



NEW MOON IN VIRGO · THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2023

## Leo

*This ritual is for money, income, and material security.*

What the body needs to survive and the soul needs to thrive are not, despite what you may have been told, in opposition.

### PREPARATION

Face north. Make the space orderly and deliberate — stack any papers, clear any clutter, because the material world responds to attention. Silence your phone and let deep forest sounds or a low, steady tone hold the room in place. Pour a small glass of wine or warm tea, feel its weight in your hand before you sip — let that weight remind you that real things are here, real things are possible. Close your eyes and picture material security not as an abstract number but as a lived feeling: the ease in your chest when bills are handled, the specific objects or freedoms that money would make real. Open your eyes only when that feeling sits solidly in your body. The ritual begins now.

### THE RITUAL

Light the **gold candle** and hold the match or lighter a beat longer than necessary — watch the flame take, because certainty begins with a decision.

Hold the **pyrite** in both hands and feel its solid, metallic weight as though it is already currency, already proof of **abundance and financial steadiness** made real.

Light the **frankincense** resin or incense and let the smoke curl upward, knowing that for centuries this scent has been used to mark things as sacred — including the work of making a life.

Name aloud, clearly and without apology, one specific financial goal you are claiming this lunar cycle — an amount, a client, a bill paid — and let your voice carry it into the smoke.

Place the **pyrite** directly in front of the **gold candle** so the flame's light falls on it, and leave them there together until the candle has burned an inch, sealing the work.

### YOU WILL NEED

gold candle

pyrite

frankincense

♪ deep forest sounds or steady low-frequency tones