

### **NewMoonAugust 2011. One last dance.**

Typically, when I write these articles, I focus on the chart of a single Moon Phase and my writing is an attempt to describe the feeling of a point in the collective journey. My sense now is that you will be better served if I describe the Moon's journey all the way around the Earth for the coming month, using the degree symbols to write the story. I predict that although this will be interesting reading now, it will make much more sense come September 27th, at the next New Moon. Keep it somewhere so you can read it then.

Here are the energies highlighted in this New Moon on August 28th: the Sun/Moon conjunction (New Moon) is in Virgo 6, "Revelers dancing around a maypole." Mercury just went direct in Leo 19, "Revelers on a river raft floating to the ocean." And there is a T-Square, an aspect pattern identifying what we are being asked to embody, to incarnate, pointing to Pluto in Capricorn 5, "Long boats on the way to festivities down river."

It seems like this will be quite a Burning Man! And maybe it will. But although some aspects of this year's Burn will be fresh, and some participants New, there is a feeling overall that we've maybe gone a little far with the whole thing. Of course you know I'm using burning man as a metaphor for something larger, right? Still dancing around the maypole in late August? When the band strikes up that same tune that has elicited such lively dancing, when the lusty lads and lasses hook elbows for another "hey ho away we go," don't you feel your feet dragging? Is it something wrong with you or have you just been here enough?

Then on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup>, Jupiter, the planet of what's next, goes retrograde in Taurus 11, "Fairies enshrouding a garden in mist." So we initiate this cycle with an energy of doing one more lap around the maypole just because, and as the fading energy fades some more, a sense of dreaminess comes over us. I imagine the revelers finding themselves wandering alone, feeling a sort of spiritual hangover, wondering "how did I get here again?"

Jupiter Retrograde in Taurus is bound to produce a withdrawal into-self, and in this degree it says something about magic working to ensure that the normally fixed sense of self that Taurus represents is very permeable, able to allow new energies in. A withdrawal into a fog, sixth sense heightened.

Then on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the  $\frac{1}{2}$  waxing, we find ourselves cast entirely adrift. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  waxing Moon is in Sagittarius 12, "A flag made of feathers is cast loose and drifts away." What do you stand for? What was the banner flying from your tent at the festival? Suddenly you realize it's gone. How un-Taurean, to realize you don't know what you stand for anymore. Or maybe the true Taurus energy is in the tentative first steps towards something new?

The waxing half of the cycle is all about the internal feeling of the journey, while the waning half has to do with the meaning. Waxing cycles are about your ability to hang in there with the challenges, to move through the old places without flinching. Well, what does it feel like when you start a new cycle? How is the internal sense of having been cast loose an energy you would resist? Try not to – try to drift away, towards whatever the new world is going to be like.

Which leads us to the **Full Moon of September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 2011, in Pisces 20, "Under a tree a table laden with nuts, berries, and other natural and raw foods." Pisces is the sign of the waxing half of the cycle – it is the sign of where we are trying to get in our Earth Journey. When we take the initiation of the New Moon as a seed down into the Earth at the  $\frac{1}{2}$  waxing, we are seeking the water of the Piscean ocean, the electromagnetic sea of the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension. Swimming there with our dreams and ancestors are the elementals and the angels. All of them wanting to see you there, to welcome you to the Earth. This month, as you allow yourself to be enshrouded in mist, are cast loose and drift away, you come suddenly upon a reward. The "laden table" is giving sustenance back to you to replace the world you have let go. Each encounter, each conversation, each interaction during this Full Moon will be amazing, sustaining, nourishing. Natural and raw food for the open and hungry spirit.

And you will come to realize more than ever, through the waning half of the journey, what really is meaningful to you after all. I sense that this is when a collective bohemian existentialism will finally come forth. When dwelling in this society amid all its separative patterns will lose its luster entirely. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  Moon waning always says something about the direction of the journey. It's as though, no matter where we start on the New Moon, we're heading to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  waning. So this month, we start as revelers, become enshrouded in a magical

mist, are cast loose, find ourselves at a table of nourishment – all of it is in preparation for the ½ **waning on September 20<sup>th</sup>**. In that moment, the Moon resides in the 28<sup>th</sup> degree of Gemini, **“Leaving his wealth behind, a man wanders away.”** This represents, to me, a moment of collective realization. Of being willing to do what it takes to walk away from the folly of continuing in our separative consumer-frenzy. So many of the great teachers have taken the path AWAY. Holism is in the collective, and collectively we are being asked (and we know it) to leave behind us all the central dogmas that have us stuck in the idea that we need MORE to be happier. It has nothing to do with fixing the old way and everything to do with creating something entirely new.

What happens when we wander away is that we are really putting all of our faith and trust in whatever comes next. The outer planet energies from now through 2020 at least are not going to let us stay in our old ways of doing things. Big sweeping change is not just needed, it is indicated. All the signs say the time is now. Leave the old ways behind. Believe that something better is next.

It is not a revolution that will lead us into our positive, meaningful future. We will simply step away from the institutions and the dogmas. The separative sense of “wealth” that politicians, bankers, oil-giants and pharmaceuticals have jammed down our throats for a hundred years and more will finally be seen for what it is – a suicidal addiction to violence and apathy, to living on more than there is. To knowing that change is necessary but putting it off until later.

Allow yourself one more dance around the maypole. Not many parties last 100 years. Make sure that, before you finally wander away from the 20<sup>th</sup> century, you really are done with it.

At this moment, on this New Moon, at 8:03 PM Pacific Time on August 28<sup>th</sup>, plant the seed, for this month, of finally wearing it out. Whether you were in active, demonstrative acceptance of that way of living or in active, demonstrative denial, you gave it energy. And underneath it all, you’ve felt this coming.

Now, gentle readers, the new world is here now. It is time to walk away from the old. I predict that by the end of this month of Moons, you will be ready to start a new century.

Hey ho here we go, away from the old ways!

May the Moon set you free,

Jon

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