

# SPHERES OF LIGHT



## FULL MOON IN GEMINI - 9TH DECEMBER 2022

### Full Moon in Gemini

Gemini represents our mental body. An air sign, Gemini influences thought, logic, communication, and belief constructs. Gemini holds sway over this lunation and will bring an extra spark given that Mars is still retrograding through Gemini.

This full Moon will act as a release to the 12 months that are coming to a close. It will hold some intensity and can bring our boundaries into question, wounds to the surface, and challenges front and centre—all so that we can clarify who we are, who we desire to be, and what we will and will not allow into our lives.

Strangely, in Norse mythology, Gemini is strongly associated with the god Loki. A constellation called Pjazi's eyes (augu Pjaza) is one of the few known Norse constellations. It's not certain which stars in the sky made up this constellation. One idea put forth is that they are the stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation Gemini.

In Norse mythology, Pjazi is a giant who kidnapped Idun who was killed. When Skadi Pjazi's daughter confronted the Gods, Odin threw Pjazi's eyes up into the sky where they became two stars, presumably the stars Castor and Pollux that form part of Gemini..

The next part of this bargain was for the gods to make Skadi laugh, something she thought that they would be unable to do. Odin called for Loki to come to to make her laugh. He came and told a story of taking a goat to market and how he had tied one end of the rope to the goat's beard and the other to his own testicles. The description of the tug-of-war that followed between Loki and the goat caused Skadi to laugh in spite of her self.

### Loki

If we explore the origins of gods, we are taken back to a time before gods were gods. In the most ancient of times, they were noble ancestors, elementals, land guardians, spirits of the hearth, river nymphs, and dryads. Over time, as people evolved from tribal societies into larger villages and nations, these local elemental spirits were elevated to a more godly status. One theory is that Loki was originally a hearth spirit. More specifically, a fire elemental that was worshiped at the hearth in Northern Europe.

According to the Eddas written by Snorri Sturluson, Loki is a god that will cause a war known as Ragnarok between the Norse gods. Basically, he is the cause of the end of the world. Throughout Norse mythology, we see Loki being a friend, and in the same breath, a trickster and sometimes-foe of the Aesir gods. He frequently causes problems with the gods, stirs sh\*t up, and then comes back to save the day. But why? Loki is the epitome of the Divine Paradox. He is...and he isn't. He's male, then he's female. Then he's an animal. He's foe, then friend. Interestingly, he's also credited as the reason the Aesir gods are gifted with powerful weapons and magical tools. Odin's magical spear Gungnir and Thor's hammer Mjolnir, for example.

Loki is much more than a trickster. He's much more than the god of mischief. Writing him off as this ONE thing is a big mistake on our part. Keep in mind, Odin calls Loki his brother, calling him blood of his own blood. And Thor needs Loki as a traveling companion for reasons we can only try to comprehend. He may also be a creator god...one who was there during the creation of man. In another guise – Lodur. Doesn't it make sense that a destructive god would also be a creator god? There's that divine paradox.

When working with Loki, you'll notice he likes to dredge up those pesky shadows we tend to ignore. In fact, I see this as an inherent ability he uses time and time again with the gods themselves. His trickster spirit takes things away, only to return them in a new form OR to allow for something new entirely to take their place. When Loki steals things from the gods, he forces them to face their shadows. To re-examine the value of the things they hold dear. He tends to do the same to his devotees and friends.

**Ritual** – we won't be doing our usual ritual as I noticed that groups are reluctant to do a ritual to Loki due to the possible chaotic consequences, so we will be doing an honouring instead.

**Activity** – We will be picking an oracle card to see what our future will be in 2023.

## FULL MOON BLOT IN GEMINI

### Cleansing

Walk the circle three times cleansing the space by the power of the Dragons may this circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified.

### Honouring the Directions

#### South

We honour the land of the dead and all our ancestors

#### North

We honour the midday sun and the strength and energy it gives us.

#### East

We honour the sunrise and the new life and new beginnings it gives us with its rising.

#### West

We honour the setting sun and the twilight time of rest and the time it allows us to spend with family and friends.

### Invocation to Disir

Disir, Ancestors

We are here to honour you

Watch over us and protect us  
from any harm and ill will.

Hail!

## **Invocation to Loki**

Laufey's Son,  
Trickster of the far north,  
Delicate spawn of giants,  
Wheedler and coaxer with the secret agenda,  
Liar who speaks the truth others will not hear,  
We call you, two-faced one whose soul burns bright,  
We invite you to our celebration of mirth without any harm.  
Hail

**Now is a time to celebrate the year end and all of the joys received and the lessons learned.**

## **Sacrifice**

We give you this apple cider, blended with the might and main of our deeds, take well our gift, but not as from a thrall, for we have no master, but as from free people and as a sign of our kinship and fellowship. We ask that you imbue this sacrifice with your gifts and blessings!  
Hail!

**Activity** – We will be having a end of year feast.

Thus the work is once again wrought, and gifts have been given, each to the other as it must always be. May it strengthen our folk to trust in the might and main of Asgard, Vanahiem and all the Nine Worlds. May the gods and goddesses, as well as the ancestors guide our steps and protect us Hail!

## **Closing**

Declare that the blot is done. Raise hands in the sky and say:

Hail! all Norse Gods & Goddesses & Disirs and our ancestors thank you for guidance and protection and the blot is done.

Hail and Farewell

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

