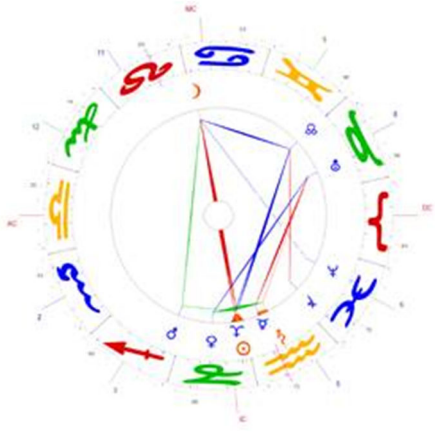




Capricorn Full Moon Festival

17th December 2022 – *the day of safeguarding*

Personality Aspect: *And the Word said: Let ambition rule and the door stand wide.*

Soul Aspect: *Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back.*



Throughout this annual zodiacal journey, we come now to celebrate the festival of Capricorn and are reminded by Roberto Assagioli *that the effect of all the energies and qualities coming in from high sources vary greatly according to the use which humankind makes of them.* As we stand at this gateway, with light streaming in under the influence of the energies of Capricorn, there is much occurring of a confusing and difficult nature. But Djwhal Khul, the Tibetan Teacher, has clarified that *"this flood of light...is a light which will go on increasing...bringing assurance and fresh revelation of the divine potencies in humanity. Thus is the new age dawning".*

This full moon period of Capricorn is conditioned by the path of initiation, whereby aspirant disciples achieve according to the analogy given of their climbing the mountain and then as Light bearers, descending into Hades as a creative act of synthesis and service.

Here in the northern hemisphere during this darkest time of the year there is the promise of the emergence of new and renewed lighted energy. The journey into and through the darkness carries with it the opportunity to build and develop our consciousness as the light of loving understanding reforms and heals archaic limitations of thoughts, feelings, and actions.

The lesson in Capricorn concerns initiation as a *world server*, which brings about the *liberation of the soul-infused personality into fuller selfless service.* The journey continues ever onwards and upwards as, step-by-step, one's personal glammers and illusions are dealt with until the higher informed ground of initiated consciousness with its greater lighted understanding is achieved.

Capricorn is known as the sign of the mountaintop experience. In this spiritual journey, the gained summit of experience offers vistas of the whole world and its far-reaching horizons. The ascent is beset with tasks and challenges that need to be overcome. These tests involve the conquest of matter and elevation of the consciousness, so that the wisdom gained brings liberation from inhibiting forms of thought. The personality is thereby freed so that it is more aware of and sensitive to the spiritual and transformational life of the mountaintop illumination.

Detachment and discrimination break the chains of separative thinking (sentiment, habit, authority, fear), thus enabling the golden thread of consciousness to link us with our innate light of understanding and *the divine essence in all that is.*

The personal I-consciousness, the incarnating soul fragment, is integrating the personality in preparation for soul and group service. It is in this way that individuals, organisations, and humanity gradually forgo personal interests and in liberation respond to the perceived needs in their environment and as a group contribute to world service.

In Capricorn the word of the soul is: "Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back." Disciples, the students of the soul, during the mountain ascent experience of Capricorn have been tested in every aspect of their being. These experiential encounters...are those where personal ambition has been transmuted into a fiery will-to-serve-the-Plan. These men,

women and groups who consciously experience the golden thread of light which links humanity soul-to-soul, inspire group servers to choose freely to turn away from the sunny uplands of the summit and descend again into the world in order to act as a beacon of light for those who continue to struggle in the darkness of ignorance.

The warmth and light of the sun symbolises the energy of group love and is abundantly given in order to sustain all life on earth. The sun is ever the symbol of impartial love. Its 'place' in the solar system symbolises balance between detachment and attachment.

Love is the most powerful, creative, and transmuting force we know on Earth. It is the major divine aspect influencing this solar system. Its most fundamental manifestation is the gravitational pull that governs our planet Earth and all its inherent life. Its highest expression is the urge deep in the human heart to seek that spiritual Being, Who, ever holds all of us in His all-encompassing synthesis.

Let us Pause a moment to allow these words to register. And then together say silently or aloud *The Invocation of Light*.

The Invocation of Light

May the forces of light bring illumination to humankind.

May the spirit of peace be spread abroad.

May people of goodwill everywhere meet in a spirit of cooperation.

May forgiveness on the part of all people be the keynote at this time.

Let power attend the efforts of the great Ones.

So let it be and help us to do our part.

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Labour 10: The Slaying of Cerberus, Guardian of Hades

The Myth

The opening words of this myth reflect the gravity of Hercules's labour in Capricorn: "The light of life must now shine forth within a world of dark." He is commended by his Teacher for having braved "a thousand dangers", whilst achieving much and gaining wisdom and strength in the process. He is now asked to make use of them, to rescue one in agony who is prey to vast and unrelenting suffering.

A vision then appears before Hercules' inner eye: he sees Prometheus in Hades, shackled to a rock and groaning as if his heart would break. A fierce vulture pecks continually at his liver, but his cries for help echo in vain in the desolation, to be swallowed up by the wind. Prometheus stole fire from heaven but, being immortal, cannot die from this punishment. Hercules is asked to rescue him from his plight.

Downward into the binding worlds of form and darkness Hercules travels, at last entering Hades and finding his way through labyrinthine paths to the king of the underworld who

demands to know what a living mortal is doing in his realms. When he learns that Hercules seeks to free Prometheus, the king warns that the way is guarded by Cerberus, a monstrous dog with three great heads, each coiled about with serpents. If, however, he can conquer it with his bare hands, he may unbind Prometheus. The triple-headed dog, with its piercing bark, quickly attacks. Hercules, grasping its primary throat, holds it in his vice-like grip until its strength subsides. He then breaks Prometheus' chains and sets him free.

Interpretation of the Myth:

Capricorn is one of the most difficult and mysterious signs to interpret. Why this is so is not readily apparent, but perhaps it has to do with the story of the triumphant initiate - the 'unicorn of God'. In an old nursery rhyme about "the lion and the unicorn going up to town", the mystery of initiation is preserved. It depicts for us the emergence of the white and one-pointed consciousness of the initiate and the defeat of the king of beasts, the personality, leading to the triumph of group-consciousness, selflessness and illumination over self-consciousness and selfishness.

In the myth, Hercules descends into Hell in order to release light into the darkest regions of earth. In this we can see the lifting of humanity into a clearer awareness of spiritual reality as well as Christ's descent into hell - "carrying release for those to be found there". Paradoxically, Capricorn is predominantly associated with the mountaintop experience. At the foot of the mountain, the goat, the materialist finds nourishment in arid places. On the way up the mountain, the scapegoat searches for the flowers of attained desire, each with its own thorn of satiety and disillusionment. At the summit, the sacred goat beholds the vision, and the initiate appears.

In previous labours, Hercules' tasks have been focused mainly upon individual development and liberation from the thralldom of matter but, from Capricorn onward, his work takes on a universal perspective, embracing the idea of service to the Whole, and culminating in the World Saviour in Pisces. He descends the mountaintop to join a needy humanity again, bringing them light and release.

Reflective Consideration of the current situation

Hercules shines a light onto the Way, and highlights the challenges that humanity is collectively facing at present as we stand at the Gateway of the Capricorn Full Moon. The opportunity offered indicates the benefits of the way that leads ever onwards through trials and tribulations to wider fields of service..

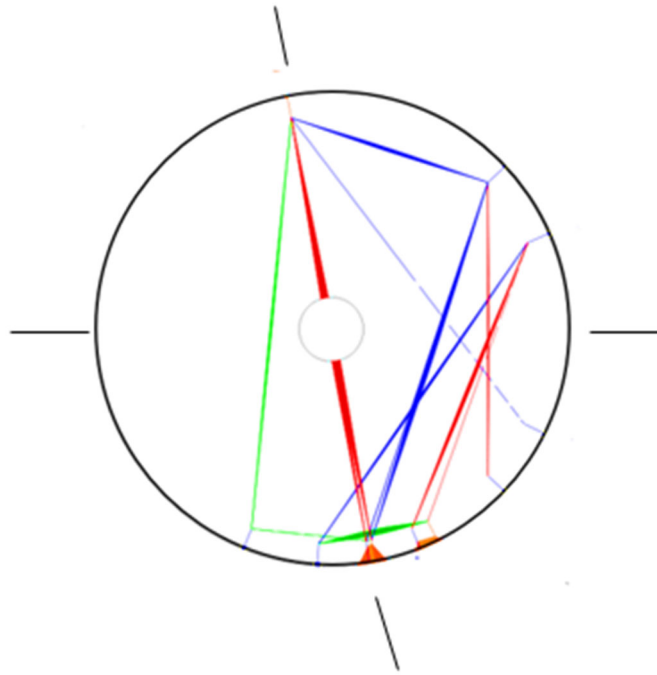
Under the influence of Capricorn humanity finds itself reorienting to relationships with new inner and outer fields of understanding, within them and refocussing towards a higher goal of creative service that benefits the good of all.

So let us take some time for the following consideration.

- ❖ Creatively imagine and visualise a service that would be or is of benefit to humanity.
- ❖ What aspects of the will are being used in service?
- ❖ Divine discontent is a stimulus that directs purpose. How is this blessed unrest influencing and directing choices nationally and internationally?

Receptive Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Capricorn Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Capricorn Full Moon in 2022 offers a pattern for contemplation of these energies not usually or normally contacted at these times. '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, let go of any previous thoughts, and holding the focused silent mind within the head centre consider the image of the aspect patterns of the Capricorn Full Moon

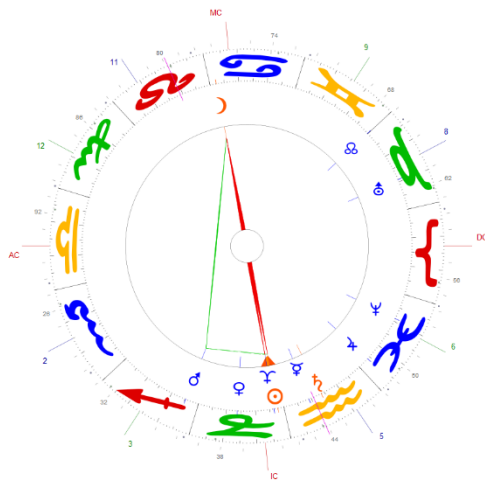
1. What form does this image convey?
2. What feelings arise in association with it?
3. What is the life and livingness conveyed by it?

Full Moon analysis – Capricorn 2022

The task before the Aspirant Humanity in the earth sign of Capricorn is to wrestle with the old established and crystallised societal forms as it seeks to journey to a higher point of sensitivity and understanding. Inherent divine stimulus within matter spurs humanity on towards more refined reaches of awareness that offer intuitive insights and creative solutions to the presently manifesting problems and mêlées of unintended consequences that we are currently facing.

At first glance, to the uninitiated Huber student, the aspect pattern for this Capricorn Full Moon offers an illusory *doorway* which leads either away from the darkness of not-knowing or into more of the chaotic thinking and experience of the shadow lands.

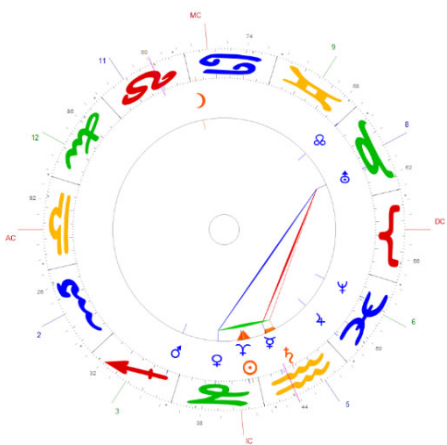
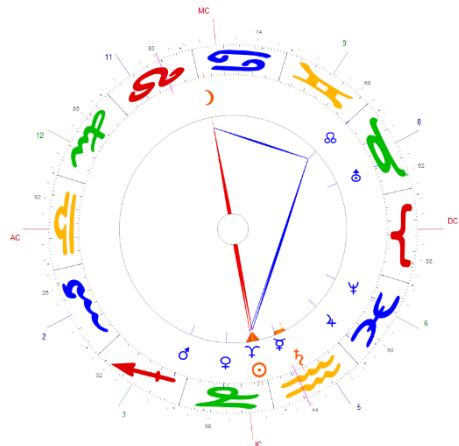
It is an illusion, for what appears to be a 'doorway' is in fact two triangles sharing a red opposition aspect. This portends to a dynamic rhythm linked to their inherent interaction and connectivity. Their reciprocal relationship models that of a pendulum, swinging either way and attempting to come to a steady and creative point of dynamic equilibrium. An equilibrium that is a creative point of tension where new solutions arise and manifest cooperatively. Gradually the crystallised structures within society that no longer serve the current needs of the new cultures are dispelled within the burning grounds of the battle of duality. For it has ever been thus. Conflict, resolution, and rebirth.



One triangle, the red-green irritation triangle, is accustomed to change and adaptability, seeking different ways of harnessing creative intelligence to serve societies globally. The stimulus is ever the responsive perception of the need of the worldwide community. The tussle then is precipitated between the old separative isolationist way of selfishness and that of an inclusive, unifying approach which responds to an evolving group culture within our planetary home.

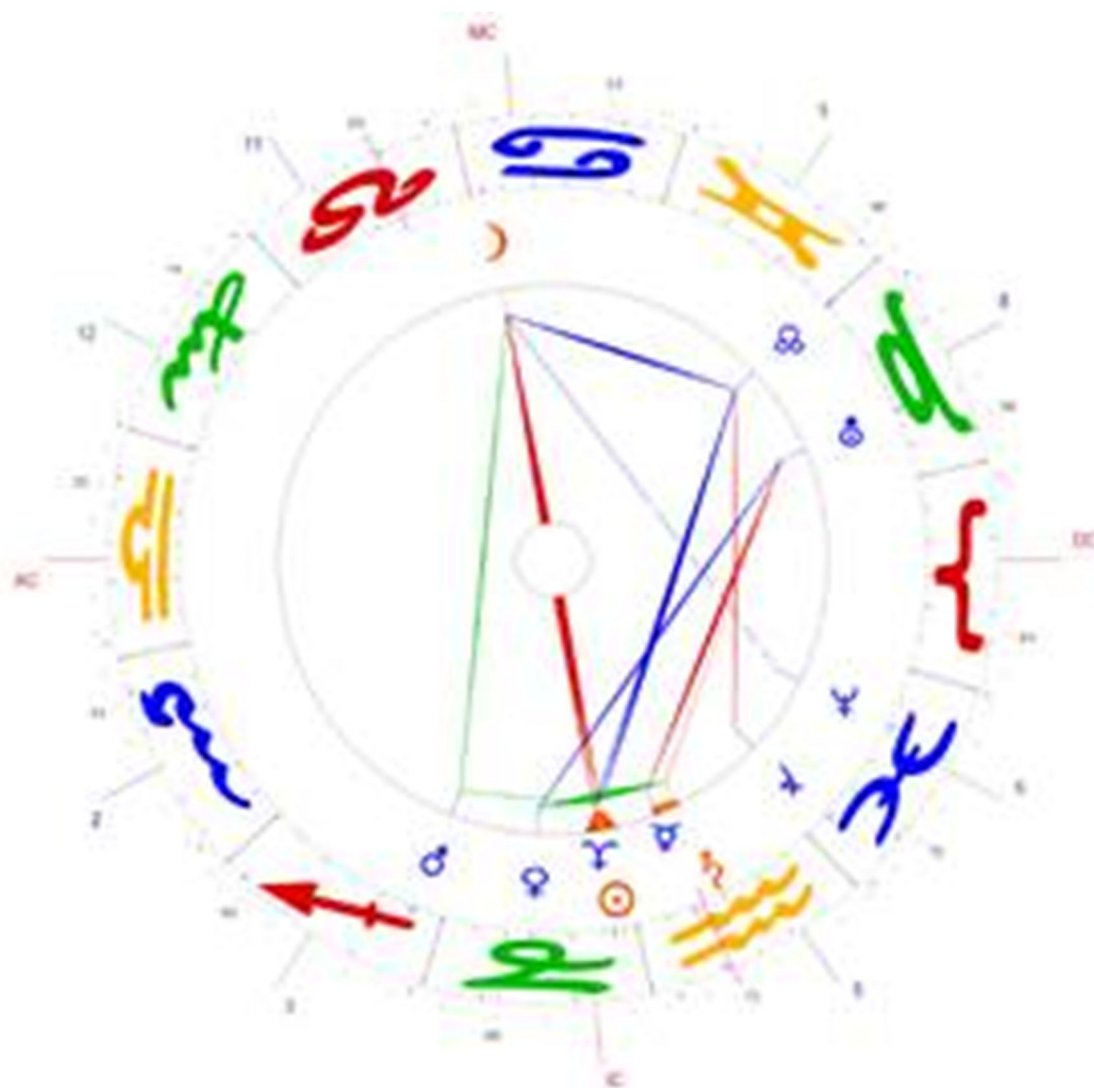
The other triangle, a blue-red single ambivalent triangle, tends to be fixed and adopts a line of least resistance, choosing to stay with the known, thereby resisting change. The relationship field despite the energetic calm of the blue aspects is full of taut tension which arises from the shared opposition between heart and mind, moon, and sun. Here the friction of fire that is generated between the two energetic relationship choices feeds the necessity of renewal and emergence when the wisdom of the Higher Self, the Soul, is lighting the Way.

The apex of this triangle is the North Node pointing the Way favoured by the *transpersonal and wise will*. The prospect offered by the *straight knowledge of the soul* indicates a *turning point*, an *escape route* that enables the death of the old ways of being and doing. However, accessing the *escape route* indicated needs humanity to invest in the changes of *heart and mind* that precipitate the necessary liberating societal adjustments that release the organisational restrictions of the past. The North Node indicates the Way which is supported by the harmonising influence of Jupiter. The replacement of restrictive and inhibiting structures is currently afoot. The painful, chaotic, insecure, and unstable process of clearance is underway. This metamorphosis is offering a transformation into new relationships which favour synthesis and unity. The *flip-flop*, backwards and forwards, pendulum-like approach to learning is creating the current climate in which we are finding our way towards the new norm.

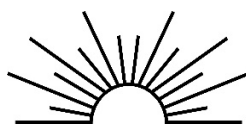


The small learning triangle to the lower right-hand side of the chart signifies the opportunities offered within repetitive experiential encounters present in the crucible of daily relationships. Everything originates within the forming fields of thought. Humanity at some level of its awareness is seeking to harness and make good the learning gathered from the experiences being faced and imposed and generally encountered in virtually every aspect of life in today's world.

'I slept and dreamt that life was **joy**. I awoke and saw that life was **service**.
I acted and behold, **service** was **joy**.' *Rabindranath Tagore*



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