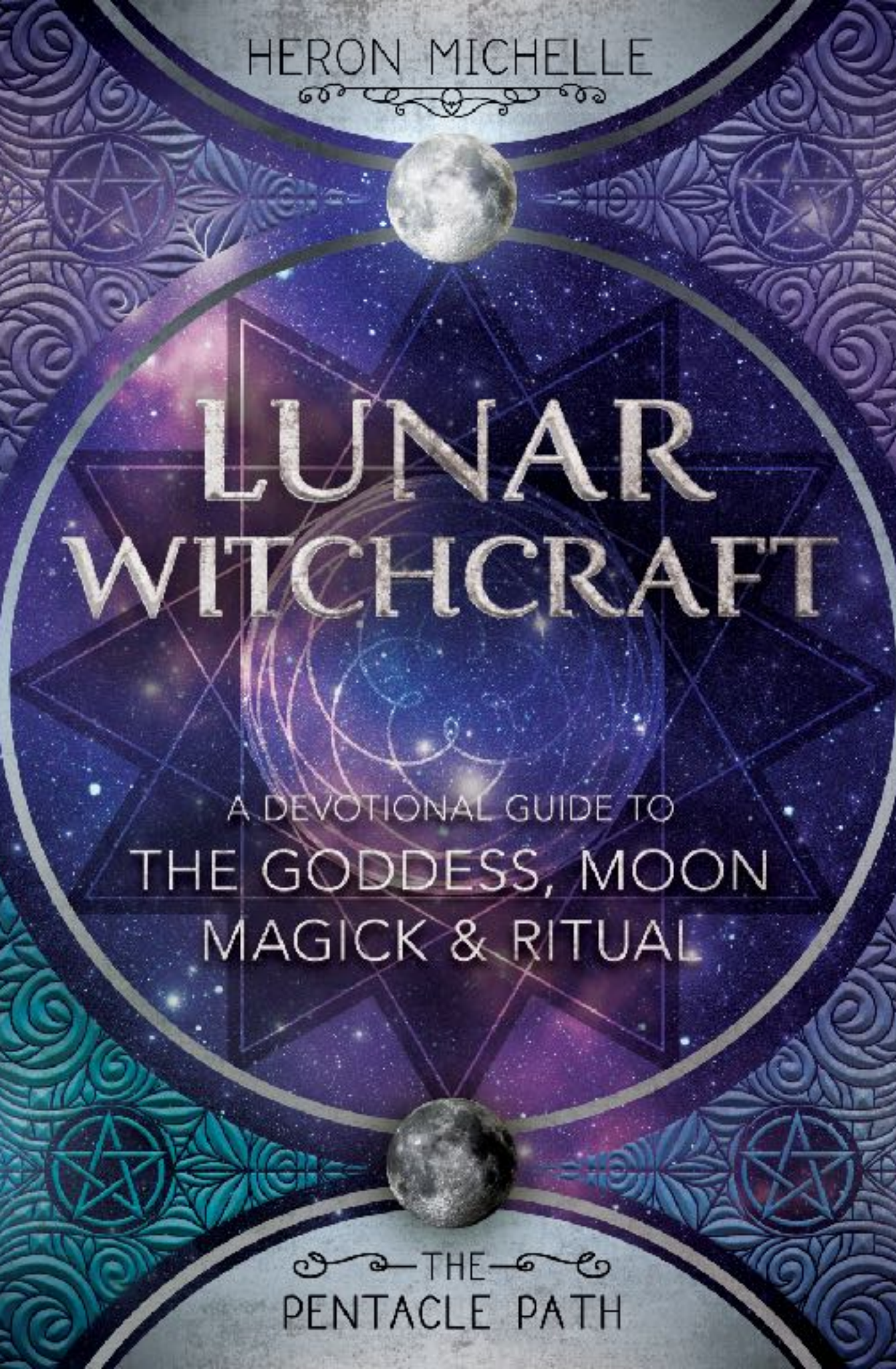




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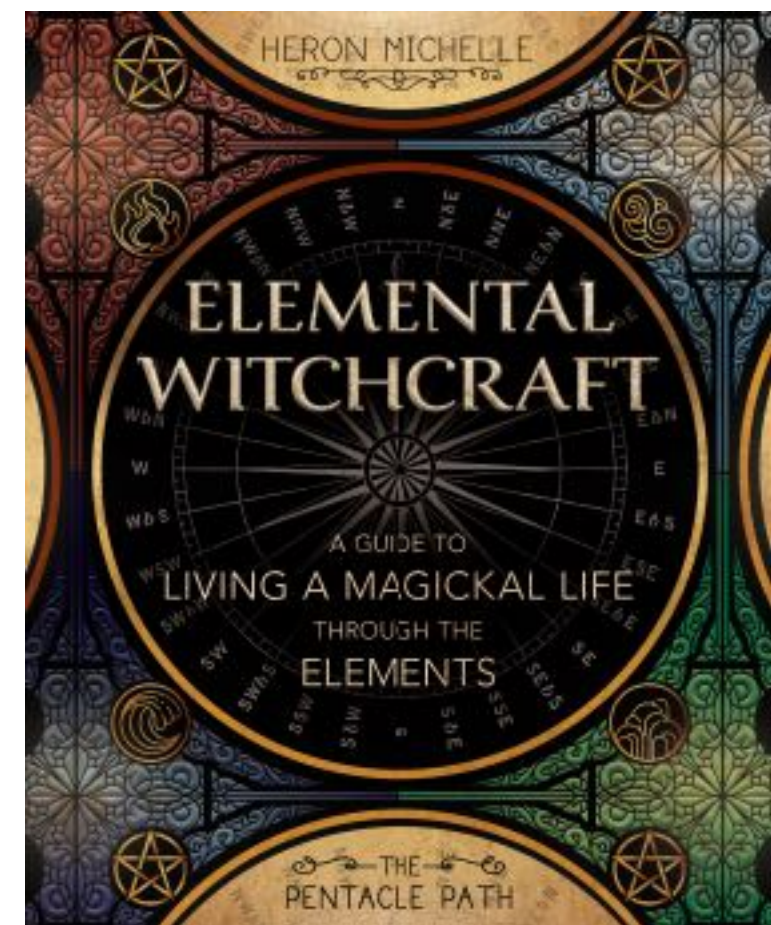
*Navigating Larger Black Moon Cycles
that shape Culture and Consciousness*



LUNAR WITCHCRAFT

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- Vol 2 of my Pentacle Path system of Modern Witchcraft
- Coming Spring of 2027
- Llewellyn Worldwide



Vol. 1 Elemental Witchcraft

IN THIS WORKSHOP...

- We'll explore larger Lunar tides from the perspective of astrology
- Defining why effective magickal timing flows by natural cycles, and NOT man-made civil calendars
 - Defining Blue and Black moon cycles
 - Zodiacal Lunar Pairings and the Axes of Consciousness
 - Shifting Lunar Leadership within pairings
 - 19 year Metonic Cycles - Like a "Grand Year"
 - Tides of Shadow within - Black Moon Cycles lasting 2-3 years - Like a "Grand Month"
 - Survey of events in previous tides, as indicators of human shifts

THE LUNAR CELESTIAL SPHERE

Geocentric celestial spheres; [Peter Apian's](#)
Cosmographia (Antwerp, 1539)



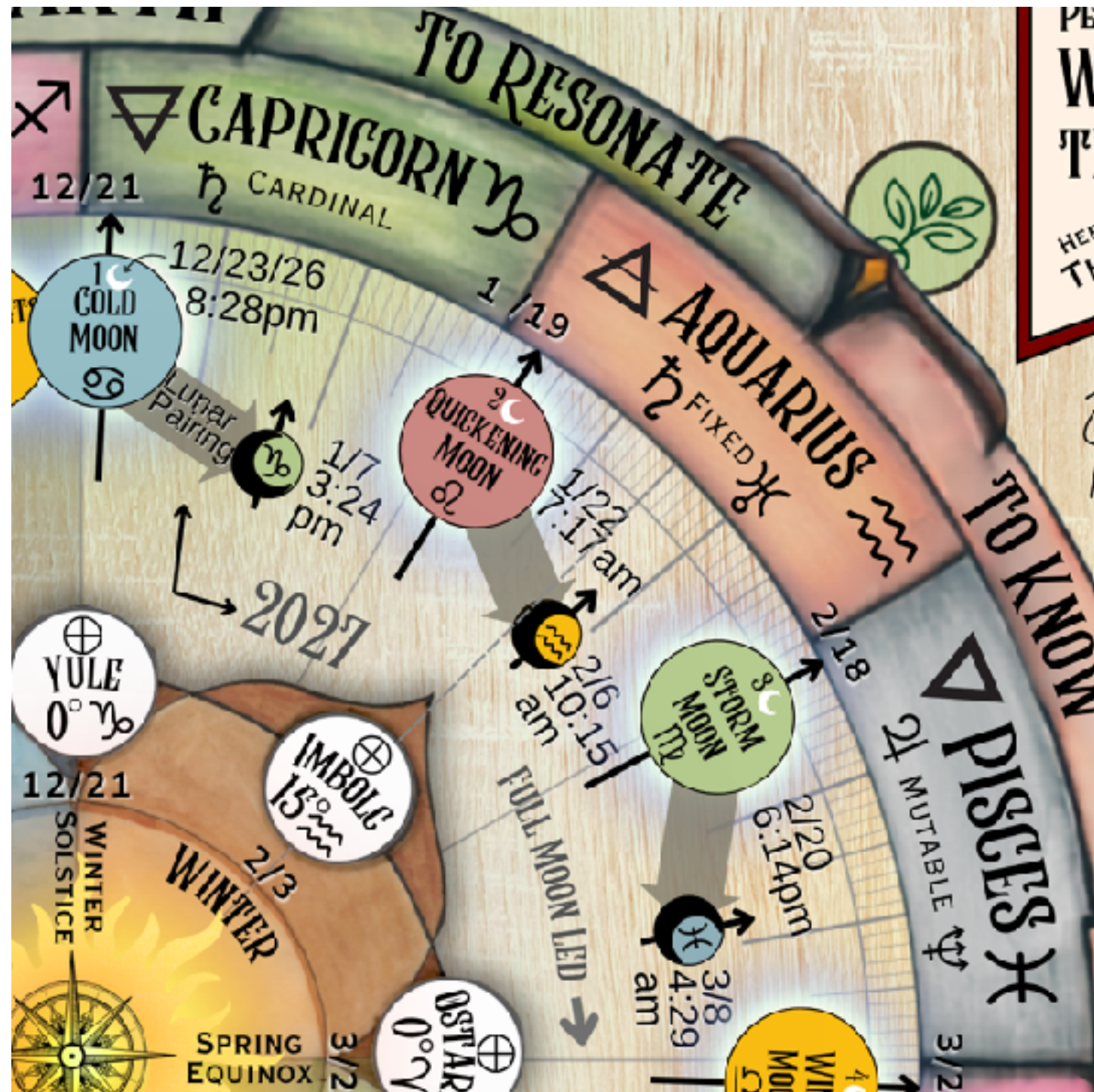
AUSPICIOUS TIMING



- Determining magickal power that flows from the rhythm of natural cycles.
- The cosmos does not obey the dictates of Popes, bankers, or government calendars.
- Tides of magick flow from the relationships between the Sun, earth, and moon, in relationship to the outer stars
- What is “auspicious” is and what aspects within the zodiac are illuminated at that time— not the Roman Calendar “month”

My Wheel of the Year Calendar
now available at The Sojo Booth

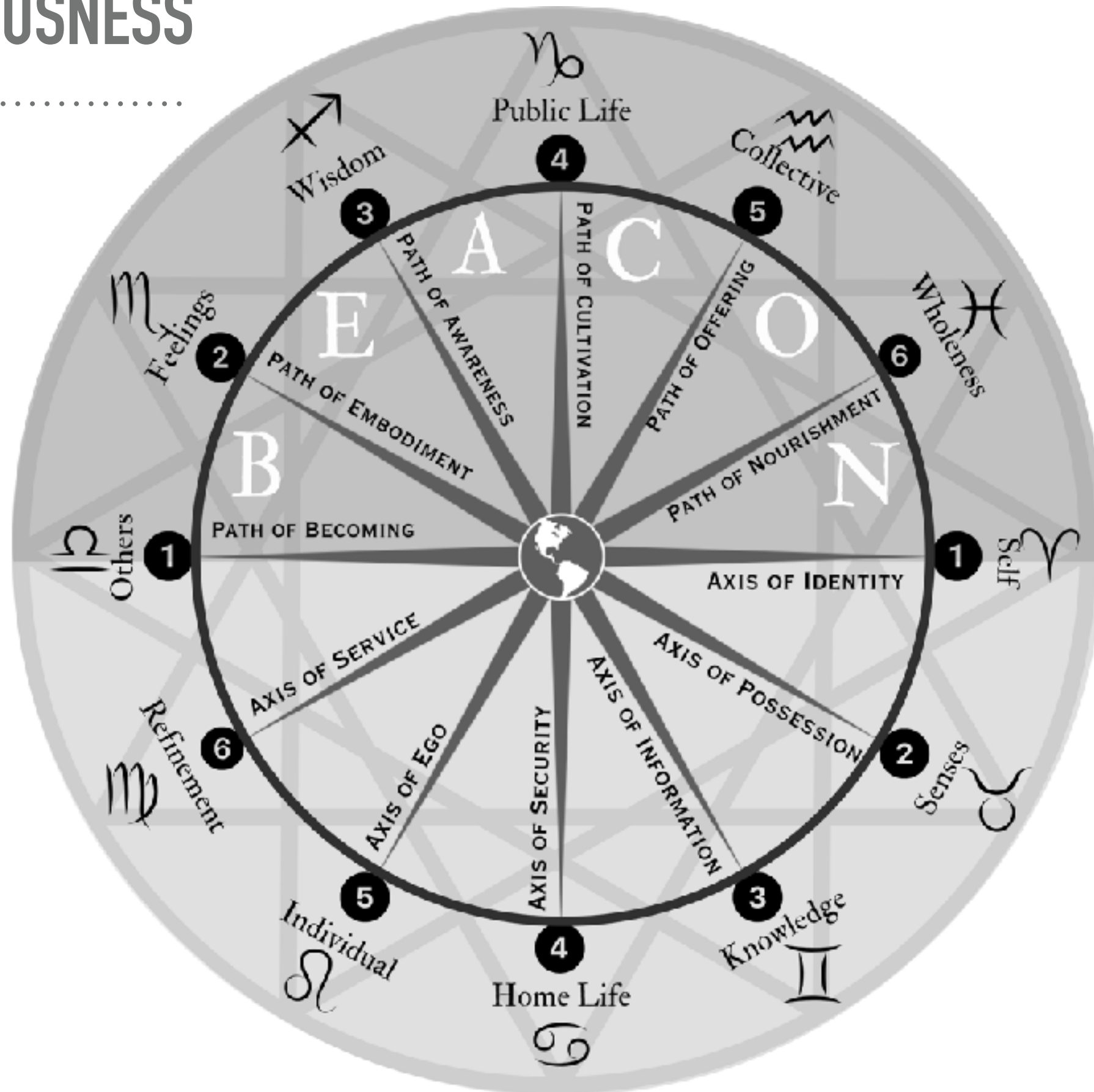
AUSPICIOUS TIMING – WHEEL OF THE YEAR



- Each season contains three signs, and the three modalities: Cardinal, Fixed, Mutable.
- As the Sun journeys through the zodiac, the Moon meets it in a sequence of oppositions and conjunctions that reveal deeper patterns of psychological balance.
- Each Full Moon occurs opposite the Sun's current sign
- Each Dark Moon occurs in the same sign as the sun.

6 AXES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

- These pairings form six great axes across the zodiac wheel
- balancing instinct with reflection,
- desire with responsibility,
- individuality with relationship.



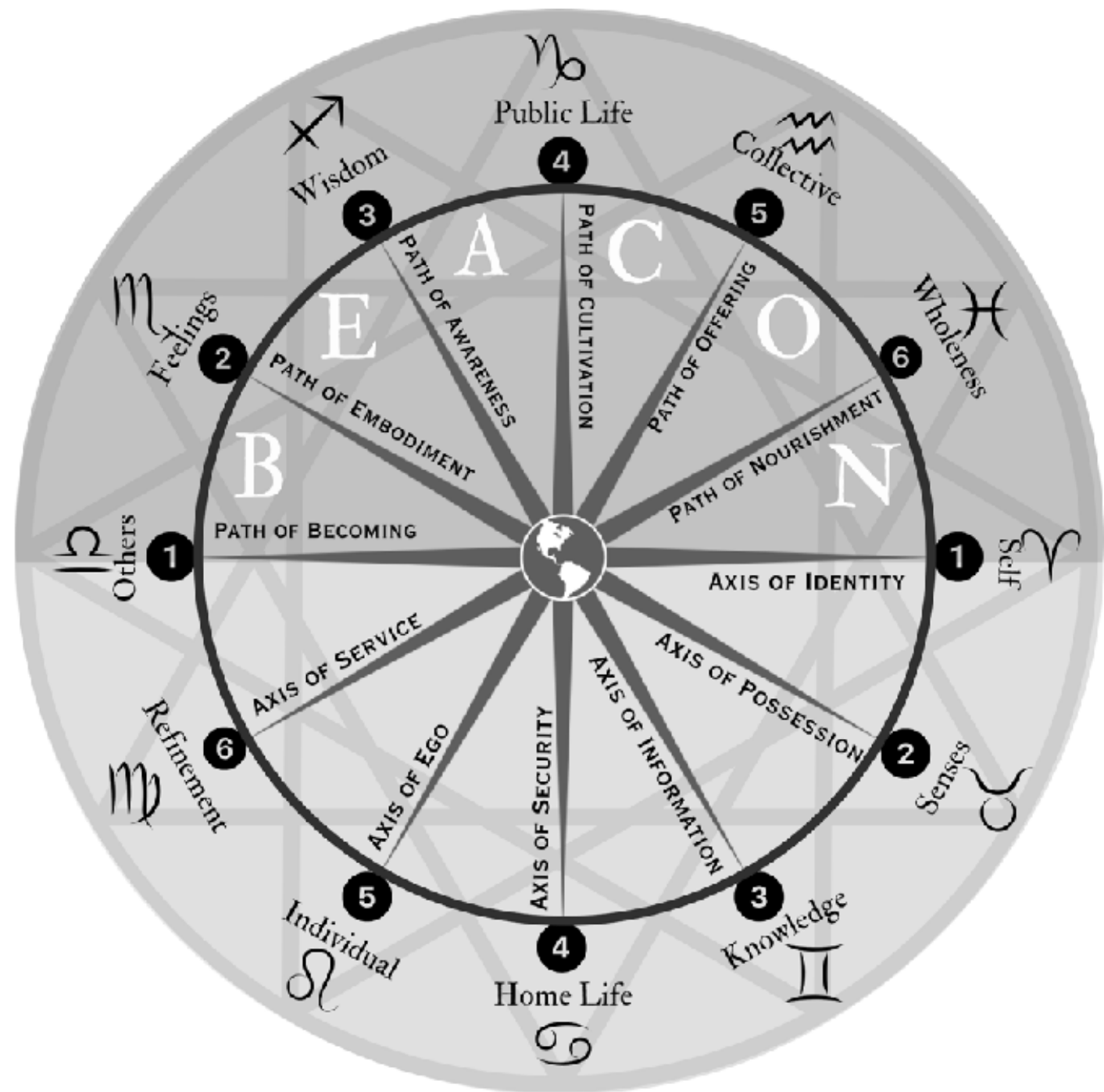
12 ZODIAC SIGNS – 6 AXES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

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1	Cardinal	Axis of Identity	 Aries (Fire) Primal, Lower Self, Body	 Libra (Air) Personal, Middle Self, Mind
	Projective			
2	Fixed	Axis of Possession	 Taurus (Earth) Primal, Lower Self, Body	 Scorpio (Water) Personal, Middle Self, Mind
	Receptive			
3	Mutable	Axis of Information	 Gemini (Air) Primal, Lower Self, Body	 Sagittarius (Fire) Universal. Higher Self, Spirit
	Projective			
4	Cardinal	Axis of Security	 Cancer (Water) Primal, Lower Self, Body	 Capricorn (Earth) Universal. Higher Self, Spirit
	Receptive			
5	Fixed	Axis of Ego	 Leo (Fire) Personal, Middle Self, Mind	 Aquarius (Air) Universal. Higher Self, Spirit
	Projective			
6	Mutable	Axis of Service	 Virgo (Earth) Personal, Middle Self, Mind	 Pisces (Water) Universal. Higher Self, Spirit
	Receptive			

EVOLVING HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS

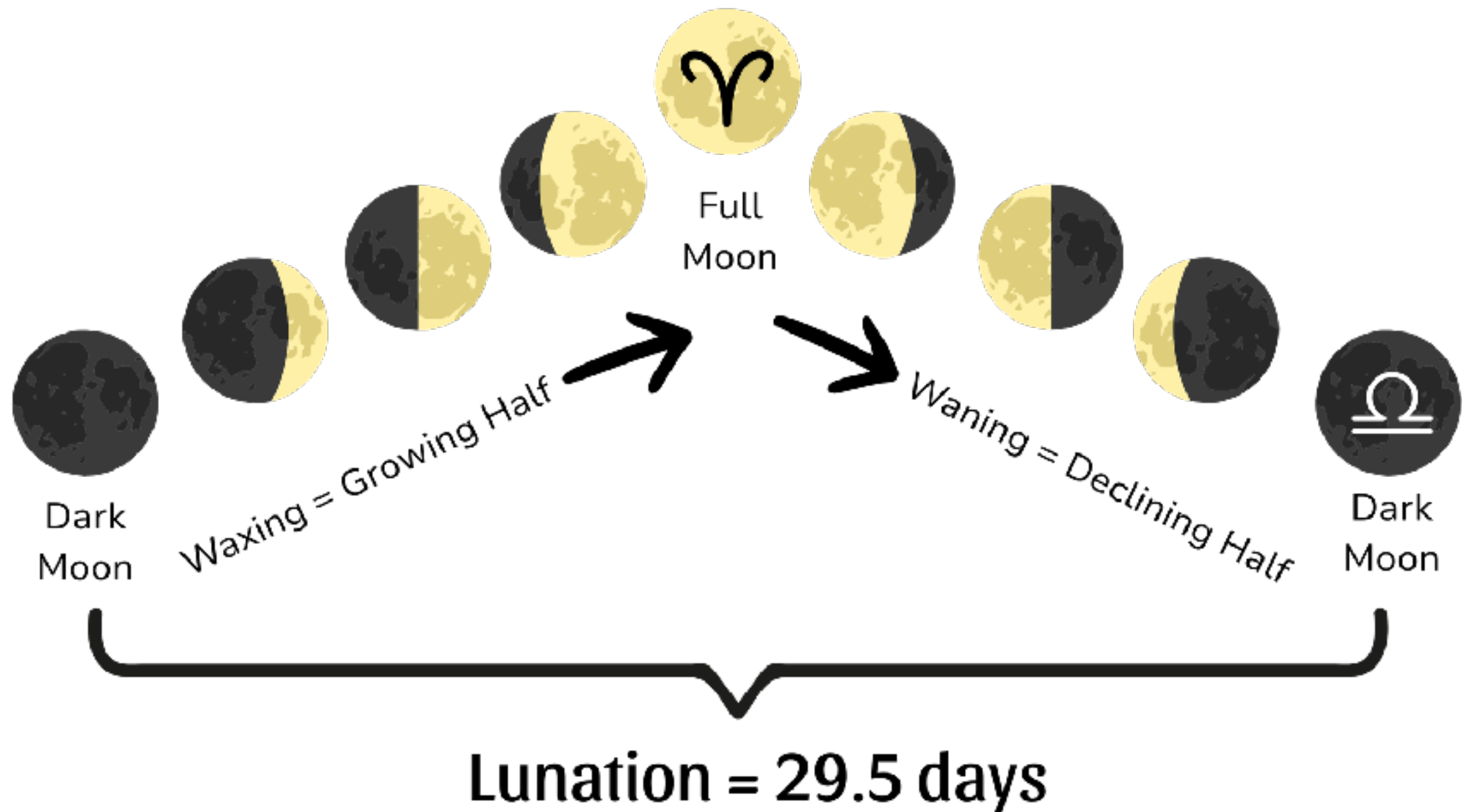
- In this way the lunar year becomes more than a series of emotional moods; it becomes a cycle of initiation through which awareness evolves.
- Each lunation invites us to work consciously with the polarity highlighted by the Sun and Moon
- Guides the evolution of our awareness through a repeating cycle of challenge, balance, and integration.



LUNAR LEADERSHIP: WHICH MOON LEADS THE WORK?

- Every zodiacal pairing begins with either:
- 🌑 Dark Moon first
 - inward work, shadow, reflection, preparation
- or 🌕 Full Moon first
 - illumination, relationship, expression, manifestation
- As I was laying out my lunation calendars for my new book, I noticed that some years every zodiacal pairing began with the Dark Moon. Other years they began with the Full Moon. But I didn't yet understand why.

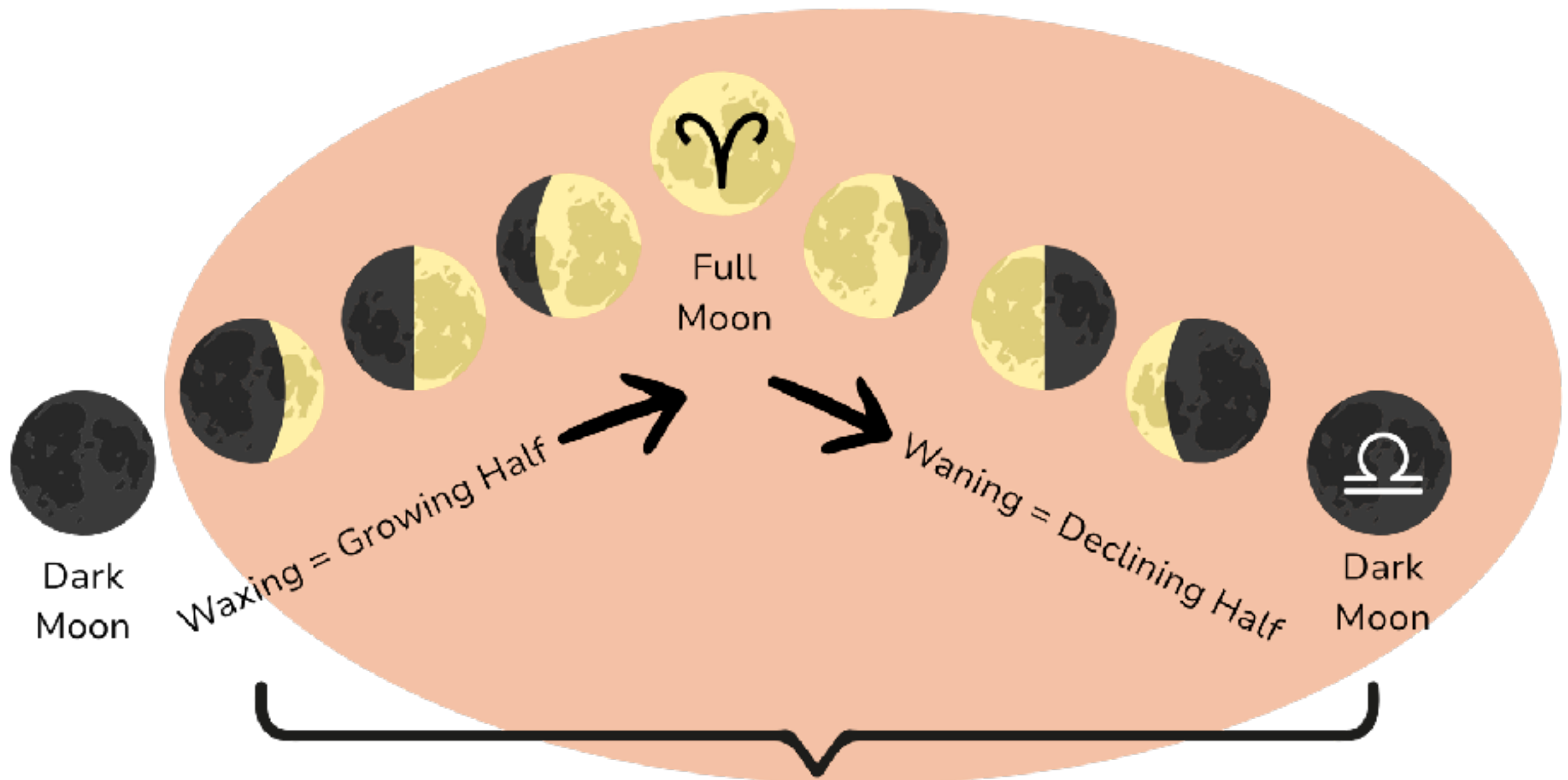
LUNATION = DARK MOON TO DARK MOON



- Think of an ordinary lunation as one month.

WHICH COMES FIRST IN THE PAIRING? FULL OR DARK MOON?

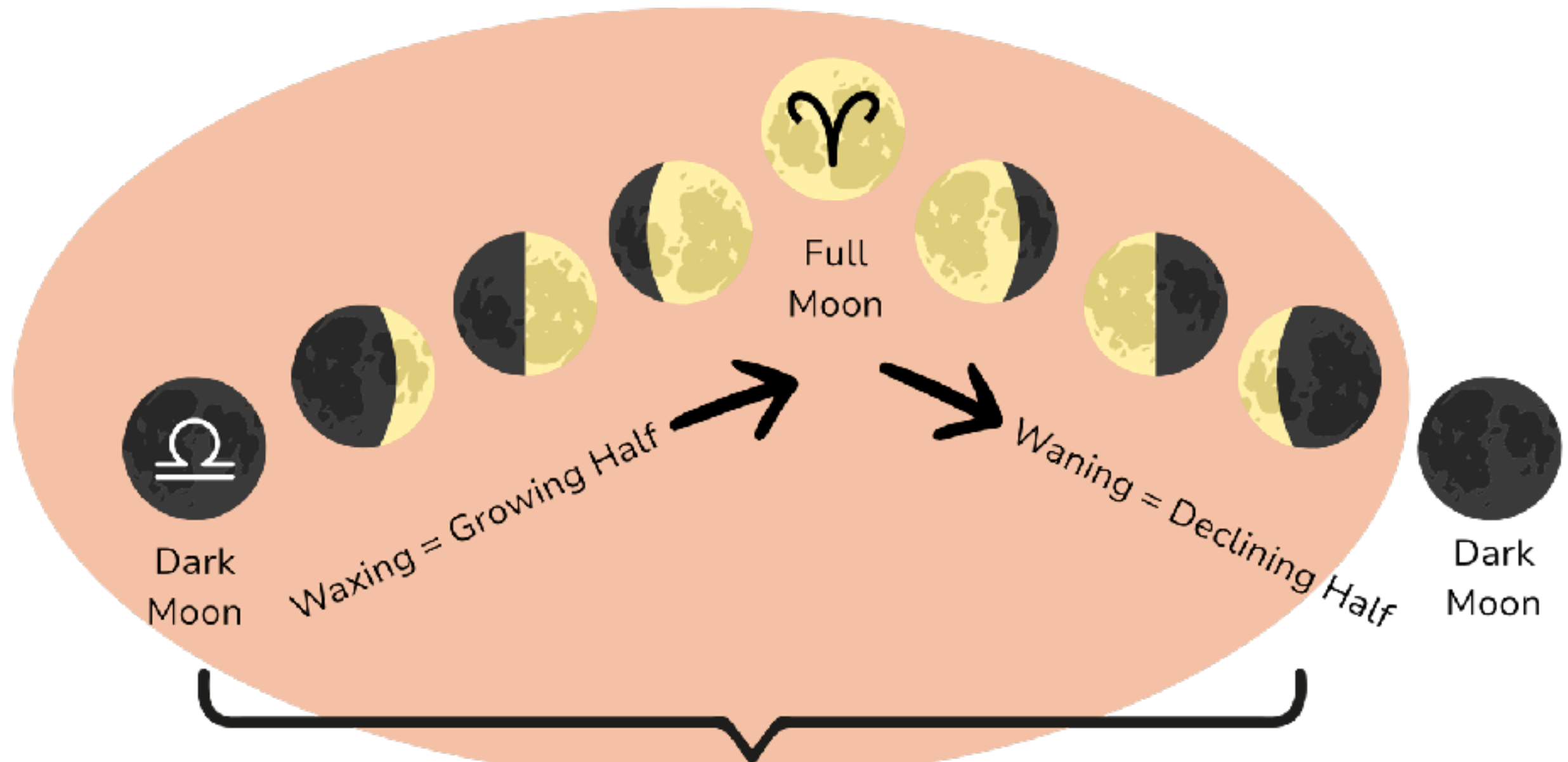
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Full Moon Led Lunar Pairing

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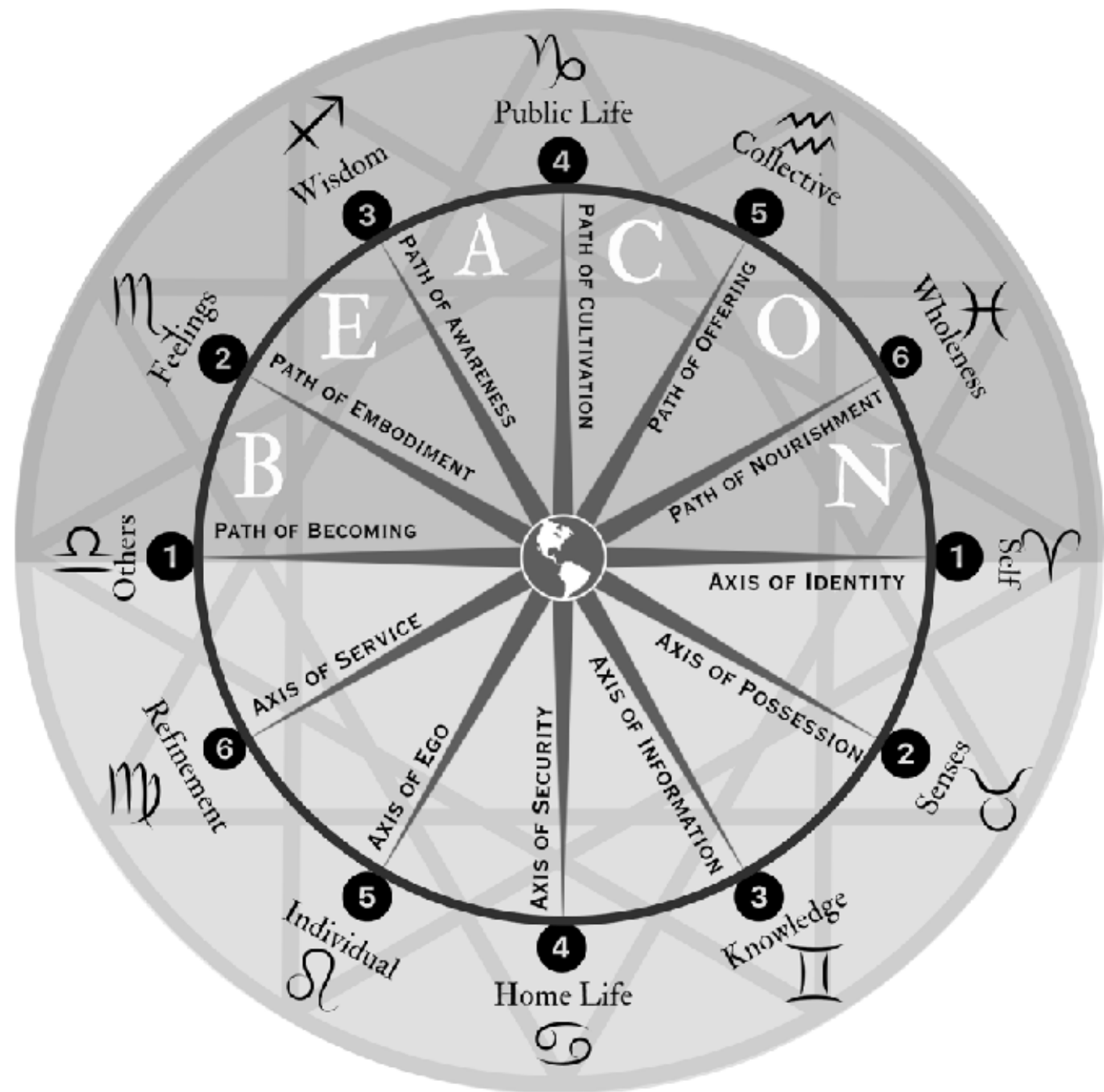
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Dark Moon Led Lunar Pairing

THE MOON TEACHES MORE THAN MONTHLY CYCLES

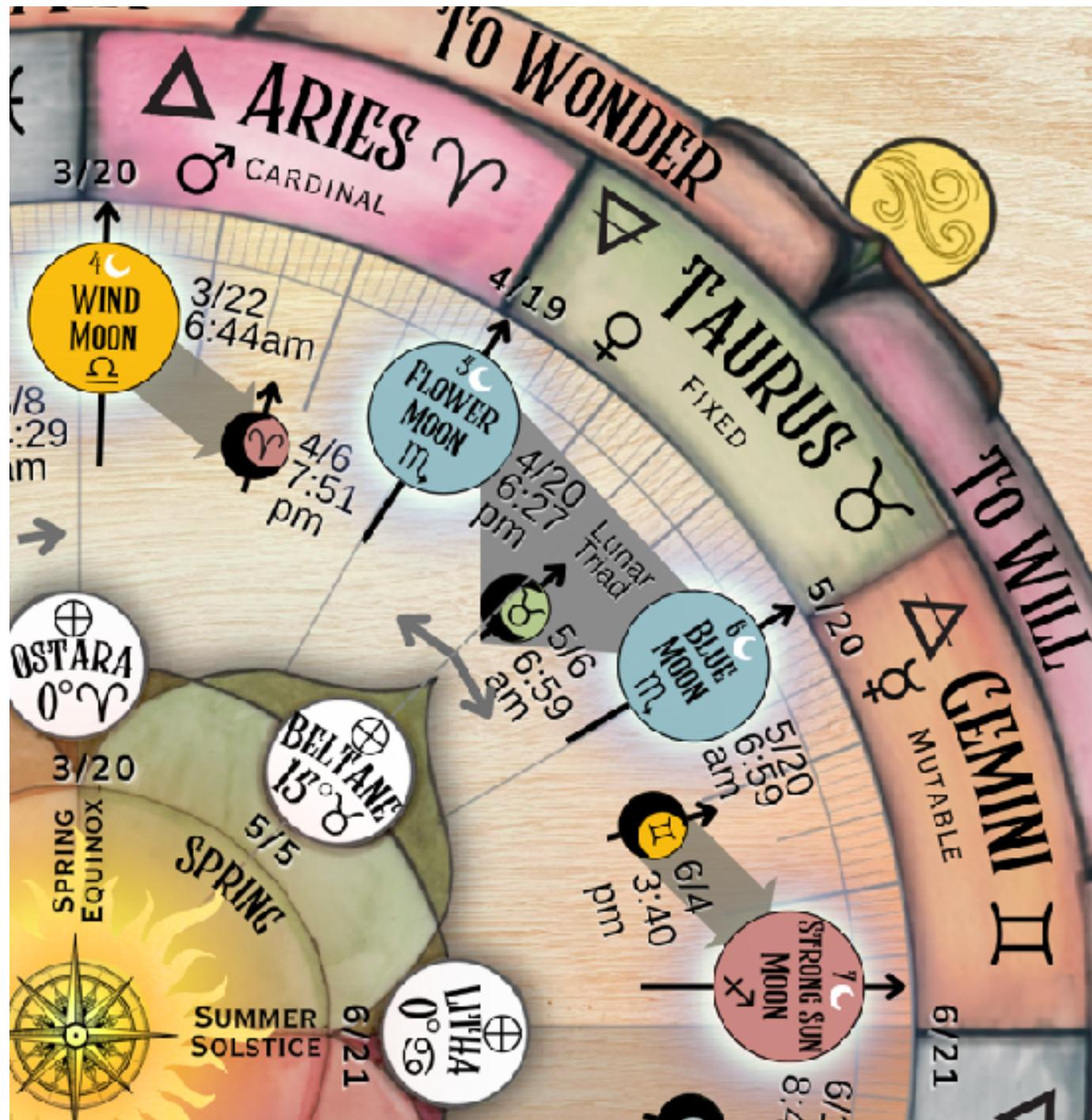
- But what if there are larger lunar "seasons" that shape the emotional climate of society for years at a time?
- In Lunar Witchcraft I began wondering whether those monthly tides might belong to something even larger. Could there be lunar seasons that last years instead of weeks?



THE METONIC CYCLE – LUNISOLAR CALENDAR

- The answer lay in an ancient astronomical system.
- 235 lunar months $\approx$ 19 solar years
- Known since ancient Greece (Meton, 432 BCE)
- Lunar phases return to nearly the same calendar dates every nineteen years.
- Marked as the first Dark Moon in Capricorn falling on Jan. 1 - Known as the Golden Year.
- Within this larger cycle, there is a repeating pattern of years with Blue and Black Moons, and standard years with only 12 of each.
- The Blue and Black Moons become hinge points that reverse Lunar Leadership for the years that follow

BLUE MOON?



- When a spare Full or Dark Moon appears inside one of these patterned cycles, it is noticeable.
- That extra lunar event is the bonus making a “Witches’ Dozen”
- Blue Moon - Second full moon in a sign, making the 13th Full Moon that year.
- Example 2027



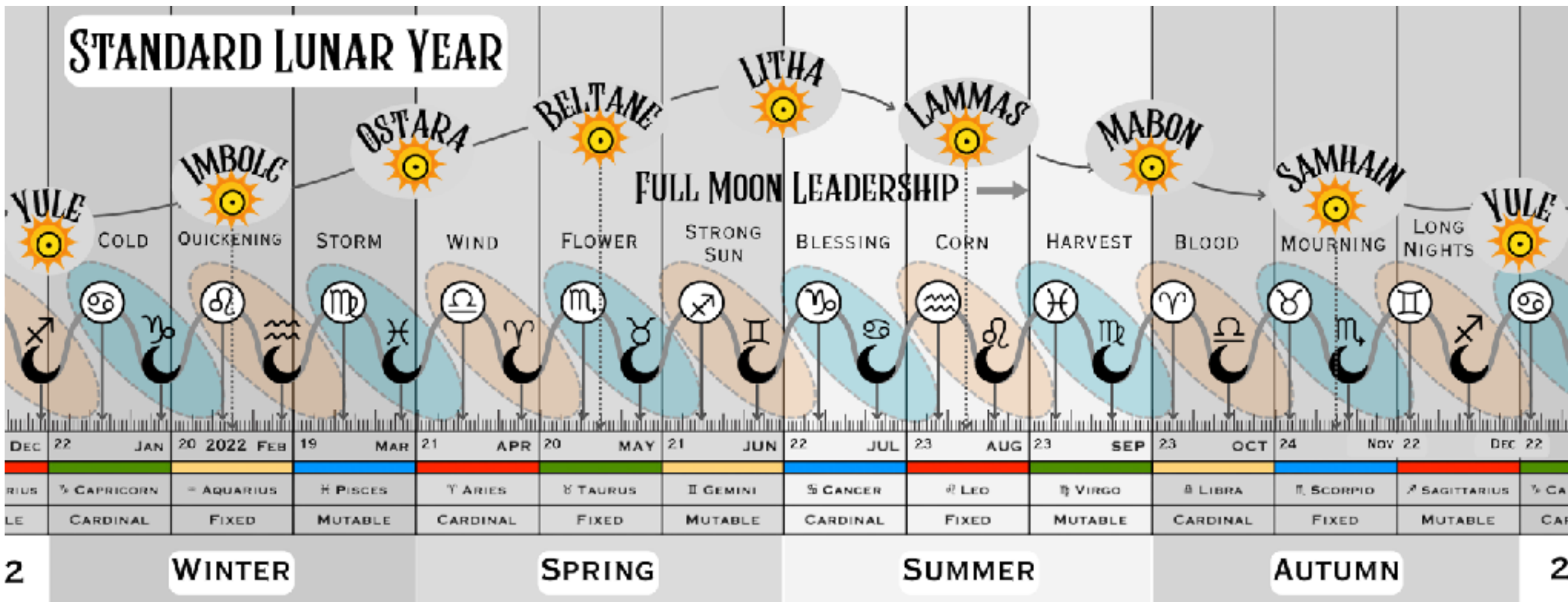
- Black Moon - Second Dark Moon in a sign, making the 13th Dark Moon that year.
- Example from 2025

LUNAR LEADERSHIP



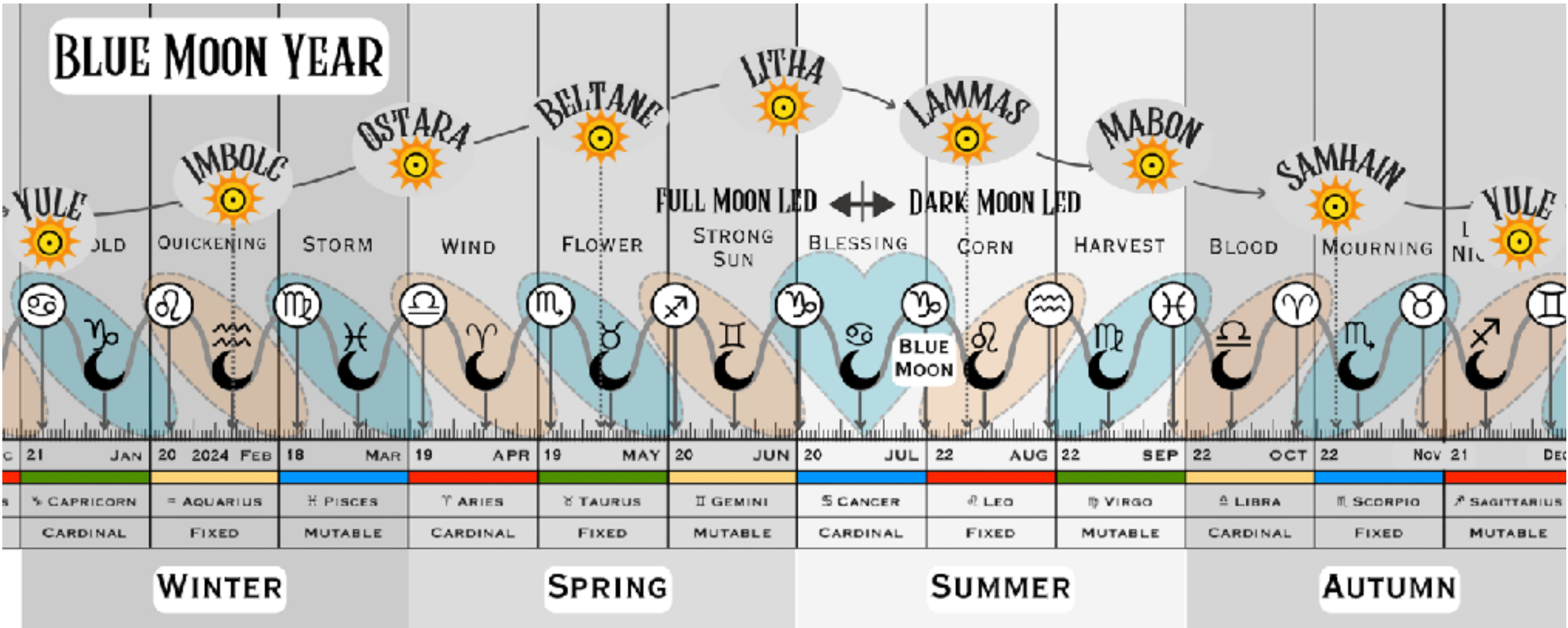
- Blue and Black Moons do more than simply add an extra Lunar magick opportunity
- they also change which phase leads the emotional work of the years that follow.
- I call this concept Lunar Leadership

LUNAR LEADERSHIP: STANDARD YEAR (2022)



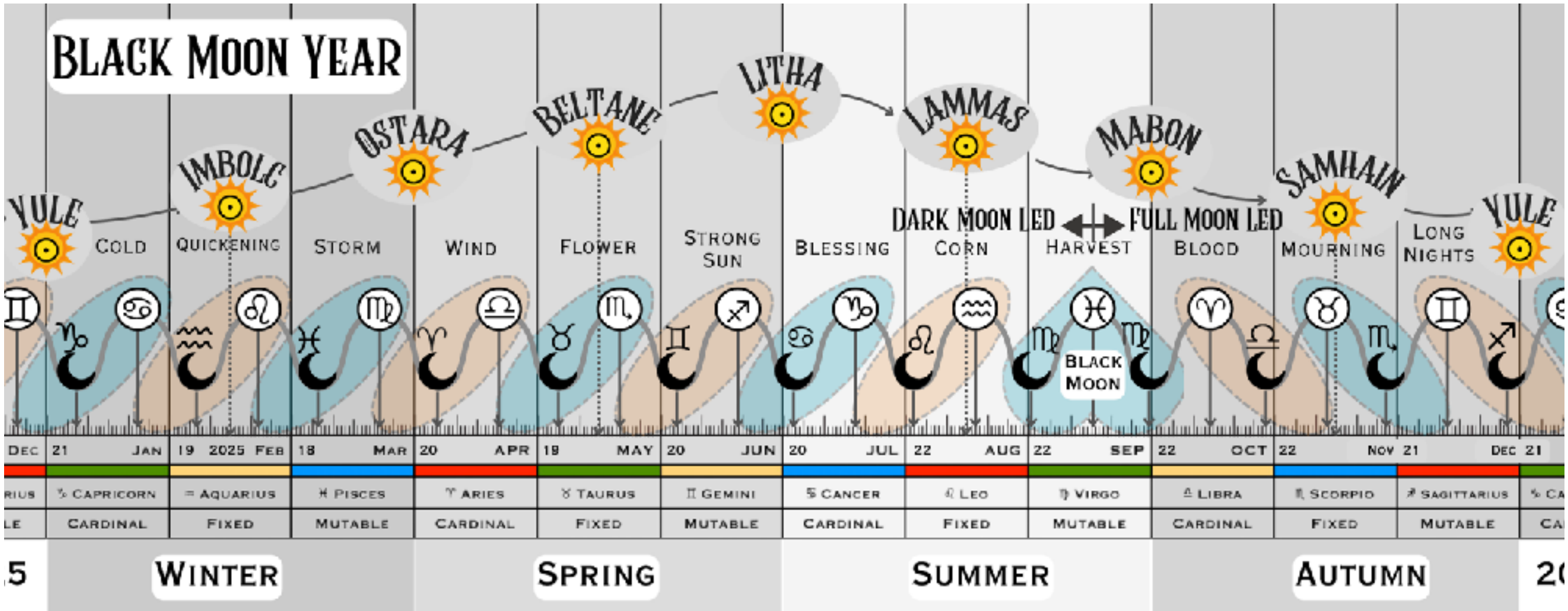
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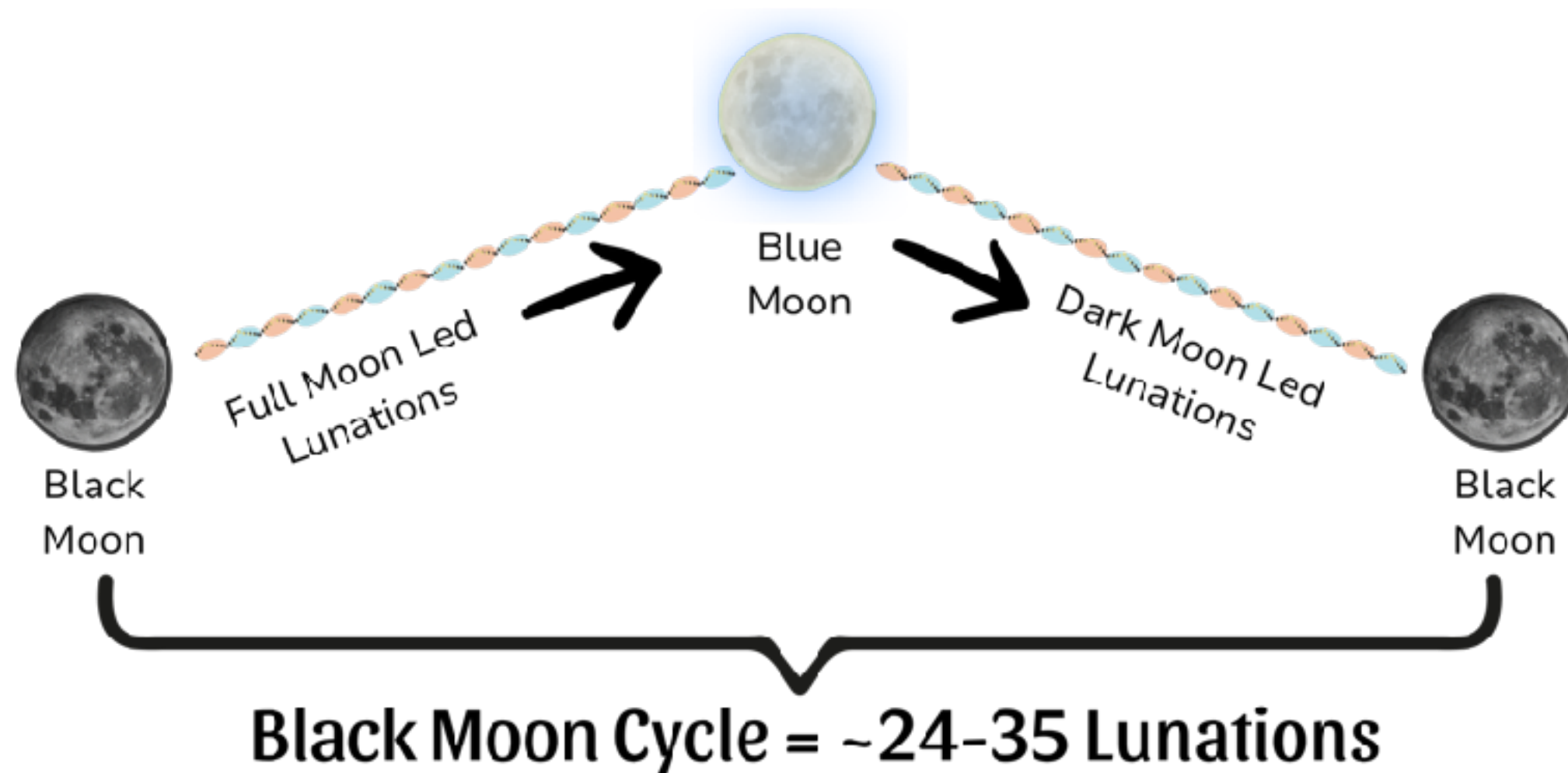
...SWITCHES FROM FULL MOON LED TO DARK MOON LED
AFTER BLUE MOON HINGE POINT

LUNAR LEADERSHIP: BLACK MOON YEAR (2025)



...SWITCHES FROM DARK MOON LED TO FULL MOON LED
AFTER BLACK MOON HINGE POINT

LARGER BLACK MOON CYCLE = GRAND MONTH



- A Larger Black Moon Cycle is like a grand month lasting about two and a half years.
- And the nineteen-year Metonic Cycle is like the grand year that contains those larger lunar seasons.

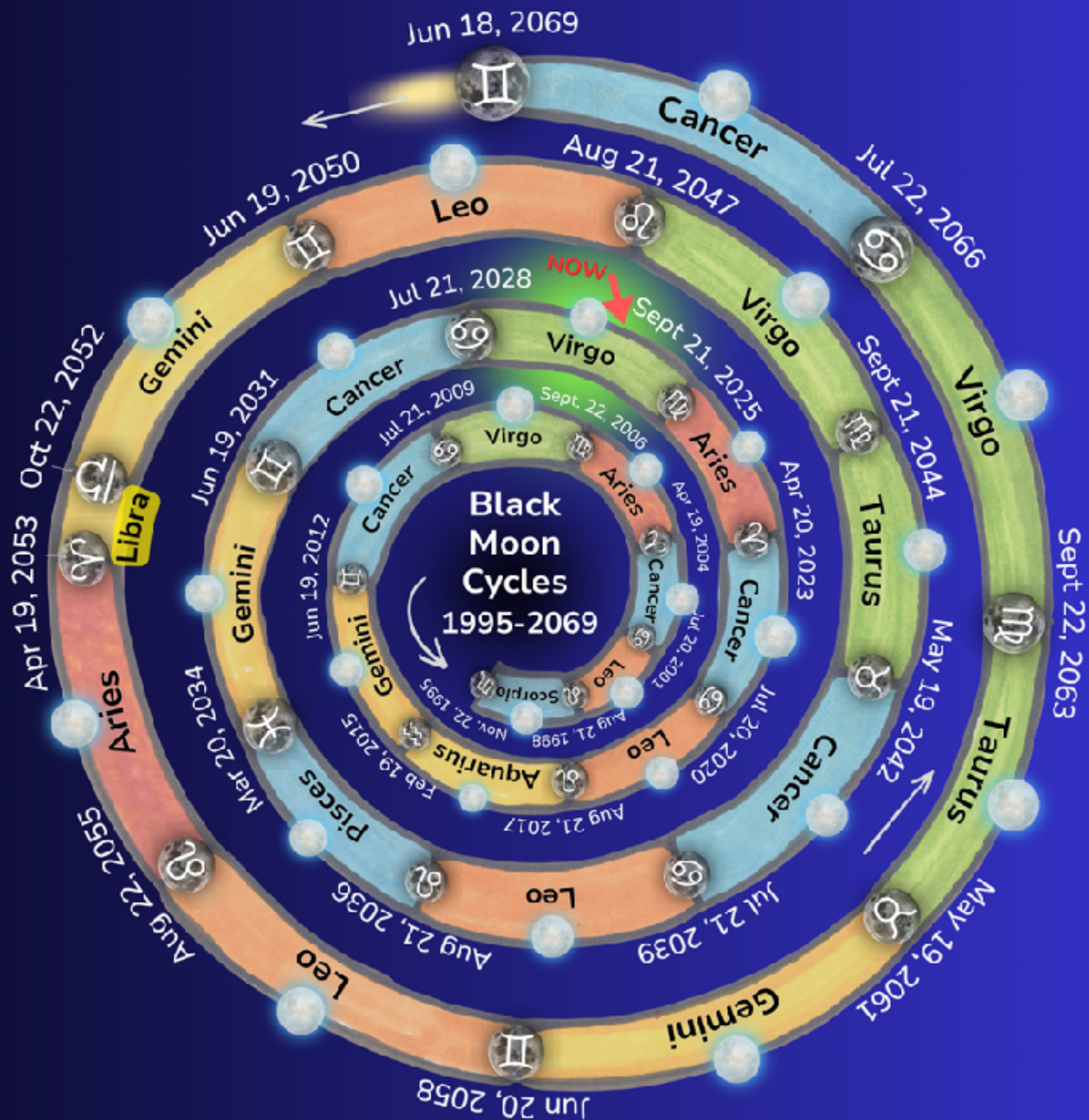
BLACK MOON CYCLES – GRAND MONTH

- Span from one Black Moon to the next.
- last between twenty-six and thirty-five lunations, and each one takes on the qualities of the sign in which it began.
- Just as monthly Dark Moons draw us inward toward contraction, reduction, and dissolution, these larger cycles reflect tides of contraction at a collective scale.
- They usher in new eras of culture and society, mark global shifts in mood and attention, and shape the hidden currents of our personal spiritual journeys.
- The sign that hosts the Black Moon colors the “mood” of the cycle.
- These cycles are subtle, often visible only in hindsight, but they leave an indelible mark on the collective soul.

ARCHETYPAL HISTORIOGRAPHY

- Black moon cycles invite us to look backward through history with an archetypal lens and ask,
- "What emotional questions seemed to define this period?"
- The Black Moon Cycle simply provides the organizing framework.
- Causation and Correlation are not the same thing - and lunar tides are a reflection of Tides within our collective consciousness.

Sign	Axis - Pole
Aries	Identity - Self
Libra	Identity - Others
Taurus	Possession - Senses
Scorpio	Possession - Feelings
Gemini	Information - Knowledge
Sagittarius	Information - Wisdom
Cancer	Security - Home Life
Capricorn	Security - Public Life
Leo	Ego - Individual
Aquarius	Ego - Collective
Virgo	Service - Refinement
Pisces	Service - Wholeness



BLACK MOON CYCLES – LOOKING BACKWARD

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Larger Black Moon Cycles 1995-2069				
Sign	Axis and Pole	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Length # Lunations
Scorpio	Possession - Feelings	Nov. 22, 1995	Aug 21, 1998	32
Leo	Ego - Individual	Aug 21, 1998	Jul 20, 2001	35
Cancer	Security – Home Life	Jul 20, 2001	Apr 19, 2004	32
Aries	Identity - Self	Apr 19, 2004	Sept. 22, 2006	28
Virgo	Service - Refinement	Sept. 22, 2006	Jul 21, 2009	33
Cancer	Security – Home Life	Jul 21, 2009	Jun 19, 2012	35
Gemini	Info. - Knowledge	Jun 19, 2012	Feb 19, 2015	33
Aquarius	Ego - Collective	Feb 19, 2015	Aug 21, 2017	28
Leo	Ego - Individual	Aug 21, 2017	Jul 20, 2020	33
Cancer	Security – Home Life	Jul 20, 2020	Apr 20, 2023	31
Aries	Identity - Self	Apr 20, 2023	Sept 21, 2025	29
Virgo	Service - Refinement	Sept 21, 2025	Jul 21, 2028	32

SCORPIO BLACK MOON CYCLE

(Nov 1995 – Aug 1998)

Axis: Possession — Feelings

Archetypal Themes: intimacy, fear, transformation, hidden power, mortality



- If Scorpio shaped the emotional climate of these years, what kinds of stories would we expect humanity to tell?
- Let's look at cultural and historical themes that seemed to reflect the Scorpio shape of the collective emotional climate
- These are moments that, in hindsight, seem to mirror Scorpio's symbolic landscape of transformation, mortality, hidden truths, and emotional intensity.

SCORPIO BLACK MOON CYCLE

GLOBAL EVENTS



- **Princess Diana's death (1997)** became a global experience of public grief and emotional vulnerability.
- **Heaven's Gate (1997)** The shocking deaths of 39 cult members reflected fascination with death, psychological manipulation, and spiritual extremism.
- **Truth and Reconciliation Commission (South Africa, 1996–1998)** Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela oversaw public testimony about apartheid-era atrocities, asking a nation to face its shadow rather than bury it.

SCORPIO BLACK MOON CYCLE

MUSIC & CULTURE



- late '90s transition into post-grunge, alternative metal, industrial rock, goth revival, and darker electronic music
- Nine Inch Nails, Marilyn Manson, Garbage, Fiona Apple, Radiohead (OK Computer, 1997), Björk (Post, 1995), Massive Attack
- Se7en (1995) Perhaps the most Scorpio movie imaginable: hidden evil, death, sin, transformation through confronting darkness
- The Craft (1997) power, revenge, desire, transformation, shadow magic

LEO BLACK MOON CYCLE

Leo (Aug 1998 – Jul 2001)

Axis: Ego — Individual

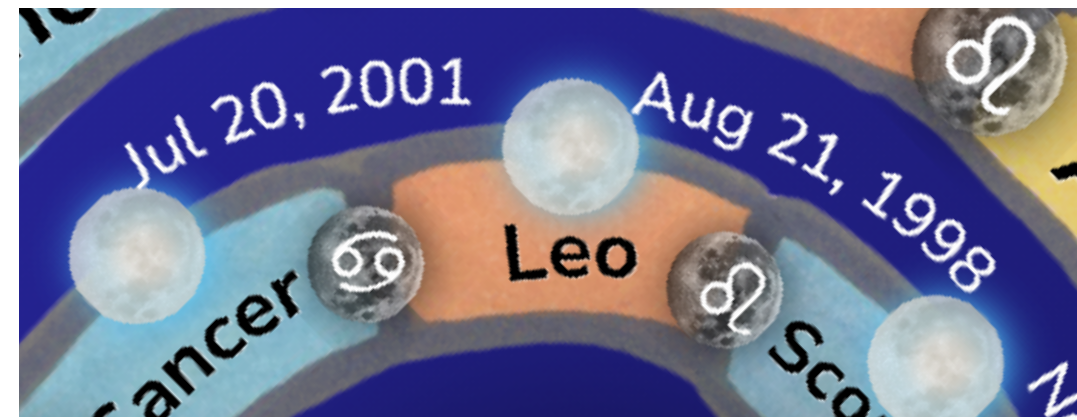
**Archetypal Themes: Identity,
Recognition, Self-Expression,
Leadership, Pride**



- Leo-shaped emotional climate of the era.
- These are moments that, in hindsight, seem to mirror Leo's symbolic landscape of identity, recognition, creative expression, leadership, and pride.
- In this system, Leo is the individual pole of the Axis of Ego. With deeper questions of, 'How do I shine as my authentic self without losing sight of the people around me?'"

LEO BLACK MOON CYCLE

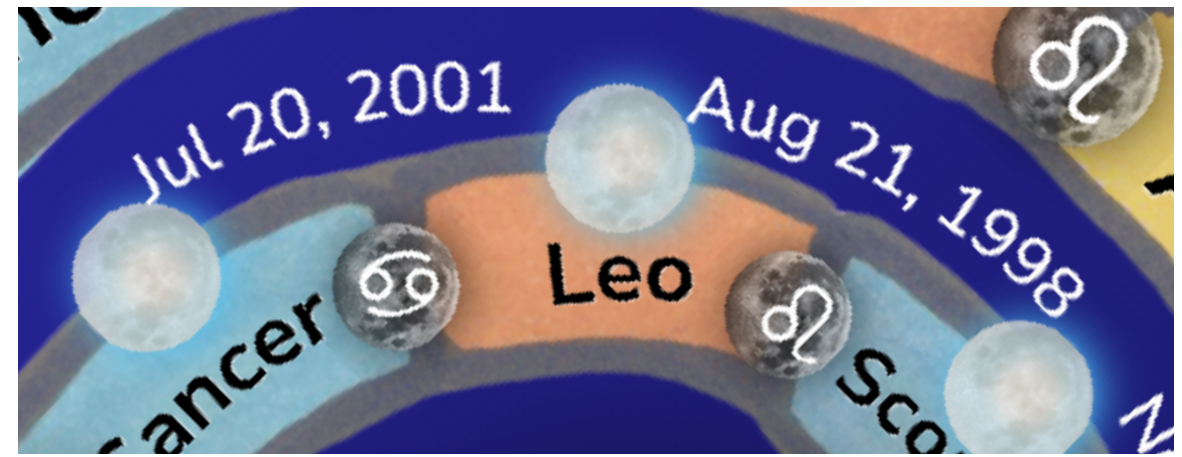
GLOBAL EVENTS



- The dot-com boom celebrated entrepreneurship, innovation, and the promise of individual ambition.
- The Kosovo War raised global questions about leadership, intervention, and national sovereignty.
- Vladimir Putin's rise to power marked the emergence of a new era of personality-driven leadership in Russia.
- The International Space Station welcomed its first permanent crew (2000), symbolizing humanity's confidence, vision, and aspiration to reach beyond the boundaries of Earth.

LEO BLACK MOON CYCLE

MUSIC & POPULAR CULTURE



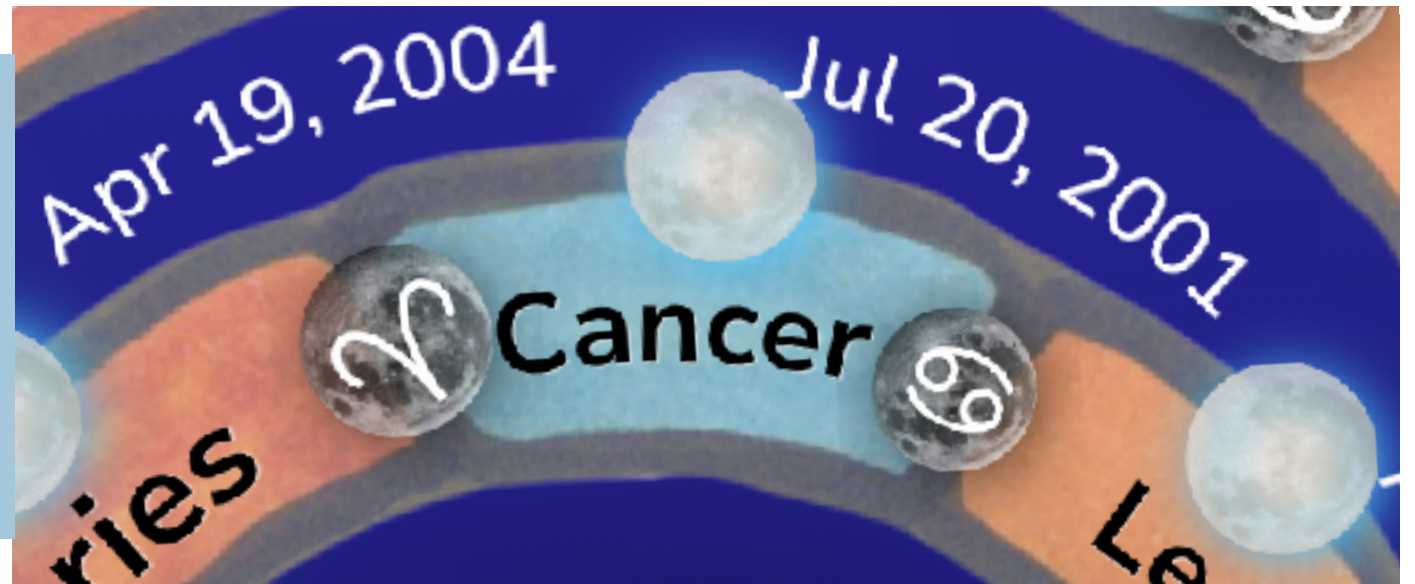
- 1998–2001 Western culture becomes obsessed with being seen. Themes where the Individual Matters. It was optimistic, performative, glamorous, and self-confident. It was the dawn of celebrity culture as we know it today.
- Britney Spears and the teen pop explosion, Eminem, Latin pop (Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez) achieved global stardom.
- Reality television (Survivor, Big Brother) transformed ordinary people into celebrities almost overnight.
- Big Movies: *American Beauty*, *Fight Club*, *Gladiator* *Erin Brockovich*

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

Jul. 20, 2001 – Apr. 19, 2004

Axis: Security — Home Life

Archetypal Themes: Home, Family, Security, Belonging, Nurturing



- Cancer-shaped emotional climate of the era.
- In this system, Cancer is the home-life pole of the Axis of Security.
- Deeper questions of, "What must be protected, nurtured, and carried safely into the future?"

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

GLOBAL EVENTS



- The September 11, 2001 attacks shattered the world's sense of safety, reshaping ideas of home, heroism, and national identity.
- The creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Iraq War reflected growing concerns over protection, vulnerability, and the search for security.
- Families and communities gathered in new ways around grief, patriotism, remembrance, and mutual support.
- Patriotic and memorial music surged after 9/11, giving public voice to grief, national identity, anger, and the longing for reassurance.

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

MUSIC & CULTURE



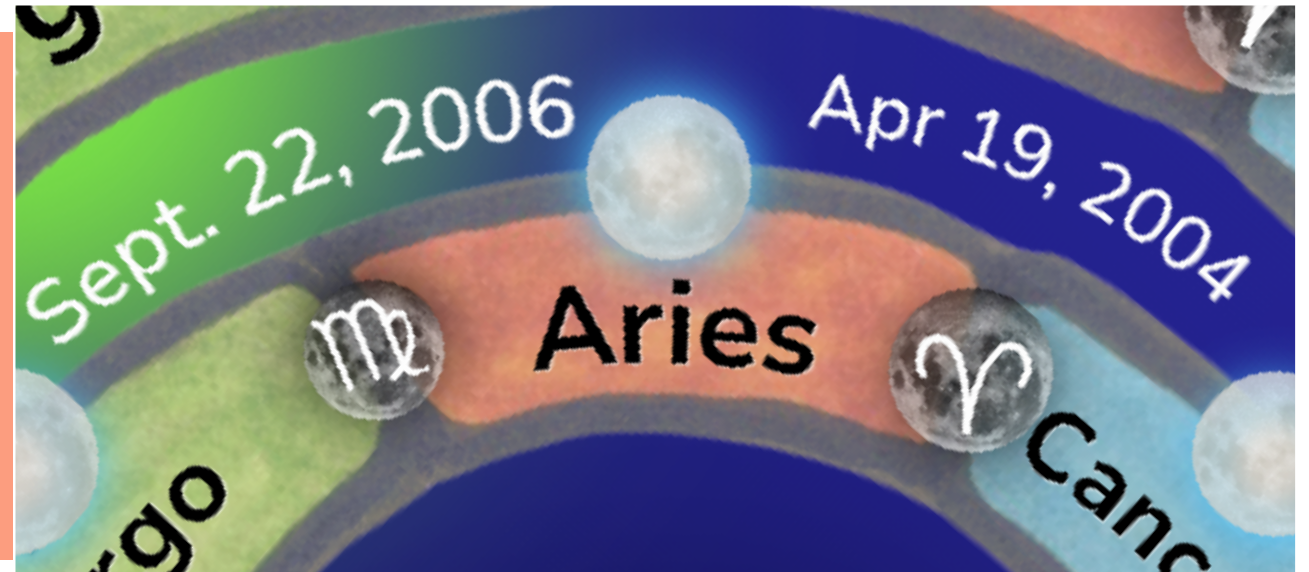
- *The O Brother, Where Art Thou?* soundtrack revived traditional American roots music, Grammy for Album of the Year in 2002.
- **American Idol** premiered in 2002, turning the living room into a national gathering place
- *The Harry Potter* became cultural phenomena
- *Finding Nemo* transformed a parent's fear of losing a child into a beloved story about family, and the journey home.
- *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* swept the 2004 Academy Awards
- Again and again, the culture told stories about threatened homes, chosen families, vulnerable minds and bodies, and cooperation that carries us safely through dark times.

ARIES BLACK MOON CYCLE

Aries (Apr 19, 2004 - Sept. 22, 2006)

Axis: Identity - Self

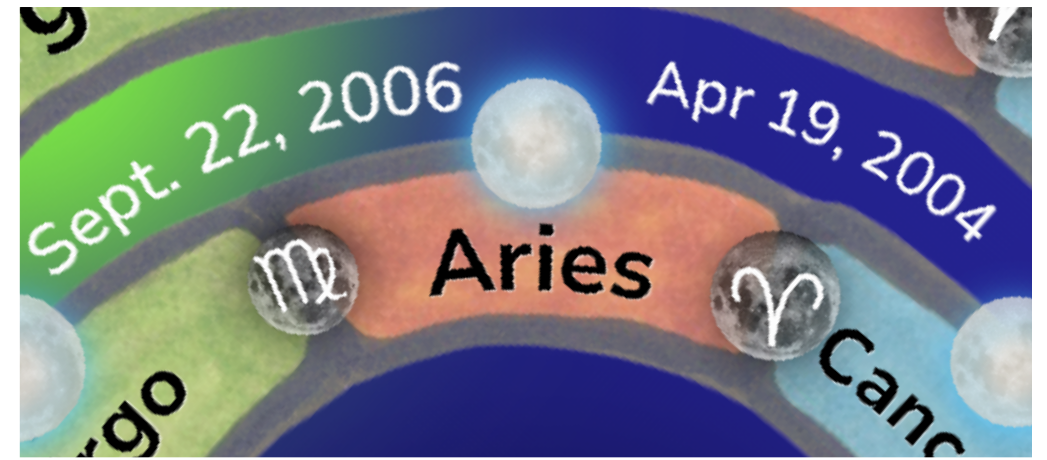
**Archetypal Themes: Identity • Courage •
Independence • Initiative • Self-
Determination**



- In this system, Aries is the selfhood pole of the Axis of Identity. With deeper questions of, "Who am I, and what am I willing to stand for?"
- These are moments that, in hindsight, seem to mirror Aries's symbolic landscape of identity, courage, independence, initiative, and the drive toward self-determination.

ARIES BLACK MOON CYCLE

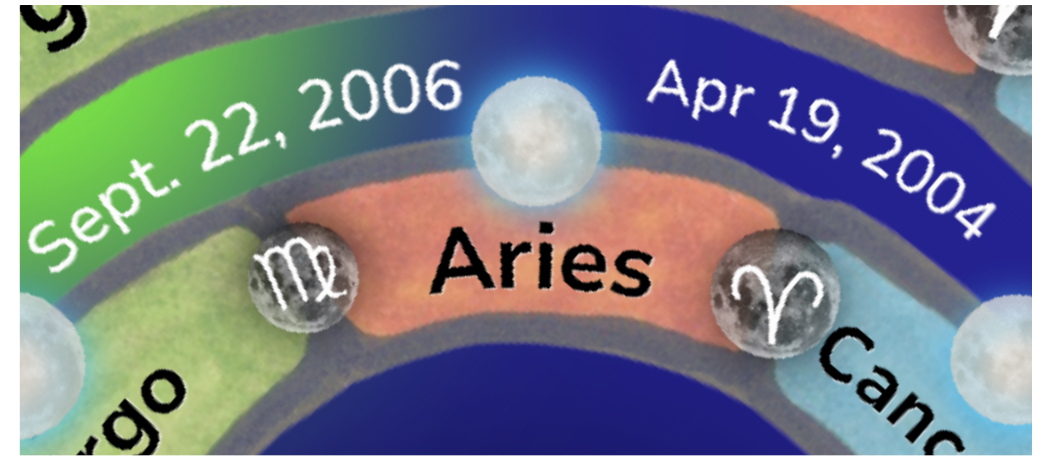
GLOBAL EVENTS



- The Orange Revolution (2004–2005) demonstrated the power of ordinary citizens to peacefully assert democratic identity and self-determination.
- Debates over the Iraq War (2004–2006) intensified, raising questions of national purpose, military service, protest, and individual conviction.
- Hurricane Katrina (Aug. 2005) exposed failures of leadership while inspiring extraordinary acts of courage, initiative, and community action.
- The London bombings (July 7, 2005) tested public resilience and strengthened conversations about courage, identity, and national resolve.

ARIES BLACK MOON CYCLE

ARTS & CULTURE



- Facebook expands beyond college campuses (2004–2006), transforming personal identity into a public, digital presence.
- YouTube launches (Feb. 2005), giving ordinary people an unprecedented global platform for creativity, storytelling, and self-expression.
- Podcasting emerges as a mainstream medium (2004–2006), allowing independent voices to reach audiences without traditional gatekeepers.
- Green Day's *American Idiot* (Sept. 2004) became a defining protest album
- *Brokeback Mountain* (Dec. 2005) became a landmark film about authentic identity, courage, and the cost of denying one's true self.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE

Virgo (Sept. 22, 2006 - Jul 21, 2009)

Axis: Service - Refinement

Archetypal Themes: Service,
Discernment, Refinement, Healing,
Stewardship



- In this system, Virgo is the refinement pole of the Axis of Service. With deeper questions of, "How can I improve myself—and use my gifts in service to something greater than myself?"
- These are moments that, in hindsight, seem to mirror Virgo's symbolic landscape of service, discernment, refinement, healing, and responsible stewardship.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE

WORLD EVENTS



- The Global Financial Crisis (2007–2009) exposed the consequences of poorly managed financial systems, demanding accountability, reform, and careful stewardship.
- The Great Recession (Dec. 2007–Jun. 2009) forced millions to simplify, rebuild, and reconsider work, resources, and economic security.
- Barack Obama's election (Nov. 2008) inspired a renewed emphasis on public service, civic responsibility, and pragmatic HOPE.
- The H1N1 "Swine Flu" pandemic emerged (Apr. 2009), bringing global attention to public health, prevention, and coordinated medical response.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE

..... INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY



- The iPhone was introduced (Jan. 2007), transforming everyday communication by placing countless practical tools into one portable device.
- Cloud computing and web-based collaboration expanded rapidly (2007–2009), reshaping how people worked, organized information, and shared resources.
- The App Store launched (July 2008), allowing specialized applications to refine daily tasks, productivity, health, and personal organization.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE

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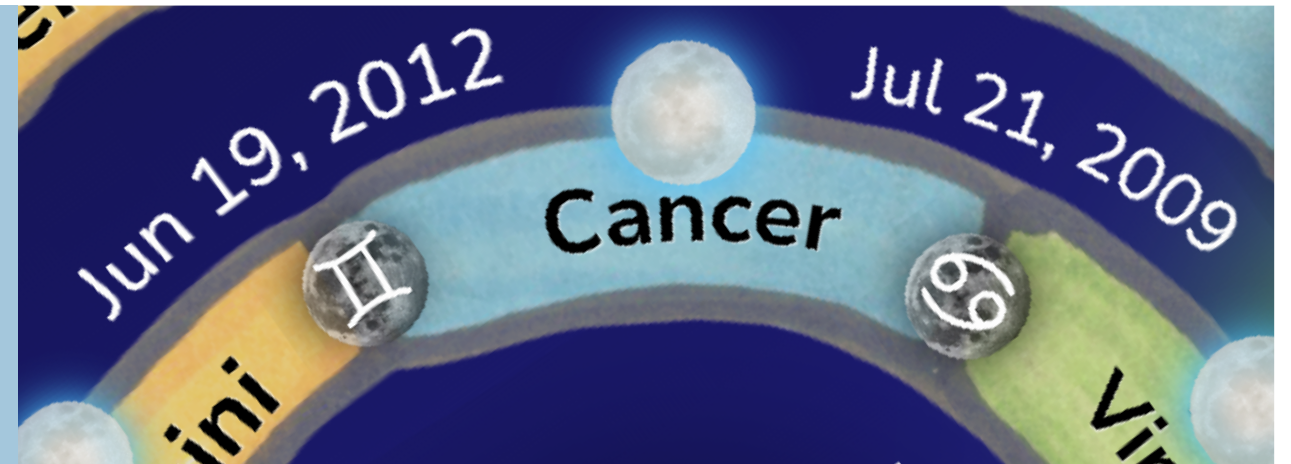
- Radiohead released *In Rainbows* (Oct. 2007) using a groundbreaking "pay-what-you-want" model, challenging traditional ideas of artistic value and audience relationships.
- *WALL-E* (June 2008) inspired audiences through themes of stewardship, environmental care, and hope found in small acts of service.
- *Slumdog Millionaire* won the Academy Award for Best Picture (Feb. 2009), celebrating resilience, learning, and the transformative power of opportunity.

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

Jul 21, 2009- Jun 19, 2012

Axis: Security — Home Life

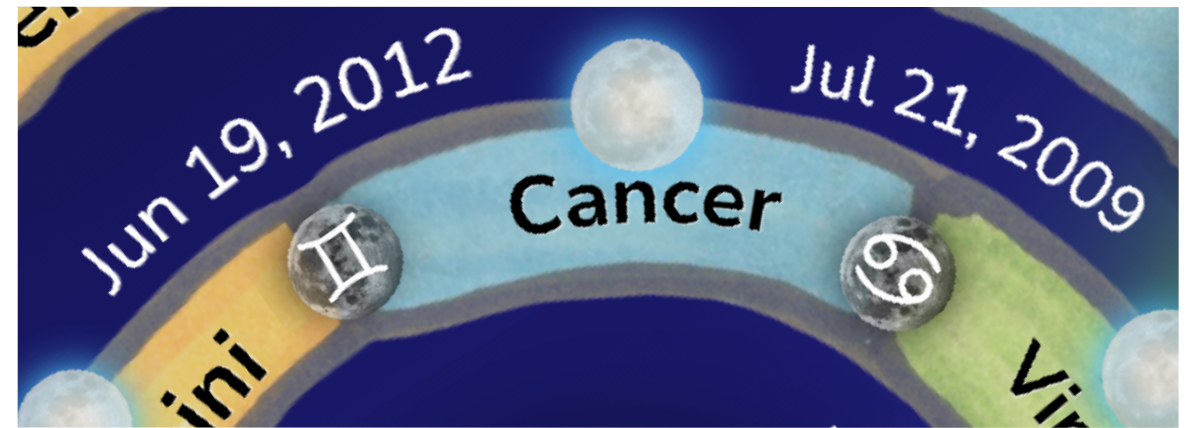
Archetypal Themes: Home, Family,
Security, Belonging, Nurturing



- In this system, Cancer is the home-life pole of the Axis of Security.
- The previous Cancer cycle taught us how fragile home can be, this one seemed to ask: *Now that we've survived, how do we take care for one another?"*

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

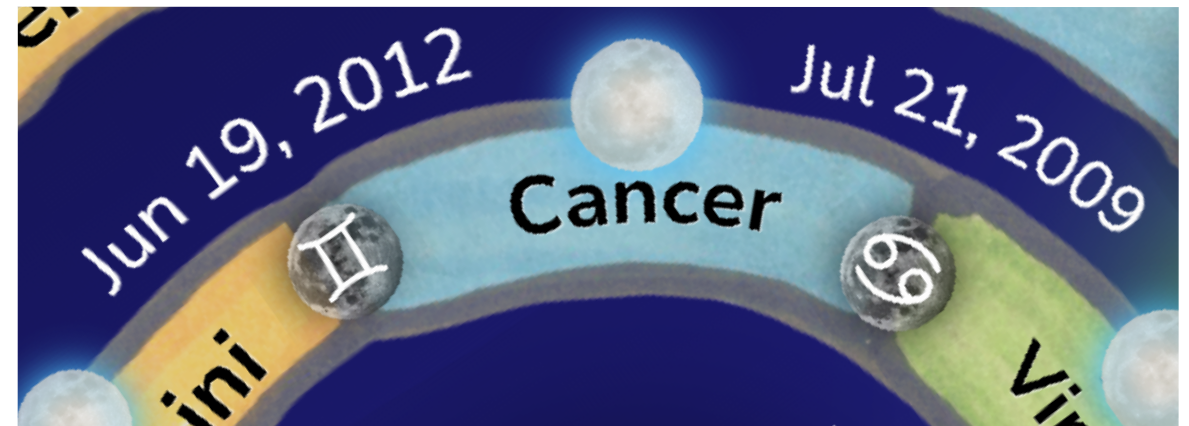
WORLD EVENTS



- A Global Turn Toward Care and Recovery - especially of home and the ocean.
- Recovery from the Great Recession (2009–2012) focused on rebuilding homes, livelihoods, and financial security after years of economic hardship.
- **The Deepwater Horizon oil spill (Apr. 2010)** awakened widespread concern for environmental stewardship and humanity's responsibility to care for the oceans.
- **The Tōhoku earthquake, tsunami, and Fukushima disaster (Mar. 2011)** inspired extraordinary international humanitarian relief.
- **New York passed the Marriage Equality Act (June 24, 2011)** — breaking the ice for further legalization of same-sex marriage in the US.

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

ARTS AND CULTURE



- Etsy and the handmade movement (2009–2012) celebrated craftsmanship, homemaking, and supporting small family businesses.
- DIY home renovation and HGTV programming flourished
- Natural parenting movements gained mainstream attention, including breastfeeding advocacy, babywearing, attachment parenting, and holistic family wellness.
- Airbnb expanded rapidly (2008–2012), transforming the idea of hospitality by inviting people to open their homes to travelers around the world.
- TV shows focused on Family flourished: Modern Family (2009) Parenthood (2010) Downton Abbey (2010)

GEMINI BLACK MOON CYCLE

Jun 19, 2012 - Feb 19, 2015

Axis: Information - Knowledge

Archetypal Themes: Curiosity,
Communication, Information,
Connectivity, Perspective



- In this system, Gemini is the knowledge-gathering pole of the Axis of Information. With deeper questions of, “What do I know, how do I know it, and how do I communicate it?”
- These are moments that, in hindsight, seem to mirror Gemini’s symbolic landscape of curiosity, communication, information exchange, connectivity, and rapidly multiplying perspectives.

GEMINI BLACK MOON CYCLE

GLOBAL EVENTS



- Edward Snowden's NSA disclosures (June 2013) ignited worldwide debate over surveillance, privacy, and who controls information.
- Russia annexed Crimea (March 2014), while propaganda, competing narratives, and digital information warfare became central to the conflict.
- ISIS rose to global prominence (2014), using social media and online propaganda to recruit supporters and spread fear across borders.
- The West African Ebola epidemic (2014) made accurate public-health communication urgent amid rapidly spreading fear and misinformation.

GEMINI BLACK MOON CYCLE

ARTS AND CULTURE



- *House of Cards* (Feb. 2013) helped establish streaming television as a major cultural force.
- **Podcasting** entered the cultural mainstream (2012–2015), giving independent voices new ways to educate.
- **Reddit** grew into one of the internet's largest discussion communities (2012–2015)
- "Selfie" was named Oxford Dictionaries' Word of the Year (2013)
- **The Ice Bucket Challenge (Summer 2014)** demonstrated how ideas could spread virally through digital networks while raising global awareness.

AQUARIUS BLACK MOON CYCLE

Feb 19, 2015 - Aug 21, 2017

Axis Ego - Collective

Archetypal Themes: Community,
Humanitarianism, Equality,
Innovation, Collective Responsibility



- In this system, Aquarius is the collective pole of the Axis of Ego.
- "How do we contribute to something larger than ourselves without losing our individuality?"

AQUARIUS BLACK MOON CYCLE

WORLD EVENTS



- **The European refugee crisis peaked (2015–2016)**, challenging nations to balance humanitarian compassion with questions of collective responsibility.
- **The Paris Climate Agreement (Dec. 2015)** united nearly every nation around a shared commitment to addressing global climate change.
- **Brexit (June 2016)** reflected growing tensions between national sovereignty and international cooperation.
- **The first Trump election (Nov. 2016)** and the rapid growth of the Black Lives Matter movement intensified national conversations about equality, justice, identity, and the common good.

AQUARIUS BLACK MOON CYCLE

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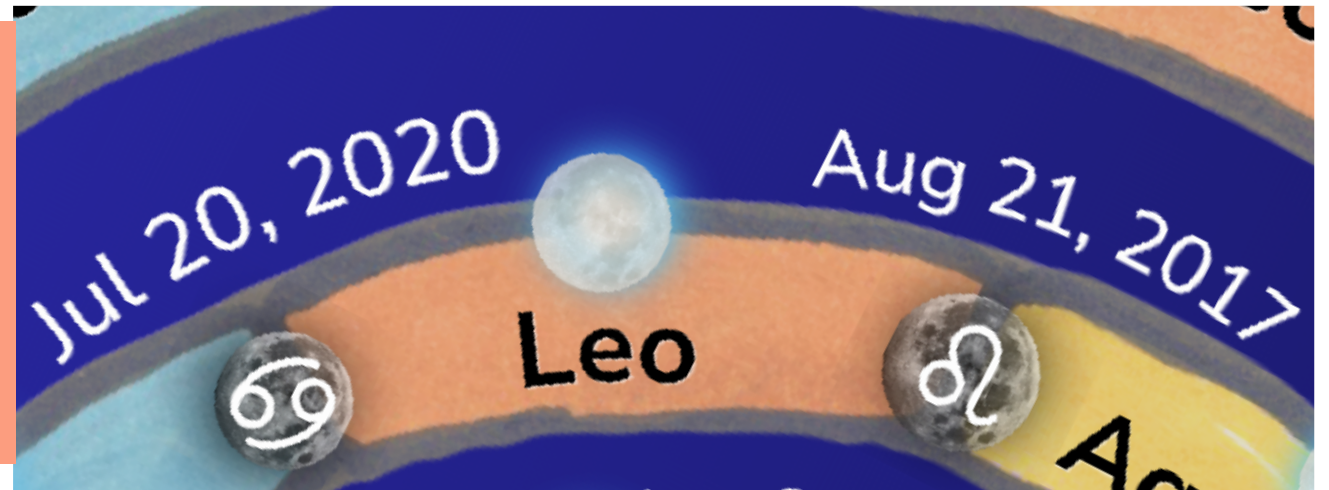
- **Hamilton** premiered on Broadway (Aug. 2015), reimagining American history through diverse casting and a shared cultural conversation about inclusion, and nationhood.
- **Crowdfunding** platforms like Kickstarter and GoFundMe surged in popularity (2015–2017)
- **Pokémon GO** launched (July 2016), bringing millions of people into shared public spaces
- **The Women's March** (Jan. 21, 2017) became one of the largest coordinated demonstrations in modern history, illustrating the power of grassroots organizing and collective action.

LEO BLACK MOON CYCLE

Aug 21, 2017 - Jul 20, 2020

Axis: Ego - Individual

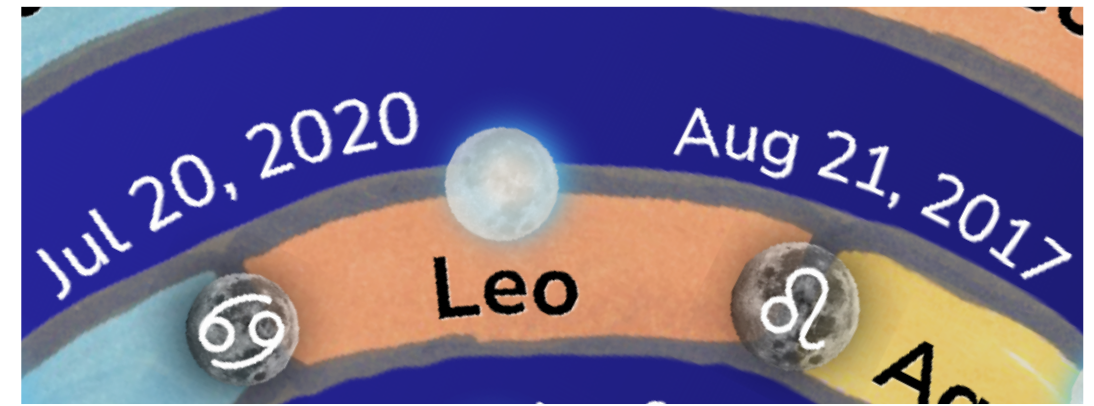
Archetypal Themes: Identity, Recognition, Self-Expression, Leadership, Pride



- This time we swing straight over to the opposite pole from Aquarius.
- Leo is the individual pole of the Axis of Ego. With deeper questions of, "How do I shine as my authentic self without losing sight of the people around me?"
 - Aquarius Cycle: "How do we organize as a collective?"
 - Leo Cycle: "Who gets the microphone?"
- The cultural pendulum swings from movements to personalities, from cooperation to visibility, from "we" back to "me."

LEO BLACK MOON CYCLE

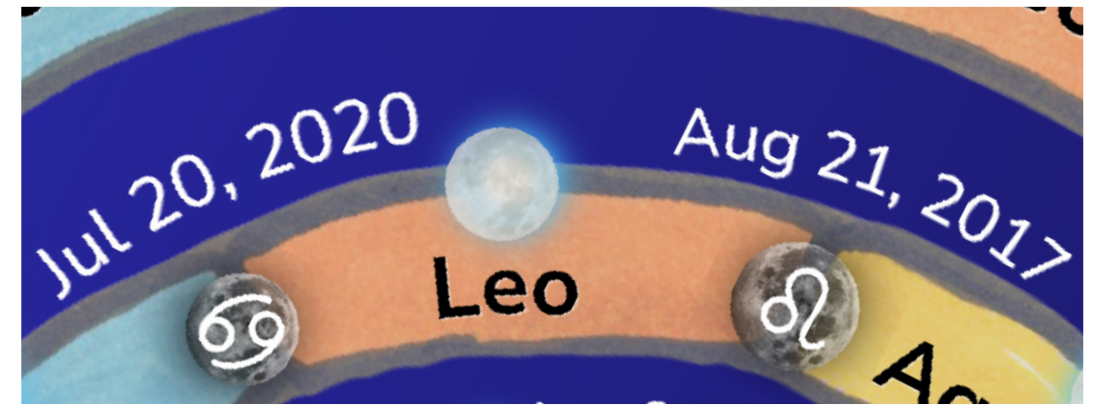
WORLD EVENTS & CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY



- The "Great American Eclipse" (Aug. 21, 2017) captivated millions, becoming a shared spectacle
- The #MeToo movement (2017–2018) amplified individual voices, transforming personal stories into a global call for accountability and recognition.
- Greta Thunberg's school climate strike (Aug. 2018) demonstrated how one determined voice could inspire a worldwide youth movement.
- The COVID-19 pandemic emerged (2020), forcing humanity to confront the balance between personal freedom and collective responsibility.

LEO BLACK MOON CYCLE

ARTS AND CULTURE



- TikTok exploded in popularity (2018–2020), giving millions a platform to express themselves through short-form creativity and performance.
- **Black Panther (Feb. 2018)** became a global cultural phenomenon, celebrating identity, heritage, representation, and heroic leadership.
- **Marie Kondo's** Netflix series *Tidying Up* (Jan. 2019) asked, "Does it spark joy?"
- **MrBeast** became YouTube's fastest-rising creator (2018–2020), reflecting the emergence of the internet celebrity as a new model of influence and individual recognition.

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

Jul 20, 2020 - Apr 20, 2023

Axis: Security — Home Life

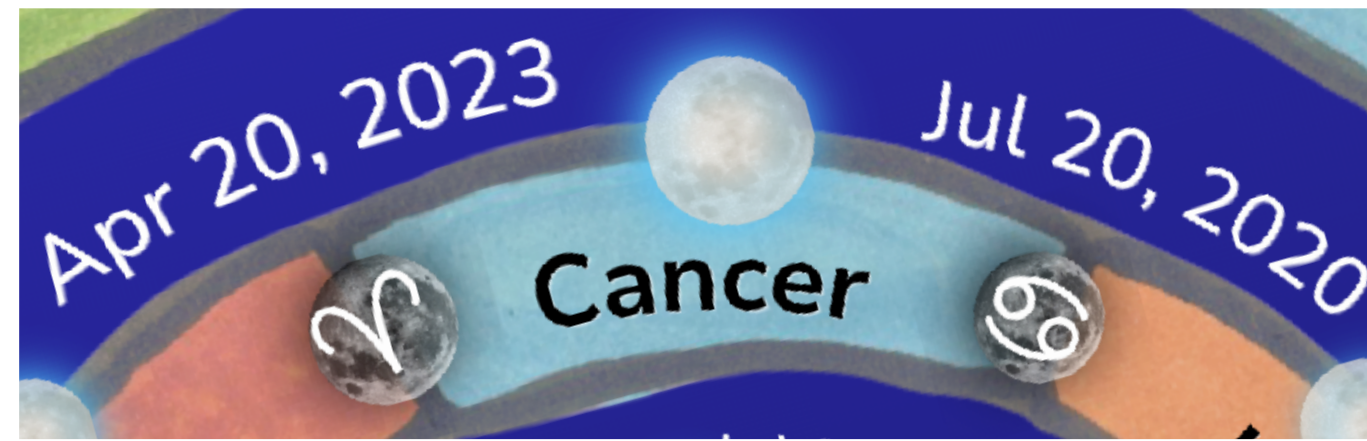
**Archetypal Themes: Home, Family,
Security, Belonging, Nurturing**



- This is the third Cancer Black Moon Cycle we've encountered. While the archetype remains familiar, history asks new questions of us each time.
- The first Cancer cycle taught us how fragile home can be.
- The second asked how we care for one another after crisis.
- This third cycle seemed to ask: How do we redefine the security of home (while we are quarantined inside it) in a world that has fundamentally changed?

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

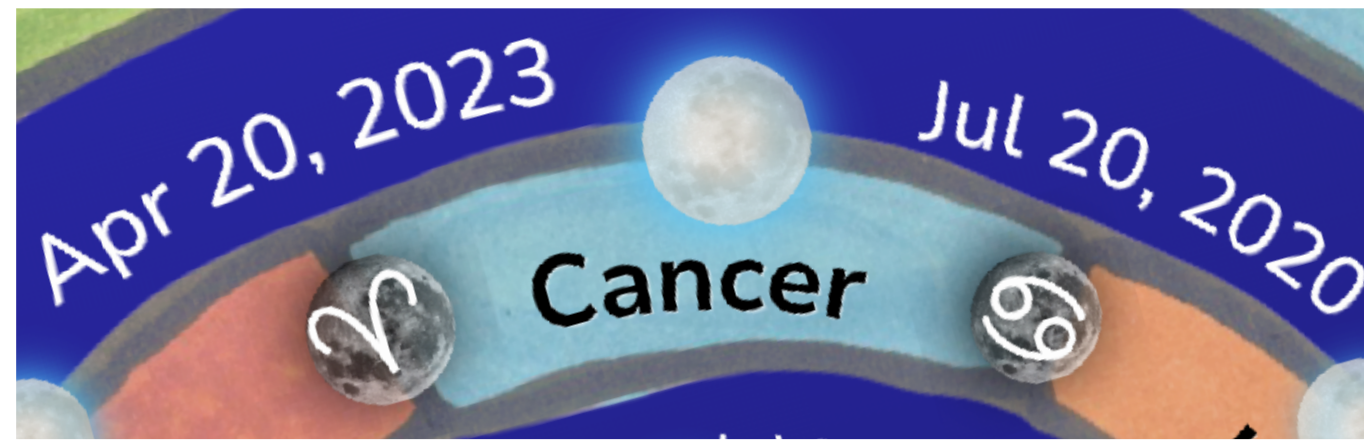
GLOBAL EVENTS



- **The COVID-19 pandemic (2020–2023)** transformed the home into a sanctuary, workplace, classroom, and refuge as families redefined daily life and belonging.
- **Vaccination campaigns (2021–2022)** highlighted the balance between personal choice and protecting the health of others.
- **The Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade (June 24, 2022)**, renewing national conversations about reproductive health, bodily autonomy, and the role of government over motherhood.
- **Queen Elizabeth II died (Sept. 2022)**, marking the end of an era and prompting reflection on family, tradition, and generational change.

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

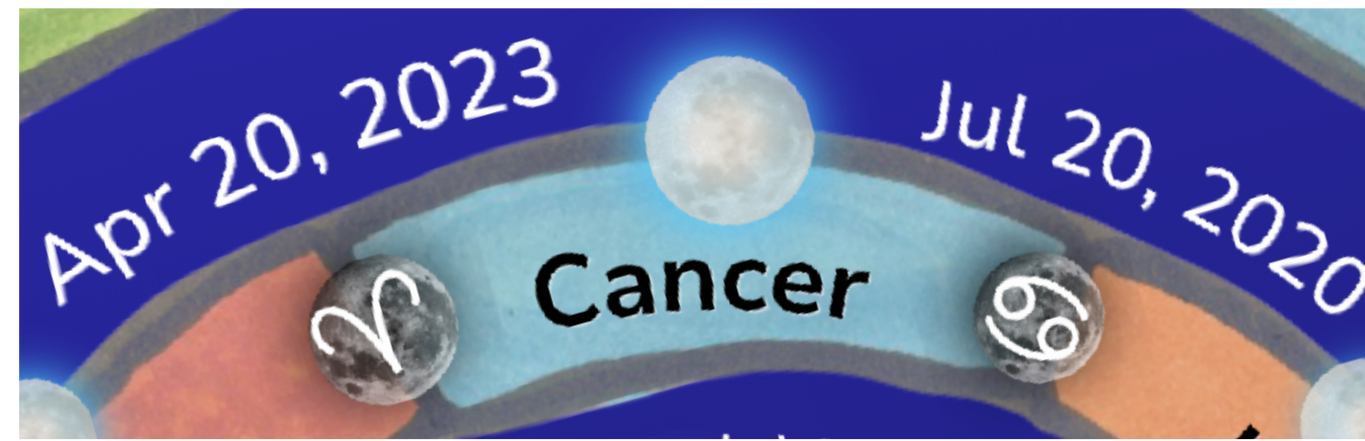
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- Remote work and Zoom culture (2020–2022) permanently reshaped the relationship between work, home, and family life.
- Baking, gardening, home cooking, and DIY hobbies flourished during lockdowns, renewing appreciation for domestic creativity.
- Streaming entertainment - All at home.
- Pets were adopted in record numbers during the pandemic (2020–2021)
- **Encanto (Nov. 2021)** became a global phenomenon through its celebration of family, generational healing, home, and belonging.

CANCER BLACK MOON CYCLE

COMPARISONS



- Notice how this Cancer cycle didn't just repeat itself from the previous two cancer cycles we looked at.
- In 2001 we learned that home could be threatened.
- In 2009 we learned how to care for one another.
- In 2020 we discovered that home wasn't merely where we lived—it became where we worked, worshipped, learned, celebrated mourned losses, and waited for the world to heal.
- There is an elegant arc across the three Cancer cycles, and the larger Black Moon Cycle framework feels genuinely insightful. It shows us that recurring archetypes invite recurring human questions, answered differently as each generation grows.

ARIES BLACK MOON CYCLE

Apr 20, 2023 - Sept 21, 2025

Axis: Identity - Self

Archetypal Themes: Identity, Courage,
Independence, Initiative,
Self-Determination



- This is the second Aries Black Moon Cycle we've looked at today: selfhood pole of the Axis of Identity. While the archetype remains familiar, history once again asks new questions.
- The first Aries cycle challenged us to discover our individual voice.
- This second cycle asks a more difficult question: How do we remain true to ourselves when identity itself has become a cultural battleground?
- We were tasked to examine our convictions, define our values, and choose who we were becoming.

ARIES BLACK MOON CYCLE

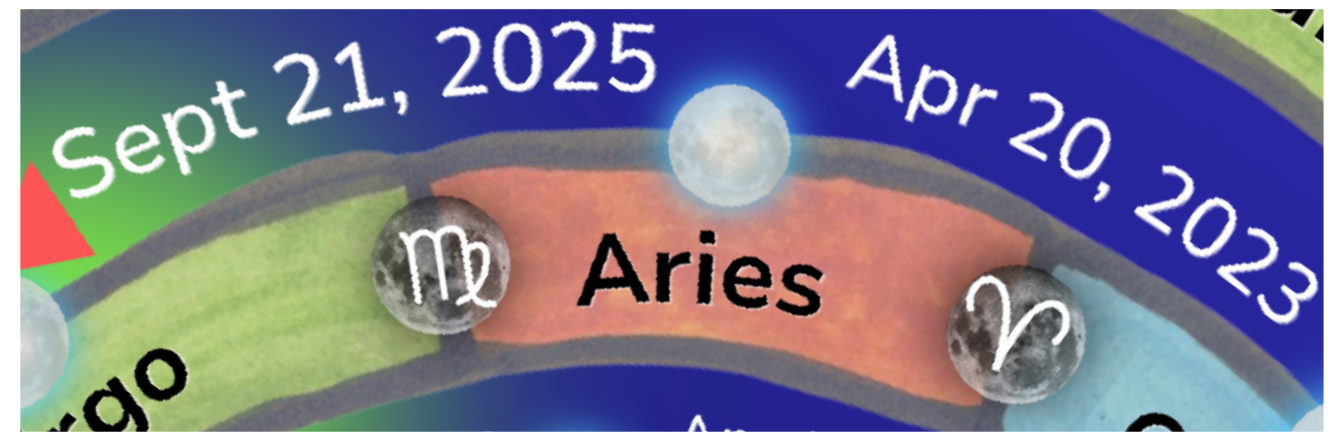
GLOBAL EVENTS



- **Generative AI entered everyday life (2023–2025)**, prompting new questions about human creativity, identity, agency, and the future of work.
- **The U.S. Supreme Court ended affirmative action in college admissions (June 2023)**, renewing national conversations about opportunity, merit, and identity.
- **The Israel– Hamas War began (Oct. 2023)**, bringing questions of sovereignty, self-defense, identity, and national survival to the forefront of global attention.
- **Trump's return to the presidency (Nov. 2024)** reignited debates over national identity, leadership, individual liberty, and the direction of American democracy.

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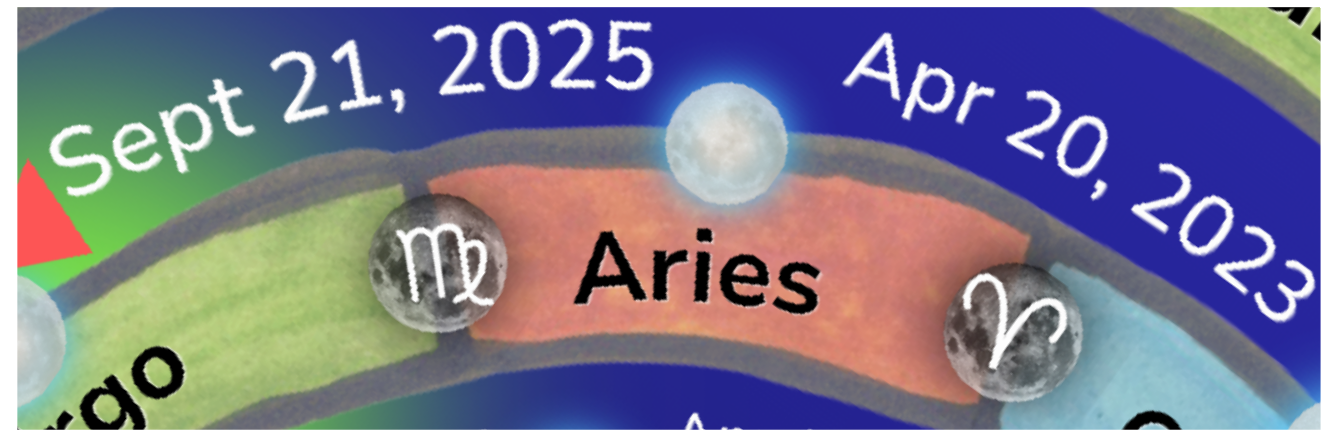
ARTS AND CULTURE



- Barbie (July 2023) became a global phenomenon, sparking conversations about identity, womanhood, self-expression, and cultural expectations.
- The rise of generative AI as a creative tool (2023–2025) challenged artists, writers, and musicians to redefine originality, authorship, and what it means to create.
- Debates over transgender rights intensified (2023–2025), raising profound cultural questions about identity, self-definition, and personal autonomy.
- Almost every major public conversation became about identity: AI, gender, race, universities, free speech, elections, authorship, etc.

ARIES BLACK MOON CYCLE

COMPARISONS



- The first Aries cycle (2004–2006) was about emergence. People found their voices through Facebook, YouTube, and the early podcasting movement.
- The second Aries cycle (2023–2025) was about conviction. Those voices now ask: What do I believe? What am I willing to defend? What makes me human?
- The archetype itself has matured. The first Aries cycle taught us how to say, "I am." The second challenged us to define the kind of people we choose to become.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE – YOU ARE HERE!

Sept 21, 2025 - Jul 21, 2028

Axis: Service - Refinement

Archetypal Themes: Service, Discernment,
Refinement, Healing, Stewardship



- This is the second Virgo Black Moon Cycle we've encountered, with another lap through the refinement pole of the Axis of Service. As before, the archetype returns—but the questions have evolved.
- The first Virgo cycle (2006-2009) revealed the consequences of neglected systems.
- This second asks us to cultivate discernment, refine our daily practices, and become more thoughtful caretakers of ourselves, our communities, and the Earth.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE

WORLD EVENTS & COLLECTIVE PSYCHOLOGY



- Governments, businesses, and communities continue adapting to AI (2025–2028), emphasizing discernment, ethics, education, and responsible stewardship of emerging technologies.
- Extreme weather and climate resilience efforts (2025–present) are shifting public attention from awareness to practical adaptation, conservation, and long-term stewardship.
- Growing concern over mental health, loneliness, and burnout has renewed conversations about work-life balance, and sustainable ways of living.
- Public debates increasingly focus on institutional trust and accountability.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE

CULTURE, WELLNESS & EVERYDAY LIFE

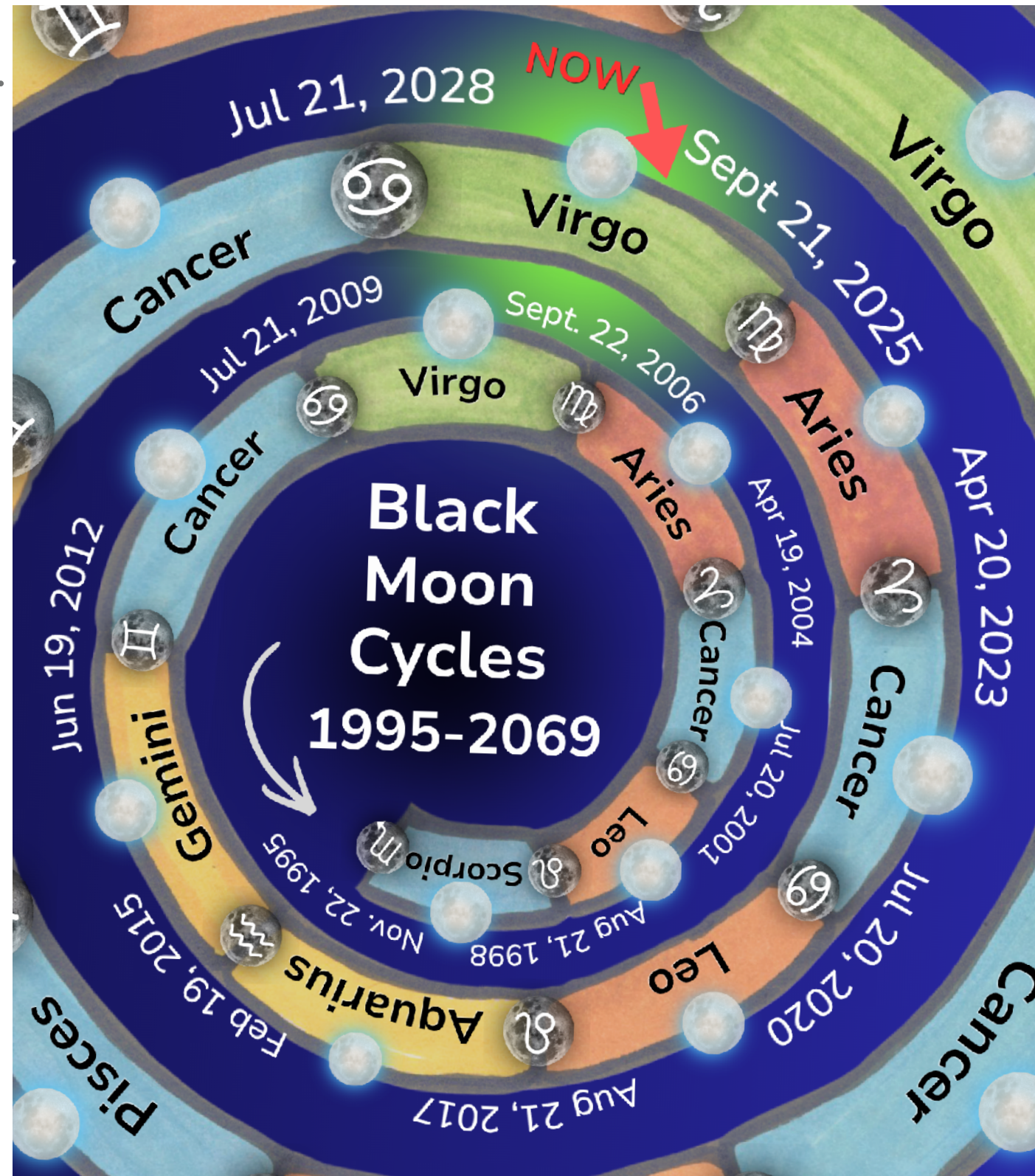


- Personal wellness, nervous-system regulation, and holistic health continue moving into the cultural mainstream.
- The *mindful living movements* encourage repairing, reusing, simplifying, and reducing waste through intentional choices.
- Interest in gardening, local food, and sustainable living continues to grow, reflecting renewed appreciation for stewardship and practical self-sufficiency.
- AI-assisted learning and productivity tools are challenging people to discern when technology enhances human skill—and when it hinders it.

VIRGO BLACK MOON CYCLE

COMPARISONS

- Unlike the previous examples, this cycle is still unfolding. We don't yet know the full story. These are observations made from within the tide, not conclusions reached in hindsight.
- Part of practicing Lunar Magick is learning to recognize these larger patterns while we're living inside them, rather than only seeing them years later.



LOOKING AHEAD – TIDES OF SHADOW

- The Larger Black Moon Cycles do not tell us exactly what will happen. They reveal the emotional tides within which history is likely to unfold.
- Like sailors reading the weather or farmers watching the seasons, we cannot control these Tides of Shadow—but we can prepare ourselves to navigate it with greater wisdom.
- The purpose of Lunar Magick is to become the kind of sailor who can navigate any sea.

LOOKING AHEAD – TIDES OF SHADOW

- As each new Black Moon Cycle shifts, ask yourself:
 - What archetypal questions is this cycle inviting us to explore?
 - How might my personal life reflect these larger collective themes?
 - What tools will help me navigate this emotional climate with wisdom and compassion?
 - How can I become a source of aid and services for my community during that “emotional weather?”
 - If the last time Black Moon Cycle in this sign taught us one lesson, what deeper lesson might this return ask of us?



THE GIFTS OF THESE TIDES

- The Moon teaches us that no season of the soul is permanent.
- The tides of shadow return to a familiar sign, but they never return to the same world.
- Each Black Moon Cycle revisits familiar archetypal territory, inviting us to meet it with greater awareness than before.
- Lunar magick is not the power to predict the future. It is the wisdom to recognize the tide, prepare your vessel, and help others navigate the journey with courage, compassion, and grace.
- As we spiral into more refined beings, within a more refined culture, we further the Great Work of Magick.



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