



Virgo Full Moon

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'And the Word said, Let Matter reign.'

'I am the Mother and the Child. I, God, I, matter, am.'



The Sixth Labour of Hercules – Seizing the Girdle of Hippolyte

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 gain increasing wisdom.

The Mother of the World steadfastly radiates healing energy as guardian of the Presence, the soul seed in matter, thereby shielding, nurturing and finally revealing the spiritual reality that is hidden in every form. The creative processes made manifest in everyday life gradually reveal this evolving soul consciousness that is perpetually underway within Humanity. The energies available during the Virgo Full Moon Festival collaborate with this silent process of *being* and *becoming*.

On the day of each full moon, the day of *safeguarding* we are encouraged to keep a vigilant eye on the personality. During this *vigil* the lower nature is silenced in favour of a positive receptivity to the influential energies available during the Full Moon period. We are told that at these times it is almost as if a door, which at other times stands closed, suddenly opens wide to Cosmic, Universal and Planetary energies. At this time of esoteric vigilance, in harmony with the Virgo energies, Humanity contributes to the safeguarding of the embryonic Christ consciousness within form. For the use and application of the Soul's wisdom is *the hope and glory, the saving force* that will lift and aid Humanity as it works creatively to resolve the challenges it is facing at this time of national and international need.

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 Myth:

Hippolyte is the Queen of the Amazons, a great race of women warriors, to whom Venus, the Queen of Love, has given a girdle, the symbol of unity, achieved through the struggle of motherhood, and the custodial nurturing of the sacred Child. Travelling to the shores of her kingdom, Hercules fights Hippolyte and kills her for the girdle.

Too late, he realises that Hippolyte had not put up any struggle but under instruction from God had offered the girdle to Hercules. In a state of shock, Hercules sets forth to redeem this failure. While journeying back to the shores of the sea, he hears the screams of the beautiful Hesione being attacked and then swallowed by a sea monster. Hercules swims furiously out to sea to rescue her and, as the monster turns on him, opening its mouth to roar, Hercules rushes down the red tunnel of its throat, grasps Hesione and hews his way out of the serpent's belly. Thus, after slaughtering the feminine principle that gave him what he needed Hercules makes amends by rescuing that which also needed him.

Interpretation of the myth:

From some aspects, Virgo is said to be the oldest of the zodiacal signs and represents the mother, portrayed, down the ages, by figures such as Isis, Eve and the Virgin Mary. Mary carries the portrayal of the quality of this sign the furthest, for she bears the sacred Child in her arms. It is in Virgo that the Christ consciousness is conceived and nurtured in the "womb of time". Virgo concerns the whole goal of the evolutionary process, to shield, nurture and, finally to reveal the hidden spiritual reality.

Virgo is known as the Goddess of Virtue or of Vice, and, in this labour, both these qualities are evoked in Hercules' nature. At first, in this labour, he fares badly for, despite obtaining his objective, the girdle of unity, his lack of love and understanding leads him to fight and kill Hippolyte for what she offered. His mishandling of the feminine principle, however, is ultimately redeemed by his deed of love in saving Hesione.

Those who first put foot on the spiritual path, yearning to free themselves from that which has ruled and enslaved their spiritual nature for so long, often consider the body the root of all evil. But this is not so, for the purpose of human incarnation is to redeem matter, to raise it into heaven through the birth and rule of the Christ consciousness. In the legend, the Amazons' worship of the moon (the form nature) and of Mars, the God of war, shows a lack of awareness of their own true function. The disciple in Virgo demonstrates an understanding of the feminine principle of nature through a changed perspective, symbolised by Mary pictured with the moon under her feet and the one to be known as the Prince of Peace in her arms.

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

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Reflective Consideration of the current situation

Reflectively consider the following three questions, as the opportunities offered during the Virgo period not only protect and nurture the germ of soul awareness but are tasked to bring it gradually into the field of experience and awareness.

- ❖ What solutions do you notice emerging within the current crises?
- ❖ What approaches have you become aware of that are meeting the needs in society?
- ❖ Are you noticing how fresh understanding is highlighting changes that will foster right human relations, goodwill and unity?

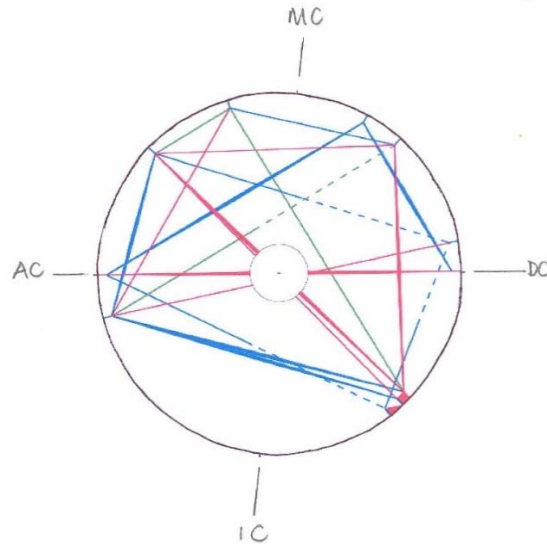
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Receptive Meditation – The Aspect Image of the Virgo Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspect patterns at the exact time of the Virgo 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



Consideration:

Take a moment to align 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?

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An analytical synthesis of the 2020 Virgo Full Moon chart

Humanity at this time is influenced by Virgo and the Mother of the World who is custodian of the feminine principle guarding the sacred mission of service. The Virgo period mothers the Christ consciousness in all of us and reveals this hidden truth within the rhythm of right timing, so that it can be safely birthed into manifestation in the sign of Capricorn.

The Huber chart for the precise time of the full moon is marked by tremendous challenges and internal tension, covered over with a harmonious appearance. The deep conflict being highlighted and emphasised for transformation is an ‘us versus them’ impasse. On one side there is a conscious approach to life which employs practical fact-driven rationality and precision in detail. On the other side there is an emotional, relationship-orientated approach. This conflict is resulting in creative new ideas about how to innovate new systems which will improve the quality of life overall.

The global catalyst for radical change is allowing reflection on the established norms of how individuality can be expressed in society. This relates to how we socialise, engage in

romantic relationships, and to how we encourage and foster the unique talents of children. There is pressure for a more relaxed, family-orientated approach to the way we interact in all modes of group activity. Emerging from the chaos, a glimpsed vision of universal inclusivity and altruistically motivated cooperation resonates with this theme and offers hints for resolution of current impasses.

An urgent need for more adaptable and accessible methods of top-down communication is being felt and the chart indicates that this is the way forward. While a long-term process of inner change is underway, positive small experiments are constantly being tried out in the public sphere. These experiments are forming part of a drastic new methodology which has the potential to transform the relationship between the impulse to immediate action and the need for scientific rigour.

This is feeding into a creative process of growth working within the very core of society, instilling a new faith and confidence in humanity's capacity to rise to the challenge and resolve the crises with which it is presented.

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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."

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