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December 4, 2015

Merry Greetings!

Yule is a Pagan holiday (Dec. 21) also known as the Winter Solstice. The shortest day of the year, during the time before electricity fires were lit to encourage the sun's return. It was a last opportunity to share food and "feast" before the lean days of winter set in and took their toll. A contemporary (and very fitting) comparison of this, the longest night of the year, can be made to the "dark night of our soul" - and we can certainly encourage and work toward a return of "light" or ascended thought and accompanying lifestyle. Over the past week I have seen a proliferation of posts and comments on various social media, on the topics of dealing with terror attacks, surviving a shooting, the need to arm ones' self ... people are being "unfriended" in some instances solely on whom they are supporting in the upcoming Presidential election!

While I want to be cheerful for the holiday season, in all honesty the depth and breadth of violence we have been rocked with (355 mass shootings in the U.S. alone over the past year) makes it difficult to do so. I don't even want to go into the astrology but instead recommend watching the two videos, below, one by David Palmer (disregard the Dec. 2-8 dates as he delves into the entire month) and the other by Steve Judd, as a reference for 2016:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXmgrB7WlJM&feature=share>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nIAjH8qpKQ&sns=fb

Certain aspects of the personal astrology of this time can best be dealt with by reflecting on whatever issues or concerns you were dealing with in January of this year (2015). In December, you are quite likely being confronted with aspects left over from events of January which require

a final clean-up or ending. I don't know about the collective, but this has proved to be true for myself. I have become very introspective since the beginning of November, actually. I only recently began writing my blog again (having had quite the case of writer's block) but working with my hands – sewing, painting, wire wrapping crystals, making pendulum boards – has proved to be enormously satisfying. Most of this work has been done while sitting or lying on my couch, wrapped in layers of blankets with my two little dogs snuggled alongside. Key words: Creativity, coupled with comfort.

And I think I am seeing this reflected around me as well. People are crafting, making homemade gifts and planning large meals to share with extended family and friends. I heard many talking about Thanksgiving Dinners that were held on Friday or Saturday to accommodate the schedules of the majority or, to put it another way it was “Tradition – with a twist”. And isn't “accommodate” a lovely word? The idea that one might be less than comfortable in order to assure the comfort of another? The dictionary defines the word as “helpful and obliging”. I see this as an act of loving kindness, not meant to manipulate or pacify anyone.

Accommodate. I think it may be one of my new favorite words!

I do want to remind everyone that Talisman does have gift certificates available, as well as a selection of gifts priced at \$5 and under. These include Bayberry tealight candles (a Talisman tradition), packaged Yule incense, a variety of bath salts and soaps, Full Moon Wishing Powder (remember the Full Moon is on Dec. 25th). Other gift ideas include smudge fans, boxed smudge kits, Scent amulets/loquets, Crystal skulls and polished crystals, books, or a pendulum.

In order to accommodate (see? That word again!) work schedules and the schedules of college students home on break, I am teaching my “Tarot 101” class on Monday December 28th from 7-9pm. Please bring your cards as half the class is methodology and the other half is hands-on practice – in other words, we'll be throwing and reading cards! The class is \$10 and please call to reserve your spot at (203) 261-0047.

However you celebrate, I hope you and your nearest and dearest have a glorious Holiday season. My prayers will be for the return of the Light, that it may shine forth to illuminate and reveal our most authentic selves and guide us on the path of our individual Divine birthright.

**Happy Yule to you and to all
With the nights long and the days small
Eventually the sun will bring brighter days
To end the darkness, cold and malaise**

Until then stay warm with a good mead or ale
And let the love of family and friends prevail
For the light of the sun king will return to Earth
Bringing renewal, fertility, growth and rebirth
- Metal Gaia

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>

December 5

- Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)
- Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)
- Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)
- Susan - Tarot (Mediumship)
- Whitney - Seated healings for people & pets (\$20/15min or \$30/30min)

December 12

- Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)
- Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)
- Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

December 19

- Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)
- Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)
- Nikki - Angel Readings
- Susan - Tarot (Mediumship)

December 26

- Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)
- Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

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

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'.

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.cwpn.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.

The CWPN would like to invite you to celebrate Yule with us!

Register and Prepay and save money: <http://www.cwpn.org/CwpnEvent/register.php>

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1642154016033199/>

Date: December 12th

Where: American Legion Hall, 630 Grassy Hill Road; Orange, CT

Time: 12pm to 6pm - Ritual at 3:30

What to bring: Food and Drink to share - Potluck dinner from 4:30 to 6:00

Children's Yule Faery - 5:30: If your child would like to participate in the Yule Faery gift exchange, please bring a wrapped, gender-neutral present for each child participating.

Awesome Pick your Prize Raffle!

Workshops at 12:30 and 2:00; Winter Fey with Morgan Daimler and Creating Yule Talismans with Stephanie Woodfield

We will be having the following vendors for your Yule shopping convenience!

Alchemical Tarot Readings by Tony

Art Shaped World

Badb's Cauldron

Bedazzled Witchery

Drops of Three

Inspirations of Iris

Obergs Photos

Obsidian Butterfly

Silver Moon Herbals

Sigfather Photography

The Cottage Witch Shoppe

Violet Flame Candles

Hope to see you there!

Blessings!

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/>

Astrology Corner

By Alethea Hunt, Astrologer

Open, candid conversations facilitate surprising twists at the beginning of December as Mercury in Sadge contacts Uranus, then Jupiter. Frank and honest discussion is good, but despite our good intentions we may still need to use a little discrimination so our candor doesn't leave us with our foot (hoof, LOL?) in our mouth – especially in the workplace and around co-workers. Watch those early December office parties – being humorous is good, but avoid things like off-color jokes for best results. Further, with Mars in Libra clashing w/ Pluto & Uranus, being a little more “politically correct” can help us avoid conflicts - people are more apt to be annoyed by a lack of manners when Mars traverses sign, so consider this a forewarning.

This theme carries over into the Sagittarius New Moon on the 11th – there's a need for Truth and to “tell it like it is” with Sadge Moon energy, but with Jupiter egging this Moon on, how far do we take this before we wind up going overboard? This influence can also be a recipe for dietary overindulgence, and while we don't want to be a killjoy and dissect the nutritional content of every little thing we put in our mouths during the holiday season, exercising good judgement about where we selectively choose to indulge is probably better for our health overall. A Sadge New Moon augmented by Jupiter can indeed be way too much of a good thing, so try not to get carried away with too much saturated fats, an excessive amount of carbs, and/or overloaded with refined sugars. That aside, for the magickally inclined, this lunation is great for abundance spells of all sorts so bust out the citrine and allspice and have at it!

Venus scores some serious sexy time with Neptune & Pluto from her Scorpio lair between the 11th-17th – a good time for eroticism! Ooooh, Santa Baby – what's on **YOUR** wish list, huh? Mix one part passionate seduction with one part fantasy and you're sure to wind up on the fun kind of “naughty” or “nice” list ;-) Enjoy this romantic interlude while you can, as just a couple of days later on the 19th the vibe switches up again. On or near this date, do not say something that you

might regret with Mercury in Capricorn contacting Pluto and Uranus – it can be very easy for something unexpected to come flying out of our mouths at this time, especially if we have been repressing/suppressing it. Better just to zip it and exercise good self-control with our words – we're right next to Yule/Christmas, and who really needs upset feelings or family upheaval just in time for the holidays? So let's make a mental (or physical) note to try to police our own mouths tightly around this time, ya?

We have a Full Cancer Moon ON Christmas Day this year. Full Moons – especially the one in Cancer – can really heighten feelings, but this one is significantly milder than the ones we've had in recent years. This Moon is pretty stable overall; a blessing if your family sitch can be a bit volatile around the holidays. Contact to forgiving, accepting Neptune should help everyone to embrace the spirit of the season and help keep drama to a minimum – it could even favor the use of magickal methods for helping to keep the family sitch calm & kosher if you want to layer on a little extra energetic protection in this regard just to be safe. Also try also some soothing music to set the ambiance for a peaceful feeling, because it could work wonders! The only other thing I will say about this lunation is that I do get a possible “communicable illness” vibe when it comes to family, so maybe if Aunt Gertrude is sneezing or little Joey has the sniffles, keep the hand sanitizer/wipes nearby and don't get too close, aye? Especially on Christmas Eve.

***** 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 ***