

# THE GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER



## MABON 2008

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## ~SPOTLIGHT

### Branwen Southernwood



**GNL** Where's home? where was you raised ?

**Branwen** - I was born in Tyler Texas. I was raised all over Latin America, Costa Rica, Peru and Colombia. I

lived for a time in New Orleans and now I am in Norman Oklahoma

**GNL** When did you "discover" Paganism and Wicca.

**Branwen** - I first discovered the Craft in 1986. I read a horror book "Cat Magick" by Whitley Strieber, in the Credits section of the book he credited Selena Fox and Circle Wicca (Later Circle Sanctuary) for consulting with him as experts on the Craft, and an address was provided. I wrote to her personally, she responded she sent me info and a book list,

internet was not mainstream back then.. I read everything I could get my hands on, Valiente, Farrars, Leek, Gardner and Martello. I was in the SCA at the time and Ansteorra was very Pagan friendly

**GNL** What tradition did you start in? if any?

**Branwen** - I was solitary from 1987 until 1992. A lovely lady by the name of Pattalee Glass Koentop, Isian Elder led me to my first teacher, Mireth, who was a student of the Tradition Moonrose later she became an Elder in Amtrad. I hold a 3rd degree in the American Tradition of the Goddess (which I later recended, long story). I was HPS of Dragonfire Coven (Amtrad) from 1996-1997. My story is very long, involved, and quite colorful...

**GNL** Children? (how many?), grandchildren, great grandchildren?

**Branwen** -I have three sons, Connor 18, Clayton 17 and Colin 14. I have a step-daughter Natalie who is 21. I could write a huge book on why boys are easier to raise than girls.

**GNL** - How long have you been a Georgian?  
Who damned you to this trad?

**Branwen** - I received my 1st degree through Yarrow of Cathair Coven in 1998, my 2nd in 2000 and my 3rd in 2006 from Marla. Yarrow and I had been friends for many years prior to my becoming a student of the Trad., I has just left a Trad and the Gerogian Trad just was a good fit for me. I admire this Tradition for allowing us to "question everything" to explore and to find our own niche while still holding true to a Trad. For a time until I moved to Norman I was HPS of Southernwood Coven.

**GNL** Describe your life a little these days

**Branwen** - I started my career after my kids all started school..I work for the OU Cancer Institute. I am a research nurse navigator, I have a bachelors in nursing. My specialty is gynecology/oncology, I have been working in Women's Health for almost 8 years..so all you Georgian ladies hear this...Get your Pap Smears and annual check ups!!!!!! Taking care of patients with cancer can be heartbreaking, draining but also very very rewarding..my patients have taught me so much!!

**GNL** - Missed many Mt Meets?

**Branwen** - I have never had the honor of attending, its a long drive..however we plan on attending, hopefully next year..And yes, we will bring Georgia. I host the sister gathering in Oklahoma every year called Prairie Meet.

**GNL** - Have and hobbies or interests? Tell us a little about yourself.

**Branwen** -I am a song mistress, I love music. I have always incorporated music and song in all of my rituals. I love to garden, we have alot of herbs this year. My hubby Sean and I are crazy about Halloween/Samhain. We decorate the whole yard, house etc. People come from all over Norman every year to see our display. We have made and collected so many props over the years we had to rent a storage building.

**GNL** - Any really good stories you fondly remember or shiver at the thought of these days you might wanna share with us?

**Branwen** - Uhhh too many, the names would have to be changed to protect the innocent!!! I plan on sharing many of these stories around a Mountain Meet campfire!!!

Love you all  
Branwen Southernwood

## ANNOUNCEMENTS !

**1<sup>st</sup> Dgree Initiations:** Redwolf of Anam Taith was initiated into the first degree on September 7, 2008. Lord Wotan and I officiated, with Orchid doing a lot of the Priestess duties.

~**Spirit Mother and Drago** celebrated Their 29th anniversary on August 18. They also found out they will be grandparents again in March of 2009

~**Epona and Balder** Have become grandparents for the first time! Their daughter Nichole gave birth to Jesslyn Rae Barnett born 1757 (5:57pm) on 9/15 7lbs 12 oz

**Puck turned 51!!!!** So Puck, what was it like when the Earth was cooling?

**Allen (Shonsu)** - Sept 15

**John** (Tali) - September 20

### Gatherings

**4<sup>rd</sup> annual Prairie Meet also known as the "Georgian Family Reunion"!**

- October 10, 11, & 12, at Boiling Springs State park near Woodward Oklahoma.

*POC - Anise AKA Sean - [seanwwright@aol.com](mailto:seanwwright@aol.com).*

### 13th Annual Highlands of Tennessee

**Samhain Gathering:** "The Fire of Life"

Thursday October 16 Through Sunday October 19, 2008

Hosted by the Avalon Isle Foundation

[www.avalonisle.org](http://www.avalonisle.org)

### KERN COUNTY PAGAN PRIDE DAY

September 21st, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Stramler Park 3805 Chester Ave, Bakersfield (map)

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public.

Please bring a non-perishable food donation for a local food bank.

Due to insurance restrictions, pets will not be allowed.



# Mabon

(September 20 or 21)

Page 174 of The Craft, A Witches Book of Shadows

By Dorothy Morrison

**Related Deities:** Mabon, Modron, Persephone, Demeter

**Related Herbs:** Marigold, sunflower, hibiscus, rose petals, myrrh

**Related Stones:** Amber, clear quartz, tiger-eye, citrine

This festival is named for the Welsh God, Mabon (ma'-bon), whose name means "Great Sun." The story goes he was kidnapped from the Great Mother (Modron) when he was but three days old, and taken to the Underworld to prevent His light from shining on the land. He was much smarter than the Lord of the Underworld thought, though. During his stay within the Earth, He not only gathered his wits, but the personal strength and momentum to become new seed. He knew his rescue was at hand, and when the time came, He'd need all the power he could muster to fertilize the barren Earth and green it once more. Looking at it from this angle, Mabon is, in many ways, the male counterpart of the Roman Goddess Persephone, Who – snatched from the Earth by Hades (the Lord of the Underworld) – shares credit for the coming of the dark time of the year.

Celebrated at Fall Equinox, Mabon marks the first day of autumn and the second harvest periods – both agricultural and personal. As

with Lammas, it's a time to celebrate the Earth's bounty and thank Her for the blessings she brings us. For this reason, it is often called the "Witches' Thanksgiving." We tend to set lavish tables, plan huge meals, and gratefully partake of every delectable morsel available.

But there's more to it than that. Because of Mabon's association with the Underworld, it's also a great time to remember our ancestors, and those who have gone before us. To thank them for the blood that courses through our veins, for the traits that we share from their personal gene pool, and the gifts they have given us to make us the fabulous specimens of individuality that we are.

Because of this, Mabon is a time of total thanksgiving – a time when we give thanks for all that we have, all that we are, and for all that the future holds, not only for us personally, but for those yet unborn. It is a time to reflect on the joys of community, personal freedom, and the wonder of the human species as a whole, and a time to count our many blessings, and give thanks to everyone who's made them happen.

## Mabon Circle Notes

Use a deep orange or burgundy altar cloth, and brown, burgundy, or purple candles. Decorate with bunches of dried herbs, sun flowers, autumn leaves, potatoes, acorns, and Indian corn. Burn Mabon incense (a mixture of hibiscus, myrrh, rose petals, and sage.)

Cast circle using the athame. After ritual, leave any edible decorations (herbs, sunflowers, acorns, corn, and so on) outdoors for the wildlife to enjoy.

## Mabon Celebration Ideas

- Potatoes are very symbolic of Mabon, they grown and take shape under the ground. For this reason, many Crafters like to have a potato bake during the celebration. Just rake the leaves from your yard, then use them for a bonfire to welcome the fall season. Wrap potatoes in foil, bake them in the fire, and thank the Earth for her bounty by saying something like:

*O Goddess Mother of us all  
We thank You as your blessings fall  
Upon us – each and every soul –  
As the year wheel turns and rolls  
For nourishing our bodies and  
Our spirits with your gifts from land  
For Your abundance on the Earth  
We give You thanks with love and mirth*

- Honor family ancestors with a feast of oatmeal walnut cookies and apple juice. Set a place for everyone present, and include place settings for the honorees.. Go through family albums or photographs, recall the life stories of the ancestors pictured, and meditate upon the importance of their lives. Remember how each family member gone before lives on in you. End by thanking the ancestors for the roles they continue to play in your lives by saying something like:

*Four your lives, I give you thanks  
You, who live now in the ranks  
Of memories of times now past  
Whose blood still flows within me fast  
Whose personalities I share  
Whose mannerisms here and there*

*Come out in me from time to time  
Bringing reasons to my rhymes  
I thank you for the parts of me  
You've put in place that I might be  
I promise now that you shall thrive  
With loving thoughts throughout my life  
For all I am and all I'll be  
Is because you live in me*

- Get up early on Mabon Morning. Listen to the songbirds in the trees, and bid a fond farewell to those creatures who begin to burrow beneath the Earth for winter hibernation.
- Using a needle, draw a monofilament cord through several sunflowers. Hang the flowers in trees so birds can eat the seeds. As you hang each flower say something like:

*Symbol of Sun, Who now departs  
And leaves the world both cold and dark  
Live on within these seeds of Light  
And feed our feathered friends in flight  
That they may thrive in winter's chill  
Until again with light you fill  
The Earth and shine again anew  
Replacing ice with morning dew*

- Remember that thanksgiving isn't just about saying thank you. It also involves giving something back for all you've received in life. That being the case, volunteer at a hospital, or spend time visiting the elderly. Even better, plan to spend the day working at a soup kitchen of homeless shelter. It will not only lighten the hearts of those you touch, but bring you the blessings of reciprocation. Blessings are much more valuable than anything else we hold!



## Recipes!!

### Mulled Cider Recipe

**This recipe serves: 6**

**Preparation time: 5 minutes**

**Cooking time: 10 minutes**

#### Ingredients

**6 cups apple cider**

**3 whole allspice berries**

**3 whole cloves**

**6 cinnamon sticks**

**1 navel orange, peeled and quartered**

**1 navel orange, unpeeled**

#### Cooking Instructions

**1. Combine the cider, allspice berries, cloves, cinnamon sticks and the peeled, quartered orange in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Turn the heat down and let the mixture simmer for 5 minutes.**

**2. Slice the remaining orange into half moons.**

**3. Strain the cider and ladle it into warm mugs. Garnish each mug with a cinnamon stick and a fresh orange slice.**

**Submitted by Spirit Mother  
of The Coven of Children Between the Worlds**



## The Esbats

September

The Wine or Harvest Moon

Page 146 of *The Craft, A Witches Book of Shadows*

By Dorothy Morrison

This Moon is called the Wine or Harvest Moon because it rises to fullness during the time of the grape harvest. As wine ingestion alters the state of consciousness, ancient peoples believe that it put them in touch with the Divine Self and it's wisdom. For this reason, the Harvest Moon is a celebration of spirit.

As such, the Harvest Moon provides a good time to be quiet, still the body and let the spirit take over. Pay attention to the wisdom that lives within you. Nurture it, and fertilize it. Cultivate and harvest it. Then follow wherever it takes you.

#### Wine/Harvest Moon Ideas:

Wear shades of purple and lavender to invoke wisdom, and create the atmosphere necessary to call upon the Divine Self for guidance.

Decorate altar with flowering herbs and fruit of the season

Use purple or lavender candles and burn Full Moon incense. (see recipe at the end of this section) Alternatively, burn sage, allspice, or mugwort as incense.

Serve graham crackers spread with peanut butter, and grape juice for libation.

Have a grape eating contest in honor of Bacchus and Dionysus, Gods of wine and harvest. Let the winner bless the participants with a grape juice toast by saying something like:

*With this juice I bless you all  
Big and little, large and small  
By Gods of wine and ancient Crone  
May wisdom be your guide alone.*

Weather permitting, go outside with a piece of the season's best fruit. Give the fruit back to Mother

Earth by burying it in the ground. As you bury the fruit say something like:

*I offer you this perfect food  
With thanks and love for all You do  
I honor You, O Mother Earth  
Please bless me with Your joy and mirth*

The Harvest Moon also provides a good time for a little brain-teasing spiritual exercise. Think of something and try to have someone else guess your thoughts. Keep it simple and let everyone have a turn.

## October – Blood Moon

The Blood Moon gets her name from the fact that She rises to fullness during the opening months of the hunting seasons everywhere. While in ancient times, hunting was necessary to feed families, this is no longer the case. Still, it is a sacred ritual for many people. As hunters, we take full responsibility for the life we harvest. We not only eat the meat, but – Just as our ancestors before us – make swift use of the animal's other gifts, giving it an immortality it might not otherwise have.

During this moon, give thanks to the animals who gave their lives that yours might continue. Include the world of fruits and vegetables as well, for make no mistakes: each time one is plucked from the vine to feed you, its life is cut short, too. Then give some thought on how you might immortalize these wonderful creatures in your magic. Apple seeds for love charms, lemon rind for protection magic, and small bones used in efforts of strength and power can real boost results.

### Blood Moon Ideas

Wear shades of red, wine and scarlet to commemorate the lives lost that you might live.

Use red candles and burn Full Moon Incense. (see recipe at the end of this section) Alternatively, burn a spicy incense such as cinnamon, nutmeg, or ginger.

Decorate the altar with animal pictures, autumn leaves, Indian corn, apples, and pumpkins.

Serve red apple cider (just add a little red food coloring) or red wine and ginger snaps for libation.

Light a red seven day candle in thanksgiving to the animal and plant worlds, then place it in a window. Invite any departed creatures to visit, saying something like:

I light this candle in thanksgiving  
For the part you've played in my everyday living  
Please come to visit and be my guest  
Until this flame subsides in rest  
And teach me that which I should know  
Until the time comes for you to go  
And when it does, I beg you rest  
In peace and quiet 'til your next quest

If you have pets, invite them into the Circle. Give them a special treat and an extras dose of attention. Let them know how much you love them, and how much your love for them enriches your life. If you don't have pets, make plans to visit you local animal shelter. Play with the animals there, and bring a little joy into their lives.

Soak some fruit or vegetable seeds in water to soften them, then string them into a necklace. Enchant the necklace in honor of the life cycle and it's continuity by saying something like:

Seeds with life sealed well within  
I honor you for where you've been  
You've been a plant and you've born fruit  
Then back to seed and leaf and root  
You've lived and died and lived again  
Your life personified without end  
And so I thread you on this string  
And tie you well into a ring  
A circle that is now complete  
Like life and death and birth, so sweet  
Please aid me in my Circles, round  
And in all magic that abounds  
I, in return, shall be your friend  
And give you back to Earth again

Keep the necklace for one year and wear it whenever you perform magic of any kind. At the end of the year, keep your promise by burring it in the ground and replace the necklace with a new one.

## Esbat Incense Recipes

If you like the idea of making your own incenses for ritual, try the formulas that follow. Because individual taste differs, the proportions of each ingredient are left up to you. Just start with a little of each ingredient and experiment until you like the scent, then burn the finished product on a charcoal block.

Full Moon: Anise, lavender, rosemary

Waning or Dark Moon: Anise, camphor, lavender, wormwood

Waxing Moon: Camphor, wormwood

## Recipes!!

### Mabon Caramel Apples

1 package Kraft\* Caramels  
6 red or green apples, destemmed  
6 popsicle sticks

Melt caramels slowly in a double boiler. When runny in consistency, stick popsicle sticks into top center of apple, and dip apple into caramel sauce, making sure to cover entire apple with a coating of caramel. Place dipped apples, stick up on wax paper covered cookie sheet and refrigerate till caramel hardens.

Makes 6 servings.

Remember, an apple a day keeps the dentist, doctor, and dermatologist away!!!! (this does NOT include the caramel!)

By Akasha

<http://www.wicca.com/celtic/akasha/mabontnrecip.htm>



There were three men, came out of the west,  
Their fortunes for to try  
And these three men made a solemn vow:  
John barleycorn must die!  
Well, they've ploughed, they've sown, they've harrowed  
him in.  
Threw clouds upon his head.  
Till these three men were satisfied.  
John barleycorn was dead.  
They've let him lie for a long long time,  
Till the rains from heaven did fall.

And little sir john sprang up his head  
And so amazed them all.

They let him fly till the midsummer's day,  
Till he looked both pale and wan, oh,  
Then little sir john has grown a long long beard  
And so became a man.

They have hired men with the scythes so sharp.  
To cut him off at the knee,  
They rolled and they tied him around the waist,  
Serving him most him barbarously.  
They hired men with the sharp pitchforks  
To prick him to the heart.  
And the loader he has served him worse than that,  
For he's bound him to the cart.

Well, they've wheeled him 'round and 'round the field,  
Till they came onto a barn.  
And there they made their solemn oath,  
Concerning a barleycorn.  
They hired men with the crab tree sticks  
To split him skin from bone, yeah,  
But the miller he has served him worst and bad  
For he ground him between two stones

Well there's beer all in the barrel  
And brandy in the glass,  
But little old sir john with his nut-brown bowl

Proved the strongest man at last.  
John barleycorn, throw him up, throw him up!  
Now the huntsman, he can't hunt the fox..

Nor loudly blow his horn  
And the tinker he can't mend his pots  
Without john barleycorn,  
John barleycorn, john barleycorn,  
Barleycorn, barleycorn  
John barleycorn, john barleycorn

"There were three men came out of the West,  
Their fortunes for to try,  
And these three men made a solemn vow,  
John Barleycorn must die..."

"They let him stand till midsummer's day,  
Till he looked both pale and wan,  
And little Sir John's grown a long, long beard  
And so become a man..."

"They've hired men with scythes so sharp,  
To cut him off at the knee,  
They've rolled him and tied him by the waist  
Serving him most barbarously..."

"And little Sir John in the nut-brown bowl--  
And he's brandy in the glass,  
And little Sir John in the nut-brown bowl  
Proved the strongest man at last."



## Virgo! About Your Sign...

Virgo is the only zodiacal sign represented by a female. It is sometimes thought of as a potentially creative girl, delicately lovely; sometimes as a somewhat older woman, intelligent but rather pedantic and spinsterish. The latter impression is sometimes confirmed by the Virgoan preciseness, refinement, fastidious love of cleanliness, hygiene and good order, conventionality and aristocratic attitude of reserve. They are usually observant, shrewd, critically inclined, judicious, patient, practical supporters of the *status quo*, and tend toward conservatism in all departments of life. On the surface they are emotionally cold, and

sometimes this goes deeper, for their habit of suppressing their natural kindness may in the end cause it to atrophy, with the result that they shrink from committing themselves to friendship, make few relationships, and those they do make they are careful to keep superficial.

But the outward lack of feeling may, in some individuals born under this sign, conceal too much emotion, to which they are afraid of giving way because they do not trust others, nor do they have confidence in themselves and their judgments. This is because they are conscious of certain shortcomings in themselves of worldliness, of practicality, of sophistication and of outgoingness. So they bring the art of self concealment to a high pitch, hiding their apprehensiveness about themselves and their often considerable sympathy with other people under a mantle of matter-of-factness and undemonstrative, quiet reserve. They are still waters that run deep. Yet in their unassuming, outwardly cheerful and agreeable fashion, they can be sensible, discreet, well spoken, wise and witty, with a good understanding of other people's problems which they can tackle with a practicality not always evident in their own personal relationships.

Both sexes have considerable charm and dignity, which make some male Virgoans appear effeminate when they are not. In marriage they can be

genuinely affectionate, making good spouses and parents, but their love making is a perfection of technique rather than the expression of desire, and they must be careful not to mate with a partner whose sex drive requires a passion they cannot match.

They are intellectually enquiring, methodical and logical, studious and teachable. They combine mental ingenuity with the ability to produce a clear analysis of the most complicated problems. They have an excellent eye for detail but they may be so meticulous that they neglect larger issues. Also, although they are realists, they may slow down projects by being too exact.

They are practical with their hands, good technicians and have genuine inventive talents, Thoroughness, hard work and conscientiousness are their hallmarks, and they are such perfectionists that, if things go wrong, they are easily discouraged. Because of their ability to see every angle of a many-sided question, they are unhappy with abstract theorizing. Appreciating the many different points of view as they do, they find philosophical concepts difficult, and they vacillate and have no confidence in any conclusions at which they arrive.

With these qualities, they are better as subordinates than leaders. Responsibility irks them and they often lack the breadth of strategic vision that a leader needs. Virgoans are essentially tacticians, admirable in the attainment of limited objectives. Their self distrust is something they project on to other people and tends to make them exacting employers, though in the demands they make on those under them they temper this attitude with justice. They have potential abilities in the arts, sciences and languages. Language especially they use correctly, clearly, consciously and formally, as grammarians and etymologists rather than for literary interests, yet they are likely to have a good memory for apt quotations. Although they are well suited for careers in machine drawing, surveying and similar occupations, they are better fitted for a job in a library or office than a workshop.

Their minds are such that they need the stimulus of practical problems to be solved rather than the mere routine or working to set specifications that need no thought. They are careful with money and their interest in statistics makes them excellent

bookkeepers and accountants. They also make good editors, physicists and analytical chemists. They may also find success as welfare workers, ministering to those less fortunate than themselves. They can be doctors, nurses, psychologists, teachers, confidential secretaries, technologists, inspectors, musicians, critics, public speakers and writers especially of reference works such as dictionaries and encyclopedias. Both sexes have a deep interest in history, a feature recognized by astrological authorities for at least two hundred years. If they go in for a business career their shrewdness and analytical ingenuity could tempt them into dishonesty, though they usually have enough moral sense to resist temptation. Female Virgoans may find a career in fashion, for they have a flair for dress, in which they can be trend setters. In any profession they choose the natives of this sign readily assimilate new ideas, but always with caution, conserving what they consider worth keeping from the past. They love country life but are unlikely to make good farmers, unless they can contrive to carry out their work without outraging their sense of hygiene and cleanliness.

Their faults, as is usual with all zodiacal types, are the extremes of their virtues. Fastidious reticence and modesty become old-maidishness and persnickiness; balanced criticism becomes carping and nagging; and concern for detail becomes overspecialization. Virgoans are liable to indecision in wider issues and this can become chronic, turning molehills of minor difficulties into Himalayas of

crisis. Their prudence can become guile and their carefulness, turned in on themselves, can produce worriers and hypochondriacs.

## Possible Health Concerns...

Virgo is said to govern the hands, abdomen, intestines, spleen and central nervous system. Illnesses to which its natives are prone include catarrh, cold, coughs, pleurisies, pneumonia and nervous instabilities. Their natures make them inclined to worry and this makes them vulnerable to stomach and bowel troubles, including colic and ulcers. Male Virgoans may have trouble with their sexual organs. Both sexes are strongly interested in drugs and esoteric cuisine and as their delicate stomachs require them to be careful about their diet, it is essential that they treat their fascination with exotic food with extreme care.



## Libra! About Your Sign...

Libra is the only inanimate sign of the zodiac, all the others representing either humans or animals. Many modern astrologers regard it as the most desirable of zodiacal types because it represents the zenith of the year, the high point of the seasons, when the harvest of all the hard work of the spring is reaped. There is a mellowness and sense of relaxation in the air as mankind enjoys the last of the summer sun and the fruits of his toil. Librans too are among the most civilized of the twelve zodiacal characters and are often good looking. They have elegance, charm and good taste, are naturally kind, very gentle, and lovers of beauty, harmony (both in music and social living) and the pleasures that these bring.

They have good critical faculty and are able to stand back and look impartially at matters which call for an impartial judgment to be made on them. But they do not tolerate argument from anyone who challenges their opinions, for once they have reached a conclusion, its truth seems to them self-evident; and among their faults is an impatience of criticism and a greed for approval. But their characters are on the whole balanced, diplomatic and even tempered.

Librans are sensitive to the needs of others and have the gift, sometimes to an almost psychic extent, of understanding the emotional needs of their companions and meeting them with their own innate optimism - they are the kind of people of whom it is said, "They always make you feel better for having been with them." They are very social human beings. They loathe cruelty, viciousness and vulgarity and detest conflict between people, so they do their best to cooperate and compromise with everyone around them, and their ideal for their own circle and for society as a whole is unity.

Their cast of mind is artistic rather than intellectual, though they are usually too moderate and well balanced to be *avant garde* in any artistic endeavor. They have good perception and observation and their critical ability, with which they are able to view their own efforts as well as those of others, gives their work integrity.

In their personal relationships they show understanding of the other person's point of view, trying to resolve any differences by compromise, and are often willing to allow claims against themselves to be settled to their own disadvantage rather than spoil a relationship. They like the opposite sex to the extent of promiscuity sometimes, and may indulge in romanticism bordering on sentimentality.

Their marriages, however, stand a good chance of success because they are frequently the union of "true minds". The Libran's continuing kindness toward his or her partner mollifies any hurt the latter may feel if the two have had a tiff. Nor can the Libran's spouse often complain that he or she is not understood, for the Libran is usually the most empathetic of all the zodiacal types and the most ready to tolerate the beloved's failings.

The negative Libran character may show frivolity, flirtatiousness and shallowness. It can be changeable and indecisive, impatient of routine, colorlessly conventional and timid, easygoing to the point of inertia, seldom angry when circumstances demand a show of annoyance at least; and yet Librans can shock everyone around them with sudden storms of rage. Their love of pleasure may lead them into extravagance; Libran men can degenerate into reckless gamblers, and Libran women extravagant, jealous and careless about money sometimes squander their wealth and talents in their over enthusiasm for causes which they espouse. Both sexes can become great gossipers. A characteristic of the type is an insatiable curiosity that tempts them to enquire into every social scandal in their circle.

In their work the description "lazy Libra" which is sometimes given is actually more alliterative than true. Librans can be surprisingly energetic, though it is true that they dislike coarse, dirty work. Although some are modestly content, others are extremely ambitious. With their dislike of extremes they make good diplomats but perhaps poor party politicians, for they are moderate in their opinions and able to see other points of view. They can succeed as administrators, lawyers (they have a strong sense of justice, which cynics might say could handicap them in a legal career), antique dealers, civil servants and bankers, for they are trustworthy in handling other people's money. Some Librans are gifted in fashion designing or in devising new cosmetics; others may find success as artists, composers, critics, writers, interior decorators, welfare workers or valuers, and they have an ability in the management of all sorts of public entertainment. Some work philanthropically for humanity with great self-discipline and significant results. Libran financiers sometimes make good

speculators, for they have the optimism and ability to recover from financial crashes.

## Possible Health Concerns...

Libra governs the lumbar region, lower back and kidneys. Its subjects must beware of weaknesses in the back, and lumbago, and they are susceptible to troubles in the kidneys and bladder, especially gravel and stone. They need to avoid overindulgence in food and especially drink, for the latter can particularly harm the kidneys.



By Luis Royo

*Well, this concludes our Mabon Issue of the Georgian Newsletter. I hope you enjoy it and contribute for all to enjoy!*

BB  
Loye