

Lughnasadh Ritual

Full Moon in Leo

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Lughnasadh is the time of the first harvest, a time to consider whether your results have equaled 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.



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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 hologramic 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.

The 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.

Sekmet

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.

Photographs by Amethyst, of the Lughnasadh altar ...





** This ritual is a combination of the author's original ideas and information obtained from various books and/or internet sources.*