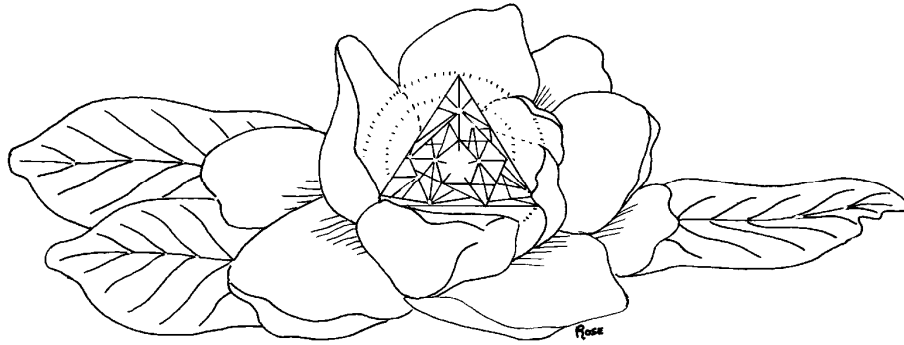


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***December 3, 2006, Sunday 7:45 PM***

*December (Sagittarius) Community Meditation Gathering*  
Arcana Workshops, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd. Suite 107, Culver City, CA

***December 31, 2006, Sunday 11:30 PM***

*Meditation for the New Year*  
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***January 2, 2007, Tuesday 7:45 PM***

*January (Capricorn) Community Meditation Gathering*  
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### **Group Meditation New Moon Cycle Seed Thought**

**October 22, 2006 through November 20, 2006  
COURAGE to defend the highest.**

**November 21, 2006 through December 19, 2006  
SKILL in spiritual activity**

*Editor's note:*

*If there is any point in the year when people are apt to lose their precarious balance, or their emotional control, it is during the tumultuous period we call the Christmas Holidays. The emotional hooks of old traditions and expectations, the explosive waves of disappointment and disillusion that flow, frequently unexpectedly, through humanity's emotional vehicle during these brightly lighted days can catch one unawares and overwhelm even experienced workers. So, as an aid and a point of balance, we share with you this note from an experienced and skilled high wire walker, or if you prefer, disciple.*

## Weighing-In on Libra

"I know what you're thinking about," said Tweedledum: "But it isn't so, no-how. Contrariwise," continued Tweedledum, "if it was so, it might be; and if it were so, it would be; but as it isn't, it ain't. That's logic." Lewis Carroll *Through the Looking Glass*

As a child I was fascinated by these two characters from Alice in Wonderland. Their back-and-forth, see-sawing, not-getting-anywhere conversations, were so funny to me, and somehow profound. It was an early example of polarity—that nobody's right, that everybody's right—and it began a course of thinking that I have been pondering and playing with ever since. Since I have a lot of Libra in my chart, I could relate to seeing things from many perspectives, and the indecision that came along with it, even at nine years old.

This is a great example of the Libra challenge. Libra finally has to make up its mind. After weighing and balancing the scales perfectly, Libra must learn to discern and then finally, to choose.

These are the times we are in.

As we enter the month of Libra and now at the full moon, we have a high concentration of Libra energy. The full moon acts like an acupuncture point in whatever sign it is stimulating. In Libra, it is stimulating the

qualities of balance, harmony and right relationship.

Classically, the sign Libra is about relationship. In an astrological chart Libra rules the 7th house, which is the house of relationship. Relationship meaning, of course, your partner like your husband or your wife, but also any kind of close alignment, like your business partner, a collaborator, or a best friend. Adam and Eve, Lennon and McCartney, or even Robinsons May are all examples of Libra partnerships. It is your other half, in a sense.

A Libran's life wants to be dedicated to another. We all have Libra in our chart somewhere, and wherever it is, it will show you what your relationships are like. Libra fulfills itself in pleasing another. As Libra moves up the spiral of consciousness he is asked to move to another form of relationship, beyond the personal one, to the larger group life. Here, Libra begins to ask new questions, questions about its relationship with the greater world, ideas, ideals, and finally the soul.

Because Libra loves harmony, he is the ultimate mediator. Send a bunch of Librans to Iraq and we would find a resolution. Librans don't like conflict, don't like arguments, don't like confrontation. They really do just want everybody to get along.

The Librans challenge is to learn to tell the difference between himself and the other. And in the balancing act of learning this difference, and the tension that is inherently in it, he learns to balance other things too. Libra is the great balancer. Libra's symbol is the scale. It weighs and measures and learns eventually, to discern. This is hard for Libra because it so powerfully wants to be fair in its judgment. It can so easily find the two sides of something perfectly equal, perfectly matched. They really do see both sides of a conflict. And so they make great mediators and counselors and judges. They love law; they love what is fair and right, and what is good for all concerned.

The Libran is a social creature. At their worst, a Libran's life can be like a little soap opera of "she said this" and "he said that", but at their best, a Libra will put their life in service for the greater good. They genuinely want to help. They can see where the help is needed. They are idealistic enough to hold the vision, and they are willing to even fight for it, as long as it is a fair one, like in a courtroom, or a duel.

The traditional and exoteric ruler of Libra is Venus. Venus rules love and music and all things beautiful. A Libra has elegant and refined taste and can tell a fake from an original at a hundred paces. He is the most excellent host of a party and will make

every single person in the room feel at ease. Librans truly understand the meaning of diplomacy and tact. They are the consummate ambassador, understanding the nuance and delicate differences between people, companies and countries. There is no sign that understands moderation, politeness and fairness better. Whoever created the word gentleman would have been referring to a Libra. Oscar Wilde was a Libra. So are Jimmy Carter, Truman Capote, Yo-Yo Ma, Jesse Jackson and the late Christopher Reeves and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi or as he is known world wide, Mahatma (Great Soul) Gandhi.

When Libra eventually rises to its esoteric rulership in Uranus, you begin to see the genius that this energy brings in, and in its final evolution through the hierarchical ruler of Saturn, Libra realizes integrity at the highest level, and at the highest standards. Then is when we see that star bright consciousness of the awakened Libran soul.

Think of John Lennon's lyrics in the song *Imagine*, "Imagine all the people/Sharing all the world." Even as an activist, he said, "All we are saying is give peace a chance." Here is a true idealist at work.

Jimmy Carter, another man of peace, worked hard to negotiate peace talks, where he used his office as president to mediate a formal peace treaty between Israel and Egypt at the Camp David Accords in 1978.

And another example of a peaceful hero is Gandhi, standing without weapons, facing-off an entire army. All of these men used

***"Imagine all the people/Sharing all the world."***  
***John Lennon***

peace and non-violence to promote their cause. All of these men, in their different ways, dedicated their lives to the highest good.

In esoteric circles Libra is considered the beginning of the soul year. It is also considered the midpoint of the spiritual path where the seeker first becomes aware of the soul. This point on the path is also called the *interlude*. This *interlude* is the turning point where the disciple begins to recognize and differentiate the outer path of the personality from the inward path of the soul.

In this context, the signs of the zodiac now become more archetypal. They are more like symbolic stages, not personal astrological signs anymore. They are like pre-set steps on a path, like The Stations of the Cross or the Labors of Hercules. They are a set pattern of steps that are taken at particular stages of development on the path to initiation.

As we move through the Libran path of balance, harmony, and right relationship, you may be wondering how this applies to your life. During this time, we have the unique opportunity to evaluate these areas. We can weigh and balance, we can practice non-judgment, we can strive to reach for the highest ideal.

In Libra, we learn that the only way we can reach a creative solution out of a dilemma

or a problem, is to reach out of the see-saw relationship of “this or that” to higher ground. As Einstein said, one cannot solve a problem at the level upon which it was created.

This is what meditation does. This is what consciousness is. In Libra, we get to choose consciously.

During this month and in our meditations, we can evaluate and reevaluate our own personal lives and The Greater Life. We can carefully balance, weigh and decide, what is right action now. We can ask ourselves new questions like what area in our life do we need to find our balance? How do we keep our balance? Where can we practice right relationship better? What is the ideal for which we are reaching?

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And we have the added help with the full moon in Aries, Aries being the path of action, where we can implement the answers we

receive, more directly. For Aries is always about action—positive action—and forward movement, like an arrow.

The dynamic tension that a full moon creates, between the sun and the moon in opposition, is the perfect metaphor of the Libran challenge.

In Libra, we have the opportunity to be in right relationship with ourselves, and as we do we become a living, breathing, model of harmony, peace and goodwill in our world.

The moment that we create a point of peace in ourselves we become a nexus point for peace. We magnetize it, attract it, reflect it. We *are* it.

There is a mediation I use in class quite often, when everyone is very quiet and still.

## ***Meditation***

I say,  
***"Peace begins with me."***  
Pause

The meditation continues with a slight pause between each point.

***Peace in my body.***  
***Peace in my heart.***  
***Peace in my mind.***  
***Peace in the world.***

On this full moon in Aries, in the heart of Libra, at the heart center of these United States in the city of Angels, let us remember this simple harmonious Libran prayer:

***Peace on earth. Goodwill to all.***

Diana Lang  
Libra, 2006

November 15, 2006

Dear Friends

An invitation to co-creation.

There are two unmistakable qualities that reveal a Soul. One is that a Soul serves the common good. The other is that a Soul is group conscious.

Souls understand that service to humanity, the whole point of meditation, is not something that happens in a vacuum or through desire. We know from lots of experience that service is sometimes hard for the personality side to get into. However, we also know from lots of experience that regular, successful meditation will unfailingly lead one into a heart to heart connection with his or her Soul, and service for the common good is what Souls do. Service is the Soul's normal, one might say habitual, reaction to living. To a conscious soul incarnate, service is not that much different than breathing.

Souls, also being group conscious, realize that service, a demonstration of the magical power of the soul, is a group endeavor. They know that service requires energy; it requires subjective and concrete resources. A soul, without even thinking about it, puts his or her entire economy, his or her entire supply of life energy into living service. This is why it works.

Your sister and brother souls at Arcana Workshops appreciate the loving attention and subjective support that you all already make to the service efforts of this group endeavor. You co-create with us simply by sharing some of your Soul Power with us. Our work would not go forward without this support from the inner sides of our Soul network. Our work also needs your co-creative support in that area that makes things manifest on the dense physical plane. A donation at any level to help us meet these dense physical energy needs of our group service would be most gratefully appreciated and put to dynamic use. You can count on that.

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Arcana, as we have told you many times over the years, is a totally volunteer operation. Our entire budget is about \$25,000. These dollars are spent on supporting the work we do in our group endeavor to carry out our part of the Plan as we can best ascertain, and understand it. Our work is totally focused on the doing and teaching of meditation.

Our expenses are few. We have the rent for our nice, but modest, headquarters in Culver City where we hold our meditation training workshops, our general interest discussion groups and our Solar Fire Community Gatherings. We also have the costs for the publication of Thoughtline and our small pamphlet on the Solar Fire meetings which you know as Full Moon Magic. This plus the usual costs for insurance, printer cartages, photo copying, envelopes and so forth is pretty much it.

All of the money we spend is donated, most of it by the volunteers who work closely with us and the individuals who attend our workshops and or Community Gatherings for the Solar Fire Festivals. The rest comes from the co-creative generosity of folks like you.

Arcana Workshops will put to very good use any participatory gesture toward our group effort that you would make. We thank you from the center of our Heart for you love and support.

Goodwill, heart sendings and wishes for success are all gratefully received. Cash, checks or money orders also work great.

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For the Community of brothers and sisters who are Arcana Workshops

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**Opening the Heart**

New Moon	Seed Thought	Full Moon
<b><i>Inbreathing Cycle Capricorn through Gemini</i></b>		
Dec 20, 2006 6:02 AM	Thus, the heart, intensified by silence, replete as a dynamo, beats out the rhythm of the Universe, and personal desires are transmuted into the guiding Universal Will. Thus is cooperation with the distant worlds evolved. Heart #68	♄ Jan 3, 2007 5:58 AM
Jan 18, 2007 8:02 PM	It is intensity of purpose which will change you from the plodding, fairly satisfactory aspirant into the disciple whose heart and mind are aflame. DINA 1 P. 538	♁ February 1 9:46 PM
Feb 17 8:15 PM	[Christ's] heart, embodying as it does the love of God, is drawn forth from the heart of the planet (the Hierarchy) to the hearts of men, and the path of His return to Earth service stands unchallenged and unobstructed. Again, under law, a profound optimism is engendered and may be rightly developed. 7R5 p. 619	♃ March 3 # 3:18 PM
Mar 18 # 6:44 PM	Toiler, when the energy is Transmuted into an ocean of light, does thy consciousness quiver or expand? Toiler, is thy heart fearful or exultant when before thee looms Infinity? Community	♈ April 2 9:16 AM
Apr 17 3:37 AM	Know that within each heart is Christ's presence and as you expand your radiation until there is but one Light, "on earth as it is in Heaven", with your minds clear and one-pointed, hold the thought of standing in - HIS PRESENCE. D.K. <i>Applied Wisdom</i>	♉ May 2 2:10 AM
May 16 11:28 AM	When the Christ finds His focal point on Earth, it will be in the nature of a tiny heart centre through which the love energy of the Hierarchy can persistently flow. 7R5 p.618	♊ May 31 5:05 PM

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New Moon	Seed Thought	Full Moon
<b><i>Out-breathing Cycle Cancer through Sagittarius</i></b>		
June 14 7:14 PM	The sun is the heart of the system; so, also, the heart of man is the sun of the organism. There are many sun-hearts, and the Universe represents a system of hearts; therefore, the cult of Light is the cult of the heart. Heart #62	♊ June 30 5:50 AM
July 14 4:05 AM	Upon the unfoldment of the heart centre, and on an intelligent relation of mankind to the Hierarchy, with the consequent response of man to the energy of love, all disciples are asked at this time to ponder and reflect, for as a "man thinketh in his heart, so is he." 7R4 p.158	♋ July 29 4:49 AM
August 12 3:04 PM	Verily, the Era of the Mother of the World is based upon realization of the heart... Let us not forget that for each important achievement the Feminine Principle is essential as a foundation and essence. The heart cannot open to the Subtle World if it is not understood through a special achievement. Heart #68	♌ August 28 # 2:36 AM
Sept 11 # 4:45 AM	The work of the experts will be sorely needed, but the understanding interest and the sustaining power of those whose hearts are aflame with love can alone make their work possible. ...above all else, the solution must be found in the uprising of goodwill in the hearts of men. DINA 2 P.365-6	♍ September 26 11:46 AM
October 10 9:02 PM	To those of you who have the inner sight and intuitive comprehension comes the opportunity to aid that apprehension and to lead a despairing world.... The work you have to do is to take the knowledge which is yours and adjust its application to the world's need so that recognition of the truth may be rapid. 7R5 p 11	♎ October 25 8:53 PM
November 9 3:04 PM	The evidence of forgetfulness of one's own "I" indicates the adherence to evolution. The closed circle of the heart produces an oppressive formation. The Silvery Lotus that is unfolded on all sides indicates the containment of all cosmic fires. Thus is an open heart affirmed in Cosmos. Infinity II #109	♏ November 24 6:31 AM
December 9 9:41 AM	Hence, each consummation, each union, each great cosmic unification is achieved through the flame of the heart. Heart #1	♐ December 23 5:17 PM

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