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New Moon in Leo August 9, 2010

The Lion roars as the New Moon in Leo awakens our spirit and encourages us to listen to our heart. The word courage come from the Latin word for the heart, Cor, which literally means to take heart. As mythologist Joseph Campbell would say “Follow your Bliss”. This New Moon is referred to as a Crisis Moon or Super Moon. This is when the Moon reaches it's perigee closest to the earth.

My favorite Solar myths for the Leo archetype are the Arthurian Grail legends which are essentially stories of wounding and healing. The King is wounded in the groin (this is before viagra) and the kingdom becomes barren. It's not until Parsifal (inner fool) goes on a quest to discover a magical vessel of healing and plenty- the Grail. The King is not a King who has been injured and recovering so he is the Wounded King. The healing finally takes place through the asking of a question, which sets into motion not only the healing of the King, but also the land. The quest for the Grail is really about the quest for healing, renewal and recovery. The triple conjunction between Venus, Mars and Saturn in Libra evoke the image of the “Wounded King calls on the ancient feminine for healing and reconciliation.

The New Moon in Leo is a favorable time to look for love and romance. However, it is vital that you set intentions to who you love and how you want to be loved. We need to bless those

who challenge us to love more fully, for they are great teachers who show us when we are open hearted or closed hearted. When you keep your heart locked, you can never free yourself from the cocoon and enjoy the freedom of the butterfly.

The Sabian Symbol for the New Moon reads: A Chemist conducts an experiment for his students. Keynote: In inquiring into the hidden process of nature, the human mind experiences the thrill of discovery. It is a symbol of Alchemy. Venus squares Pluto if a loved one is pushing for deep emotional commitment guard against compulsive reaction. This is not the time to yield to manipulative tactics.

Ceres (Earth Mother/Agriculture) makes her station and moves direct on the 8th at 21 degrees of Sagittarius. Mother Russia continues to bake under this prolonged heat wave, All high temperature records have been beaten (100 degrees and above), never has this country seen anything like this. Seventy one people drowned in a single day as many sought relief from a sever heatwave by jumping into lakes and rivers. Major fires continue to erupt most in western Russia and at least 2,000 homes have been destroyed. Russia is also experiencing the worst drought in over 130 years, coupled with the high temperatures causing the crops (Wheat, Barley) to wilt and shrivel. Looking at the horoscope for the New Russia transiting Ceres conjuncts Mars (heat/fire) in Sagittarius and will reach her return point in September!

Uranus drifts back in to Pisces on the 13th and will be there until March 12, 2011. Both Pisces and the 29th degree of any sign have to do with endings. Old emotional issues may resurface and unfinished business is afoot. Letting go of old attachments will free and liberate us from the anchors of the past. Time to clear the decks before we set sail when Uranus re-enters Aries next March. Give up and let it go !

Mercury turns retrograde on the 20th at 19 degrees of Virgo. This is a favorable time to review, reaccess and revise our daily routines. Mercury retro cycle can give rise to all kinds of sudden communication breakdowns, especially with electronics, computers, phones, printers, fax machines, ipods etc. If you do travel during Mercury retrograde be sure to review you personal schedules for any reservations, time and dates that have been made during this time. The upside of Mercury retrograde is excellent time for reorganization and reflection. Mercury turns direct on September 12 and reaches his shadow point on the 27th. The Sabian Symbol for Mercury retrograde reads: A Caravan of cars headed to the West Coast. Keynote: The need of cooperative effort in reaching any “ New World” of experience.

Saturn squares Pluto on the 21st for the last dance between these two cosmic heavy weights. Historically, Saturn/Pluto cycles are times of conservative empowerment. The rise of far right wing groups such as the Tea Party, the Nazi movement, along with the surge of Para Military, Militia, and hate groups shows a 250% rise in Patriot groups according to civil rights report.

The good news according to Richard Tarnas in his classic *Cosmos and Psyche* that Jupiter/Uranus cycles historically mark times of progressive/Liberal empowerment. Exactly how all this will ultimately shake out is unclear. However, come November get ready for the big smack down (metaphorically speaking) between the dark (Saturn/Pluto) versus the light (Jupiter/Uranus). The question remains will the Democrats hold both the house and senate? Or, will there be another conservative/reactionary revolution taking back the reins of power and control ? We shall see come November ?

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“ In love, we must become the guardians of each others solitude”.
~Rainer Maria Rilke