

Lughnasah & Leo Full Moon

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Lughnasadh is the time of the first harvest, a time to consider whether your results have equalled your efforts. The ideals of Leo and Aquarius come into their fullest expression at this Full Moon and it represents a challenge to you as an individual on how fully you are expressing your life purpose.

Lughnasadh is traditionally ruled by the celestial lion, Leo. There is great power and strength in the lion's energy and under the energy of the lion we are being asked to utilize this power with greater control and discipline. This full moon therefore beckons us to nurture and take full responsibility for all of our creations.

Tonight we are calling upon Sekhmet the Lion Goddess who encompasses the gamut of feminine expression and her Consort Ptah, God of Craftsman, Rebirth and Creation.

Tonight Sekhmet introduces the brilliance of the luminous Light to those who have stayed too long in the mundane. Sekhmet's sometimes painful lessons have taught the sacred artists in Her service how to understand the mystery locked within themselves, a holographic echo of the power of The Great Cosmic Feminine.

Sacred creativity is capable of touching others so that they, too, can glimpse the awe, wonder, and relentless beauty of "The Source." Tonight we will experience the power of the Sekhmet and the Gods & Goddesses of the Lion's power. With this power we are able to control our scattered hopes and desires and channel them into a united effort to bring about our Creative Self which is our true expression of the Divine spark within us.

Ritual

By the power of dragons may the circle be blessed cleansed & sanctified.

Air

Oh Mighty Shu

Great Lion God of Air and winds

I call thee to come forth to protect and charge this circle.

**Bring forth your knowledge and wisdom
So mote it be.**

Fire

Oh Mighty Bast

Great Lioness with eyes of fire

I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.

**Bring forth your knowledge and wisdom
So mote it be**

Water

O Mighty Tefnet

Great Lioness of waters

I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.

**Bring forth your knowledge and wisdom
So mote it be**

Earth

Oh Mighty Aker

Great Lion Guardian of the Underworld

I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.

**Bring forth your knowledge and wisdom
So mote it be**

Casting the circle...

**A circle is cast around about, spirit stay in,
world stay out; a circle is cast around
about, a world within a world without; the
circle is cast around and around, in spirit
and power we are now bound.**

Sekhmet

**Oh Golden Sekhmet, Wanderer in the
Wastes**

**As the World of the Dreamtime
Defines every Waking Action,
Ideas become Living Realities.
Strengthen, Fortify, and fulfill my good
dreams
And help me to Manifest them in the
World.
Draw me away from illusion and deception.
Turn all my dreams for me into reality
So Mote it be**

Ptah

**Oh Ptah, the primal Creator, the first of all
Gods.
He who is not created but simply is
Through him I seek to obtain the light of
inspiration to create in every level of my
life, as thou causeth the metals to flow
through thy veins, May also your creative
ambience flow through our sphere, open
up our souls, motivate us, and bring into
our lives regeneration, rebirth, longevity,
and renewal.
So Mote it be**

Intent

**To bring forth our creativity through
commitment and discipline.**

Meditation

Choosing a card for contemplation

Dancing around the Altar

Closing

Sekhmet

**Great Goddess Sekhmet
We thank you for your presence & power**

Hail & Farewell.

Ptah

**Great God Ptah
We thank you for your presence & power,
Hail & Farewell.**

Earth

**Oh Mighty Aker
Great Lion Guardian of the Underworld
thank you for your presence tonight
Hail & Farewell**

Water

**Oh Mighty Tefnet
Great Lioness of waters
thank you for your presence tonight
Hail & Farewell**

Fire

**Oh Mighty Bast
Great Lioness with eyes of fire
thank you for your presence tonight
Hail & Farewell**

Air

**Oh Mighty Shu
Great Lion God of Air and winds
thank you for your presence tonight
Hail & Farewell**

**May this circle be open but unbroken
May the peace of the Goddess be ever in
our hearts.
Merry Meet and Merry Part
And Merry Meet again.**

Meditation

As the everyday world fades away, you find yourself standing in the cold darkness of a moonless desert night. The sky above glitters with innumerable stars, and off to the east you sense the beginnings of sunrise.

Silhouetted against that deepest of blues is a cluster of small trees – an oasis – surrounding a domed, sand-coloured structure. This is the Temple of Sekhmet, built to honour the Sacred Power of all Goddesses, and as you approach the temple grounds you feel the warmth of this energy surround you.

There is a light breeze and in the trees around you and you hear the gentle song of wind chimes, and in the dawning light you catch glimpses of brightly coloured prayer flags fluttering in the branches.

As you follow the white gravel path toward the Temple, you notice that it has four arched doorways – one facing each of the cardinal directions – and the signs along the path instruct you to enter by whichever represents the type of healing you feel you need most at this time:

East for mental and intellectual issues
North for spiritual and willpower-related matters
West for courage and dealing with emotions
South for physical health and wisdom

You enter – feeling the healing energy wash over you as you pass through the threshold -- and the lightening sky reveals a slate and gravel floor, a central firepit, and a myriad of Goddess images.

The Goddess Sekhmet represented by a human-sized basalt statue seated on a throne and holding an ankh – the symbol of life – in Her left hand is in the centre of the temple. Her feline head bears the face of a lioness gazing lovingly at Her cubs, and Her human body is covered in a floor-length red dress.

To Her left is a large papyrus scroll which reads:

Let My worship be in the heart that rejoices, for all acts of love and pleasure are my rituals. And you who seek to know Me, know that your seeking will be in vain unless you know the Mystery – for if that which you seek, you find not within yourself, you will never find it without. For I have been with you from

the beginning, and I am that which is attained at the end of desire.

To Her right is a tall black scrying mirror– a magic mirror in which you can connect personally with the Goddess Sekhmet, She who embodies aspects of all the Goddesses. She may have a message for you, or She may simply send healing to your mind, body and spirit. Take some time now to look into the mirror and contact Her....

As your Goddess fades from the mirror, the image of you sitting in meditation in this sanctuary appears. The Goddess tells you that you may use this mirror as a gateway to return to the Temple and visit Her whenever you like.

As you gaze though the mirror, you feel the warm glow of Her love accompany you, and you see the Lioness smile....

When you're ready, open your eyes and return to this time and place.