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Merry Greetings!

Shop Talk! Recently Pina, Sandy and I were standing around talking during a business lull and the subject of Sacrifice came up as relates to spell work or manifestation - and the various reasons as to why they might or might not "work". Certainly, the idea of doing one's legwork (careful examination of one's motive prior to sending energy in a particular direction, all potential outcomes, etc) but also the idea of sacrifice and fasting. Pina shared with Sandy and I a time when she spent 24 hours reciting countless, constant mantras to Durga to rectify a perceived slight. More than just knowing which Deity (or if you prefer, aspect of Divine energy) you might choose to work with - its about taking the time to develop a relationship.

Fasting (abstaining from food) is one way to demonstrate the seriousness of your intent via your willingness to suffer; and its also another way to clear your energy. It is a common practice to abstain from chocolate, coffee or any stimulant 24 hours (or more) prior to an important work. Do you remember the scene from American Horror Story's "Coven" when Marie Laveau prayed with hot peppers in her mouth? This is historically accurate - there are accounts of her keeping hot peppers in her mouth for hours on end, as blisters formed and tears ran down her face - which appealed to the Voodoo spirits in terms of her willingness to suffer. The Gods are also said to be moved by the sincere shedding of human tears, to work more quickly to end one's sorrow or suffering.

An aspect of physics can be applied to magick through the adage "Nature abhors a vacuum" - . this is the idea that empty or unfilled spaces are unnatural as they go against the laws of nature and physics (per.the ancient philosopher Aristotle). I have found this concept to be important in my own practice - if you ask something to be taken away (for example) something of equal value must be given in its place. And again, to determine what is "of equal value" especially in emotional issues, we must rely on our relationship with the Divine to instruct us accordingly. I urge you to take the time to reflect upon this aspect of manifestation/magick MOST carefully (especially prior to engaging in a serious spiritual undertaking) as you may want some control over what is being taken as "payment" to maintain universal balance. In a smaller way, we always say thank you before harvesting or taking something from nature - sometimes we offer libations (I used to pour a little goat's milk onto the ground every morning when I milked my girls) and this show of respect lets the nature spirits know we appreciate and value their contribution to our work.

I've said this a few times: I think too many people use the word "eclectic" when they really are just being sloppy. Sorry. I can appreciate an "anything goes" attitude in many things; but when it comes to magick there is a reason we work with specific moon phases, color correspondences, time of day, etc. We align ourselves energetically to allow for the flow of energy to be maximized. *Magick* has been defined as the Science and Art of causing Change to occur in conformity with Will (Aleister Crowley). In this definition, I view "Will" as being not only our own Will, but that of the Universal Divine as well. Many of us add a kind of spiritual postscript to our work, requesting that the desired outcome be in the Highest Good of All (affected or concerned). One reason for this is to lessen the Karmic attachment you create when you choose to direct your energy and devise an outcome - as for every action, there is a reaction.

As I re-read this, I realize it might sound as if I am discouraging someone from doing any sort of magick or manifestation work at all - but no, nothing could be further from the truth. I am encouraging you toward a more careful study and consideration of outcome. I urge you to reflect upon your spiritual path, and work towards deepening your personal relationship with The Divine. The Gods, Goddesses and Entities we work with are highly individualized ... and even as all Paths lead to the One, recognize they ARE separate Paths.

Spirituality is not "one size fits all" and I think that a big part of mutual understanding is respecting how we differ as much as how we are alike.

**Blessed Be!
Laura**

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/List%20of%20Readers%202016.pdf>

July 2

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Patty - Crystal Ball & Psychometry (reading energy of an object)

July 9

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

Rachel - Animal Communicator; Tarot (Mediumship)

Susan - Tarot (Mediumship, Medical Intuitive)

July 16

* EstaRa * - Our Newest Reader (bio below) Twin Flame Readings

Andrew Neblett - Runes and Tarot (**6:30: Past Life Regression, details below**)

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Sandy - Tarot-Guided Soul Portraits

July 23

* Andrea - Tarot/Mediumship

Patty - Crystal Ball & Psychometry (reading energy of an object)

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July 30

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

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Talisman's Newest Readers:

EstaRa: Many have known me as April, but in 2011, after my trip to Egypt, I embraced my spiritual name EstaRa, Carrier of the Blue Diamond Light. I've been an intuitive all my life as far as I can remember. Since opening my business, Soul Star Healing in 2004, I've performed Intuitive Readings along with several advanced forms of energy healing sessions, teachings and live channelings in New York, Michigan and Sedona as well as at my office in Guilford, CT. I work daily with my Healing Team, the Galactic Light Beings, Angelic Realm, Ascended Masters and other beings that wish to bring messages to you. I believe that as an intuitive, my job is to provide you with guidance that is for your best and highest good to help you live your life more fully. As a twinflame, my journey and mission has come into the forefront. Throughout the years, I've channeled messages with regard to Twinflames and their mission; these messages are available on my blog, my youtube channel, and Soul Star Healing's Facebook Page, which can be accessed from my website: www.soulstarhealing.com. Since I was five years old I knew I was here to reunite with my other half. When I met him my journey evolved into teaching, guiding, healing and clearing twinflames. The twinflame relationship is the most powerful love relationship there is, and is less common than you think. Since 2011 there has been a greater awakening of twinflames, as they are most needed at this time to bring the planet back into balance; their mission and relationship goes beyond romantic desires which is why the call to action has gone out. While each twinflame relationship and mission is unique to the couple, there are common phases that the twinflame encounters on their path to full physical union. Here is the short version: meet and make connection, repel and separate, heal, clear, heal, and finally reunite. With the wakeup call, a sense of urgency, frustration and confusion has come to the surface for many twinflames regardless of what phase they are in. Recently, the Twinflame Collective provided me with a Card Reading Spread to help provide guidance to twinflames who are on this journey, whether in union or not. I'm excited to be offering this Card Reading Spread at Talisman. While this spread was designed specifically for the Twinflame Relationship, it certainly can be used to help soul mate love relationships, too. I have

committed myself to living a life of light and love, and to helping others heal through connection to spirit. I look forward to helping you too!

Andrea: I read at several different spiritual centers (Uplifting Connections in Bridgewater MA; The Center at Westwoods where I book private clients and groups; and most recently at a new center in Dedham where my previous boss from Uplifting is developing her own spot). I also do private parties/readings at the homes of clients. I have been reading all my life, beginning at age ten and started full-time professionally after the unexpected passing of various important people in my life and my career just kept going on its own from there. The staff at some of the places I work call my readings a “blend” because Mediumship (in the form of loved ones who have passed) can come through. I consider myself rooted in the Tarot and for me it is my first language. The cards direct me and give information on everything from health issues, to job questions, relationships etc. One shop owner has referred to it this way: “When somebody needs to know what’s going to happen six months from now, I send them to Andrea”. I believe that Readings are an individual experience that can help in anything from relationship issues, stress levels, to closure with passed loved ones. Although every reading is different, it is not uncommon for information from loved ones who have passed over to come through. The experience of a reading can help people cope, get answers to tough questions and gain a higher understanding of themselves. Honestly, what I most frequently hear from clients is they are able to take a deep breath and just “plain ol’ feel better” after I have read them. **Laura Notes:** I want to add that in our "interview" reading, Andrea discussed details regarding my upcoming move (which I had not discussed with anyone but my two closest friends beforehand); aspects of my oldest Son that were spot on; a close friend's difficult situation and lastly, my father came through very clearly with information which could only have come from him! I was quite impressed.

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 35 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!

Laura: I do special, in-depth readings by appointment. My 60+ minute private sessions includes a chakra check up, a print out and review of your astrological natal chart, tarot and palm reading and more! (\$60). Call the shop for an appointment, as I schedule these when the shop is closed or after-hours. Private half hour tarot readings (\$30) also by appointment. Phone sessions are \$20 for a half hour - for those who do not live nearby.

Yes, I do **\$5 tarot/palm readings** on **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday** these are done in-between phone calls and waiting on patrons - you can't make an appointment, and I do get interrupted. Sometimes there is no one waiting, other times a dozen people are standing in line. They are five dollars because the shop is open and I am working! These mini-readings last about 10 minutes or so, and great if you have a quick question or have never experienced a reading before.

New Product Information

Mirror Reversal Kit (\$9.99): Not a "new" product but one that is unique to Talisman and a best-seller for sure. Using a mirror to "reveal" someone's ulterior motives, character and/or send their negative energy back to them has been done for ages. It is the reason Indian women often have small mirrors sewn onto their clothing, and in feng shui mirrors are placed by the front door to reflect back the good or bad energy coming toward the home. What I love about mirrors is that there is NO KARMIC ATTACHMENT ... it is not a bad thing to reveal truth. If you were to be mistaken about a person's intentions (say) all that would be revealed is positive actions/ words. HOWEVER - these do work, and work well! A woman came into the shop months ago, complaining of a supervisor (female) that was greatly respected by the higher-ups ... but in private, she was a monster. Vulgar, out of control, and mean. She came in looking for protection and I suggested the mirror kit, and to put in her a mirror. Well, she came back three weeks later and sheepishly admitted she had felt silly buying the kit, but had gone ahead and followed the instructions. It took 10 days -- but the supervisor had once again gone off, screaming obscenities and threats ... only THIS time, the Vice President was standing out of sight but directly behind the woman (who had used the mirror) quietly taking it all in. About 5 minutes into her rant, he stepped out and took her by the arm, saying "No. No, we don't talk or act like that here" escorted her to her office where she was instructed to clean her desk out. Fired.

P.S. That's not mean or evil, darlings. That's Divine JUSTICE. Personally, I love it.

THE CIRCLE OF THE SACRED WELL

Event: Shamanic Sunday - Meditation Workshop

Date: Sunday ~ July 3 ~ Time: 6:00 p.m.

**** CANCELLED ****

A meditation workshop held first Sunday of each month. Requested donation \$5.

The Circle of the Sacred Well: www.thecircleofthesacredwell.org

Contact Email: arianowl@yahoo.com

Contact Phone: 203-922-2642 (Bill)

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.

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/>

Request for donations: I know a young man who is re-starting his life here in CT (I was a close friend of his late mother). He needs pants (36w 30l) shirts (x large) shoes (9) cleaning supplies laundry soap twin sheets blankets ... Everything. Items can be gently worn - I have boxes to put things in at Talisman. Many thanks.

Astrology Corner
By Alethea Hunt, Astrologer

It's a good time for a beachside family retreat in early July – we have a plethora of planets stacking up in Cancer near the holiday weekend, so food & family are par for the course! Speaking of the holiday, a New Moon takes place on the 4th, and it's a very emo one at that with its contacts to empathetic Neptune and deep, intense Pluto. Know that people may need to talk about their feelings around the time of this lunation since Mercury is close by, so focus on being a good listener and do your best to be a comfort to loved ones – especially those who may be dealing with a heavy-duty, industrial-strength transformation somewhere in their lives. From a magickal perspective, this lunation is great for setting an intention regarding home & family matters – this could be anything from a new home, to starting a family, to simply developing a deeper and more trusting relationship with our own family-of-origin...particularly the women in the family. This aside, there is also a caution to be had with the Sun & Moon near Dog Star Sirius – watch the little ones if around canines, as this star does have a reputation for dog bites. When pups are easily made skittish by crowds and the loud sounds of fireworks going off, this is definitely a time to “let sleeping dogs lie”, so don't leave youngsters unattended!

Shortly after Independence Day, Venus and then Mercury find themselves in contact with a number of celestial bodies so it may be an active week on the relationship & financial fronts, which may require our thinking caps and/or some dialog. There's contact to Mars in Scorpio, which is great for attacking things head on; whether that's our “demons” or our debt. We could perhaps even activate some magical mojo to attract what we need to us, whether this is in a material or relational sense...remember to always keep the intention free-will based, however! Then it's a square to Uranus, which favors changing our emotional responses and habits re: love and money to make positive, self-initiated shifts. Contact to Medicine Man Chiron on the 8th later emphasizes a compassionate healing via

understanding how the family-of-origin may have shaped our fiscal and/or relationship situation(s). Capping this off just before Venus switches signs is a square to Earth Mama Ceres on the 11th, who in assertive Aries will hold our feet to the fire if need be and push us to adopt a more proactive and less passive stance re: love & money. The gift hidden in her boot-in-the-tookus approach to material and relational matters is that it can make us realize what we have to do for ourselves...we can't be a baby forever; we have to DIY and go get what we want from under our own steam rather than remain dependent upon others. While this isn't exactly the softest approach and it can definitely suck when mom yells, the butt-kicking might be warranted if we've been too reliant upon others to take care of our needs.

It is worth noting at this point that both Venus & Mercury switch signs and make their Leo debut on the 12th & 13th, respectively. Seeing as this sign is associated with children, this would be a great time to think about putting small amounts of money away for them - say in a college fund, for example - with both simultaneously contacting savings-oriented Saturn circa the Full Moon on the 19th. If you don't have kids, Leo is also a recreational sign so regularly putting a way a bit of "fun money" into a safe, designated fund where it can grow (perhaps for travel later on down the road) would be another good use for this energy.

Speaking of the Full Moon, this one is in staid Capricorn, but it's getting a destabilizing (read: invigorating) jostle from Uranus & Mars. We tend to get comfortable with the status quo under a Capricorn Moon, but the Uranus & Mars involvement suggests this "sheltered" energy is actually bit irritating! Emotional maturation takes place when we can evolve beyond a very basic need for something safe/secure/"stable" and start to take risks. That's what this Moon may do – push us to metaphorically leave the nest in some way.

***** A note to readers: If you would like to receive my FREE monthly newsletter via email which is packed full of information & astrological insights, click [HERE](#) or email Alethea@EmpoweredDestiny.com and 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 ([@EmpwrDstny](#)).**

Namaste, my friends -

**"The Divinity within me perceives and adores
the Divinity within you"**

*** Laura ***

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