



## THE LIBRA FESTIVAL 2016

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Greetings Friends!

I have recently been blessed with two separate visits by long-time friends from my years spent in Australia, hence the delay in getting this letter out. The past few weeks as a result have been given over to catching up on old times, to seeing new things as we traveled around, to talk of the present state of the world, and probably far too much in the way of gustatory delights. On a more somber note, their times here also coincided with the flooding in South Australia and the southern Atlantic coastal areas of the US, with consequent frequent

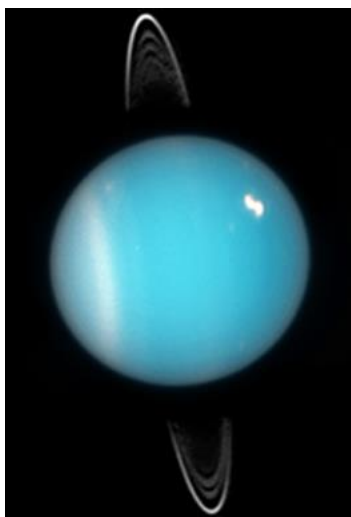


communications with family and friends back home as to their safety and well-being. Fortunately, the great majority of people we know 'weathered' those events without major incident. But in viewing the flooding we were reminded of the fragility of our environment, the tenuous nature of life, which can change in an instant, and the extreme good fortune that most all of us enjoy. Their visits gave my friends and I pause as we reflected on the past as to the circumstances that brought us to our present places in life. And they found new friends in my wife and three dogs. As with all such visits, though, they are finished all-too-soon, and now for me it is back to work (meaning getting this letter out) after having wished them well on the next phase of their journeys. And almost as a blessing to them, snow started to fall gently in the higher elevations of the mountains on their last days here to see them off.

As we are now in the Libra interval, we find ourselves in a very precarious place, with the tensions that have rapidly escalated in the Middle East, notably in Syria and Yemen, with the *elezione da incubo* which has been the US presidential campaign, with upcoming critical votes for various offices and referendums in Europe and worsening relations between the US and what were once considered to be solid allies. We can see how tense things are by the hyperbole in the various media outlets. We have to wade through these things carefully in order to get at some semblance of the truth. Libra, among other things, rules litigation and open conflicts, so it is perhaps no surprise that tensions have escalated since the Sun and Jupiter entered what most people consider to be one of the more benign astrological signs. As a sign, it can actually be anything other than benign. Looks can be deceiving. Above all, though, Libra has a special rulership over turning points, and implicit in that is the reality that the decisions we make often change the courses of our lives further into the future than we might want to consider, not just in this life but into our future lives. Every choice has an implicit effect or outcome, and it is the importance of that which we will consider in this letter.

As it turns out, there is an occult help for making decisions from the soul that will greatly hasten one's progress on the path and greater enable those with whom we are connected to do so also.

Before we get to the nuts and bolts of decision-making, though, it might be helpful to consider the planets and energies that are transmitted through this underestimated sign. The esoteric motto for Libra is "I choose the way which lies between the two great lines of force"<sup>1</sup> – the lines of material and spiritual focus in other words. In the planetary rulerships of the sign we see the reason for this motto. It is said that Libra has a special relationship between the law, sex and money,<sup>2</sup> and on the surface this comes through its orthodox ruler, which is Venus. But there is a little more to these associations, as we would expect, and the expanded meanings come in through Uranus (the esoteric ruler) and Saturn (the 'hierarchical' ruler),<sup>3</sup> the latter referring to Libra's greatest group emphasis.



Uranus transmits the 7<sup>th</sup> Ray (energy) of order, and it is an order that enables greater spiritual expression to one's life. This is why Uranian transits and progressions in a chart can appear to be so unsettling at a personal level, because we become too comfortable and set in our personal lives and do not want that to change. However that type of attitude stifles the fluidity of our service when the need arises and keeps us from experiencing the light of the soul to its fullest. Uranus represents our special genius in the chart, the genius that comes from lifetimes of accumulated abilities, and this is what Uranus seeks to release in us when it is active. People who have Uranus in aspect to their angles natively typically have difficult personal lives for these reasons, as they are constantly called upon to exhibit the qualities of the soul instead of a steady personal life. Uranus is the urge to spiritual freedom, and nothing can arrest it without consequences. This is also what Uranus calls upon in the lives of Libran types. To 'settle' is

against everything Uranian. The life of a Libran under Uranian influence is one of constant change and adjustment to the needs of the greater good. Uranus through Libra is a call to live rhythmically within the timing and laws of the soul.

Saturn rules the group of lives which include what we might call the higher Self in our individual case.<sup>4</sup> Without going into detail, the type of force embodied in this group of lives is called *jnanashakti*, or the force of knowledge. This is, in a way, the ultimate opportunity that Saturn represents. That type of knowledge, though, is a direct knowledge, quite outside of mental influence to begin with. It is associated with the state of nirvana in meditative practice and it is inseparable from the total experience of blissful union with the divine part of ourselves and experience. In Buddhism this is approaching 'the indissoluble union of bliss and emptiness', which is far removed from our everyday reality, unless one is already an advanced initiate. Saturn in this manner has a curious relation with dissolution, which nirvana represents. It is the dissolution of the little ego and its immersion in universal mind and reality, which can be a frightening experience at first. With Saturn we recognize that we are part of something greater, yet we retain our individuality. Saturn enforces the idea that all things arise from causes in the past, and that no phenomenon is self-arising. Everything we experience has a cause, often far in the past, and is simply the working out of karma, which we created ourselves in concert with others. If we feel restricted by a Saturnian experience, then we can be certain that it is almost certainly a result of something that we did in the past – a path we *chose*. In that way, Saturn offers us the opportunity to see things anew and make better choices. We already see, then, that Libra is a most important sign in human experience and does indeed mark a turning point if the full meaning of the sign is experienced and realized.

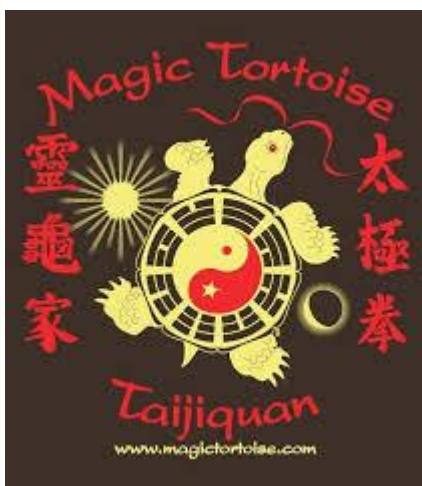
Law, sex and money – these seem to be curious associations at first, but if we look a little closer, at first we note that the seventh house of the natural zodiac (which Libra rules) is intimately associated with these factors, as any divorce lawyer can tell you. The seventh house is the sector of litigation,

which often involves the awarding of money or the just distribution of money (we hope). The seventh house is also the house of partnerships, which involves the sharing of money and sexual intimacy in intimate partnerships. The symbol of Libra is the scales of justice, after all. But those scales also represent the balancing of the karmic logbook, which Saturn represents. This idea of balance will be important when we get to the discussion of decisions in a moment. If one is familiar with Buddhist and Indian systems of tantra at all, then we begin to get closer to a higher opportunity represented by Libra, for implicit in the ideal of tantra is the factor of blissful union combined with meditative insight, and this is where the combined influence of Venus and Uranus exhibit through Libra. I am not referring here to sexual tantra, although that can be a part of it.



Libra is very often associated with what is called ‘reversal of the wheel’ in esoteric astrology, and a life as a Libran type (Sun or ascendant in Libra) can mark a distinct turning point in the long history of the soul, one in which a person decides conclusively upon a more spiritual focus in life, and for many lifetimes to come, rather than always chasing around after the most desirable object or person. This re-focusing in life is often preceded by a crisis of some sort and a resultant decision. More than reversal, though, Libra has inherent with it this idea of a balancing of forces, and it is here that we come to the more occult helps for making decisions when the need arises – which is often, as it turns out. And the Orientals have much to offer us with regard to understanding balance.

Balance is a key concept in Oriental systems of occultism. We need to balance the [five elements](#), for instance, to eat a balanced diet combining the five flavors and food groups, to balance the five activity levels which the five elements represent, and to engage all of these every day in some fashion, among other things, with a totality of focus on each one to the exclusion of the others as we engage in them. Then, if we can do so, our energies start to flow smoothly, we are able to move through life with much less effort, we become calmer and we have a much sounder foundation for life. There is no illness, for instance, if everything is balanced. We in the West really have no idea about this sort of living, it would appear. Our lives are too full of the wrong type of food, too little sleep, little time for communication with loved ones, little exercise in fresh air, too much work and a bare minimum of spiritual emphasis, if at all. And we wonder why there is so much physical illness around us (and in us), why we feel so imposed upon and assaulted in our senses, tired, frustrated – need we go on? What we lack primarily is serenity of mind and contentment, really.



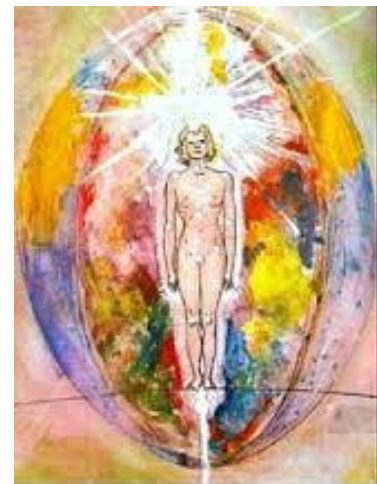
To offset this, we need to impose a new order upon ourselves, and this is what Uranus in concert with Saturn as rulers of Libra represent in the initial stages. We need to choose the way which lies between extremes, to choose true happiness instead of our constant running around after things and people. Training in the energetics of martial arts, such as taiji and aikido, for instance, begins to give us an idea of moving with energy instead of constantly either fighting against it or being buffeted by it. True martial art training is not about fighting, really. It is about being still in the midst of moving energy and responding instead of reacting. We are far too reactive most of the time, and when we are in a reactive state we fail to choose properly. We wind up hurting ourselves and others instead of being able to seamlessly offer assistance. This is but one example of the state of mind for which we are aiming. There are many paths to it.

The basis of making a correct (conscious) choice starts with a mind that is still (unmoving) within

the moment when the choice has to be made. If the choice is made based upon emotional concerns, physical urges or mental biases, when the mind is embroiled with outer concerns, then the decision is based in the persona and it will come at a cost, namely in adding to one's karma. However, if one can come at a decision with a still mind, aside from any personal concerns, then the choice will invariably be the correct one and it will add to one's 'good karma', 'merit' or whatever one's spiritual inclination calls it. Such a decision will end the portion of one's karma that has forced the choice in the first place, and a new door will open for a person, one that will lead to greater spiritual freedom and ability to render service to others when needed.

I have known many people, otherwise quite intelligent and aware, who have made decisions and chosen paths made on the basis of their personal desires, who have looked back later after a time only to realize that their choices rendered them stuck in a situation that hindered them, placed restrictions on their service to the greater good and put back their progress on their path. I include myself in that group, and most of us have probably experienced such at one time or another. And while it could be said to be true that "there are no mistakes on the path, only experience", and that "the door to opportunity always opens again at some point or another", why go through the bother when one doesn't have to? But that is the point of mind training, is it not? And we could look at all such experiences as 'training', but they often do lead to regrets – the bitter pill of karmic medicine.

To summarize these points, if we can get our daily lives to the point where we can be 'as one with any given moment in time', which is what we have when we truly live a balanced life, then the strangest things begin to happen. We become receptive of exactly what we need without effort. We have moments of complete calm in the midst of crises where the information we need just 'drops in', or comes to us effortlessly. We 'just know' what to do. There is no emotion or mental angst about it. That is the action of Uranus after the disciplining action of Saturn has shown us the way to balance our lives. We see this in the person who is calm in any crisis, who never panics, who is able to look after others without thought of self, who just knows what to do. This is what we call 'conscious choice', in distinction to 'reasoned choice', the latter being so highly prized in the West. The ability to contemplate is a great achievement, and that only comes through the initial balancing of energies. The human energy fields (the chakras and auras) are meant to aid us and enable us to channel energy, not control our expression. This is perhaps the greatest gift of experience in Libra. When our energy fields are balanced and serve us then we are able when the need arises, "*To will, to know, to dare, and to be silent.*"<sup>5</sup> There is much to consider with the above points and only this scant space to present them, but hopefully they spark a recognition within us. With these points in mind, then, let's move on to the full moon and the world at large.

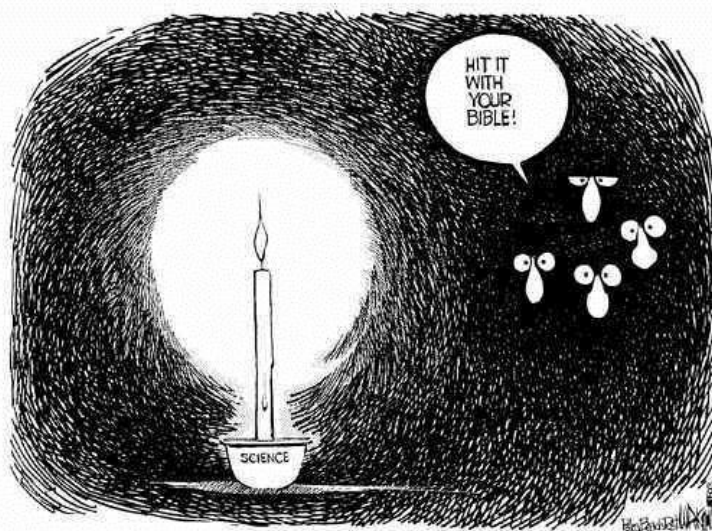


The full moon takes place on 16 Oct 2016 at 5:53 UT (2:53 PM AEDT). Uranus is conjunct the Moon in the [full moon figure](#), opposite the Sun. Mars is conjunct Pluto in Capricorn, with both being square to Mercury and Jupiter in Libra. Venus is in a biquintile aspect with the Moon/Uranus conjunction, thus heightening the higher mental force of the chart, although Venus is not in a major aspect with the other planets. However, the other main factor that bears notice in this chart is the conjunction of the full moon axis with [Eris](#), the planet of discord, who was a frequent companion of Mars on the battlefield, according to her mythology.<sup>6</sup> Eris is increasingly and very gradually making her influence felt on our consciousness and has especially done so since her transit across the constellation of Ursa Major (the Great Bear) in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. She actually transited in close proximity by line of sight to the star Merak in the base of the dipper, and her transit through the Great Bear marked great political experiments in Europe and Asia at the time, as well as the end of the Renaissance and the start of the scientific revolution. Eris is most often thought of as a

troublemaker, but in point of fact, she is a light-bearer and clarifier of consciousness, aside from her political component. She is very much like Uranus and Mars in aspect, and her effects are always ultimately beneficial for humanity. Given these points then, there is a little quote we might consider, given that the war drums are beating again in the Western world, and especially given what we know about Libra and the rulers of that sign:

During the coming century [this one, the 21<sup>st</sup>], we shall begin to learn the meaning of the word 'resurrection', and the new age [the Aquarian age] will *begin* to reveal its deep purpose and intention. The first step will be the emergence of humanity from the death of its civilisation, of its old ideas and modes of living, *the relinquishing of its materialistic goals and its damning selfishness*, and its moving forward into the clear light of the resurrection. These are not symbolical or mystical words but part of the general setting which will surround the [coming period]...<sup>7</sup>

There is much to consider in the preceding statement, and although it might sound alarm bells for some readers, there is also a hint of things to come, some of which we addressed in the [Virgo letter](#) for this year. This 'coming period' will slowly evolve from 2025, given the present pace of things, as the influence of the Libran decanate of the Aquarian age supplants the now rapidly disappearing Piscean age.<sup>8</sup> The Libran decanate exhibits the three rulers of the sign – Venus (orthodox), Uranus (esoteric) and Saturn (hierarchical). This year especially, from the Chinese social cycle of 60 years, marks particularly a year of decision, and what we see with the situation in the Middle East especially and the moves toward protectionism and reclamation of national sovereignties in many countries are in fact a phase of the destruction of the old order – the Piscean ideals of empire, hegemony, control over the hearts and minds of the people and the schism between science and religion. The latter point is being played out strongly in the US with the denial of climate change



and the far right's desperation to ensconce regressive religious laws in certain states, for instance. This is a demonstration of the waning of the Ray 6 influence on the US personality (abstract idealism and fanaticism) and the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Ray of spiritual order, which is expressed through the Uranian rulership of sign ruling the soul expression of that nation, Aquarius.<sup>9</sup> In this regard we might also consider another quote, for it indicates the way forward in terms of the world's spiritual evolution, and is in fact a major step forward for all of us:

The unintelligent work upon the physical plane, carried forward by those influenced by the sixth ray force, has led to a world which is suffering from cleavage in as true a sense as an individual person can suffer from a "split personality." The lines of demarcation between science and religion are a striking instance of this and have been clearly and forcefully drawn. *The cleavage to which I refer has been drawn by the churchmen of the past and by no one else; the lines have been determined by the mystics, impractical and visionary, and by the fanatical devotees of some idea...* we must also recognise that *orthodox religion has temporarily separated the two great concepts of spirit and matter* in their thought and teaching, thereby pushing apart religion and science. *The task of the new age workers is to bring these two apparent opposites*

**together**, to demonstrate that spirit and matter are not antagonistic to each other and that **throughout the universe there is only spiritual substance**, working on and producing the outer tangible forms.<sup>10</sup>

What we are seeing on a planetary scale is a move away from the intense idealism we see in many parts of the populaces of nations and an increasing sense of practicality in all affairs, and this will be evidenced more and more as the Libran decanate of Aquarius unfolds over the coming decades and centuries. It would be very useful in this regard for us to always keep in mind a longer-term trend of events, even as we see people running around parroting or sharing the latest video or sound bite about collapsing financial structures and talk of another world war, for instance. With respect to these last points, we citizens of the US have a very important decision facing us next month – many important decisions, really – but the decision is not about the presidential candidates or about the choice between the ‘lesser of two evils’ as many people are calling the candidates. I refer of course to the presidential election and the circus that has been the campaign.

As I have seen before, in the end it will not matter so much who is elected president this time around. Both main candidates would bring through major issues that confront the American public and which are begging for resolution. The race has been too close to call up until recently, anyway, depending what poll one sees. Whoever is elected will face very stiff opposition and a literal mountain of frustrations. The [administration](#) will begin with hubris, with a perceived mandate, and then a raft of bad decisions will ensue which will put the administration firmly on the nose of the American public. This will be an administration that will call for much soul-searching in the US. If we think from this description that it describes who will win, to be honest, the scenario just described would apply equally with Clinton or Trump. I could see it either way. Again, it matters not who is elected, if the election and inauguration go as far as timing as they have in the past. What has been described is actually a good thing and a very heartening sign, because it will expose some of the utter fallacies under which these candidates and their parties operate and probably expose much about what has happened as a result of US domestic and foreign policy. We do not have the space to go into all that here. The real choice is related to the preceding quotes and to Libra in general. It relates in particular to law and to money. The sexual component of Libra is making its presence felt through the candidates, as well as through the stupid and regressive laws that are being enacted in many states that relate to women’s issues and sexuality in general. The same could be said for immigration policies, too.

No, the big choice in the American election is about who controls the government: the people or the moneyed few, meaning also corporate interests. And the biggest choices before us in this and future elections relate to the Congress – the people who legislate the laws of the land and who allocate the funds – and many Americans exhibit a woeful ignorance of congressional matters, and worse, a lack

of care. The same is true in other countries in the West. Neither main presidential candidate represents the true will of the people. Only Bernie Sanders came close in the US, and his main message now is about overhauling the Congress. If we want to see real change for better government over the long term, the Congress is where we Americans should focus our attention. The presidential race is important, but a strong



Congress can hold any president to account and override any executive decisions.

When we talk of the real choice being between government by the people or by corporate interests, we see at this juncture that legislative bodies for the most part have favored corporate interests in recent decades, with the likes of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act,<sup>11</sup> the international trade deals being hawked upon the public and the gradual eroding of public education, welfare and infrastructure, especially since the Reagan/Thatcher years in the 1980s. Coming as a consequence of the policies of those times, we see what is perhaps one of the most decisive conflicts for our present era working out before our eyes and a backlash against those policies by other countries – the battle for Aleppo in Syria. In a way this is a deciding battle for American, French and British foreign policy, especially. It is a battle that has largely been won by Syrian forces with the backing of Russia, having isolated the rebels in the northern pocket of the city. A corner has been turned in that battle and the terrorists (re: ‘moderate rebels’) are being routed. The reason we know this is partly because of the overt bellicosity of the military establishment in the US and the strong anti-Russian/Syrian propaganda in the Western press we have seen ramped up in recent days, misreporting or actively lying about what is taking place there. The fear/outrage index in all this ‘reporting’ (propaganda) is high, and it is meant to rally a war-weary public to possible military action against the Syrian government and the Russians – who were invited into Syria legitimately, we might add. Let’s be clear about what we have in all this: we in the West are being lied to in the mainstream media about Aleppo, Syria, and the reasons for the war there.<sup>12</sup>

As things stand as of now, we are at a precipitous phase of this conflict. There are some very dangerous statements being made by certain parties in the West, statements about what will happen if Russia does not cease its actions in Syria and Assad does not finally step down. Russia has responded in kind. Russia has effectively enforced a no-fly zone against coalition forces in western Syria now, given the ‘mistaken’ [bombing of Syrian forces](#) (twice) by coalition forces during the most recent ceasefire, which was followed by an attack by Daesh with what amounted to two divisions with heavy armor, and the recent statements by the US.<sup>13</sup> We might possibly see a serious incident take place and soon in the air over Syria, with another downed aircraft, maybe an American aircraft this time, which would bring us to the brink of a wider war, or perhaps something similar in Yemen. This must be avoided, if possible. The US is playing chicken with Russia now in Syria, with many officials in the US calling for more direct military intervention,<sup>14</sup> and it is a reckless path to take. Don’t expect the Russians to blink, either. There is too much at stake for them, and they are prepared for anything.<sup>15</sup> If the Syrian forces win the war, however, the game is up Syria and much of the Middle East for the neocons in the US and the corporate interests in the West, at least for the foreseeable future.

The Obama policy on Syria, which is only a continuation of US policies for many decades now,<sup>16</sup> will be in a shambles, or at the very least up for a serious re-think. What follows might seem an outrageous or heartless statement, but what is happening in Aleppo at the moment is a very encouraging sign. Again, we are only being told a certain narrow slant on the matter. The battle is not a wholesale attack on the entire region of Aleppo, but only a small pocket in the north of the city that the terrorists managed to take early in the war. Their days there are numbered now. Their defeat there will break the back of Daesh in Syria and spell a more rapid end to the war. The number of civilians there is overstated. And let’s not forget the at least hundreds of thousands of civilian lives that coalition airstrikes have exacted in this and other conflicts in the region. The information about all the covert activities of the US and other governments in the Middle East and other areas that is coming out now should rightly enrage the public and force the end to these disastrous policies that have cost so many innocent lives. And that is what I fully expect to see.

We are about to see some very fascinating developments as a result of this proxy war in Syria in the immediate future. By ‘fascinating’, I mean toward a future where nations will be forced to cooperate (and it will be an enforced cooperation for now, from the look of things), where the tide

of obscene wealth for the very few will begin to ebb, and where we, the people, will slowly regain our sovereignty, our livelihoods and our sense of security and well-being. This will come through rising grassroots movements in every nation that will eventually force governments to reflect the will of the people. These changes will come by us making more informed, conscious decisions about who we put in office and by holding them to account. If you think this is pie-in-the-sky thinking, think again. The moves we are seeing are irresistible, are governed by the cycles of the planets, objective and subjective (re: Ray cycles for the latter) and by the growing consciousness of humanity as a whole, which is expanding at an amazing rate. Consider the following:

Seventh ray energy is the energy needed to bring order out of chaos and rhythm to replace disorder. It is this energy [which is waxing now] which will bring in the new world order for which all men wait; it will restore the ancient landmarks, indicate the new institutions and forms of civilisation and culture which human progress demands, and nurture the new life and the new states of consciousness which advanced humanity will increasingly register. **Nothing can arrest this activity**; all that is happening today as men search for the new ways, for organised unity and peaceful security, is being implemented through the incoming Ray of Order or Ceremonial Magic.<sup>17</sup> [And that ray is transmitted through Uranus, the esoteric ruler of Libra.]

So, aside from the Syrian war, we are also likely to see some quite interesting developments soon in Europe, starting with the upcoming Italian referendum in December on its constitution, talking about choices. This could potentially have far-reaching effects. Italy's government has been unstable and adversarial since the early '90s. The amended constitution is meant to restore stability to the government by reorganizing its Parliament, but the proposed changes are widely debated. The PM, Matteo Renzi, has vowed to step down if the referendum returns a 'no' vote: shades of Brexit. This could send a shock wave through Italy and see more extreme leaders come to power, leaders who advocate for leaving the Eurozone, for instance. If Italy were to leave the Eurozone and go back to the lira as its currency, this would in turn have serious implications for Europe's economy, although it would likely be very good for Italy in the long run, releasing it from control by Brussels.

PLANNED GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS TO EUROPE



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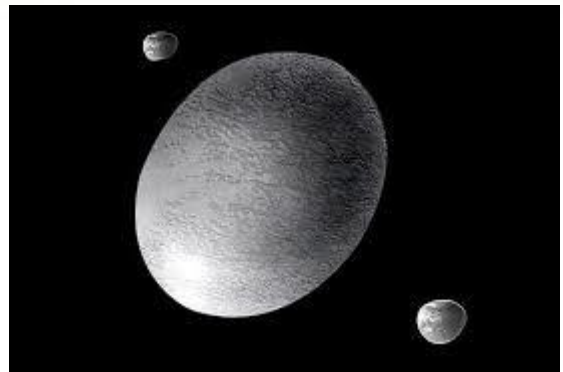
In addition, Russia and Turkey are rapidly mending fences and have just signed a deal for the TurkStream gas pipeline,<sup>18</sup> direct from Russia to Turkey via the Black Sea (hence another reason for Russia's great annoyance at American ships there) which would terminate in Greece and Italy – a very interesting development for many reasons. Firstly, it would more or less gut the plans for the Qatari pipeline through Syria, which was one of the causes of the Syrian war. Secondly, it would take Syria and Ukraine directly out of the equation for a gas pipeline.

Thirdly, it would establish a Russian dominance for gas in the region and into Europe, which would have obvious consequences for Iran (not a friend of Turkey). It would also not go down well with the Saudis or Qataris. And lastly, it would be a boost to the Greek economy if it goes ahead as planned. Putin is moving rapidly to protect Russian interests in the region, meaning also the Russian oligarchs. This pipeline is set to be completed by 2019 – two short years from now, basically. The two nations still have strong disagreements on the conflict in Syria, but there are also plans to complete four nuclear reactors by Russian interests in Turkey, Turkey's first.<sup>19</sup> These reactors will no doubt raise eyebrows in Israel and the West. Relations between Washington and Turkey (not to



mention Washington and Russia) have decidedly soured since Russian intervention in Syria. The improved relations between Russia and Turkey also introduce a note of discord in NATO, of which Turkey is a member.

Lastly, the Sun is conjunct the dwarf planet [Haumea](#)<sup>20</sup> at this full moon. Haumea is named after a Hawaiian creation goddess, who is said to have created the gods and the lineages of humanity (at least in Hawaii), and who also has a rulership over food supplies, especially from the ocean. My research into her, which at present is still ongoing, reveals her also to have a curious connection with mathematics as she transits through the constellations, and when she is found on the ascendant at birth she often gives the gift of music, sometimes prolifically. Music has a very close



relationship with mathematics, and when children are trained in music at an early age they typically do much better at mathematics in school. Haumea also appears to give a strong service orientation, especially with regard to the young. Burl Ives had Haumea on his ascendant, and he was noted for his work with the Boy Scouts. Rutger Hauer has it on his ascendant and he is noted for his environmental activism. Other notables with this placement are Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, RD Burman, Elton John, George Galloway and Peter Ustinov, just to name a few. This placement can also produce some very odd and contrary characters. She tends to give great ability and imagination, of a kind that is out of the ordinary. So, she adds a note of imagination to this full moon, making us aware that there are other possibilities to consider, and that our choices and insights should go to serve the public will, the environment and especially the rights and future of our children and descendants.

So, we see there is much to consider in the present world situation, and as well much in the way of promise. Although the news seems scary at present and the major powers look to be on the edge of a bigger disastrous war, such things can be averted. To retain our collective focus toward the good of the world at times such as these instead of giving ourselves over to the sort of hysterical rhetoric we read in the press is a must. The light we can channel into the planet through a calm, collected and collective intent can and will indeed influence world leaders to make choices for peace and world prosperity rather than selfish interests and endless conflict. No one nation or small group of nations is meant to have control over the resources of other nations. We are meant to share and to cooperate as nations, and eventually we will. Although the immediate future might feel uncertain, what is certain is that we will come through this present confusion and conflict into a calmer period wherein we can see our way forward into the sort of future that will benefit all, favor no one in particular and which will reveal the true beauty, genius and uniqueness that is the human spirit. It will eventually be so for us all. Let us hold our focus and intention true in these troubling days.

Blessings,

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- <sup>1</sup> Alice A Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, p. 251
- <sup>2</sup> Ibid, p. 243
- <sup>3</sup> Ibid, p. 68
- <sup>4</sup> The higher Self is the Triad (atma/buddhi/manas). Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 260
- <sup>5</sup> Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, pp. 286, 287.
- <sup>6</sup> <http://www.theoi.com/Daimon/Eris.html>, Homer, *Iliad* 4. 441 ff
- <sup>7</sup> *The Reappearance of the Christ* pp. 22, 23
- <sup>8</sup> This takes place via the precession of the equinoxes. We are now moving into the last decanate (ten-degree span) of Aquarius from the first decanate of Pisces, given the retrograde motion of the precession.
- <sup>9</sup> Bailey, *The Destiny of the Nations*, p. 67
- <sup>10</sup> *The Destiny of the Nations*, pp.126, 127
- <sup>11</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bipartisan\\_Campaign\\_Reform\\_Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bipartisan_Campaign_Reform_Act) , made famous through the Citizen's United court case of 2009.
- <sup>12</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8mA0h7dCKI> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfyDgDTu0Go> These two videos are real eye-openers if the reader is only acquainted with mainstream accounts. See also: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8JppJyVxYU>
- <sup>13</sup> <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2016/10/03/syri-o03.html> One of the more balanced articles I have seen on the matter.
- <sup>14</sup> <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-usa-cable-idUSKCN0Z3087>
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- <sup>17</sup> *The Rays and the Initiations*, pp. 572, 573
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