

# SUMMER SOLSTICE & CAPRICORN FULL MOON

*Musings on the Summer Solstice and the full moon while the sun is in the sign of Capricorn.*



Entering the sign of Capricorn marks the point of the Summer solstice. At this time we celebrate the highpoint of the light and summertime. However, even though there are plenty of hot times to come, the actual length of the days is slowly decreasing as we move towards the autumn equinox. If the weather isn't too hot we enjoy the light of summer - time to play and holiday, to develop and enjoy the garden and to enjoy the fullness of the manifestations of the physical world.

Capricorn as an earth/yin sign has a special connection with the Earth. We can see this also in the ray sign. For both Capricorn (through its ruler Saturn) and the Earth bring through ray 3 the ray of the active intelligence

that guides manifestation. The lesson for Capricorns and for all us passing through strong influences of Capricorn is to enjoy the physical world but not be attached or enmeshed in it. As Saturn brings us our karma and our life lessons often through pain and struggle, we learn to come to a place of detachment and freedom from the thrall of physical things and from the limitations of selfishness and separateness. This brings us to a place where we can see the mountaintop - for at a deep level, Capricorn is about initiation on the mountain. It is about the ability to love the physical world and yet not be attached or enmeshed in it. Rather we learn to live with our consciousness linked to 'heaven', the place/dimension where the teacher's master's guides and inner elders of humanity exist.

The esoteric mantram for Capricorn is "Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back. " The mountain top initiation has taken the person into the celestial light, the light above. Here the Capricorn lesson is not to remain lost in the heavenly light but to be in the world shining that light from heaven to the whole earth.

In a fully developed Capricorn, the carbon has become a crystal has become a diamond shining the light of heavens on all.

So at the summer Solstice let's celebrate and enjoy the fullness of summer and love the Earth, without becoming earthbound and let's also enjoy the heavenly light and shine that into our world in whatever way we are able. Have a look at the sunflower graphic above , it says it all.

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