

Spheres Of Light



Full Moon in Gemini – 27th November 2020

Gemini Full Moon & Partial Lunar Eclipse (30/11/20 8:29pm)

Inanna – Sacred Marriage

November's full moon eclipse takes place in the mutable air sign of Gemini, when we combine the illuminating energy of the full moon with the foundation-shaking vibe of the eclipse, all sorts of revelatory information come to light. We may need to communicate our thoughts and emotions in a different way than we are used to. This energy is too chaotic for doing any full moon spells, so spend time evaluating the changes taking place in your life and do some inner healing instead. The eclipse is opening new doors, so keep an open mind to all the possible outcomes of your current situation.

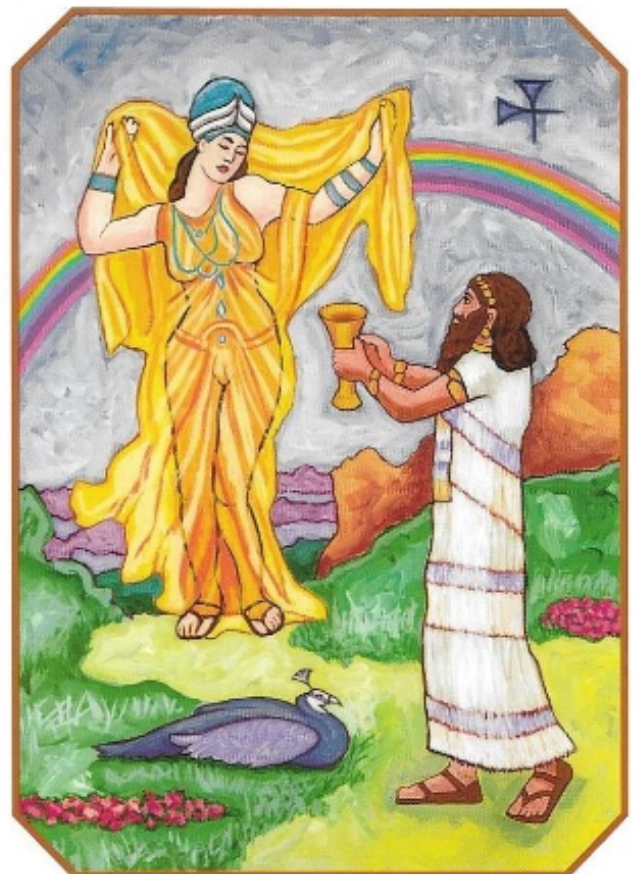
Gemini is a sign where the feeling of incompleteness is often acute, for this is the sign of the Heavenly Twins, where we seek a mirror of the soul in the eyes of another. In ancient mythology, the twins were said to represent both the seen, tangible world and the unseen, intangible world. One twin was from this Earth, and the other was not.

These twins are signifiers of both the human and the being that make us human beings. They remind us that we are not just a physical body but a soul as well. Whatever unfolds on this Eclipse is likely to stir both our physical bodies and our spiritual bodies. We may find that we are dealing with both of these elements in some way. We may find both our seen and unseen worlds affected or intersecting in a way that we didn't notice before. We may even start to become more consciously aware of how our inner state influences our outer state and the way we choose to see things.

Inanna

Inanna is the ancient Sumerian goddess of love, sensuality, fertility, procreation, and also of war. She is the daughter of the god of wisdom Enki and sister to Ereshkigal (goddess of the underworld), twin sister of the sun god Utu/Shamash, and sister of Ishkur (also known as Adad), god of storms. She is also sometimes referenced as the daughter of the Supreme God of the Air, Enlil.

Her husband Dumuzi - who suffers for her rash choices in the poem *The Descent of Inanna* - transforms in time into the dying-and-reviving god Tammuz and, annually at the autumn equinox, the people would celebrate the sacred marriage rites of Inanna and Dumuzi (Ishtar and Tammuz) as he returned from the underworld to mate again with her, thus bringing the land to life. The Sacred Marriage of Inanna and Dumuzi was central to the fertility of the land and was re-enacted at important festivals (such as the Akitu Festival at Babylon) by the king and a priestess having sexual intercourse or, perhaps, only symbolically mating in a kind of pantomime.



Her temple at Uruk was her central cult centre but throughout Mesopotamia her temples and shrines were numerous and sacred prostitutes, of both genders, may have been employed to ensure the fertility of the earth and the continued prosperity of the communities. Inanna continued as a powerful and popular goddess until the decline of the prestige of female deities during the reign of Hammurabi which, according to scholar Samuel Noah Kramer, coincides with women's loss of status and rights in society. Still, as Ishtar of the Assyrians, she continued to be widely venerated and inspired the visions of similar deities in other cultures of the Near East and beyond.

Tarot — THE LOVERS astrological sign is and is about the joining together of the female yin and the male yang. The magnetic and electric forces joining together to create a greater Self. This card represents the universal principle of the art and craft of relationship; the union of opposites that creates everything. The Lovers is about the Duality of the Divine Creative---Goddess/God and everything about this card is dual. Thus the journey of the twins, a universal motif found in all cultures. Hansel and Gretel, Ishtar and Tammuz, Raggedy Andy and Raggedy Ann; all the famous couples throughout history and mythology reflect this archetype of the Lovers.

The Sacred Marriage — The meaning of the sacred marriage for our modern times.

The earliest description of the rite of the Sacred Marriage dates to the early third millennium BCE based on written records of ancient Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq). In this rite, the king was wedded ritually to the high priestess, who was believed to be an incarnation of the great Goddess Inanna/Ishtar, the “Queen of Heaven,” who was thought to descend to earth for this special occasion. The songs of courtship between the king and the Goddess reveal that the primary purpose of this sacred union was to ensure the cyclical renewal of nature and an abundant harvest for the people. However, we may also note that Inanna/Ishtar was not only viewed as a goddess who guaranteed the continued welfare of her community, but also as the source of the king's power by endorsing his rule for another year.

The archetypal sacred marriage serves as a metaphor for the integration of both the archetypal masculine (god) and the archetypal feminine (goddess) within. For humanity to take the next evolutionary leap so urgently needed as this time of crisis, it is essential that we all integrate these polarities within us, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. The psycho-spiritual integration of these internal “opposites” within the individual self is indispensable for a healthy and balanced maturation.

As we work on this union we get to experience:

- greater internal balance and wholeness bringing more flow and ease into our lives
- our hearts freer of old shadows, fears and blockages, releasing us to be able to love fully, deeply, passionately.
- greater passion for life in general
- deeper personal empowerment that energises our spiritual practices, healing work and desire to make a difference in the world, to become spiritual Warriors and sacred activist
- the transformation of our primary relationship into a union of greater equality, mutual respect, passion and love and, as a vehicle and container for great healing.

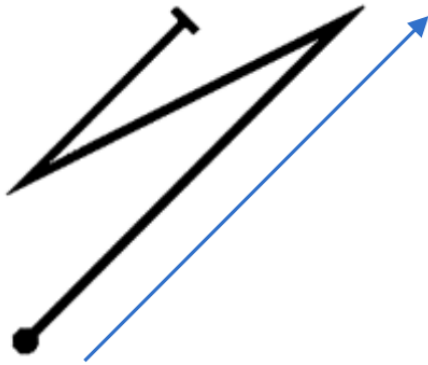
You are being called to connect with Divine masculine and feminine energies that offer a higher vibrational frequency of sacred gender expression. The Divine Feminine frequencies – such as with Mother God, Magdalena, Kali, Kuan Yin, and others – provides templating and modelling as She emerges out from the patriarchal shroud. The Divine Masculine frequencies – such as with Metatron/Father God, St. Germain, Merlin, Buddha and others – provides templating and modelling as He arises from the claiming of his inner feminine and healing of the wounded masculine.

ALL this inner work, this inner marriage that occurs as you re-unionise the gender frequencies from within you and connect with Divine Masculine and Feminine guides.....this overflow of self-love then can bring about healing or those wounded frequencies and expressions of gender inside, so you can BE with your inner self in a very NEW way.



Ritual Opening

OPENING THE QUARTERS



EAST

I open the Eastern gates of Air
Come forth with your mighty winds
Circle us with your power and inspiration
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
As be your will.

Trace the sigil then walk the circle sunwise once with athame or finger creating the circle boundary projecting the colour yellow saying:

By the power of the Dragons of Air may this circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified.

NORTH

I open the Northern gates of Fire
Come forth with your fiery breath
Circle us with your strength and power
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
As be your will.

Trace the sigil then walk the circle sunwise once with athame or finger creating the circle boundary projecting the colour red saying:

By the power of the Dragons of Fire may this circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified.

WEST

I open the Western gates of Water
Come forth with your power of the primordial ocean
Circle us with the power of connective energy
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
As be your will.

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Trace the sigil then walk the circle sunwise once with athame or finger creating the circle boundary projecting the colour blue saying:

By the power of the Dragons of Water may this circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified.

SOUTH

I open the Southern gates of Earth
Come forth with your protective force
Circle us with the powers of manifestation
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
As be your will.

Trace the sigil then walk the circle sunwise once with athame or finger creating the circle boundary projecting the colour green saying:

By the power of the Dragons of Earth may this circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified.

Person hosting the ritual stands in front of altar and bows and adds salt to the bowl of water, then says:

I [*Dragon Name*] invoke the dragons this night,
Come Dragons of the primordial waters,
Come Dragons from the primal source of creation,
Come Dragons of Lightness and Darkness,
Come Dragons of Chaos and Form,
I invoke you to join us and impart your wisdom and ancient knowledge.
Guard and protect us this night,
As be your will.

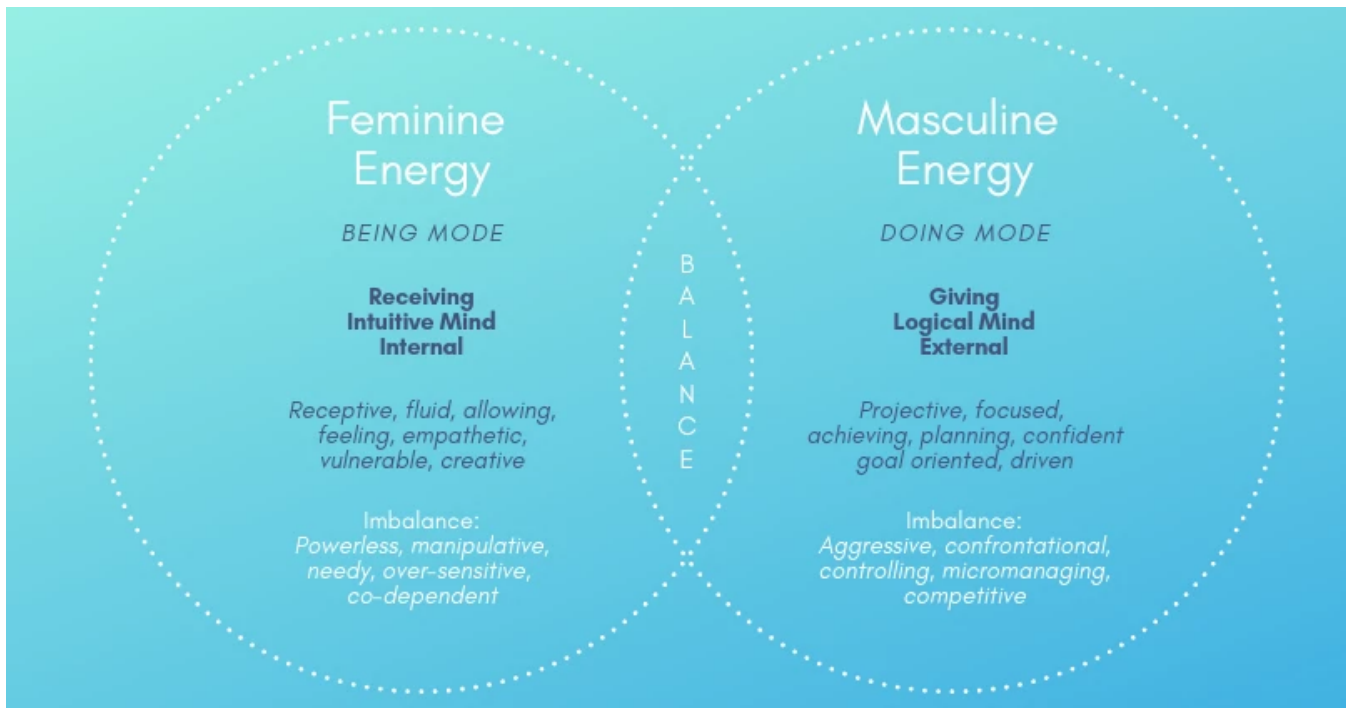
INVOCATION TO TIAMAT

Oh Great Goddess Tiamat, stir and arise, awake in the darkness, awake in the abyss,
She who is terrible to face, who devours and swallows up life,
She who brings life to those who face her,
She who is the begetter of dragons.
Stir up oh Dragon Goddess, I summon thee tonight!

INVOCATION TO INANNA

We call to Inanna
Queen of Heaven & Earth
Daughter of the Moon
Admirer of her own sexuality
Taking what is hers to receive
Lover of Men and
The Giver of Pleasure
Guide as tonight
Welcome

Activity



We will have a discussion on our perceptions of feminine and masculine energy within ourselves. Gender roles are working their way into the past, but what about gender energy? Typically, you are taught that you are either male or female with little to zero discussion on the fact that everyone has both aspects in their physical and spiritual makeup. Society has separated the two for thousands of years without discussion on how a female should approach her masculine side or a male should approach his feminine side. Discuss the ways we can balance the feminine and masculine energies within ourselves.



Sacred Marriage Within Meditation

Sit comfortably and quietly with your eyes closed. Take a deep breath in and let go of all the cares of the day.

Take another deep breath in; as you breathe out become aware of your flesh and bones. Just by bringing your awareness to your flesh and bones you can bring the earth element in the body into balance. Feel the stability that comes when the earth element is in balance. You feel grounded and rooted like a tree, able to withstand all the challenges life brings your way.

Take another deep breath in; as you breathe out become aware of the blood rushing through your veins. Bring your awareness to the fluids in the body as you bring the water element into balance. Feel the flexibility that comes when the water element is in balance. That flexibility will help you to navigate all the concerns of your day.

Take another deep breath in; as you breathe out become aware of the warmth in your body. Bring your awareness to the warmth in your body as you bring the fire element in the body into balance. Feel the energy that comes when the fire element is in balance. You feel alive, creative, and able to find solutions to your problems.

Take another deep breath in; as you breathe out become aware of the air moving out of your lungs. Bring your awareness to your breath as you bring the air element in the body into balance. Feel the harmony that comes when the air element is in balance. You feel alive and inspired.

Take another deep breath in; as you breathe out become aware of the space in your mind. Bring your awareness to the space in your mind as you bring the space element in the body into balance. Feel the peace that comes when the space element is in balance. You feel anchored in the present moment.

Take another deep breath in and let go. You are a part of the same five elements that exist in nature. You are nature, now experience the feeling of being in harmony with nature within and around you. (Take 5 minutes feeling the elements within you and as part of nature).

Take another deep breath and take a moment to feel all the energies within you, now separate these energies into feminine and masculine. All our energies are deeply rooted in a "cosmic process" from the very beginnings of time. Visualise yourself at a primordial level, all the particles coming together – atoms, molecules, cells – to form the complex life form of a human with increasing capacities for consciousness and awareness. See yourself now as a prime expression of the evolution of Consciousness. See this consciousness as the higher vibration of you, see this vibration as separate female and male counterparts of you. See yourself as the God and the Goddess and going through the ancient rite of the Sacred Marriage in whatever that concept means to you. Take time now to interact with this Cosmic Consciousness and allow this marriage, this merging and blending to bring forth a new creation, a new understanding of you. (take 10 minutes)

Take another deep breath in; as you breathe out become aware of bringing all the cosmic elements within you into a state of balance. Bring your awareness of this cosmic balance fully into your body. Feel the peace that comes when you are in this state of being and harmony within yourself.

Take another deep breath and bring your awareness back into this room, wriggle your fingers and toes and when you are ready open your eyes.



Ritual Closing

INANNA CLOSING

Thank you Inanna, Queen of Heaven & Earth, Daughter of the Moon for your guidance on our journey tonight. Hail and farewell.

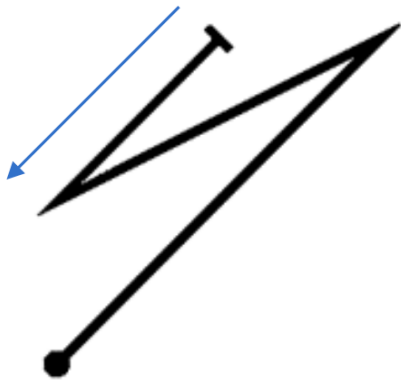
TIAMAT CLOSING

Oh Great Goddess Tiamat, thank you for arising and awakening in the darkness and the abyss.
Thank you for assisting in our journey.
I release thee.

DRAGONS CLOSING

Dragons of the primordial waters,
Dragons from the primal source of creation,
Dragons of Lightness and Darkness,
Dragons of Chaos and Form,
Thank you for joining us to impart your wisdom and ancient knowledge,
and for guarding and protecting us this night.
Hail and Farewell.

Closing the Quarters



SOUTH

I close the Southern gates of Earth
Thank you for coming forth, witnessing this rite and protecting this circle.
May you dwell within our hearts,
So shall it be.

Trace the sigil in reverse.

WEST

I close the Western gates of Water
Thank you for coming forth, witnessing this rite and protecting this circle.
May you dwell within our hearts,
So shall it be.

Trace the sigil in reverse.

NORTH

I close the Northern gates of Fire
Thank you for coming forth, witnessing this rite and protecting this circle.
May you dwell within our hearts,
So shall it be.

Trace the sigil in reverse.

EAST

I close the Eastern gates of Air
Thank you for coming forth, witnessing this rite and protecting this circle.
May you dwell within our hearts,
So shall it be.

Trace the sigil in reverse.

Person who is hosting the ritual says:

By the power of the Dragons this ritual has ended and the circle is now open.