



Gemini Full Moon

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'Let instability do its work'

'I recognise my other Self and in that Self I grow and glow.'



The Third Labour of Hercules – Gathering the Golden Apples of the Hesperides

Each full moon is a unique celebration with its distinctive energy that offers 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 come into relationship with its personality. This is 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 Gemini 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 epitomise the various tests to which all disciples are subjected, prior to the various initiations. – 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 me.
I am that self, that self am I.

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Contemplative Consideration of The Aspect Image of the Gemini Full Moon

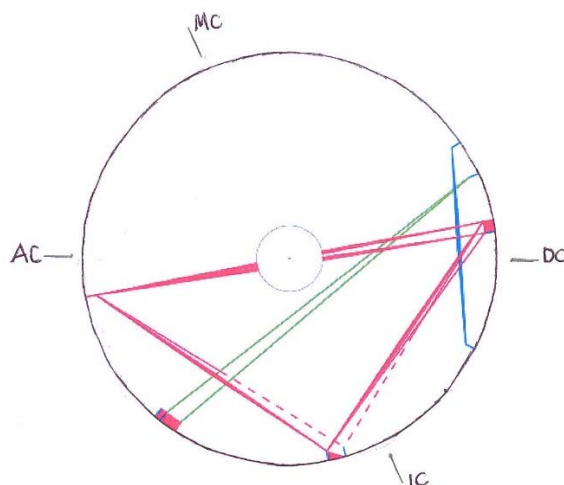
'Much that is inexpressible by words may be supplemented by symbols. Thus, in every symbol there will be the element of the inexpressible. – 'Aum' © Agni Yoga Society

'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 Taurus 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 directed to search for the sacred tree of wisdom and to pick its golden apples. Asking to be shown the quickest way, he is told that the way is long, that three fair maidens cherish the tree and watch over its fruit and that both tree and maidens are protected by a hundred-headed dragon. Hercules is also told that this labour holds five great tests, each affording scope for wisdom, understanding and skill, but that unless he is vigilant, he may fail to recognise them.

He proceeds north, looking everywhere and asking everyone the way but failing to recognise the subtle hints offered by the messenger Nereus who repeatedly comes to him in various forms. And so failing, he turns south where he meets and wrestles with Antaeus, the serpent who overpowers him in every way until Hercules lifts the serpent into the air and so vanquishes him. Happy and confident, he now goes west where, in this third stage of the labour, he meets Busiris, the arch-deceiver and son of the waters, who claims to be the Teacher and to know the truth. Without thinking, Hercules accepts him for what he seems to be and, losing his strength, finds himself bound to an altar. Gradually Hercules realises his mistake and, recalling the words of Nereus that truth lies within oneself, manages to break free. Chastened, but wiser from this failure, he continues his search and comes upon Prometheus in agony, chained to a rock and being attacked by vultures. Ignoring his own urges to hasten upon his quest, Hercules frees Prometheus and nurses him back to health, enduring yet another long delay, but succeeding in this fourth stage of the labour.

Worn with wandering and fear, Hercules hears that the tree can be found near a distant mountain. Taking heed, he turns east but is arrested by a sense of deep distress: before him is Atlas, staggering under the load of the world, bowed with pain but asking no help. Hercules forgets his own search and rushes to aid him, lifting the burden from his brother onto his own back. The load rolls off and both stand free. With love, Atlas and the three maidens offer the golden apples to Hercules. Thus the labour concludes with the reminder that the Way is marked by service and that deeds of love are signposts on the Way.

Interpretation of the Myth:

In this labour, the element of time is significant, also failure, but followed by eventual victory. The mission is clear: "Let Hercules unfold the power to search without discouragement, deception or too great a speed. Let perseverance now be called upon." This test underlines the fact that the disciple must become a living illustration of his or her spiritual vision. All subjective and mental effort is to be worked out on the physical plane, for it is here that the "mechanism of contact" is developed and knowledge is transmuted into wisdom.

After the first two labours, the disciple needs to be aware of soul qualities and to recognise this presence in the waking consciousness. Hercules initially fails in this, falling victim to the obstructions of glamour and deception. By eventually realising this mistake, he can then find Prometheus, who symbolises the God within and who must be rescued from the vultures of desire and selfishness. In freeing him, Hercules comes to understand the power of service and love that free the server as well as those he serves. But the ultimate test of this labour is illustrated by Hercules' contact with Atlas: forgetting his own quest in his effort to help lift the burden of the whole world, he demonstrates great compassion and selflessness and, in doing so, he both frees Atlas and is handed the golden apples of his goal.

These golden apples echo the one apple in the story of the Garden of Eden: whereas that apple symbolises separation through the knowledge of good and evil, these apples represent plurality and the synthesis of the many, nourished by the One Tree of Life. The journey from Eve's single apple to the many of Hercules is one of understanding through the application of knowledge to the problems of life. Knowledge is thus converted to wisdom.

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

*"You are not a human being in search of a spiritual experience.
You are a spiritual being immersed in a human experience."*

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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Whist containing the potential required for evolution and growth, the psyche of the Aspirant, Humanity, is disjointed and unable, at this point in time, to align its energies and synthesise experience into wisdom.

The dominant theme is energy constantly expended in restless activity. Every means of communication aimed at fostering harmonious and socially-responsible dialogue and partnership is tried out, but this only serves to highlight the underlying egocentric attachment to the rights and freedoms enjoyed in the past. Belligerent feelings and anger are stirred up and proliferate, fuelled by misguided beliefs and fake news, but no strategy for resolution or constructive action emerges.

Meanwhile there are innovative and accessible ideas for solving the crisis which are not taken up.

The catalytic forces for change and regeneration are applying intense pressure towards a paradigm shift in values and initiating an internalised process of deep consideration and transformative learning.

The way forward to long-term resolution is to envision a worldwide group endeavour that is fully inclusive and stimulates in the Aspirant a recognition of unity and a sense of responsibility for the whole of humanity and our planetary home.