

Talisman

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NOTE: You many have noticed a shortage in different colors of mini candles aka "chime candles". The manufacturer has moved to a new production facility. They are now 3 production runs behind and the first shipments are scheduled for mid/end of May. There will be 2-4 colors on this run including white and red (the other two we don't know yet). There will be 3-5 colors coming in per month after this (hopefully more). What this means to all of us is that not all of the colors will be in stock for a while.

Ah, the miscommunication and shortage of the (very popular) chime candles is quite apropos, given that we are moving into a very "fuzzy" energetic time right now, which will last through the summer - and this has been reflected in my readings over the past couple weeks. Astrologically, for the first time in a DECADE there are five planets in retrograde. As of April 28, we have Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto all in retrograde. The five planets will remain retrograde until May 9th, when Jupiter turns direct. Remember: Retrograde tells us to "review" and slow down, step back and correct course. A planet is not actually going backwards during a retrograde. It is like when you are driving alongside another car and travelling in the same direction – but as you overtake the car next to you, the other car seems to be driving in reverse. So the energy of those planets is still in effect but their influence is different because we are seeing them differently. Not seeing things the way you usually do is why during a retrograde the rule is to be cautious in whatever you do/buy/sign.

We are also in the midst of a mutable T-square, which lasts much of the summer, between Jupiter (retrograde) in Virgo, Mars and Saturn (retrograde) in Sagittarius and Neptune in Pisces. So we can see where things have gone or are going wrong – but it's hard to make

corrections; Mars (retrograde) is internalizing this adding to the frustration as Mars always likes to see his anger or passion RELEASED! With Neptune in the mix, what we are angry or lashing out at might not even be real, but just an illusion. Hence the fog.

Well – isn't THAT fun, huh?

I compare this to being stuck in a horrible traffic jam. You know – when the Parkway is bumper to bumper, no exit ramp for miles and nothing but red taillights ahead. And there you sit with places to go! People to see! Things to do! It is maddening. And you have a choice: You can sit there seething (blood pressure rising) pound the steering wheel and lay on the horn ... OR you can readjust. Call ahead, make new plans for dinner. Check your email on your phone. Listen to some music, relax. I mean, it sucks either way but it's all about perspective and how you want to handle it. Waiting to move forward while stuck ... are you constructive – or destructive?

This is how the energy is translating in the lives of the people I am reading. A woman, unhappy in her marriage – he is not a bad man, just distant and “wants to do his own thing” which is hurtful but not abusive. She knows this, and also knows her teenager and he are close. He is a good father. While she is hopeful that the marriage can be worked on, although he does not wish to do so at this time, she is choosing to move forward by taking classes which will ultimately bring her to the next level in her career. If, by the time the child leaves for college things have NOT changed, should she choose to leave she will be able to support herself.

Others are seeing house sales stall (mid-sale) or promotions on hold due to contractual delays. I know of several who have bought foreclosed properties and the owner/tenants are simply refusing to leave. Won't budge. I don't think I would want to be planning a big event like a wedding at this time – but if you are, allow extra time and have back-up plans for photographer, music, etc. A number of people are seeing venues cancelled altogether (and money not always being refunded). I am hearing disappointing stories about “cold feet” pulling out of all sorts of personal and business plans.

Another issue is the misdiagnosis of medical conditions and tests showing false-positives, that sort of thing. Every other person I talk to is having cell phone and cable (TV) issues. Hey Frontier ... you might want to get a handle on that, huh? And a number of people have pets with literally “one foot in the grave” eating and moving just enough, not in pain but clearly in transition. Yes, and with human family members as well ... bedside watches are in effect, I have more than a few people with bags packed ready to travel to be with their loved ones should medical conditions worsen suddenly. It's all very sad.

Since I was raised in Southern California, I liken these energetic “shifts” to surfing a wave. You can paddle out and ride a big one in – or choose to sit it out if it looks beyond your ability to navigate safely. I think I would choose my battles carefully and measure up the energy wisely, because big waves will keep on coming through the summer, and you’ll exhaust yourself trying to ride ‘em all.

Lastly, since this is a good time for review, I’d like to go back to last month’s newsletter. I did something very uncharacteristic of me in April ... rather than risk offending, I censored myself. Yes, I really did. The original conversation between Jess and I (which prompted the whole idea of interviewing her that month) was raw and much more honest. And in watering the whole thing down, rather than pinpoint specific actions, I managed to make a few blanket statements that were confusing and counter-productive.

I am so happy to be able to say that not only do I care about the individuals who come to Talisman, I genuinely LIKE them. All of my readers, after their first time or two working at the shop, without exception have mentioned to me how pleasant everyone is, how kind and fun working at Talisman is as a whole. People LIKE being at Talisman! The brassy behavior, the “Golden Shit Syndrome” I talked about, has impacted us the same way the supposed “spirituality” of certain people has – that is, by default. Being told by someone you don’t even know that “they can read auras and energy – and YOURS is dark or black”; a person refusing to sit next to another because they (loudly, so all can hear) “don’t like their energy” has an implied superiority that is quite unpalatable. There is a difference between constructive criticism and a put-down. And it doesn’t take an Ascended Master to recognize it. But it is so very, very damaging to someone new to a spiritual path; it is a pail of cold water over the head to an enthusiastic student and an utter turn-off to someone practicing a solitary path who wanted to try and take part in a group event for a change.

What I want to drive home, successfully this time, is the need for kindness. Especially now, when tempers are volatile – be the voice of reason and maturity. Pick your battles. You don’t have to sit next to someone whose energy is not meshing well with yours – but move from the space quietly and smile, don’t embarrass them. I am really fearful that this election will continue its downward spiral of insults and nastiness ... let’s agree to keep that out of our homes and communities as much as possible. For my part, I am sorry to have been muddy in my communication and will work harder to be honest and clear, with a continuing aim toward being uplifting and educational.

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>

May 7

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Patty - Crystal Ball (Mediumship, Psychometry)

Rachel - Animal Communicator; Tarot (Mediumship)

Sandy - Tarot-Guided Soul Portraits

May 14

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

Sandy - Tarot-Guided Soul Portraits

May 21

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

Susan - Tarot (Mediumship, Medical Intuitive)

Whitney - Seated energetic healings for people & pets (\$20/20min or \$30/30min)

May 28

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

Rachel - Animal Communicator; Tarot (Mediumship)

Sandy - Tarot-Guided Soul Portraits

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

I made up a couple new kits, in answer to demand. One is an Automobile Protection Kit (\$20.99) designed to keep the driver and passengers safe when traveling in the car. A really nice gift for a new driver! Another is a set of Room Re-Balancing Stones (black tourmaline and rose quartz) nice sized pieces to grid a room to transmute negative energy to positive and promote self-love. (\$13.99).

Events at Talisman
RSVP (203) 261-0047

NOTE: While I don't take deposits for classes an RSVP is necessary.

Past Life Regression Session: Saturday, May 21 from 6:30-9:00pm. Led by Dr. Andrew Neblett. \$25. (Limited to 30 attendees). These popular sessions are held regularly at Talisman and everyone always has a great time! You will be introduced to various ways of attaining "State" and regression methods. Learn why energy is so important and how past lives affect our current energy. We will do a past life regression, moving back through at least 2 past lives. When we are finished, there is an open discussion to share our experiences (on a voluntary basis - no pressure!). Talisman has held this workshop many times, and we have found that those who cannot move back into past lives are usually individuals who struggle with meditation and calming their mind in general. They tend to leave this event grateful because they learn a new way to meditate – and after attending another session, manage to recall a past life. In other words, it MAY take more than one try!

Dress warm & comfortably. You can use our chairs or bring a folding lounge chair, your own cushion, bean bag, pads, etc. The floor is HARD! Come, get relaxed, and enjoy! These sessions are very popular and fill up quickly. If you have ever wondered what it would feel like to "go under" this is a great, informal and fun (albeit emotional) way to find out. Andrew Neblett is a

certified hypnotist (CT. REGISTERED HYPNOTIST, HYP.0000114), Natural Health Consultant, Energy Kinesiologist, TBM practitioner (Total Body Modification), instructor, Hypnosynergetics instructor, Intuitive Counselor, Herbalist, and a Process Coach. He also practices aromatherapy, reflexology, homeopathy, radiesthesia, E.F.T. and iridology. Learn more at <http://www.integrativenaturalwellness.com/about-us/>

Tarot 101: Monday, May 23 from 6-8pm. Taught by Laura. \$10. This class is always a favorite, I teach it several times throughout the year. We discuss theory and methodology and then we throw cards and practice reading! I provide my own handouts so you can pick up where we leave off when you go home. Just remember to bring your tarot cards – you'll be using them! RSVP Limited to 10.

THE CIRCLE OF THE SACRED WELL

Event: Shamanic Sunday - Meditation Workshop

Date: Sunday ~ **June 5** ~ Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Undercroft at Talisman

Meditation workshop held first Sunday of each month. Energy work and grounding, plus a semi-guided meditation. Join us this month for a Life Balance meditation. Event begins at 6:00 p.m. at Talisman. Requested donation \$ 5.00

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.

Calling all Warriors! Claim Your Sovereignty!
Come join us for the Third Annual Morrigan's Call Retreat!

This event is a full 3 days of workshops, rituals, and devotional practices while we come together in kinship to honor the Great Queen. Both men and women with all levels of experience are invited; from novice just interested in the Morrigan and associated practices, to experienced devotees. This is a very intense and full weekend retreat. We are not doing day passes and the event is, for the most part, adult only.

Dates: Friday June 10th to Sunday 12th

Arrival Times: Friday morning 8:30am to 11am or Thursday 6pm to 8pm (no additional cost for overnight)

Where: Camp Cedarcrest, Orange, CT

Registration: <http://morriganscall.brownpapertickets.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1657143857894861/>

Lots of camping space is available. Cabin space is very limited, only a few bottom bunks left. Please email for more information on Cabin Spaces: morriganscallretreat@gmail.com

An example of our workshops include; Meeting the Great Queens, Creating Magickal Shields, Blood Magic, Grounding and Centering, Personal Sovereignty, Three Streams of Irish Magic, Men & The Morrigan, Irish Curses, Basic Self Defense, Virtue and Pagan Ethics, and many more.

Our presenters* include well known local and international authors and speakers; Stephanie Woodfield, Lora O'Brian, Morpheus, Morgan Daimler, Tracy Andryc, Edward Rickey, Segomâros Widugeni, Melody Legaspi-Seils, Gina Martini, and Cori Taylor.

We will also be having multiple vendors this year! Massage, Tattoos, Henna, Hand Labyrinths, Spices, Drinking Horns, Candles, Jewelry, and Morrigan-themed Wood and Bone Art.

Have you heard the call?
We hope to see all you Warriors there!

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

With Mercury retrograding in Taurus most of the month, we may have money on the mind during May. If we've found ourselves in any kind of financial pickle, this is a great time to re-think the situation - especially circa the 6th when a New Moon in Taurus hooks up with both Venus and Mercury! Be creative with moneymaking ideas instead of remaining stuck in a rut, because this energy is all about fiscal new beginnings. From a magickal standpoint, this is definitely a time to put the money mojo "out there", so prosperity-enhancing spells or intentions also get the green light. This lunation contacts powerful Pluto and abundant Jupiter (*both of which are in harmonious fellow Earth signs*) as well, so this is some pretty great energy to tap on the material plane. With such a strongly Earthy vibe dominating early in the month, this also looks to be lovely astrological "weather" for getting out into the yard or garden - perhaps we might even consider oomphing it up with a magickal herb garden or feng shui-ing our landscaping to really capitalize on this energy!

A Full Moon in Sagittarius on the 21st may have us feeling ready to take over the world (*in a good way; not like Genghis Khan, LOL*) with its very close proximity to desire-driven Mars, but with Mars still retrograde it probably isn't the best time to launch. With the ruler of this Moon - Jupiter - in Virgo, we may be overwhelmed with minutiae while missing the bigger picture, or possibly even sloppy with the details. This lunation also has a "debate" feel to me, and there is certainly the possibility of philosophical clashes with women or even family members over topics like religion or politics. The best bet is not to be an instigator with that retrograde Mars, and if we feel ourselves getting hotted-up we might go the Gemini Sun conjunct Venus route by politely

changing the topic of conversation - say to Memorial Day picnics, for example! ;-)) This can be a more problematic day for communications in general with Mercury switching direction and turning direct less than 24 hours later, so let's bear this in mind before wasting our breath getting angry about something.

It is worth noting there is a square between Jupiter and Saturn energetically dominating most of the month as well - though it doesn't become exact until the 26th, this will be a pervading vibe that we'll need to bear in mind throughout May. There are a variety of potential challenges this square can take the form of, but is the first that comes to mind – in the wake of the aforementioned lunation - is narrowmindedness regarding our points of view. Secondly, it's totally possible to be doing or OVER-doing something that's NOT beneficial for us at this time - especially in a health sense. Sometimes good health isn't about what is ADDED to the equation; rather it is about what is TAKEN AWAY. Keep this in mind and also be aware that overworking may also be a possibility/part of the problem with this pairing.

Mars slips back into Scorpio on the 27th and stays there until August – is there a shadowy corner somewhere out in psyche where it might behoove us to do a little digging? Perhaps there are some vices or inner demons we need to bravely confront. As an aside, something we should also know about Mars backing into Scorpio is that it can increase the likelihood of less scrupulous types engaging in psychological warfare, so if you are feuding with an ex or dealing with someone who may be harboring secret animosity toward you, it's important to investigate their motives and not to let them literally psych you out.

***** 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 ([@EmpwrDdstny](#)).**

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