

Leo/Aquarius Moon

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The ideals of Leo and Aquarius come into their fullest expression at the Full Moon. As an individual, how fully are you expressing your life purpose? How does your purpose fit in the context of the collective? Who are you aligned with? What do you stand for?

The Sabian symbol for this Full Moon at 27 degrees of Leo hints at the significance of this time in Earth's history: "The luminescence of dawn in the eastern sky; the exalting challenge of new opportunities at the threshold of a new cycle." This lunation has an open and airy quality, allowing us to release old patterns and experiment with new ones.

This is the Full Moon for involvement in something bigger than you. Put together an Aquarian Full Moon, a serious Saturn in Leo, and open-hearted Jupiter/Venus in Libra, and we find ourselves resting deeply in the realization that as individuals we are not the center of the universe. So, this is the Full Moon to break down the attraction to focusing only on self-growth. Remember that Aquarius rules the breakdown of the old ways by questioning the status quo. Those who create revolutionary change in societies are always the ones who can vision far beyond accepted beliefs and structures. In these troubled times, we all need to practice this.

Brigid

Brigid, first worshipped in ancient times was the daughter of the great Irish god Dagda, the 'Good Father'. She had two sisters who were also named Brigid. Taken together, they were called the 'Three Mothers', 'Three Sisters', or simply the Goddess Brigid.

Unlike in Greek mythology where the Triple Goddess represented the three chronological stages of a woman's life (Maiden, Matron, and Crone), the Bridgets were all of the same generation and the distinctions between them were based on their domains of responsibility.

- Brigid, the 'Fire of the Hearth', was the goddess of fertility, family, childbirth and healing.
- Brigid, the 'Fire of the Forge', was like the Greek goddess Athena, a patroness of the crafts (especially weaving, embroidery, and metalsmithing), and a goddess who was concerned with justice and law and order.
- Brigid, the 'Fire of Inspiration', was the muse of poetry, song history and the protector of all cultural learning.

Lugh

The name Lugh means "light". He is the Child of the Sun. Lugh is also the God of grain harvests, of crafting, metallurgy, grains & breads, looms, and fire. Lugh is known as a defender of the people, especially those who may be threatened by the forces of Nature. Lugh's Spear is the flash of Light which pierces the Darkness. He is Energy. A Sun God and God of the Sky and of Lightning, as well as of Death and Rebirth. He is Mage, Alchemist and Sorcerer. Lugh teaches us not to fight battles out of anger, but to fight for causes that are just and right. He teaches us to honour our promises and our oaths.

The Tuatha De Danann came to Ireland from four mysterious cities located in the sky. They brought with them four magical tools or weapons and there were four associated seers. These four magical tools are important to the modern Celtic magician for the practice of magic, and aids on the otherworld journeys.

The Ritual...

East

Oh great seer Esmas,
Ancient one of Gorias
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
With the power of the spear of Lugh
Come forth so mote it be

North

Oh great seer Usias
Ancient one of Findias
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
With the power of the sword of Nuada.
Come forth so mote it be

West

Oh great seer Semias,
Ancient one of Murias,
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle
With the power of cauldron of Dagda.
Come forth so mote it be

South

Oh great seer Morfessa,
Ancient one of Falias,
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle
with the power of the Stone of Lia Fail.
Come forth so mote it be

Invocation to Brigid:

Holy Water, sacred flame,
Bridgid we invoke your name.
Bless our minds and bless our hearts,
Source of healing, song and arts.
On this full moon night we draw near, your eternal words we wait to hear.
Lady Bridgid, may we ever seek your ways.

Welcome

Invocation to Lugh:

Lord Lugh, Wise Warrior
Our Protector & Defender
Come this night
And guide our hands and
Enlighten our thoughts

Welcome

Meditation on Brigid & then drumming

Earth my body
Water my blood
Air my breath (and)
Fire my spirit

Chant for manifesting:

Air so healing
Fire empowering
Water connecting
Earth manifesting

Closing

Goddess

By the Holy Water & Sacred Flame.
We thank you for your blessing & healing
Hail & Farewell

God

Mighty Lugh, Wise Warrior
Thank You for guiding our hands and
Enlightening our thoughts
Hail & Farewell

South

Oh great seer Morfessa,
Ancient one of Falias,
Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle
By the Stone of Lia Fail
Hail & Farewell

West

Oh great seer Semias,
Ancient one of Murias,
Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle
By the cauldron of Dagda
Hail & Farewell

North

Oh great seer Usias
Ancient one of Findias
Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle
By the Sword of Nuada
Hail & Farewell

East

Oh great seer Esmas,
Ancient one of Gorias
Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle,
By the Spear of Lugh
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.



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