

Lunar Cycle from our November 17, 2014 Regional Call to Total Lunar Eclipse, April 4, 2015

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New Moon, Saturday, November 22nd~achieves New phase at 7:32 am est, with Venus nearby (Venus is readying to emerge as our evening star, starting first week of December and sooner, the further south you are)

Full Moon, Saturday, December 6th ~at 7:27 am est, and this time, with Mercury nearby; Feast of St Nicholas

New Moon Sunday, December 21st~at 8:36 pm est. The Sun will have achieved its Solstice or 'standing still' moment (the pause between complete inbreath and beginning of outbreath) 2.5 hours earlier, at 6:03 pm est. This marks the beginning of the Holy Nights season, and as suggested on our call, the three days from Solstice to Christmas Eve can be contemplated in relation not the rounds of Earthly Evolution as described in Rudolf Steiner's Occult Science (as researched by Robert Thibodeau); 22 December~Old Saturn; 23 December~Old Sun; 24 December~Old Moon and the Feast of Adam and Eve

Full Moon Sunday, January 4th~at 11:53 pm est; this is the peak of the Quadrantid Meteor Shower 9 radiant near Boötes, not far from Big Dipper), which, like the December Geminids, does not originate with a comet, but by a 'minor planet'! This Full Moon is opposite the Sun, which is square Uranus and nearly conjunct Pluto at this time~making for an intense opportunity for total transformation and undertaking the *new* with this new year

New Moon Tuesday, January 20th~occurs at 8:14 am est, and just a few days ahead of the Feast of St Paul (Jan 25 each year) the date on which, in 1910, Rudolf Steiner first began speaking about the True Nature of the Second Coming and the encounter with the etheric Christ Being

Note that the period between Feast of St Paul and Cross Quarter Day (aka Ground Hog's Day or Candlemas) is a sacred period of time during which the growth forces for the entire year have finally fully penetrated the Earth. Rudolf Steiner spoke about this during the Agricultural Course at Koberwitz as the crystallization in the mud layer of the Earth...this year this week is bounded by New and Full Moon.

Full Moon Tuesday, February 3rd~Moon achieves Full phase at 6:09 pm and will encounter the giant Jupiter a few hours later; Jupiter with its gesture of abundance that is most welcome as a gift for growth forces within the Earth. This is Cross Quarter time, which marks the end of the season of Epiphany, and is described as *The Presentation of the Christ Child at the Temple*, esp in the Gospel of Luke ch 2 verses 22 to 40. This Feast is observed Jan 28 to Feb 2, and coincides with Rudolf Steiner's indications regarding growth forces being finally fully present in earthly realm. In this Gospel, we read the story of Simeon and Anna prophesying over the Child.

New Moon Wednesday, February 18th~arrives at 6:47 pm est, just in time for Ash Wednesday, at the culmination of *carnival* and the onset of the sacred season of Lent.

Full Moon Thursday, March 5th~occurs this day at 1:05 pm est (daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 8, 2015). This is the last Full Moon of the Winter season, meaning it is the last Full Moon above the celestial equator, before we encounter the sacred season of Earth achieving divine

center, that is instigated by the changed relationship between Sun and Moo at Earth's horizon two weeks from now.

New Moon Total Solar Eclipse Friday, March 20th~New Phase occurs at 5:36 am edt (details on eclipse cycle submitted separately). At the point of balance in the cycle of year, when day and night are of equal length, the heart-light of worlds, our Sun, finds itself totally eclipsed by the Moon.

Full Moon Total Eclipse Holy Saturday, April 4th~at 8:06 am edt. The first Full Moon of the season, and the first to arrive below the celestial equator; Luna moves through the deepest part of Earth shadow~ This can pique the astral forces and stir soul memories of Old Moon phase of Earth evolution (see Rudolf Steiner's *Occult Science*)