious*.

The methods by which this evolving group consciousness takes place are expressed by the nature of the energy dynamics experienced in life, for example creation, being, will, activity, strife, this eventually bringing about synthesis. Aries is a cardinal sign, and its element is *fire*, *cosmic fire*, and individual and group progress is achieved in the burning grounds that purify.

Everything that happens, happens first in the mind. Aries is 'the birthplace of ideas' on the plane of mind. Clear conception of an idea confers the power to serve it, to energise it subjectively. Conception in mind is the Aries part of manifestation, the first step of the creative process. So, the month of Aries is a good time for beginnings, for initiating projects and for cultivating and cooperating with creative activity on all levels - envisioning the goal, working with idealism and aspiration, and using determination and the will to good.

The threshold of the intellectual zodiacal gateway of Aries 2021 represents a year of testing and opportunity for the aspirant, Humanity. The challenges presented by the pandemic have given rise to an associated financial and economic crisis and the as yet to be addressed catastrophe of climate change. There are a mass of health care and mental well-being issues associated with these crises, the effects of which are many, varied and widespread. There is an emergence now of a recognized need for a worldwide movement that will utilize the fire of ideas and ideals and for social progress all over the world. A fiery death is taking place as old thought forms that once governed society are destroyed and electrifying new visions are on the verge of human perception – visions that contain the forces of resurrection and levity.

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.
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Labour 1: 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 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 likewise, on which begins the life of inner unfoldment 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 hope and the victory when the soul infused mind is working with and utilizing the fire of ideas and ideals is assured.

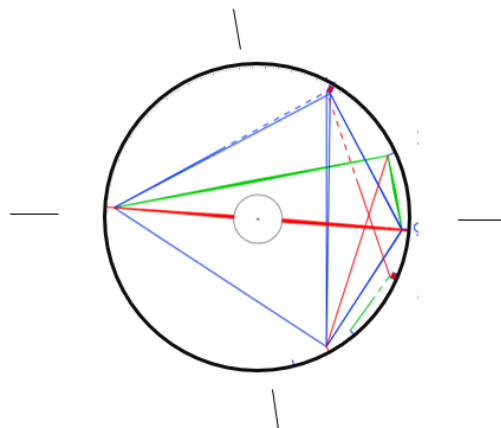
Take a moment to align with your centre of stillness and give consideration to the following three questions:

- ❖ There are a variety of distractions that hinder positive thinking in different people. Have you identified your own and have you discovered the best ways of handling them?
- ❖ What current trends, modes or other aspects of life are enabling humanity to find new positive ways of working creatively together in these times?
- ❖ What gifts can an ability to work from the plane of mind bring to the emerging New Civilisation and New Age?

Receptive Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Aquarian Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Aries Full Moon in 2021 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



Taking a moment to realign with your centre of stillness, let go of any previous thoughts, and holding the focused mind silent within the head centre and open to the language of the soul, consider the image of the aspect patterns of the Aires Full Moon

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

Group Analysis of the Aries Full Moon Chart of 2021

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. This sign marks the beginning of a new annual cycle of opportunity for evolutionary growth and holds the potential for the right use of Will in the way humanity structures and directs everyday life on the planet.

The underlying themes of security and self-preservation remain very strong in the psyche of humanity this month, but the internal stress and strain is largely hidden beneath an appearance of calm and order.

The chart indicates that the stress of this internal 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.

The full moon opposition lies on the axis representing life and death challenges, and resolution of the painful isolation being suffered in the collective emotional field holds center stage. There is a deeply-felt need for an emotional rebalancing within society and for the social order to operate with greater fairness towards the vulnerable.

The inner conflict lies between these largely unconscious needs and an optimistic and, perhaps over-confident, rational attitude. This latter is primed to rush boldly ahead with new initiatives, driven by an urgency to resume social activities and interactions.

The chart image is dominated by two overlaid quadrilateral figures, but there are another two less obvious psychic elements at play as well.

To start with the quadrilaterals, they are both motivated by self-preservation and in their combination offer the energy, intelligence and stored experience required for consciousness growth and the resolution of their common full moon challenge. But their approach to the resolution is not the same.

One is focused on controlling the conflicting forces at play through a capacity for fast learning and continual adjustment to changing circumstances. This dynamic seeks to solve the problems associated with people's resistance to change by using innovative economic schemes which mitigate grassroots dissatisfaction and ease their adjustment to the new ways of living. This aspect of humanity's psyche is highly adaptable and creative, but it lacks a true inner sense of direction.

The second quadrilateral operates quite differently. It possesses an inner stability, finding a sense of ease and enjoyment in the methodical and balanced application of reason and the wisdom gained from synthesized life experience. Its focus is on developmental processes which bring about order and reveal meaning. It recognizes that the emotionally-orientated

egocentric attitudes and behaviors of humanity are the source of its current problems and that these must give way to a greater awareness of the needs of others if society is to live in harmony.

In this figure, the attitudinal shifts that are being encouraged can be used to enhance the general capacity of the population for rational thinking and clear communication. This more mental orientation can then be applied to exploring and articulating the core values required for social reform, cohesion and harmony. The chart indicates that pursuing this type of thinking is precisely what is needed for humanity to achieve the relief and renewal it craves.

Of the two other features present in the chart, one is a faint linear figure which feeds in a rather weak and sporadic impetus to take action on this core-value thinking. Informed by an optimistic perception of the creative possibilities of this new phase in humanity's evolution, it arises from a deeply compassionate appreciation of the loss that society has suffered and the sacrifices that have been made.

Lastly, in its impersonal service to evolution, the pure energy of destruction and renewal continues its relentless task, annihilating the old outworn forms at the very root of human society in preparation for the new civilization and culture to come.

'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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