



NEW MOON IN CANCER · MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2023

## Scorpio

*This ritual is for travel, beliefs, and expanding your horizons.*

Something in you has always known that your life is meant to be wider than the maps you have been given.

### PREPARATION

Face south. Open your space as much as you can — a window, a door, even just your arms briefly wide — and let the sense of expansion begin before the ritual does. Clear the surface in front of you and set your phone aside, because what you are about to call in cannot arrive in a space divided by small screens and small concerns. Pour a glass of wine or something warming and hold it with both hands, feeling the temperature, feeling your own aliveness before you sip. Close your eyes and let your mind travel somewhere it genuinely wants to go — a country, a philosophy, a belief you have been circling but haven't yet let yourself hold — go there fully, feel the ground under feet that are standing somewhere new. Open your eyes only when the world feels a little larger than it did a moment ago.

### THE RITUAL

Light the **black candle** and watch the flame a moment before moving — in the darkness it holds back, let it remind you that the unknown is not the enemy but the **doorway to every belief that has ever changed a life**.

Pass the **obsidian** slowly through the smoke of the candle if myrrh is burning nearby, or simply hold it at arm's length and then draw it slowly toward your chest, a physical gesture of pulling **the far and unfamiliar into your personal orbit**.

Burn or place the **myrrh** and let its ancient, resinous smoke fill the space — breathe it three times, each breath carrying a different intention: one for a place you want to go, one for a belief you want to examine, one for a truth you want to find **beyond the edges of what you already know**.

Hold the obsidian in your lap with both hands and sit in deliberate stillness for two full minutes, letting the music carry you outward — do not direct your thoughts, simply follow them wherever they go, trusting that the **expanded mind knows the way**.

When you return to the room, speak one sentence aloud: the destination, the idea, or the new belief that called loudest during your stillness — name it as a **commitment to pursue it before this lunar cycle closes** — then snuff the candle.

### YOU WILL NEED

black candle

obsidian

myrrh

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