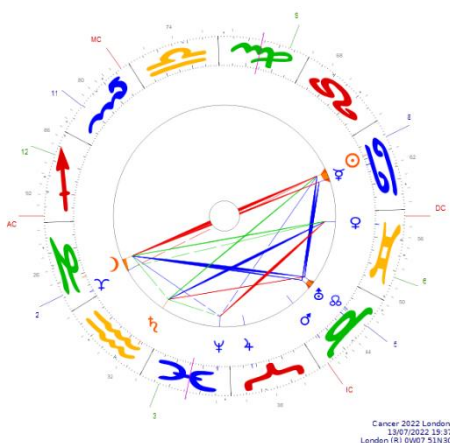




Cancer Full Moon

— the Light within the form

13th July 2022 – *the day of safeguarding*

Personality: *'Let isolation be the rule and yet let the crowd exist.'*

Soul Aspect: *I build a lighted house and therein dwell.*



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Welcome to this Sundial House Group for Creative Meditation online meeting. At this time of each full moon when the earth, moon and sun align with one of the signs of the zodiac, there is an unimpeded channel allowing an inflow of influential spiritual energies affecting human consciousness.

“This sign can carry deep meaning to all. You are in process of incarnation; you are following your chosen way. Is the house you are building yet lit? Is it a lighted house, or is it a dark prison? If it is a lighted house, you will attract to its light and warmth all who are around you and the magnetic pull of your soul, whose nature is light and love, will save many.”
(*Esoteric Astrology*, Alice A. Bailey. p.343.)

Observing the time of the full moon gives rise to an opportunity to learn to work with the Law of Cycles. Each full moon marks the higher interlude of the month and is a time of contact, replenishment, and of storing energy. In the high interlude of our daily and full moon meditations we make an approach towards the centres of planetary love and purpose. This higher interlude alignment forges a mass of individual threads of light and creates a great stream of consciousness projected across the inner planes to a silent point of tension. Along this lighted highway the group can invoke the qualities of the zodiacal sign, which at this time of year is Cancer. The alignment at each full moon opens humanity and the planet to the suffusing energetic influence of Shambhala and Hierarchy. [Lucis Trust 2006]

The lesson of Cancer is the transmutation of the intellect into intuition. Intuition involves the creative use of transformational intelligence and spiritual will - monadic consciousness. This coalescence of consciousness streams gives rise to the intuition which is also known as pure reason, compassion, and loving understanding and in this 4th Labour of Hercules is represented by the *capture of the elusive Doe*.

We are told that those who guide Humanity sometimes apply a kind of forcing process on human evolution and while these decisions can initially produce negative effects, the positive effects that follow outweigh them as they affect the course of history for ages to come. An illustrative example occurred at the beginning of the 18th century when a group of souls awaiting incarnation were encouraged to hasten their entry into physical plane life. This group inaugurated the modern civilisation the new era of culture. They initiated the great movements that awakened human consciousness to recognise its essential freedom. Great social, political and cultural revolutions followed in their wake. This spiritual gamble brought into incarnation those whose self-willed power often caused havoc but who

hastened the showing of the light within humanity. They also paved the way for the new group of world servers to become established in the present time.

The great push by Hierarchy and the New Group of World Servers is to bring further enlightenment to the human condition and this is summarised by the keynote of Cancer “*I build a lighted house and therein dwell*”. Opening humanity’s eyes to the potential of the present moment, this pivotal point in history, when humanity as a whole can awaken to its grand destiny and collectively set foot upon the path of return is offered and supported in Cancer. For Cancer is concerned with mass consciousness and energy influences and can facilitate this collected move into spiritual living. It is now that we are witnessing that the time is right for those who have attained an awareness and a motivation to express right human relations, goodwill and synthesis to move to a higher correspondence of mass consciousness that is the group consciousness. The soul is inherently group conscious and the soul consciousness of Humanity is evolving using the jewels of knowledge and experience attained to help implement the higher keynote of Cancer to build a lighted human kingdom.

The Labours of Hercules is an esoteric parable that has special relevance for humanity now. Faced with the stupendous convergence of problems in the world, many people are coming to regard the future with anxiety. However, in reality the problems we collectively face indicate a spiritual transformational ferment that is driving the undesirable to the surface. It can now be seen for what it is and properly dealt with in the soul light of individuals, groups and all of us - as a group service to Humanity, the three lower Kingdoms of Nature and the Planet.

Let us take a moment to come into resonance with our centre of stillness and inner poise, becoming aligned with the group mind that is focused and concentrated on the good of the whole and then say the following mantrum.

We reach into the Light
And bring it down to meet the need
We reach out to the silent Place
And bring from thence the gift of understanding
Thus with the light we work
And turn the darkness into day.

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The 4th Labour of Hercules - The Capture of the Doe

The Myth:

Hercules is “sent to labour in a field wherein he must decide which voice, of all the many voices, will arouse the obedience of his heart”.

At the fourth gate, Hercules stands in silence. He looks across to a far horizon where the temple of the Lord, the shrine of the Sun God, can be seen, and, on a nearby hill, a slender fawn. The silence is broken by the voice of Artemis, goddess of the moon, claiming the doe for her own, but soon was encountered by that of Diana, huntress of the heavens, claiming the doe for herself. Later, above their quarrelling, comes a commanding voice telling Hercules that the doe belongs to neither, but to God alone. It directs him to rescue it and bring it to rest at the holy shrine.

As Hercules pursues the elusive doe from place to place, Artemis and Diana each delude him and try to foil his efforts. Finally, wounding the exhausted faun, he picks it up and

draws it to his heart. He wants to keep it for himself until he is reminded that he is a Son of God who shares the same sacred home. Hercules bears the doe to the shrine where Artemis, still protesting, is not allowed entry, and Diana, is only allowed a glimpse, and sees it seeming to lie dead. Not understanding why Hercules, having slain the doe, is allowed to enter, she is told that it is because he bore the animal in his arms, close to his heart, and that both doe and man find rest in the same holy place. Hercules returns again to the Gate and, looking out, gazes on the exact same scene - the shrine of the Sun God on the far horizon and a slender fawn on a nearby hill. Wondering whether he has passed the test, he is told, “again, and yet again must all the sons of men, who are the sons of God, seek the golden antlered fawn and bear it to the holy place; again, and yet again”.

Interpretation of the Myth:

The sign of Cancer is known as the gateway to incarnation and represents the mass or instinctual consciousness. The myth's reference to returning “again and yet again” alludes to the process of reincarnation. When instinct and intellect have done their work, they can be superseded by group consciousness and intuition. The sign is ruled both by the moon, giving that mass identification with form, and spiritually by Neptune, giving great sensitivity, initially to emotions, and later to ideas.

The simplicity of the myth clearly depicts that the doe that Hercules sought is sacred not only to Artemis, symbolising form life, and to Diana, daughter of the Sun, but also to Apollo, the Sun God. Here the different aspects of consciousness - instinct, intellect and intuition - are considered and clearly portrayed. We have animal instinct, as divine in its place as any other aspect. We also have the intellectual consciousness of Self or soul, where we respond to the world of thought and ideas, as symbolised by Diana the huntress and seeker before the Lord. However, it is not the doe itself, the instinctual life, that Hercules seeks, but rather the doe's more elusive form, the spiritual consciousness, claimed by the Sun God. Instinctual and intellectual capacity must be carried into the temple of the Lord through right understanding, to be transmuted into intuition and eventually to ultimate consummation in Capricorn.

- Excerpt from 'In the Tracks of Hercules - Lucis Trust UK

Hercules highlights not only the challenges but the opportunities that humanity is collectively facing at present as we stand at the Gateway of the Cancer Full Moon. The opportunity offered indicates the benefits of the flexible and adaptive resolution of duality into a fluid synthesis of evolving perceptive understanding based on '*either and*' rather than '*either or*'.

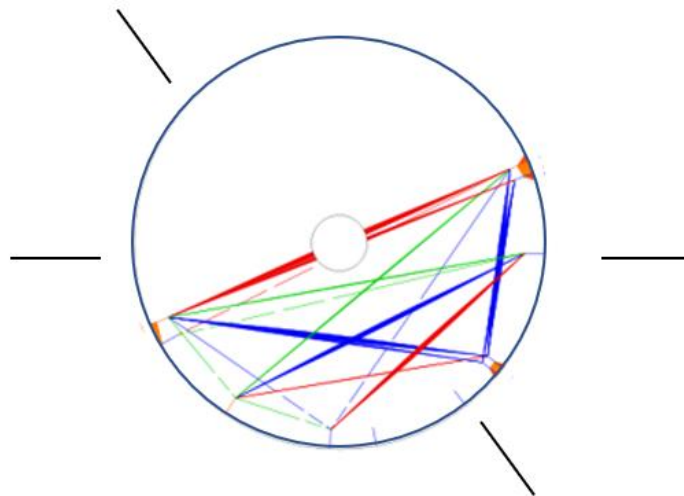
We know that the sign of Cancer leads to a knowledge of oneself as a personality that is becoming infused with soul wisdom. Under its influence humanity finds itself with the need to reorientate to some new and selfless objective, with the task of refocussing towards a goal that lifts and aids others as a basic and directing purpose.

Contemplative Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Cancer Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Cancer Full Moon in 2022 offers a pattern 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

Holding the mind steady and focused align with your centre of stillness and with the language of the soul. Take a moment to view the aspect image of the Cancer Full Moon with your physical eyes. Notice its colours, forms, shapes and patterns.



Pause

Now close your eyes, and view the image with the inner eye of vision. Seeking to perceive beyond its 2 dimensional form and opening to the subtlety of the image and its elements that are searching for expression - as the language of the soul.

Pause

Maintaining that inner focus, when you are ready, open your eyes, and give consideration to the following questions -

1. What image does the form convey when viewed with the physical eyes?
2. What insights were conveyed by the image when viewed with the 'inner eye of vision'?
3. What feelings did this image give rise to?
4. What beauty, or livingness is conveyed by it?

As a group service we offer this analysis of the Cancer Full Moon Chart of 2022

'The sensitivity of Cancer is one of its most prominent characteristics, bringing the instinctual awareness of the individual in its response to the environment with the resulting gradual emergence of a unification within mass consciousness. The influence of this sign is such that mass consciousness is linked with the signs of Virgo, the Christ consciousness, and Aquarius, Universal consciousness. Cancer also has a deeper role to play within the unfoldment of the Divine pattern and this potential is indicative as it can assume its role as an agent of the Life of the Spirit. A function of the Life of Spirit is made clear in the soul keynote of the sign: 'I build a lighted house and therein dwell.' Cancer has a significant role in connection with the Law of Rebirth, being one of the gateways into life on the form level. Djwhal Khul tells us incarnation is a process and contributes to the ongoing evolution of

consciousness of the group humanity which has an intermediary integrative role to play in planetary life.

The task before the Aspirant, Humanity, during the month of watery Cancer is to anchor the soul within a cohesive ego structure so that the process of growing psychological independence from instinctual mass consciousness can be progressed.

Having made progress in this, the tendency towards an over-emphasis on self-preservation must be overcome and, ultimately, the consciousness expanded from the exclusive attachments of the personality with its urge to belong and to nurture 'its own', into an illumined identification and devotion to the nourishment of all planetary life.

The full moon opposition lies across the encounter axis with its theme of 'the self' in contact with 'the other' for the creation of equal and just partnerships. A constant mutual evaluation is underway stimulating an awakening public opinion which is a forerunner of group consciousness. This process of changing consciousness is symbolically equivalent to Hercules and his pursuit and capture of the elusive Doe, representative of the intuition founded in the realm of compassionate wisdom.

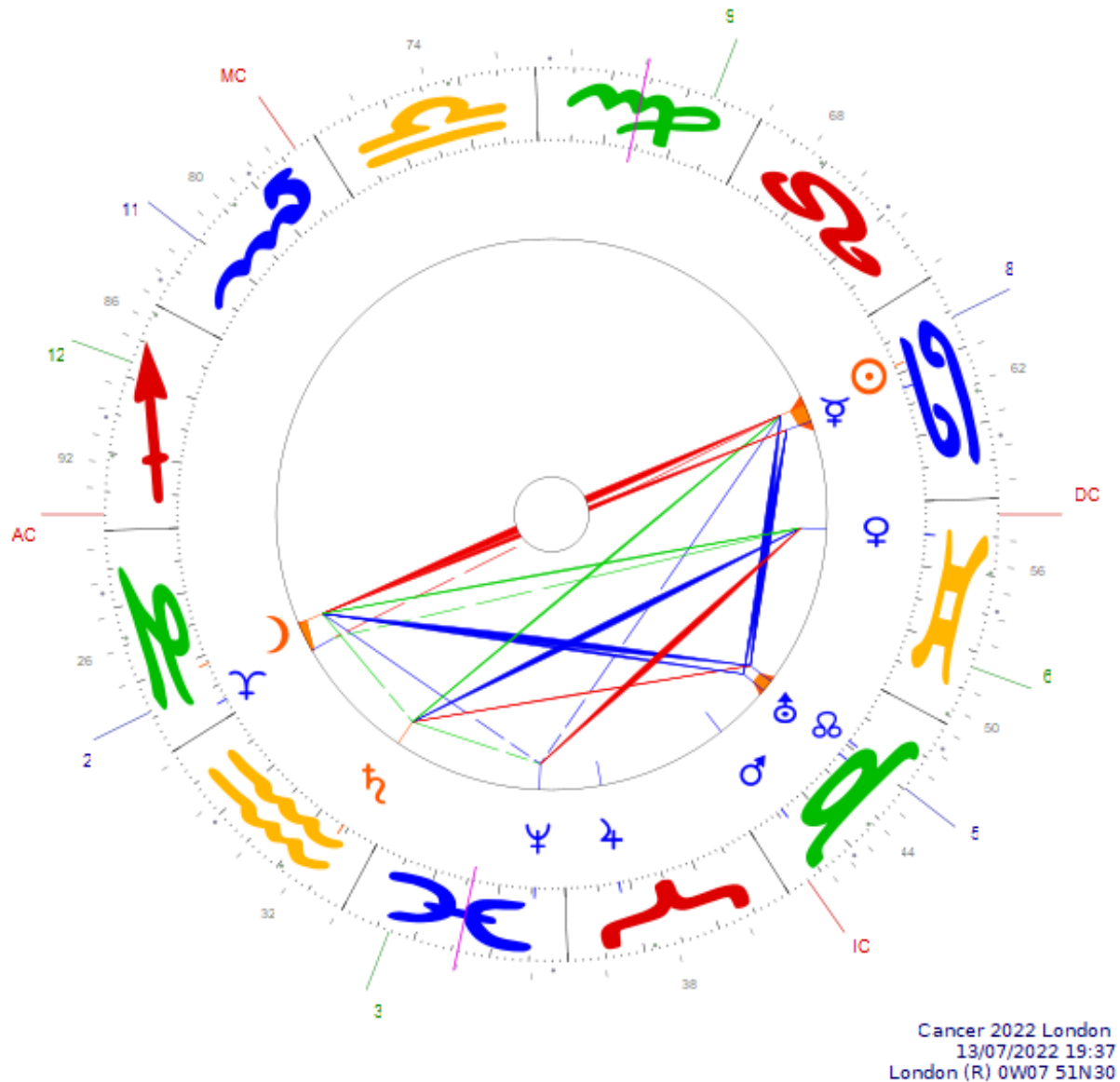
Currently the chaotic complex of crises is calling for tough intense responses to these perceived needs. Subtle changes in perceptive consciousness are heralding the possible precipitation of long processes of redemption founded on unfolding scientific understanding that inspires creative action for change within the planetary ecology, economy, and health and the creation and sharing of food resources.

The Decorative Aspect Pattern in this chart, Moon-Pluto, Saturn, Uranus-North Node, Sun-Mercury, creates an energetic influence that aspires to perfection and uniqueness as it has the facility to convert tension into harmony by learning from mistakes. This is an outcome of a 'decoding' facility that is able to convert knowledge into wisdom. It is present and active within the midst of this dynamic activity, thereby enabling the individual and the group to capture and use the 'whispered secrets' of intuitional impressions and insights as a creative resource. Harnessing these elusive touches of the soul are the essence of the 4th Labour as Hercules seeks, finds and gathers *the elusive Doe*.

The majority of the outside of this figure is red, giving rise to a sense that activities that are underway may appear closed and secretive. The slight leaning of the square towards the opposition makes this figure look like *a battering ram* with the energetic possibility of powering through tough situations. There is also an inner resource of accumulated and accumulating intellectual strength. The awakening towards a *growing group consciousness* is unstoppable and is able to clear intellectual obstacles as a result of a progressing changing inclusive worldview. In the immediate and long term, the acquisition of a medley of resourceful and motivated wisdom is available for all nations to draw on as they seek to redeem the impending challenges and chaos of the current state of affairs that confront humanity and the planet we call home.

The two un-aspected planets in this chart, those of Mars and Jupiter, are situated in the 2nd quadrant. Their energetic influence supports the concept forming evaluation derived from everyday experiences and the resulting actions that are stimulated by a survival instinct. These being essential supportive triggers of the relentless move by humanity towards the awakening of its inherent responsibility and group consciousness.

Joy is the realisation of the truth of oneness, the oneness of our soul with the world and of the world-soul with the supreme lover. And joy is everywhere; it is in the earth's green covering of grass; in the blue serenity of the sky. - Rabindranath Tagore



Ideas are *fiery entities*. - Roberto Assagioli



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