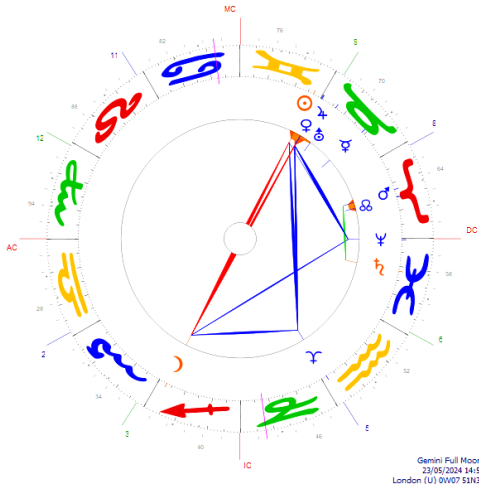




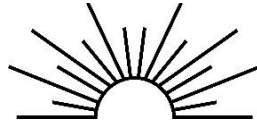
GEMINI FULL MOON – THE CHRIST FESTIVAL

The Day of Safeguarding

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Personality Aspect: ***Let instability do its work.***

Soul Aspect: ***I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self I grow and glow.***



We are tracing the story of Hercules and endeavouring to recognise how he, in his twelve labours, played the part of the aspirant upon the Path of Discipleship. On it, he undertook certain tasks, symbolic in nature, and passed through certain episodes and events which portray for all time the nature of the training and attainments which characterise the person who is nearing liberation.

[Labours of Hercules © Lucis Trust Ltd. p4]

Each of us is an embryo Hercules; and each one of us faces identical labours, each of us has the same goals to achieve and the same circle of the zodiac to encompass. [ibid P9]

As we study the story of Hercules and go with him through his twelve labours, passing around the great zodiac of the heavens, we will approach it from two angles: that of the individual and that of humanity as a whole. [ibid p8]

The consciousness (we aspire to) is the consciousness that we are integral parts of a greater WHOLE, [...] Hercules [...] enacted the life story of every aspirant and demonstrated the part which the unit must play in the eternal enterprise. [ibid p7]

He has to find himself as an individual only to discover that individualism must be sacrificed intelligently to the good of the group. [ibid p9]

Under the rule of matter, we are immersed in fear, individualism, competition, and greed. These have to give place to spiritual confidence, co-operation, group awareness and selflessness. [This is the lesson that Hercules brings to us.] [ibid p9]

The Myth can be taken as the sowing of the seeds of foundational ideas, which give rise to relationships within societies and communities that are birthing the ideals of the New Age. At the time of the full moon, we open to be receptive to these energies that are available, and we strive to anchor them in our daily lives on behalf of humanity, the Hierarchy and the Christ. We open up to them on behalf of humanity.

And in this gathering that is the second service we attempt to align with, at this time of the Full Moon and the day of safeguarding.

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Gathering the Golden Apples of the Hesperides Part 1.

1. The Myth: *Far in a distant country grew the sacred tree*, p.54-56
2. The Myth: *Now to the west Hercules turned himself...* p. 56-57
3. The Myth: *Hercules continued with his search....* p. 57- 59
4. The Nature of the Test: *The third labour, in the sign Gemini*, p.60-63

As we read and share, as we meditate and become receptive together, we enter a group field far richer and wiser than the sum of our individualities. We move closer to our spiritual confidence and group awareness.

Realising that 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 Gemini.

The Christ Festival always falls in the sign of Gemini and the influence of Gemini has been described as “the force which produces the changes needed for the evolution of the Christ consciousness at any particular point in time and space.”

The task before the aspirant humanity in airy Gemini, is to use the mind to gather knowledge and experience, within the constant flux and diversity offered by worldly life, and, over time, to synthesise this into greater and greater recognition of the underlying relationship and unity perceived by the soul.

Gemini points to a process of learning, which ultimately enables the personality to hear, trust and act on the inner wisdom of the soul, which naturally impulses intelligent love and selfless service of the alleviation of suffering. Thus, the human being becomes an illumined agent of the highest harmony and a conscious expression of ‘pure reason’ on earth.

Creative Meditation

Alignment

Sitting comfortably close your eyes or lower your gaze and take a few deep breaths. Allowing the breathing to settle in a comfortable rhythm - relax the physical body and feel it soften. Allow the emotions to become calm and serene - letting go of any previous thoughts. Raising the consciousness through the emotional and mental fields towards the Soul inwardly affirm silently or aloud:

“I am a living, loving willing soul present in the here and now”

Affirmation - The Mantrum of the Disciple

Identifying the personal ‘I’ consciousness with the Soul consciousness - realising they are in reality one - silently affirm the Mantrum of the Disciple.

*“I am a point of light within a greater Light.
I am a strand of loving energy Within the stream of Love divine.
I am a point of sacrificial Fire, focused within the fiery Will of God.
And thus I stand.*

I am a way by which men may achieve.

I am a source of strength, enabling them to stand.
I am a beam of light, shining upon their way.
And thus I stand.

And standing thus revolve
And tread this way the ways of men,
And know the ways of God.
And thus I/We stand.”

Align your thinking to consider the Gemini Soul Message. Mentally salute it becoming attuned to its livingness and its vibration, its quality, nature and potentiality.

I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self I grow and glow.

Relate it to the present world conditions and happenings at the time, for example, specific areas of conflict or suffering - meetings and conferences of local and international import. This helps to call in the energies to the points of greatest need and makes their aid and practical expression possible.

Visualization

.....Sitting quietly and poised..... endeavour to be a point of focused vision within the centre of the head, with the eye of the mind directed towards the soul

Send a line of light along the antahkarana into the spiritual realm, where we join with all others who are approaching the spiritual energies in meditation ...

Listening expectantly with all your senses alert to that which will make itself known and grow within you... and as together we undertake the following visualisation.

In your mind's eye picture to yourselves an ocean of blue and upon the horizon can be seen slowly rising - a blazing sun.

Picture yourself as throwing yourself into the ocean, free of all encumbrances, worries, anxieties and cares. See yourself swimming towards a rowboat, which is lying midway between you and the rising Sun.

As you swim, you become aware of your group brothers and sisters, also swimming in the same direction. You recognise, know and love each other.

Then visualise yourself as climbing into the boat. When all of the group are in, see yourselves as each of you grasp an oar, and together, rhythmically, and steadily, row towards the rising Sun. There is harmony of stroke, of purpose and of direction.

Then see - between you and the rising Sun - a figure moving towards you..... Coming from the light, in your direction. In the clear pathway of the light you can see [the figure] ... distinctly... You see *together*.... We see *together* Together we see.....

Dedication

Using the creative imagination send out the idea of the living thought-form created as a blessing into the stream of mental consciousness as you sound the following dedication.

‘Into the light we move, beckoned thereto by thee.
Out of the dark we come, driven thereto by the soul of all.
Up from the earth we spring and into the ocean of light we plunge.
Together we come.

Together we move, guided and led by the soul we serve and by
thee, the Master we know.
The Master within and the Master without are *One*.

That One are we. The One is all – my soul, thy soul, the Master
and the soul of all.”

The Tibetan - DINA II p.127

Precipitation and Invocation:

Close by sounding the Great Invocation. Using the creative imagination to circulate and
distribute throughout humanity's etheric network the energies contacted in receptive stage,
the thought-forms created in reflective stage, as well as, Light, Love and the Will-to-Good.

The Great Invocation

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into human minds.
Let Light descend on Earth.

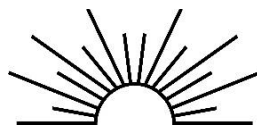
From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into human hearts.
May the Coming One return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little human wills
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the human race
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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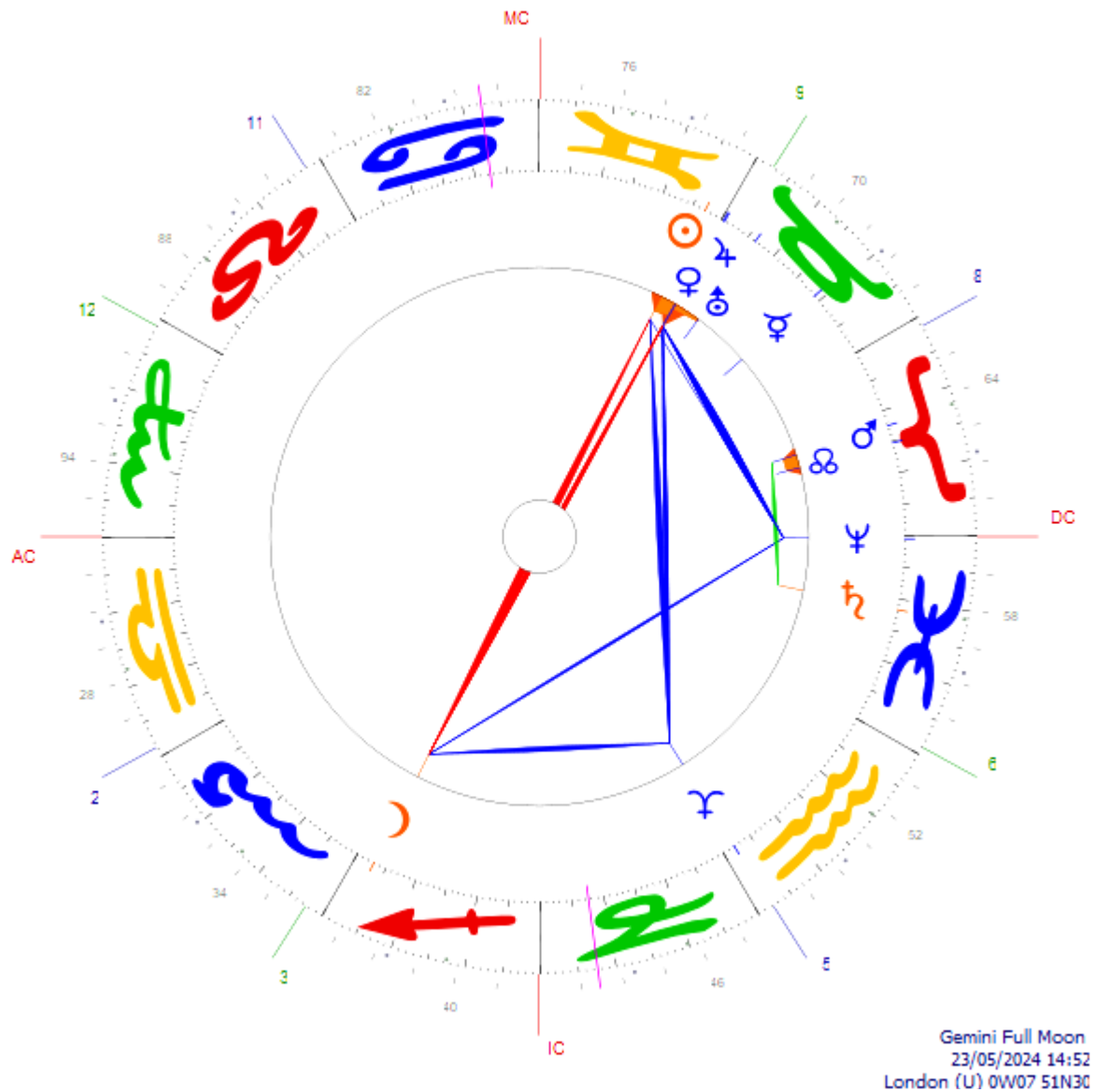


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'A myth is far truer than a history, for a history only gives a story of the shadows, whereas a myth gives a story of the substances that cast the shadows.'

Annie Besant