

New Moon in Leo 2011. We're all part of the Plan, man.

From a technical point of view, it's astrological machaca out there. The Sun/Moon/Venus in Leo conjunction involved in a bunch of what in Huber astrology are called Learning Triangles, in which "... there is a procedure that conditions growth by an ongoing crisis mechanism and opens up great opportunities for development." Well, duh.

In this case, the Sun, Moon and Venus are conjunct in showy Leo. So there's this overarching demonstrative, not to say histrionic, sense to the whole thing. The Leonine desire to be impressive is reinforced by all the asteroids, which want to keep up appearances at all costs. But these tendencies to perform on the surface level are in serious tension with Jupiter in Taurus, which will only put up with things that make sense to him and will utterly retreat from any confusion or chaos. Which is inevitable, because there are these crisis mechanisms built in to the circuit. The mechanism is Jupiter's readiness to move on having nothing to do with Saturn's attention to frustration and old wounds.

Anyway, on to how it feels, and what there is to learn from it.

It's like you've developed a taste for things to deal with. There's a process here. Step one: you know how to deal with it. Step two: you magnetize it. Step three: you feel proud of you ability to deal with it. Step four: magnetize more of it.

It's as though your ability to take care of all these little things becomes who you are and who you are pulls in more of it and you do everything right. You think that if you make a ritual out of it, you can put it behind you. Except that just brings more. Step five: Loop it into an eternal battle to stay on the brittle surface over the bowels of existential agony.

It'll make you old before your time.

Suddenly you realize you've been living in a fool's paradise, a world that exists for others, without you. Your superfunctionality has made you a stranger to yourself. So you pull back in. Things can fall apart out there if they need to. If it doesn't make sense to you, you are not engaging it. But this way is old, too. You're down at the end of this road.

There's a big billboard out there – it's got pictures of you on it. One side is manic, grandiose in everything that's right about you, and one side is pulled apart, self-contradicting, full of destiny riddles. These two sides are very far apart. Which makes them a really powerful "crisis mechanism."

And here's the thing – our sense of identity is hooked into how we respond to the crisis. Which means that there is an ego component involved, which means that we are going for another ride.

In my case, I'm trying to write this without using words like religion and god, because some of my clients are uncomfortable with this. But the key to getting out of the loop is to let go of separative egoic notions about what other people want and what you know. The truth is we are all, whether we are religious fundamentalists or atheists or somewhere in between, parts of the same thing called humanity. God is a really quick way to bring to mind something that it takes too long to describe without using that word. Religion implies a sense that there is a god, and that being in relationship with that god helps.

Getting out of the loop requires us to renew the source-spring of self-compassion and self-forgiveness, to take tiny steps toward self-understanding. A sense of being part of a divine plan is the only way I know to do that.

We have at all times an opportunity to recognize ourselves and others as parts of some greater design. We get to say “I am part of a plan. All my actions, efforts, greatnesses and failings, are part of this.”

The separation of humanity from the sense of the divine is the true intention of the dark force. When words like god and religion feel uncomfortable to you, it is evidence of the separation. When your identity is hooked into how others think of you, it is evidence of the separation. When you retreat from the world because it is too much for you, it is evidence of the separation.

So I give up. I am part of God’s plan, and I believe that God would like for all of us to get a little less “spiritual” and a lot more religious. Because there is ego in spirituality and there is unity in religion. And I forgive you if this feels uncomfortable, and hope you forgive me for expressing my truth.

So I end up in a good place, allowing myself to be true to myself and also true to the chart for this New Moon in the 8th degree of Leo. The Pleiadian symbol for this degree is, ***“A new religion re-embodiment ancient principles.”***

There was once a way of being in harmony with all other people and creatures. There was once a way of thinking of everything in the world as sharing the quality of having been created by God.

This Saturday, July 30th at 11:40 Pacific time the Moon is New in the sign of Leo, the sign of the Inner Christ. Bring an awareness of the divine back in to your life. Forgive yourself and each and every other person on this planet. Love yourself, right where you are, and from there love each and every other person on this planet.

God made us all.

Insha Allah. Ojala.

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