FULL MOON MAGIC
with WENDY RULE

Free
LIVE STREAMED RITUAL CONCERTS
EVERY FULL MOON

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Hello friends

I’d like to take this opportunity to share with you some information about my **Full Moon Magic** live streamed concert series - which will be taking place every Full Moon in 2018 - and to give you a bit of background about my thoughts on Magic, my role as a spiritual teacher and guide, and my complete and undying love and gratitude for all of Nature, and especially for our Lady Moon.

**WHY I OFFER THESE CONCERTS**

We’ve found ourselves living in a tumultuous and challenging time of change. Mother Earth is in crisis, crazy politicians are doing their best to divide our hearts and turn people against each other, and the gap between haves and have-nots is widening. Added to this is the ever-shifting and uncharted realm of social media, changing the very way that we communicate with each other, and altering our sense of closeness and community. I’m sure I’m not alone in finding all of this unsettling. Thankfully, after a quarter of a century of dedicated spiritual journeying as a Nature Lover and Pagan Witch, I have a pretty good idea of at least one effective way that we can nurture ourselves and our global community, and connect in with something bigger, deeper, and more sustaining than the endless dramas of the Overculture. We can choose to witness and honour the cycles of Nature together. This is what humans have been doing since the beginning of our story - and for a very good reason! When we connect in with Nature’s cycles, we transcend our isolation, our divisions, our differences. We become One Tribe, witnessing the great flow of Life through its endless changes.

The Moon provides an easy and powerful way to witness Nature’s cycles, regardless of where we are on Earth. All we need to do is look up, and over the course of a month we’re reminded that all of Nature (including ourselves) moves through an endless cycle of Life, Death and Rebirth. And the moment of the Full Moon is the high point of the whole shebang - a perfect circle of shining beauty. What a great time to celebrate together!

For the past seven years my husband Timothy Van Diest and I ran an online school called ‘Living a Life of Magic’. Each year, hundreds of folks worldwide would commit to a 13 month journey of focused ritual every Full Moon. We’d provide informative booklets, guided meditations, videos and group discussions, all relevant to the astrological sign that the Full Moon was in each month. It was really powerful stuff, and we created a lot of Magic together. But now I feel that it’s time to share these teachings more widely, not only with folks who identify as Pagan, but with anyone who is on a path of Self Growth and Love.

These Full Moon ritual concerts are a joyous way for us to unite and celebrate the Moon, Magic, and Music together, and send a ripple of hope and Love across our planet.

**WHY ARE THEY FREE TO VIEW?**

Although it’s important to me that we make a living from what we love doing, and that our energies are appreciated and rewarded, Timothy and I want to make sure that everyone, regardless of income, can share in our circle of Magic. Thankfully, the wonder of the internet (and Tim’s tech know-how) means we can share my music and teachings all over
the world, at a fraction of the cost of touring - and less jet lag! That said, we do encourage those of you who enjoy the concerts and can afford to contribute to ‘share the love’ and donate a little something to help support us and keep us on our path. We’re dedicating lots of our time this year to this adventure, and every little bit helps :)

MONTHLY BOOKLETS

The Full Moon changes astrological sign each month, reflecting a different energy and a specific vibe of Magic and healing. Starting with the Full Moon in March (the Virgo Full Moon), monthly booklets will be available to download for a small fee. Each booklet will be filled with articles, photos, personal stories, mythology, and ritual suggestions to help enrich your experience of each Full Moon. The booklets are adapted from our Living a Life of Magic course, and are designed in such a way that you can essentially take yourself through your own 13 month sacred Lunar journey. The articles that follow are a bit of an introduction to these booklets, and give a hint of what’s to follow in the coming months. Here’s a list of what you’ll find in this little ‘welcome’ PDF:

MY THOUGHTS ON MAGIC
AS ABOVE, SO BELOW
THE SACRED CIRCLE
OUR BEAUTIFUL MOON
THE LUMINARIES
ASTROLOGY AND THE MOON
LEO FULL MOON RITUAL FOCUS
LUNAR CYCLE DIAGRAM: NORTHERN HEMISPHERE
LUNAR CYCLE DIAGRAM: SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

I hope you find the information useful and enjoyable

Blessings of Love and Magic

Wendy
Magic occurs at those moments when we feel a deep connection with the Universe. Sometimes this sense of ‘Oneness’ happens spontaneously, through a profound experience such as falling in Love, or witnessing spectacular wilderness. But we can also choose to develop and direct this Universal energy of connection through focused ritual and positive thought. Magic isn’t ‘supernatural’. It works with the energies of Nature, not against them. But it is special. Magic is the workings of Spirit, of Love. This is why I spell Magic with a capital ‘M’ - to distinguish it from ‘stage magic’ - which is also cool, but is a different thing all together. :) 

By observing and honoring Nature’s cycles, we are tapping in to the flow of Magic. We can observe, for example, whether the overall energies of Nature are moving toward increase or decrease by witnessing the waxing and the waning of the Moon or the changing of the seasons. And we can observe these cycles within ourselves, too - times of stillness and reflection, times of creativity and action.

Often Magic works in ways that may seem illogical to our rational minds. It often involves a leap of faith, a trust in the great mystery of Life and of hidden energy. Here on the Earth plane we work our Magic spells and rituals. The energy we raise vibrates and creates change on the etheric or astral realms, and that change is mirrored back to us. The more we practice Magic, the more strange and wonderful occurrences and coincidences occur to delight and inspire us.

I practice Magic and Ritual in a very intuitive and improvised way. For me, Magic is a daily practice, rather than something reserved just for the Full Moon or seasonal Sabbats. Magic is something that flows through every moment of my life, and is especially present for me when I sing.

Although I regard myself as Pagan (which is a general term covering Nature focused
spiritual paths) I don’t follow any particular organised form of Paganism (e.g: Wiccan, Heathen, Druid etc). Instead, I just do my best to keep growing, learning and evolving on my spiritual journey as a human being. I think that the most important aspect of the way that I practice my spirituality is simply being open to the wonder of Life and of Nature. I witness the flow of energy around events and people, and the interconnectedness of all. And I spend lots of time in wilderness - just observing, and enjoying, and singing little songs of connection to the trees and the sky and and the mountains and the deserts and the creatures…. Oh, and I’m also pretty obsessed with Greek Mythology!
This wonderfully simple and well known Magical statement reminds us that everything that goes on in the Universe affects us, whether it be a Full Moon, a transit of Venus, or the endless spiraling energy of our Galaxy. Just as the Moon can pull the tides, and solar flares disrupt radio waves, we are affected by the subtle shifts of our changing sky. We feel the effects of all of Nature. As we know from our current environmental crisis, everything on Earth is affected by everything else. We are no exception. And this works the other way, too. Everything that we do, or think, or say will send a ripple out to the Universe and create an effect, either positive or negative. The more conscious we are of our own personal power, then the greater the positive impact we can create in our world.

Magic is about changing *ourselves*, not others. Every time we utter a spell or perform ritual, we are opening ourselves up to change. The power of Magic comes in recognising our core strength, and in connecting with the limitless power of the Universe. To try to manipulate others through Magic is not only unethical, it is unwise. The practice of Magic is a creative act. We are the raw material, the clay that becomes the sculpture.

Just like the Magician in the Tarot deck, we become conduits of pure energy – a pathway between Sky and Earth. We recognise that the one energy flows through all. Our Magic becomes stronger the more we are able to focus and move beyond distraction and become totally present with the task. That’s why I like to start my rituals (including the Full Moon concerts), with a short grounding meditation, to bring us into the here and now, and into a state of mindfulness. Our Full Moon concert rituals are not only about sharing music and stories, but also about entering into sacred space, and allocating time in our busy lives for the deep and soulful work of Magic.
Those of you who are familiar with my live shows will know that, more often than not, I begin my concerts by creating sacred space, welcoming in the Four Elements (and Spirit), and casting a Sacred Circle. Why a circle? All of Nature moves in cycles, which are expressions of the energy of the circle moving through time. By creating a circle of energy around ourselves, we are aligning with Nature’s flow. The circle is a symbol of wholeness, of equality, and of eternity. Casting a circle at the start of my shows helps me feel grounded, and creates a feeling of connection. The line dissolves between ‘performer’ and ‘audience’ - we’re all part of the one experience, sharing the same sacred space and weaving our energies together.

NATURAL CIRCLES

Nature provides us with many powerful images of the circle. We can meditate upon the radial beauty of a sunflower, a cactus, a mushroom or a sea anemone, but one of the most powerful natural images of the circle must certainly be the beautiful Full Moon. Gazing at her perfect form is a profound experience that instills a sense of wholeness and peace. Below is one of the many photos that I have taken of Lady Moon. On a clear Full Moon night, I encourage you to go out and witness the pure beauty of this perfect natural circle.
A CIRCLE OF EQUALS

“God is a circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere.”
Empedocles (500-430 B.C., Greek Philosopher)

My approach to spirituality and to Magic is non-hierarchical, and is based on the premise of a ‘circle of equals’. I believe that each of us are equally magical, equally sacred, and that we all have equal access to Spirit. The symbol of the circle reminds us that there are infinite paths to the Divine. If the aim of our spiritual journey is to reach a sense of centre, of Oneness, then we can visualise that centre as the point in the middle of a circle. This is the point of Unity. The edge of the circle can expand forever, allowing more and more room around its circumference for different viewpoints and pathways. The centre remains the same. Whether it’s Buddha, Jesus, Hecate, Pan or Cerridwen that draws you towards centre is not the issue. The important thing is the journey. We may even find that our path towards centre has no name at all, and is best honoured by gardening, or bushwalking, or painting, or any of the myriad activities that give life its soul. The centre need not have a name. It simply IS.
Our beautiful Lady Moon is a constant source of wonder and Magic in my life. How many times has my heart leapt upon viewing the slender crescent of the New Moon on the Western twilight horizon? How many times has the Full Moon called my soul to soar, as she casts her strange shadows in the bright night? And how many times has her very absence in our skies called me to a place of stillness and introspection, wrapped in her Dark Moon veil? That very same Moon who lights our skies has shone over every land, every epoch, every human story throughout history. She embodies the great mystery of the simultaneous flow of constancy and change.

In these modern days of electric lights and indoor lifestyles, the phases of the Moon can slip by almost unnoticed. But if you’ve spent time in wilderness, away from cities and lights, it becomes quickly apparent that the Moon has a huge impact on our experience of night. On a Full Moon, her light is very bright and casts clear shadows, making it easy to move through field or forest, clearly seeing any obstacles in your way. Do the same on the Dark Moon, and it's quite a different story. The night is very dark indeed. Imagine, then, how this would have affected earlier cultures, before flashlights and light switches! The Moon is moody, sometimes dark, sometimes light, and she reminds us that our own shifts in mood are a valid expression of Nature.
The Moon is a powerful visible reminder of our divine and endless connection to the Cosmos. So, how do we embrace her Magic? How do we channel and direct it? The first step is simply to bear witness, and this is what Tim and I have committed to do by hosting these ritual concerts. As we consciously honour the Moon throughout this year I'm confident that we will all discover many subtle effects that the Moon has upon our emotions, our energy level, and our cycles of creative flow. And the more that we take notice, the more efficiently we can harness her energy to help us actualise our full potential as creative, loving and spiritual beings.
THE LUMINARIES

What an extraordinary situation, as Earthlings, we have found ourselves in. Our sky is illuminated by two gorgeous orbs - the Sun and the Moon - which are equally beautiful, but in such different ways. One lights the day, and one lights the night. One is (almost always) a perfect circle, while the other is in a constant state of change. They remind us that difference is ok, that one is not better than the other, that there is balance and equality in opposition.

A magical equation, a Cosmic Dance, occurs between Earth, Moon and Sun. Although science has taught us that the Sun is very large, and the Moon in comparison very small, from our point of view here on Earth, the two brightest lights in our skies appear to be almost exactly the same size. The Sun is not only approximately 400 times bigger than the Moon, but is also about 400 times further away from us, making them appear the same size. How extraordinary this that! In fact, the relationship between size and distance is so perfect that our little Moon can eclipse the light from our enormous Sun!

ENERGETIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SUN AND MOON

THE SUN

The Sun, which rules our daytimes, is glorious, shining, radiant and magnificent. Sunlight creates contrast, colour, vibrancy. The Sun is an energising force, calling plants to rise and people to action. The Sun can feel wholesome and healing, inviting us to bask in his rays like a cat. But the Sun can also be harsh, creating drought, hunger, thirst. But one thing’s for sure; the Sun is always constant, rising in the East as a glowing orb, making his way across the sky, then setting again in the West. Day in and day out - a perfect circle. In fact,
the only time that our glorious Sun appears anything other than a perfect circle is when he is being eclipsed by our Lady Moon.

(Below is a photo that I took when I was so very fortunate to witness the Solar eclipse last August in the USA. Tim and I went camping in Wyoming, and watched the spectacular event from the edge of a mountain in beautiful wilderness)

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Unlike the Sun, the Moon does not appear as a perfect circle day in and day out. Over the course of a month she changes from a fingernail sliver, to a half circle, to a full circle, then begins to get smaller and smaller until she disappears all together! But low and behold, a few days later she returns again and the cycle begins over. The Moon teaches us about both constancy and change. She is always in a state of change - growing smaller or bigger - and yet she is constant - in that we can trust her to return to us after her absence. We are reminded that the only constant in Nature is change, and that we can trust in the natural flow of darkness and light. As the renowned Pagan author Starhawk says:

She Changes everything she touches  
And everything she touches, changes
Unlike the Sun’s clear bright power, Moonlight has a mystical quality. Her light is subtle, creating soft shadows and blurred lines. Even at her brightest, on a clear night’s Full Moon, she bleaches colour from the palette, reducing all to an otherworldly monochrome. She calls us to look deeper, beyond the surface of things. Logic takes a sidestep, and intuition holds sway. It is only on rare occasions that we can gaze directly at the Sun, but the Moon invites us to gaze into her, to contemplate, to reflect. Her light draws us inward, to the realms of our emotions and our imagination.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOLAR AND LUNAR CYCLES

The Sun and the Moon both go through regular cycles, though over different lengths of time, and in very different ways. Each month the Moon gives us a very clear visual record of her changes: a sliver, a half moon, a full circle etc. But rather than witnessing the Sun’s actual form change shape, we instead witness his cycles through his effect on the world around us.

THE POLARIZING ENERGY OF THE SUN

This solar cycles create very distinct differences across the planet. Over the Sun’s daily cycle we witness the change from day to night. Over the Sun’s yearly cycle, we witness the change of the seasons. Whether this is Winter / Spring / Summer / Autumn or the tropical shifts of Wet and Dry seasons, wherever we are on Earth, our weather changes over the course of the year because of our relationship with the Sun - and this in turn changes the expression of Life on Earth. If you spend your entire life in just one hemisphere, you can be deceived into thinking that the cycle you are witnessing is the way things are everywhere. But this is not so at all. The Sun has a polarizing effect on Earth. He creates a world of opposites. If it is Summer in the Northern Hemisphere, then it is Winter in the Southern. If it’s Spring here, it is Winter there. If it's night at one point on the planet, it's day at the opposite point. **One hemisphere is always in the waxing phase of the solar cycle, while the other is in the waning phase.**

THE UNIFYING ENERGY OF THE MOON

The Moon on the other hand is a unifying energy. The moment of the Full Moon unites the whole planet. Of course, we can only see her when it’s our turn for night, but nevertheless her energy of ‘fullness’ permeates the entire globe. On this coming Full Moon, some of us will be in the Northern Hemisphere experiencing one season, while others will be in the Southern Hemisphere experiencing the opposite. It’s the Sun that’s creating that difference. But we will all be sharing the same Full Moon. She is the Divine Mother who shines protectively and without judgment over her entire brood, wherever in the world we may be. Regardless of where we live, we are all united by the same Moon. She holds us together as a global community.

As many of you know, I spend a huge amount of my time traveling - splitting my time between the USA, Australia, and Europe (and occasionally Asia as well). I've been touring internationally since 2001, making at least one (but usually two) trips back and forth across the hemispheres. So it has been 17 years since I have followed a full Solar “Wheel of the
Year’s cycle in one hemisphere. I am well aware of the polarizing effect of the solar cycle. I can board a plane in Summer and land in Winter! I always find that such a miracle. But this can definitely be unsettling. Just as my body and my psyche is preparing for the waning part of the solar cycle, I’ll jump back into the active waxing part - and visa versa. Because of this, for me the Moon has taken on an even greater significance as a marker of Nature’s constant cyclic flow. Wherever I am in the world, I can tap into her cycle, waxing and waning appropriately each month. I feel that she is my anchor and my guide through an unpredictable life, and simply honouring her cycle keeps me on track. Regardless of your lifestyle, I believe that consciously honouring the lunar cycle brings great comfort, clarity and direction to our lives.

GODS AND GODDESSES

So we have these two beautiful major lights in our sky. Somehow different, yet equal. The Sun of the day and the Moon of the night. Nearly all cultures around the globe have regarded one luminary as masculine, and the other as feminine. Which gender is applied to which might change across cultures, but there is definitely a strong mythology of Sun and Moon as God and Goddess. In modern Pagan mythology, the Sun is regarded as a symbol of the God and the Moon as a symbol of the Goddess, and that’s the alignment that I tend to work with. But we must remember that this is really a symbolic alignment. Spirit is everywhere, in everything, and transcends the duality of God and Goddess. The Moon, for me, provides a gateway for connecting more deeply with a particular aspect of Spirit: The Divine Feminine. Maybe you feel differently about the Moon? Maybe for you the Moon is aligned with the Egyptian God Thoth? Maybe for you the Moon is ‘just’ a rock in the sky? It doesn’t matter. You will still gain much by journeying with the Full Moon over the course of this year and experiencing her Magic.
ASTROLOGY AND THE MOON

Each of my Full Moon Ritual Concerts this year will have a unique focus and energy - with songs and meditations chosen specifically to suit the astrological sign that each Full Moon occurs in. Because of this, I’d like to offer a very basic introduction to a few aspects of astrology for those who may not be familiar with this ancient art. Please be aware, though, that I am by no means an expert astrologer - I consult other dedicated astrologers (like Kaypacha at http://newparadigmastrology.com) to keep up to date with the intricate dance of the planets. That said, I do have a solid grounding in the art of astrology, and I find it such an enriching tool for my spiritual journey.

THE PHASES OF THE MOON

In one of the upcoming Full Moon Magic booklets I explore the phases of the Moon in depth, but for now, you may like to check out this short video that I made a while back, explaining the relationship of Sun, Moon and Earth, and how that creates the phases of the Moon. Here’s a link:

WENDY’S LUNAR PHASES VIDEO

I’ve also included some charts at the end of this booklet illustrating how the lunar phases appear for both the Northern and the Southern hemispheres.

ASTROLOGY BASICS

Astrology is entirely geocentric, that is, it relates to how we view the sky and the motion of the Sun, Moon and planets from here on Earth. Because of this we refer to the Sun moving through the sky, when in reality it is the Earth that is moving around the Sun and creating the illusion that the Sun is shifting position in the sky. The Sun, the Moon and the planets all appear to be circling Earth, and they do so in a narrow band of the sky known as the ECLIPTIC. In ancient times the 360° of the ecliptic were divided into 12 equal sections of 30° each. Each section was named according to the constellation that resided there. These are the 12 familiar constellations that make up the ZODIAC: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces. The twelve sections of sky are known as the Zodiac Signs, or Astrological Signs. The Sun takes a year to move through all 12 signs - spending a month or so in each time. But the Moon takes only a month to make the same journey, meaning that she moves through all 12 zodiac signs in that space of time - spending about 2 1/2 days in each sign. Her moods change quickly!

Each of the astrological signs has its own unique qualities. Firstly, each sign is assigned a particular governing element - Earth, Air, Fire or Water - and also a 'mode' or style of behavior (cardinal, fixed, or mutable). This combination creates 12 very different energies - 4 elements x 3 modes. Each sign is also ruled by the energies of a particular planet. Eg, Venus is the ruler of Taurus, and Neptune of Pisces. This adds another layer of flavour to
the sign.

THE FULL MOON IS ALWAYS OPPOSITE THE SUN

Now let’s consider the astrological situation with the Full Moon. The Full Moon occurs when the Moon is exactly opposite the Sun as viewed from Earth. This mean that the Full Moon will ALWAYS be in the opposite sign from the Sun. Eg, if the Sun is in Aries, the Full Moon will have to be in Libra. If the Sun is in Virgo, the Full Moon will have to be in Pisces. If you look at the picture below, you’ll see that the Full Moon is exactly 180 degrees away from the Sun, and therefore in the exact opposite sign. The moment of the Full Moon creates a thread of connection between the two polar opposite signs. It’s fascinating to meditate upon the shared connection between the seeming opposites.

THE MOON THROUGH THE ZODIAC

During the month that the Moon is moving through the Zodiac she is, of course, moving through her phases. In the time it takes the Moon to go through her cycle of changes - Full Moon to Full Moon - the Sun has moved on a whole zodiac sign! This means that (usually) each Full Moon is one zodiac sign further round the wheel than the preceding Full Moon. We only get one opportunity per year to experience the Full Moon in each sign of the Zodiac, making each Full Moon unique and special. The only exception to this is on the rare occasions where a Full Moon happens to occur right at the beginning of a sign, and right at the end of the same sign the following month. This is what I regard as a true ‘Blue Moon’ (as opposed to two Full Moons in a calendar month).

For the period of time that she is in each sign, she will take on the qualities of that sign. I like to think of it as the Moon wearing her ‘Scorpio dress’ or her ‘Pisces dress’. She’ll always be the Moon with her beautiful lunar qualities, but her mood will be affected by the zodiac dress that she is wearing. Below are the twelve signs and their elemental correspondences.

FIRE SIGNS
Aries
Sagittarius
Leo

Fire is raw energy - vibrant, enthusiastic, excited. We can call on the Element of Fire when we really want some ‘get up and go’ - some energy to push through inertia and create change. Fire burns away the old and makes way for the new. It is the bonfire that we dance and celebrate around, creating community

EARTH SIGNS
Taurus
Virgo
Capricorn

The Element of Earth helps us to ground and stay connected with the physical world. It helps us to recognise the Magic inherent in the ‘mundane’. When the Moon is in an Earth sign, she will help us with all practical needs, such as wealth, home, physical health. She helps us to manifest and to actualise our visions. Earth will help you to slow down, to rest, to find practical solutions to seeming problems. Each Earth sign awakens our awareness of beauty and sensuality.

AIR SIGNS
Gemini
Libra
Aquarius

The Element of Air holds the energy of new beginnings, of a clear and clever mind, of freedom, of travel, and of wisdom. Whenever we feel that we need to stretch our wings and explore new horizons, we can consciously connect with Air.

WATER SIGNS
Cancer
Scorpio
Pisces

The Element of Water helps us to align with the energies of flow, healing, merging, letting go, and opening to Love. Water is more powerful than it may seem - carving valleys and shorelines. Water has a tenacious strength, helping us to move gently through changes and transitions. Water helps us maintain our connection to our own emotions and the emotions of others. Water is nurturing, soothing, quenching.
LEO FULL MOON RITUAL FOCUS

This month, for our Leo Full Moon, our ritual focus will be on CREATIVITY. Leo is a ‘fixed’ Fire sign and is ruled by the planetary energy of the Sun. Think of the Sun in our Solar System - anchored more or less where he is, while the other planets dance around him, drawn by the gravitational energy of his fiery focus. All the Sun has to do is stay there and glow, and the magnetic dance will continue. And that’s Leo’s job - to shine, to radiate, to generously share its warm creative energy. And what does it need in return? Recognition, appreciation, acknowledgment.

In the Northern Hemisphere this Leo Full Moon coincides with the festival of Imbolc on the Pagan ‘Wheel of the Year’. This is the time when the seeds underground begin to activate, and the first buds on trees may begin to appear, reminding us that Winter - although far from over - will eventually transform into Spring. It’s a fiery, feisty, brave and determined time in Nature’s yearly cycle. In the Southern Hemisphere the opposite is happening. The hot Sun over Summer has ripened the grain in the field and it’s time for the first harvest - a celebration of the generous creative flow of Nature.

CREATIVITY

The Sun calls forth new growth from plants with his potent creative energy. This Leo Full Moon is a chance for all of us to access this creative flow, activating the latent creativity within each and every one of us, and ripening those creative projects that are already underway.

What creative gift or project is ready to activate in your life? What are you able to harvest and utilise from previous plantings? Do you feel creatively blocked, frozen? If so, this generous, shining Leo Full Moon can help you melt away resistance to your innate creativity. Or is the opposite the case - are you feeling creatively ‘in the flow’, full of creative ideas and excited about manifesting them? If so, this Leo Full Moon can give you that boost of energy to bring your visions into manifestation.

PLAY
The Leo energy is dramatic and playful. This is a joyous and full hearted Moon, and a good time for you to consider how you can include more play and fun in your life.

SOVEREIGNTY

Leo holds the energy of the Sovereign, the Ruler - the King or the Queen. A good and virtuous ruler is a leader who makes positive choices for the people s/he governs. The King / Queen holds a lot of power! It’s deeply important that this power is not directed toward personal gain, but rather is ‘for the good of all’. Many myths explore the theme of the corrupted King - e.g., in Greek mythology both Midas and Minos were kings whose hubris, egocentricity and self serving choices brought havoc to their lives. The Sovereign is meant to serve the needs of the people above the needs of the self. (There’s the Leo / Aquarius polarity!) . In this time of corrupted leaders, it’s especially important that we embrace the positive qualities of the Sovereign in our own lives. The Leo Full Moon can help us to do that. In your own life, how can you become a better leader? How can your strengths and powers serve others? How can you shine more brightly and be a bright light, a shining example to others? How can you become the King / Queen of your own realm - deserving of respect and appreciation?

THE LUNAR ECLIPSE!

We know that that Full Moon occurs when it is exactly opposite the Sun in our sky - e.g. The Sun and the Moon in a straight line, with Earth in between. This Leo Full Moon occurs at 11 degrees of the sign Leo, which means that , at the exact moment of the Full Moon, the Sun will have to be at 11 degrees of Aquarius. But the ecliptic is a broad band in the sky, and that degree point doesn’t account for how high or low it is in that band. Occasionally the Full Moon align exactly opposite the Sun , not just in degree point, but in their vertical positions within the ecliptic. When this happens, the Sun shines his generous rays towards Earth and Moon, but our Earth actually gets in the way - casting her shadow over the face of the Moon. Instead of the shining white orb, the Moon turns a shadowy blood red. That’s what’s going to happen this Full Moon!!!! I feel that a Lunar Eclipse is an opportunity for us to look inward, at our own shadows, and also to contemplate the hidden aspects and the shadows currently playing out on our planet. It’s all projected there on the face of the Moon for all to see.

In astrology the Moon represents our emotional world. I feel that a Lunar Eclipse is a chance for us to witness, and to ‘reset’ our relationship with our own emotions, and our emotional relationship with others. It’s definitely an intense energy, so don’t be surprised if some big, and even painful emotions surface, but this can be an opportunity for cleansing and honoring our past wounds. Leo is usually such a big, bright, shining and extrovert sign. Maybe the Lunar Eclipse is a chance for us to shine some of that light inwards, and towards our more private, intimate relationships?
SUPERMOON

Here’s a good article about that on the excellent Earth Sky News website.

EARTH SKY NEWS EXPLANATION OF SUPERMOON

An eclipse is already intense! A supermoon amps the whole shebang up! Get ready for a powerful Full Moon indeed.
Northern Hemisphere Lunar Phases

- Full Moon
- 3rd Quarter
- 1st Quarter
- Dark Moon
- New Moon
Southern Hemisphere Lunar Phases

- Full Moon
- 1st Quarter
- 3rd Quarter
- New Moon
- Dark Moon