

COMING UP: A VIEW OF THE FULL MOON  
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On Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 4:41 AM EST we have a Full Moon. Since New and Full Moons are the two most auspicious days of the month in astrology and also in dharma practice in both Tibet and India, etc., it is traditionally considered good to observe them as best we can. How good are you at looking at your own mind stream? Can you do that? If not, in my opinion, learning to do that is perhaps the kindest thing you can do for improving your life. At least it has been for me.

I am not going to try to instruct you in looking at your mind, at least not here and now, but rather let's talk a little about this particular Full Moon because it is kind of special. And to understand these comments you need no special instruction, just a willingness to take it in. Here goes:

I have written in previous blogs here, many times, about the power of both the New and Full Moon eclipses and the visions available to us at these times, but have said less about ordinary New or Full Moons, ones with no eclipse. Each New or Full Moon has visionary propensities like those at eclipses, just not as profound and pivotal.

Let's just say, for reminders sake, that the seed essence or vibratory tone that sounds and is emitted at the New Moon gestates and grows to some kind of fruition at the Full Moon and then, like all bodies, declines and withdraws into the next New Moon. The Full Moon is a time of (no pun intended) "fullness" and presence. Most of all it brings with it an experience commensurate with our efforts, talent, and karma over the preceding two weeks since the New Moon. Enough said about that.

I will not repeat it all here but those of you who really want to learn about New and Full Moons can dig back through my blogs here or download my free book "Mother Moon: Astrology of 'The Lights'":

<http://astrologysoftware.com/books/index.asp?orig>

Now let's briefly talk about this particular Full Moon and what is remarkable about it. This is not going to be a dramatic Full Moon, except perhaps in its lack of drama. We would have to look back quite a while into the past to find a time as balanced and tranquil as what is coming, which is not to say there will be no events. Often, the sheer white noise and busyness of life drowns out everything else and we hear and see nothing due to our continual distractions. This time will not be that.

The Chinese in particular, and the Tibetans as well, value balance in life above almost all else. Times when we come into balance are times when our life can really move forward and progress. Balance frees us to do that. Astrologically speaking, we are unbalanced almost all the time, keeping us, as mentioned, constantly upset and, well, off-balance. The Buddhists call this the cycles of Samsara.

So this particular Full Moon will be one of those very rare times when the planets manage to arrange themselves almost harmoniously, when whatever engine there is that drives and pushes us relentlessly forward along a line toward our death is hushed, times out, and the

sound of silence itself can actually be heard.

Our desires and drive usually are incessant as we are thrown about this way and that way in life. There is little time to rest, much less look around. Something is always pushing us over the edge of balance into our own particular brand of worry and distraction. But in these next days, around the Full Moon, the engine of desire will ease up and we will coast a bit. Some of us may not be able to slow down at all, but probably most of us can perhaps hear the music and smell the flowers a little more than usual.

Let me repeat that this does not mean this Full Moon time will be uneventful. Not at all. In fact, from a personal viewpoint, all kinds of ideas, suggestions, and events will probably manifest. Another way to say this is that in this more quiet time we will be able to register and see more into what is (probably) always taking place.

That is what balance is all about, the opportunity to see clearly, make decisions, and thus take what appears to us as a clear direction for a time. This is that time.

I hope these words are useful. For many we may feel more social than usual, want to get out and see people, and be seen. For others, a new appreciation for our work and career, or new insights into career, should be available. And above all, our ability to reflect and grasp concepts may be heightened.

The value of astrological insight for me has always been its ability to describe the current (and perhaps coming) life landscape so that I may actually experience it consciously as opposed to piecing events together after the fact. I hope this is useful to you.

Also, any of you who are applying to come to be part of the all-expense-paid Interview Gathering to be held here at our center, please get your emails to me. For those who don't know what I am talking about, scroll down and read the blogs of the last couple of days.

Happy Full Moon!