Hello to all my dear friends. We will share in the light of a full moon on Wednesday, March 27 and I, like you, welcome the emergence of spring as the arc of the sun moves higher in the sky.

The March full moon, called the worm moon by Native Americans, heralds the arrival of spring flowers and the beginning of the growing season so critical to our life on earth. It is also the time of Oestra (from which Easter is derived) the pagan celebration of fertility and balance.

This full moon rises in the Zodiac constellation Libra. Welcome charming Libra ruled by Venus the Goddess of love and beauty and the Zodiac sign of partnership and nurturing. How fitting that the symbol of this sign, the balanced scales, coincides this year with the Vernal Equinox just passed, the day of balance of sunlight and darkness.

Recently a dear friend shared the following story with me. It is worthy of restating.

In 1933 a beautiful young Austrian woman shocked the world by agreeing to be filmed dancing, running and cavorting naked in the woods reminiscent of the fabled wood nymph. The film was definitely an “underground” film as it offended the sensibilities of the time but became coveted worldwide and attracted the attention of, none other than, Louis B. Mayer of MGM who commented that she was the most beautiful woman in the world. The star of the film called Ecstacy was Hedwig Kiesler. She once commented that the secret to her beauty was to “stand there and look stupid”. Mayer eventually signed her to a long term film contract and during her life she appeared in over 20 films.

Ms. Kiesler was anything but stupid. A child prodigy she excelled in mathematics. In 1938 Germany under Hitler annexed Austria and Ms. Kiesler became a passionate hater of Nazi Germany and successfully fled Austria to the West. She had been a calculating observer of her husband’s work in “single-frequency radio technology” which was used in communications and guidance systems by the Allied forces but, being single-frequency, the Nazi’s soon figured out how to intercept and “jam” the transmissions.

Ms. Kiesler devised a broad spectrum frequency system that could not be intercepted and jammed by the enemy and in concert with George Anthiel, a well known techno-musician of the time; she submitted and received a patent for her technology in 1942, U.S. Patent No. 2,292,387. Most of us would not recognize her married name at the time, Hedy Kiesler Markey but many of us would recall the name Hedy Lamarr one of the great screen actresses of Hollywood’s Golden Age.

Her technology was developed by the U.S. Navy and is still in use today. Her patent sits at the foundation of “spread spectrum technology” which you use every day when you log onto a Wi-Fi network or enable a Bluetooth mobile device and will be further
developed as wireless communications begins deploying forth generation “LTE” technology greatly enhancing the speed and performance of wireless devices.

As Paul Harvey would have said, “now you know the rest of the story”. You may ask “why is this important?” I am quite sure that Ms. Lamarr had no idea that her inventive mind and her actions would foster more than 60 years of technological development, nor that a young woman who became famous for making a skin flick would change the world in such profound ways.

So consider this as my blessing to you. You do not know the ways that your life, your thoughts and actions will influence the world around you. Like ripples in a pond, your energy, your insights and your deeds flow outward from you altering the world and maybe, just maybe your are at this very moment changing the world forever. May the blessings of life accompany you on your journey and may the power within you illuminate those around you and enlighten the world.

Aho

Bonner