

Yearly Manifestation Cycle

Although Intention can be impressed or inserted into the natural rhythm of Matter at any time, there are advantages in knowing the times of greatest opportunity and how to take advantage of those times, working with the natural flow rather than in opposition to it.

Take a look at the chart as the numbered sections are explained.

Included are the Solstices, Equinoxes, and the four ancient festivals, making the “Eight-fold Wheel of the Year” Ancient megalithic sites marked the festivals not only to know when to plant and harvest, but to also mark the changes in the energy field wherein the magic of manifestation might be done.

1. The yearly cycle of Matter begins around or on February 2nd, the ancient festival of Imbolc or Candlemass. In Christian terms this festival celebrates the return of the Virgin Mary to the Temple after going through the purification required after giving birth. This is the new cycle of Matter returned to the virgin state, ready to begin the work of the year. The focus during this period should be aspirational, heart centered, and hopeful. This is the time to clarify your intentions for the year, perhaps having formulated them earlier at New Years as “resolutions”. In any case, the focus should be on what you wish to accomplish this year, again, bringing clarity to your goals. This period brings you through the Spring Equinox, a magical time of “in-betweens” and the perfect balance of Earths’ seasons. This period blends into the next cycle around Easter.
2. The second period in the cycle is a potent one subjectively. It begins around Easter, or more properly at the full moon of Aries, continues through the high point of the year at the full moon of Taurus, and completes at the full moon of Gemini. Much has been written anent this period in esoteric literature, both in the East and in the West. In this cycle we have the ancient, Celtic festival of Beltane, a Fire Festival of Empowerment and Purification. The full moon of Taurus is called in the East, the festival of Wesak. This is when the Buddha descends from his High Place to a valley in Tibet to pour his blessings out upon Humanity. Taking the religious symbology away, this is the time in the cycle where the Over-Soul or Higher Consciousness of Humanity is on its “down swing” and the Persona or Incarnate identity of Humanity is on its “up swing”. The two cycles coincide and the Higher, Abstract energy for the year is “downloaded” into what is termed “The Three Lower Worlds” or the realm of Mind, the Emotions (Astral) and the Physical.

As this Energy of Life infuses or enters the energy network that underlies manifestation as we know it. That energy comes in as a complete abstraction, it has not as yet been built into any form, not even the form of thought. It is raw potential. It will be shaped by

Humanity for good or ill as the rest of the year unfolds. Most of this activity will go by completely unnoticed by the mass of humanity. For those who are consciously working for the betterment of Humanity, this is the most potent time of the year for deep meditation and reception of that energy down flow. Energy wise it is the most sacred time of the year.

Two things are to be understood relating to this period.

First, this is the period where your momentum of aspiration should continue to carry you upward into your highest and best self.

Here you lift the intentions you have formulated, to be infused with that inpouring of Life Energy. The attitude should be that if your intentions are in harmony with the greater Plan of Life and the greater plan of your own soul or higher self, then let these intentions be empowered.

Second, know that as you stand receptive to this inpouring of energy, your attitude should be meditative and inwardly quiet. This is a time of reception, not of manifestation. Also know that you stand as and with humanity in this reception, though you are conscious of this transfer of energy whereas humanity does not respond or react until much later in the cycle. The New Life has entered our sphere for the year, it will now be up to us to shape it and give it direction.

3. The Third period in the cycle begins around the full moon of Gemini and carries you through the Summer Solstice, another magical and potent time of “in-betweens”. The Solstices are the divides or horizon line of the year, differentiating the upper half of the year in the Light, and the Dark time of the year. The Summer Solstice marks the transition from the upper half of the year to the Dark half. It is the “sunset time” of the year.

Energetically this is a period whereby that abstract energy that came in during the last period has moved downward into the higher levels of the Human Mind. Still mostly unnoticed by most of Humanity, this is the level of higher, abstract thought. Most people don't know what a thought is free of emotion. What most people call thoughts are opinions about their emotions. Those who live and work in these higher realms of Mind such as philosophers, scientists, inventors and those who are consciously shaping those thoughts which will unfold into manifestation as the year progresses, will find this an active period of thought formulation.

Esoterically understood, the Plane of Mind is the plane of cause to all which lies below it. What we create in Mind will cast its shadow on a denser level of matter and become an emotion, which will eventually cause a manifestation on the physical plane.

It is important to create clear thoughts with the power of precision. A vague, fuzzy thought will produce a vague, fuzzy result. It is said that we are in the third phase of the World War, and that the battlefield is now on the Plane of Mind...we are in a battle for

Ideas and Ideals. Will we shape ideas that are positive and a powerful force for Good, or will we continue to empower fear and separateness? This is the period to clarify where we stand via our mental creations.

4. The fourth period in the cycle begins just before the end of July. At the end of July we have the ancient festival of Lughnasadh or Lammas (Loaf Mass). All ancient festivals began the eve before the festival day, so this would be Lammas night. This was the beginning of the time of harvest and marked the first of the harvest festivals. It was a time of sacrifice, of Life entering the Earth factually and symbolically. In ancient times this was a festival where the Corn King was sacrificed, and his blood spilt into the furrows of the fields, so that the fields would be fruitful the next year. The actual sacrifice was later replaced with loaves of barley bread made in the shape of a man. This period marks the transition from the higher, abstract levels of Mind into the concrete mind, the intellect.

Now this is the period where humanity en masse begins to really react to the energies which were brought in during the high point in the Spring. Since most people have no idea about these energies and how to use them, the energies moving from higher mind into the intellect tend to find 'lines of least resistance' within the minds of humanity. This means that whatever concrete thoughts and beliefs a person holds will most likely be stimulated and amplified as those opinions are energized by the energy descending from higher levels. Whatever the shape and direction of a person's conscious and subconscious thoughts will likely be strengthened and directed outward in their behavior and speech. Often people who wish to manifest things will find themselves consciously plotting and maneuvering during this period.

For those within Humanity who work for the Greater Good, this period is one of continuing and making stronger the intent which has taken shape in higher mind. Now details of how to carry out or how to present those thoughts, plans, and ideas to others will begin to solidify. Again the emphasis needs to be on clarity and the perseverance, so greatly needed, as resistance from other people and parts of the environment which do not wish to grow or change begin to react to the positive change which you represent and are implementing. The idea here is to hold the positive possibilities as real, reachable goals, attracting the emotional aspiration of others as we move to the next section of the cycle.

5. The next cycle begins as we move through the sign of Leo (strength of Personality for Self or for Service) into Virgo. Here the intellect comes into full power for good or ill, and begins to affect the emotions within humanity. This is a critical phase because it is the power of the emotions, or the astral body as it has been called, which will become the fuel to empower the thought or intent eventually into physical manifestation. As the emotions of humanity begin to be affected it is the positive emotions which are affected first. The descending or incoming thought, now given concrete form as a perceivable

idea, will begin to attract attention. That idea will elicit a reaction. That reaction will be positive and empowering if the idea is in harmony with what a person believes.

The persons own beliefs will be validated by that thought.

If the thought is opposing the persons' beliefs, a growing resistance to that thought or plan will begin to form in others. It is this very resistance from the environment, your own or the larger world that will "derail" your intent as the outward pressure mounts.

Here it is vital that your purpose and intent remain focused and clear, allowing that clarity and persistence of your intent to begin to draw to itself that emotional force needed for manifestation without becoming diluted and diffused, and therefore "stillborn". This period brings us to the Autumn Equinox, another potent, magical time of poise and balance as all of humanity in whichever hemisphere is in alignment and accord. This is a prime time to utilize those energies which harmonize and balance movements and trends within Humanity.

6. The sixth period begins just after the Equinox and moves us into the realm of the emotions full sway! This is the area most felt and experienced by Humanity en masse. Here, whatever emotional lines of least resistance, whatever entrenched emotional patterns Humanity holds will be activated "for or against" the new intent. This brings us also into the festival of Samhain or Halloween, the new year for many ancient cultures and a time when the "veil between worlds grows thin". The old name of "All Hallows Eve" refers to the sacred objects of the Grail Hallows, or the manifestations of Divine Intent, objects which are the physical touch down points of powerful, magical, forces. This has a direct reference to the movement from an emotional or astral expression into that physical etheric network that underlies the physical world. This is where the final adjustments can be made before the intent is moved onto the physical plane of appearances. This is also where Humanity can be at its worst, for its baser nature is active and often in control. For the Worker of Light however, it is also the time of greatest magical opportunity of the whole year.

This energy network underlying a persons' physical nerves has been called in Hindu traditions, the system of Nadis. In Cabbalistic terms this is the sphere of Yesod. Most people today are aware of things like the acupuncture system and Kirlian photography. These phenomena are within the realm of this physical etheric network, or the energy field which connects us all and underlies all manifestation. Whatever is given shape here WILL reflect into the physical world. This brings us to the low point of the year, the point directly across from the input at Wesak or the full moon of Taurus. Here at the full moon of Scorpio we have the "dark of the moon" time, the time of greatest embodiment or magic. If intent, which has gone through all the preceding stages and levels of manifestation, is anchored here, the physical manifestation will be an afterthought.

You will note that on the chart is a dot or designation which in neither an Equinox, a Solstice, or a Festival. It is called the Ophiuchus Gate. This gets into one of the secrets of Esoteric Astrology which sees Humanity en masse following the signs of the known,

mundane zodiac of 12 signs. However, those on the Path, or are progressing upon the Spiritual Quest, begin to be influenced and affected by other signs or constellations than the 12 we easily know. If you look at a large star map which shows all the constellations with the pole star at the center, you will see many constellations in addition to the ones of the accepted zodiac. On such a chart, you will see that the accepted 12 make a ring or a loose circle around the pole star. However, inside that circle are many constellations which are closer to the pole star than the 12, as well as outside the circle of the 12 you see other constellations. In Esoteric Astrology, the constellations outside of the 12 relate to humanity's collective past, while those within the circle of 12 and closer to the pole star, relate to humanity's future. Those inner signs or constellations in a sense "overshadow" the 12 that we know, and those on the Inner Path of the Spirit begin to come under the influence of those higher constellations.

Ophiuchus is a constellation which is a "gateway" from the signs of the mundane 12 into the higher signs. It is the "hidden 13th" sign or the "Siege Perilous" The constellation of Ophiuchus is usually shown as a naked man with his back to you holding in his two hands a great serpent, which often is wound around his groin or waist. He is standing right on the back of Scorpio. In ancient times this sign was associated with Asclepius and the Greek schools of Healing. This figure is also associated with initiation as it is directly under the sign of Hercules the Initiate. In fact, in many charts Hercules and Asclepius/Ophiuchus form a sort of "yin-yang" relationship to one another.

What this means is, that if one is in the right place in consciousness and knows what they are doing, as they come around to this part of the year and the manifestation of their new, higher intent,instead of simply cycling around the form of another year, without much growth or change, a HUGE LEAP FORWARD can be taken as they move through the gate and pass on to the influence of the higher signs, a whole, "higher turn of the spiral" and major change of direction for the better. Needless to say, most of humanity passes from Scorpio to Sagittarius without a blink, and continues to repeat more and different versions of the same old thing and experience...another chance to learn the lessons, experience the growth offered in the mundane zodiac and the karmic experiences it provides.

7. Now we come to the period whereby that which has been "grounded" and given etheric shape in the last section, can come into physical manifestation. It also brings us to the Winter Solstice, another one of those magical "in-betweens" of High Magic. Here is where the Light of the Christ or the Light of the Soul can be anchored deep within the darkest places, whether within the Earth or within the dark places inside each of us. Whether that Christ Energy, which is Love and that Brotherhood based upon the fact of Humanity as One Family, be called Jesus, Mithra, Baldur etc...all Christ figures are symbolically born at the Winter Solstice. It is fortunate that at this time of year humanity via its religions, is actually focusing a degree of aspiration and receptivity to that energy. We sing of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" If we can actually mean those sentiments

and act on them, we allow into the deepest places within ourselves a new Light, a change for the betterment of ourselves and all those we touch. The ancient monuments depict the moment of Light shining within the darkness. This is more than symbolic. The Greater Light and Consciousness brought in as an abstraction in the Spring, can become physically manifested in forms and shapes we can know and recognize, if we have taken advantage of the gestation, build-up, and layering that is a part of the creation of new intent and its journey into physical manifestation.

8. The final period upon this wheel was called in ancient times “The Terror Time”. On one level this was because the weather was abysmal and many did not make it through the Winter. Also the roads were often impassable and people were confined at home, in tight spaces with often unsanitary conditions which bred disease. But there is a more esoteric reason.

At the Winter Solstice, Matter, the Mother, delivers the Christ, the New birth of direction, thought, intent, manifestation. At that point she has served her function as Mother. There must be a way now, to return to the “virgin” state and prepare for the “new impregnation” in the Spring. This last period is a time of flux, movement, a re-ordering of matter, forms are thrown to the winds. It is often a time of upheaval, both outwardly and most certainly internally, as Matter re-orders herself and prepares for the next cycle. It is interesting that we in the West have our New Year during this period, and our New Year Resolutions come just about in the middle of it. This is a formulation of the new intent for the year which we, with aspiration, bring upward to be blessed and given Life at the high point in the Spring. Also within this period is the old festival of 12th Night where the Wise Men acknowledge the Presence of the Christ and give thanks and reverence. Is it the completion of the cycle and ends at Candlemass or February 2nd, when the Virgin is allowed back into the Temple, and Matter begins her cycle once, again.

NOTE:

As the nature of manifestation is holographic and fractal, this cycle is echoed in a monthly revolution and a daily revolution...cycles within cycles, wheels within wheels.

In the monthly cycle, the high point is the full moon and the embodiment point the dark of the moon. Note old magical texts which speak of magician casting their magical circles and rites at the dark of the moon, the time of greatest magical manifestation. Also there is now a world wide effort of prayer and meditation by people from all over the world, in every nation, at the time of the full moon.

In the daily cycle, the high point is noon and the embodiment point is midnight. Certain Masonic rituals involve high noon, the time which casts no shadow. It is also said that morning light has a stronger ultraviolet content while afternoon light has a higher infra-red content. And there are many traditions which speak of a reflective period in the evening, or the magical, mystery time of midnight. Many creative people do their best work after midnight, in the wee small hours when the “air waves’ are still and thought can be clear.

In any case this is but a brief overview of the cycle of manifestation. Hopefully you find within it something which is useful to you in the manifestation of your service to yourself and to humanity.

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