



Libra Full Moon

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Aspect: *Let choice be made.*

*I choose the way which leads
between the two great lines of force.*



The 7th Labour of Hercules – The Capture of the Erymanthian Boar

Welcome everyone to this Sundial House Group for Creative Meditation on-line Libra Full Moon meeting. This zodiacal gateway might be regarded as offering the first real vision of the Path and of the goal towards which the world Disciple Humanity must ultimately direct its steps.

‘This Path is the narrow razor-edged Path which runs between the pairs of opposites and which – if it is to be safely trodden – requires the development of a sense of values and the power to utilise rightly the balancing, analytical faculty of the mind.’ EA p.227

Its methods are the tests and trials of the interplay between soul and personality, and there is the frequent swing between the pairs of opposites. It also brings interludes and pauses, as balance is sought and found. However, on the Path an interlude is also a prelude for it is esoterically said “before creation, silence and the stillness of a focussed point”. This search for dynamic poise and balance applies to Libra in an individual and progressive sense.

So the influential energies of Libra offer the path of choices. Under its impacts we learn to make decision rightly and remain poised between the pairs of opposites with which the path of evolution is beset; we begin to conduct our lives with some sort of order and balance, instead of being swept by events in all directions. The goal is to establish equilibrium, achieving that point of central stillness at which the decision of the Scales is made. It also provides the point for reorientation, refocussing and redirection of effort for the next moving forward onto a higher plane.

Under its influence experiment is made through careful weighing of values, determining and choosing with the object of resolving the problems of the opposites – for example those of sex, positive and negative, selfish desire and spiritual aspiration . . . Libra is also concerned with the establishing of right human relationships and its influences work to achieve the ultimate equilibrium, the balance between soul and form. Libra is therefore said to “guard the secret of balance and equilibrium, and finally to sound the releasing note.”

With this inspirational thought let us pause for a moment and sound together the following dedication as a means of aligning with the Soul, the Self:

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.

The Myth:

As the power of Libra passes through Hercules, he is instructed to “Go forth and capture the wild boar; salvage a ravaged country yet take the time to eat”. To aid him, Apollo gives Hercules a brand-new bow to use, but remembering the slaughter he had committed in his last task in Virgo, he leaves it behind and proceeds unarmed except for his trusty club. In his search for the boar, Hercules comes upon his friend, Pholos, one of a group of centaurs who invites him to share a cask of wine, both of them calling to another centaur, Cherion, to join them. The noise of the ensuing revelry alerts the other centaurs who are incensed, because the Gods had given them the wine to be partaken of only when all the centaurs were present. This results in a fierce battle and again Hercules kills, this time the friends with whom he had drunk. Hercules escapes to the mountains and renews his search for the wild boar.

As the boar proves difficult to track, Hercules sets a snare and lays in waiting. After long hours, the boar finally comes his way and is captured. Hercules wrestles and tames the fierce beast and, seizing its two hind legs, drives it before him down the snowy mountain slope on its two front legs, laughing, singing and dancing on his way. Those who see the two of them descending the mountain join in the laughter, for it is a bizarre and comical sight.

Interpretation of the myth:

The scales of balance are the symbol of Libra, indicating that the spiritual path is not trodden through extremes of any kind but by the middle path, as taught by the Buddha.

Though Hercules is told to take time to eat, he indulges in drunken revelry instead, and slaughter, as in Virgo, is again the result. Pholos and Cherion, the two centaur friends that Hercules kills, represent “bodily strength” and good thought” respectively, both of which are insufficient to control the wild boar, symbol of the desire nature in this labour. Instead, desire is to be transmuted and controlled at spiritual altitude, as is the boar in the high mountain peaks.

Hercules makes amends for his earlier mistake in this labour by skilfully capturing and taming, rather than killing the wild boar. He then drives it before him, like a wheelbarrow, balanced on its two front legs to the amusement of all. Mercy, justice and balance are all represented here, as well as the wonderful transmuting agent of humour that restores a balanced perspective to life when the scales have tipped too far to one side. And so, in Libra the wise and considered use of energy is learnt, resulting in the attributes of discrimination, justice, mercy and, of course, humour.

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

Hercules shines a light onto the Way, His successes and failures model creative solutions that we too can learn from. The challenges that humanity is collectively facing at present indicate a transformational ‘labour’ and can be seen as a *choice for change*.

Reflective Consideration of the current situation

The zodiacal sign of Libra, the Scales, symbolises the establishment of a fulcrum that is a dynamically maintained point of balance, which is achieved through choices rightly made, skilfully applied and constantly adjusted when the need arises.

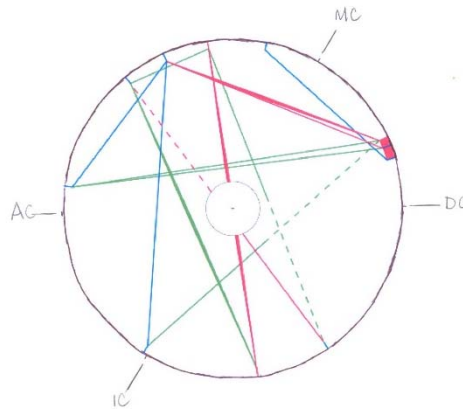
Take a moment to align with your centre of stillness and give consideration to the following three questions:

- ❖ How are justifiable choices being offered for personal and community safeguarding and well-being at present?
- ❖ Have you become aware of any changes of will and motivation arising from formulated and conveyed choices?
- ❖ How are we currently witnessing signs of the wisdom of common sense emerging individually, in groups and in society?

Receptive Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Libra Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Libra Full Moon in 2020 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 Virgo Full Moon

1. Does the image convey a form?
2. What are the feelings this image gives rise to?
3. What is the life or livingness conveyed by it?

An analytical synthesis of the Libra Full Moon 2020 influential energies

The image presented by the zodiacal energies at the time of the Libra full moon suggests instability and turmoil. The pattern shows a great preponderance of triangular shapes and green connections which points to a continuous drive towards short- and long-term learning and inner growth, but high reactivity makes for an uncomfortable inner state of being continuously on edge.

The task before the Aspirant, Humanity, in the sign of Libra is to walk the razor-edged path between the pairs of opposites, weighing and balancing each step with the scales of the developed intellect, and exercising conscious choice to align with the proper use of love.

The full moon always highlights impasses and tensions between conscious and unconscious motivations. At this Full Moon the major conflict is between a conscious focus on right human relations in the domestic sphere, and an instinct to live life guided by a self-centred urge to freedom. This tension is exacerbated by the current non-availability of eagerly awaited

innovations which would bring better conditions into group living. Feelings of insecurity and confusion are being heightened by underground mutterings that question the truth of these innovations and inject an undermining seam of doubt which fuels the public's instinctual urge and gives it the upper hand.

Another prominent feature is a potentially explosive conflict generated by activist groups whose goal is to confront the root causes behind the current breakdown in established structures, and particularly those affecting institutions that use the resources of others. These initiatives hold great potential to stimulate the learning required to tackle current problems. If they persevere beyond a premature compromise, the longer-term examination they could stimulate points to radical reform in the thinking which constitutes the underpinnings of the social order.

The challenge of these activist groups is also the seed for a more profound transformational process within the core of humanity. There is now an awareness of the deep-seated qualitative aspects of the human psyche that are preventing it from solving its problems and holding back its evolution. The relationship between the masculine and the feminine principles is indicated to be a major factor in this blockage, but the long and painful journey towards a change in consciousness has tentatively begun. Ultimately, it will be by putting the unifying values of the regenerated feminine at the heart of society that right relationship between the sexes will be restored, that human nature will be regenerated, and that a new creativity will be unleashed within the human family.

A further note of hope is sounded by a growing perception of the value of generosity in the way established relationships are conducted. This is informed by an intuition, strong but as yet hidden in the high recesses of the human psyche – a spiritual vision of salvation through the power of universal, unconditional loving understanding.

“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

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