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New Moon in Libra October 7, 2010

New Moon's are times of new beginnings, planting seeds and setting intentions. This is the first New Moon of the Autumn season, and it ushers in the dark season. From now until spring the nights are longer than the days. Autumn is associated with maturity, harvest, death and eventual rebirth. Just as the dying Sun is sure to return, so too, will the seeds buried deep into Earth Mother's womb.

The glyph for Libra is a symbol of the setting Sun. The ancients thought it to be an altar to the gods of light. Sunset is a sacred time as many of our elders tell us that when the sky begins to turn orange the doors to the spirit world are open, and the veil between the two worlds is at its thinnest. This is also the time we begin to light the fire for the sacred sweat lodge ceremony. The sign Libra corresponds to the West on the Medicine Wheel, and is referred to as the "looks within place", a point of reflection and healing. The totem is the Grizzly Bear who retreats into its cave to renew and heal itself.

With the New Moon in Libra, this is one of the most favorable times to look at our relationships with others through objective eyes. Do we attract relationships into our lives that are positive and supportive, or do we attract others that drain us on both emotional and psychic levels? In the words of Kenny Rodgers "You gotta know when to hold'em, know when to fold'em".

This is an excellent time to examine our relationship with ourselves. Libra needs to understand that self love is something internally generated and not dependent on finding the significant other for

fulfillment! Remember, Chinese proverb says "He who looks to others for fulfillment, will never be fulfilled".

Venus, the ruler of Libra, turns retrograde on the 7th; the very day of the New Moon! In mythology Venus/Aphrodite is the goddess of love and beauty. She carries with her a large mirror to admire her own reflection. Looking at the glyph for Venus, it reminds me of a hand mirror? So Venus is connected with our self image, personal appearance, and our desire to look good. When Venus turns retrograde, it is time to reassess, review, or re-prioritize the values and intention of our relationships. Sometimes commitment may be withheld or put into a holding pattern until Venus turns direct? If there is stress within an existing relationship, this is a favorable time for reconciliation and forgiveness. Frequently old loves or relationships may resurface at this time. The bottom line is that if the relationship has a solid foundation then the relationship will continue to maintain and sustain itself. On a more esoteric level according to Alice Bailey the planet Venus is to the planet earth what the higher self is to the personality. Venus is one of the seven sacred planets whereas the earth is not.

Mercury conjuncts Saturn on the 8th in Libra. This is a favorable time for strategic planning and analyzing your career situation. Catch up on correspondence and bills, organize files, clean the office, and focus on efficient functioning. Avoid business deals or signing papers as matters will be delayed. Be prepared for disappointing news from authority figures.

Ceres (Earth Mother) enters Capricorn on the 9th and conjuncts Pluto (renewal) on the 19th. This suggests that a major environmental, ecological crisis could be on the horizon. Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and powerful hurricanes are likely scenarios. Watch for food shortages and possible contamination in the news. This could also highlight the government's role as caretaker and the need for serious reform. Ceres in Capricorn identify nurturance with achievement. In mythology Ceres and Pluto have a long history together. When Pluto/Hades kidnapped Ceres' daughter Persephone, he took her into the underworld and raped her. When Ceres (Demeter), the Earth Mother, got word of this, she became really pissed off and went into a foul mood. During her mourning she allowed nothing to grow (crops) and the earth became barren. Zeus (Jupiter) sent the messenger Mercury to work out a compromise with the lord of the underworld where Persephone would spend six months in the upper world (Spring/Summer) and return to the underworld for six months (Fall/Winter). However, during her stay in the underworld Persephone did become empowered as Queen.

Transiting Pluto in Capricorn opposes Venus in Cancer in the U.S. Sibly chart. The financial markets continue to be volatile as the government puts forth progressive efforts to restructure and reform the banking industry, and hopefully end the "business as usual mentality"? Last week was a huge setback for "Don't ask, Don't tell" (DADT) advocates as the senate failed to move a vote for a defense bill that contained language that would have overturned (DADT), the military' ban on gays and lesbians serving openly. It appears to me that the government (Capricorn) will continue to banish those who are willing to serve openly into the hidden underworld. With Saturn (Government) in Libra (Relationships) one would think our government would have sense of duty

and responsibility to uphold and enforce equal rights opportunities for all.

Jupiter and Uranus are still performing their last dance in Pisces asks us to have faith with our old truths, beliefs, visions and have the courage to integrate them into our lives with new and fresh enthusiasm..The degree for the New Moon reads: A man who has just left the banquet table in a dazed condition, holding his hands to his head trying to remember something. Denotes one who is too psychic for strong drink and strong food, which throws him off balance. It is a symbol of Obsession.

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