

# Talisman

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## **ANNOUNCING NEW SUMMER HOURS**

Tues-Thurs: Noon-7pm

Friday: Noon-8pm

Saturday: 11am-8pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

### **Merry Greetings!**

I have been re-reading (for the third time) the four-part book series "Beautiful Creatures" and contemplating deeply the aspect of "The Wheel of Fate ... which crushes us all." As a tarot reader, this has particular meaning for me. The Wheel of Fortune card is one of motion - in all our lives it constantly spins, sometimes up and sometimes down. Our karma plays its role as well, which is the personal debt we carry with us lifetime to lifetime. Karma - bastardized by the Catholic Church as original sin ... NOT. It's what you came in with, carried through lifetimes. Cannot be washed away, only acts of Dharma (kindness without ulterior motive or for gain or even recognition) erases it.

I posted the movie trailer for "The Cloud Atlas" sometime last year, but for me it says it all and STILL moves me to tears every time I watch it – speaking as it does to our interwoven reality. Favorite quote: "*With each crime and every kindness ... we birth our future.*" Link to trailer: <http://youtu.be/hWnAqFyaQ5s>.

In the March newsletter, I wrote about Saturn's transit through Scorpio which we are currently experiencing (<http://www.talismanct.com/images/NL%20-%20Mar%2014.pdf>) and please re-read this, but I think it bears further discussion given the common threads within so many of the readings I have been facilitating. One recurring theme is that of long-lost loves resurfacing – high

school and college sweethearts showing back up, out of the blue. I am seeing this in fully a third (or more) of my readings. Ain't THAT something?

Saturn is occupying the sign of Scorpio from October 5, 2012 to December 23, 2014; and then finishes up its transit from June 14, 2015 to September 17, 2015. Saturn takes about 28-29 years to come full circle, and thus spends on average close to 2-1/2 years in a sign. The last transit of Saturn through Scorpio was December 1982 to November 1985. Your Saturn Returns also rule one-third of your life. The first Saturn Return covers the first of three decades, to age 30. The second Saturn Return covers the second decade, from around age 30 through 60. The final Saturn Return ends the cycle, covering around age 60 through 90.

Saturn hits us, hard, with lessons we have no choice but to learn – it is part of our life's blueprint, one of the big things we came here to master. Saturn operates through the transformational, truth-DEMANDING and passionate Scorpio vibration in a way that it helps you face deep truths, perhaps some of which have been buried below the surface or which you have refused to face. As these are brought front and center, Saturn requires (and enables you) to make the changes necessary to transform your life in a powerful way.

So what were you doing in 1982 through 1985? Did you leave something (or someone) undone ... or before their time? Did you run away, deciding that what was in front of you was "too hard" or maybe you "weren't ready"? And it's not just emotional loves – did you have a passion but decide it "wasn't practical" and chose instead to walk the road more traveled? Conformity may not be feeling so comfortable these days. Tell me ... did ya SETTLE?

***Well, well... guess who is knocking at your door? The Wheel of Fate has turned ... time to deal.***

Saturn transits and cycles can be considered cycles of achievement and maturity. You might be encountering delays, frustrations, and pressures. But these times also force us to face reality. Significant decisions are often made during Saturn's hard transits to our personal planets. These transits slow life down (that is how we perceive it) and force us to live our lives in the present. Although Saturn transits can make life feel like a drudgery (these are often times when our lives seem to move at a snail's pace and advancements are hard to see), they also give us the opportunity to gain inner strength, to become more responsible for what we do and say, and to cut out waste or excesses in our lives. Basically, what happens is a form of paring or slimming down in the area of life affected by Saturn. We are getting rid of things in our lives that are not working for us in the real world, and focusing on improving and strengthening the things that do serve a useful purpose.

So what else am I seeing? People are abandoning relationships, careers, religious practices, ideologies that no longer work for them. Friends and relatives who take far more energy than they give – done. Habits and traditions that are no longer fulfilling – for example, so many women have handed off Thanksgiving dinner preparation and service to their daughters-in-law or other relatives, literally saying “Here – it’s YOUR turn!” because they just don’t feel fulfilled and no longer wish to continue towing the line. They are casting off the line and heading out unencumbered into uncharted waters!

But if you are waiting for permission, or a sign, or some kind of Holy directive ... you may be in for a rude awakening. Remember: You are always in charge of you, and Free Will trumps all. However, Time waits for no one – and the Wheel of Fate continues to spin. Doors open – doors close. Happiness is an option, not a guarantee.

But hey - there’s always the next Saturn Return or maybe your NEXT life, right? Riiiiight ...

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**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>

**July 12**

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (past life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Todd - Tarot

**July 19**

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (past life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Todd - Tarot

**July 26**

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (past life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Rachel - Animal Intuitive (pets welcome) & Tarot (Mediumship)

Todd - Tarot

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.

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**Talisman's Regularly-Scheduled Readers**

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

**Tuesday:** Gwen Lord: Whole Life Tarot 12-7pm \$30/30min

**Friday:** 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).

**Numerology Reports:** Many have been asking for books or information on Numerology. Numerology has been used for thousands of years to provide deep insights into one's personality, intimate relationships, and the important influences that affect one's daily life. Now, with the Numerology Report, you can examine your life in a unique way to take advantage of unexplored opportunities, confirm talents that in your heart you know are there, or simply to figure out where to go next. You'll see all the diverse parts of your personality and how they uniquely come together to make the person you are. Through this report, you'll be able to make the most of your life in a way that wasn't possible before. There are three different Numerology Reports available - each of these providing you even greater insights into your life as well as your *romantic* relationships. An explanation of all three reports can be emailed to you directly - just hit "reply" to this newsletter with a request. Cost per report: \$15 emailed; \$18.95 printed. Laura has her own numerology report as a sample, if you'd like to see it. :

**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! (\$45). Call the shop for an appointment, as I schedule these when the shop is closed or after-hours. Yes, I still do **\$5 readings** on **Wednesday & Thursday** 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!

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### **THE CIRCLE OF THE SACRED WELL PRESENTS**

**Event: Wiccan/Pagan Study Group - Shamanic Journey**

Date: July 15th - Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: The Undercroft at Talisman

Join us for this monthly study group that covers various pagan and New Age topics. The Study Group is held on the third Tuesday of each month. This month, Leafweave will be leading a Guided Shamanic Journey. This is a popular meditation workshop that is regularly requested, so we are trying to ensure that it is held quarterly. This workshop is suitable for all experience levels.

**Event: Circle Open House**

Date: August 8th - Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: The Undercroft at Talisman

Stop by any time during the event for some social time with Circle members and other pagans of like mind. If you have questions about Wicca, paganism or the Circle, this is the place to come! Refreshments will be served.

**Event: Community Service Event - Homeless Shelter Meal**

Date: August 16th - 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: ACT Spooner House Transitional Living Facility - Todd Road - Shelton. Join us as we prepare and serve the evening meal at the local homeless shelter. This is a fun and worthwhile event! Volunteers are always needed and are provided with a free meal for their efforts. This month, the meal will have a picnic theme, including sandwiches & salads, as well as an ice cream sundae bar for dessert! Come along and join us as we serve the local community.

**Event: Wiccan/Pagan Study Group - Altars & Altar Setup**

Date: August 19th - Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: The Undercroft at Talisman

Join us for this monthly study group that covers various pagan and New Age topics. The Study Group is held on the third Tuesday of each month. This month, popular presenter, Daniel, will be facilitating a workshop on Pagan & Wiccan altars & altar setup. The workshop will include a great slide presentation, as well as a 'hand's on' altar set up and display and discussion time. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picture of their home altar to share and talk about, if they wish. This workshop is suitable for all experience levels.

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**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. Some of our past guests have been: Janet and Stewart Farrar, Gavin Bone, Margot Adler, Ted Andrews, Dr. Leo Louis Martello, Tzipora Klein, Laurie Cabot, Raven Grimassi, Donald Michael Kraig, Phyllis Curott, Lori Bruno, Jane Sibley and Ellen Evert Hopman.

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**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!

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

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**The Healing Loft:** Mediumship, Angel Intuitive Guidance, Reiki Healings, Workshops and Lightworker mentorship offered in Hamden, CT. Mentorship is a class offered to those who wish to develop, or deepen, their own abilities, as well as their spirituality and healing. ALL will be covered in this class. It is an ongoing class and requires a commitment to attend. There are two series available:

Beginning and Intermediate Mentorship — these are 6 month commitments (each) of meeting every other week. We cover such topics as grounding, protecting, meditation, connecting to our own higher self, enhancing your intuition, connecting to the angels, limiting beliefs, EFT and other healing modalities, chakra balancing, practicing with our abilities & metaphysical tools and so much more! In between each in person meeting, I remain available for your questions and assistance via email, texting and Facebook. You will not be asked to attend meetings and then

left to “fend for yourself” ~ I will be with you every step of the way! <http://www.thehealingloft.net> or (203) 506-8822.

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**Shen Yun Symphony Orchestra:** October 11 1pm and 7pm. Carnegie Hall, NYC. In Chinese, "Shen Yun" means the beauty of divine beings dancing. As part of Shen Yun Performing Arts, the Shen Yun Symphony Orchestra aims to revive authentic Chinese culture. For more information: <http://www.Symphony.ShenYun.com> or (800)818-2393. Listen to samples of shen Yun music at: <http://www.ShenYun.com/music>

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Seva Beauty Salon in Milford is now hiring Estheticians/Eyebrow Threaders. Experience in eyebrow threading, facials, waxing, tinting and eyelash extensions is preferred. Competitive hourly pay with commissions and tips. Extra income with sale of retail products. Looking for candidates with a passion for the beauty industry, a great attitude and an outgoing personality. (203) 647-0381. **Website** <http://www.SevaBeauty.com>

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### **Astrology Corner**

**By Alethea Hunt, Astrologer**

At the outset of July, we find Mercury shifting gears back into direct motion after almost a month of retrograde activity – this is a good thing, as it means our minds, conversations, gadgets, & relationships w/ siblings, kin, and/or neighbors start to get back onto a more normal tack. I would give it a about a week or so to work out the energetic kinks, however, if you have to do any important correspondence, hand-shake deals, or if you're looking to upgrade your cell phone, LOL – whenever a planet stations and re-oriens toward a new phase of movement there's almost always a few hiccups involved until it gets back up to speed! After this point, benefic Venus will sidle up to Mercury and become its traveling companion, which should help pave the way for smoother sailing!

Venus in Gemini seems to be playing a game of ping-pong during the 3rd-7th, at which time she forms inconjuncts to both Saturn & Pluto. Venus is the planet of relationship, and it appears she might be trying to enjoy playing the field at the possible expense of building intimacy or making any serious commitments. This serves as a sort of caution against trying to have it both ways in relationships, and while there's certainly nothing wrong with keeping multiple options open rather than tying ourselves down, it's also good to be sure we've verbalized our intentions rather than risk giving any false impressions about our level of commitment – especially as it pertains to sex. This is quite relevant, because at roughly the same time Venus beckons to Uranus in Aries during the long holiday weekend - while this can be a recipe for unexpected romances blooming

at social functions, it's also not a particularly dedicated energy from a partnering standpoint as it tends to do better with some space. This energy DOES make it a good time to make new friends and hit up neighborhood barbeques, though – you never know who you'll meet!

I consider those aforementioned Venusian Best Practices good to heed seeing as we're headed into a very frictional Capricorn Full Moon on the 12th. This lunation is quite cross - tangling with Mars, Uranus, Pluto, AND Venus - so I expect emotions to run deep and to also need some degree of control, which may be difficult under these astro-circumstances. This is a sobering Moon, helping us to see reality (in all its ugly) over any faux sentimentality that may have been toying with our emotions. Duplicitous relationship dealings may also be outed due the tight inconjunct between the Capricorn Moon & Venus in Gemini, so if you've been double-dealing and NOT taking the advice to keep things above-board, this is certainly a time where it could all blow up in your face! Don't say you weren't warned ;-)

Elsewhere, we'll have a big shift in the astro-climate as Jupiter transitions into the Fire sign of Leo on the 16th (you can read more about this in my [June newsletter](#)) and other smaller changes in the overall energetic backdrop as Mercury, Venus, & Mars all dip into sensitive Water signs from mid-month onward. This movement of all the inner planets into the signs of Cancer & Scorpio can make people a bit more emotionally-influenced than normal – especially when Mercury & Venus start bouncing off Uranus & Pluto late in July – so using some care & communicating with sensitivity can go a long way toward mitigating any potential moodiness/touchiness. Mars will be potent in Scorpio from the 25th-on, but he's also less overt about expressing anger in this position as he tends to simmer/stew - there is a possibility that perceived insensitivity could result in an offended party not saying anything, but instead handing you a long enough rope from which to hang yourself. Definitely do your best to air conflicts rather than let them fester, because that's when things can get foul, and also avoid digging yourself in any deeper if you get the sense that someone is miffed at you.

Speaking of airing things, I don't think we'll have that problem at the Leo New Moon on the 26th, LOL – a Leo Moon always has a flair for the dramatic, so if somethin's been a-brewin' it's more likely to come to a head now. The drama factor is amped up BIG TIME with this lunation's close proximity to Jupiter, **BUT**....I also see this Moon as beneficial for those who need help confronting issues related to their kids or related to pregnancy/fertility for any reason, as the square from the Leo Sun, Moon, & Jupiter to Mars in Scorpio will give an energetic "push" toward this end. A little proactive investigation may be the name of the game! It's also a great Moon for digging deep to find an abundant wellspring of creativity, particularly if the source of this involves confronting dark, taboo, or disconcerting subject matter. There's an ability to therapeutically attack trauma by transmuting through some kind of beneficial creative medium, so don't worry

about whether others find it disturbing and just go with it if you're driven to do something a little on the freaky side.

A final note is due about Mars in Scorpio in that it tends to resort to covert maneuvers. Sometimes during the summer we are less inclined to keep tabs on our kids , and - especially with it being party season - it's good to make sure our kids are doing what they say they're doing rather than getting into trouble! While sneaking around can be a potential theme due this energy, it's definitely not the time for spying on anyone & resorting to the same. If you have suspicions about anything, DO avoid doing to anything that violates anyone's privacy in order to avoid needless friction and drama - this will be particularly important heading into next month as you will see....more on that later!

**\*\*\* 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](mailto: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](#)).**

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

**Laura Lenhard**