

**Correllian Herald November 2022** 

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### **November Full Moon**

### By Rev Firefay

Today, most western countries have a solar calendar widely known as the Gregorian calendar with 365 days divided into 12 months of 28 to 31 days each. Many eastern countries still follow a lunar calendar and their new year, as well as many other festivities do not always fall on the same day of the year but around a particular full or new moon of a given month. Cultures that traditionally followed a lunar calendar or even communities such as agricultural communities often named the 13 moons of each year much as we name the 12 months of our year. Month means moon which is the proof that the idea of months came from the moon originally. Before the modern calendars were put into use, most calendars followed 13 months which followed the 28-day cycles of the moon. With 13 months of 28 days, the year was 364 days instead of 365 which means, after several years, the calendar was off track. Today we have longer months and 365 days, so each month has one full moon making 12 full moons per year. However, every two and a half years a blue moon occurs meaning we have 13 moons in one calendar year. Hence the saying, "Once in a blue moon." This series of articles will talk about each moon, its significance, and the origin of its name for each month.

The November Full Moon is called the Beaver Moon because it was traditionally the moon where beavers got ready for hibernation in their lodges after having stocked up for the winter months. November was also the time to trap beavers for their fur back during the fur trade days of America. This year, 2022, the Beaver Moon is also during a total lunar eclipse, and it will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Since the full moon will be in the shadow of the Earth, the moon will have a reddish color, giving the name blood moon to the full moon of a lunar eclipse. The eclipse will be most visible in western and central North America around 6 AM eastern time. In Europe it will be daytime so Europeans will not get a clear view of the blood moon. This will be the last total lunar eclipse until 2025 so be sure to check it out if you are able.





### A Witch's Kitchen

#### **The Opinions of Others**

### Merry Meet Everyone!

I was originally thinking of sharing a recipe or something this month, however, inspiration is leading me in a different direction right now.

We strive to accomplish things in our lives, and when we start to see success in our endeavors, there are always going to be those that try to undermine our happiness and success. The reality is that such individuals who feel the need to express such negativity towards you are either unconsciously struggling with their own lack of success or failed dreams. Or they are consciously aware of their own failures and weaknesses and feel that everyone should feel as defeated as they do, even when they try and mask it behind their false illusions of self-confidence.

Don't allow such people to steal away all that you have achieved! Celebrate your success and cut these people away. Listening to such people is like trying to get real estate advise from someone who has never owned a house or been in the real estate field at all. Surround yourself with like-minded positive people, these are the ones who will celebrate with you and cheer you on!

Let those others wallow in their own misery and darkness, their own growth is not your concern or responsibility. Focus aa much on your own joy, as they focus on their own shortcomings and ignorance!

Blessed Be! Rev. Dr. Brian Layng, HP

# **Working with the Crone Goddess**

#### By Rev Firefay

The Fall and Winter season are good times to work with the Crone goddess as it is her time of the year. She represents wisdom, introspection, death, and rebirth. She can help you comprehend, accept, and integrate the deepest truths of reality. The witch who chooses to seek the Crone and work with her needs to be ready to confront fear and death but will also be rewarded with knowledge, deep magic, and extraordinary beauty. Although many fear her, the Crone is quite gentle and will know how to guide you down this mysterious path to confront your personal reality. Fear is an emotion created to protect you just like many other emotions, but it can sometimes prevent you from evolving to a higher state. With the Crone goddess you will learn to understand and master your emotions under all circumstances so that your spiritual growth can continue unhindered.

This past year, I lost my dearest sister to suicide and was so shocked that my powers were blocked and even meditating became impossible. Once the worse of the shock subsided, I called upon the Crone goddess to guide me and help me access the spirit world so I could speak to my sister who I knew was desperately trying to reach me. The Crone gladly helped me, and I was able to speak with my sister as if she was right next to me. This helped me finally accept that my sister was once again with the goddess but was still with me always. She was able to tell me everything she couldn't before she died and told me she loved me but not to cry because she is happy and no longer suffering. She asked me to look after her sons who are grown now and be there for them if they needed me. I promised her I would and that she and I would meet again. Those of you who have suffered a loss among your loved ones, the Crone can truly do wonders for you and the spirits of those you miss.

Although each of us is born with a life path, that path is not set in stone and can be changed according to the choices you make. You can also ask the Goddess to help you change your path. If she deems that the change you ask for will not negatively change the paths of others, she may agree to help you. If your life is in danger, you could ask for extra time to be able to finish something you started or to have an experience in this life. Often, this extra time comes at a price as all things do. You must be willing to help the goddess or humanity selflessly in exchange. Even if you are in perfect health but you work often with the Crone, you could confide in her the experiences you wish to have in this life before you gladly join her in the afterlife. Tell her that you will help her in any way you can to spread positive energy around you and help humanity evolve in the right direction. Always remember that other people are also images of the god and goddess. We are all one and helping another person is also helping ourselves. Hurting another is hurting ourselves so we must always remember to help and not harm. To truly know the Crone goddess, you must be able to accept any image she might choose to show you. She might be frightening, ugly, beautiful, unsettling, animal, or ghost. Whatever her appearance you should accept her and not shun her. The same is true for other people you come across during your lifetime. Some may be deformed, hideous, crazy, scary, etc, but they were created that way for a reason.

They represent a possible aspect of ourselves and, therefore, deity. This does not mean you have to be best friends with your enemy but just try to think about where they might come from and be understanding of the fact that they are imperfect like all of us, and we are not all at the same level of the learning process for souls. Some of us are old souls and some of us are new-born souls. All of us must live a life of a victim, a predator, a hero, a lover, etc. We all go through the different archetypical stages of deity, and we learn from those different experiences to elevate our souls to a higher level.

After working with the Crone, death will no longer be something to fear but you will embrace it when your time has come. Every emotion, including fear will no longer be negative to you and you will rid yourself of unnecessary fear. Incredible power, courage, wisdom, and magical ability will be accessed through working with the Crone, and you will experience exponential growth as a witch. Prepare yourselves before calling upon her as the meeting will be intense. There is no going back once you decide to walk with her as you will no longer see life and reality as you did before.

Some of the most common Crone goddesses are Hecate, Morrigan, Kali, Baba Yaga, Cerridwin, Hella, Nephthys, Sedna, Aradia, and XochiQuetzal. The image most people have of an old hag stirring a cauldron typically represents Cerridwin. Most cultures have a god or goddess of death in their folklore so pick one you feel drawn to. There are some links here below for some extra information but feel free to do your own research.



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# **Christmas project 2022**

### **Crafting with Bella**

This year I want to make a little protection doll for my closest friends and family.

I bought some wooden peg dolls on Aliexpress. I want to burn their zodiac signs and maybe some other signs into it like hearts, little birds and so on.

I also got these beautiful wings which is actually earrings to glue on the back. People can decide if it's an angel or a fairy or something else.





I will try to make some hair from the different colours of yarn and curl it before I glue it onto the head and decorate it with a crown which is actually a ring.





I will finish it with some metal elements. I have some stars and butterflies, which I also used for the project last year.

Maybe I'll glue some ribbons on it to give it more colour and make it look like a dress. We will see.



# **Gemstone Corner: Smokey Quartz**

### By Rev Firefay



For the Autumn season and the Witch's New Year, the Smokey Quartz is an excellent choice for the altar but also for wearing as jewelry. Not only does it offer protection from negative energy and spirits, but it also gives you the energy you need to fight depression, deal with mourning loved ones, and to resist stress. Since quartz is a conducting stone, it's excellent for focusing energy and improving communication with the living and the spirit world. This stone can also help you develop better self confidence so that you can do what is necessary to carry out your plans and transformations for this new year. Letting go old habits and old burdens is not always easy to do at Samhain and Smokey Quartz can help accompany you to accomplish this. For insomnia and dealing with nightmares, you can wear smokey quartz or keep it under your pillow at night. It's also an excellent stone for back pain, neck pain, nerves, heart, and muscles. If you wish to quit smoking, this detox crystal can be a big help and will support better lung health. Called the stone of incarnation, the smokey quartz helps one accept their earthly form and their sexuality which can, in turn, improve fertility. This crystal helps with pain in the abdomen, hips, as well as the knees and legs.

Purifying a smokey quartz is quite simple. Use running water, smudging, sound vibrations or visualizing a pure white light flowing through your hands and surrounding the stone. To charge the crystal, you can put it in the sunlight or the moonlight.

For use in ritual this Autumn, keeping a Smokey Quartz on your altar will help keep your focus during meditation and will also keep all negative energy out. Smokey Quartz is an excellent choice for crystal ball divination and for communication with your ancestors and spirit guides.

### **Arrow of Truth**

In most indigenous societies everything that one uses is deemed a gift from the Source that has other uses and meanings other than the obvious physical ones. The Arrow is such an example. Not only were arrows used for hunting but also a warrior often had a medicine arrow that reminded him/her of those deeper spiritual meanings.

#### **ARROW'S ATTRIBUTES—**

- Walking your truth honouring your integrity.
- Seeing the truth in all things.
- Piercing through any lies and deceit.
- Using your truth in a good way.
- Not needing to defend who you are and what you know.
- Strengthening your "right to be".
- Honouring the qualities of brotherhood and sisterhood.

#### ARROW'S CHALLENGES—

- Fearing you do not know your own truth.
- Not following the advice you give to others.
- Fearing to speak your truth.
- Admitting and owning your mistakes by not always having to be right.
- Refusing to be honest with yourself and others.
- Not allowing yourself to see the truth when it stares you in the face.
- Allowing others their truth and their "right to be".
- Protecting yourself by compromising your integrity.

The Arrow, being straight and clean, reminds you that the truth flies straight and true and to the heart of any problem. No matter what the challenges and a struggle we may encounter your Warrior nature has the strength to meet and conquer the obstacles. It reminds us we are not alone and can call upon the help of another who has conquered a similar situation through truth and feel their strength and integrity enter your heart to aid you.

Arrow's medicine heralds a time of self-examination and you may want to ask yourself some challenging questions which point to using truth as your protection.

- Have you aimed straight and true in your opinions, decisions, or goals?
- Do you sense a lack of brotherhood or sisterhood in your life?
- Has competition stopped you from seeing the value of others, and is it therefore stifling your natural desire to make true bonds of friendship?
- Are you being honest with yourself and others?
- Do you have the courage to stop criticizing others?
- Can you honour each other's choices without insisting your way is better?

Arrow always calls on you to walk your truth and make contact with your Warrior spirit. We are all capable of doing more than we can ever imagine. If something gives you joy, but you feel not capable or unworthy, call on Arrow's medicine to find the warrior energy of truth. The warrior-self is always courageous and willing to face all truths, even when they hurt.

Arrow is a reminder to aim higher—to seek and find the hidden side of your Warrior nature and to use it to honour the truth within.

Why not have your own Medicine Arrow or similar medicine tool to help you meditate and find the Warrior energy of truth that you need?

# **Anointing With the Ancients**

Our ancestors used oils in ceremony and ritual hundreds and even thousands of years ago. Because many essential oils are still available, we can continue making our own blends today. In the past, oils were created by placing oil or fat over a heat source, and then adding fragrant herbs and flowers to the oil. Many companies today offer synthetic oils at a fraction of the cost of essential oils (essential oils are the ones actually extracted from a plant). However, for magical purposes it's best to use authentic, essential oils -- these contain the magical properties of the plant, which synthetic oils do not have.

#### The Basics of Blending

While many commercial vendors would have you believe that there's some Super Secret Magical method for blending oils, it's actually pretty simple.

First, determine your intent -- whether you are creating a money oil to bring you prosperity, a love oil to boost your romantic encounters, or a ritual oil to use in ceremony.

Once you've determined your intent, assemble the essential oils called for in the recipes. In a clean container, add 1/8 Cup of your base oil -- this should be one of the following:

Safflower

Grapeseed

Jojoba

Sunflower

Almond

Using an eyedropper, add the essential oils in the recipes. Be sure to follow the recommended proportions. To mix, don't stir... swirl. Swish the essential oils into the base oil by swirling in a clockwise direction. Make sure you store your oil blends in a place away from heat and moisture. Keep them in dark-coloured glass bottles and be sure to label them for use. Write the date on the label and use within six months.

#### **How to Use Your Oils**

There are a number of ways you can use your oils in a ritual setting. They are often rubbed on candles for use in spell work - this blends the powerful energies of the oil with the magical symbolism of the candle's colour and the energy of the flame itself.

Sometimes, oils are used to anoint the body. If you are blending an oil to use for this purpose, be sure that you're not including any ingredients that are irritating to the skin. Some essential oils, such as frankincense and clove, will cause a reaction in sensitive skin and should only be used very sparingly. Oils applied to the body bring the wearer the energies of the oil -- an Energy Oil will give you a much-needed boost, a Courage Oil will give you strength in the face of adversity.

Finally, crystals, amulets, talismans and other charms may be anointed with the magical oil of your choice. This is a great way to turn a simple mundane item into an item of magical power and energy.

http://paganwiccan.about.com/od/magicaloils/ss/Oils\_Intro\_2.htm



# **The Temple of Contemplation Formal Shrine**

The Temple of Contemplation is now offering a monthly "contemplation" for anyone and everyone who wishes to partake. In both hemispheres we are embarking on a new half of the year. In the Southern Hemisphere, we're preparing for the long winter months and the anticipation of the light half of the year and in the Northern Hemisphere, the dark half is upon us, which we tend to forget as we are still experiencing the long days of summer and the enthusiasm that the summer seems to bring out in all of us. Either way, we all seem to be thinking ahead of what the summer or winter seasons will bring upon us and it is deemed a time of looking ahead and not looking back. So what forward thinking are you currently experiencing? Are your plans going ahead and are your hopes being met? Are you experiencing anything unexpected or out of the ordinary? What is it that you are seeking for yourself and for others?

If you wish to share your thoughts and contemplations with us and have them published in the next edition of the Correllian Herald, then please feel free to email them to – <a href="mailto:heraldeditor@gmail.com">heraldeditor@gmail.com</a> - we would love to hear from you!

This might be the time of the calendrical new year that you are looking for something new or different to discover so why not become an official member of the Temple of Contemplation? To find out more information or to request to join the Temple of Contemplation please email <a href="mailto:admin@correlliantradition.co.uk">admin@correlliantradition.co.uk</a>

Also, the Temple of Contemplation holds a monthly online Peace Ritual, as part of the Correllian Global Rolling Peace Prayer, on the second Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to attend to help us send out peace across the globe. The importance of our peace prayer has grown of late, and we continue to send out peace through the Correllian Global Rolling Peace Prayer as well as our monthly online Peace Prayer Ritual. All are welcome to attend and join in our quest for Peace. For more information please go here - Peace Page (correlliantradition.co.uk)

For more information about online rituals go to - Temples Ritual (correlliantradition.co.uk)

Blessings to you all and happy contemplating!



# **School of Reiki**

The School of Reiki now has available places for new students to train in the art of Reiki **FREE OF CHARGE** at the online School - <u>School of Reiki Class Site</u> – you can sign up and start your training today and become a reiki Master! For more information visit the school website - <u>School of Reiki</u> – or email admin@schoolofreiki.org

Once again, we give a huge welcome to all of our numerous new students from all of us at the School of Reiki. We hope you are settling in well and enjoying your studies and the new journey you are undertaking. Many of our completed students are now taking advantage of the amazing benefits of registering with the IPHM! We are an IPHM registered trainer and therefore our Students gain certain benefits from being able to register with them once they have completed their studies. To find out more please do contact us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to send our congratulations to the students that have completed and passed their level 1 finals this month. Congratulations to Norman and good luck as you embark on your level 2 studies! Congratulations to all our Level 2 students starting their Level 3 studies. We wish you luck with your continued studies and your new ventures ahead of your Reiki studies.

We now have more students registered with the IPHM than ever before and therefore more approved therapists and practitioners helping and supporting the Order or Reiki and the Distance Healing Network. So is now the right time for you to embark on a reiki journey and start training with the School of Reiki? Or maybe you wish to return to your reiki studies and go on to join the Order of Reiki. Or even become an approved therapist with the IPHM!

#### Blessings

#### The School of Reiki

Also just a quick reminder that the Order of Reiki holds an online Reiki Healing Session on the third Wednesday of every month Reiki Rituals (orderofreiki.org) and that all students (and our Reiki Teachers!) of the School of Reiki are welcome to attend, as well as members and non-members of the Correllian Order of Reiki. You do not need to be Reiki trained in order to participate. Feel free to come along and pop in and watch.

The School of Reiki is registered as an IPHM Approved Training Provider





# **The Healing Temple Distance Healing Network**

Due to the demise and closure of the beloved Yahoo Groups, The Healing Temple Distance Healing Network is now having to start again from scratch. We have a brand new shiny io Group and we are currently seeking old members as well as new and additional healers to either join, or re-join, the Distance Healing Network to send out greatly required healing to those out there so desperately in need of healing energies.

You are more than welcome to participate in the weekly rituals if you so wish to. We receive many requests for healing on a weekly basis and would love more participation in sending that much needed healing out; even if it is just by joining our Distance Healing Network and sending out healing when you can. We hold a weekly online Healing Ritual EVERY Friday in the Temples Ritual Room - <a href="http://www.chatzy.com/Temples-Ritual-Room">http://www.chatzy.com/Temples-Ritual-Room</a> at 9pm GMT/BST UK Time - all are welcome to attend.

To join our Distance Healing Network please go to - <u>distancehealingnetwork@groups.io | Home</u> – and request to join or email Lady Anna: <u>anna@thehealingtemple.org</u>

To make requests for healing please go to - Healing Request Form (thehealingtemple.org)

Or email: requests@thehealingtemple.org

To join and become a full member of the Healing Temple please go here - <u>Temple Membership</u> (<u>thehealingtemple.org</u>)



# **CALLING ALL BARDS!**

The Order of Bards is looking for writers to feature their works in future editions of the Correllian Herald. So, if any members of the Order of Bards, or any budding writers in general would like to have their work, short stories, poems etc featured then please send your writings to – <a href="mailto:bards@correlliantradition.co.uk">bards@correlliantradition.co.uk</a>

**PLEASE NOTE:** All writings <u>MUST</u> be original, and you <u>MUST</u> be the author of any works submitted. We cannot publish any plagiarised or copyrighted works.

We have had a few people ask about book reviews and we hear at the Order of Bards think that is a great idea! So if anyone would like to submit a book review then please feel free to email in. And anyone who would like their own works published here then please do let us know.

Keep on writing and sending your written works in to <a href="mailto:bards@correlliantradition.co.uk">bards@correlliantradition.co.uk</a>

# **Chartered Bodies of the Correllian Tradition**

<u>Witan Shrines</u> are the first level of the Temple-Making Process. Witan Shrines are created by Charter of the Tradition and may progress to Full Temple status over the course of several years or remain at Witan Shrine status indefinitely.

A list of current Witan Shrines may be found HERE: <a href="http://correllian.weebly.com/witan-shrines.html">http://correllian.weebly.com/witan-shrines.html</a>

<u>Proto-Temples</u> are groups which have progressed beyond the status of Shrines and are on their way to becoming Full Temples but have not yet achieved that status.

A list of current Proto-Temples may be found HERE: <a href="http://correllian.weebly.com/proto-temples.html">http://correllian.weebly.com/proto-temples.html</a>

<u>Full Temples</u> of the Correllian Tradition have completed the Temple-Making Process and, if headed by a Third Degree, have representation on the Witan Council. A Full Temple can perform all of the functions of a Temple and may in some cases have multiple branches.

A list of current Temples may be found HERE: <a href="http://correllian.weebly.com/temples.html">http://correllian.weebly.com/temples.html</a>

<u>Formal Shrines</u> are Shrines that are dedicated to specific activities of a limited nature. Formal Shrines may exist as an aspect of a larger group or may stand alone in their own right.

A list of current Formal Shrines may be found HERE: <a href="http://correllian.weebly.com/formal-shrines.html">http://correllian.weebly.com/formal-shrines.html</a>

<u>Personal Shrines</u> are an aspect of an individual Correllian member's personal piety and are not bodies of the Tradition as such. Personal Shrines exist wholly at the discretion of the member, however the Tradition does acknowledge them upon request.

A list of current Personal Shrines may be found HERE: <a href="http://correllian.weebly.com/personal-shrines.html">http://correllian.weebly.com/personal-shrines.html</a>

<u>Orders</u> are associations within the Tradition dedicated to specific skills, tasks, or interests. This sort of Order is not to be confused with the Meritorious Orders which are awarded in recognition of service. A list of current Orders may be found HERE: <a href="http://correllian.weebly.com/orders.html">http://correllian.weebly.com/orders.html</a>

<u>Houses of Contemplation</u> are established to facilitate the temporary or permanent practice of the contemplative religious life. Depending upon the rules of the specific House of Contemplation guests may come for spiritual retreats of designated length, or to pursue a life of permanent contemplation in the manner of a Monastery.

A list of current Houses of Contemplation may be found HERE: <a href="http://correllian.weebly.com/houses-of-contemplation.html">http://correllian.weebly.com/houses-of-contemplation.html</a>

For information on how to start a Shrine, Order or Correllian Study Group or for an application form contact the Witan Herald: witanherald@gmail.com

# **Membership Groups**

### **Outer Court Department**

https://www.facebook.com/groups/265398186909862

This is a social group for all the members of the Outer Court of the Correllian Tradition. Feel free to share, discuss, and enjoy with all our wonderful Correllian family around the Globe!

### **Correllian Membership Hub**

https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorrellianMembershipGroups

Correllian membership group for all Correllian members

### **Correllian Clergy**

https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorrellianClergy

Group for all members of Correllian Clergy

#### Witan Herald's Office

https://www.facebook.com/groups/WitanHeraldOffice

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To provide a supportive venue where all Correllians, friends and family may post prayer requests.

#### **Correllian Elder's Office**

https://www.facebook.com/groups/133563646851853

This Facebook group is for ALL TRADITION members to enter and submit a comment.

#### The Correllian Temples, Shines, Groups and Project Keepers

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1508370089410767

The Correllian Temples, Shines, Groups and Project Keepers is a place for all Third Degrees, Second Degrees, First Degrees, Temple Heads, Shrine Heads, Group Heads, and Project Keepers. Purpose: is so that all groups can share open communication with each other. Giving each other support and encouragement. As well as hopefully, work on collective projects from time to time.

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