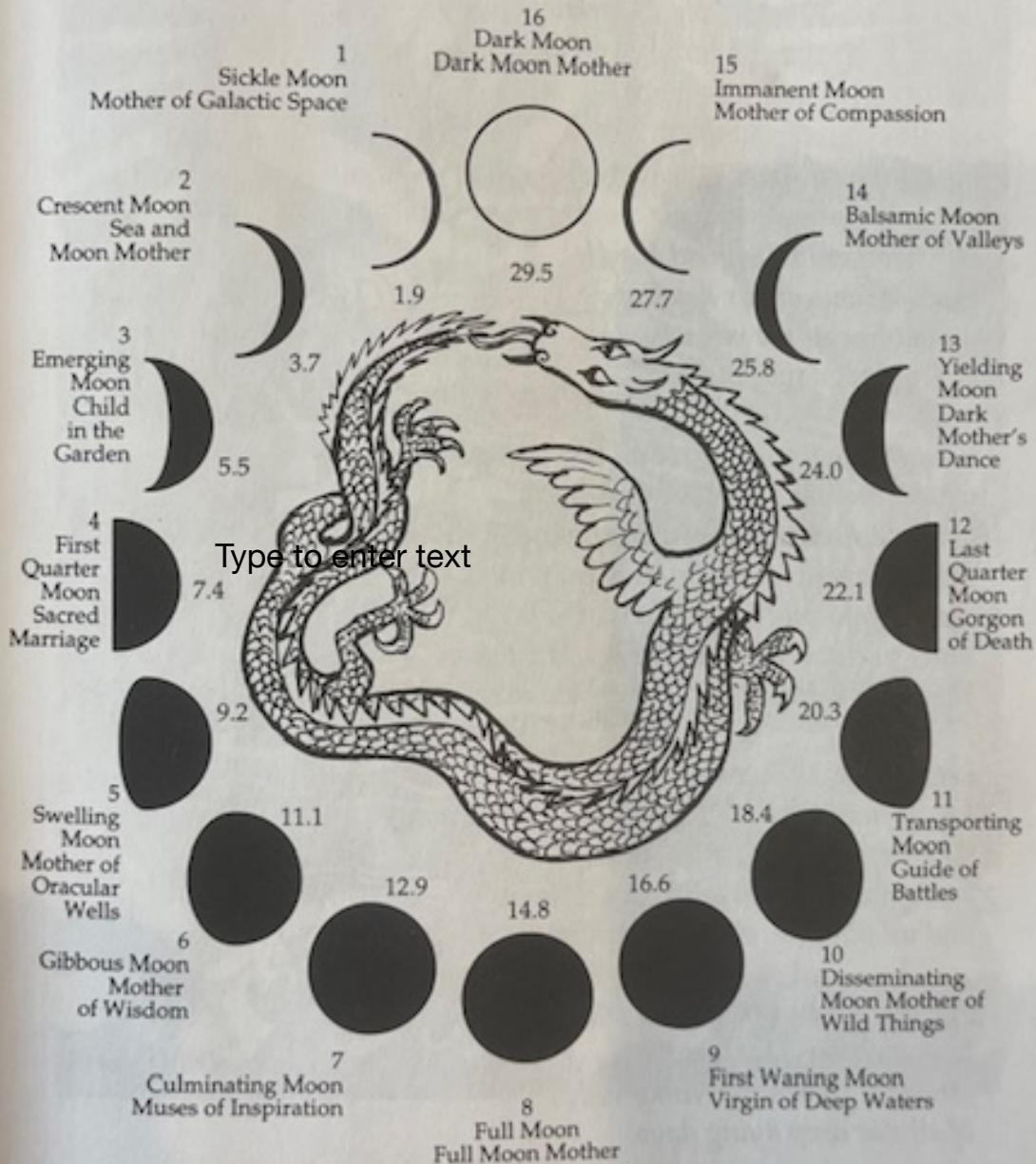


The Cycle of Sixteen Faces of the Moon Mother

The Draconic Month



The numbers inside the circle are the number of days since the new moon, or the number of years since your most recent progressed new moon, which is when your progressed moon is conjunct your progressed sun.

Using the information from the calculator on [Moon Giant](#), discover the days old number your Birth Moon age since the last New Moon to find your Moon Mother archetype. For example, if your moon is 25.03 days old, you were born under a Yielding Moon (13) called “Dark Mother’s Dance” with energy emerging into a Balsamic Moon (14).

The following are brief excepts from The Faces of Moon Mother: an Archetypal Cycle by Dr. Rowena Pattee Kryder.

1. Sickle Moon: Mother of Galactic Moon

TRUST THE DARKNESS AND BE OPEN. CONCEIVE!

Consider the vastness of the Galactic Mother, and how she supports herself in the void of dark space. You can do the same with her support. Open yourself to her wonder. Looking at the night sky, the tiny appearance of the stars, surrender to the vastness of the all-encompassing space. We see the past in stars. We see the ever-present in space. The nearest galactic system to ours is 1,500,000 light years away! Light gives birth to time, but the darkness of space is eternal, the vast womb that light penetrates. Be a vessel for a new conception.

2. Crescent Moon: Sea and Moon Mother

BE GENTLE AND NOURISH THE NEW. INCUBATE!

Open yourself to the wonder of the Sea and Moon Mother by going to the ocean. Sitting on the shore, gazing out at the wind-blown whitecaps on the surface of the sea, allow your thoughts to break with the winds, froth and waves. The wave roles itself in undercurrents, and the outer surface of the wave, reaching a peak, breaks at a critical point of the turn. The real power of the wave comes from above and below, from the pull of the moon on the tides and from the depths of the sea floor.

3. Emerging Moon: Child in the Garden

WAKE UP AND PLAY. REACH OUT!

Consider The Child in the Garden in your own garden. What kind of garden are you cultivating? A garden is wreathed with flowers and trees that bear all manner of fruits and seeds. As I sit in my own garden, on this warm, sunny spring day, the fruit trees bear flowers, with the promise of nuts, cherries, apples and peaches. The birds are singing. The growth of plants is an amazing alchemy. Consider what you are cultivating in your life and delight, like a child in your new creations.

4. First Quarter Moon: Sacred Marriage

MAKE COMMITMENT AND STAY WITH IT. INTEGRATE!

Consider where you would like to have your inner marriage: in a field, a garden, an island or a mountaintop. Behold how a tree connects heaven and earth with its flowering branches and deep roots. Consider the connection an island has with the sea. How does a mountain relate to the sky? When the sacred marriage of the masculine and feminine takes place within you, the meeting places of heaven and earth draw out the natural elixirs that bring you ecstasy.

5. Swelling Moon: Mother of Oracular Wells

HAVE NO HESITATION, AND CONSULT YOUR INNER GUIDE. DIVE DEEP!

Consider the bounty of nature that mirrors your psyche; the deep wells of the earth are the repository of underground waters. The Mother of Oracular Wells lives deep in your psyche where deposits of underground archetypal images and symbols are mirrored, if you but look in the well. Ground water flows to the deepest point it can reach, but when pressures mount, it will flow upward. The sap of trees rises upward, against gravity. What in your psyche is a deep reservoir that can guide you through doubt?

6. Gibbous Moon: Mother of Wisdom

BE TRUE TO YOURSELF THROUGH CHANGE. CENTER AND PERSEVERE!

Imagine looking into a mountain lake. It is clear, calm and reflects the craggy rocks, glaciers, and surrounding trees. The sky is seen for a moment as if beneath your feet, with a few white clouds seemingly dissolving in the water itself. Contemplate the vision for as long as your mind is calm. Now look deeper, beyond the reflection on the surface, into the lake bottom. There you can see many colored pebbles, sand and fishes. Now you throw a stone into the the water. As soon as you do, the mirror image on the surface is broken. There is a sudden realization that all is illusory. Find the wisdom that is constant through the changing patterns of the surface.

7. Culminating Moon: Muses of Inspiration

BE INSPIRED AND FOLLOW YOUR INTUITIONS. CREATE!

Look at the clouds in nature. See how they spread out and amalgamate, grow heavy and then release rain, clearing the air. Notice the changes of inspiration in your own psyche and get in touch with the intuitive. The weather is like the Muses of Inspiration; it is always changing. Rapidly moving clouds breaking over the coastal mountains suggest swift intuitive changes and an openness for a fascinating vision. High cirrus clouds reflect a calm and remote but open psyche, whereas the low stratocumulus clouds make one feel expectant. Mist and fog suggest mystery. Lightening and thunder storms mirror bursts of mad inspiration. How can you express your spirit?

8. Full Moon: Full Moon Mother

MANIFEST WHO YOU ARE. REVEAL AND EXPRESS!

The face of the Full Moon Mother can nowhere be so clearly seen, conscious and visible as in the full moon itself. If possible, obtain use of a telescope or binoculars and look at the face of the full moon. Behold the great history of her life in her face: the craters and holes, the hills and pockmarks. Yet despite her age and well worn face, she has a great impact on our lives, and on the movements of the tides. Face the Full Moon with wonder.

9. First Waning Moon: Virgin of Deep Waters

BEGIN TO DIE AND CONCEIVE THE VESSEL OF LIGHT. PURIFY!

Look again into the night sky and behold the stars. The stars are suns of other worlds, and not matter how lonely or lost you may sometimes feel, the Virgin Mother shines through the stars. Stella Maria means ‘Star of the Sea’, the Virgin Mother who is born of the sea. The Virgin rises from the sea of unconsciousness as a sacred vessel to navigate in the storms of life. She is at once the vessel and the stars that orient the vessel in the night journey towards the waning cycle of the moon, the inner development of the poignant.

10. Disseminating Moon: Mother of Wild Things

GET IN TOUCH WITH NATURE AND SHARE. BREAK AND SCATTER!

The Mother of Wild Things lives on and within the mountains. Mountains are an emergence towards the vastness of space from the flat crust of the earth, through great stresses and vulcanism. Feel these primeval times when humanity and beast were eye to eye in the jungles, the instinctual forces were predominant and the distinctions between self, body and nature were less clear cut. You carry these instinctual forces within you, and as the peak of your self-expression is past, you may feel a resurgence of her power from the Mother of Wild Things.

11. Transporting Moon: Guide of Battles

RELEASE ADDICTIONS AND GO THROUGH THE TUNNEL OF REBIRTH!

STRUGGLE AND MOVE THROUGH!

Consider how nature creates islands. Each person seems to be an island during this phase of the moon. The more you submit to tyranny the more alienated you may feel. The more you are tyrannical over others, the more isolated you will be. But every island is connected to other islands through the earth, the sea and the sky. There are many ways to break through self-centered interests to feel connection. Islands are largely formed by volcanic eruptions. Allow your emotions to emerge.

12. Last Quarter Moon: Gorgon of Death

FACE WHAT IS RIGID, PETRIFIED AND OUTWORN. CONFRONT!

The labyrinth is the place of the Gorgon of Death. The labyrinth promises wisdom or some treasure in the center, but one out first pay the price. Facing one’s shadow, death of one’s self-identity, all that you thought you were, is always harder than you imagined. The labyrinth has a passageway in and a passageway out, but it is impossible to see the plan when you are in the midst of it. How do you know where to turn? Surrender your self-image, face your fears and the labyrinthine pathways will be clear to you. The labyrinth then is a pathway to the treasure of your immortal self, the moon elixir.

13. Yielding Moon: Dark Mother's Dance

**DANCE OUT ALL THE HURT, ANGER, FRUSTRATION AND CONFUSION.
RELEASE!**

Caves are places of great mystery. As we enter a cave, the light on the outside world lingers on through the entrance, but in the depths, the darkness is beyond any night. Rock formations stand rigid like petrified souls lost in fear. The rocky walls can be felt like bones. But in the cave you can reach a limit of darkness, of despair. They you can begin to move into the things you most feared. You can live through and devour your own confusion and stupidity. The Dark Mother delivers you into the dark cave where you can dance with her. The cave is your tomb that is simultaneously the womb of your light-body.

14. Balsamic Moon: Mother of Valleys

TRANSFORM DESIRE INTO LOVE. UNIVERSALIZE!

Look at the Valleys of the earth where the rich soil awaits the fertilization of seeds. Valleys are the receptacles of rain water cascading down into streams, rivers, and waterfalls from the hills and mountains. Just as the valleys are places of settlement, the lap of abundance and hope, the Mother of Valleys gives of herself without reserve. She bears with the turmoil and troubles of her children.

15. Immanent Moon: Mother of Compassion

LOVE AND ACCEPT. TRANSMUTE!

The cities on earth are the places where the Mother of Compassion resides. You can find her in bars, slums, banks, motels, restaurants, offices and on freeways. Every race, culture, and type of person she embodies in her compassion. When anyone falls, the Mother of Compassion feels it within her body and helps lift them up. Whatever individuals do, she is present. Like a many-armed, many-eyed goddess, the Mother of Compassion is beyond the world and yet wholly immersed within it. You can find her within yourself or any part of the city. She transforms the poison of the world into the medicine of the moon elixir.

16. Dark Moon: Dark Moon Mother

BE NO THING. EMPTY!

Look out into the darkness of space on a dark moon. The stars shine but faintly. The moon is invisible to earth viewers, for she has become one with the sun. Experience the power of the invisible forces in your life. This is a time to just be, and feel the oneness you have with everything.