

FULL MOON FESTIVAL OF ARIES 2024

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Welcome to the Aries full moon festival of 2024. We have made ourselves available as vehicles, in cooperation with many other groups in the world, for the incoming energies during the full moons period. Months after months and year after year, decades after decades, we have persisted in our efforts to link mentally and spiritually with the groups throughout the world. As a result, there is an increasing conditioning effect from the energies being made available during these full moon festivals and a growing assurance that corresponding changes are taking place within human consciousness, resulting in factual physical, aspirational and thoughtful developments.

We have much to reflect on as we consider the full moon of Aries. concerning Aries: “Aries is the force which brings about fusion or integration of the personality, the at-one-ment of the personality and soul, the unification of humanity or the Great Approach of the Hierarchy to Humanity. (EA, p. 482) We are working with these energies now.

From the above we may regard Aries as a great constellation of Hope. This hope for us is enduring and strengthened by the growth of goodwill groups in the world, who are improving the quality of human life. We also meet to renew our faith, a faith strengthened by many years of meditation, study, and sustained service effort, resulting in an increasing understanding of an ever-growing sense of greater possibilities for the Good, the Beautiful and the True. Let us pause for few moments to sound the Affirmation of the Will, with deep and solemn focus and consideration:

In the center of the Will of God I stand
Naught shall deflect my will from His
I implement that Will by love.
I turn towards the field of service.
I the triangle divine, work out that Will within the square.
And serve my fellowmen.
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Aries is the first sign of the zodiac and is the eminent sign of beginnings. Aries is initiatory, groundbreaking, and impulsive in the true sense of the word. We are told that Aries “initiates the cycle of manifestation.”

“It is the birthplace of ideas,” and ideas, we are told, are “divine potencies, energetically moving outward in order to implement intentions.” And these are especially energized by the impulsive forces of the constellation Aries.

The keynote of Aries is descriptive of its powerful first Ray energies: “I come forth and from the plane of mind I rule.” The Tibetan breaks down the keynote of Aries into four injunctions:

1. Express the will to be and do.

2. Unfold the power to manifest.
3. Enter into battle for the Lord.
4. Arrive at unity through effort. (EA, p. 93)

He then provided five descriptive words of the Lord of the first constellation [Aries], Creation – Being – Activity – Strife – Synthesis which he writes “enable [Aries] to influence our planet to these results.” Today we may confidently say that because of our gradually growing understanding and appreciation of the Plan, the great purpose or goal of the energies of Aries is being carried out through the work of the NGWS, whose radiatory impact is manifesting everywhere as demonstrated in the many crises confronting humanity. This recognition immediately evokes the responsibility of employing the dynamic, first ray potency and precipitating power of Aries, which is especially present now and during every Aries full moon, to sustain the strife and activity towards synthesis in the world. Secondly, the NGWS, through the multitude of groups, whose name is truly legion, are already carrying out these injunctions to their souls in the already explosive numbers of servers, responding to all aspect of the Problems of Humanity.

One of our responsibilities as aspirants and disciples in this new age, in cooperation with the many serving groups in this world period, is to “recognize the NGWS and strengthen their hands “, and we do so with special focus during the five days associated with each full moon, and especially so during this full moon.

This Recognition directs streams of energy and connotes a renewal of energies and forces. Recognition is invocative and evocative, it is a means and effort to bring about the reflection of what the soul knows all along, into the direct awareness of the physical brain and so condition everyday life. Recognition is creative, active, and productive of the new and desirable which proves the occult law that “energy follows thought”.

The energies available during Aries, empower, facilitate, augment, intensify all human effort through the special potency of the Lord of the first Ray. We may rest assured of the Will of Deity being superlatively available in this Aries full moon and mindfully hold all the many service groups in the world as exquisitely invoking, evoking and directing these current energies into the hearts and minds of humanity.

We shall utilize the keynote as a directed sounding potency to penetrate into, and precipitate the dynamic fiery energies of Aries which are “coming forth from the plane of mind”, where energies are directed and ruled all the way into the lowest density of matter, and even all the way through to humanity’s physical brain, for the Tibetan tells us that “ Aries awakens the will to reach the lowest and there control, [in order] to know the uttermost and thus to face all experience”. (EA, p. 92) And thus do we aid in materializing the Plan.

If the Plan is the embodiment of the divine Will of deity, then everything concerning its implementation is connected to the right understanding and use of the will. And we are told that this is a major problem facing humanity. The will has been prostituted and turned into personality uses by individuals, groups, and nations. It seems that the present stage of human evolution makes this inevitable. The will is needed in a great task of helping humanity lift selfishly applied forces into the selfless energies and forces of love.

In this task many world aspirants and disciples are particularly and especially suited to aid. A full quote will perhaps make it clearer: “It might, therefore, be said that what is truly taking place in the world today is the transference of the energy of the planetary solar plexus to the planetary heart center. The forces of cupidity, aggression, glamour, and greed will be transmuted in the present furnace of pain and fiery agony and will be raised into the heart center. There they will be changed into the power of sacrifice, of inclusive surrender, of clear vision of the whole, and into cooperation; this is an aspect of the principle of sharing.

When I say these words, I am not speaking idealistically or mystically. I am pointing out the immediate goal; I am indicating a problem of our planetary Deity; I am giving you a clue to a scientific process which is going on under our eyes and which is today at a point of crisis.” (EA, p. 520).

As we talk, discuss, reflect on the will-to-create, the will-to-be, the will-to- activity, the will-to-strife, and the will-to-synthesis we are generating a great thought form corresponding to these considerations of the Will-to-Good, which the present full moon in Aries is dynamically making available. We are working with current energies, these energies are following our thoughts and the collective thoughts of all the other groups similarly working in the world, and esoterically “are opening a spiritual eye, which is directing all these energies in motion”.

The Tibetan has said that we should talk about spiritual matters, of the soul, of the Plan, of the Rules and laws of the spiritual life, of the rules of White Magic, of the Hierarchy, of Shamballa, of the Externalisation, of the reappearance of the Christ. Through such sharing we are bringing the energies into manifestation. Our conversation now, as we all contribute actively and mentally through listening and reflecting, is bringing the appropriate thoughtforms into manifestation, and “Aries initiates the cycle of manifestation.” (EA, p. 92)

Let us consider a little more, for we have so much information offered us through the blue books, and in these books, we are told a tremendous number of things. To wit: Aries is one of the dual signs, of which the two horns of the ram is an indication. Its dual nature, makes Aries the eminently great conveyor of the first Ray, whose lower expression, we are told, is the seventh Ray. This seventh Ray Lord is most effective of results on the lowest planes—the cosmic physical of our seven solar planes and its seventh sub plane, our ordinary etheric physical plane.

The great and dynamic spiritual impulse (Ideas) originating from logoic and monadic planes from the first Ray Lord are beneficently poured through and received by the seventh Ray Lord of

Order and Magic, who oversees “the building of the Temple of the Lord”, so that the Purpose comes into manifestation. The dual sign of Aries enables the Will-to-Good of the first Ray, from on high, to be precipitated and manifested as Goodwill on earth in the lowest planes through the lower aspect of the first Ray, the seventh Ray Lord.

Let’s consider the myth associated with the constellation Aries in the labors of Hercules – the Capture of the Man-Eating Mares. This is one of the only two myths in the labors where Hercules had to overcome not only one creature but a group of animals -- a herd of horses and mares. (The other sign being Sagittarius, where he was faced with killing the Stymphalian Birds)

In Aries, these animals were described in the following words: “Wild were these horses and fierce the mares and all men trembled at their sound, for they ravaged up and down the land, wreaking great damage, killing all the sons of men who crossed their path, and breeding steadily most wild and evil horses.” This is describing widespread problems and challenges that may symbolically be likened to the current situations in the world, for everywhere there are problems and challenges, the only difference being the degree of severity.”

The labor commences as follows: “And a voice came through that portal ‘Hercules my son, go forth. Pass through the Gate and enter on the Way. Perform thy labour and return to me, reporting on the deed’”. Hercules partially completes the labor, and out of over confidence, he fails and had to learn the importance and need for humility in the performance of the labors. Here is an aspect of the the disciple, with “over weening confidence, excited about the work, eager to do good, fired about helping and about doing God’s work. But this work is more demanding than meets the eye, it is a long journey, and the twist and turns will test his patience and through this testing evoke his persistence – a greatly needed soul quality, of which the aspirant knows but little. Hercules is just starting on his first labor, there are eleven other labors awaiting him, and the twelve labors are not simply twelve but he will have to go through cycles of these twelve labors, again and again, until he over comes, and begin anew in the Aries experience, chastened, learned, knowledgeable wiser and disciplined, having learned truly the gifts of success and failure, in each sign and having learned the secret of the laws of cycles. The Tibetan explains this clearly: “This liberation is, twelvefold in nature, for liberation, victory and triumph have to be experienced in every sign; just as captivity, defeat and failure have been experienced in all the signs of the zodiac, whilst the man is functioning as a personality. (EA, p. 107)

In this first labor Hercules depended on his faithful friend, Abderis, to help accomplish the labor, Hercules’ lack of humility, which the Tibetan defines as “right proportion”, leads to the death of his friend. He will have to succeed alone, by himself. This aloneness had characterized previous aspirant and was common among the students of occultism during the rapidly passing Piscean Age. But in this dawn of the Aquarian Age, Hercules has transformed from representing the solitary aspirant or disciple, and his name is now of a group consciousness and has taken a group form, and today is found serving in many places in the world as the world disciple, his form and awareness culminating in the Group of World Servers, the group effort to meet the many

challenges facing humanity— vanquishing the hordes of meres that are everywhere “breeding steadily most wild and evil horses.” (LOH, p.27) Today these are rampant but so are the serving groups ubiquitous.

The failure of Hercules is of significance to all disciples and aspirants, in fact, on the spiritual Path as in so called ordinary life, the lessons to be learned from failure may not be ignored, and perhaps, we learn more from failure than success when we have developed humility. in this connection, the idea by the Tibetan that the real lesson to be learned and facing humanity and the world “is to learn from the mistakes of the past.” is significant.

When we have learned humility, right proportion, we shall be in the position to receive and appreciate anew the gifts with which Aries “comes forth and from the plane of mind rule”— some of these energies may be expressed through the twelve energies reposing in the heart center, of the soul encountered on the mental plane. These are propelled or energized by the will-to-be and these energies, which the Tibetan again tells us function through the 12 virtues are the following: “a. Group Love, embracing individuals. b. Humility, signifying your personality attitude. c. Service, indicating your soul preoccupation. d. Patience, signifying the embryonic immortality and persistence which is a soul characteristic. e. Life, or expressed activity which is the manifestation of love f. Tolerance, which is the first expression of buddhic understanding. g. Identification with others, which is embryonic fusion, carried eventually to synthesis when the head centre is developed. h. Compassion which is essentially the right use of the pairs of opposites. i. Sympathy, which is the consequence of knowledge and the unfoldment of the knowledge petals. Such energy then is in touch with the heart centre. j. Wisdom, which is the fruit of love and indicates the awakening of the love petals of the egoic lotus. k. Sacrifice, which is the giving of the heart’s blood or life for others.” DINA vol. II, pp. 660-661.

Again, these are the virtues through which the energies of the heart center, activated by the will-to-be, emanating from Aries, are bringing forth, and from the plane of mind, are gradually ruling all human relationships. Let us meditate.