



Leo Full Moon

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‘Let other forms exist. I am because I am.’

‘I am That and That am I.’



The Fifth Labour of Hercules – The Slaying of the Nemean Lion

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. It is spiralling ever onwards bringing new challenges and occasions for embodying and sharing greater light infused purposeful living and loving understanding. This celestial motion enables everything to perpetually progress with will and purpose.

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.

Humanity lives and functions within an ever-changing field of energy without realising it. Huber Astrology provides an energy map of this quest for our consideration, generated by the aspect patterns at the time of the Full Moon. These Cosmic, Universal and planetary energies are not usually or normally contacted, but they can be touched, grasped and utilised at the time of the Full Moon. We are told that at these moments, it is almost as if a door, which at other times stands closed, suddenly opens wide.

The unique aspects created by the relationships between the planets at the exact time of the Full Moon are energy patterns of the Divine Nature which resonate with those deeply hidden within humanity. The reciprocity of these energies relate the consciousness of the parts within the whole.

These ever-changing energy fields have a definite influence on the functioning of human lives during the Full and New Moon cycles. There is thus set up a relay of vibrations that create opportunities for change within our daily relationships, situations and environments, which promote expansions of consciousness and the eventual development of group consciousness.

As we learn to understand the law that *'energy follows thought'*, we can choose to create positive thought-forms and direct them to those in need around the planet. When we consciously undertake this, we make our own contributions as world citizens to the customising of the thought climate in which we live, function and thrive. In this way, we also actively take responsibility for the wise stewardship of the lower kingdoms of nature. #

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.

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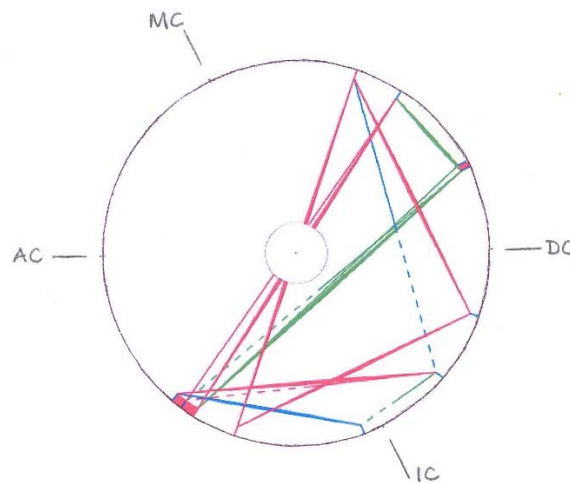
The zodiacal sign of Leo is frequently described as the 'battlefield of the Forces of Materialism and the Forces of Light'. Leo is the focal point for the expression of the second aspect of divinity, the love-wisdom or consciousness aspect of the soul. Is Humanity beginning to function as a conscious integrating Self or Soul? Is the selfish desire for possession of material objectives being modified? Is Humanity's sensitive and creative responsiveness to the present world conditions a vital forerunner of the new civilisation?

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Leo Full Moon in 2020 offers a pattern for contemplation of these energies not usually or normally contacted at these times.

Contemplative Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Leo Full Moon

'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



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 Leo 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.

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The Myth

Hercules stands before the fifth gate, armed to the teeth with his vast array of weapons. The people of Nemea, in deep distress, are calling for him to kill a lion that devastates their land and forces them to live in fear behind locked doors. Hercules, with listening ear, responds but decides to abandon the weapons which hinder his progress, trusting instead to his club for protection and the courage of his heart to speed him on his way.

The people are dismayed to find him without arms and with little knowledge of the lion, but Hercules proceeds undaunted – “afraid yet unafraid, alone yet not alone”. After days of searching, he suddenly comes upon the ferocious beast but stands his ground instead of running away as others have. His arrows find their target but the lion remains unscathed. Hercules rushes towards it, shouting wildly, and it flees before him. Eventually he tracks it to its lair, a cave with two entrances where, by blocking up one opening, he traps it. Now, with no exit for either of them, Hercules faces the lion, and chokes and kills it with his bare hands. He then strips it of its skin and displays it to the Nemean people, now free to live in peace. In triumph, Hercules returns to his teacher, his success acknowledged by gaining permission to wear the lion’s skin, but who also warns, “the lion and serpents must be slain again and once again”.

Interpretation of the Myth:

This fifth sign of Leo is significant, for the number five is, esoterically speaking, the number of man. Each individual is a son of God as well as the quaternary of the lower nature of mind, emotions, vital body and physical sheath. In Leo, the human being knows himself to be an individual and becomes aware of himself as the Soul. So, we have, in effect, two lions pictured – Hercules, symbolising the lion of the Higher Self or Soul, and the Nemean lion, the co-ordinated dominant personality of the lower self. Hercules defeats the lion only when he can corner it in a cave, unseen by anyone. Likewise, in the dark, alone and unaided, the aspirant must defeat the lion of his own nature.

This sign can be seen both as the culmination of the previous four labours covering the path of Probation and as marking the beginning of the path of Discipleship. It is one of the four arms of the fixed cross in the heavens, the cross on which the Cosmic Christ and the individual Christ are ever crucified or “sacrificed”, for, in the unfoldment of the Christ consciousness in the form, stage by stage, various aspects of the divine nature are seen as being sacrificed. In Leo, the lower reasoning mind must be sacrificed to the universal mind and the lower self of individual self-assertion conquered.

As an integrated personality, the aspirant often becomes a difficult person with a powerful mind and controlled emotions, very individualistic, self-confident and sometimes aggressive like the Nemean lion, running wild and menacing the peace. Today, with a world full of personalities at this stage of development, the time has come when the lion of the soul must prevail over the lion of the self. Unlike Hercules, we are not alone in this struggle because leadership is increasingly being provided by a great group of people subjectively linked to each other and directed by their souls, they are therefore, group conscious and working towards the good of the whole.

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

An analytical synthesis of the 2020 Leo Full Moon chart

Huber Astrology - an astrological psychology - developed by Bruno and Louise Huber supported by Roberto Assagioli generates the Leo Full Moon 2020 chart enabling us to focus on the unique Universal energy pattern created by the relationships or aspects between the planets at this precise moment.

These aspects of the divine nature, are deeply hidden in humankind, and are all related to consciousness and to responsiveness of the parts within the Whole

The varied array of challenges that humanity is collectively facing at this time indicate a spiritual and transformational ‘labour’ and can be seen as choices for change.

A synthesis of these influential energies is offered here for your consideration.

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In the month of fiery Leo, the developmental process of human consciousness has reached a point of intensely experienced and mentally creative individuality. Because of this there is the capacity to exert powerful influence over others and this can be used for selfish ends. The task which now lies before the Aspirant, Humanity, is to conquer the self-assertive personality, subordinating its will to the unifying love of the soul and thereby becoming a reliable agent for Divine Purpose in our world.

The Huber chart for this Leo full moon is marked by great inner tension and the push to find relational solutions and to take positive action to resolve the conflict. Thinking is joined up and there is boundless energy for achieving these goals but, at this stage, humanity has yet to assimilate enough knowledge and wisdom to guarantee success.

The specific theme of the Full Moon relates to a polarisation between the higher conceptual way of thinking and the more emotional functioning of the desire-mind. The latter calls for radical new systems in social relationships and modes of interaction, but these calls are at odds with the established sense of identity and the dominant orthodoxy. This conflict is a productive one and results in a great deal of energy for innovation and new creative solutions to tackle many of the problems currently besetting material existence. Less obviously, there are also tentative connections being made between prominent thinkers and those activists within the collective who, stirred up by the opportunities for evolutionary change the global collapse is offering, are demanding freedom of self-expression at any cost. This is a learning edge in society where a truly universal idealism is being imagined and fed back into the evolving vision for the constructive regeneration of cultural traditions and institutions.

Catalysts for change and growth continue to expose the fault-lines in the power and wealth-based values by which society lives and functions. There is a direct challenge to the separative, tribal self-centred emotional patterns of thinking inherited from the past. These inner scripts are undergoing a process of deconstruction, being subjected to inner transformative energies as well as to an objective scrutiny which is motivated by a worldwide longing for balance, harmony and goodwill between peoples. It is this inner attitude of Right Human Relations which is signposted as the next step along the way to a better future.

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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."

- Heart © Agni Yoga Society

