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Merry Yuletide Greetings!

These are truly epic times! Over the past few months, it's been rare for a day to go by when someone doesn't ask "So, Laura – what do you think will happen on December 21, 2012? Is it the end of the world, or what?"

And I answer each person pretty much the same way, "December 21, 2012 does not signal the end of life – rather, it is a date that marks the end of a way of life". Rather than destruction, think "transformation". But I doubt anyone honestly believes this transformation will be painless ... I certainly don't.

What I do believe is that every one of us had the ability and ample opportunity, leading up to this specific time, to make changes which would have lessened or prevented the negative impact caused by a rapidly changing world. Environmentally, socially, financially and spiritually ... for better or worse, we now find ourselves heading toward definite change – much of which is now out of our direct control. Perhaps it is better that way. It seems every pillar of society must be shaken to its core. It is crucial to remember that each of us made a conscious choice to be present here in physical form on this planet Earth during this time. Whether this idea excites or horrifies is your choice to make – likewise, the decision to stay or opt out is yours as well.

Let's begin by breaking down the more far-reaching changes, shall we?

Environmental: Does anyone still doubt that a true climate shift is underway?

I asked my good friend Jon Nowinski, Director of The Smoking Gun Research Agency to weigh in on this topic. He provided the following: *Solar storms have been increasing in severity throughout the last year, and there is a "peak cycle" that will begin in late-October and stretch through December of 2012. Several of these storms have already caused disruptions in cellular and satellite services on our planet, though aside from annoying people in the U.S., they have not been enough to truly draw the attention they deserve.*

There have been significant "Earth Changes" within 2012 which have been predicted (by scientists, not doomsday prophets) to peak at the end of 2012 and into early 2013. Among these changes include increased magnitude of worldwide earthquake activity - specifically in areas that were either not prone to earthquakes, or in which large magnitude quakes are "overdue." Volcanic activity, especially among those considered to be dormant, has also been increasing to the point that many worldwide agencies are on "high alert" for a major eruption. This includes activity in areas like Yellowstone National Park where the dormant volcanic activity and increased so much in recent months that areas of the park have been closed to visitors due to the highly deadly gasses.

Another aspect that can also be categorized as "Earth Changes" involves the planet's electromagnetic field, which surrounds Earth and protects us from the toxic radiation of space, as well as from issues such as solar storms. This field is measurable, most commonly we think of it as being measured using a simple compass, however it has been steadily changing. The changes have been so drastic in some areas that compass designations on airport runways have had to be altered by 7 - 15 degrees to make accommodation for the change. While such changes don't adversely affect people, they do cause extreme issues with other species that rely on the EM field for navigation during migration. This has caused entire bird populations to either not exhibit normal migratory patterns, or "get lost" during migrations, sometimes with deadly results.

A final connection to the EM field changes which is being seen presently is the drastic change in weather patterns throughout the world. The EM field can add to these problems, which are already increasing due to numerous environmental changes throughout our planet. This is the reason why within the last year we have seen more powerful storm cells all over the world, but specifically here in the United States. It is the cause for many powerful tornadoes which have struck locations during times that were not considered their "seasons," include the tornadoes that swept across the Northeast which caught many people in these areas completely off-guard. It is also partially the cause for such drought conditions in the Midwestern U.S., which led to the terrible issues with wildfires that were present this past summer.

Jon wrote the above for this newsletter prior to Storm Sandy and last week's tornadoes in Portugal and Italy. The fact is, we are seeing weather patterns the likes of which we have never seen before. And we are being told by the experts it will only get worse as sea-level rise is occurring much faster than scientists expected. Satellite measurements over the last two decades found global sea levels rising 60% faster than the computer projections issued only a few years ago by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Societal: That does not mean to say that good things are not coming out of the chaos. For example, we are seeing more and more people losing their homes as they go into foreclosure. And this is a very painful, emotional experience. However, many are finding they have no choice but to move in with family – which is, in fact, a form of tribal living. Many times, back when I was driving my grandmother someplace, she'd point out multi-family homes along the way and comment that when these were built, the SAME FAMILY lived in the house – grandparents on the first floor, parents on another and kids/grandkids in yet another section of the SAME HOUSE. Someone would cook a big meal, and plates would be sent upstairs, downstairs – if you needed to go out, there was always someone home to watch the children. There was a time not too long ago before daycare (a term which is now politically incorrect, infants now attend preschool); when family was there to tend the children, at home.

The fact is, in the “old countries” where many of our grandparents or great grandparents came from, homes were for the most part very small and families were much larger – children didn't just share a room, they often slept two or three to a bed. They learned to share. I can say that growing up, we had one television set in the house. ONE. Now we have one in every room. Is this really an improvement? We used to gather in the same room to watch TV together, seated together with the little ones on laps, munching snacks and talking during commercials (remember watching Disney and Mutual of Omaha's Wildlife Kingdom on Sunday nights?). Today's kids are in their rooms, plugged into their electronics ... nothing is being shared. And so our children do not learn to share. When adult children who did not learn to share are forced by circumstance to return to the nest, there are difficulties. A sense of entitlement, lack of responsibility – some must learn behaviors that weren't enforced in childhood. More painful lessons, for all concerned.

Financial: Hello? Fiscal Cliff? Really – need I say more? But consider this: The Federal Reserve Act was passed and signed by President Wilson during the Congressional Christmas Break in 1913. The Federal Reserve is a private company owned by several

multi-national bank holding companies and in the Federal Reserve Act the Fed received a 99 year charter. This charter expires on 12/21/2012 and in order to be re-chartered it is supposed to take the ratification of 2/3 of the states, just like a constitutional amendment. Yet not a single politician or anyone in the Financial Media is talking about this, even the Fed isn't asking congressmen or the executive branch to act on this. One might wonder if this current crisis isn't engineered to fast track this re-charter through an Emergency Act ?

Spiritual: Let's begin by taking a step back from what's going on today, and review some prophecy concerning December 2012.

The Mayans: The Mayan calendar ends when the winter solstice arrives on December 21, 2012. The Mayans predict that on this date "the sun will rise in the dark rift of the Milky Way galaxy." Our modern astronomers know this event occurs only once every 25,800 years, it is due to happen next on December 21, 2012. It is feared that this unique cosmic alignment will cause a polar shift on planet earth. The North and South poles will change their positions and this will result in great catastrophe with floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, and all kinds of earth-horrors happening. If this Mayan prophecy is true, then life on earth would become merely an issue of survival. In the 8th century A.D., the Mayan calendar predicted that on March 15, 1519 "white skinned, bearded gods" from across the sea would land. On that exact date, centuries in the future from the Mayan calendar's prediction, the Spanish explorer Cortez and his conquistadors arrived in the New World.

Hopi Indians: The Hopi Indians of the southwest are the oldest tribe of the United States. The Hopi have specific prophecies (almost a thousand years old) regarding the end of times which also coincide with other prophecies of the end of the world. The predictions of the Hopi are frightful. "These are the Signs that great destruction is coming. The world shall rock to and fro. The white man will battle against other people in other lands -- with those who possessed the first light of wisdom. There will be many columns of smoke and fire such as White Feather has seen the white man make in the deserts not far from here. Only those which come will cause disease and a great dying". The Lakota and Navaho Indians have similar prophecies which date back hundreds of years.

Edgar Cayce: Known as "The Sleeping Prophet" Edgar Cayce was born March 18, 1877 on a farm near Hopkinsville, Kentucky. At an early age he found that he was able to learn his school lessons by sleeping on his textbooks. He was also able to see and talk to his late grandfather's spirit, and often played with "imaginary friends" whom he said were spirits on the other side. At the age of seven or eight Edgar was sitting in a wooded clearing reading the Bible when he saw what he described as a bright vision of a winged

figure clothed in white. The vision asked the child what he wanted in life, and Edgar Cayce responded that he wished to help others. The next day, Edgar was having difficulty learning his spelling homework. In his mind he heard the voice of his vision telling him to 'sleep, that you might be helped'. The boy did as he was told, laying his head on his spelling book. He woke up later, to find he knew the spelling of every word.

Those who came into contact with Edgar Cayce were continually amazed by the depth and breadth of medical knowledge he displayed during his sleep state. He would frequently recommend the use of drugs which were not generally known, not yet on the market, or which had long since passed out of use.

Cayce claimed, "Apparently, I am one of the few who can lay aside their own personalities sufficiently to allow their souls to make this attunement to a universal source of knowledge -- but I say this without any desire to brag about it. In fact I do not claim to possess anything that other individuals do not inherently possess. Really and truly, I do not believe there is a single individual that does not possess this same ability I have. I am certain that all human beings have much greater powers than they are ever conscious of -- if they would only be willing to pay the price of detachment from self-interest that it takes to develop those abilities."

In April of 1929, six months before the stock market crash, Edgar Cayce warned people to sell everything they owned in the market. Many who had followed Cayce before, failed to pay attention to his warning, and lost everything. Edgar Cayce also predicted the possibility of a third World War. He spoke of strife arising near the Davis Straits, in Libya, and in Egypt, in Ankara, and in Syria. Problems would arise "...through the straits around those areas above Australia, in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf." Edgar Cayce predicted the beginning and end of both the First and Second World Wars. He also predicted the lifting of the Depression in 1933.

His most disturbing predictions, however, concern vast geographical upheavals which by the year 1998 were to result in the destruction of New York, the disappearance of most of Japan, and a cataclysmic change in Northern Europe. *The lower Mississippi River will broaden its path by hundreds of miles, nearly the western half of the United States will be at the bottom of the Pacific. The Great Lakes will become The Great Lake, and New York City will be frozen solid. Land will appear in the Atlantic and Pacific. [Rise of Atlantis] And what is the coast line now of many a land will be the bed of the ocean. Even many battle fields of the present will be oceans, seas, the bays, the lands over which 'The New World Order' will carry on their trade as one with another.*

The waters of the lakes will empty into the Gulf. It would be well if the waterway were prepared, but not for that purpose for which it is at present being considered. Then the area where I am now located (Virginia Beach) will be among the safety lands, as will be portions of what is now Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and much of the southern portion of Canada and the eastern portion of Canada, while the western land -- much of that is to be disturbed as, of course much in other lands. The greater portion of Japan must go into the sea. The upper portion of Europe will be changed as in the twinkling of an eye. When there is the first breaking up of some conditions in the South Sea and those as apparent in the sinking or rising of that that's almost opposite same, or in the Mediterranean, and the Etna area, then we many know it has begun. There will be the upheavals in the Arctic and in the Antarctic that will make for the eruption of volcanoes in the torrid areas, and there will be the shifting then of the poles - where there has been those of a frigid or the semi-tropical will become the more tropical, and moss and fern will grow.

The Changing Earth theories and the readings of Edgar Cayce are extremely similar as to what will happen and where. Edgar Cayce died January 3, 1945, before most of his prophecies of later times would ever come to pass or not.

Shift in Consciousness

The reason I wanted to include all the prophecy, all the data on climate change etc. was to validate every single person who has come into Talisman describing their anxieties, visions, dreams/nightmares, sense of unrest and feelings of disconnection. No, it's not "all in your head" it's very real and happening even as you read this. I wrote about the **Ascension Process** in the September 2011 newsletter, you can read it on the website (all newsletters are archived under the "news" headbar) or I can send it to you if you'd like.

Because the World around us isn't the only thing changing. We are changing, too ...

Ac Tah, a Mayan elder who speaks simply but with great eloquence, presents his thoughts with both a scientific as well as spiritual basis. The last 10 minutes of this 30-minute video is particularly relevant:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=U8y0MR8KiY8#!

And here are the movements demonstrated:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7z5XdgJfpV0&feature=youtube_gdata_player

What happens after the change in consciousness?

We're going to take this consciousness... It's like suddenly having an idea. This idea you have in your mind for a little while. If you don't bring the idea to fruit, the idea will lose its force and fade [in its intensity]. This is the same for the alignment and the change in consciousness. The energy is going to last for 8 minutes. People will realise this is true, we're going to live in peace... but if we don't do anything about it, people will think it's just an emotion, that's it. This is the awakening.

How can we prepare ourselves for that moment?

Have a pen and paper ready. There will be many ideas coming out. Write them all down so later on you can figure out which ones are helpful. Already, we are prepared... we are within the moment. We just need this impulse. Continue doing what you're doing. You don't have to change - continue doing whatever you know how to do... There's nothing better than anything else. Everything has prepared us for this knowledge... Within a moment we will achieve that unity... but 'unity' does not mean we all do the same thing. It means we all learn to co-exist with all of us doing our own ways.

What time does the 8 minutes happen?

*It starts at about mid-day on the 21st (US Pacific time - Mexico) which is when the alignment begins and ends on the 23rd around mid-day. So if you look in the centre of that time, this will be the centre of the alignment. It's like the full moon which lasts for 3 days... but the actual 'full moon' only lasts for about 8 minutes. **(The Center of the Alignment is from 2:56-3:04pm EST)***

Is it true about the 3 days of darkness?

Because of this planetary alignment, in the first day is when the moon aligns and we'll have a solar eclipse. On the 2nd day we'll have another eclipse with Venus. In the morning on the 3rd day is when the night will prolong itself... So they're like eclipses which don't generate anything within the human body... The eclipses are just markers... What we're paying attention to is the electro-magnetic impact of the centre of the galaxy with the Sun... It won't be like night-time. It's an eclipse... more like a sunset.

Edgar Cayce had prophecies concerning the Shift as well:

It is also understood, comprehended by some that a new order of conditions is to arise; there must be a purging in high places as well as low; and that there must be the greater consideration of the individual, so that each soul being his brother's keeper. Then certain

circumstances will come about in the political, the economic, and whole relationships to which a leveling will occur or a greater comprehension of the need for it. For changes are coming, this may be sure -- an evolution or revolution in the ideas of religious thought.

I will end with my own predictions and insights for 2013.

My warning is for Louisiana's Bayou Corne sinkhole. This bears close watching. The sinkhole first made itself known on August 3. Its first measurements were 324 feet in diameter and 422 feet deep. Recent estimates put it at 6 acres wide. Residents have been evacuated to escape the toxic gas, contaminated water, and the possibility of a catastrophic explosion. Scientists are organizing vent wells to burn off gas, such as the methane bubbling up to the surface of the sinkhole. To add insult to injury, Texas Brine VP Bruce Martin said in August that naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) was illegally disposed of inside the Napoleonville Dome in the 1990s, a statement that Texas Brine officials are now denying. The lack of media attention coupled with my own sense of a pending catastrophic explosion that will set off a dire chain of events has me deeply worried.

Truly, it is time to reconnect with this beautiful blue planet we live on, our beloved Mother Gaia. I suggest you all wear a quartz crystal pendant as a means to conduct energy, especially on the three days of the Shift (December 20, 21, 22). While I urge you to ground yourself; many are telling me they cannot meditate as their minds are too active (or their anxieties too high) to allow them to clear, calm and center. So try this: Walk around outside and look for a tree that "calls" to you, an older one (a grandmother or grandfather tree) as its roots have been planted deep into the ground for a very long time. Stand in front of the tree, rub your palms together to make them warm, and place them respectfully on the trunk of the tree in a way that feels natural to you. Keeping your feet apart, lean into the tree – rest your cheek against it. Close your eyes and feel its pulse ... allow energy to flow from deep down in the earth up through the roots and through your palms and back down through the soles of your feet – back into the ground. This energetic exchange will clear and calm you. Any negativity you are holding will be pushed into the earth and be purged. Remember to say "thank you" when you feel you are finished. You can give the tree a hug and a kiss, if you are moved to do so – I assure you, the tree won't mind!

In closing, please know that I am as guilty as anyone in wanting to know where "safe" will be, in the event of a disaster. I worry about my children, my pets and loved ones. But we need to trust that we will in fact be placed exactly where we need to be. So now it's time to

relax, slow down and cherish our loved ones and be kind to ourselves and others. Que Sera, Sera ... What will be, will be.

Speak Love * Feel Love *** Be Love**

NEW-AGE FESTS (bi-monthly)

Saturday, December 1

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

Readers (\$25/20 minutes - please, cash only): Many of our readers recovering from Storm

Andrew Neblett, Tarot

Mark Hoyt, Tarot

Patty, Crystal Ball

Sierra, Shamanic Journey to your Power Animal

Yvonne, Tarot (se habla Espanol)

Tim Bshara, Aura/Chakra Photography (\$40)

Tammie, Chair Massage (\$1/minute)

Saturday, December 15

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

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

Mark, Chair Reflexology (foot) \$1/minute

Melissa, Tarot

Nicole, Journeyboard & Cards

Patty, Crystal Ball Readings

Rachel, Animal Communicator & Tarot

Sierra, Shamanic Journey to your Power Animal

Tammie, Table Massage (\$1/minute)

Talisman's Regularly-Scheduled Readers

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

Mark Hoyt: Spirit Guided Tarot - Fridays 2-8pm. \$25/20 minutes. Foot Reflexology treatments EVERY FRIDAY \$1/minute.

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

Nicole, Journeyboard and Cards: Sundays 12-4 \$25/20 minutes

Elpida, Greek Coffee Readings: Saturday December 8 12-6pm \$30/20 minutes

Gwendolyn Lord: Whole-Life Tarot, Saturday, December 29 12-6pm, \$25/20 minutes

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 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.

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, (\$1 minute).

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! (\$45). 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!

The Circle of The Sacred Well Presents:

Event: Open House Social Evening

Date: December 14th ~ Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: The Undercroft at Talisman

Join us for this semi-monthly social and networking event, which is held on the second Friday of even-numbered months. This is the place to learn more about the Circle and to socialize with area pagans and other like-minded individuals. Please come along any time within the above time window and visit for however much time you wish. Refreshments will be served.

Event: Wiccan/Pagan Study Group - Topic: Yule Lore and Traditions

Date: December 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. This month, we have a special guest speaker, Elena Lane. This workshop will discuss the history and lore of the Yule Sabbat. The similarities, as well as the common histories, between this religious holiday and the 'religious' one of Christmas will also be discussed. Elena is a popular speaker and always does a great presentation, so please join us!

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

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With the Sagittarius Sun opposite Jupiter in Gemini at the beginning of December, the devil is in the details and we'll need to beware of going overboard! Whether it's with our holiday shopping or eating Christmas cookies, the little things stack up in a big way this month and we'll just need to be mindful of this so that we don't tend towards excess. Jupiter is King of Extravagant, so be aware that all the small things do add up – getting “just one more” trinket for someone on your gift-giving list when you already have half a dozen others for them is probably a bit much! Pare it down and simplify, because with Jupiter retrograde in Gemini we need to recognize that abundance is **a state of mind** – not a million little knick-knacks sitting underneath the Christmas tree! In other areas, I do expect the vibe to be a little less buoyant than normal at the beginning of the month with Saturn, Venus, and Mercury all still hanging out in brooding Scorpio – we'll probably have to wait until around the time of the New Moon in Sadge on the 13th for the holiday spirit to really take hold. By then, Mercury moves back into Sagittarius with Venus to follow shortly thereafter and this will help bring in the good cheer. Speaking of the New Moon, this one is interesting. The Sun & Moon make no major contact to any of the other planets in this lunation and essentially hang out together in a vacuum; however the ruler of this New Moon – Jupiter – is seeing plenty of action! Jupiter is the focal point of a Yod involving Pluto and Saturn, and again this seems to harken to a “back to basics” awareness amid all the excesses present during the holiday season. This Yod reminds us not to lose sight of what REALLY matters, to keep perspective off the trivial and non-essential and to

recognize that true abundance is found in the connections we form with others. There's also the interesting juxtaposition here of possibly having a lot to say, but paradoxically being caught in a position to have to restrict this or keep it private. This Yod is the dominant feature throughout the rest of December, so know that not everything is meant to be broadcast and that it's worth periodically doing a check to make sure you're not revealing TMI. On the plus side, if you can keep the above in mind, this New Moon can be a great time to set an intension for growth and expansion in some aspect of your life - just be careful that you're not putting too much "out there" and temper this with a little reserve and caution. The Winter Solstice takes place on the 21st when the Sun moves into serious and somber Capricorn. This doesn't sit particularly well with pot-stirrer Uranus, who seems intent on shaking things up while Neptune also works at eroding the Capricorn Sun's stodgy edges. It seems like both planets are telling the Old Man to "Loosen up!", so instead of worrying about the end of the Mayan calendar why not focus on solidifying creative changes that will help you forge ahead into 2013 and beyond? The contact to Neptune suggests sticking to your ideals and following your dreams, so go ahead and "Be the change you wish to see in the world". The last feature in late December will be the Full Moon in Cancer on the 28th. We have the Moon highlighted and drawn into two very contrasting aspect patterns on this date. First we see a Kite formation with The Sun, Pluto, Saturn, Chiron – I see a lot of emotional strength conferred here and that's a very good thing when you consider the second formation in play. The other aspect is the Moon triggering the Uranus-Pluto square so I do see some upset involved here, particularly for women. If you know of anyone emotionally struggling around the holidays, this would be a very good time to reach out and lend some support. A Cancer Moon favors nurturing tendencies, Chiron in Pisces lends empathy for pain, and Saturn in Scorpio gives us grounding in times of crisis. Emotions run very high on this date and they're prone to flux, so if you find yourself swept up in a flood of feeling don't be afraid to tie anchor to someone who can ground you and help you weather the storm.

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.

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

Laura Lenhard