

# Talisman

**Talisman ... A Unique New-Age Shop**

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***Spellcraft by Talisman product***

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**November 1, 2014**

Merry Greetings,

Regardless of one's spiritual path, November tends to be a very pensive time of year for most. This month is a deathly month: Death with an eye to rebirth, true ... bare trees will re-grow their foliage, hibernating plants and animals will eventually re-emerge. But as the weather grows colder, scenery becomes bleak and the North Wind changes from autumnal "crispness" to bone chilling – I find myself going deep.

Now, deep can be depressively dark or deep can be creative. The birthing process – with light at the end of the tunnel, literally. It's a wonderful time to craft, to write, to renew. During the growing season, we brought fresh fruits and vegetables in from the garden (or market) to consume; now we work with dried herbs/plants, often with an eye to healing. And what is more soul healing than curling up with a blanket, book and cup of cocoa in front of a blazing fire? This act would be oppressive in the heat of summer – but soothing and restful as the winter wind howls outside.

At the shop, the Goddess Isis is calling out to many of us. China and I are getting calls for statues and Egyptian jewelry. One of our Readers, Gwen, stated emphatically it is due to Isis' rage at Her name being lent to a terrorist group currently getting much media exposure for brutal acts of violence. Regardless of why She is calling, it is certainly appropriate to the death/rebirth cycle we observe, winter into spring.

Isis was known in Ancient Egyptian mythology as a goddess of the moon, love, magic, fertility and healing. Following the death of her brother/husband Osiris, she took on the role of a goddess

of the dead and of funeral rites. The most famous Isis legend relates to the death of her husband Osiris at the hands of their rival and brother Set. Set was always jealous of Osiris and Isis. After Set murdered and dismembered Osiris, Isis used her magic and power to bring her husband back to life. Anubis helped Isis and her faithful sister Nephthys to rebuild the body of Osiris, which is why Isis is associated with magical power and healing. The realms of life and death are often associated with both Isis and Nephthys, who are depicted together on coffins and funerary texts. They are usually shown in their human form, with the addition of the wings that they used to shelter and protect Osiris. This ancient Egyptian mythology also explains why Osiris adopted the role as a god of the dead and ruler of the Egyptian underworld and why Isis is sometimes referred to as Queen of the Underworld. Egyptian representations of Isis frequently show her with the outspread wings of the kite hawk or kestrel. The outspread wings are symbols of protection in both this life and the afterlife. Because of the strength and power displayed by Isis, spiritual paths that honor her are popular among many Pagans and Wiccans; Isis has also become a notable part of the New Age movement. (*Literary credit to Landofpyramids.org and paganwiccan.about.com*)

#### Prayer to Isis

My mysteries will be unveiled to you, you will see.  
I will whisper my ancient secrets to you, you will hear.  
My words will be spoken through your lips, you will be heard.  
My wings will embrace you.  
You will feel, I will be at One with you  
You will become Me ~ Isis ~

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And moving forward on that "creative" note, I recently pulled together the complete list of our **Spellcraft by Talisman** products and was amazed to see it totaled three pages! As our newsletter now goes out to well over 3,000 addresses (and hundreds more forwarded on each month) I am being inundated with calls and emails from people out of the area, asking about ordering on-line. So I gave this some thought, and decided yes, we should make our products available to people who cannot make the ride to Talisman, but not via some cold impersonal computer program or e-store. That's just not our way!

So here is what I am proposing: Our **Spellcraft by Talisman** products are listed below. In the future, they will be accessible by a link in the newsletter AND on the website. If you want to place an order, call the shop and talk to either myself or China and one of us will personally pull the products and ring you up. We can take credit/debit cards over the phone. In addition, ANY of

our products are available - let us know what you are looking for. This includes tumbled stones and crystals, candles, incense, etc. So if you want to order our oils, powders or what have you, but also want a few tumbled stones or (say) a hematite ring - of course we will add them in!

I really thing this idea reconciles my love for personal, hands-on service and my deep dislike of technology beautifully! Internet communication aside, people who come to Talisman know we handwrite our receipts, use a cashbox in lieu of a computerized register, and we're one step away from having an abacus instead of a calculator on the front counter! So, hoping you find this idea as charming as I do, here is our Spellcraft by Talisman product listing: <http://www.talismanct.com/images/Talisman%20Product%20List.pdf>

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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>

**November 1**

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (past life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

**November 8**

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (past life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

**November 15**

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (past life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

Pina - Angel Oracle (Mediumship)

**November 22**

Andrew Neblett – Runes, Tarot

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (past life recall)

Mark - Tarot or Reflexology (Mediumship)

**November 29**

Rachel - Animal Intuitive & Tarot (Mediumship). Animals welcome or can work from photos

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.**

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**Talisman's Regularly-Scheduled Readers**

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

**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! (\$50). 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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**Classes & Workshops at Talisman**

RSVP at (203) 261-0047 or email [lenhard@comcast.net](mailto:lenhard@comcast.net)

Saturday, November 15 **Talisman After Dark** 7:00-9:00pm. \$10 co-hosted by China & Laura.

Over the past couple of years, Laura has been asked many times about creating a study group which would offer an opportunity to learn about magick and the metaphysical realm . So after much thought, we have created a format that will flow sort of like a talk show with full audience participation. Current events, a main topic, a demonstration of some sort and ending with question and answer time will create a well-rounded evening (we hope!). We are calling this “Talisman After Dark” because darker (meaning non-child friendly) topics that we don’t normally discuss upstairs during working hours may be discussed or explored.

**Session Two:** Current events; a discussion on “Magickal Associations” you may find them to be useful or cumbersome – either way, they add value! We will demonstrate various ways to dress candles, and end with a Q & A Session.

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Saturday, Nov. 22: **The Body Language Workshop** taught by Andrew Neblett. 6:30-8:30pm. \$25. We use our mouths to speak but our bodies communicate much more and more honestly! In this special workshop you will learn the following:

- What the different parts of the face, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, torso, hips, legs and feet are saying to you.
- How someone really feels about you (Great stuff for those of you looking for a partner!).
- If someone is lying or hiding something.
- If the person is fearful.
- How a child is feeling.
- The current health of the body.
- Myths about body language.

And much, much more! Knowing how to interpret body language will give you a distinct advantage and can help you avoid costly or embarrassing mistakes and decisions. You will both learn a very useful new skill and have a lot of fun doing it!

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**THE CIRCLE OF THE SACRED WELL PRESENTS**

**Event: Wiccan/Pagan Study Group - Faces of the Divine**

**Date: November 18th - 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, Mandy O. will be our presenter. One god, two gods, three gods - four ... and that's not including the goddess(es)! Join us as we discuss the faces of the divine throughout the millennia. As we all know, there are major differences between mono-, duo- and polytheistic visions of the divine. Tonight, we will discuss those differences, as well as explore how a religion's vision of the divine influences its beliefs and practices. We will also discuss the faces of the neo-pagan divine, as well as how this influences the beliefs and practices of modern pagans. Participants are encouraged to share their beliefs about the faces of the divine that are meaningful to them.

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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.

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"HUNA" Intensive (Secrets of the ancient Hawaiians Revealed). November 22nd and 23rd - Sat. 9 to 4 & Sun. 9 to 4.

Dr. Frederick has traveled the world studying the customs, religion and psychology of ancient civilizations. He is President of the World Institute of Integrative Health Sciences and holds a Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology with other degrees in Metaphysical Sciences, Naturopathy, Homeopathic Medicine, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine. Dr. Frederick is an Honored HUNA KUMU from Hawaii.

Look what you will learn! History and Overview \* The Ten Elements of Man & Woman\* Three Levels of Awareness and Vital Life Force\* Learn how to generate the life force of "MANA", The

HA RITE \* Use the force of "MANA" to actually Bend Spoons!! \* USE "MANA" to move objects, melt clouds, see Auras and to HEAL yourself and others! (Cloud Melting, weather permitting) The science of answered prayers \* Contact your inner self "unihipili", The Genie Within, plus Invite your higher self into your life for positive changes! Learn special water techniques for balancing and healing. \* Balance three energy centers through "Mana Infusion" \* Contact your High Self and use "MANA LOA" TO HEAL \* Take Part in an Ancient Hawaiian Intonation & Cleansing Ritual. Don't miss this exciting seminar, Space is Limited to 10 people!

Sturbridge Host, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Call 1-508-347-7393 for hotel reservations and easy directions from Mass Pike and Rt. 84. COST IS ONLY \$275.00! \$295.00 at the door) (Includes Handouts & Ti Leaf from Hawaii). More Information: Contact: Dr. Dave 717-560-5609

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My daughter Daisy recently had a Seven Rays Healing with Rev. Patricia Brooks; in addition I thoroughly enjoyed reading both her books (below) *Messages from the Animals* and *Messages from the Golden Angels* – two books which are part of her Divinely guided book series **God is in the Little Things**. Rev. Patricia is an interfaith interspiritual minister who honors all religious and spiritual practices performed for the Highest and Greatest Good. Patricia shares the Divine messages of Oneness and standing in our truth as spiritual beings on her radio show **Spiritual Lens** <http://www.ctrnetwork.com/profile/spirituallens>. She is an animal totem intuitive, angel card reader, and healer with the Seven Rays.

Patricia authors two spiritual blogs and is a contributing writer to Lightworkers World. Having profound spiritual experiences has dramatically changed Patricia Brooks' life and she has come to understand her Divine life purpose is to spread the message of Oneness. Patricia's books are her honest and emotionally raw retelling of her true spiritual experiences as she walks her spiritual path. You can order an autographed copy from Patricia at her website <http://www.patriciabrooks.net> or in paperback or Kindle on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) - also for sale at Angels & Company and Linda's Storytime in Monroe.

### **God is in the Little Things: Messages from the Animals**

Patricia Brooks has had some unusual encounters with different animals. Some were scary, some were awe-inspiring, almost all of them were startling, and none of them were invited. At first, she thought these encounters were strange but ultimately random. As the number of animals Patricia came across increased, she was forced to reassess the phenomenon. These could not be chance occurrences. Patricia was not running into them; these animals were visiting her instead. Upon reflection and self-discovery, Patricia realized that the animals had been sent

by God and were laden with His lessons and meanings. Through the animals and His messages, God has guided Patricia through a personal, spiritual, and emotional journey she could not have endured alone.

**God is in the Little Things: Messages from the Golden Angels**

This riveting true story reveals Patricia's struggle to reclaim her connection to her Higher Self and discover the meaning of her life. Travel with Patricia through her past lives from Ancient Rome to the cobblestone streets of Boston. Cry with Patricia as she shares the intimate details of her struggles and how she learns to heal her broken heart. Spiritual revelations unfold before your eyes as Patricia discovers the true meaning of life and begins living her new life with clarity and purpose. Watch as Patricia moves from wounded and weak to a powerful and empowered spiritual being.

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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. <http://www.thehealingloft.net> or (203) 506-8822.

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CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT Changing Times-Changing Worlds, an interfaith esoteric conference for the New England area, will take place November 7-9, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza Conference Center in Cromwell, CT. The conference, which is open to the public, offers hours of workshops on matters such as healing, psychic abilities, spiritual practices, divination, and folklore. There will also be vendors and readers offering services and goods from books and jewelry to aura photography. This year's theme is Cycles and Movement .

Presenters at the conference will offer classes and panels on subjects ranging from herbalism to

advanced Reiki training, from to ghosts to elves, dowsing to the Christian folk magic. It's been decades since the modern world began to acknowledge the psychic and spiritual side of reality. This conference addresses the needs of those who want to learn how to develop their natural talents, enhance their skills, and ground metaphysical practice in practical, daily life. We draw from diverse communities that have been learning to integrate spirit and matter, and will have many panels where we will exchange our perspectives and build on the achievements we've made. Combining the discoveries of many groups, we can learn and achieve even more.

Registration fees, which include all conference activities except meals and lodging, is \$85 for the weekend (\$65 pre-reg), \$35/45 per day (discounts available). Classes run noon until 11 PM Friday; 9 AM to 11 PM Saturday; and 10 to 4 Sunday. For more information, please email us at Tchipakkan@tds.net or visit our website at <http://changingtimeschangingworlds.org/>

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A live-out nanny position is being sought by a young woman with excellent references and experience. Contact Jen at (203) 522-6452.

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### **Astrology Corner**

**By Alethea Hunt, Astrologer**

November begins on a favorable note with a plethora of Scorpio planets invigorated by contact to Mars and Pluto. Remember how last month I spoke about the theme of resiliency arising in late October? The supportive contact between the Sun & Venus in regenerative Scorpio plus Mars & Pluto in sturdy Capricorn reinforces this energy now – perhaps one or more of the “seeds” of resurrection we planted during the recent New Moon Solar Eclipse may already be starting to sprout! This combination is great for shrewd business, financial, & relationship dealings where our ability to cut through any B.S. can help us put our feet on solid ground – try to view these matters like a chess or poker game & make calculated moves now. This is important for reasons you will soon see below.

The biggest “hiccup” of the month occurs as feisty Mars butts up against powerful Pluto between the **6th-13th**, thus irritating the Pluto-Uranus square. Lo-Fi Mars is impulsive & rash, while the contact to Pluto may indicate subversive, sneaky maneuvers – this is the kind of energy where it's real easy to find ourselves pissed off (*especially in the workplace!*) and Lo-Fi channeling this into underhanded action with an eye toward revenge. Needless to say, this is \*not\* the way to go, so please refrain from any dishes “best served cold”, covert power struggles w/ higher-ups OR ruthless schemes to \*get\* higher up, or generally plotting a workplace coup of any kind - unless of course we're actively trying to get ourselves fired, LOL. “Provocation” scenarios such

as these are not outside the realm of possibility since Mars is the dispositor of Uranus, but we should also know that any willful misconduct would definitely hurt the chance of having unemployment insurance there as a safety net with this astro in play. There could also be a sleaze-factor at work in a career context because both Mars & Pluto are highly-sexed energies – I get a possible “dirty old man” feel off this energy, which can be problematic for obvious reasons if our boss is kind of pervy or if we work with the elderly population, for example. Even when these are not potential factors, I consider it solid advice to refrain from any sexy-type shenanigans in professional settings if we’re hot for a co-worker, higher-up, or (gasp!) teacher - cue up the Van Halen!

There are a couple blessings to be had in that a chunk of this energy occurs during the weekend, where many don’t have to deal with their “evil corporate masters, *mwahahaha!*” And with Mars residing in the sign of its exaltation – Capricorn – we may have better success than otherwise in controlling our temper, especially if we bear these cautions/consequences in mind. Because Capricorn is the sign of our “elders” and authority figures, we should include the possibility of a parent or boss acting oppressively or trying to push our buttons around this time. If we already have a sense that either is likely to be a touchy area, we shouldn’t hesitate to get some kind of action plan in place for how to behave so we don’t feel hit from left field & wind up blowing our stack. Frame it as having an Emergency Preparedness Plan in place to prevent meltdowns, because the goal is to always maintain integrity in our actions and behavior, to avert crisis whenever possible, and when it’s not, proactive planning is definitely the way to go. It’s a lot easier to calculate possible scenarios and then formulate winning plans for how to handle them when we’re not physically \*in\* them - hopefully we’ll never have to utilize them, but if we do we’ll be glad we put the time into playing it out a few chess moves in preparation. Capricorn & Aries are the signs most affected by this energy, followed by Libra & Cancer, so those with placements between 10-15 degrees of these signs should be prepared to call a halt lest they find themselves catching fire.

Now the Taurus Full Moon on November 6th is hardwired into this energy as well, but the Moon is well-placed in this sign and thus provides a further potential stabilization factor. Taurus likes to Keep It Simple, isn’t easily flustered, and the comfort it takes in material things reminds us that sometimes it’s OK to keep it “all about the dollars” - considering the financial implications of any potentially rash action can actually keep us mellow now. Chiron also stands by to hopefully prevent us from shooting ourselves in the foot by offering his healing energy to any self-defeating behaviors/actions, and a “Cradle” formation like this in the Water & Earth signs does favor grounding emotion with pragmatic concerns. All of this aside, on a metaphysical level this is an excellent lunation for money spells - Chiron helps to bridge the gap between material and magickal, the Scorpio planets boost manifestation potential, the Taurus influence is good for

matters involving financial need, and even the presently touchy Capricorn energy can be harnessed to win favor with authority figures, provided we're able to stroke them the right way. (*Ewww for the accidental double entendre, LOL, but we \*are\* dealing with Mars/Pluto energy in this sign so I'm leaving it there because it **DOES** fit – I guess there's more than one way to get a "raise"! OK, I'll stop now. :-p Like I said before, no sexy monkey business in the workplace!*)

In other areas, Venus enters overindulgent Sadge on the 16th before Thanksgiving this year, so we might pay a little extra attention to our capacity for extravagance unless we want to get an early start on blowing our diets or wallets ahead of the season. ;-) As for holiday shopping, this year I would advocate either going at the very beginning of the month or else waiting until after the New Moon for best gift-giving results since Venus makes some questionable hits to the Outer Planets during much of this time. Speaking of the New Moon, this one happens @ 0 degrees of Sagittarius on the 22nd. Since this sign has much to do with **excess**, the Moon's square to Neptune suggests we look at the ways our inclinations toward "too much" of anything might not be the healthiest for us even (*and especially*) if it feels good. 'Tis the season of "overdoing it", after all – especially **this year** with a Sun/Jupiter mutual reception in play through the Winter Solstice and potentially egging us on!

Now New Moons are about New Beginnings, and as we're planting our seeds of conscious intention that we hope will grow, flourish, & yield super-sized results, we might pause and consider how they could also expand into "too much of a good thing". This is one of those "be careful what you wish for" instances, because this is a Moon of large appetite and we might be inclined to either bite off more than we can chew or else find that all the *fill-in-the-blank* in the world is never \*enough\*. Let's definitely do our best to get perspective on when "more" could prove to be our own undoing, then. Also, and I do hate to say this, but this is another one of those astro-influences that can increase "addictive" tendencies. Watch intake of anything (*be it substance or otherwise*) we might use to make ourselves "feel better", because there is a higher-than-normal likelihood this could morph into a full-blown addiction of one stripe or another. Definitely set limits if something starts to feel like a vice, because Saturn in Scorpio is in fairly close proximity to this lunation & this could help us put the brakes on before anything gets out of hand.

A plus about this Moon is it can certainly amplify intuition, spirituality, & generosity in a good way, provided we also keep Saturn's boundaries & good sense in play to counteract any excessiveness in this regard. What we want to avoid is over-sensitivity/over-impressionability, over-the-top spirituality that may be nebulously applied to justify questionable moral conduct (*beware the Bullshit Guru!*) or that potentially veers toward the hypocritical/dogmatic, and blind good faith where "giving" can become "enabling" – especially is where love & money are involved

due a Venus/Neptune square leading up to this event. We can certainly use this lunation for planting seeds of personal or spiritual growth through generosity & charity, yet balance kindness with good judgment. Saturn close to this Sagittarius New Moon may give us a little mini–preview of issues that could arise during Saturn’s 2 1/2 year visit to Sadge, which begins next month. One theme we may encounter is “**tests of faith**”, so I would say that perhaps “trust but verify” is a good mantra to adopt going forward. Being congruent with our spiritual path(s) is also a big one, especially regarding ethics and taking personal responsibility for our own...erm, stuff...that might not jibe with the Path we purport to be on. With a square between Jupiter & Mercury at this time, we might expect to be called out if/when this is indeed the case, “Emperor’s-New-Clothes” style. Mercury Scorpio has great x-ray vision and is more than happy to call foul on something others would consider too “taboo” a subject to breach, while Lo-Fi Jupiter in Leo’s inflated sense of self-importance reminds us of all the hazards that come of elevating the ego above the heart and thinking we’re “too above” anything. If we are truly seeking to walk in the Light, we must be congruent to the core of our being, avoid the pitfalls of pride & arrogance, and keep true to the heart-center above all else.

**\*\*\* 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**