The Time

Mabon is the time of balance. The day is exactly balanced by the night. This is the time when the sun and the earth support our work in bringing the different aspects of ourselves into balance. Our focus today will be on the healing of the negative masculine energy in each person symbolized by the day and bringing it into balance thru a Sacred Marriage with the positive feminine energy of the night.

THE STORY

Who is Mabon? He is a hero from the King Arthur tales written down in 1100 in a book of tales called the Mabinogian. A giant Ysbaddaden will allow his daughter Olwen to marry Culhwch only if a huge boar is killed. Only one person can track the boar and that is Mabon. Unfortunately Mabon was kidnapped when he was 3 days old. King Arthur sets out to ask all the animals about where Mabon is and only one knows. That is the oldest animal, the Salmon. King Arthur finds and rescues Mabon, and the Sacred marriage between Olwen/Gwenevere and Culhwch/Arthur is completed.

What does this story mean?

King Arthur refers to the positive masculine energy.

Most of us know what positive feminine energy is, being in touch with your feelings, having a strong imagination, feeling love most of the time for the people around you, creativity and ultimately knowing the value and power of just being.

But what has happened to positive masculine energy in our world? I am not referring to men but to the masculine energy in each of us. Generally in our world masculine energy is thought of as aggression. Mature masculine energy is thought of at best as courage.

King Arthur offers us a different more adult vision of the positive masculine. The goal of King Arthur's quest is the divine marriage of the positive feminine energy and the positive masculine energy in each person. But to achieve this goal we each must complete tasks set before us. The true story of King Arthur has nothing to do with Lancelot and Gwenevere. That was a soap opera to distract us from the Sacred Marriage.

His name Arthur means author, being the author of your life.

In the legend Arthur has 12 battles he must fight and win. Each Knight represents a different moral quality. The first Knight represents Honesty. The battle is a choice, for instance to be honest, not in order to get something, but just because it is right. We don't start out honest. It is a choice each person must make. Being honest is motivated out of honoring oneself. Once made, that Knight sits at your round table. All 12 Knights are different moral qualities that make up positive masculinity. Another example is The Knight of Nobility, who comes when you acknowledge your dreams of well being for all people and free yourself of fantasies of revenge and destruction. Your noble or beautiful dreams of a new world based on community and love reflect your Noble Knight. The Knight of Courage comes to you when you decide not to live a life that does not reflect who you really are.

The essence of positive masculinity is virtue, which comes from virility. Each of us is King Arthur, the author of our destiny. He represents our own positive masculine energy. The divine marriage between Arthur and Gweneveve the divine feminine is our purpose today. The conception of Camelot as a land in which love is safe can be our vision of a joyful community.

Hark. I hear footsteps. The 12 Knights are coming to visit us on this day of Mabon. Let us welcome them into our circle.

 *Calling of the knights (Transition to Ellie who will do the walk and choosing of the Knight.)*

Calling in the Twelve Knights

Honor/Honesty (Bonnie) - We call on the Knight of Honor and Honesty to join our circle. Continue to guide us to find the sacred in ourselves and in each other. Help us to be honest with ourselves about what we are really thinking and feeling.

Loyalty (Bonnie) - We call on the Knight of Loyalty to join our circle. Guide us in finding the highest intentions in ourselves and everyone else no matter what their current imperfections might be.

Nobility (Jean) - Knight of Nobility come to our circle. Inspire us with dreams and visions of prosperity and greatness for those we love and for all peoples of the world.

Virtue (Jean) - Welcome Knight of Virtue to our circle. Bring us awareness of our principles and the strength to follow those principles. Help us fulfill our greatest potential and talents.

Grace (Ellie) - We call on the Knight of Grace to join our circle. Strengthen us to accept our challenge and walk that path with ease and dignity. We let go of ideas of luck or not deserving and allow the positive energy of grace to be with us now.

Truth (Ellie) - We call on the Knight of Truth to join our circle. Empower us to see beyond the Illusion and look for the highest truth in any situation. Help us to let go of the veil that keeps us comfortable. We let go of ideas of right and wrong and allow the positive energy of truth to be with us now.

Courage (Jean) - Come Knight of Courage to our Circle. Give us the strength to live the life that we have imagined and designed for ourselves, rather than the life planned for us by the consensus. Give us the strength to be wrong in the service of what is right.

Courtesy (Bonnie) - We call on the Knight of Courtesy to join our circle. Remind us to treat everyone like a king or queen.

Gallantry (Bonnie) - We call on the Knight of Gallantry. Empower us to assume any role that serves others without identifying with that role.

Authority (Ellie) - We call on the Knight of Authority to join our circle. Show us how to have true authority over others—to accept their love and to be empowered by loving them more than we love ourselves. We let go of ideas of control and dominance and allow the positive energy of authority to be with us now.

Service (Jean) - Welcome Knight of Service to our Circle. Teach us to find in our own hearts that magnificent love that experiences all life as one. Let this magnificent love illuminate ways for us to be of service to others.

Humility (Ellie) - We call on the Knight of Humility to join our circle. Give us the ability to drop our preconceptions and live each moment as if for the first time. We let go of ideas of submission and shame and allow the positive energy of humility to be with us now.

THE TWELVE KNIGHTS OF THE POSITIVE MASCULINE

Honor/Honesty- The portal to the spiritual life. Honesty deals with being honest with yourself about what you are really thinking and feeling. Are you honoring the sacred in yourself or others?

Loyalty- Loyalty to the highest in yourself or someone else no matter what their or your current imperfections

Nobility- Holding to your own dreams of well-being for all people. Living this vision.

Virtue- Being the best you can be. Developing your strengths and ideals and adhering to your principles.

Grace- Graceful giving. Accepting your challenge and walking that path with ease and dignity

Truth- Look for the highest truth in any situation. See beyond the Illusion

Courage- The ability to act even if you don't know all the answers: it's ok to be wrong in the service of what is right. To be the author of your own life takes courage.

Courtesy- Treating everyone like a king or queen. Always being "in Court".

Gallantry- Assuming any role that serves others, whether queen or maid, without identifying with that role.

Authority- Empowerment, which means that you know that you love others more than you love yourself.

Service- Giving beyond yourself.

**Humility- Ability to drop your preconceptions and live each moment as if for the first time.**