

ONCE IN A FULL MOON

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The Tibetan tells us that the full moon cycle of activity is a five-day period: two days before, the day of the exact full moon, and two days following. Many read those words and increase their meditation thereby, but do we understand why this is so?

Simply, it is due to the lunar cycle itself. The moon remains in a sign for approximately two and a half days time. Therefore, somewhere within two days before the full moon, the moon will transit into the opposite sign of the sun, thus actualizing both the lunar and solar poles of energy distribution, but also the polar opposites of the zodiac. As traditional and esoteric astrology understand, the fullness of a sign is expressed when the qualities contained within its polar opposite are incorporated and assimilated into the presentation of the sun sign, the sign in dominance. This actualizes the terminal points, so to speak, of the primary energies available to be used by all workers of light in all creative and distributive work. Thus can the full moon be a time of specific service.

Likewise, within the two days following, the moon will transit once again, into the next sign of the zodiac. This is significant in that this new energy becomes the way in which the "*door of evil*" is sealed each month, and the white magic work done in service at the full moon is tiled, thus ensuring its forward progression "*into light and life*". This idea is conveyed through the Masonic ritual of "*the tiler at the door*", who ensures that nothing is allowed into the lodge that might adulterate the invocative process.

Explaining further: The front side of the full moon cycle is a time of waxing, a gathering of the specific energy qualities available to the Work and the Workers. The waxing of the moon is literally a gathering of quality into the receptive bowl of the moon's fullness to hold.

The moon is a vast container always being filled and emptied of qualities streaming from the Sun, the source of the moon's light and apparent expression, and from the various celestial beings singly and in constellation. This is the beauty of the moon's role in our solar system and reflected in our charts and lives. It is the bowl of plenty, empty and waiting to be filled. The tides of the sea reveal this amazing gift of the moon, as they ceaselessly flow in, filling space with water and abundance, and then emptying as the tide rolls out, leaving the land dry and naked to the abundance of the sun. Only to be filled again, rolled over again, with qualities, life, fullness. Therefore, the waxing of the moon and especially the two days before the exact full moon time, is the opportunity of maximizing. Those two days are the time of being the fullest of the sun's offerings, portrayed and conveyed through the particular qualities of the sun sign in operation. For example, it would not be prudent to try to gather the quality of discipline for world service during a Gemini cycle, or the quality of erudition in Capricorn. Instead, the full moon cycle teaches us, as white magicians and servers of the worlds, to use what is available and use it well and wisely. Be attentive and conscious of the flow of the waters of life, their cyclicity and abundance within that cyclicity. The two days before the full moon, then, is the time to, in *dharana* and *asana* (attentiveness and right position of time, place) be as is the moon - an empty bowl being filled with the specific light and qualities of the sun. Then, with the work of distribution that is every full moon meditation, we pour forth the qualities available into the all the worlds. This is the spiritualization of matter, making of earth a heaven. This is the underlying purpose of the new world religion and its use of the full moon

cycles.

Can we see how the relationship created at each full moon between the sun and the moon, with the earth in the middle, is so magical? Can we begin to understand why and how this opportunity to be conduits within the divine geometry of Solar intention and lunar manifestation is so beautifully simple, yet so profound? Ever the sublime requires the dense for its revelation. Ever the stone can convey the lightness of being, but only when sculpted by the artisan of conscious knowing, a master builder, a worker of light. All people who participate in full moon meditations and prayer circles around the world assist in the Plan of God. But, should more meditators understand the energetics of the magical work, imagine the exponential growth of the work.

White magic is the conscious use of qualified energy for divine purposes in time space. Each zodiacal sign offers just that: specifically qualified energies pouring forth into the planet through the sun (in its three-foldness - the central spiritual sun, the heart of the sun, and the physical sun), through the ruling planets, and streaming across the heavens from the sourcing constellations. Our task as co-workers in the world is simple; we, representing the lunar waxing pole within the consciousness of the earth, avail ourselves of the spiritualizing energies in abundant flow.

The moon has learned its role, and so, as has been said, is empty to be filled. A white magician is a co-working meditator of the Plan and, thus, is also empty of the not-self so as to be fully free to wax with and distribute qualities other than those contained within his/her fields, ray constitution, or those available to his/her point on the path. Like the moon, the white magician is ruled by a greater plan. The moon reflects, having no light of its own. The server of the race reflects the light of God through the work.

The New World Religion, the Tibetan tells us, will be keyed to the lunar cycle. Religion always has been; so inherent in the workings of consciousness is this primal reality. Ancient religions only had the apparent cycles of the

sun, moon, stars, and nature to mark the majesty and power of deity. Pagan rituals ever have moved to the cycles of the celestial orbs, again so obvious their affect and influence in our lives and the life abundant all around us. The Christian calendar still marks important solar/lunar at-one-ings, though probably Christians around the world don't know that. Several examples make this clear.

The Pisces new moon sets the date for Ash Wednesday. Pisces a sign of the Savior, is also a sign of negation, of "losing oneself and finding oneself, and entering into peace." Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a purging and purification of the body so the Light of Christ "the hope of glory" can dwell within. This is highest Pisces, thus making of the disciple a savior in his small spheres of influence in the world, and to the lower kingdoms.

The full moon of Aries marks Passover, which sets the date for Easter. The bible tells us that it was by the light of the moon that the angel of death "passed over" the children of Israel whose doorposts were painted with the blood of the sacrificed lamb. Instead, the Finger of God took the life breath from the children of Egypt, the prisoners, and Pharaoh had to "let the people go". Aries is a sign of freedom, liberation, breaking free from imprisoning walls, be that of seeds in spring, wombs at birth, or imprisoning thoughtforms. Christ, then, anchored the higher turn of the spiral of Aries, by releasing humanity from the Mars rulership of animal sacrifice and blood spilling, through the teachings of the mind (Mercury ruling) to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's" to the hierarchical rulership of Uranus: "behold I maketh all things new" in the Resurrection. All matters can be redeemed, and are by the Christ principle, the alchemical agent, entering into the tomb of matter and "lifting all unto Him", Who is the True White Magician.

Interestingly, the Christian calendar does not have a significant holy day for the Taurus moon, as does some of the world. Bailey students know its significance as Wesak, and

the work of the two Sons of God working together to bring the Light of the Heart/Mind of the Logos to all the kingdoms of earth. Illumination meets manifestation. But after that, comes Pentecost, marked and set by the Gemini full moon. At Pentecost the apostles received the living fire of conscious life, dropped as tongues of fire into their crown chakras, forever aligning their personal will to the greater will of which they were a part. It gave them each the gift of understanding and the ability to convey the "good news" in ways intelligible and appropriate to the listeners in any language or culture. Gemini is the sign of communication, of rendering thought, and of broadcasting it as flower petals on the winds of change. We celebrate this with the Good Will Festival, the Festival of the Christ, as we in meditation deep distribute out to a waiting world the edicts and annunciations received and gifted at Wesak.

The Full Moon offers a type of service so sublime, and so easy. We, disciples in the world, are given the right energies to work with, the right way to handle it, and then with the tides of the moon the right way to do so. We merely need to be as is the moon, empty so that we can be filled.