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## **February 2, 2017 - Merry Imbolc!**

Oh, the Twitter Talk and Social Media DRAMA! Drama is all about the level of noise and number of people privy to one's struggles. So, the more private you are, the less drama you engender. Keep it all inside, however, and you can simply explode from the internal pressure. Choosing the appropriate time and place to vent is part of the wisdom which comes with maturity.

Speaking of drama, my teenage daughter (a fellow Pisces) commented to me recently that she had "learned to repress her emotions" by watching her best friend (a Virgo) do it so well, for so many years. When astrological signs oppose each other (as do Pisces/Virgo) they teach one another hard lessons. When operating at their best, Pisces teaches Virgo to relax, let things happen naturally, not to over-plan or over-think. In turn, Virgo teaches Pisces to organize, follow through on plans, maintain a timetable and to restrain (NOT repress, silly girls!) their emotions. And with Pisces and Virgo friendships, it's like Bob Marley hanging out with Felix Unger.

So ... after my mini astrology lesson, now let's talk about spiritual limits and magickal boundaries.

In terms of boundaries, many Wiccans (and others) refer to "The Threefold Law" as a magickal mandate and guarantee of good behavior. A moral rule of magickal conduct.

Not to offend anyone, but The Threefold Law is one of those things that got a bit lost in translation:

<https://gardnerians.wordpress.com/2014/09/28/there-is-no-universal-threefold-law-in-wicca/>

This "law" evolved from a misinterpretation of a passage in a work of fiction written by Gerald Gardner, the grandfather of modern Wicca. The book was called High Magic's Aid, and he wrote it with the permission of his High Priestess. It had to be fiction because at that point, witchcraft was still illegal in Britain. In that book the protagonist undergoes a sort of initiation rite in which he is taught "mark well when thou receivest good, so equally art bound to return good threefold."

This means that when someone does good by a witch, according to the witchcraft teaching in this \*very\* fictional novel, the witch is bound to return that good threefold. This is a far cry from "anything at all that you send out into the world will return to you threefold." It actually means that what you do to a witch should be returned by her threefold, and specifically good acts. Which means it's really, really good for you to bless, help or aid a witch. The idea is that the witch returns things triple, not the universe. The witch is herself the agent of a threefold response, not the universe.

Basically, you can be good, you can be bad. People talk about Karma without understanding that "The Universe" has no emotional investment in your life - Karma is about universal balance. The BIG picture. ALL the lifetimes past, present and future. No small thing. But it does answer the question "Why do bad things happen to good people?" and why some very bad people seem to get a "free pass" on their actions. It's Karma, baby.

Someone came into the shop this week and boldly asked if I "put spells on people"? Well, hmmm ... Does it seem like I would just blow it off someone owed me money? Was talking behind my back? Causing one of my children harm? Depends. Every action causes a reaction and I do not often choose to be energetically entangled in

another person's life (which is eternal). This is why magick is often the last resort, not the first. Far easier to talk and resolve a problem, go to small claims court, file a restraining order. Mundane? Perhaps. But remember what we talked about in January's newsletter "Every Act of Will is an Act of Magick" so yes I would go to court but I'd also have three acorns or a High John root in my pocket (and an orange candle burning at home) for sure!

We all have heard, over and over again - be careful what you wish for. It's always easier to open a door or a portal than to close it. And most importantly - know your limits. The time to test your skills is NOT in the heat of anger or passion (you can compare it to texting while drunk - bad idea). Magick is only as good as the person doing it. There are ceremonial magicians who will tell you that their magic is the most powerful - but maybe not. Because meanwhile, there are little old ladies with a chicken foot hanging off the back of their chair and a wooden spoon in their hand who could bring down nations with a stare. It's not just what works ... it's what works for you.

Blessed Be -

Laura

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## **NEW-AGE FAIRES HELD EVERY SATURDAY**

Faire time 12-6pm. [\(203\) 261-0047](tel:2032610047) 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:

[Reader Bios](#)

[February 4](#)

Gwen - Tarot (past life recall)

Pina - Angel Reader/Oracle (Mediumship)

Sandy - Soul Portraits and/or Tarot  
Sherri - Tarot with Astrological Spread

February 11

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)  
Patty - Crystal Ball, Psychometry, Mediumship  
Pina - Angel Reader/Oracle (Mediumship)  
Sandy - Soul Portraits and/or Tarot

February 18

Andrea - Tarot/Mediumship  
EstaRa - Twinflame & New Paradigm Divine  
Sandy - Soul Portraits and/or Tarot  
Sherri - Tarot with Astrological Spread

February 19

Andrea - Tarot/Mediumship (1-5)

February 25

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)  
Pina - Angel Reader/Oracle (Mediumship)  
Rachel - Tarot (Mediumship), Pet Intuitive (pets/photo)  
Sherri - Tarot with Astrological Spread

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**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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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:

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.

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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: [CWPN.Org](http://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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Our own China (who is always at the shop on Tuesdays and most Saturdays) also makes the sage water spray, Four Thieves products, soaps, salt baths and many of the oils. She is a gifted artist as well, please visit her at **One Handy Witch: The Art of China Mayhew**

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EstaRa (April D'Amato) is offering a Webinar on Saturday Feb. 4 from 12-2 pm EST. "Manifesting the 5th Dimensional Way" This webinar will focus on the energetic tools of manifestation. You will learn that the old way of manifesting is no longer valid, we must create differently than we have been taught. We need to learn to navigate this 5th dimensional frequency as the Creators and Master Manifestors we are. Learn how to use your energy of love to create the life you want to live. After you sign up for this class, you will see instructions for the webinar. Energy Exchange: \$33 Buy at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/152047708631218/>

Soul Star Healing's Mission is to promote HOPE (Healing Our Planet Earth) one person at a time through turning on the lights! EstaRa April D'Amato, Soul Star Healing

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Awaken The Power Therapy: Introduces Women's Wellness & Empowerment Group. This group is a 8-10 session group that meets on Saturdays. The Group focuses on life issues: juggling work & family, substance abuse issues, early recovery from substance abuse & depression, parenting issues, parenting a "difficult" child or a child with a mental health diagnosis, relationship issues, low self-esteem, social isolation,

reduction of sexual libido with depression and/or childbirth, assertive communication with a spouse & in the workplace. This group allows for a supportive & safe space to process, ventilate feelings & gain useful advice and support using art therapy, GODDESS Training, expressive therapy, spirituality principles, cognitive behavioral therapy techniques, dialectical behavioral therapy approaches, guided meditation and open discussions with other women. Each Group is \$25 per session. For clients with Medicare or Medicaid sessions will be free! CALL FOR DETAILS! Monique West, LCSW. Email: [Mwest@awakenthepower.org](mailto:Mwest@awakenthepower.org) 58 River Street, Milford, CT 06460 [203-693-1050](tel:203-693-1050)

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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 [Hunter Healing Hands](#) Contact [203-916-8381](tel:203-916-8381) to register for an event!

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## **Astrology Corner**

**By Alethea Hunt, Astrologer**

It's going to be a wackier February than usual with the weird, wonderful eclipses taking place this month! But before I get too far ahead of myself let's talk about Venus' transition into Aries, which will be a prolonged stay due to her impending retrograde (more on that next month). Venus is all hotted up in this sign and this can lead to an inclination to be impulsive regarding both love and money. So if new offers present, cool your heels for a bit - especially with that retro incoming! Remember this is also a debilitated placement for Venus - do your best to be polite & cooperative with others, and don't forget to consider what THEY want, too! This can help avert potential fights. Be aware this energy may be inclined to bring out "frenemy" dynamics as well;

especially among women when there is a sense of competition involved.

But let's move on to covering the first of our two eclipses! A Full Moon Lunar Eclipse in Leo on February 10th can hype drama – especially among women, family, and even regarding children – but this particular eclipse is smoother than most since it has a boatload of support coming from other planets. Uranus, Saturn, AND benefic Jupiter all touch this lunation, signifying innovation and change, achievement and structure, as well as growth and opportunity. It's a good time to let natural creativity and talents shine - even if they are a part of our lineage or were nurtured by our family of origin, this is time to break free from tradition and do it your own signature way, which may equal “offbeat” or “different”. If you have children, support and encourage THEIR unique talents rather than live vicariously through them! \*coughStageMomcough\*

Mid-month, a feisty Mars in Aries starts to butt heads with powerful Pluto (an influence that builds toward a crescendo on the 22nd) – avoid power struggles as well as controlling, possibly even underhanded or manipulative actions for sure! There is a potentially ugly, volcanic, violent side to this energy you don't want any part of – it can be very base. So even if we find ourselves pissed off about someone doing us wrong, remember that “Vengeance is mine, sayeth the lord”. Burn this energy off though intense physical activity (such as boxing or a martial art), or allow its more carnal side a passionate, physical release via sex. Just make sure it's consensual and not too rough; remember the safe word!

Our second eclipse is a Pisces New Moon solar eclipse on Feb 26th , made super dreamy and mystical thanks to its close proximity to Neptune. It's a great time to set an intention regarding introspection, rest, spiritual pursuits, and for involvement with charitable/humanitarian causes. This highly compassionate lunation may even have us feeling a bit weepy as we experience the tidal swells of this super Neptunian Moon! It's an ideal time for divination as well with the Sun & Moon aligned with prophetic star Skat - perhaps some form of water augury (such as reading tea leaves or coffee

grounds), hydromancy, or working with dowsing rods may be particularly helpful. It does remind me of Galadriel's Mirror for the reason that Skat is indeed found in the constellation of the Water-Bearer, where water is being poured forth from an urn. Regardless if prophesy is or isn't your thing, this magical eclipse does encourage us to make a wish upon a star at the very least, as Skat is also known as "The Wish"!

Another note: Do be aware that Mars collides w/ Uranus on the same date as this eclipse! This can make for unexpected accidents late in the month; particularly those associated with cuts and burns, or for surprising outbursts of shocking anger. Definitely mind your own temper while staying away from hot social situations and from those with short fuses! Know that it's possible as well for friends to cause conflict; especially within unions. This is because Mars & Uranus also form an opposition w/ Jupiter in Libra. If someone wants space in a relationship, leave them a wide berth around this time. Sometimes we need to evolve as individuals and perhaps even go our separate ways in order to have a better relationship and/or \*be\* a better partner. There could be a long-distance separation involved for some - for example, a partner may receive an unexpected opportunity that needs to be acted upon very quickly where they go it alone. But someone is apt to want lots of breathing room & independence in a union now is the point. Perhaps they're even doing something with friends, like taking a trip. Regardless, try not to get into situations where there is some kind of conflict with friends that causes a big relationship issue or vice versa; like Beatles vs. Yoko Ono style. Do try to see whatever is going on as an exercise in faith and trust that it will ultimately work out for the best no matter what!

\*\*\* 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](mailto: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 \****