



NEW MOON IN TAURUS · FRIDAY, 29 APRIL 2023

## Scorpio

*This ritual is about relationships, love, and close partnerships.*

Love, when it is the right kind, does not ask you to become smaller — it opens a door and waits at the threshold with extraordinary patience.

### PREPARATION

Face west. Lower the lights until the room feels private, as it should when something that matters is happening. Clear the space before you gently — not clinically — as you might arrange a room where someone you love is coming to meet you. Pour yourself a glass of wine or warm tea, and before you drink, hold the glass at your heart for a moment and feel the warmth of it, the weight of it — a small rehearsal for receiving. Close your eyes and picture the kind of partnership you are planting toward: not a face necessarily, but a feeling — the way the room changes when a person who belongs in your life walks into it, the ease of being known by someone who looks at you clearly. Hold that feeling until it becomes something your body recognizes, not just your mind. Open your eyes slowly, as if you are returning from somewhere, and let the softness that follows be the tone of everything that comes next. Something tender is beginning.

### THE RITUAL

Light the **black candle** and let its depth remind you that the *New Moon in Taurus* works in the dark, in the quiet, in the spaces where **real partnership** is seeded rather than announced.

Hold the **obsidian** in both hands and look into its surface — not for answers, but to practice the kind of honest, unflinching seeing that close partnership requires — then set it down with care.

Light a small piece of **myrrh** resin and let its ancient, resinous smoke drift between you and the candle, filling the space with the scent of something that has survived a long time and is still sweet.

Speak aloud — to the candle, to the room, to whatever you call sacred — one quality you are ready to bring more fully into your partnerships, and one quality you are ready to receive.

Place the **obsidian** at the base of the **black candle** in the last curl of **myrrh** smoke, and let the three elements sit together as a sealed intention — stone, smoke, and flame — until the candle burns down or you choose to close the ritual.

### YOU WILL NEED

black candle

obsidian

myrrh

♪ chamber strings or soft piano, no lyrics