

THE JUPITER/ SATURN CONJUNCTION IN AQUARIUS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPATHY WITH NATURE

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Figure 1 Photo by Rolando Hernandez Albin

Last week I woke up with a very sad feeling, my gardeners destroyed a beehive in my garden, they asphyxiated them. I couldn't believe how someone who has dedicated their life to flowers and vegetation couldn't be thankful for all the work, food and beauty these little insects could give to the world.

Mythology is full of stories relating to the important lesson's bees teach us about learning how to BEE and to BEE ING, how not to lose our center. These little animals are threatened to be extinct in the near future if we do not take care of them. ¿What do bees want to tell us about the 2020 Jupiter Saturn Conjunction in Aquarius, the sign of the Water bearer in opposition to Leo?

Bees have always been connected to spiritual awakening rites and to the souls of the dead and the transmigration of the souls and according to Porphyry, due to its sweetness, honey is the pleasure that draws souls down to be born.

In Egypt, honey and wax were used for religious as well as practical purposes. Sacred animals were fed cakes sweetened with honey, such as the bull at Memphis (Taurus) , the sacred lion at Leontopolis (Leo) and the sacred crocodile at Crocodilopolis (Scorpio) and Mummies were sometimes embalmed in honey.

It was also said that when the Sun - God Ra, creator of the earth and the sea, wept again, the water from his eyes flowed to the ground and transformed itself into working bees, working in flowers and tress of all kinds, creating honey and wax from the tears of RA (passage found in the Salt Magical Papyrus), Ra's right eye the Sun and his left eye the Moon, and he caused the Nile to flood. In Egypt the Bee was considered the King of the Lower Egypt.

Beekeeping was a Minoan craft, and the fermented honey – drink, mead was an old Cretan intoxicant (not an alcoholic drink). Zeus used it to intoxicate Kronos. Honey, the ambrosia of the gods.

The rites of Mithraic initiation consisted of three important degrees:

- Self-purification, here the candidate received a golden crown and was instructed in the hidden mysteries of power of Mithra Ormuzd. .
- In this second stage he was given his intelligence and purity armor. Control over your animal nature of Ahriman.
- On the third level he was given a layer with the zodiac signs and other astronomical symbols.



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After his initiation he was considered as someone who rose from the dead and who was instructed in the secret learning of the mythical Persians.

These initiates were called lions and they were marked with the Egyptian cross

From the structure of the miter it can be assumed that the faithful would have gathered for a common meal along the recliners that line the walls. It is worth noting that most temples could contain only thirty or forty individuals. According to Cumont's work, the members apparently ascended through seven degrees of initiation, each aligned with a symbol and a god.

Archaeological evidence suggests that the initiations involved three tests: heat, cold and hunger. All members were expected to progress through the first four ranks, while only a few would pass to the three highest ranks. The first four ranks represent spiritual

progress: the new initiate became a Corax, while Leo was an adept, the other three would have been specialized offices. Since Pater was the highest rank, it is mentioned more frequently in the inscriptions, but becoming a Lion seems to have been very important, since it is considered a milestone in authority and responsibility within the cult. Through their association with Jupiter, the Lions aligned themselves with the fire and, therefore, it would not have been appropriate for them to be cleaned when started with water. Honey was used instead; which was also placed on the tongue of the initiate to symbolize his pure and purifying words.



Corax: The Crow - Mercury
Nymphus: The Fourth / Bridge - Venus
Milex: The Soldier - Mars
Leo: The Lion - Jupiter
Perses: The Persian with the Moon
Heliodromus: The corridor of the Sun or messenger of the Sun
Pater: The Father with Saturn

It is thought that the rite recreates what is known as the 'Miracle of Water' in which Mithra fires lightning at a rock and from where the water sprouts.

So, to become a Lion, you have to get purified with the food of eternal life. “Honey”.

Hopefully with this 2020 Jupiter Saturn conjunction in the sign of Aquarius humankind is going to be more aware of the power and importance of nature. Let the Water bearer give more awareness and empathy to all the living creatures. Protect the lions and the Bees as they symbolize the Solar force – the spiritual awakening.

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