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November 4, 2015

Merry Greetings!

We have moved fully into the dark half of the year (days having become short, nights long). Pagans – who tend to follow the agricultural-based Wheel of the Year - view this as an introspective and creative time. When we lived as a society during agrarian times, we would have spent these days indoors after a long hard spring, summer and fall of planting, harvesting and preparing food, wood and supplies necessary for winter survival. Conserving physical strength, the focus would be on studies and crafting. We have also moved fully into the astrological Saturn transit through Sagittarius: Saturn will occupy the sign of Sagittarius from December 23, 2014 to June 14, 2015; and then finishes up its transit from September 17, 2015 to December 20, 2017 (Saturn transits last approx 2 ½ years). Sagittarius rules the 9th House of philosophy, higher education, religion, esoteric thought, foreign matters, and the unending search for meaning and truth. What are we up for, with this transit?

Quote by AstroGeek (www.agskylab.blogspot.com): *“Saturn in Sagittarius will be testing you, specifically on your most deeply held ideals. He will push and prod you, having your back pressed further and further up against the wall, to see what guns you will stick to, and what you will sacrifice in the name of self-preservation. This will not be easier than Scorpio. He will not be kind”.*

Over the past month and a half, there has been a steady influx of people coming into the shop (both existing patrons and others new to Talisman) deeply questioning their faith path or looking for ways to strengthen their particular spiritual practice. While Saturn was transiting Scorpio, we experienced endings – now, free of encumbrances, we look to blaze new trails as Sagittarius is truly the sign of the gypsy and world traveler. But Saturn will not allow us to serve two masters

comfortably – paying lip service to one Faith to keep one's family happy (say) while covertly practicing another will only bring confusion and spiritual delays. Yes, I have always said it is good to examine other faiths and extract elements that enhance your own spiritual practice (such as Buddhist meditation and Zen) but that is NOT what I am talking about here! I am referring to spiritual hypocrisy – the sort of mentality that demands school prayer but only if those prayers are directed to the Deity THEY hold sacred. Or going into the Confessional before attending Mass to confess the same sins that will be repeated the following week. In other words, we are being forced to “Walk Our Talk.” And hey, I'M not judging you ... I am just saying that under this transit, this sort of mindset will be self-defeating at best and see you exposed as a hypocrite at worst. Sagittarius demands truth, and we are already seeing this in the mainstream media – examples include the “Family Values” spokesperson Josh Duggar's infidelity scandal; anchorman Brian Williams' admitted news fabrication (hell, ALL the news “fabrications” that have hit the airwaves!); leaders in the antigay movement falling headfirst out of the closet; exposure of pharmaceutical companies raising prices astronomically following Turing's increase of 5,000 percent of the old drug (Daraprim) after it was found to be effective in treating AIDs/HIV infections. Blah Blah Blah – it goes on and on.

Here is a classic example (granted, it's from 2012 but so beautiful I have to include it): <https://youtu.be/SYoOPgeTMQc>

But how does one effectively find a new spiritual path, or change/alter the one they are currently on? Well, hopefully you are in this place of investigation after having realized what you HAD believed or put your faith in was no longer working for you - or maybe it never did? The first thing you generally realize is that you have to stop being reliant on outside things, ideals, and opinions to the detriment of your own integrity and autonomy. That is, you stop being a people-pleaser and begin working to please yourself. If you are following a guru – you may become disenchanted. Just sayin' ...

Selfish, you say? Hmmmm ... if you don't make yourself happy, who do you suppose will, huh?

You also begin to recognize that you can no longer run away from your authentic self. Signs and omens will be everywhere, you become internally and externally haunted by the inevitable required change. Understand that Saturn's slow progression of transits through the 12 astrological signs are not only meant to teach and transform you; this is really about helping you live into your personal Destiny. Because you have the **right** to be different, dammit! And I am telling you, over the past 8 ½ years that have passed since opening Talisman, I have seen and heard story after story of individuals too shy and afraid to expose themselves to ridicule or disapproval ... but once they begin to display or wear their stones and crystals, burning incense

and sage to clear their homes/places of business energetically, stop hiding their books and candles – and more importantly, they stop apologizing for wanting to experience something out of the sphere of perceived normalcy – EVERYTHING changes. In many cases I am delighted to report this led to others' expressing an interest or sharing the experience. And for some, when their change or difference was met with derision or persecution, the strength to sever ties was found.

Look, no one can tell you what you are supposed to believe any more than they can tell you what you are supposed to be when you grow up. Sorry, but these times are not about finding a guru ... they are about going within and learning what's right for you. Granting yourself permission to move out into the bigger world, exploring new ideas and past the narrow confines of your personal comfort zone. Hey, they don't call it a spiritual "path" for nothing! But I will say, look to your past to help define your future. Where are you from? How did your ancestors worship? Saturn in Sagg wants you to peel the onion, go back to the generation that lived off the land and practiced an earth-based (Pagan) spirituality. This will undoubtedly lead to a Shamanic experience – GO THERE! Astrology, if it interests you (Vedic or Western both have their merits) can highlight your personal strengths and weaknesses and determine how to work through planetary transits that affect you. Learn your natal chart, review your astrological solar return annually.

Where is your passion? Go beyond Reiki 101 or Meditation for Dummies ... what would you be studying or working on if there was no one around to say you couldn't do it? Do you love the stones - How about a crystal gridding class? Love being out in your garden - How about getting your certificate in herbology? Enjoy energy work - How about reflexology or look into studying some energetic healing modality to move you beyond Reiki? Are you a camper, someone who loves being deep in nature? Have you experienced a sweat lodge? Astrology, divination, midwifery, mediumship – or crafts from another era such as blacksmithing, soap making, spinning/weaving. Learn to play a musical instrument! A foreign language! Saturn in Sagittarius casts a wide net indeed; but Saturn demands excellence and mastery. So rather than being a "Jack of all trades, Master of none" pick something that speaks to your soul and stick with it. Keep yourself occupied and in a correct frame of mind, while you await your "Ah-HA!" moment of spiritual clarity.

**And you have to understand ...
That all you had to do was live this long!
Was to fight to be so soft and strong;
Was to pass the harshest, most unyielding test
Of trusting that you could be blest**

To walk differently to all the rest!

From *The Feast of Flesh & Spirit* by Ly de Angeles

NEW-AGE FAIRES HELD EVERY SATURDAY

12:00pm-6:00pm - (203) 261-0047 for appointments

Readers (\$30/30 minutes - cash only)

Please call in advance for readers' schedules as they are subject to change

To see our Readers' background information, visit:

<http://www.talismanct.com/images/Readerslist14.pdf>

November 7

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

Susan - Tarot (Mediumship)

November 14

Andrew Neblett - Tarot and Runes

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

November 21

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

Rachel – Tarot or Animal Communicator (pets welcome or can work from photo) (Mediumship)

Susan - Tarot (Mediumship)

Whitney - Chair Reiki (\$20/15min or \$30/30min)

November 28

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Niki - Angel Cards

The designation of "mediumship" is NOT a guarantee that your loved one(s) will present themselves in the reading - it means the channel is open and a particular reader is skilled at recognizing and then relaying information when/if it comes through.

Talisman's Regularly-Scheduled Readers

(203) 261-0047 for appointments - Cash payment requested

Fridays: Mark Hoyt: Spirit Guided Tarot - Foot Reflexology Treatments 2-8pm. \$30/30 minutes. .

We do things a bit differently at Talisman. You pay our readers AFTER the reading is finished, and if you are not happy you don't pay. NO READER can read EVERYONE successfully and everyone who works at Talisman is aware of this fact. Know that it is acceptable after the first 5 minutes of a reading to say something like, "I'm sorry, what you are saying just isn't resonating with me. I would like to stop the reading now, but thank you for your time". If you do not hear something amazing in the first five minutes, or if it just isn't right ... don't expect a reading to get better as it goes on. Readings go off track for a number of reasons - but the point is, you shouldn't pay if you are not happy. Please, just be courteous and respectful. Complaints are rare because every reader has had to pass the "ultimate interview" ... they must sit and read ME (and I've been reading over 25 years myself) and tell me something about my past/personal life, my children, home, or business that they could not possibly have heard or learned someplace else. But every reader has their unique gift and their own style, it is NOT one size fits all. Personally, I don't think anyone should get a reading more than once every 6-8 weeks and prefer you allow at least 3 months between readings ... you don't want to become a psychoholic, right? I WILL discourage you from this behavior! My goal is to see people leave an "intuitive counseling session" (because that is really what we do) feeling validated, uplifted and hopeful regardless of the situation or challenges they may be facing. That is the true measure of a "good" reading!

Available by Appointment:

Talisman's readers are available for parties and events. You can pay by the hour or allow us to set up and have your guests/attendees pay individually. We do our best to be flexible and fairly priced. Our party rates are \$70 an hour, plus gas/mileage OR guests can pay if they choose to get readings at \$1/minute. Please make all scheduling arrangements through Laura at (203) 261-0047. We also book private parties at the shop, with readers of your choice. Just ask!

Reflexology Fridays with Mark: This ancient healing art uses hand/thumb pressure corresponding to the body systems. The practice stimulates/relaxes stress signals resulting in

relaxation (who DOESN'T love having their feet rubbed?), pain reduction, and rejuvenation of tired feet -- helping you stand tall in the world! Come in after a hard week of work and treat yourself in Mark's chair (\$30/30 minutes).

Laura: I do special, in-depth readings by appointment. My 45+ minute private sessions include a chakra check up, a print out and review of your astrological natal chart, tarot and palm reading, and more! (\$50). Call the shop for an appointment, as I schedule these when the shop is closed or after-hours. I am also doing private half hour sessions (\$30) before hours and on weekends. Phone sessions are \$20 for a half hour, so many people live far away and are asking. Yes, I still do **\$5 readings** on **Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday** but these are done in-between phone calls and waiting on patrons - you can't make an appointment, and I do get interrupted. These mini-readings usually last about 10-15 minutes. As long as there are no other scheduled readers in the shop (they drive in from a distance and it's just not fair to them) I am always happy to peek at someone's palm or throw a few cards, so don't hesitate to ask!

THE CIRCLE OF THE SACRED WELL PRESENTS

December

Event: Shamanic Sunday - Meditation Workshop

Date: Sunday ~ December 6th ~ Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Undercroft at Talisman

Join us for this monthly meditation workshop, held on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to learn techniques for lowering stress levels and anxiety using grounding, centering and visualization exercises, then this workshop is for you! Each month, we also feature a different semi-guided meditation designed to help with spiritual and personal growth and wellness. This month, the meditation topic is 'Growth & Change'.

Event: Yule Celebration - Sabbat & Potluck

Date: Sunday ~ December 20th ~ Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Shelton - RSVP for Address

This will be the last Circle event of 2015! Join us in celebration of the Yule Sabbat. There will be a ritual, followed by a potluck meal. Please bring a covered dish to share.

NOTE: This event is semi-open. To attend, you must have attended at least 3 open Circle events in the past. Please contact Mandy at arianowl@yahoo.com for details and to RSVP.

Merry Meet! Hope to see you at a Circle event soon!

Community Events

The Connecticut Wiccan Pagan Network (CWPN) Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational and networking organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the greater Wiccan and Pagan community in Connecticut and surrounding areas. The goal is to help provide a forum for Wiccans and Pagans to meet others of "like mind" and to come together and worship in a safe environment. Our hope has been to construct a sense of "community" in which we can all share with and learn from one another. Membership is open to all Wiccans, Pagans, and those with a serious interest in learning more about our religion. If you are under 18 years of age you may join with written parental consent. We reserve the right to refuse or terminate membership of anyone who we feel may be harmful to our organization or to the Wiccan/Pagan Community. Learn more at our website: <http://www.cwpm.org>. The CWPN hosts monthly networking meetings throughout the state, open Sabbat circles, coven and study group referral service, classes/work-shops, various social events and lectures with well-known members of the Pagan community.

Hunter Healing Hands: Located in Black Rock, Jessica and Jim Hunter's events include Reiki Share; monthly drum circle; classes and so much more! For details, cost, etc. please see <http://www.hunterhealinghands.com>. Contact 203-916-8381 to register for an event!

Finding Feathers – A Spiritual Center located at 395 Commerce Drive, Fairfield. (203) 916-7887 or email shaktidas@findingfeathersfairfield.com. Calendar: <http://findingfeathersfairfield.com/event-calendar/>

Local Business - Are you considering owning your own business or franchise and not sure where to start? FRANAssist 500, LLC provides franchise consulting services to assist you in making the best decision in buying a franchise. We represent over 500 of today's leading franchise opportunities in 23 different vertical markets and are well known in the industry for our professional approach by our franchise partners. Our primary goal is to help you navigate through the entire process and build a business for your family and you. There is no cost to you as we are compensated by the Franchises we work with. Please Call, Text or Email Brent Dufour to schedule your free consultation.

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Astrology Corner

By Alethea Hunt, Astrologer

November starts out slightly spicy with a Mars/Venus conjunction in Virgo heating things up on the 2nd! Besides the potential this pairing creates for workplace romances (*who IS that hot new co-worker, anyway?!), it's also pretty snazzy energy for scoring a lucrative new job, too. Mars and Venus remain in close proximity for roughly half the month – their tango extends into the early degrees of Libra, so even if it's not an office romance, new partnerships getting off the ground does seem to be a general theme in the air overall. Men are apt to come off smoother and more charming/polite with Mars visiting Libra from the 12th onward, so don't think his "common courtesy" is nothing more as it may be his way of showing you he likes you. Meanwhile, this energy has an interesting effect upon the ladies – they may vacillate between primping to make themselves as attractive as possible (i.e. new perfume, clothes, lingerie, etc.) in order to bag a mate vs. being more aggressive and straightforward in their hunt.*

The Scorpio New Moon on the 11th highlights secrets with its close proximity to Mercury – we may feel a need to either go digging for information on some kind of recon mission or else someone may tell us a secret. Whatever it is, be aware it's possible to be uncomfortable with what's revealed due an inconjunct between this trio and Uranus, which can indicate unearthing shocking information – the kind that may be so jaw-dropping it could blow something wide open. Just be careful of who or what you ask if you're not sure you want to be put in a possibly awkward spot, and do watch what you reveal to friends or on social media for this very reason! Jupiter in Virgo reaches out to these three as well, so it could for example be big news about someone's health (particularly sexual health). It could also be a work-related matter, like a co-worker secretly going on the job hunt and needing a reference. Maverick healer Chiron's contact can suggest that any unintentional information leakage could ultimately be healing and/or foster compassion/acceptance – especially if the news is about someone "coming out of the closet" around this time, which is possible as well.

Venus tangles with Pluto and Uranus during the 3rd & 4th weeks of November – hmmm...maybe somebody forgot to tell their current partner they were hooking up with somebody new and now it

all comes to a head? In general, relationships will experience pressure to adapt and to also go deeper – those that can't might not make the cut. A Full Moon in Gemini on the 25th may see some hard truths coming out if we have been in denial - Gemini represents news, information, and/or gossip, and it would appear there may be something we need to know for our own good if we have previously done too much wishful thinking or kept the blinders on. On the other side of the coin, I think if information presents around the time of this lunation, it may be worth sitting with it and taking the time to do some fact-checking rather than extrapolate based on incomplete data. Involvement from Neptune can denote a lack of clarity, spin-doctoring, or even outright lying – what we want to aim for instead is “clear-cut”. With the mutual reception between Jupiter in Virgo and Mercury in Sagittarius in effect from the 20th – Dec 9th, we do benefit from discernment now so let's not allow Neptune to pull our leg, ya? We could always try praying to Divinity or our Guides for a message if we're not sure. One more note of caution is due – since this **IS** the kickoff to the holiday season – that it's also a particularly ill-advised time to do something foolish like drink & drive, so if you're going to imbibe call a cab because the potential for stiff legal ramifications is high!

***** A note to readers: If you would like to receive my FREE monthly newsletter via email which is packed full of information & astrological insights, simply click [HERE](#) or send an email to Alethea@EmpoweredDestiny.com & I'll be happy to add your name to my list of recipients! You can also follow my nifty [astro-blog](#) or find me on Twitter ([@EmpwrDdstny](#)).**

**Namaste, my friends -
"The Divinity within me perceives and adores
the Divinity within you"
* Laura ***