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Merry Greetings!

It's been one of "those" weeks for me ... actually two weeks' worth of nagging anxiety, nasty dreams and frustration. Happily, that is not my normal mode of operation - but going on a few long walks in the woods with my dogs and goats, working in my garden and finally throwing myself under the full moon yesterday helped set my energies right. Whew! Much better. And - now I feel like I can write!

Every month after I send out the newsletter, I usually get between 12-20 responses from Talisman's friends and patrons. Those times that I write about personal experiences really seem to resonate. Let me start off by saying it is GOOD to be me ... you cannot imagine how wonderful it is to be the steward of Talisman! I can't in good faith call myself its "owner" as I think the shop owns ME, to be honest with you. But I truly love my life and my life's work in this little new-age shop. Every single day, the most amazing people walk through its doors and introduce themselves to me. And that is really the coolest part of it all - I'm not out knocking on doors, asking people if they've found the Goddess or running around the state vending at various events - people seek me out, usually after one of you (and bless you for this!) have said something wonderful about Talisman. So again ... how lucky am I?

Last Saturday, a lovely woman named EstaRa came to Talisman. And after she was done shopping, she and I had a great conversation. And in passing, she mentioned she also was a reader - not psychic, per se, but a channeler. And not a Medium, but a Voice for the Light Beings - higher entities from another dimension. And she shared with me how she had transitioned from her life as an attorney and political speech writer in Washington DC

to that of spiritual healer. I was taken with her sincerity and lack of ulterior motive - she didn't try to "sell" herself in any way. In fact, given the low viewership of her videos she clearly isn't marketing herself in any really big way. EstaRa actually hadn't planned to come to Monroe, she had no business here (and lives in Guilford) but her guides had instructed her to come. At my request, she did give me her card and laughingly told me her website contained videos with her in session and channeling ... but she doesn't like to watch them, as her contortions and voice changes make her uncomfortable. For the record (and like several other shamanic practitioners I know), she does not watch TV, listen to the radio or go to the movies. Or read email ... so she won't be seeing this, I'm afraid, and I had no way to ask her permission or have her proofread before sending.

Knowing this won't be for everyone, but in response to the many requests I get for guided meditations, I am providing links to three of EstaRa's videos. I've watched quite a few of her videos, read through her blogs and couldn't find any point in which her work did not feel authentic to me. If you choose to do the chakra clearing meditation (and save it for last, please) make sure the room is quiet and keep a glass or bottle of water on hand. Her website is www.soulstarhealing.com and here are some links I think you will find enjoyable (or at least, interesting): Please do this one first: A guided meditation for relaxation at day's end - <http://youtu.be/GJHGRJKggqc> A message and activation from the Masters of Light - <http://youtu.be/MuYICwTNUNM> A chakra clearing meditation by the Arcturians - <http://youtu.be/74tFgs5GRAE>

Years before I went to live with them in Oklahoma during my junior year of high school, both my father and stepmother were visited multiple times by a Lightbeing. I heard stories of these "visits" from both Dad and Betty's perspective, and it was all quite remarkable to me. I have come to believe, with all my heart, that we will in fact be "fixing" or cleaning up our lovely little blue ball of a planet - Mother Gaia - with the help of entities who love and support us, but respect our right to Free Will, after what has been prophecized comes to pass. I believe They have visited before - that the ancient cave paintings of angels and aliens, Egyptian pyramids, stonehenge, crystal skulls, and many other wonders speak to these visits and their influence on humankind.

At any rate, please enjoy EstaRa's meditation(s) and let me know what YOU think! I do hope you all realize that I value your opinions and friendship even more than I appreciate your patronage -- although I must say, I do appreciate THAT an awful lot as well!

Blessed Be!

NEW-AGE FESTS (bi-monthly)

Saturday, July 7

12:00pm-6:00pm - (203) 261-0047 for appointments

Readers (\$25/20 minutes - please, cash only):

Andrew Neblett, Tarot

Lattoria, Spiritual Healer

Leah Joy, Palmist

Patty, Crystal Ball Readings

Rachel, Tarot and Pet Psychic

Sierra, Journey to your Animal Totem

Yvonne McGarvey, Tarot (se habla Espanol)

Tammie, Chair Massage (\$1/minute)

Tim Bshara of A Healing Hand will conduct **Reiki/Sound/Crystal healing sessions** by

appointment

30 min or 60 min (\$40/\$70)

Saturday, July 21

12:00pm-6:00pm - (203) 261-0047 for appointments

Readers (\$25/20 minutes - please, cash only):

Lattoria, Spiritual Healer

Melissa, Tarot

Patty, Crystal Ball Readings

Sierra North, Shamanic Journey to find your Power Animal

Tammie, Chair Massage (\$1/minute)

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Talisman's Regularly-Scheduled Readers

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

Mark Hoyt: Spirit Guided Tarot - Fridays 2-8pm. \$25/20 minutes. Reflexology treatments available by appointment.

Lina: Sunday/weekday mornings - Intuitive Counseling by appointment (261-0047) \$50/45 minutes. Fluent in Italian, Spanish and English.

Kristy Ouellete: Sundays 1-5 (tarot)

Gwen: Saturday, June 14 and 28 (whole-life tarot)

Quick note from Laura: We do things a bit differently at Talisman. You pay 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, if you are not "feeling it" 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?) and 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 \$60 an hour, plus gas/mileage. Please make all scheduling arrangements through Laura at (203) 261-0047.

Healing massage/Reiki with Kim: Most of you have met Kim, my best friend and sister-in-law, as she has watched the shop from time to time. She has dressed candles, done house cleansings, and sat in on healing/reading sessions at Talisman as well. Kim takes her own special brand of healing massage/Reiki/journeywork/mediumship on the road, so to speak - "Have table/will travel!" - is a licensed aesthetician and available for at-home sessions for \$85/hour. Of course, I am biased ... but the feedback I have been getting is that she is providing a truly unique and wonderful experience. Call 261-0047 for more information.

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! (\$40). 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. As long as there are no other scheduled

readers in the shop (they drive in from a distance and it's 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!

Workshops at Talisman

RSVP (203) 261-0047

Saturday, July 7: **Past Life Regression** with Dr. Andrew Neblett, 6:30-8:30pm. \$25.

This is such a popular workshop at Talisman! 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 and open up afterward to share our experiences (on a voluntary basis only). No pressure here! Dress comfortably. Sit on a chair, bring a beach lounger/bean bag/mat -- wear comfy clothing. Just come, get relaxed and enjoy!

Since birth, Andrew has lived a natural/metaphysical lifestyle due to his mother raising him with natural cures and living in several haunted houses. These influences have taught him to trust his "gut" instincts and to conquer fear. He is a practicing demonologist/exorcist for over 27 years and an ordained minister and uses these gifts in C.O.R.P.S.E. (CT Offices of Respectful Paranormal/Spiritual Examinations www.corpse-usa.org). He is a natural health consultant, certified and CT Registered Hypnotist (HYP.0000114), herbalist, creator of Octoenergetics, author (Octoenergetics, Foundation Book 1, 2009 and Book 2 and 3 currently being written along with two other books), certified Neuro-linguistic Programming Instructor, Hypnosis Instructor, and teaches Continuing Education Classes in Southbury, CT, and certification classes in Hypnosis, NLP, Octoenergetics and Psychosomatic Kinesiology nationally. He also practices meridian therapy (think needless acupuncture) aromatherapy, reflexology, radesthesia, E.F.T., hair analysis and iridology. He uses the combination of hypnosis and other alternative health modalities in his practice, Neblett Hypnosis & Wellness Group, L.L.C., with locations in New England and New York. For more information on health services, please visit www.nebletonline.com.

Saturday, August 4: **The New World Order and Secret Societies** with Dr. Andrew Neblett, 6:30-8:30pm. \$25.

This class will introduce you to the so-called global conspiracy and its players. There is so much misinformation out there that it is nearly impossible to know what to believe. Learn how to separate fact from fiction. Be warned!!!! The truth is often more frightening than the lies. Bring an open mind and be ready to shed old, comfortable habits and thought

patterns. We will look at the roles of government, big pharma, banks, oil companies, insurance, health care, military and other organizations and what they are really up to. The bigger question is: what can you do about it? This class will explore the answer to that question.

Sunday, August 5 **Usui Reiki I** taught by Cathy Kane, 10am-5pm. Cost \$125 (includes book). RSVP with prepayment required.

Reiki I gives you the ability to help yourself or others within a foot of you. Includes book, handouts and hands-on practice time as well as Reiki history, introduction to guided healing, healing and first degree attunements, meditations, aura reading/scanning, hand positions, how to give a Reiki treatment to self or others, and more. (Date and cost for Reiki II to follow). Reiki (also known as Usui Reiki) is an energyworking system originating in Japan, involves using a divine pool of energy to remind and support the body in using its own natural ability to heal itself. Reiki has other uses (such as manifestation), and has built-in safety measures that protect the practitioner from doing harm or depleting himself in the process. Angelic Reiki (originally channeled to Kathie Valentine) is an enrichment of the Reiki system and is offered at no additional charge as part of all Reiki classes Cathy teaches.

Catherine Kane has been a teaching master of Reiki since 1996. She loves to teach, especially things like Reiki that have made her life and the lives of so many others better. In her classes, you'll get demonstration and practice, as well as theory, and she continues her availability post-class to answer questions. For more information, contact Cathy at we_are_foresight@yahoo.com or Laura at Talisman.

Saturday, August 25 **The Alchemical Tarot** by Rosemary Guiley, 10am-4pm, \$100 incl. deck and book

Learn a new perspective on the Tarot with one of the most powerful decks in modern usage, co-created by artist Robert Michael Place and Rosemary Ellen Guiley. *The Alchemical Tarot* opens subtle and profound insights with the symbolism of alchemy. The inspiration for the deck flowed out of dreams and visions experienced by Place and Guiley, and Place's contact with the spirit of A.E. Waite, the Golden Dawn occultist who co-created the Rider-Waite deck.

The day-long workshop covers: the basics of Tarot; introduction to alchemy; immersion in the symbolic language of alchemy through meditational exercises; practical applications

for spiritual and visionary work; reading formats designed by Place and Guiley. Cost of the workshop includes the deck and booklet, a \$30 value. Guiley is also co-author with Place of *The Angels Tarot* and is author of *The Mystical Tarot*.

Saturday September 1: **Voodoo, Hoodoo and Rootworking** with Dr. Andrew Neblett, 6:30-8:30pm. \$25

This class will clear up the misunderstandings and mystery surrounding Voodoo, Hoodoo and Rootworking. Haitian Voodoo, the dominant religion of the country of Haiti is a religion pure and simply. It is a religion – as are Christianity, Judaism, Islam or Hinduism. Yet it is often treated not as a religion but as black magic, a superstition, even the cause of Haiti's misery. It will be compared to the New Orleans version of Voodoo. Along with Voodoo(Vodoun), Santeria, Candomble and other derivatives will be discussed. Bring your questions! Here is your chance to see through all of the B.S. out there and get to the truth.

Saturday, September 8 **Unseen Warfare: Djinn, Shadow People and Extraterrestrials** by Rosemary Ellen Guiley, 3-5pm, \$25

The ET abduction phenomenon is not what you think. For several decades, reports of kidnappings by "grays" have featured "grays" who take people away for sexual and genetic manipulation, perhaps for a hybridization program. Rosemary Ellen Guiley presents a ground-breaking new angle based on her in-depth research of Djinn, Shadow People and ETs. The evidence has been hiding in plain sight for decades. She is the author of *Guide to the Dark Side of the Paranormal*, co-author of *The Vengeful Djinn*.

Sunday, September 16 **Usui Reiki II** by Cathy Kane, Usui Reiki, Level II. 10am - 5pm, Cost \$200.

You must have taken Level 1 Usui before this class, but students of other teachers are perfectly welcome. Reiki is an energyworking system that originated in Japan. It uses a divine pool of energy to support the body's natural ability to heal itself. Reiki has other uses (such as manifestation) as well as built-in safety measures that protect the practitioner from doing harm inadvertently or depleting himself in the process. Angelic Reiki (originally channeled to Kathie Valentine) is an enrichment of Usui, and is a part of all of Cathy's Reiki classes. This class includes 2nd degree attunement, 5 Reiki symbols (including one that works across distances and forward/backward in time), distance healing, Reiki goal empowerment and a lot more.

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Saturday, September 22 **Mabon Celebration/Ritual** The Circle of the Sacred Well at Talisman

Saturday, September 29 **Ouija: Yes or No?** by Rosemary Ellen Guiley, 3-5pm, \$25
The Ouija talking board is the most controversial spirit communication device in popular use – and also the most feared. Is it really an automatic doorway to the demonic, or a harmless device that has gotten a bad rap? Rosemary Ellen Guiley has had extensive experience with the Ouija and has spent several years investigating its history, use, characteristics and phenomena. In 2007 she was selected by George Noory to participate in a live, on-air demonstration of the board on *Coast to Coast AM*, which generated intense reaction. She presents an objective and unvarnished account of the good, the bad and the shocking about talking boards. She is co-author of *Oujia Gone Wild!*

Sunday, November 4 and 11 **Wicca University**, The Circle of the Sacred Well - Introduction to the history and practice of Wicca

Join us for this two-day workshop that covers all aspects of the Wiccan religion. We will trace the cultural and religious traditions and individuals that have influenced the modern religion of Wicca, as well as other neoPagan religions. It explains many of the common terms associated with Wicca and provides an overview of the Wiccan belief system. It also discusses Wiccan concepts regarding the Divine and provides details about the Elements and the Elementals. There is an overview of the Wheel of the Year - Sabbats & Esbats included. The Wiccan ethical system and details of the concepts and methods involved in creating sacred space are also discussed, along with ritual construction and altar set-up. The class will conclude with an open discussion of the challenges of living the Wiccan religion in a modern world. Cost: \$ 125.00 for the whole course Includes all handout material, along with a binder with subject dividers in which to place the material. A great start to your Book of Shadows!

Energetic Expressions: An Energy Column

A *Healing Hand* welcomes you to the latest edition of Energetic Expressions – a Talisman column that will focus on all things Energy. We'll talk about Healing, about Energy, and about related topics. In this issue we will review some very practical advice on a topic that everybody loves to hate: MONEY. What does that have to do with Energy or Healing? Everything. And Nothing.

As most energy healers will tell you, there should be an exchange of energies when they work on you – the healer is utilizing their training and talent and spending their valuable personal time with the client, so the client should reciprocate with their own time or talents... or money. This applies more broadly to life situations than just healing sessions – people tend to overlook the value of their time and talent. Furthermore, money is often a taboo topic - you are not supposed talk about your salary with your coworkers... it's often rude to ask someone how much an item cost... you must take the price tag off of a gift before giving it - which gives it power.

Get your Financial House in order! Even Mother Theresa lived within a budget - you're no different! It would be great to have an infinite supply of money to take care of your own wants/needs as well as helping others... but that is not the case for most of us. Money tends to frighten and overwhelm people, wreaking havoc first on the Root Chakra and potentially rising higher into your Light Column. Since we have reviewed each chakra in past newsletters – let's see how that information can relate to money, money, money...

Root Chakra: Having a job that provides money, which you can use to purchase things like food, shelter, and clothing, is one key to keeping your Root Chakra balanced. Since your Root Chakra is all about your physical survival and well-being, money can alter the state of this chakra quite profoundly. Money not only affects your ability to provide basic needs for you and your family, but it can also cause a maelstrom of arguments in the household. This upsets the other main area of the Root – the tribal connection – and is further exacerbated when borrowing money from family and friends happens.

Sacral Chakra: Uncomfortable financial situations can also cause disharmony in this chakra. Money-induced stress can stifle the creative juices and kill the sex drive, which perpetuates the downward spiral. Creativity is necessary to enjoy and excel at your job, or come up with alternative ways to make money. And of course, if your significant other isn't happy in the bedroom..... enough said! In addition to the very individualistic correlations

between the Sacral Chakra and money, there are societal boundaries in place due to financial status that make it very difficult to interact with / relate to others in a different financial ‘caste’.

Solar Plexus Chakra: For many people, money is tied to their self-worth and personal power. Because money can purchase and provide both needs and wants, people think that it is powerful. People struggling financially may find themselves depressed or doubting their self-worth because they can't earn enough money to support themselves. They may be trying to exercise control over a situation rather than letting it go and opening up to new, better opportunities. Another shadow aspect of this chakra is tightly controlling the finances, even if adequate savings are in place, which needlessly causes feelings of poverty or sacrifice.

Heart Chakra: Who reading this has NOT had a fight with their significant other about money??? That's what I thought... Also, constantly mooching or taking advantage of the generosity of others without occasionally reciprocating will damage your friendships. When emotions collide with money, we can think of it in terms of generosity and compassion vs greed and protectionism. Sometimes it's easier to just give (emotionally, financially, etc) and expect nothing in return, rather than put a value on the exchange –if you have trouble assessing the energetic ‘value’ of what you have to offer then you cannot compute the monetary equivalent. However, if you have exchanged a service, bought or sold an item, or otherwise made an agreement, remember that it is right for you to expect fair and equal compensation in the way you agreed beforehand. But don't forget... in the case of giving a gift, it's healthy not to expect anything in return as long as you remember that gifts are given as signs of affection and appreciation... not part of an exchange.

Throat Chakra: Speaking your truth is important to maintaining energetic balance. Financial strain could cause you to flaunt your extravagant lifestyle even if you have debts up the wazzoo... or mislead others about the amount of debt you really have. Alternatively, you could inadvertently be throwing your financial success in others' faces. Fear of losing a job could cause a person to bite their tongue about an unjust situation rather than speaking up.

Brow Chakra: Have money worries ever kept you from seeing your true path? Sometimes you have to follow your instincts, and remember that your Higher Self knows what is best for you. Money can also interfere with this chakra when the spiritually gifted are under pressure to use their gifts to make ends meet – this could cause undesirable behaviors such as poaching clients, boasting about abilities to attract clients (everyone's a guru

these days...), and exhibiting a victim mentality when there is a lull in business.

Crown Chakra: It's easy for the connection to God/Spirit to suffer when your foundation is being rocked. Why is this happening to ME?! I've been good, so why can't I provide for my family?? Just remember to breathe – God never gives you more than you can handle.... AND.... there are lessons to be learned in every uncomfortable situation, and karmic debts to be paid in every lifetime.

Wow. Money is powerful, huh?

Luckily, there are simple things you can do to diminish its influence over your energy field. Start with making a budget! Easier said than done, you say? Here's a breakdown:

Pre-work:

1. Make a list of all your bank accounts and investment accounts, how much is in them, interest rates, average rate of return (for investments).
2. Make a list of all your credit cards (whether they have a balance or not). Be sure to list the balance, interest rate, payment due date, credit limit, annual fees, and any perks.
3. Make a list of all the bills you pay - rent/mortgage, electricity, water, gas, taxes, student loans, etc... the amounts that are due (or averages for things that fluctuate) and their due dates.
4. Make a list of the sources of your income - paychecks from work, side jobs, income from investments, etc.

Now What?

1. Now that you have all this great, useful data you need to turn it into information. There are many ways you can do this (Excel spreadsheet, a diary, a 12-month calendar, etc), but no matter what method you chose, the bottom line is this: you need to know what you have, what you owe, what you WILL owe, and what you WILL have... all laid out in a timeline. This allows you to plan ahead for planned expenses, as well as to see how your current plan will impact your savings account a few months down the road. It's also important to be realistic with your budget... don't be TOO optimistic on those expenses because you'll run over budget every month! Plan for higher expenses, and when they come in lower you can put the difference into savings or maybe treat yourself to a nice relaxing massage.

2. Once you have everything on a single page, you can see trends:

A. Good trends: My income exceeds my monthly bills.

~ Good for you! Don't let this information cause you to go on a spending spree. It's time to look at wise investments for retirement and/or your children's education.

B. OK trends: My income is roughly equal to my monthly bills

~ Bravo! You've worked hard and kept your head above water - but you need to seek wisdom from your friends in category A on how they manage to lower their costs and raise their income.

C. Trends needing attention: My income does not cover my monthly bills.

~ Welcome to 80% of Americans who are in debt to one degree or another. You need to look at ways to raise your income, cut your expenses, or both. Where there is a will, there is a way!

Some tips for everyone: If you subscribe to TV and internet – perhaps you can nix the TV? You can get news, weather and more online... and most network TV shows are broadcast online so you can still keep up with your favorites! If you have a laptop or ipad, chances are good that you can hook it into your TV and put your internet-streaming shows onto the bigger screen. Perhaps you have a cell phone and a landline – you can consider using your cell phone as your primary phone and cancelling the landline. You may want to look at consolidating credit card debts – and ALWAYS pay down your highest interest rate debts first... it will save you money in the long run. Are you crafty? www.etsy.com is a website that lets you list vintage or homemade goods for sale – it's an online community where people go when they are looking for creative and unusual gift items. These are just a few suggestions – be creative and share your ideas with friends!

I hope this article has given you another way to look at money, and I hope that you will all seriously consider putting a budget in writing. Even if you are in Category A, sometimes creating a budget helps you see areas of wasteful spending or gives you an idea on how to bring in more income. I am by no means a 'certified' financial advisor but I have quite a bit of personal experience and also a B.S. in Accounting. If anyone has questions or needs advice, I'm willing to help if I can... again, putting out the disclaimer that I am not a professional financial advisor.

Until next time, folks!

Tim

The Circle of The Sacred Well Presents: Bring Your Own Deity

Date: July 17th ~ 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. This month, we will be discussing the many faces of the divine. Some of the themes we will touch upon include immanence and transcendence, dualism, polarity and the many 'theisms', including mono-, duo- and polytheism. Please research and bring some information on the deity of your choice to share with the group.

Community Events

The Connecticut Wiccan Pagan Network (CWPN) Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational and networking organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the greater Wiccan and Pagan community in Connecticut and surrounding areas. The goal is to help provide a forum for Wiccans and Pagans to meet others of "like mind" and to come together and worship in a safe environment. Our hope has been to construct a sense of "community" in which we can all share with and learn from one another. Membership is open to all Wiccans, Pagans, and those with a serious interest in learning more about our religion. If you are under 18 years of age you may join with written parental consent. We reserve the right to refuse or terminate membership of anyone who we feel may be harmful to our organization or to the Wiccan/Pagan Community. Learn more at our website: <http://www.cwpn.org>.

The CWPN hosts monthly networking meetings throughout the state, open Sabbat circles, coven and study group referral service, classes/work-shops, various social events and lectures with well-known members of the Pagan community. Some of our past guests have been: Janet and Stewart Farrar, Gavin Bone, Margot Adler, Ted Andrews, Dr. Leo Louis Martello, Tzipora Klein, Laurie Cabot, Raven Grimassi, Donald Michael Kraig, Phyllis Curott, Lori Bruno, Jane Sibley and Ellen Evert Hopman.

Astrology Corner

By Alethea Hunt, Talisman's Resident Astrologer

BIG NEWS: For up-to-the-moment astro-snippets & advice, click [HERE](#) to follow me (@EmpwrDStny) on Twitter! Think of it as your way to check the energetic barometer for the day before you head out - it's a lot more entertaining than listening to the weather forecast and probably twice as accurate, LOL!

The beginning of July is quite astrologically active. There is a Full Capricorn Moon on the 3rd @ 12 degrees of this sign – the Moon is conjunct Pluto and square Uranus so expect

all sorts of unexpected things to come bubbling up from beneath the surface, perhaps even violently so. A Cap Moon normally keeps the emotions cooled off, but with Pluto and Uranus in the mix all bets are off. Feelings of responsibility may be swirling below – maybe you've been feeling oppressed or repressed and if so the pressure of being under your own or someone else's thumb can reach a climax around this period. Look hard and dig deep on this date, because there can be a tendency to crave familiarity and find comfort in it on a subconscious level even if this craving for stability and security keeps us locked into corrupt, dead-end scenarios. If you find yourself fearful and feeling like the Devil that you do know is better than the one you don't, this Full Moon should be your cue to finally take action and liberate yourself from this destructive habit.

Watch your relationships with others on and around this day, particularly business or romantic partnerships as on this same day Mars enters Libra and this could act as a catalyst for some action. The opposition this planet is approaching with Uranus makes this a volatile area – beneficial breakthroughs will certainly be possible courtesy of Venus and Jupiter making contact with these two, but either way you slice it's definitely not "business as usual". You can sit around and worry about this leading to breaks with others or you can focus instead on using this progressive energy to innovate the way you relate to one another and talk it out to resolve mutual conflicts. You will not, however, be able to continue on with things the way they've always been - Pluto in Capricorn is involved here as well and so we're talking about breaking down established structures.

Mercury turns retrograde in Leo mid-month and this is a good time to re-think what you're doing for fun and recreation this summer. Leo is the Eternal Child of the zodiac who reminds us that play brings joy into our lives, so you might think about trying a new and different hobby or activity during this retrograde – you might even consider joining something like a meetup group so that you can expand your social circle while having a good time because of the favorable contact this planet will make with Uranus. This period is also likely to help facilitate connecting and re-connecting with others, so keep the lines of communication open because it's likely to benefit you in some way with Jupiter in Gemini in the mix.

The New Moon arrives on the 19th in the sign of Cancer and feelings run high. This sits uncomfortably with Saturn, who squares this New Moon and tends to be embarrassed by public displays of emotion or at the very least finds this socially awkward or inappropriate. Meanwhile Uranus, Mars, and Pluto are duking it out in a large Cardinal T-square at this time and this strain is bound to make people feel emotional, particularly about their relationships if they're not feeling supported. Your best bet is to be careful not to invalidate

others' feelings nor diminish the reality of what they feel even if it comes off to you as "hysterical" or overly dramatic. If it's you going through an emotional time around this date, don't be afraid to lean on a close, trusted friend or partner for support. Saturn affecting the Moon like this is known for rejecting the emotions, for trying to confine or restrict their expression, but if you're taking something hard you'll fare much better if you seek support rather than try to go it alone. The Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn) are most strongly affected by this so please do check in if you have loved ones of any of these signs.

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

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