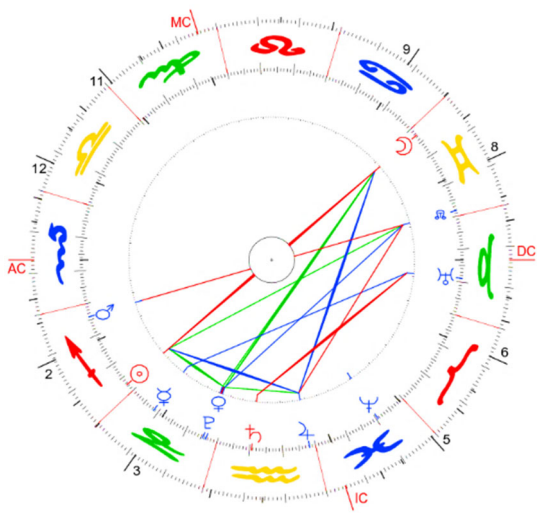




Sagittarian Full Moon

19th December 2021

Personality Aspect: *And the Word said: Let food be sought.*

Soul Aspect: *I see the goal. I reach that goal and then I see another.*



This Full Moon period of Sagittarius is conditioned by 'planetary *fire* which produces eventual revelation to the purified man who stands in the Light'. The direction of travel for the aspirant and disciple within Sagittarius is symbolised by an arrow. It is "upon the flight of the arrow, that we see the goal ahead, pulling back the string of the bow to a point of tension, taking aim and firing it".

A fundamental quality of this sign is a sense of *direction*, producing the keynotes of one-pointedness, aspiration, dedication, a focussed and intuitive attitude, and power to see the vision and direct one's course to it. Sagittarius is therefore associated with the intuition. It is said that the arrow of Sagittarius is called "the shaft of light" – for it is the "Shaft of the arrow of inspiration which returns to the sender as the arrow of the intuition". The Archer [the aspirant], having sent forth his arrow, follows after it and reaching the aim to which it was sent, dismounts from the white horse that he rides and directs, to find it; in other words, he consolidates the point achieved; he then reorientates himself and aims his arrow once again. In Sagittarius "fluid response to matter becomes focussed response to spirit."

In some ancient books the sign of Sagittarius is called the sign of *silence*. This is the lesson of Sagittarius - the right use of thought, which results in the restraint of speech, and consequent harmlessness on the physical plane, giving rise to liberation. Individuals and organisations are imprisoned to the planet not by some outside force that holds us here, but by the fog of thought forms created by what we have said and done.

The task and opportunity within the Sagittarian Gateway is to work at cultivating the power of *silent* thought to rise above and thereby dispel the cloud of thought forms that hinder and obscure the way to the clear light of pure reason. Sagittarius, with its energies of one-pointedness, dedication and intuitive aspiration, is a sign which offers opportunity to take control of the lower self, to see the spiritual goal, to aim towards that goal, and, reaching it, then catch the vision and the next point to be attained. "Every time the man finds himself under the influence of Sagittarius it is with the intention of reorienting himself to some new objective, with the task of refocussing himself towards a higher goal and the unfoldment of some basic and directing purpose."

This is therefore a period for considering aims, for cultivating spiritual vision and for the rededication of our energy to the goals that the intuition indicates lie ahead.

Let's take a few moments now to consider the principles of the spiritual path and the goal to which they lead; and then let us say together *The Gayatri*

O Thou Who givest sustenance to the Universe
From Whom All things proceed
To Whom all things return.
Unveil to us the face of the true spiritual sun.
Hidden by a disc of golden light.
That we may know the truth and do our whole duty
As we journey to Thy sacred feet.

The 9th Labour of Hercules – Killing the Stymphalian Birds

The Myth:

In this labour, Hercules is instructed to find the marsh of Stymphalus and to discover the way to flush out the ferocious, man-eating birds who, with iron beaks, talons sharpened like swords and feathers like steel shafts, wreak havoc among the people of Arcadia.

For long Hercules searches, until he comes to the fetid marsh of Stymphalus. On his approach, the birds screech in a raucous chorus, menacing and dissonant. Three of the birds, seeing Hercules, swoop down to attack him, but standing his ground, he wards them off with his heavy club. Standing before the marsh, wondering how he would rid the place of these birds of prey, he remembers the words of his Teacher: "The flame that gleams beyond the mind reveals direction sure."

At twilight, when the marsh is dense with countless birds, Hercules strikes repeatedly on two large and brazen cymbals. Bewildered and disturbed by so monstrous a noise, the birds, with wings wildly flapping rose into the air, utterly confused by the harsh discordant sound, never to return again. Silence spread across the marsh.

Interpretation of the Myth:

The symbol of Sagittarius is sometimes depicted as an archer on a white horse: the white horse denoting the purified and developed personality, whilst the archer represents the one-pointed disciple, moving, straight as an arrow, towards the goal.

Hercules, triumphant and freed from illusion in Scorpio, recognised that he still had an emotional nature, and found that the birds of Stymphalus, especially three of them, had to be raised out of the marshes into the clear light of day, before he could move on to a greater vision.

The three birds represent wrong thought and speech. Hercules realised that the lesson of this labour was the restraint of speech through the control of thought. As long as his thoughts were separative and a reflection of his lower nature, he would not be able to move further on the lighted way. By striking the cymbals Hercules managed to raise the birds into the clear air where they could be seen and conquered.

The underlying theme of Sagittarius is that of direction or movement towards an identified goal. It has been observed that there is no direction apart from thought, and that thought is power. In the life of the Sagittarian server, these ideas reflect an awakening of consciousness to the ordered direction of God's thought and the development of a deeper understanding of the divine Plan unfolding.

[In the Tracks of Hercules – Lucis Trust, UK]

Hercules shines a light onto the Way, and highlights the challenges that humanity is collectively facing at present. This gateway indicates a supreme transformational 'labour' and can be seen as the individual and the collective seeking *choices that will lead from darkness to light*.

We have listened to the myth and its interpretation and it holds lessons for us at this present time. So let us give some consideration to the wisdom modelled for us by Hercules and his endeavours as we stand at the Gateway of this Scorpio Full Moon.

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 Sagittarian Full Moon. The opportunity offered indicates the benefits of 'a beam of directed, focussed Light, which leads ever onwards to wider fields of service.'

Reflective Consideration

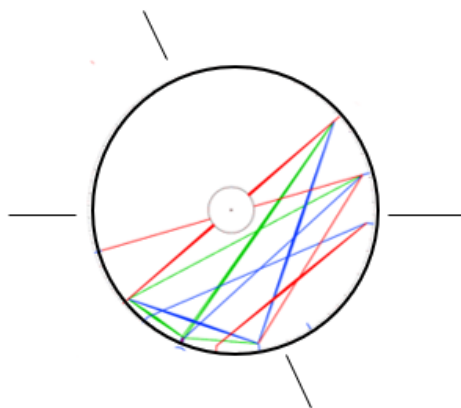
Under the influence of Sagittarius humanity finds itself reorienting to some new objective, with the task of refocussing towards a higher goal with the unfoldment of some basic and directing purpose. As we have heard the sign of Sagittarius is also called the sign of *silence* so let us take some time for the following consideration.

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

- ❖ What arrow of aspiration are you preparing to release?
- ❖ Creatively imagine the spiritual transformational target that you are aiming for with this arrow.
- ❖ It is known that *energy follows thought*. How are you cultivating the art of silence to craft this arrow?

Receptive Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Sagittarian Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Sagittarian Full Moon in 2021 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 Sagittarian Full Moon

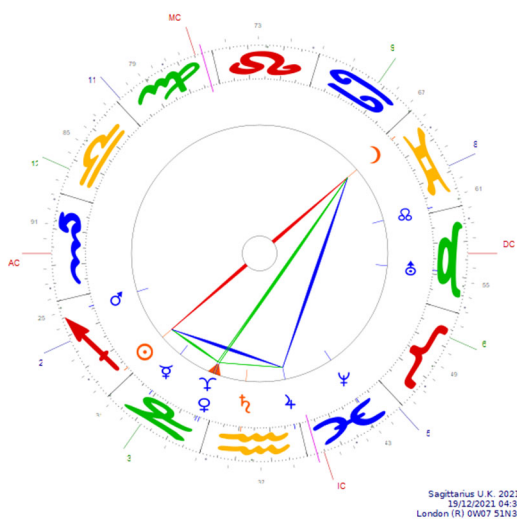
1. What form does this image convey?
2. What feelings arise in association with it?
3. What is the life and livingness conveyed by it?

A Synthesis of the Sagittarian Full Moon 2021 Influential Energies

The task before the Aspirant, Humanity, in the sign of Sagittarius is to gather all his forces into a one-pointed pursuit of the ever-unfolding vision of the Truth inspired by the soul. This sense of direction yields a new and growing realisation on this journey in consciousness. The *power of thought* is the director, *the arrow*, that leads to an intuitive and practical wisdom accrued in the crucible of relationships to aid in the betterment of earthly life.

Full or partial solar eclipses indicate a time of purification achieved through the conflict of pain and suffering. Opportunities arise that enable the archaic obstacles and hindrances from the collective unconscious to be addressed in the light of greater understanding. These self-limiting habits, attitudes and forms of thought are emerging now and calling for attention. This opportunity has occurred due to the recent solar eclipse at or around the time of the Sagittarian New Moon on the 4th of December.

Eclipses are a time of revelation bringing to the surface that which has been gestated in the inner consciousness of humanity over lifetimes. The planets in the South Node are in opposition to the moon and are indicative of old outdated forms of thought. These archaic mental constructs are *the Stympalian Birds that veil the Sun*. The South Node is in opposition to the North Node, which can be taken to indicate the next step on the way favoured by the soul of humanity for its personality. These are times which offer clearer sight of the necessary societal adjustments and are akin to the birthing pains of the new social regeneration that is underway.



The large aspect pattern shown here dominates the field and is known as *the megaphone*. It indicates an acute sensitive psychological awareness to situations currently in the social and economic environment. There is a distinct cloud of confusion due to the battle between established ossifying ways of being, conflicting with the new regenerative forces that lead inexorably to the future common good within society.

The field indicates inherent attentive and keen observational skills. This confers an ability to gather useful information from a wide variety of sources.

The information garnered from the dynamic ever changing medley of challenges informs the possibility of making wiser creative choices. However, the choices being made are within a constant fluidity of circumstances. This leads to an unsettling sense of instability and yet

choices to address the 'urgent' needs of the moment and the early glimpses of still to be recognised attendant consequences are now called for.

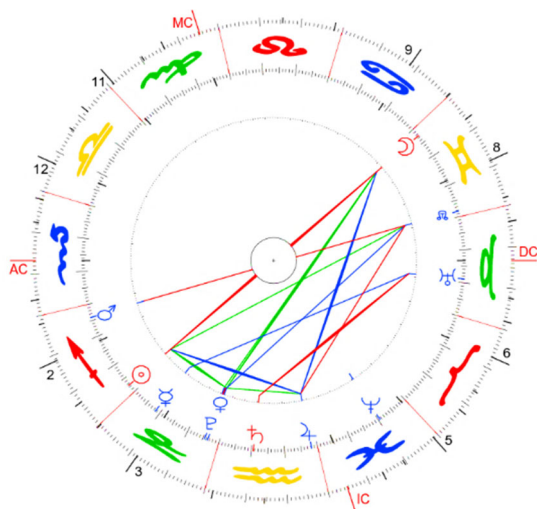
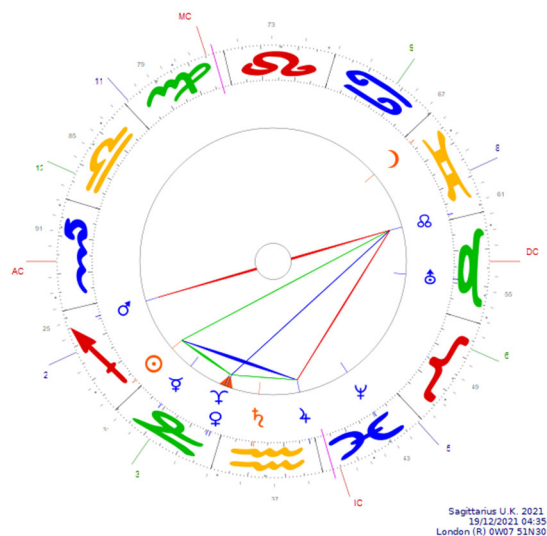
The current choices being considered make compromising demands on established ideologically based planning. Subtle changes to ensure maximum compliance are drawing on methods of emotional manipulation to secure acceptance of the methodologies currently being presented that will hopefully manage and contain the continuing threats from the pandemic. This approach is giving rise to resistance and rebellion in some parts of the community.

The megaphone resembles a paper dart giving an impression of dynamically fast actions whilst striving to retain a sense of security and calmness. However, this is offset by an unsettling sense of 'chop and change' and learning as we go.

The planets Venus and Pluto are at the apex and suggest that these influential planetary energies direct the outcome of the mental activities. The information and advice given has a manipulative effect within communities, societies, and nations, so creating a dependency on authority and leadership at a time when a clearer vision of the goal, of the way out of the dilemmas, is needed. Within the constant shifting instability there is a need to generate an autonomous self-reliance that counters dependency on others.

The surfer aspect pattern shown here is incorporated within the large structure and indicates a sensitivity to the necessary balance of power. The flimsy instability of the surfer gives rise to a mastery of adaptability. The psychology arising from this energy dynamic gifts a tolerance of the trivial or unpleasant. Associated with this there is currently a deeper need and search for justice and fairness for all within a greater whole.

The unsuspected Neptune infuses the field with an all-inclusive empathy and compassionate energy. This offers the ability to hold a vision dedicated to the will-to-good of all. It promotes the search for the visionary promise of a new society and culture, the seeds of which are stirring humanity within the current climate of tension, conflict, and confusion.



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04:35 am – London UK

"If it be now, 'tis not to come. If it be not to come, it will be now. If it be not now, yet it will come—the readiness is all." – William Shakespeare



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