

# Spheres Of Light, Sydney & Nowra Full Moon Circles



## Full Moon in Taurus ~ Apis Friday 11th November 2016

The Full Moon is a time of completion and celebration, the Taurus Full Moon provides the opportunity to come in contact with the purpose and direction of our life. Contact that is ever expanding and deepening, one that brings clear life changes in us, which eventually leads to transformation, an expansion of your consciousness and a changing of your focus from one level to another level. This full moon is in two power signs (Taurus & Scorpio) and asks us to grapple with questions of large import. It reminds us that sometimes our decisions are life changing. It also reminds you that it is time you stand in your own power and take responsibility for your actions.

The Taurus full moon is special as it is the largest Full Moon super moon since 1948; we won't see one this visibly huge again until 2034! We now have come to a time of great illumination, a rebirth, a new era, a celebration. It's not a time of fear unless you are so entrenched in duality, but a time of Light and abundance, joy and opening to deeper levels of your divinity in order to operate on the physical plane. It's not just about material security, but spiritual connection and unity. On this night we are connecting to an ancient Egyptian God Apis, the Egyptian god of strength and fertility.

### Circle Format for Sydney & Nowra Rituals

A meditation will be conducted before the ritual begins, prior to casting the circle.

The Four Guardian Neteru [pronounced neecheroo] are:

- Qebhsennuf [kebs-noof]
- Duamutef [doo-a-moo-tef]
- Imsety [im-set-ee]
- Hapi [hah-pee]

Together they are called the Sons of Horus.

### Opening the Circle

- Call in the Sons of Horus (sunwise - E, N, W, S.)
- After quarter calls turn sunwise (anticlockwise) to face the Altar/Shrine
- Strike drum or shake rattle
- Call in the Heavens
- Strike drum or shake rattle; The Circle is now Cast.
- Light the Candles on the Altar/Shrine
- Call The Shining Eye of Horus Comes
- Invoke Deity
- State Intent
- Conduct Activity

## **Closing the Circle**

- Farewell Deity
- Close Quarters (anti-sunwise - S, W, N, E.)
- Ending - Qebhsennuf leaving , taking the elementals with him closing the doors to the elemental world. Extinguish outer Candles. Take centre candle from the altar and carry it anti-sunwise (clockwise) around the circle saying (all together):

By holy flame of candle-fire,  
The ritual ends at our desire.  
The circle is down, and is no more,  
All things are as they were before.

The circle format outlined above is used by Sydney and Nowra Circles. Each invocation to the Sons of Horus (opening & closing) has been printed out separately on papyrus styled paper, rolled and tied with ribbon coloured according to the elements and re-used for all rituals. However, each circle writes their own invocations to deity every full moon, and decides on their own intent and activity, so only those aspects of the ritual will differ and require printing anew each month.



## **Sydney Ritual**

### **Introduction - APIS**

A fertility symbol, the sacred bull, considered the “glorious Ba” (soul) of the god Ptah or Osiris, associated with Lower Egypt. In a funerary context, the Apis was a protector of the deceased, and linked to the pharaoh. This animal was chosen because it symbolized the king’s courageous heart, great strength, virility, and fighting spirit. The Apis was considered to be a manifestation of the pharaoh, as bulls were symbols of strength and fertility, qualities which are closely linked with kingship (“strong bull” was a common title for gods and pharaohs). The cult of the Apis started at the very beginning of Egyptian history, probably as a fertility god connected to grain and the herds.

The Apis bull was a real, living animal, selected from the herd and worshiped as a god. The Bull had special markings which set him apart as sacred from the herd. The Apis had to be black with a white triangular mark on his forehead, a pattern like the wings of a vulture on his back, double-coloured hairs on his tail, a crescent moon on his right flank, and a scarab mark under his tongue. There were twenty-nine such sacred markings, according to classical authors. A special priest was appointed to search the land for a bull bearing all of them.

There’s tremendous depth and power at this lunation but in a way that is accessible, gentle, and supportive. This Taurus Full Moon is a great time to balance these grounding

forces: are you dealing with too much drama, should you resolve to find a more stable atmosphere? Or, do you need more passion and intensity in your life to prevent mental and emotional atrophy?

This moon is also about making the spiritual life tangible, as there's no distinction between the physical and the spiritual to Taurus.

The Full Moon in Taurus will also be drawing out issues involving money and our self-worth. Self-worth is often tied to money (or, more commonly, lack of money) but also deeply involves how we are respected for our standards or how we ourselves respect our own standards. If your values system is working out for you and you've got good people in your life who also value your values, you'll see evidence of it here.

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## Opening the Circle

### East

Say - As we call Qebhsennuf [kebs-noof], picture him approaching in the form of a falcon, a golden bird of prey. See him come to rest at the edge of the circle in the form of a tall, falcon-headed man. Behind him picture a sunny sky with wind swept clouds.

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Hail to you Lords and Ladies of the East; Powers of Air. Hail Lord Qebhsennuf! Please be present at this sacred place and witness this rite!

Qebhsennuf! (kebs-noof)

Qebhsennuf!

Qebhsennuf!

Hail And Welcome!

### North

Say - As we call Duamutef [doo-a-moo-tef], picture him as a black jackal approaching through the desert landscape. He comes to rest at the edge of the circle in the form of a jackal-headed man. Behind is a background of flames.

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Hail to you Lords and Ladies of the North; Powers of Fire. Hail Lord Duamutef! Please be present at this sacred place and witness this rite.

Duamutef! (doo-a-moo-tef)

Duamutef!

Duamutef!

Hail And Welcome!

### West

Say - As we call Imsety [im-set-ee], picture him as a bearded man standing on the seashore with waves behind him.

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Hail to you Lord and Ladies of the West; Powers of Water. Hail Lord Imsety! Please be present at this sacred place and witness this rite.

Imsety! (im-set-ee)

Imsety!

Imsety!

Hail And Welcome!

## South

Say - As we call Hapi [hah-pee], picture him approaching in the shape of a baboon or ape. He stands at the edge of the circle as a man with a baboon shaped head. Behind him a scene of trees and plants.

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Hail to you Lord and Ladies of the South; Powers of Earth. Hail Lord Hapi! Please be present at this sacred place and witness this rite.

Hapi! (hah-pee)

Hapi!

Hapi!

Hail And Welcome!

## Heavens are Opened

Do

Strike drum or shake rattle

Say

The Heavens are Opened!

The Earth is Opened!

The West is Opened!

The East is Opened!

The Southern half of Heaven is Opened!

The Northern Half of Heaven is Opened!

And The Gates are thrown Wide Open To Ra & Thoth

As he comes from the horizon!

Do

Strike drum or shake rattle;

Say

The Circle is now Cast.

Do

Light the Candles on the Altar/Shrine

## Horus

Say

The Shining Eye of Horus Comes

The Brilliant Eye of Horus Comes

It Comes In Peace

It Sends forth rays of light unto Ra in the Horizon

And it Destroys the powers of Set according to the Decree

It Leads them on and takes possession of him

And its Flame is Kindled against him

Its Flame Comes and Goes about and brings adoration

It Comes and Goes about heaven in the Train of Ra

Upon the two hand of the two sister, Oh Ra

The Eye of Horus Lives

Yes, Lives within the great hall

The Eye of Horus lives

Yes, Lives!

## Invocation to Apis

Oh Mighty Apis

“Lord of Horns”

“Sky Bull of the West”

“Bull of the Duat”

Come join us tonight

Imbue us with your strength & protective energy

Give us the authority to stand in our power  
And the wisdom to take responsibility for our actions

Mighty Apis

Hail & Welcome

## Intent & Activity

- ❖ Wear the colour red
- ❖ Meditation after calling quarters
- ❖ Drink 'Red Bull' then say, "We stand in our power. The spark within us is one with the eternal flame that guides and sustains us on our journey."
- ❖ Music and chakra dancing to raise energy
- ❖ Fire on altar

## Closing The Circle

### Apis

Oh Mighty Apis  
We thank you for your presence here tonight  
May we flow with the positive streams of your power and wisdom  
Hail & Farewell

### South

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Lords and Ladies of the South; Powers of Earth, and Lord Hapi Thank you for attending this Rite. Hail and Farewell!

### West

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Lords and Ladies of the West; Powers of Water, and Lord Imsety. Thank

you for attending this Rite. Hail and Farewell!

### North

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Lords and Ladies of the North; Powers of Fire, and Lord Duamutef. Thank you for attending this Rite. Hail and Farewell!

### East

Do - Strike drum or shake rattle

Say - Lord and Ladies of the East; Powers of Air, And Lord Qebhsennuf. Thank you for attending this Rite. Hail and Farewell!

**Ending** - Qebhsennuf leaving, taking the elementals with him closing the doors to the elemental world.

Do - Extinguish outer Candles. Take the centre candle from the altar and carry it clockwise around the circle, saying:

*(after all 4 Sons of Horus are farewelled) **all say** as Qebhsennuf walks the circle:*

By holy flame of candle-fire  
The ritual ends at our desire  
The circle is down, and is no more  
All things are as they were before

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