

The Moon and Timing

Why on earth is a New Moon enshrined in St. Paul's Cathedral Crypt? Why does Stonehenge still stand today, to mark the lunar cycles - if only through its famous Aubrey Holes?

Using the New Moon in June

A really good way to see what a New Moon can do, is to use it yourself, in the month of June 2020. This brings together all the knowledge you have acquired to date, about your natal chart.

The New Moon Solar Eclipse in Cancer

You've seen before that an eclipse is a cover-up or blind spot. (Refer to your January 1st tutorial). Putting together the idea that the New Moon is a conception, in Cancer, in your Fourth House of family, house, apartment, household, town and country - what might you predict for yourself on June 21st, which is a New Moon but also a Solar Eclipse?

It falls right on the June Solstice which people celebrate at Stonehenge, when the Sun stands still. So, this is a big Solar Eclipse in terms of the publicity it will receive.

At 6.41am UT (around actual sunrise) we will experience the Sun at 0 Cancer conjunct the Moon at 0 Cancer - but the normal lighting will be switched off.

Look at anything you have in Cancer and the Fourth House. Particularly if it falls at 0 Cancer! Look at anything at 0-1 degree in your chart and the angle the New Moon Eclipse will make.

What a New Moon Actually Is

The Sun (father) and Moon (mother) are in a conjunction, or at the same zodiac sign and degree. As you might imagine, this is a conception. It is sperm and egg. What begins on a New Moon will lead to a birth and delivery later on.

If you can imagine two people making love in the dark - but absolutely blind - and both covering things up from each other - that's not a bad way to think about this New Moon Eclipse.

Yes, it will be the start of something. No, we won't know/see clearly and therefore it is a good time to be suspicious, assume nothing and to avoid guessing. In fact, the astrologer Debbi Kempton-Smith would have advised you to leave eclipse time alone.

Use Your 2019-2020 Aspect Ephemeris

Learn more about how every New Moon works in your chart, and will work, by turning to the download from a previous tutorial, the 2019-2020 Aspect Ephemeris. You will see New Moons clearly marked. Using your natal chart, look back in time and forward in time to see how things panned out - and will.

Normal New Moons in Astrology

Normal New Moons in astrology (no eclipse) are a new beginning, like a 19th century bride and her groom on their honeymoon, one or both losing their virginity.

Without an eclipse, the bright, white, night light of the New Moon can be seen, even if it is only just a sliver. The day leading up to that visible New Moon at night, and the day after, find the Sun, brilliant, dazzling and illuminating - clearly showing the same part of the sky.

The same house of your natal chart. The same zodiac sign. It's a New Moon, a new beginning, lights on, everyone home.

The aspects (if any) made by the New Moon to factors in your natal chart, to other transiting factors, or to the chart of someone you are involved with, tell the rest of the story.

Full Moons in Astrology

A Full Moon is an opposition, clash or conflict between the Sun and the Moon. If the New Moon is the Sun having sex with the Moon, then a Full Moon is mother and father at odds with each other. A difference. A separation. Maybe a divorce, depending on the rest of the chart.

You have to put the lunar cycle in context. A Full Moon is when you are at odds with yourself, or at odds with other people - or a situation. Sometimes you can be at war with yourself, or find yourself doing battle with other people. What aspects is the Full Moon making? That gives you the rest of the information.

A Full Moon is like a big, white, bright full stop at the end of a sentence. It says 'Stop and think!' Not 'Go full speed ahead.' Stop and think about what you are feeling, doing and saying. What others are feeling, doing and saying.

The D-Day Full Moon

Battles were often fought on a Full Moon in history because the night light enabled soldiers or sailors to see.

A Full Moon in World War Two was often the setting for a parachute drop. At war with oneself. At war with the enemy. What or who 'drops' on a Full Moon is a symbol of great tension.

The most famous Full Moon in history fell on D-Day, as the Allies went onto the beaches at Normandy. The heroes of D-Day were at war with the enemy, Nazi Germany, but no doubt also dealing with tremendous inner conflict about the task ahead.

See for yourself, if you're interested in Full Moons. So many substantial and unforgettable conflicts happen on, or just after, a Full Moon.

The Second World War began at the start of September 1939 and just a few days before, on 29th August, the world experienced a Full Moon in Pisces. The Sun in Virgo, the sign of duty and service, stood opposite the Full Moon in Pisces.

It was on the week of Monday 28th August 1939 that millions knew, they would be called up as servicemen to the Army, Navy or Air Force.

Virgo also rules food. Millions knew rationing would come in. A Full Moon is never a time to start anything. It is a time to experience every emotion, sit with the feelings and take your time.

The Best New Moons

The best New Moons form a conjunction or other exact angle (within one degree) to your natal Jupiter, thus activating your innate good fortune and natural luck and timing.

The best New Moons also form conjunctions or angles with Jupiter in transit. Now, if you can translate that, at this late stage of your course - and also find them - you really are an astrologer!