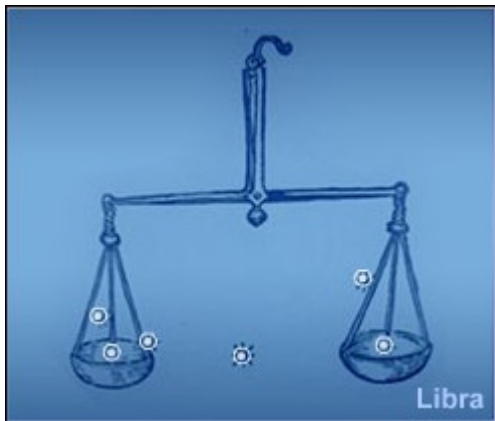


## The Festival of Libra



### Keynote – Libra:

*"I choose the way that leads between the two great lines of force."*

I = Soul

*The whole of the manifested world is conditioned by opposites. We think of light and dark, selfishness and altruism, spirit and matter. The perception of opposites presents us with choice, experience & decision, which then leads to the cultivation of poise. Libra is the zodiacal sign we associate with poise, with the careful weighing of values, & with achieving the right balance between the pairs of opposites. It can therefore be regarded as the sign in which the first real vision of the Path appears & of the goal towards which the disciple must ultimately direct his/her steps. This Path is the narrow razor-edged Path which runs between the pairs of opposites & which - if it is to be safely trodden - requires the development of a sense of values & the power to rightly use the balancing, analytical faculty of the mind.*

*Prior to the present time, only a few pioneering disciples and a handful of intelligent people could be regarded as freely choosing at the "point of balance" the way that they intend "to tip the scales." Today, there are countless numbers and hence the intense activity of Saturn as we enter into the first decan of Aquarius and hence the same activity because humanity itself now stands upon the probationary path. This, Libra governs and controls, therefore the path of choices, of deliberately applied purificatory measures and the turning point before Scorpio....*

**Esoteric Astrology**

## FESTIVAL IN LIBRA

As we consider the meditation this month in the full moon Festival of Libra, it may be useful to remember that qualified energies affect us all as they cycle in & out of the range of human consciousness each month. We may be more constantly & profoundly affected by the sign of our birth, our sun sign, but we have experienced incarnation in all signs, possibly many times over, & we have become sensitive to the quality & influence of all extra-planetary energies in their cyclic approach. This gives us the ability to respond to whatever type of conditioning energy is available at any time & to direct & use it constructively.

Libra is well known in terms of its balancing effects. Energy conditioned by the constellation Libra does not lead to extremism or over-activity in any form. There is a tendency to still & concentrate the consciousness, to weigh up, to judge, to decide, & then to act with balance & due measure. This quality of balance is badly needed in today's world as we approach the end of a long period influenced by the Piscean era with its characteristics of fanaticism, devotion & extremism. This period for humanity is similar to the process of balancing the swing of the pairs of opposites which individuals experience in their own emotional nature, particularly during adolescence. For long ages the human family has fluctuated between positive & negative emotional forces, becoming torn & tormented by conflict, until eventually we learn to bring in the poised, balancing effect of higher energies — soul energies. This lighted energy, illuminating the mind, produces vision & understanding, stimulating the will-to-achieve a stable, mature, balanced response to all conditions & circumstances.

Each sign has its own quality of light. The particular light of Libra is "the light that moves to rest, a light that oscillates until a point of balance is achieved". The light thrown by the soul-illuminated mind reveals "the way between" the forces in conflict. At that point of balance the personality, inspired by the soul, can say "I choose the way that leads between the two great lines of force." This is the keynote of Libra: "I choose the Way", the balanced way, the narrow razor-edged path or "noble middle way" of the Buddha, leading between all polarities, between all extremes. This is the way which enables us to observe all that comes within our range of consciousness without negative reaction or fanaticism. There is a condition that must be created in consciousness by each one of us. Humanity as a whole at this period of history is also coming increasingly under the influence of Libra, which is destined to "come into pronounced control & a position of power in the planetary horoscope...." In this lies the basis for optimism where world events are concerned. As this influence increases its effects among humanity as a whole, we shall see a more balanced, a more mature & a less one-sided approach to human problems & human relationships. The decisions people make, which will influence all facets of daily life, will reveal a new sense of values, a more inclusive attitude of mind, & a better ability to establish right human relationships. Humanity has already reached a point of general & widespread intelligence in which conscious choice & a sense of responsibility are rapidly emerging.

Balance on the mental plane is possible for world disciples & to those who aspire towards planetary service today. This is a contribution which can be made to-

wards the emotional balance now being wrought out by humanity as a whole in the crucible of its own painful experience. It is because of this balancing quality in Libra that this constellation can be associated more specifically with the problem of sex than can any of the others. For most aspirants in the early stages, sex does constitute a funda—mental problem. Esoterically, however, it is in Libra that the whole question comes up for answering, & it is in Libra that the balancing of the pairs of opposites must take place & reach solution through the activity of the judicial mind & the establishment of a point of equilibrium between the male & female principles. This again is the problem existing basically between negative & positive, & between those who blindly follow either instinct or custom & those who climb freely where they choose & are self-directed in conduct & attitude. This self-direction may lead them in either direction upon the wheel of life, following either selfish desire or spiritual aspiration, but the point to have in mind is that, judicially & with intent & after due reflection & balancing of the various ways, they then do as they will & as seems to them right & desirable. This is of itself of a basic usefulness & thereby they learn for all action produces results & the judicial mind weighs cause & effect more correctly than any other. Libra governs the legal profession, holds the balance between so-called right & wrong, between negative & positive - also between East & West. Libra has been the "sponsor of the law".

Legislation has hitherto been engrossed with the enforcing of those negations & those attitudes of fear which have been preserved for us in the Mosaic code & imposed through the medium of punish-

ment for infringement. This has been a necessary stage in human development. But humanity is reaching maturity & a different interpretation of the purposes & intents of Libra through the medium of law is now required. The law must become the custodian of a positive righteousness & not simply the instrument of enforcement. The delaying of pain & suffering is possible, but in the long run real balance, i.e. clear, unbiased thinking which lets the light of the soul flow in, is inevitable. The key for this growth - individual or National - is the cultivation of harmlessness. Harmlessness is neither negativity nor inaction. It is a positive condition of "perfect poise, a completed point of view & divine understanding". Harmlessness infers both knowledge of the nature of the One Soul of humanity, & an understanding of the Laws of Re-birth.

In this process & towards this goal, the energy of Libra plays a decisive role. At this Festival, when Libran energy is so fully available, we can invoke this potency in meditation. We create a poised centre of alert, focused attention on the mental plane in alignment with the soul of humanity, with the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, led by the Christ & with the Plan & Purpose of our planetary Life. As our minds concentrate at a point of tension, they become invocative centres of light within the consciousness of humanity, both receiving & giving light & energy, evoking response from the minds, the hearts, & the little wills of human beings. Meditation can thus irradiate the state of consciousness of the human kingdom & help to balance out all extremes of thought, of feeling, & of action. And in meditation we join all others throughout the planet in sounding the energy formula - the Great Invocation.

## Full Moon Meetings - Libra -

We encourage you to link in with the Full Moon Meetings being broadcast using Zoom.

Meeting broadcast from **London** on **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** at **6:30 pm**

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*The purpose of this meeting is group meditation as an act of co-operation with the Plan of Hierarchy for humanity. At the time of each full moon Festival, energy qualified by the constellation influencing the period flows into the range of human awareness, establishing the divine attributes in human consciousness. This spiritual inflow can be channelled in meditation into the minds and hearts of men and women everywhere. The technique of meditation governs all expansions of consciousness, all registration of Plan and Purpose and the entire process of evolutionary unfoldment.*

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The **Libra** full moon occurs on **Tues 7th October** at **4:48 am**

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