



Cancer Full Moon

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'Let isolation rule and yet the crowd exists.'

'I build a lighted house and therein dwell.'



The Fourth Labour of Hercules – The Capture of the Doe

Each full moon is a unique celebration, with its distinctive energy offering fresh opportunities for change. Our planet never occupies the same place in the heavens twice, because everything is spiralling onwards bringing new challenges and occasions for embodying and sharing greater loving understanding and light infused purposeful living. This motion is perpetual, and everything is progressing with a purpose. The tasks and encounters offered by this ongoing celestial journey shapes the destiny of Humanity and holds within it a greater gift of revelation and service.

The heavenly picture book holds before us the symbol of our essential divinity and the symbol of the Soul in incarnation. The zodiacal journey of Hercules, the World Disciple, maps the soul's enduring commitment to progress through the challenges of life's relationships enabling the personality to garner increasing wisdom.

Hercules demonstrates for the modern aspirant, Humanity, that the *way of return* to the Father's House, whilst littered with obstacles and crises, provides the revelatory gifts of individual and group consciousness. When such obstacles are met and overcome and understood this creates the growing compassionate understanding of an open heart and mind. The journey of life continues the story of the spiritualisation of matter through the laborious work of the soul.

Huber astrology has its origins within psychosynthesis and esoteric philosophy. This analytical psychological astrology was developed by Bruno and Louise Huber with the support of Roberto Assagioli. The chart generated at the exact time of the Cancer Full Moon enables us to focus on the unique pattern created by the relationships, or aspects, between the planets at this precise moment.

"... Aspects of the divine nature, deeply hidden in humankind, are all related to consciousness and to responsiveness of the parts within the Whole. When Hercules came forth, the door on to the Path of Discipleship was opened, His work being preserved for us in the Twelve Labours of Hercules. These labours epitomise the various tests to which all disciples are subjected, prior to the various initiations to which each relates." *The Rays and The Initiations* by AAB/DK p. 526

The challenges that humanity is collectively facing at this present time indicate a spiritual and transformational 'labour' and can be seen as a choice for change.

This thought can inspire us. Let us pause for a moment and say the following dedication:

More radiant than the Sun,
Purer than the snow,
Subtler than the ether is the Self,
the spirit within my heart.
I am that Self, that Self am I.
We are that Self that Self are we.

Contemplative Consideration of The Aspect Image of the Cancer Full Moon

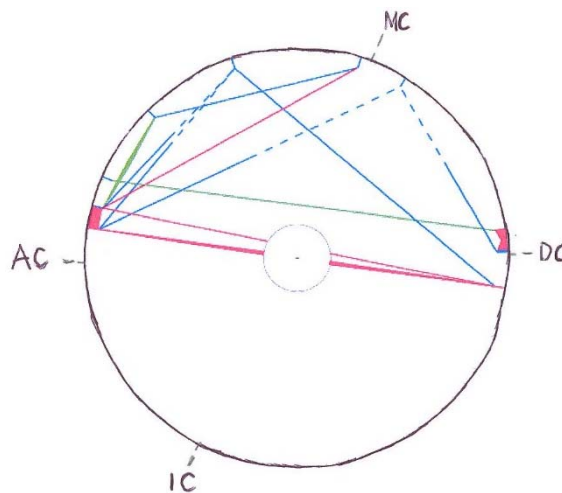
'Much that is inexpressible by words may be supplemented by symbols. Thus, in every symbol there will be the element of the inexpressible. – 'Aum' © Agni Yoga Society

'Images and words are living things, possessing form, soul [consciousness] and spirit or life.'

Consideration:

Take a moment to realign with your centre of stillness, let go of any previous thoughts, and hold the focused silent mind within the head centre.

1. Consider the image of the aspect patterns of the Cancer Full Moon
2. Does the image convey a form? What are the feelings this image gives rise to? What is the life or livingness conveyed by it?
3. Record any impressions and insights that you may have received.



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

Synthetic analysis of the 2020 Cancer full moon chart

The task before the Aspirant, Humanity, during the month of watery Cancer is to learn the lessons of an over-emphasis on self-preservation and to let go of emotional attachments to the past. The purpose of this process is to allow the transmutation of instinct and intellect into intuition and facilitate the emergence of spiritual/group consciousness.

The full moon chart points to a theoretical and ungrounded attitude involving inner processes but yielding little outer achievement. The chart gives prominence to the axis of existence, where the urge to retreat from reality into the safety afforded by (tribal) isolation runs counter to the instinctual need to return to ‘business as usual’, particularly with regard to work and health services. Innovative ideas for the practical reshaping of material life are expectantly hoped for to resolve this paralysing dilemma.

Behind the scenes pressure to formulate new methods of communicating so as to achieve harmonious relationships with the diverse sections of society are being honed, but the catalyst for change and growth in consciousness is applying great pressure for a root and branch revision of the status quo as it relates to the established models of partnership and collaboration. The way forward requires a profound, long-term process of transformation to the hidden underpinnings of the social contract.

An elusive vision of the path forward is glimpsed and weakly stirs in the depths of the collective mind. This is a transcendental vision, informed by the guiding principle of Love-wisdom, worked out through selfless love and universal inclusivity – this is a vision that just might save the world as Humanity awakens and responds to the influential *Principle of Unanimity*.

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“The summons to a unity of consciousness is necessary everywhere,
because this is the simplest introduction into the life of the heart.”

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