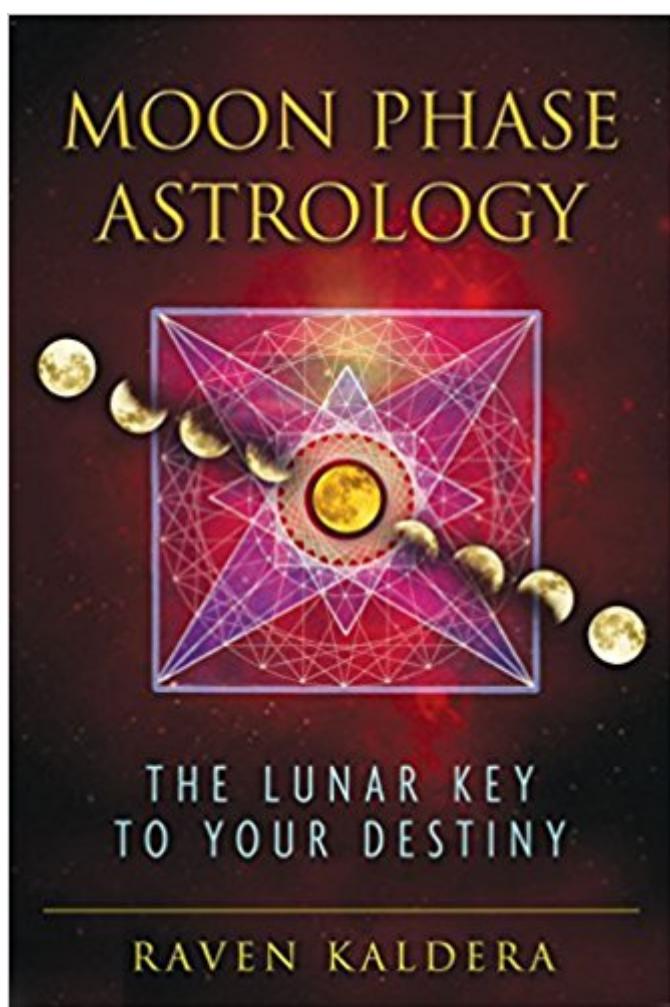


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Moon Phase Astrology: The Lunar Key To Your Destiny



Synopsis

A guide to understanding the phases of astrological Moon signs and their effects on emotions and personality. Describes the positive and negative character-defining traits of each of the 96 Moon phase/Moon sign combinations. Explains how to use your natal Moon's sign and phase to predict how current and approaching Moons can affect you. Explores the universal challenges arising during each Moon phase throughout the year and ways to honor each phase as it passes. The Moon's ever-changing phases offer a way to deepen our understanding of our natal Moon sign as well as the Moon's day-to-day influence on our emotional tides. Through its 8 phases and its wandering dance through each of the 12 signs of the Zodiac--from the Infant's Moon (the New Moon in Aries) to the Storyteller's Moon (the Full Moon in Gemini) to the Prophet's Moon (the waning Balsamic Moon in Aquarius)--the Moon shares its story in 96 different ways. Telling the stories of the heart of all 96 Moon phase and Moon sign combinations, Raven Kaldera explains the creative gifts and emotional challenges bestowed upon those born under each Moon archetype as well as how to nurture the positive traits and improve--or at least discourage--the negative ones. Exploring the influences each Moon archetype has on us as it passes, the author reveals which Moons are the most difficult, what innate qualities each Moon brings out in us, and what we can do to honor each Moon. Including evocative quotes illuminating the nature of each Moon, Kaldera shows how to use your natal Moon's astrological sign and phase to find your "hidden Moons"--the shadows cast by passing Moons--and predict how current and approaching Moons will affect you.

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tome is a complete introduction to developing and understanding a personal relationship to the phases of the moon. Kaldera walks with the reader across the varied path of the moon as it glides through all of its 96 incarnations. Besides simply understanding the celestial path the moon takes, Kaldera shows the reader how the moon is a metaphor for our own lives, our personal relationships, and our general disposition towards the world. Kaldera brings a great sense of storytelling to his explanations of the moon's place in our lives. (Witches' Almanac, December 2013) "Intuitive, poetic, and intriguing. More reverie than textbook, Raven Kaldera's work makes for an enticing read." (Sue Tompkins, author of *Aspects in Astrology*)

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I love to read how the energy of the moon is travelling all year long... and it relates very well to my days.

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I have found it easy to understand. Very good insight on the moon phase, how it effects you, and how to calculate your Moon sign.

Love the book

I am building a library for myself and am collecting books for the library that I will have some day. This is one such book. I haven't read it yet but I think it will be fascinating and am looking forward to reading it.

Kaldera does some fascinating, quirky astrology that is outside the community's mainstream. I met him at a workshop called Mystic Journeys in October, 2008, when he was in the process of writing this book. I gave him my birth chart data, and I have a feeling my chart was one of the ones he reviewed when he wrote the profile for the First Quarter Taurus Moon, the "Woodcutter's" Moon - his profile hit it right on the money with regard to me.In this book, he uses the 8 phases of the Moon highlighted by Dane Rudhyar, and assigns each phase to the 12 western sun signs, for a total of 96 different archetypes.What I find intriguing about this book is that he manages to do with moon phases what Vedic astrology has done with the nakshatras - delineate unique personality characteristics with no relation to western Sun-sign astrology. There is nothing Vedic about this book - its concepts are entirely western and mostly neo-pagan - but the way he deconstructs all the layers of meaning in the Moon is eye-opening. This book is a worthy successor to Rudhyar's classic, "The Lunation Cycle". If you want to begin to understand that book, you almost NEED to read this one.Once you check out your own Moon sign, the best way to really understand what Kaldera is offering is to understand each phase archetype in your sign. If you want to really understand the Taurus Moon, for example, the best way to do it is to follow the phases from

beginning to end, and see how the Taurus manifestation shifts focus from "Crescent" to "Gibbous" to "Disseminating" to "Balsamic". The Taurus Moon is all about values, and property ownership, and stewardship, and creative expression, for example. Yet each of these qualities becomes the primary focus in some phases far more than in others. The biggest drawback of this book: the paragraph or two that he devotes to natal descriptions is very positive for some sign-phases, and quite negative for others. Kaldera goes with his gut, and doesn't sugar-coat his perceptions. This makes it a useful book for readers who want to understand the people in their lives, but less useful for an astrologer who is trying to counsel a client, or even for a reader who gets a miserable moon - how many readers with natal New Moon in Scorpio are going to be all that pleased with the "Raging" Moon description? Nonetheless, Kaldera is doing some very innovative astrology, and a reader without undue sensitivities will appreciate a whole new way to understand the western Moon and its secrets. The Vedic sages understood the complexity of the astrological Moon centuries ago, and with books like this, the west finally appears to be catching up.

Author Raven Kaldera presents his intriguing interpretations of the 96 aspects of "Moon Phase Astrology", which are the 96 aspects generated by the 8 lunar phases (new moon, crescent moon, waxing quarter, gibbous moon, full moon, disseminating moon, waning quarter and balsamic moon) made popular by Dane Rudhyar's work "The Lunation Cycle", as these phases each pass through the 12 signs of the zodiac. For anyone partial to the astrological or magical significance of the moon in particular, these interpretations will be intriguing, personal and anecdotal as they may seem to be: perhaps they contain some important "channeled" wisdom! Creative and compelling names are given to each of these 96 aspects, such as "Raging Moon", "Dreamer's Moon", "Mermaid Moon", "Woodcutter's Moon", "Madwoman's Moon," "Moon of Lost Souls", and even "Sacred Whore's Moon." For each of the aspects, Raven presents a description of the associated personality type of the person born under this moon, together with a list of related quotations from a wide variety of sources, Francis Bacon to Friederich Nietzsche, Pablo Picasso to Quentin Crisp. My main complaint about this book, and it is a significant one, is that it focuses mostly (but not entirely) on elaborating the personality type associated with being born under each of the 96 Moon Phase aspects, and thus takes on what one might call a "deterministic" flavor. This is related to my major complaint with popular astrology in general, in that it likewise is focused too deterministically much on explaining the personality types associated with different signs and birth chart aspects, and too little on using astrology in a divinatory or magical way, such as to determine beneficial days for certain magical works, or to carry out certain acts: such as when to begin a journey, plant a garden, or initiate a

major change in a relationship. To his credit Raven DOES say a few things about what types of work (usually he refers to types of inner or personal growth work) which are good to do in each of these 96 aspects: for instance he says that the Raging Moon is a good time to do "shadow work." I find these comments of his to be the most helpful parts of the whole book. I am personally quite tired of reading about what various astrological indicators say about who I am, and more interested in obtaining guidance about how I can become who I want to be, or what I want to do. Certainly a creative and intuitive person could take the interpretations Raven makes in this book, and use them beyond the mostly natal interpretations and brief references to associated personal growth work, in order to expand their range of applications to external works, magic and divination: for instance, one might well intuit that the "Raging Moon", the New Moon in Scorpio, might be, as well as a good day to work with one's own shadow, a propitious day (or night) wherein to attend to any acts or magical works that have to do with anger, such as cursing or hexing. Well, now that Raven has explicated the 96 Moon Phase aspects, it seems natural that we would go the next step and make a 96-card divination system based on this set of aspects, which could also be viewed or known as a set of 96 different "spirits." Any interested reader could of course make such a set of cards herself! I'd be curious to see the associated images!

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