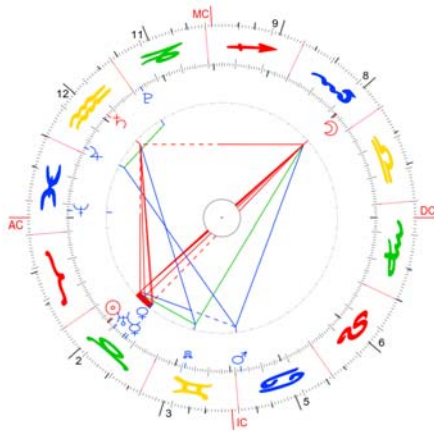




Taurus Full Moon Festival

27th April 2021 – *the day of safeguarding*

Personality: *Let struggle be undismayed.*

Soul: *I see and when the Eye is opened all is light.*



Wesak Festival in Taurus

Welcome everyone to this Sundial House Group for Creative Meditation online meeting. Each year at this time we strive to work with the Forces of Enlightenment, pouring in via the Taurus Full Moon which is also known as the Full Moon of the Buddha, the messenger from the East who brought light to the world and taught people to bring the mind into the light of understanding.

'Veiled and hidden by every form lies light. As evolution proceeds matter becomes increasingly a better conductor of light.'

Evolution means growth, development from one level or stage to another; it means movement, changing from an existing condition to another which is apparently more appropriate; this means transmutation, progress, either of form or consciousness. This process enables the plant to adapt to its surroundings so that it flourishes and thrives; it enables other creatures to survive in a hostile world and it has played and is continuing to play its part in the adaptation and development of human beings.

'The development of the human being is but the passing from one state of consciousness to another. It is a succession of expansions, a growth of that faculty of awareness that constitutes the predominant characteristic of the indwelling Thinker. '

Evolution makes it clear that this law offers revisioning and liberation, and far from constraining us is a releasing factor which opens the way to new perceptivity and reaction. No one reaches a higher state of consciousness on the path of evolution by skipping the hard bits. Only when the physical, emotional and mental substance of the personality has been through the fires of suffering and experience is it adequately refined and transmuted so that the next stage of wiser understanding can be achieved.

The overcoming of desire and attainment of detachment is one of the goals in Taurus. Desire has a primary function in the evolutionary process of humankind urging ever to the revelation and development of latent energies and applying them in action and thereby developing the faculties and skills necessary for daily life.

Transmutation and sublimation are brought about by the desire to overcome desire. In this way the horizontal desire for earthly things and pleasures of the senses are transformed into vertical desire, aspiration, and are spiritually transmuted. In Taurus opportunity is given to reform lower desire into love, and selfish will into the will to serve. Aesthetic sensibility opens the way to intuitive perception. It is said 'The red of greed and anger must be changed into the Golden light of illumination'.

The sensibility, drive and mind qualities of Taurus make it a good period for practical undertakings and for the bringing in of the Light of the Mind, the 'eye of Light which it is said in the gospel maketh the body full of light.

The current pandemic is highlighting the inequalities and injustices of the worldwide health care system. It has revealed how unequal our societies are. Within countries, and within communities, illness and death from Covid-19 has been higher among people and communities that contend with poverty, unfavourable living and working conditions, discrimination and social exclusion.

The COVAX initiative is currently gathering momentum as more nations seek to harness and contribute to this compassionate act of sharing vaccine supplies with low and middle income countries who need this support.

The inequalities being revealed nationally and internationally are gradually precipitating a change in consciousness. These inequalities are dangerous for the health and well-being of all societies and their economies. In the influential energies in Taurus we are being made to see the world situation in a new light. Our evolving scientific understanding of this mutating virus is inspiring us to act together in a worldwide effort to fundamentally redeem and safeguard the health of all. We are beginning to realise and engage with the fundamental necessity for all of us to commit to working together for a healthy equitable world.

The Affirmation 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 stand.

Labour 2: The Capture of the Cretan Bull

The Myth

Alone and still filled with deep distress, Hercules must rescue a sacred bull from its intended sacrifice to Minos, King of Crete and deliver it to the mainland where dwell the one-eyed men. On the island, where the bull is captive, is a vast maze, which can lure the adventurous to their bewilderment. Here, following the gleaming star shining from its forehead, Hercules pursues the bull from place to place. Single-handed, he captures it and rides it like a horse through the waters to the mainland, surrounded by the seven Sisters. He leads it to the Holy Place and delivers it safely to its chief guardians, three one-eyed Cyclops.

Interpretation of the Myth:

This second labour deals with the potent world of desire and leads the disciple to an understanding of the great Law of Attraction. The lesson concerns the nature of desire and its transmutation into aspiration, the right use of sex and the law that governs that magnetic force.

All these must be mastered for the disciple to control the bull of desire sufficiently enough to ride it across the waters of the emotional nature. In the myth, this effort is aided by a star of

illumination shining from the forehead of the bull that has a physical plane correspondence with the brilliant-fixed star Aldebaran, in the constellation of Taurus, and the nearby cluster of the Pleiades, the seven sisters.

Only when the soul is single in its purpose and free from the hold of matter will right action follow. When the disciple achieves this, the bull of desire is handed over to Cyclops, the initiate with the single eye, which is himself, the soul. Then begins the manifestation of the three divine aspects, spirit, soul and activity, represented by the three Cyclops of the myth. These begin to take control of a person once desire is transmuted into aspiration and spiritual will. The opportunity in Taurus then is the purification of form, its consecration and spiritualisation, so that the light may shine through it - the glorification of matter leading to illumination.

If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Group implications:

Today, the goal is attained through group effort and Alice Bailey writes of a new, subjectively linked group of servers who work within the influence of Taurus: "The group, therefore, which 'serves as Aquarius indicates' is the spiritual Hierarchy; the group which is 'speeded upon the upward Way' is the New Group of World Servers. This group is ruled by Taurus, and to it that divine Taurian energy brings 'illumination and the attainment of the vision'. This group is, figuratively speaking, the 'bull, rushing forward upon a straight line with its one eye fixed upon the goal and beaming light'. That goal is not the goal of Self-illumination, for that lies far behind; it is the goal of providing a centre of light within the world of men and of holding up the vision.

In The Tracks of Hercules © Lucis Trust

Reflective Consideration of the current situation

Under the influence of Taurus humanity finds itself with the need to reorientate itself to some new and selfless objective, with the task of refocussing towards a goal that lifts and aids others as a basic and directing purpose. The sign of Taurus is also called the sign of group *distribution* and *service*.

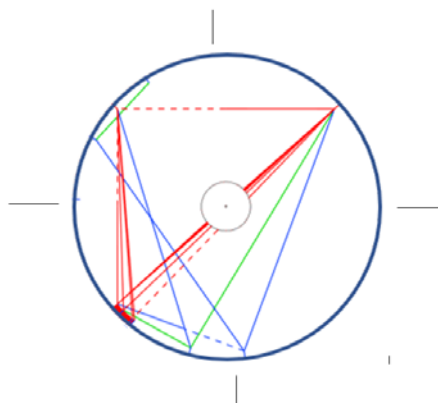
Take a moment to align with your centre of stillness and give consideration to the following three questions:

- ✚ 'No one is safe until everyone is safe'. How are we individually and together meeting this invitation to action?
- ✚ 'We die to the old every day and arise open to the new.' What new positive relationships is society awakening to?
- ✚ 'Jaw, jaw, not war, war.' What influences are at play that demonstrate this wisdom which has the potential to initiate positive change in our current local, national and international endeavours?

Receptive Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Taurus Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Taurus Full Moon in 2021 offers a pattern for contemplation of energies not usually or normally contacted at this time.

'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 opening to the language of the soul consider the image of the aspect patterns of the Taurus 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?

Group Analysis of the Taurus Full Moon Chart of 2021

The task before the Aspirant, Humanity, in the month of earthy Taurus is to become master of the desire nature and dedicate his creative work with the Law of Attraction into alignment with Divine intention and the fulfillment of the life purpose of the soul. This entails the illumination of the mind to the true nature of reality and the transmutation of desire, for so long misdirected towards selfish material satisfaction, into a one-pointed spiritual aspiration to be of service for the healing and upliftment of the whole.

General overview:

This chart conveys a coherent and broadly-based consciousness with all the components needed for growth and learning, provided the tendency to rigidity of thinking is overcome. Present in its purest expression, one source of transpersonal energy (unconditional Love and compassion) lies totally detached from the circuit of conscious awareness and hidden from view.

The emotional state of the populace remains the focus of attention in humanity's psyche, and the maintenance of security and stability is the overwhelming preoccupation. This is approached with an ambivalent attitude whereby dynamic goal-orientated activity with much expenditure (and wastage) of energy, alternates with a retreat into the pursuit of collective pleasures.

Beneath these diametrically opposed reactions to current challenges lies a nagging inner tension which holds the potential for deep transformative thinking and ultimately supports the changes necessary for progress.

Analysis:

The full moon opposition lies on the Axis of Possession where life energies are contracted in the effort to retain, consolidate and preserve those familiar conditions that have proved in the past to be comfortable and productive of an ordered society.

The deep-seated conflict to be resolved lies between the ego-centric desire nature of the long-suffering masses and a conscious, intellectual attitude which combines determined confidence and practical ingenuity, with all its thoughts and communications orientated towards building economic and financial systems that promote a sustainable material existence and a pleasant social life.

Achieving this goal is judged to entail urgent and concerted efforts to put systems and structures in place which can survive in the fast-moving information age with its challenges of interconnectivity and decentralization. Whilst activity to this end is going on behind the scenes and being vociferously promoted by those in charge, it is not being clearly defined and they lack the continuity and intensity of will required for success. In addition, the public is resistant to the needed discipline, being strongly attracted to the energetic pursuit of recreation and pleasure which is felt to be well-deserved.

Indeed, the continuing breakdown of the old power structures of the establishment is informing an optimistic and expansive sense of the emerging new social order and adding zest to the opportunities for collective enjoyment.

A third approach to the full moon impasse is stirred up by an impatience for the restoration of harmonious conditions in society. This approach sees the need to build bridges which will break down the oppositional positions. It sets out to bring the deep lack of ease being experienced in the collective into constructive relationship with the requirement for self-discipline and hard work to meet the current demands of social change. It instigates a new effort to present the information given out by 'the powers that be' in a more logical and accessible way, and one that fosters rational thought and clear communication exchange – something which, once again, the chart signposts as being the way forward. It also sets out to highlight the rich rewards such cooperation would engender for both sides of the conflict.

The final element to mention is the detached 2nd Ray energy of Love/Wisdom or Christ Consciousness. It appears to be watching as humanity undergoes once again the trials and tribulations associated with selfish desire. It appears to be waiting, ever patient and with infinite compassion, for the outcome of another round of humanity's evolutionary struggle to transmute instinct into intellect and thus move a step closer to expressing, to the fullest extent and for the saving of all kingdoms, its spiritual essence and glorious goal.

'A person is neither a thing nor a process but an opening or a clearing through which the Absolute can manifest.'

- Ken Wilber



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